**LTC Newsletter January 2023**

Longton Tennis Club Committee would like to thank all our members for their support throughout 2022 and wish you all a Happy & Healthy New Year. Below is a summary of events within the club last year and what to look forward to in 2023.

1. Membership numbers have remained similar to previous years with approximately 80 adults and 36 juniors.
2. The resurfaced courts are looking good and playing well, even immediately after rain. The sinkhole repair appears to be holding out too. The raised border at the football field end also appears to be working well as a flood barrier. The refurbished court benches are also looking good, thanks to Mark Draper.
3. We had good support from members to the working group sessions to help keep the courts tidy, weeding, hedge pruning, chalet repairs, etc. Thanks to all members who came along to help, it’s very much appreciated.
4. Team tennis was well supported last year in both the summer and autumn Ribble and Fylde leagues (adults and juniors).
   1. Summer Leagues:-
      1. Ribble A (Liz) – finished 5th in division 2
      2. Ribble B (Kim) – finished 5th in division 4
      3. Fylde (1st) (Chris) – finished 2nd in division 3
      4. Fylde A (2nd) (Ron) – finished =3rd in division 7
      5. Juniors (Dec) – finished 2nd in U16 division
   2. Autumn Leagues (Ribble):-
      1. Mens A (Tom) – finished 1st in division 1
      2. Mens B (Ron) – finished 3rd in division 2
      3. Ladies A (Kim) – finished 3 in division 2
      4. Juniors u18s (Dec) - finished 1st in U18 division

A special thanks to Sue Price for hosting the Junior team matches throughout both summer and autumn. As Alexander and Phoebe will be playing adult tennis this year, we will be having an U14 team and will need a new host to replace Sue. You can follow progress of all our teams on our website - <https://www.longtontennisclub.com/ribble-tennis-league> or <https://www.longtontennisclub.com/fylde-tennis-league> .

Anyone interested in playing team tennis should let the committee know and come down to team practice/social tennis so that your standard of tennis can be seen.

1. The 4 Tennis Club Competitions we held in 2022 were very successful and proved very popular.
   1. Easter Bunny – won by Di & Tom
   2. Summer Smash – won by David & Paul
   3. Treacle Toffee – won by Alexander & Ron
   4. Christmas Jumper – won by Kirsty & Tom
2. Social Tennis / Team Practice sessions are held on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons and Ladies Coffee mornings are held on Thursday mornings
3. The Christmas Social event was a bit down in numbers this year. We had a decent meal and Angelo’s followed by more drinks and dancing for a few members with the stamina. A good night overall. This year we intend to eat somewhere more local.
4. Electric costs have soared throughout last year due to massive energy price increases from 17p to 68.5p per kwh and compounded by the closure of the Ladybirds nursery which means we now have to pay the full standing charge (rather than 1/3). This is why we had to increase significantly our charges for floodlights.
5. We have a number of white Polo shirts with LTC logo available for anyone interested at £3 each. Please contact a committee member if you are interested.
6. The Wimbledon Ballot for tickets to the Championship has changed over recent years. We no longer get club allocated tickets to run our own ballot, so any member who wishes to be given a chance has to join the AELTC to get a membership account (free) and the opt into the ballot each year to be in with a chance for a pair of tickets.

**2023**

We will continue with the usual team tennis matches and practice, social tennis, quarterly club tournaments, coffee mornings, junior and adult coaching, etc. Please check our website [www.longtontennisclub.com](http://www.longtontennisclub.com) for all the latest information about our club.

Membership subscriptions will be due on **1 April 2023**, with membership prices being discussed and agreed at the AGM in March. Watch out for details on the AGM if you wish to attend.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the club please do not hesitate to talk to any of our committee members or submit an email to [longtontennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:longtontennisclub@hotmail.com)

Finally, we wish you all the very best for 2023 and look forward to lots of exciting tennis.

Best regards,

The Committee, Longton Memorial Tennis Club.