

September '25

Hello and Welcome to our latest Newsletter. Included are Upcoming Events, League Updates, News Items, Reminders and ... your favourite ... a quiz!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 6th: We have live music in the clubhouse, coming from a 4-piece band (including member Duncan Honeysett and his son Freddie). This will be their first gig, having been jamming and playing for fun for over 12 months. Please come and support this fledgling group ... the bar will be open from 5.30 and the music should start at about 8pm!

September 26th: The Tennis Mixed C Team are holding a karaoke evening in the Clubhouse to celebrate the end of their inaugural season. Do come along – it sounds like it'll be fun.

And finally, the Internal Tennis Tournament Finals are fast approaching. Keep your eyes peeled for the dates and times.

UPDATE ON SUMMER SQUASH & RACKETBALL LEAGUES:

Squash Captain Doug Whitfield reports that the Derbyshire summer league finished last week, with our team finishing a credible 5th in the league. After many years unselfishly running the Derbyshire team, latterly as a non-playing captain, Shaun Baxter has stood down. Well done Shaun, a brilliant effort! Jim Allen is due to take over the reins for the winter. Watch this space...

Our Warwickshire league summer racketball team finished a credible 3rd behind the big guns of Learnington and Kenilworth, the latter recently bringing in ex British number one Sarah-Jane Perry who has just retired from professional squash at the tender age of 35. Nick Lathbury ran her a very close match, although ultimately going down 3-0 to the classy racket work of this lady.

Winter Squash League:

Our Leicestershire squash entry has three teams, in divisions 2, 3 and 4, captained by Pat Langley, Jake Green and Rob Lathbury. The season starts Monday 15th September.

We have entered one team in the Derbyshire Squash league, to be captained by Jim Allen for his first season. No fixtures details are available yet. Again, watch this space...



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Winter Racketball league:

One team has been entered in the Leicestershire league, starting on Thursday, 25th September, and one team in the Warwickshire league, which starts on Wednesday, 15th October, to be captained by Dave Elliott, and Sam Marsden respectively. Warwickshire are trialling a new 3-a-side format; let's see how it goes.

Internal competitions:

Internal competitions are due to start mid to late September with the main Squash open and handicap competitions. The remaining 10 competitions to follow in October.

Good luck to all players concerned in these matches. Why not come and watch some of the play!

NEWS ITEMS:

BAR:

We have had to invest in a new cooler for the cellar recently. The old one had reached the end of its days and kept tripping, which resulted in it having to be reset up to three times a day in hot weather. The new cooler made a big difference straight away and has saved the man hours needed each warm day to sort out the problems the old one caused.

Due to the success of Guinness 0.0%, which we currently have in cans, we hope to provide that on draft once trials are over. The change of cider from Magners to Aspalls has also proved popular, especially in the heat of this summer. And their glassware is much nicer too!

Trade Team (the beer suppliers) have cleared away the clutter of empties from the lower area near the tennis courts entrance. Hooray.

CHANGING ROOMS:

The changing room previously available for juniors and/or disabled has now been designated as Universal WC/Shower Room. It has one shower, toilet and sink and can be locked easily from the inside. It will be available to all for use, with the aim of specifically providing facilities for juniors and people with any form of disability or who want more privacy than the other changing areas allow. Signage will be put up when it comes in.

Could anyone using the sauna (in the men's changing room) please switch off the light when you've finished with the sauna.

And please could everyone check that the showers and taps are fully off when you've finished using any of the facilities. Thanks.

CLUB CLOTHING:

You'll have noticed that the green & black (we'll call that dark) club clothing is not the only thing that's new – we also have some lighter colours (we'll call them light). There are



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several different items, in different styles, sizes and colours. Some can even be personalised! If you're interested in buying any of this, please contact Andrew Coveney (tennis@burtontsc.co.uk) for details and/or to place an order.

COURTS:

We have been asked if it would be possible to put digital clocks on the squash courts. Having investigated the options, we're sorry to report that it wouldn't be safe or feasible to do so. Sorry.

FUNDING:

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped our funding appeal, and very well done to everyone who came up with ideas or helped with events. The new lights are due to arrive shortly (they've been held up by numerous typhoons apparently) and will be installed as soon as possible, with consideration given to court bookings and trying to keep disruption to a minimum. Sports England boosted our fundraising to the point these new lights became possible.

The promised prizes will be drawn on the evening of September 24th, in the clubhouse. Good luck to all who entered the draw.

Some little reminders if we may ...

Please keep us up to date with, and notified of any changes to, your name, address, phone number/s, email address etc. Most of this this will be kept confidential but will help us to communicate with you about details of forthcoming events, opportunities to vote electronically etc. We would also like your date of birth and next of kin details just in case we need to contact anyone in the event of an emergency or the emergency services needing that information. This also applies to parents or guardians of junior members, for whom we may include additional questions such as allergies and/or medical matters. If you would like any particular information to be withheld apart from in an emergency, do add that when you contact us with the information. Let chair@burtontsc.co.uk or safeguarding@burtontsc.co.uk or membership@burtontsc.co.uk know and please be specific about what is especially confidential. Thank you.

Should there be an accident on club premises, the Accident Book in the kitchen (on the wall near the first aid boxes) must be completed in accordance with the instructions. The Welfare and Safeguarding officer needs to follow up anyone involved in an accident, so this is very important.

Would all members (and visitors) remember that outdoor footwear should not be used on courts or when using the gym equipment. Use of inappropriate footwear poses a health risk to the wearer and can damage our facilities. Outdoor shoes should be changed out of once inside the club and changed back into on leaving. We have a particular concern over astroturf footwear being used on the tennis courts as it is degrading the court surfaces badly.



September 2025 Quiz Questions:

I	which James Bond him hist leatured Roger Moore as Bond?
2	Which sport features in the phonetic alphabet?
3	Which organisation's motto is Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity?
4	What does the word Bonsai mean?
5	What was the local pub in Only Fools & Horses?
6	April 23 rd is National Beer Day in which country?
7	What is the sixth letter of the Greek alphabet?
8	What was the last year that looked the same upside down?
9	How many squares are there on a chess board?
10	Who was Lady Chatterley's lover?
11	Which nutty chocolate is sold mainly as triangular bars?
12	In what year was Who Wants to be a Millionaire first aired?
13	Who wrote the novel The Hunt for Red October?
14	Which singer had a hit with "Heaven is a Place on Earth"?
15	Where on the human body is the skin least sensitive?
16	In which county is Scafell Pike?
17	Who played the bus driver in 'Spice World'?
18	A tablespoon is the equivalent of how many teaspoons?
19	A set of dominoes contains how many dominoes?
20	Which Queen of Soul recorded her first Christmas album in 2008?
21	Who was Dick Dastardly's canine sidekick?
22	Which animal lives in a lodge?
23	Who was the first man to run a sub-4 minute mile?
24	Which American screen legend was born on 25-12-1899?
25	Which band had a hit with "I Predict a Riot"?
26	In what year was Netflix founded?
27	What is the collective noun for locusts?
28	Which city was the intended destination of the Titanic?
29	The Statue of Liberty holds the torch with which hand?

Answers in our next Newsletter