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## SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Championship results

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Club Championships.

There were lots of hard-fought rounds before the finals, which were played on Sunday 9th September. A large group of family and friends enjoyed the tennis, the sunshine and the nibbles.



*The 2018 winners are:*

Men's singles: Jed Voysey

Ladies' singles: Aimee Paterson

Men's doubles: Lee Aubrey and Andrew Ridgers

Ladies' doubles: Emma Barnes and Sharon de Botte

Mixed doubles: Emma Barnes and Andrew Ridgers.

### Team news

**Team success.** Congratulations to the Mixed B team, who have topped Division 3 in the Basingstoke and District summer league, winning in style with 17 out of a possible 18 points. They will be promoted to Division 2 next summer. The team has also been promoted to Division 2 this winter and we wish them every ongoing success.

**New captain.** Stephanie Hart is the new Ladies B captain this season, taking over from Helen Osgerby. The committee and players would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen for all her hard work in running the team over the last few years.

**Join a team.** If you are interested in playing for a team, please contact Sharon de Botte to find out more at sharon.debotte@yahoo.com

### Lease agreement

Negotiations are ongoing with the Parish Council with regards to a lease for the courts. As soon as a lease is signed, the Club will be able to apply for grants to help with court resurfacing next year. The Club will be incorporated into a Company limited by guarantee just before the lease is signed.

### AGM

This year's AGM will be held at the Bowls' Club on Wednesday 21st November at 7.45pm.

We need more committee members to help run the Club. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact Pam Verdon at verdon@verdonet.org.uk

### Venue registration

In October, all tennis venues will need to meet five Safeguarding Minimum Requirements to be officially registered with the LTA.

This is a positive move and one that will help venues to create a safe, accessible, enjoyable and welcoming environment for everyone.



The five minimum standards are:

- (1) A Safeguarding Policy that has been clearly communicated to all involved at the venue.
  - (2) A Diversity & Inclusion Policy that has been clearly communicated to all involved at the venue.
  - (3) A Welfare Officer who has undergone the necessary training (Steff Johnston).
  - (4) Satisfactory Criminal Records Checks for all relevant volunteers, staff, coaches and officers of the venue.
  - (5) An annual Risk Assessment of the venue and its facilities.
- Information regarding these policies can be found on our website and in the clubhouse.

## Defibrillator



The Club has purchased a defibrillator, which will be accessible to everyone using the tennis courts. It will be fitted within the next 8 weeks and we will be offering a 2-hour course that covers use of the equipment and CPR.

The training is not compulsory because the equipment is designed to be used without any training and you cannot make a mistake when using the defib. However the training increases awareness and confidence, so look out for more information in the coming weeks.

## Floodlit league

In Spring this year, three matches were played on Sundays at 5pm. Two teams of four played in each match with a total of 12 players taking part.

All the matches were fun but competitive and gave players of different standards the opportunity to put into practice everything they have learned at coaching sessions.

Thank you to everyone who supported the tennis club by taking part.

Watch out for an email about the next floodlit league this autumn.

## Sessions update

**Tuesday evening drills\***  
6.30–7.30pm: fun and social, for all abilities. Great for fitness!

**Adult beginners & rusty racquets\***  
Tuesdays, 7.30–8.30pm and 8.30–9.30pm: two sessions, booked in advance, for adult beginners and those who need a refresher. A great introduction to tennis.

**Wednesday Pay & Play**  
10–11.30am: doubles' tactics for all abilities.

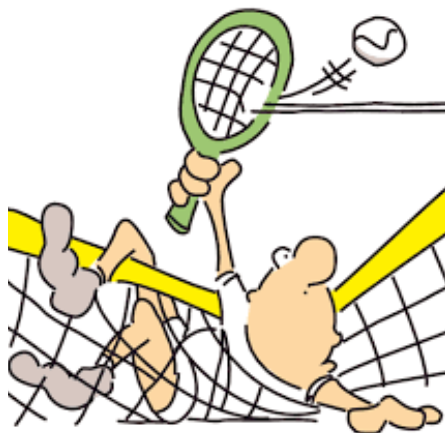
**Thursday Club session**  
6.30–9.30pm: a friendly, informal session for members. All welcome!

**Friday team practice**  
10–11.30am: doubles match play for all team players.

**Saturday coaching\***  
9.30am–2.30pm: group sessions for adults and children at all levels.

**Sunday Club session**  
10.00am–1.00pm: a friendly, informal session for members. All welcome!

\*For more information, please email Lesley Lee at [odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk)



## Wimbledon ballot 2019



The British Tennis Members' Wimbledon Ballot for 2019 is now open. Simply opt in on the Members' area of the LTA website for a chance to be courtside at next year's event.

If you are not yet a British Tennis Member it's easy to apply. All members of Odiham Tennis Club are eligible for the LTA's free lite membership. For more information go to [www.lta.org.uk/member](http://www.lta.org.uk/member)

## Court maintenance

The courts were moss-cleaned earlier this year, and new nets strung on all courts. Although the courts are scheduled to be resurfaced next year, they will again be moss-cleaned in October this year to ensure they remain in good condition for the winter. A date for moss-cleaning will be announced shortly.

**Volunteers wanted.** A big thank you to all our volunteers who keep the club-house and grounds clean and tidy. We need more of you! So, if you would be willing to spare 1 hour every 3–4 months, then please contact Helen Osgerby about the cleaning rota on [h.osgerby@btopenworld.com](mailto:h.osgerby@btopenworld.com), or Pam Verdon about the maintenance rota at [verdons@verdonet.org.uk](mailto:verdons@verdonet.org.uk)