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Wivenhoe Tennis Club

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UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

We have entered into a partnership with the University Sports department which will over time give us access to each other's facilities. Initially for us this will mean two sessions a week in the 'bubble', one on Sunday and the other on Thursday evening. These will start at the beginning of October and will operate as our current club sessions, with balls provided. Jamie will send out more information when it starts.

TRUST MEMBERSHIP CARD

Our club is part of the Wivenhoe & District Sporting Trust. A membership card is being introduced which will allow people to book the courts at Philip road (could be a pickleball venue) 50% off, a free Wivenhoe town football family club season ticket and 50% off public pay and play. There will be more discounts to come from local businesses as well. The cost is £10 for the year and it will be available from start of October. All money raised from the card will go straight into improving facilities on the site.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Thank you to everyone who helped with this event on 23rd July. It was more popular than we had hoped and over 50 people attended, including several families. Visitors were able to knock-up with club members, mini courts were available for younger children, the ball machine was available to practise shots, and club members were available to speak to about what is available. We have new members as a result and so plan to do this again in the future.

EVENTS DIARY

Sat 9 September Friendly League Finals Day 2
Sun 17 September Ladies Regional play-off in Ely
Fri 10/17 November Quiz Night: *please contact a committee member if you can help with the organisation*
Thu 22 February Presentations Evening & AGM

WINTER LEAGUE

As we move into September it is time for the Winter League to commence. We hope to have a Men's Team and a Mixed Team depending on interest. We have previously had a Ladies' Team as well but this year we have not had sufficient interest to put a team together. Rosie will send out further information on the Winter League by email.

LEAGUE RESULTS

We have had one of the most successful years on record. We won three summer leagues: the Men's Premier, Mixed Premier, and the Ladies' First Team. Congratulations to all who played in these. Our Mixed B team finished third in Division 5, our Men's B fourth in Division 2, our Men's C fourth in Division 5. Our Ladies' B team finished bottom of an exceptionally strong Division 4, which means they, unfortunately, face relegation to Division 5 next season'.

We were also winners of the Essex Summer Cup, where both the Ladies' and Men's team won. This is a first for the club. Huge congratulations to everyone involved. *(The teams are pictured above with Jamie)*

As a result of their success our Ladies' Team is through to the Regional Play-offs. These take place in Cambridge on Sunday 17th September. It will be a huge plus for the club if they would win so please come to support the team if you can. The venue is 10is academy, Barton Rd, Ely CB7 4BD. We are happy to help coordinate car sharing so please let any of the Committee know if you would like to go and need or can offer a lift.

The first day of Friendly League finals saw Clare Smee and Chris Jones win the Vet Ladies Doubles and James Shuttlewood was runner-up in the Men's Doubles with his partner from Frinton. Well done!

OTHER NEWS

- **Toilets:** we have been working behind the scenes to improve the facilities. Work is about to start on checking the plumbing and rehanging the doors. Club members will then have sole access to the two individual toilets behind the left hand doors and the football club will retain access to the larger ones we currently share with them.
- **Floodlights:** we have been pursuing a proper lease for the courts so that we can access funds to further improve the facilities. Top of the list is the fairly urgent need to replace the floodlights. We are now at the stage of seeking quotes to have the current lights replaced with new LED units.
- **Rubbish** in clubhouse: we have been having some issues with rubbish left in the clubhouse, including the bin. Waste food is a particular issue. Please take any away with you.
- **Waste tennis balls** should be put in the recycling bin in the shed please. We can generate additional income from their sale.
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped tidy up the area around the courts and the clubhouse. It all looks so much better!