

Newsletter 2024

As the nights get longer and hopefully the weather improves it's time to get yourself out of hibernation and dust down your tennis equipment. That is if you are not one of the hardy members who play all year round. If you need some new kit, why don't you visit Wreal Sports and get some with the Wychwoods Tennis Club logo on it. (See Below)

You will be pleased to hear that the courts have survived a particularly wet winter, and we were fortunate enough not to have to close them due to snow. Our first club night will be on Tuesday the 2nd April at 1800hrs.

The committee remain committed to make the club an inclusive and friendly place to play tennis and strive to make the most of what we have.

Lara stood down from her role as welfare officer at the AGM and we welcome in Miriam who has taken over. See the noticeboard/[website](#) for any information. The new notice board is on the hall wall opposite the gate for Ct1.

We have been unable to replace Karen as the social secretary but hope to carry on with some events over the forthcoming season and will be looking for some volunteers to help. (see dates below)

Congratulations to Faith for winning the OLTA Development Coach of the year 2024 award, she and her team continue to run some fantastic coaching at the club. There is something for everyone.

New for this year Faith is running the Road to Wimbledon Event for both adults and juniors. See below.

All the club information is on our [website](#).

ENTRY TO THE COURTS:

The code will be changed on Monday 1st April. If you have paid your subscription, you will be informed by email of the new code by 31st March. Otherwise, it will be on receipt of your subscription fees.

The good news is that at the AGM it was voted to keep the subscriptions at the current price of **£95**. However, to encourage a prompt payment for members renewing, anyone missing the 31st March deadline will cost them **£105** to renew.

Here's to an enjoyable year of tennis in 2024.

Visit Wreal Sports on

<https://wrealsports.co.uk> click on My Club, Click on Tennis, Click on Wychwoods Tennis. You can choose other kit from the main site and have the logo on it. Contact Wreal Sports to arrange - 01451822823

An example of a Polo Shirt



Adult Member News

1. Social events

It is hoped that we will be able to hold some social events this year. Here are some dates for your diaries:

Friday 19th April sees the return of Chris and Tracy's famous quiz night at the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Sunday 2nd June – French Open

Tuesday 9th July – Wimbledon

Sunday 1st September – US Open

Reminders etc will be circulated nearer the time.

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 teams competing in the Oxfordshire Dunlop 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 – matchsecretary@wychwoodstennisclub.co.uk

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

- **Club Championship 2024**

The 2024 Club Championship, open to all adults and student members (subject to restrictions) will be run again this year by Paul Miller. The final always provides some exciting tennis and a tasty BBQ. Please watch your e-mails for joining instructions and format. Finals day will be Sunday 15th September for both Adults and Juniors.

- **Rosie Waterman Trophy**

This event is a veterans mixed doubles competition to be held on Sunday 28th July.

- **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. Contact Rob Whitehouse - matchsecretary@wychwoodstennisclub.co.uk

- **Adult Club Sessions – Open to all adults, just turn up and play**

Club mornings	Wednesday 10am – noon all year (During junior camps it moves to 1400-1600hrs)
	Sundays 10am – noon all year

Club nights	Tuesdays from 6.00pm till dark starting on Tuesday 2nd April
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3. Adult Coaching

Group and individual coaching available. Contact Faith.

Junior Member News

Junior Club Tournament

- Under 18 Boys and Under 18 Girls singles tournament.
- Under 12 Boys and Girls singles Tournament.
- Under 10 Boys and Girls singles Tournament.

If you are interested, please contact Faith.

Family Tennis Tournament

Date to be announced: Join forces with your red/yellow ball player and enjoy a fun afternoon of tennis. Prizes for everyone!

Easter Monday Team Challenge

From 12:00 to 14:00 on Easter Monday we will be hosting a team challenge. Enter using the link below. There will be challenges, match play and prizes for all. Age range 7-11. The entrants will play with the correct coloured ball for their age.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/FaithHeronCoaching/Events/Event/592e30ab-d902-45f4-9bc3-3a5456cfee53>

Junior Coaching

Junior coaching is run on the courts between 3.30 and 6.00pm most weekdays and Saturday mornings. Contact Faith 07771 904905 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 Faith in the New Beaconsfield Hall.

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

Easter Camps

These are very popular with juniors (and parents!), we have two different sessions, a younger group with children from the age of 4 upwards, these sessions run from 09:00-11:00. The older group are from age 10 and run from 11:00-13:00. Player to coach ratio is low so your child will get a lot of tennis input from one of my fantastic coaches. Follow the link to book:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/FaithHeronCoaching/Coaching/Camps?_gl=1*iw1v11*_ga*ODk4OTQ2MDQ1LjE2OTc0ODAyNTA.*_ga_R8CDFT1V4H*MTcwOTEwOTYzNS40LjEuMTcwOTEwOTYzNi41OS4wLjA

Play Your Way to Wimbledon

New for this year we are running this event for adult doubles pairings. The usual singles for both junior boys and girls will also be running.

Juniors will be competing on the 21st of April from 12:00-14:00.

Adults from 14:00 onwards also on the 21st. Would prefer doubles teams entering, however, if you can't find a partner, I can try and pair you up.

- **Juniors** - A singles pathway for 11-14 year olds
- **Adults** - A doubles pathway for players 19+ years. Venues can choose to run a doubles event for men, women, or both.
- **Entry is FREE** - but you have to be a member of the club to enter.
Great recreational, fun, and sociable competition ideal for all players with an **ITF World Tennis Number between 23.0 - 40.9**
- **Format to be decided** - possibly a Fast Four competition depending on numbers.

If you are unsure of your player rating, if you run a player search on the LTA website, it should tell you there - provided you have played some sanctioned events, such as league matches for the club.

To enter the Wimbledon event, contact Faith directly.

Highlights from the 2024 AGM

- **Archie Clark Trophy**

The Archie Clark Trophy was presented to **Alex Williamson** for his dedication and commitment to the club. Alex joined the club as a young junior and is now aspiring to become a coach himself. Faith describes Alex as a great helper, great communicator and a great role model. Alex is happy to take on any task and even volunteered to give a speech on behalf of the club at the Parish Council.

- **Junior Award**

The winner of this award is chosen by Faith Heron our club coach.

Euan Birch was awarded junior player of the year by Faith.

Whilst Euan is a great player the award is not for just being good at tennis. Euan started helping Faith as a Duke of Edinburgh Award helper. From that he has become an integral part of the coaching team going above and beyond what is needed. This thoughtful, considerate young man is admired and respected by the children. Faith would be very happy to mentor him to gain a tennis coaching qualification. Apart from the certificate he gets £50 to spend on tennis related equipment.

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 refundable 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](#) Ian Drainer

[Contact Secretary](#) Deborah Osborne

[Contact Membership Secretary](#) Ant Pugh

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Privacy

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

Please update your preferences and details on CLUBSPARK.