



## NEWSLETTER

January 2020

The new decade brings exciting changes to the tennis club which the committee wanted to share more publicly so that anyone interested can be informed and hopefully want to get involved.

The club has started to change over the last year which has meant there is more going on and that should offer all tennis at all levels.

### Junior Coaching

A new qualified tennis coach, Matty Morgan, who has recently achieved Level 3 which means that he has accreditation and is certified with the LTA. He is a level 3 accredited coach with experience at Wootton Bassett, Ramsbury, Great Bedwyn, Vermont and Florida!

The first coaching started on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January with a superb turnout of 16 juniors. Who says youngsters are glued to their phones?

The coaching is organised as follows and cost £5 per session on a turn up and play basis

Time		LTA category	Age
9.30 – 10.15	Mini tennis	Red	5-7
10.15 – 11.00	Mini tennis	Orange	8-9
11.00 – 11.45	Mini tennis	Green	10-11
11.45 – 12.30	Teen	Teen	12-16

Matty is also keen to do adult coaching for individuals, groups and teams.

He can be contacted at [matty.morgan7@icloud.com](mailto:matty.morgan7@icloud.com) or 07576 111272

### Teams

There were 2 Ladies teams in the Swindon and District Wiltshire Tennis leagues for the summer of 2019. The first team were in Division 2 and came runners up which means they achieve promotion to Division 1. Congratulations.

The second team were in Division 5 and more than held their own finishing a creditable 4<sup>th</sup>.

There will be teams entered in the summer leagues for 2020 and the number and make up will be based on demand from club members and also the use of the courts to make sure that all tennis is catered for. If any DATC members are interested in playing contact [tennis@downampneyvillage.co.uk](mailto:tennis@downampneyvillage.co.uk)

### **Social events**

2019 had several social events of different types all of which were well attended and enjoyed by all.

- 8<sup>th</sup> April            Opening season event – this was a very social tennis where many games of doubles were arranged followed by food which was brought along by those attending and laid out so everyone could sample what was on offer. We opened the bar to complete the fare.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June            This was another social tennis event based around the open session with the added fun of Tony Peel’s bean bag game (you had to be there). The food this time was sausages on the BBQ and the bar was open again
- 28<sup>th</sup> July            Another social tennis event followed by food and a bar.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sep                This time we arranged a friendly match with Lechlade in return for the same fixture the year before at their courts. This was very much a mix and match with Down Ampney pairs taking on Lechlade pairs then an eclectic mix of pairs based on who wanted to play which allowed the good turnout to all take part. Followed by food everyone brought along and the open bar which is a recurring theme.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec            This time there was no tennis owing to the weather, but everyone brought some food and no prizes for guessing the bar was open. Christmas jumpers were in season and we had a secret Santa with a twist that proved entertaining.

Similar events are being planned for this year, so watch out for information and make sure you put the dates on your calendar as soon as they are available.

If anyone wants to join, has any comments or questions please get in touch as we will be pleased to hear from you. [tennis@downampneyvillage.co.uk](mailto:tennis@downampneyvillage.co.uk)