

Dear Members

I am pleased to welcome you to a new season at Prestbury Tennis Club and I hope that the recent fine weather has persuaded you that winter is a fading memory and to get out and enjoy the great facilities down at your club!

The hardy stalwarts have kept club nights ticking over during the winter, but, there is always room for new players. Come along and see what you've been missing.

In the very near future, a new version of the website will be live and, as well as being more up to date, will be a good source of information about events happening at the club. Watch out for the publicity.

As always, we are keen to attract new members to the club and our two Open Days will be in April and May. If you can think of any family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues who might be interested then, please, tell them about the club and persuade them to come along and see what we can offer. All ages and standards of player will receive a warm welcome and get the chance to try out the facilities and some coaching if they wish.

Those of you who have been down at the club recently will have noticed the great work that Sian and her team have done in giving the clubhouse a bit of a facelift! A big 'thank you' is due to all the people who worked so hard over the past few weeks – well done!

With lots of things happening at the club, we can all look forward to a great season and I hope I will get to meet many of you down at the club over the coming months.

Richard Sinton, Chairman

APRIL 2012

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Fees for 2012/13 season are due from 1st April. Team players must be paid-up members before playing for the Club. Any queries should be addressed to the Membership Secretary, Isabel Errington, on 07792 776 878 or tennis@bigredhouse.co.uk

OPEN DAYS

The first Open Day will be on SATURDAY 21 APRIL from 9.30am to 5pm. Potential new members may bring a racket for a hit or just have a look round.

The next Open Day will be on SUNDAY 13 MAY.

This is the opportunity too for non-members to sign up for the Rusty Rackets Course either when joining (free course) or paying for the course with the chance to discount membership fee if joining later in the season. Full details of the courses and dates are on a separate sheet sent out with this document.

WINETASTING EVENING

A new social initiative, a Winetasting, will be held at the Club on SATURDAY 14th APRIL. There's just about time to still book a place – closing date for final numbers is 9th April.

This promises to be a fun evening, where you will taste named wines (choosing white or red), enjoy a two-course meal, followed by blind tasting to try and identify what you tasted earlier – prizes for the winners.

Tickets are £13 available from Gill Reynolds on 01625 827591 or 07774 209 726 or gill.reynolds1@me.com



BOOK CLUB

A member is having an event at the Club on Sunday 22nd April from 3-5pm with tea and cakes to launch the formation of a local Book Club. Male and female Senior members are invited to attend to hear more. There will be speakers, an author and an expert on English Literature. For more details see the notice on the board at the Club or e-mail prestburybookclub@gmail.com

CLUB CLOTHING

Tennis clothing with the smart new logo is now on sale –

Men's navy fleece - £20

Ladies' fleece (white or navy) - £25

Ladies lightweight white fleece - £16

Rain jacket - £15

Children's hoodie - £15

Contact Sian Reading for purchases on sian.reading@moorlands.net
Or see her at the Open Day where she will have clothing to sell.

CLUBHOUSE REFURBISHMENT

Sian Reading sends a big thank-you to all those who helped raise the money towards the painting and decorating which took place recently and an even bigger thank-you to those who helped on the day. She names the following, with apologies to anyone accidentally overlooked — John, Marilyn and husband, Jan, Ken, Roddy, Carol, Jane, Lesley, Chris, Doreen, Feng, Judith, Mary, Sue, Sue, Steve, Deirdre, Rebecca, Gill, Midori, Julia and Janet.

Fundraising will continue with a view to more improvements.

OLYMPIC CELEBRATIONS

Some time off, but you could make a note of the date, as the Clubnight on FRIDAY 3 AUGUST will be followed by International Food in recognition of the Olympics. Watch out for more details nearer the time.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

It's time to get your entries in for the various club tournaments this year. Spare entry forms will be in the clubhouse and will be downloadable from the new website soon - www.prestburytennis.org.uk

Dates for the various events as follows:-

Event	Entries by	Finals day
Handicap	19 July	Sun 9 September
Family Cup	17 May	Sun 9 September
Championship	p 10 May	Sun 16 September

The first event of the season will be the AMB Tournament on the afternoon of

Sunday 29th April

This is again a mixed doubles event combining team players with social players in a round robin format. An entry form will be put on the club notice board. Because of limited numbers for the event, names will be drawn with preference given to players who haven't participated before. Prize is the glass bowl donated by AMB who installed the new clay courts.

Any questions about the tournaments, please call Peter Moyes on 01625 827648.

BANK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

The traditional Bank Holiday Tournament will be held on MONDAY 7 MAY.

Registration at the Clubhouse at 1pm on the day - £3 entry. All members welcome at these friendly American Tournaments, with tea and cakes to follow. See poster at Club.

WIMBLEDON

The application form will be coming to you in a week or so, giving the chance to go into the Club's draw for Wimbledon tickets.

Remember you need to be a British Tennis Member to enter the draw, but there's still time to do so if you are not already – its free. Any queries contact Pam Dennett.

DIAMOND JUBILEE TOURNAMENT

Early warning that there will be an American Tournament on the afternoon of Monday 4 JUNE, followed by a BBQ (rather than the usual tea & cakes) and a Slave Auction running into the evening, with family and friends welcome.

The auction proceeds will be towards continued refurbishment of the Clubhouse. The membership will be asked to put themselves and their skills forward for sale and Sian Reading will be looking for offers soon. Examples are bake a cake, babysit for an evening, walk a dog, clean a car, etc. Payment takes place on the night by the highest bidder and the skills must be used within a time limit – the person donating the service does not need to be present on the night.

LADIES LUNCH

A date for lady members to diary is Thursday 27th July, when there will be a Ladies Lunch to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Hopefully, this will be as successful as the lunch we all enjoyed for the 60th Anniversary of the Club a couple of years ago. Watch out for details nearer the time.

RACQUET STRINGING & GRIPS

Contact Richard Sinton for further details. 01625 611639 or r.sinton@talktalk.net

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