



Hello and Welcome to our latest Newsletter.

### **Junior Awards**

The first junior tennis tournament took place on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January and was both a great success and very popular, with over 20 players attending. This may become a regular event and has given the younger players excellent experience.

After the tournament, two juniors were presented with awards. Abby Hadfield won the Most Improved Player of 2024 and Jacob Swinson, who took the most improved player award the previous year, won the Colin Bagshaw Fitness Award. Well done to all the juniors who have worked hard throughout the year. It will be great to see more and more playing competitive tennis during 2025.

Tennis Captain Andrew Coveney presented the trophies to proud winners Abby and Jacob.



### **CPR Training**

A good attendance at the club on February 5<sup>th</sup> saw about 20 people take part in the CPR training. We learnt what to watch for, the difference between cardiac arrest and a heart attack, resuscitation techniques, the benefits of Defibrillators and where to find one (in the clubhouse or outside The Waterloo are the nearest) and how to keep up with plus how long to keep trying CPR if we ever find ourselves able to help someone in that type of emergency (all the time until the medics arrive). This is something we all hope we'll never have to use but doesn't do any harm to learn. A total of £240 was raised by donations on the night by attendees and a club donation, this was sent to Castle Donington First Responders the charity chosen by Alyson the trainer on the night, Thanks to all who attended and Ian Hughes club member who organised the event.



### **Over 65 Inter Counties Squash**

We are hosting Stage 1 of the above this year. Matches will take place on the weekend of **March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** and will include Cheshire, Lancashire and Northumberland. Your support would be much appreciated, both in cheering on the players and in socialising in the clubhouse to make sure everyone feels welcome.

The Inter Counties is a competition between teams of three who play each other over the weekend. Rob Lathbury and Steve Coppard have played in the event for the last three years.

Bar cover for the event has been arranged, food will be provided for players, and we are looking to see if we source food for sale at the event.

### **Open Day**

We will be holding an Open Day on **Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>**, with a 10 am start, and with the aim of encouraging new members and/or for current members to perhaps try a different sport. I2C / Now Tennis will be organizing junior tennis events at 10am and 11am. Also, they have offered to put slots available for squash at 11am and 12 noon for follow-on junior sessions. Please note that clean non-marking shoes must be worn on the squash courts, so bring some with you if you want to have a go.

From 12 noon onwards, there will be general activities and the chance to look around the club.

For this, volunteers are needed – to show visitors/potential members around and make them feel welcome, to explain the different sports and their differences, to enable i2C to promote what services to sport (and the Club!) they provide, to man and to support the bar. If you can assist, even for a short while, please let Steve Nicholson know and check what/where/when you could do to help. [social@burtontsc.co.uk](mailto:social@burtontsc.co.uk)

We're looking at posters and banners to publicise the event and hoping to provide facilities for potential members to have a try at a sport, or for anyone to get a bit of coaching in their chosen game. Bassline will be in attendance on the Open Day to allow members to try squash and tennis racquets manufactured by Technifibre.

The last Open Day was very positive and friendly and encouraged a lot of people to come to see the club. Feedback from attendees was great. It would be wonderful if this event was too.



### **Spring Working Party**

We are hoping to identify the areas that need a further clean or tidy up and ask for volunteers within the membership to come to the club on a designated Saturday over the next few weeks, bringing brushes, litter pickers, gloves, gardening equipment, appropriate clothing if working outdoors amongst the bushes! enthusiasm and/or indeed anything we can use to help spruce the place up a bit.

Some things we have started to manage already, you may have noticed recently the skip near the car park, but sometimes we just need general help and maybe a bit of elbow grease. If you have any free time, especially on the Saturday morning, please join the “spruce up” team. Bring friends and/or family if you like – a picnic even - and find out how much we can achieve together. We would aim for a 10 am start. Further details will be shared.

### **Marketing – Sponsorship deal**



The Committee are pleased to announce we have attained sponsorship monies from our local Ford dealership in Burton = TC Harrison, signage will be in place soon. Our thanks go to Andrew Coveney Tennis Captain on obtaining this for this year.

### **Lost / Found**

We have plastic Lost Property boxes, one in both of the main changing rooms. Please have a look in each (ask a gent or lady to get the box out of the other changing room) and retrieve anything that is yours. Sometimes, it is not possible to ascertain whether an item should be in the men’s or the ladies, so don’t be afraid to ask to see the other box or to ask for it to be returned where it belongs after you’ve looked.

Some items in the boxes have been there a long time. Too long sometimes. Please have a look as soon as possible and reclaim if appropriate.

***Anything unclaimed in either box will be disposed of in the afternoon of February 28<sup>th</sup>.***

***A Curious Outbreak of Dimples was recently seen in the clubhouse one Sunday evening. It is reported that everyone recovered fairly quickly.***

***Phew!***



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