

OTC Newsletter – December 2014

Chairman's Note -

Just a short note to keep you all up to date with the latest changes in the club. In addition to Will Mouger (Treasurer) and Lesley Lee (Secretary) the following people have kindly offered to take on specific responsibilities for 2014-2015: David Danson - Match Fixtures, Ian Allan - Maintenance, Sue Cockcroft - Publicity, Alastair Macphee - Juniors, Roger Barnacle - Parish Council Liaison, Steff Johnston - Membership Secretary, Elaine Champion - Social Secretary, Sue Goff - Clubhouse Tennis Ball Management, Helen Osgerby - Clubhouse Cleaning & Floodlit League and Harry Allan - website review. Some of these areas may require additional help so if you would like to volunteer that would be really appreciated.

We're all always open to ideas and suggestions that will make OTC a better place for tennis so please don't hesitate to contact any of your committee.

Finally, I trust everyone is benefiting from the installation of the path lights. The number and brightness of the lights was restricted by the planning department but now they are in place we'll see if there are options for making them even better. We have had to delay the path tarmac until March 2015 because of the weather but this should be complete in time for next season.

News & Dates for your diary-

The '*Club Championship Finals - Ladies*' is to be played between Kate Barnacle and Antonia Macphee on the 13th of December 2:15pm. Please come along to watch and support two of our talented players.

Tuesday's *Club session* is being extended throughout the winter months due to popular demand and good weather. Play starts at 6:30pm and finishes at 9:30pm. All players are very welcome to come along.

Coaching Update –

OTC Coach Andrew Ridger's weekday sessions have been well received and are proving popular. It is proposed to continue running these sessions throughout winter, weather permitting. The sessions run for 1.5hrs and cost just £9.00.

Reminder of session times -

Wednesday 10-11.30am session - a general mixed play and drill/match practise session; all players are welcome

Friday 09.30-11.00am session - currently a ladies team match practise

Saturday Juniors & Adult Coaching classes - will continue as usual throughout the winter.

We are looking for available times to run other coaching sessions for club members during the evenings or possibly on weekends. Initially we would try to run a Mixed Team Practise Session with Andrew on an evening if there is the court space. To register your interest please email odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk.

Notices –

During this season can we please remind all members to use a second pair of shoes to walk to the club to limit the traffic of mud onto the courts whilst the weather is poor. Hopefully once the path is complete mud will become a non-issue.

Maintenance/Enhancements -

Broken Light – This light has been repaired twice recently but there is a problem with the internal wiring inside the post. The contractor is working on a solution and is doing his best to get a long term repair - please be patient as it is in hand.

Clock – a new courtside clock will be purchased in next few weeks and installed on the club house.