
Newsletter 2021

Unfortunately, our 70th anniversary celebrations were all cancelled due to Covid-19 but we will be informing you of any events that we can organise this year in the coming weeks. We are very optimistic that 2021 will be a much better year than last.

I would like to welcome Lara Peniket onto the Committee as Welfare Officer replacing Clare White who has now retired from the Committee. Thanks go to Clare for all the support she has given the Committee since 2013.

The Thursday evening club session and Friday morning ladies' session have been suspended for the time being allowing more court time for everyone to book their own courts. This decision will be reviewed on a regular basis.

The club's application for lighting has been resubmitted and is awaiting a decision so fingers crossed.

ENTRY TO THE COURTS: The code will be changed on Thursday 1 April at 9am. You will be informed of the new code by Wednesday 31 March by email if you have paid your subscription. Otherwise it will be on receipt of your subscription fees.

We now have an Instagram account [@wychwoodstennis](#) as well as our [Facebook page](#): follow us to keep track of everything club-related and more!

Here's to a more enjoyable year of tennis in 2021.

Anita
Chairman

Adult Member News

1. Social events

It is hoped that we will be able to hold some social events this year, notifications will be distributed as and when restrictions are eased.

2. Tournaments and Club Sessions

- **Mens And Ladies League Teams**

This year there will again be three Men's, two Ladies' 2-pair teams and two Mixed team competing in the Oxfordshire Dunlop/Babolat Summer League with three Mens and two Ladies teams in the Winter League. If you are interested in playing in any of these teams please contact the match secretary [Rob Whitehouse](#).

The club policy for choosing teams can be found [on the website](#).

- **2021 Club Championship**

The 2021 Club Championship finals and BBQ will be held **Sunday 12 September**. Open to all adults and student members aged 16 or over on 1 April 2021. (subject to restrictions)

Entry by **Monday 19 April** to [Rachel Henderson](#). There was no Club Championship last year.

A Mixed Doubles Tournament for players not competing in the Dunlop/Babolat League will be run alongside the Club Championship. Entries to [Chris Bird](#) by **Monday 20 April**

- **Rosie Waterman Veteran's Trophy**

2021 date to be announced. No event took place in 2020

- **Mixed Singles Box ladder**

The Mixed Singles ladder is played throughout the year: This is a great way to play further competitive tennis and to get to know other members. [More information here](#). Entry via [Tim Hammond](#)

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- **Adult Club Sessions - just turn up and play**

Club mornings **Wednesday** 10am – noon all year

Sundays 10am – noon all year

Club nights **Tuesdays** from 6.00pm till dark starting on **Tuesday 6 April**

3. Adult Coaching

Chris Hampton our Club Head Coach organises all adult and junior coaching groups. Contact [Breakpoint Tennis](#) for details or visit the [webpage](#).

There are sessions for all standards whether you're a team player, a general club player, a bit rusty or starting afresh. Private individual or small group coaching is also available. Adult membership of the club during the first term of six weeks of coaching is **not** essential.

Cardio Tennis sessions are held on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am for an hour on a pay and play basis, this is a good workout and great way to get your heart rate up!! Non-members are welcome to take part. Contact Chris Hampton or just turn up.

Junior Member News

1. Tournaments

- **Junior Club Tournament**

The junior tournament will be split into 3 age categories: 17 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under.

- The 17 and under singles tournament will be held on Club Championship day - 12 September. If you are interested in taking part please email [Anita Hollingdale](#) by **Monday 19 April**

- The under 14 and under 12 tournaments will be held in September over the course of one weekend (date tbc). Entry will open in June / July.

There was no Junior Championship in 2020 due to the Pandemic

- **Family Tennis Tournament**

Date to be announced: Join forces with your red ball player and enjoy a fun afternoon of tennis. Child must be born 1 September 2012 or later, playing with an adult (member or non-members) born 31 August 2001 or earlier. Prizes for everyone! Contact [Caroline Watson](#) to enter.

