

# PRESTBURY TENNIS CLUB

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18th January 2015



## Sign up for Wimbledon - Opt In by 31st Jan



### Winter League Update

Most of the Winter League matches are now completed and thoughts are turning to the summer league with the annual end of January fixture meeting coming up soon.

**First Team** A win and a draw since the last report means our First Team's record is now W4 D1 L2 with three matches still to play.

**Second Team** Two wins and a draw before Christmas leaves the Seconds with a W7 D1 L1 record with one match still to play. They currently top Division 4 of the East Cheshire Winter League and have a good chance of promotion.

**Third Team** The thirds have now completed their matches with a final record of W3 D2 L5 and a mid-table position.

**Fourth Team** The Fourths' results have improved with a win and two draws from their last four matches but, with one match remaining, their record of W1 D3 L5 leaves them in danger of relegation from Division 7. **Fifth Team** The Fifth Team continue to go well. Three more wins gives a record of W6 D0 L1 and, with three matches remaining, they have a good chance of promotion from Division 11.



# Bunting - help us make some on Saturday 24th Jan

We are making bunting on Saturday January 24th down at the clubhouse from 10.00am onwards.

Bring a sewing machine/scissors/any pieces of material. Blue red and white or whatever as we can also make multi coloured stuff-all welcome. Good time to catch up for a chat and a cup of coffee. Refreshments provided.

#### **COURT MAINTENANCE**

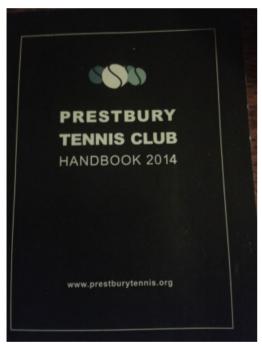
The artificial clay courts are 5 years old and are draining very slowly, due to an accumulation of dirt

and algae. Courts 7 and 8 also have a lot of dirt and algae coming to the surface and are draining slower than we expect. And under certain conditions they may be slightly slippy.

The Ground-staff, Steve and Graham, pressure washed the top half of court 6. As there is a lot more infill on these courts we were uncertain if pressure washing would work. The main objective of Steve and Grahams efforts was to establish if cleaning by pressure washing would resolve the problem. We now believe pressure washing will work. The principal advantage of knowing this is that cleaning by pressure water is much cheaper than the alternative method which uses compressed air. Five contractors were invited to tender for the work and we have awarded the work to Sweepfast at a cost of £12,000. This was £5,400 lower than the other quote received which was based on the compressed air. This sum is fully budgeted for.

The contractor awarded the job for the artificial clay courts' has ordered replacement infill. When he has a delivery date he will contact us to arrange a time to commence the project. The Club is keen to restore the playing condition of these courts as quickly as possible and we will seek to agree an early date. This may mean cancelling some courts that are already booked. Whilst this is regrettable and will inconvenience a few members, it should only be for a short time. Inevitably any outdoor project runs the risk of over-running due to poor weather e.g. frost and again this may inconvenience a few members. Please accept apologies in advance for any inconvenience. After the clay courts are cleaned Steve and Graham will take one of courts 7 or 8 out of play to improve the condition of these courts.

Cleaning the artificial grass courts 7 and 8 is a less demanding task because there is much less infill. Based on the Ground-staff's experience on court 6 we believe they have the skill set to clean courts 7 and 8 themselves. We intend to go with this option because we believe they can do a good job and it will cost less money. In addition it will improve their knowledge and skills and this should be helpful for the future.



# Membership Handbook - Sponsorship pages available

This year we are giving our handbook a bit of a "makeover" - and there is some space available if you would like to advertise your business.

The handbook is A5 size, and half or full page spaces are available.

If you are interested, please contact Sian sian.reading@moorlands.net or Ruth on secretary@prestburytennis.org

### Wimbledon 2015 - Action needed by end of January LATEST

All Members wishing to be considered for the Wimbledon ballot must be a BTM member and select "opt in" for Wimbledon ballot.

Members will recently have received an email from LTA, or a letter in the post if no email address is given.

THE CLUB SECRETARY CANNOT OPT YOU IN TO THE BALLOT - YOU HAVE TO DO THIS YOURSELF. THIS IS A NEW RULE SET BY THE LTA.

### A reminder of what opt in means for our venue (Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club)

Our allocation of tickets for 2015 will be based on BTMs who have opted in to the Wimbledon Ballot.

To count towards your allocation in the 2015 Wimbledon Ballot, your members must be:

An 'affiliated' adult/junior British Tennis Member, Linked to your venue, Opted in to the

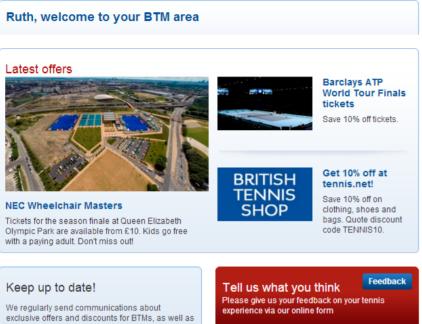
Wimbledon Ballot

NOTE: There are 2 Prestbury Tennis Clubs!! - we are Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club, ref CHE

As in previous years, the calculation will be made based on the number of members that meet the above criteria by midnight on 31 January 2015.

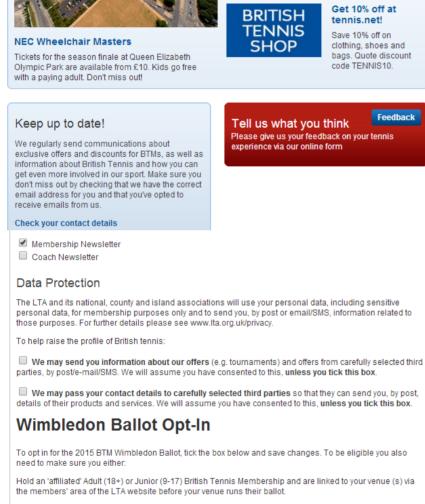
Opt in has been introduced to improve the accuracy of ticket allocations and to provide more consistency in the ballot process. It will enable the LTA to improve the quality of the member data we hold. It will also ensure those interested in attending The Championships have the opportunity to receive an offer of purchasing tickets.

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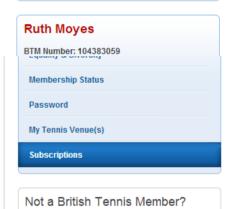


APPLY



Hold an active 'Non-Affiliated' Adult (18+) or Junior (9-17) British Tennis Membership by the 31st January

✓ You have opted in to the 2015 Wimbledon Ballot. If you wish to opt out, please un-tick this box and save



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BTM Number



Sign up for free if you are a member of an LTA

For legal reasons we have to include the link below it in this email, but, please **DO NOT** use it. The Tennis Club uses email to communicate a wide range of information, including AGM documentation and membership renewal information. It is very important that this is delivered.

**British Tennis Membership Terms & Conditions** Further Information on the BTM Wimbledon Ballot

changes.

SAVE CHANGES