

Bewdley Tennis Club

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

As I write this piece for the news letter the contractors are within a few days of completing the floodlights on the clay courts. This will give the club a real enhancement on its facilities and is the culmination of a long process that started ten years ago. I am sure we are all looking forward to playing under lights on the clay on warm spring evenings. The real bonus is of course, the summer league matches will be able to be completed on the clay without moving onto the hard courts and disrupting club nights.

We expect to be able to resurface the green courts this spring or at the very latest this autumn. The work has been delayed until we were more certain about the club's finances. We are now in a stronger financial position thanks to the increased membership, due largely to initiatives like Term-Time Tennis, the re-invigorated Friday Junior Night and the work of our new coach Geoff Barrie. I hope we can maintain and even increase the membership this coming season.

I would like to thank Jill Watt and Cliff Brewer who have stood down as Ladies and Men's Captains. They have both done an outstanding job and deserve our gratitude. We welcome Jenny Frow, returning as Ladies Captain and Paul Bennett and Ali Barton as the new Men's Captains. I feel sure you will give them all the support they need on club nights and with the teams.

Can I please make a plea about taking care of the clubhouse? We are a members club run by volunteers and we all have a responsibility to make sure that we tidy up after ourselves. It is not onerous to take home everything you brought with you to the club and do your own washing up and putting away rather than hoping someone else will do it for you.

Phil Watt

KEMP HOSPICE BOOKS

On behalf of KEMP I would like to thank members and visitors who have bought books and also the people who have given books in the year 2011 £251.00 was taken that is a massive 502 books sold. PLEASE let's make 2012 even better.

Jane M Matthews

LOU ISAAC

It is with sadness that we mark the death of an old and valued member of Bewdley Tennis Club. Lou had been a long-standing and loyal member who worked for the good of the club as well as an excellent player who encouraged others to succeed. He helped to install the original floodlights and construct the original practice wall.

TERM TIME TENNIS

Ladies' Wednesday morning and Thursday evening mix –in sessions continue to flourish but new and returning members are always welcome.

The most successful project in 2011 was Term Time Tennis. This comprised of two 10 week courses of subsidised coaching and social tennis resulting in 23 women joining the club. It is now up to everyone to help each other and these new players to develop so that we can expand the number of teams entered for the league. Thank you to everyone who has helped to deliver this project, particularly Jenny Frow, Dawn Gumbley, Jo Merrison and Geoff Barrie. A new course will start in April – tell anyone you know who is thinking about taking up tennis to look out for details.

My term as Ladies' Captain will come to an end very shortly. Jenny Frow is taking over as I will have acted as Captain for 3 years. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me fulfil the role.

Jill Watt – 01299 404 801

Parents of our younger junior members.

Parents please remember that all junior members under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult when they are at the club.

WIMBLEDON DRAW

As a reminder to established members and as information for our newer members just a few words about our Wimbledon draw procedure. Once I know the dates of the tickets that will be allocated to our club I shall put a large colourful notice in the club house. It is then up to each interested member to select any two days that they would like to have a pair of seats. The draw is conducted publicly in the club house with at least three committee members assisting me. The member should then be prepared to accept either date taken from the draw and cannot exchange dates or pass their designated tickets on to others. The member must be a member of British Tennis as well as a member of our club (including juniors over 10). Once the draw has been made members will be notified promptly with another notice in the club house and payment will be expected to me either by cheque or cash, cheques payable to Bewdley Tennis Club. As soon as the tickets arrive and have been checked they will then be available on payment. No tickets will be passed over until payment is made. Good luck.

Liz Page (Hon. Sec.)

BEWDLEY TENNIS CLUB
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2012

Date	Event	Organiser(s)
Sunday January 22nd.	Mini Tournament	Geoff Barrie
Sunday March 25th.	Mini Tournament	Geoff Barrie
Friday April 27th.	Mini Tournament	Geoff Barrie
Sunday April 29 th .	Start of Season Tournament	Cliff Brewer
Sunday May 6 th .	OPEN DAY	Geoff Barrie
Tuesday May 22 nd . (all day)	Schools Tennis Festival	Mandy Sylvester
Wednesday May 23 rd .	Ladies' Open Tournament	Michele Lace & Liz Page
Monday June 11 th . & 18 th . (evenings)	Mixed Veterans Doubles Tournament	Tournament sub-committee
Sunday June 24th.	Mini Tournament	Geoff Barrie
Sunday July 1 st .	OPEN DAY	Geoff Barrie
Saturday July 7 th .	Wombledon Tournament	Jenny Frow + helpers
Sunday July 15th.	Mini Tournament	Geoff Barrie
Sunday July 29 th .	Men's Open Tournament	Alistair Barton
Sunday September 9 th . Saturday September 15 th .	Club Championship Finals Reserve Day for Finals	Tournament sub-committee
Wednesday September 19 th . (evening)	Lionel Cuthbert Tournament	Paul Bennett
Sunday September 23rd.	Mini Tournament	Geoff Barrie
Sunday September 30 th .	End of season Tournament	Cliff Brewer
Friday October 12th.	Junior Presentation Evening	Geoff Barrie
Friday November 2 nd .	Fireworks Evening	Junior sub-committee

Events in bold are junior events in order to differentiate them from general club events.