- **Road to Wimbledon 2021**

Road to Wimbledon is the biggest junior tournament in British tennis and gives all 14 and under players the opportunity to progress through to compete on the world-famous grass courts at Wimbledon. The first stage of the competition takes place at the club and will be during May (date to be confirmed). The winners will then progress to the County Finals. County Final winners are then invited to compete in the National Finals at Wimbledon in August.

More details to follow in separate email - keep a look out!

- **National Summer League**

We have entered 6 age groups into the Oxfordshire National Summer League. It's a fantastic opportunity to get represent your club and get experience at match play.

Age groups are U8, U9, U10, U12, U14 and U16.

If you're interested in playing, team practises start in April Please contact [Chris Hampton](#).

- **Junior Box League for 10 – 16 year olds**

Open to 10 - 16 year olds, the box league encourages the younger members to play as much tennis as possible, while getting some friendly but invaluable match experience. Matches are played entirely at your convenience and there is no 'pressure'. Your child can be of any level, as the boxes are organised so that they play against similar players. Contact [Cath Smith](#) for details and to enter.

2. Junior Coaching

Junior coaching is run on the courts between 3.30 and 6.00pm most weekdays and Saturday mornings. Contact [Breakpoint Tennis](#) for details or visit the [webpage](#). Juniors do not have to join the club to take part in the coaching programme but to represent the club or play in the club competitions they must become a member.

Mini tennis for children aged 4-8 years is also organised by Chris Hampton in the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Holiday Camps: There are half term holiday camps as well as Easter, Summer and Christmas camps.

Junior Performance Pathway: Chris continues with this great scheme for 8 and 9-year-old talented juniors. 10 boys and girls have benefitted from extra coaching sessions.

Outreach Programme: As well as continuing to run our summer schools programme at Wychwoods Primary School, we will also be looking at supporting other schools in our Burford and Chipping Norton partnerships. With funding available to all schools through the LTA we hope to broaden and increase our links for our community. Please speak to **Chris Hampton** if you think your school might be interested.

Our child protection/welfare officer is **Lara Peniket** who can be contacted on 07969 746102. Please contact her if you have any concerns. The Safeguarding Policy link can be found below.

Highlights from the AGM 2021

- 2021 fees to be discounted again by 30% due to lack of play during the pandemic.
- **Clare White** received the Archie Clark Trophy for long service on the Committee as Secretary and Welfare Officer.

- **The Junior Award** went to Alex Williamson. The winner of this award is chosen by Chris Hampton our club coach. Chris said 'Alex is dedicated to tennis and he can be seen regularly practicing on court with his mum Claire and helping Chris on Saturdays with some of the coaching groups as well as taking part himself. He is a real asset to the club and to the sport – congratulations Alex'. He received £50 to be spent in some way on his sport.
- 140 members completed our second membership survey. The results of the Questionnaire can be read [here](#).
- It was announced at the AGM that the Lighting Application had been resubmitted.

General information

Useful links

[Wychwoods Tennis Club Website](#)

[Membership inclusions and court booking](#)

[Club constitution, rules and policies](#)

[Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Club kit](#)

Choose omni soled or Clay Court tennis shoes for synthetic grass for safety.

USE OF TOILETS IN THE NEW BEACONSFIELD HALL

Tennis Club members can use the toilets in the New Beaconsfield Hall when it is unlocked using **only** the front entrance.

Tennis Club members can buy a key fob for access to the rear of the hall from Lee Wyatt Buchan for £10. This key fob then allows you access to the toilet next to the gym at any time. (Lee is usually at the hall in the mornings from Monday to Friday)

Useful contacts

[Committee](#)

[Team Captains](#)

[Contact Chairperson](#) Anita Hollingdale

[Contact Secretary](#) Deborah Osborne

[Contact Membership Secretary](#) Kate Lister

Racket restringing: Julian Ash, ZX Racquet Lab
07798 844074 | info@zxstringing.com | [Website](#)

Coaching Programme: Chris Hampton, Breakpoint Tennis | [Email Suzy](#)

Privacy

Contact details for consenting adult members will be circulated to members at regular intervals or on request.

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