

Buckingham **NEWSLETTER** tennis club

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Coming Up:

Veterans Tournament

Calling all Men 45+ and Women 40+, do sign up in the clubhouse for our various Vet tournaments.

Singles is a round robin event, matches to be arranged by the players.

Dates are as follows:

Mixed Doubles Qualifying Round Sunday 21 Oct, 1:15pm onwards

Mens Doubles and Ladies Doubles Qualifying Round Sunday 18th November 1:15pm onwards

Vets Finals Day Sunday 24th March

AGM 1 Nov 8pm

AGM will be held in club house on Thursday 1 Nov at 8pm. All welcome to attend.

Xmas Dinner

The very popular annual Xmas Dinner will take place on Friday 7th December at 8pm. Sign up in the club house. Thanks to Stuart for organising.

Summer Tournament Success

This summer we were busier than ever with 9 teams entered into the MK summer league, 2 ladies, 3 mens and 4 mixed teams. It proved to be a very successful season for the club, and we collected 5 trophies at the MK league 50th anniversary dinner in September. The Men's A team won both their league and cup, Men's B team won their division as did the Mixed D team. In addition both ladies teams have been promoted for next year, as has the Mixed A team. Well done everyone! Let's hope we can keep this performance up in the winter league.

Court Re-Surfacing

Our courts were closed for re-surfacing during the month of August, and club sessions were held at the Latin School tennis courts. It felt a bit like the tennis club on holidays, with a change of views and indeed court surfaces. Our club sessions there were well attended, we had the usage of 5 courts, which meant little rest between games. We are very grateful to the school for allowing us the use of their courts.

Our courts have now been successfully re-surfaced, gone are the small pot holes and bumps. Hopefully you are all enjoying them. To keep them in good shape, please only wear tennis shoes/trainers on the courts, and loosen off the nets after playing.



Joe Suggs at BTC

Filming event at the Buckingham Tennis Club!! For a series entitled "Celebrities and their Passions", Joe Suggs of *Strictly* fame, and a Vlogger with millions of followers, will be playing tennis against John Bercow on Friday 2nd November from 12:30pm onwards. All welcome to come and watch on.

Wimbledon Tickets - Opt in NOW

Getting tickets for Wimbledon is an amazing experience. As we are a LTA registered club, we get allocated a number of Wimbledon tickets every year to be drawn by ballot.

The number of tickets we get allocated, depends on how many club members have actively opted in online, between now and 22 February 2019. Please, please, take a few minutes to opt in, by logging into the www.lta.org.uk and selecting the Wimbledon ballot opt in. If you have a family membership, please get every member of your family to opt-in. If you need any help with this, please speak to Mary.

Remember, to be included in our club draw for tickets, you MUST have opted in before 22 February. Many thanks.

Club Finals Day

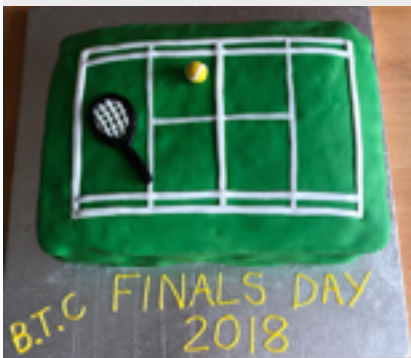


Finals day is one of the big day in the club diary, and its as sociable as it is competitive. Fine weather conditions ensured a large spectator turn out, or may be it was the promise of fabulous home-made cakes and buns. The day kicked off with Ladies singles, Helen Byrom defeating Mary Murphy in 3 sets, with some epic rallies. The Mens singles followed contested by Arvid and Chris Hebbert, with some dazzling, powerful tennis on display. Arvid prevailed in 2 sets.

The men's doubles final provided some text book net play with Stuart Coughlan and Nico Dickmann Pena eventually defeating Anthony Green and Diego Polopodin. The Ladies doubles final was a 3 set battle with Mary Murphy and Alison Powles digging deep to defeat Keira Ainsworth and Helen Lewis.

The Mixed Doubles final didn't let up in excitement or tennis quality. A close fought match with Stuart and Helen Byrom emerging as winners over Keira and Richard Schuker.

Gallery



John Bercow Exhibition Matches

On 14th September, our club president, Rt Hon John Bercow took part in his near annual exhibition matches. His first set was against our very own Oli Jaycock. Oli put up a spirited performance but John proved to be the winner on the day



Buoyed up by his success, John teamed up with Hilary to play a mixed doubles set against Diego and Alison. There was very little to separate the two sides and the match eventually went to a tie-break, with John and Hilary winning.



A collection was made on the night, to go towards the cost of a defibrillator for Chandos Park.

Our resident photographer Malcolm was on hand to capture all the action, and his photographs are on display in the clubhouse.

Dates for your Diary

Sun 21 Oct 13:15- 16:30	Veterans Mixed Doubles Qualifying Round - no club session
Sat 27th Oct	Junior Event - by invitation only. Please contact Peter Cowley (head coach) if interested
2nd Nov 12:30 onwards	J Bercow vs J Suggs Filming of J Bercow and interview for "Celebrities and their Passions"
Sun 4 Nov 13:30 onwards	Edna Embleton tournament
Sun 18 Nov 13:15 onwards	Veterans Mens and Ladies Doubles qualifying rounds -no club session
Sun 2 Dec 13:30 onwrds	Edna Embleton tournament
7 Dec 8pm	Tennis Club Xmas Dinner - always a great event
Sun 6 Jan 13:30 onwards	Edna Embleton tournament
Sun 3 Feb 13:30 onwards	Edna Embleton tournament
Sun 3 Mar	Edna Embleton tournament
Sun 24 Mar	Veterans Finals Day

All events are subject to the weather, sufficient participants etc. Dates and times may change.