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## OUT WITH THE OLD!

We are pleased to announce that we will be getting the court surfaces replaced and new fencing around court 4. The hope was the rejuvenation 2



years ago would have kept the courts going for a few years longer, unfortunately the surface is becoming too dangerous. The original court surfaces were put down in 2008 so we have definitely had good use out of them! The work will start Monday 17 April and take 2 weeks to complete. We will keep you updated by email and we appreciate your patience during this time.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Having balanced the cost of living crisis, rising Club costs and the new renovation of the courts the Committee will recommend keeping subscriptions at the present level. This will be ratified at the AGM, please ensure you come along to make your voice heard. The significant expense of the upgrades means we will have to focus efforts on fundraising to ensure the club remains in a sound financial position, and your support will be vital to these efforts.

We are also looking to move to online membership to help bring our club in line with other clubs in the area, to make joining/rejoining a more simplified process. It will also ease what is a huge time consuming task for the volunteers who tirelessly give their time and effort to the Club. We hope members can support us in this decision and find the process more streamlined.

## New Website Address

[www.stocksfieldtennisclub.com](http://www.stocksfieldtennisclub.com)

Our new email address is much easier to remember! Visit us for information about the club, membership renewal and more. Please register via the LTA to log on (email sign on is being phased out) in anticipation of subs renewals.

## Fundraising

The court rejuvenation project has wiped our sinking fund and we are relying on our members' generosity to kickstart a fundraising campaign. It's hoped, with the freezing of this year's subscriptions, people may be able to donate towards a crowdfunding page, and this in turn will help us succeed in grant applications. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

You can also help raise funds via Easyfundraising. Please register with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/s0e9r6/> and raise funds whenever you shop online.

Your participation at the upcoming quiz evening will also help aid fundraising efforts as well as provide a much needed social night out!

## Upcoming events

- 17 March 7:30pm: Quiz Night
- 21 March 7pm: AGM
- 25 March 10:30am: Spring Clean!
- 1 April: Subscription Renewal
- 10 April 10am-2pm: Junior Easter Camp
- 17- 30 April: Court rejuvenation
- 13 May 1pm: Open Day

## And Finally

The hubby said to me "I can think of 14 reasons to leave you, and don't even mention your obsession with tennis."

I replied "That's 15 love"

# WELFARE OFFICER UPDATE



We can now officially welcome Liz Wise as the new Welfare & Safeguarding Officer, having completed the requisite training and DBS checks. Liz's contact details can be found above, on the website and on the club noticeboard.

## AGM – DATE

## FOR YOUR DIARY **Tues 21 March 7pm**

This year's AGM will be held as above in the Clubhouse. Please make an effort to attend and support your club. We're always keen for new people to help with the running of the club, especially guardians who could provide a different perspective. There is availability on the committee for new voices, please let us know if you wish to join.

## COACHING

### Seniors

As well as Sunday afternoon adult coaching between 2:30pm-3:30pm, Tom has added an extra adult group coaching session on a Thursday evening between 6:45pm-7:45pm. If your tennis repertoire includes the ability to maintain a rally and you would like to attend these sessions, please contact Tom directly.

### Junior Easter Camp

Tom will be running his usual school holiday junior sessions week commencing 10 April. Further information will be provided by Tom in due course.

## THE BIG SPRING CLEAN!



### Saturday 25 March from 10:30am

We are asking for volunteers to come down and help with some cleaning, outdoor decorating and general tidying up of our clubhouse. **Please bring paintbrushes, gardening gloves and donations towards cakes/sustenance.** This will be followed by some social tennis should anyone have any energy in reserve!