

HAPPY NEW (ish) YEAR!!

Welcome to LTC's 1st Newsletter of this new decade!

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Langford Church Hall on **Tuesday 25th February @ 7.30pm**. Points covered will be -

- confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM, and of any subsequent EGMs
- consideration of the Committee's report, presented by the Chair or their delegate
- consideration of the accounts for the year, presented by the Treasurer or their delegate
- setting of subscription rates
- election of Officers and Committee
- any items of which due notice has been given and details included in the agenda.

We need a minimum of 7 members to meet Quorum. (obviously the more members we have, the more POV we have)

A notice and agenda has been sent to all members this week.

It shouldn't run too late, and refreshments will be provided!

COURT CLEANING

The courts, and surrounding patio areas were cleaned to a very high standard on Friday 7th Feb.

The contractor also gave Caroline really positive feedback about the condition of our courts too.



We will always strive to maintain a high standard of playing facilities. If you have any views on how we can improve this even further, please do let us know.

WINTER LADDERS PART 2

The first half of this competition saw a lot of games completed, and it was looking very tight at the top!

Sadly the weather in 2020 has proven to be quite troublesome to keep this level going.

This hasn't deterred a few pairings, namely the Deeks Duo, who like Liverpool FC; are

sitting quite comfortably at the top!

Well done to the new pairing of Deborah & Jeff, who are off to a flying start this half.

The competition runs until 31st March, so still plenty of time for the rest of us to get some matches played, assuming there are no more storms!

JUSTIN'S TOP TIPS IS BACK!

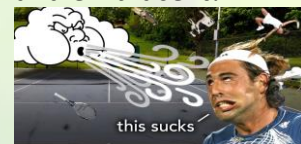
The first 2020 Top Tip from our Coach is very apt, as I write this with Storm Dennis brewing!

"There is an old tennis saying that 'wind is a leveller' (of ability)

This is not true. Wind does create some variation and unpredictability, but if anything it accentuates skill differences.

If you can embrace the wind and enjoy playing in it, then you often have a huge advantage over your opponent."

Thank you Justin, we will try and embrace it!



FIRST AIDERS

Justin is our fully qualified First Aider, as this is critical for the running of all the coaching sessions.

We are always striving for the next level of safety at our club, and would like to see if wherever possible the social sessions, and junior tournaments we run, have at least one member that is First Aid trained.

If there are any members that are already trained, maybe at their place of work. Then we would love to hear from you, as these skills are very transferable to the courts.

Once we know which sessions we have covered, we can look at providing training for any willing volunteers, to ensure wherever possible there is at least one First Aider at the club for these sessions.

We have also put a new First Aid kit on the wall, above the microwave.

Ice packs can be found in the 3rd drawer in the Kitchen.

SAFEGUARDING

Our club has two qualified and DBS checked Welfare Officers. Paul Jaggard and Lisa Oestricher.

The role of the Welfare Officer is to work with the coach, the committee and the LTA to ensure our club provides Safe and Inclusive Tennis and also to support members when issues or concerns arise.

Paul and Lisa's details can be found on our website, on the noticeboard or they are very often at the club playing tennis!

Please do engage with them and share ideas on how we can continue to make our club as safe and inclusive as possible.

HOUSEKEEPING!

New year, same rules!

Please keep the clubhouse, as you would like to find it!

We are more than happy to provide our members with tea/coffee/squash making facilities, but please wash up and put away whatever you have used.

The fridge must be left on, but everything else must be switched off before you leave.

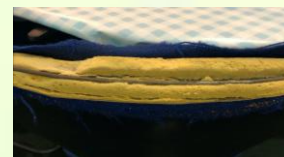
If you are last to leave, please check the following have all been turned off.

- SPOT LIGHTS
- HEATERS
- LIGHTS

Also, if it is forecast for freezing conditions, it is helpful if the water is turned off. The mains tap can be found in the 'snug' area, behind the right-hand curtain, near the floor.

UPHOLSTERY SKILLS?

If you've been in the clubhouse recently, you would have noticed that a few of the chairs are in need of some TLC!



Is there any of our lovely members that would know how to re-cover these?

Or if anyone knows of any nice comfy chairs that are

looking for a new home, we'd love to hear from you!

COMMITTEE NEWS

We are delighted to let you know that David Davies has kindly taken on the role of Fixtures Secretary for the club.

Caroline has been doing this for a number of years, and after a shout out, David kindly agreed to take this role on, with the support of Caroline.

David attended the Summer Fixtures meeting on Wednesday at Flitwick, and will be letting the team captains know their matches very shortly.

If any captains need to re-arrange matches, please can they ensure they check with David on court availability first.

Bring on the warm weather!

COMMITTEE WHO'S WHO

An up-to-date Committee Member sheet will be attached to this newsletter.

With mug-shots so you know what we all look like (roughly!)

SUB-COMMITTEE

The future of the club is always a key item at our regular committee meetings, and with a view to continuing to provide the best standards of facilities and coaching sessions, we have created a sub-committee of four people:

Caroline, Chris Markwick, Paul Metcalfe & Paul Jaggard, will be proposing a 3-5 yr plan to cover such expenditure as new lighting, court re-surfacing, club house, fencing and coaching costs.

This is to ensure our members money is invested wisely, and will be reflected in any membership fee increases in future.

If you have any views on this please do let the sub-committee know.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Notification of membership renewal fees will be sent out shortly.

Our treasurer has asked that wherever possible, fees are paid by bank transfer and not cheque.

It makes the allocation of subs more straightforward for Chris.

If not possible, cheques will be accepted, but we cannot accept cash.

Thank you for your understanding.

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