

Tewin Tennis Club

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CLUBHOUSE OPENING

Our beautifully refurbished pavilion is open for business. It was formally opened on Saturday 30th October by local MP, Oliver Heald. We held our AGM there on Friday 19th November, when a record crowd of over 40 attended to enjoy pre-meeting wine and nibbles and then to hear Steve Stott propose an entertaining vote of thanks to Roger Toms, who stepped down after 20 years' service as Chairman of the Club.

If anyone has not yet had the opportunity to see inside the new pavilion, it is well worth a look. The transformation in the accommodation within the existing shell is remarkable and there are now available both excellent changing facilities and a welcoming social area. Best of all for tennis fans, you can view the action on the courts from the comfort of inside the pavilion. Last month the Parish Council also extended and upgraded the parking facilities.

The Pavilion is now run by a Community Interest Company (CIC), chaired by Steve Stott, well known to many of you. Roger Toms is our representative on the Committee, with Graham Fish for the Cricket Club together with other Parish representatives. The Pavilion is open for private hire and full details, including booking availability, are on the village website, www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The Tennis and Cricket Clubs have priority use over the summer months but it is still in our interests for bookings to be maximised in order to generate income.

DATES

Our first social event this year will be our **Open Day** – for all abilities, just turn up at 12 noon on **Sunday 1st May** for some fun tennis. There will also be a “**bring and share buffet**”. Look out for the posters.

ABC Warm-Up Friday 13th May – please turn up from 7.00 p.m. onwards for some informal practice games.

ABC League starts Friday 20th May, every Friday for 7 weeks. Bert has organised the teams and the captains will be contacting you for match dates. This year we will endeavour to post the weekly results on our website.

Ozzie Evening – 9th July - sure to be a great night with tennis, tinnies - cork hats optional. Book the date in your diary and more details nearer the date.

Do you want a social bike ride this year? Numbers dropped last year. Or would you like an alternative “do”? We always need suggestions for new social events, so if you have any ideas, the committee would love to hear from you.

CLUBHOUSE ACCESS

The Club currently has 3 keys to the Pavilion. A few more are on the way but the Parish Council has restricted the issue for insurance reasons.

If you wish to make use of the pavilion facilities for tennis purposes, please borrow a key from

Roger Toms,
Ruth Thomas, or
David Room

The loan is for up to 24 hours and you will be asked for a £10 deposit. The keys are not copiable!

We do wish to make the facilities as widely available as possible but are constrained by the number of keys we can acquire from the Parish Council. Bert Robinson will be opening up when he is coaching on the courts. If any member wishes to offer to hold a key for other members to borrow please let us know.

And finally when you borrow a key, could you double check that all doors are locked when you leave. This may sound like a statement of the blindingly obvious but someone has already left the doors open over a weekend!

LEAGUE TEAMS

The Datchworth League starts on 25th April and our 1st Team will be defending last year's league championship. We want to remind you that everyone is welcome to put their names forward for these and it's always good to see some new faces.

Please contact Roger Toms, Club Match Captain or:-

1st Team: Jo Goode
2nd Team: Roger Toms
3rd Team: Warren Shirvell
4th Team: Alan Grimmond

Ladies Orchard League:-

1st Team: Judy Errington
2nd Team: Jo Swift

Again we are aiming to post results on the website so that you can see how our teams are doing as the season progresses.

2011 TOURNAMENT

Tournament entries are due in by the 10th April. The draw for the tournament will be published on the website no later than 1st May.

First round matches are to be played by 26th June.

Second round matches are to be played by 31st July.

Semi-finals by 28th August.

Finals day will be 10th September.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE AGM

David Room was elected Chairman for a 3-year term as Chairman. He says that he has no intention of emulating his predecessor's 20-year tenure.

Other members of the Committee were re-elected.

Jane Southey was the lucky winner of a pair of Wimbledon tickets - all she had to do was attend the AGM!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

You will have received a request for this year's fees. These are:-

- £60 Family,
- £30 adult,
- £15 junior.

The increase in subs is the first real increase in 17 years and is largely due to pay for the improved pavilion facilities. For the first time we are having to pay an annual contribution towards the pavilion, initially of £950 p.a. And there is a threat that our costs will rise further with the Valuation Officer now seeking to rate not only the pavilion but also our courts. Our subs are still the cheapest and best value in the area.

This is a REMINDER that subs are due by May 1st at very latest. Please print off the form attached to Val's email or look on our website

www.t-t-c.org.uk and return it to our Membership Secretary.

WIMBLEDON DRAW

Other members may still be able to join Jane at Wimbledon but they will have to pay for their tickets. All those registered as British Tennis Members with the LTA have been entered into the hat and the list of winners will be circulated as soon as we have details of the ticket allocation.

QUIZ NIGHT

A very successful quiz night was held in the Village Hall. 74 people attended, braving one of the coldest nights of the year. Congratulations to Phil Raine's team who answered more of Quizmaster Chris Parkinson's entertaining brainteasers correctly than anyone else.

Many thanks to Ruth Thomas and Marie St Pier for organising and also to those who donated very generous raffle prizes

| Raffle Prizes | Donor |
|--------------------------|---|
| Balloon Flight | Rupert Stanley(TTC member) |
| Meal for 2 £30 | Plume of Feathers |
| Selection of Meats | Roe & Adrian Hill, Tewin Hill Farm (TTC member) |
| Fabulous Fancy Cup Cakes | Steve Stott (TTC) |
| Local Honey | Phil Raine (TTC) |
| Retreat' Spa Voucher £15 | Gosling Retreat |
| Tennis Racquet | Gosling Shop Hit & Run |

OFFERS & DISCOUNTS

Lee Wakefield, once a TTC member, and now a coach who owns and runs Mallorca Tennis is offering members a package for groups of 8 people or more for stays during July and August 2011. The package includes 7 nights half board accommodation at a 3* hotel plus 12.5 hours of group coaching. Price: £550 per person. Contact Suzy Meiklejohn: info@mallorcatennis.com or 07976 032030.



The Gosling shop "**Hit & Run**" offers TTC members 10% discount on all tennis goods.

The Club has a supply of top quality Babolat **tennis balls** for sale at a bargain price of £5.00 per tube of 4. Please contact Roger Toms.

TEWIN TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

We would also like to remind you that if any of your details change including e-mail, address or telephone number, please contact Val with the changes, so we can keep in touch with you. Please contact a committee member if you have any questions. Our email addresses are on the website.

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