

Norham Gardens Tennis Club



Norham News, Spring 2018

Norham Gardens LTC at Alexandra Courts, Summertown, Oxford

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From the Chair (Peter Wing-Young)

Welcome to our 2018 news letter. As the winter tennis season starts to be but a distant memory and the hours of daylight increase slowly but surely it is time to reflect on what has happened over the last twelve months. We have once again had the courts professionally cleaned and held our own court sweeping sessions for the benefit of all users, not just club members. This cleaning has enabled extensive use of the courts even during the damp months, especially January and February.



On a sadder note we are saying good bye to Luca Signorini (centre) who is leaving the club to pursue his Formula 1 career outside of the UK. Luca has been a key regular player in the Men's A & B teams, the Mixed doubles team and the club champion for quite a few years. However, Luca will be back to see his beloved Chelsea and the Wimbledon Club championships.

Virginia Tite has been the club Treasurer since 2009 but has decided it is time to hang up her calculator. Virginia has executed this role diligently and without fuss and our strong financial position is part of her legacy. Thank you Virginia for all your hard work, and thanks to Lee Brock for agreeing to take over this role.

Can you name our Club Auditor? It has been Paul Blay who has most helpfully audited our books during Virginia's tenure and like Virginia has also decided to retire from his role. Paul is another part of the team of NGLTC unsung heroes who put in many hours of personal time that enables everyone else to enjoy the benefits of being a member of this great club. Thank you Paul and many thanks to Martin Wilkinson who has agreed to take over this role.

That's it from me for now, hope to see you on the courts soon.

From the Membership Secretary (Peter Stalker)

Our membership currently stands at a healthy 138, of which 27 are winter members. Where are all these people you might ask? Fortunately, you do not all show up at once. Some members play at our social tennis sessions, which seem to be particularly popular this winter. Others play in the teams and at their practice sessions. Others are groups who play together at different times, or with our coach.



Almost everyone now manages their subscription through the website which is a big help as it speeds up the process and reduces the administrative burden (for me). Note that as a member you are entitled to buy a £20 annual car parking permit which you can use while playing tennis

Club Coach (James Collins) This winter the Saturday morning junior coaching classes have not only stayed strong but the numbers attending have also grown, which is very encouraging. Going forward, if the junior coaching sessions can keep on growing then the outlook for a junior team in the next year or two looks good. The Rusty Racquets session on a Friday morning has also run through the winter and again grown in numbers to 10 regular attendees, which is great news for the adult coaching side. I also offer private coaching to all Norham members and if you need any advice on anything tennis related please don't hesitate to contact me. jamescollins14@yahoo.co.uk, 07799111205

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Saturday 3 March	OxClean 10 a.m. to 12p.m. (Postponed because of snow)
Saturday 31 March	Deadline for early payment discount
Tuesday 3 April	Club tennis evenings begin—free coaching/advice first Tuesday of the month (April, May, June and July) for all club members.
Thursday 5 April	Draw for Wimbledon Tickets at the club social session.
Sunday 6 May	First Social Play Sunday - 'Tea and Tennis' - 2 to 5 p.m. then every first Sunday of each month (except July—see below)
Sunday 3 June	Club Open Afternoon and 'Tea and Tennis' - 2 to 5 p.m. Open to all
Monday 2 July	Wimbledon begins
Sunday 15 July	Play Tennis—'Watch Wimbledon' at Mike and Jane's house
Saturday 11 November	End of Season Social Evening
Friday 23 November	Annual General Meeting, 7.45pm

10% Discount! Club members receive discounts at Abingdon Sports, 4 High Street, Abingdon www.abingdonsports.com and Elmer Cotton, 18-19 Turl Street, Oxford www.elmercottonoxford.co.uk