



Dear Members

*Welcome to the new season. Let's hope that the sun shines this year and the temperature rises enough to play in t-shirts and shorts. It has been a long hard winter, but the winter league teams have been out in all weathers with varying degrees of success, our hardy perennials have been on the courts in the daytime throughout the winter and the juniors have been keeping warm with their matches and training. The summer league teams have been named, so let's wish them **Good Luck** for this season – we hope to open the bar when the 1st teams are playing, so watch the website for match details and come down and enjoy the tennis. And for all the social players – enjoy your game!*

*As many of you will know, we are embarking on a huge 5-year fundraising campaign to get funds for a new clubhouse or at least some very major repairs. There will be a number of events this year to enjoy and help the fundraising, starting with a **Chinese meal after social tennis on April 12th**, **Pudding evening on April 27th** – want to know more, then watch for posters and website. If you want to help – contact me!*

*For those who have already helped with donations – **A BIG THANK-YOU.***

Sian Reading

WIMBLEDON

Watch out for the application form for the Wimbledon ticket draw and note the closing date for applications to go in the draw, **Friday 26 April**. Any queries contact pamdennett16@gmail.com (tel: 613001).

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals have been sent out by e-mail to each family, where we have e-mail addresses, and are due to be paid by **1st April**. Team players must be paid-up members before playing for the Club. If you have not received your renewal forms by e-mail or post please contact Isabel Errington 07792 776878 membership@prestburytennis.org as soon as possible.

OPEN DAYS

The first Open Day will be on **SATURDAY 20 APRIL** from 9.30am to 5pm. Potential new members may bring a racket for a hit or just have a look round. Membership fees are discounted on the day.

The next Open Day will be on **SUNDAY 19 MAY** from 1pm to 5pm.

Please encourage friends and colleagues who may be interested in tennis for themselves or their children to come along to one of the Open Days.

This is an opportunity too for non-members to sign up for the Rusty Rackets Course either as a free course on joining or paying for the course with the chance to discount membership fee if joining later in the season

TENNIS CLOTHING

There will be **Prestbury tennis shirts** - adult sizes – available to buy at the April 20th Open Day. If not there, contact Sian Reading to check when she'll have them at the Clubhouse.

CLUB NIGHT & CHINESE TAKEAWAY

On **Friday 12 April** Clubnight will be followed by Chinese food (courtesy of Chopsticks in Bollington). These are normally great nights. If the weather is OK then food will be served at 9pm, if weather bad, food will be served at 8pm. For an idea of numbers expected, please contact Richard Sinton beforehand (see contact list at end).

BRING & BUY

A sale of Tennis Equipment and Clothing will take place on **April 20th**. If you have any good quality equipment or clothing to donate/sell please bring it to the Club on Friday 19th April – 2/3rds sale price to vendor, 1/3rd to clubhouse fund.

SATURDAY CAFÉ

Every Saturday through the summer from 20th April there will be a Saturday café in the clubhouse from 9.30am to 12.30pm. It will be open all day on April 20th as it is the first **Open Day**. Please come along for homemade cakes and snacks.

Volunteers are needed to help out, even if only for 30 minutes on any Saturday. Also cake makers are invited to contact Sian Reading if willing to help – we know there are cooks out there who would win any bake-off!

ZUMBA AT THE CLUB

One of our newest members, Natasha, is going to run 4 trial sessions of Zumba at the Club. These will take place on –
Wednesdays April 17 and 24 at 6.30-7pm
Thursday April 18 and 25 at 9.30-10.30am

Cost £4. Tel: 01625 616160/07957 203571 to book places – numbers are limited.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

It's time to get your entries in for the various club tournaments. Entry forms will be in the clubhouse and are downloadable from the website www.prestburytennis.org.uk You can drop entries into the tournament box by the noticeboard in the clubhouse or post to the address on the form.

Dates for the tournaments are as follows

| Event | Entries by | Finals Day |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Handicap | 25 th April | Sat 13 th July |
| Family Cup | 25 th April | Sat 13 th July |
| Championship | 4 th May | Sun 15 th Sept |

We do hope to see a large number of participants this year, like we had last year. To get people playing competitive tennis earlier in the year, the tournaments are more spread-out this year.

Do join in if you want to increase the number of times you play, meet new people, prepare for matches and/or be inspired to play your best tennis. We will do our best to get you a doubles partner if you would like us to find you one.

Remember what it says above the entrance to Centre Court at Wimbledon – “If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same”. Give it your best shot and have fun!

If you have any questions at all about any of the tournaments, please call Fran James on 07837 668 107.

BANK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

The first Bank Holiday tournament will be on the afternoon of **MONDAY 6 MAY**. These are friendly American Tournaments, with tea and cakes to follow. Registration at 1.45pm on the day - £3 entry fee.

SOCIAL TENNIS

It's time to brush off the cobwebs on your rackets and come down to social tennis Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.30pm. All standards welcome and a good opportunity to meet other members of the Club. The bar will be open from 7.30pm every Wednesday. If you have not been down to social tennis before and wish to know more, contact Carl Reens at: socialtennis@prestburytennis.org or on 07708 963 669 and he can meet you at the Club.

If anyone is interested in playing the local clubs in friendly mixed social matches please let me know.

Look out for the advertisement of the AMB tournament...

END OF AN ERA

After more than 30 years John Mudge finally retired completely from the Club at the end of March. John made a significant contribution to the Club during his time with us and we wish him well on retirement. We welcome Grahame Bowers as John's replacement who will work mostly on Tues and Wednesdays.

(This date also sees my retirement as Club Secretary, although I can only claim 15 years service! – Pam Dennett).

CLUB SECURITY

If you are the last person playing at the Club please can you ensure that the Clubhouse lights are off and the door closed and also please pull the gate behind you. You should ensure you have your key with you when visiting the Club – the same key opens both doors and gate. Each family should have a key, so if you have lost yours or need an extra one please contact Isabel – keys are £5 each.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Check out the social dates in your Handbook, but there should be something for everyone this year – **Quiz night, beer festival, family treasure hunt, tennis marathon, wine tasting, end of year awards evening with favours auction.**

There is also a **Save the Children day on Sunday June 30th**, to which everyone is invited. There will be adult and junior competitions and you never know you might win through to Wimbledon and play with one of your tennis heroes!

COURTS 1-3

The carpet on these courts will be replaced in the autumn with an artificial grass surface. The survey carried out earlier resulted in more than 50% of members wanting artificial grass on them. At this stage we have identified four makes of carpet, including our existing carpet. Over the next couple of months we will be gaining further knowledge about these products before making a decision. If anyone has knowledge of artificial grass surfaces and recommends a specific carpet please contact Roddy Mackay – tel: 01625 820694 or e-mail mackay0011@yahoo.co.uk

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

There are still a few members for whom we do not have an up-to-date e-mail address. If you received this by "snail mail" you are probably one of them.

Use of the e-mail system saves the Club a big expense and a lot of work on printing and postage.

If you have an e-mail but we are not using it, please send an e-mail to membership@prestburytennis.org so we can get it onto our records. Thank you.

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