



Fulwood Lawn Tennis Club

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We have had an enjoyable summer at the club with both adult and junior team matches; weekly coaching sessions and our ever popular social tennis. The committee are always keen to maintain and improve the facilities and activities of the club, please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Teams

Matches have now all been completed for the season in the Fylde League and their final positions of the teams are as follows.

Mens 1st team	Finished 7th in Div 2 - Relegated
Mens 2nd team	Finished 6th in Div 3 - Relegated
Mens 3rd team	Finished 6th in Div 4 - Relegated
Mens 4th team	Finished 5th in Division 6
Ladies 1st team	Finished top or second in Div 2 - Promoted
Ladies 2nd team	Finished in Div 2 - Relegated
Ladies 3rd team	Finished top of Division 6 - Promoted
Junior Under 16s	Finished top of the Division
Junior Under 14s	Finished 5th in the Division

We would like to give a big thank you to all involved - the team captains for running the teams, those transporting juniors and of course everyone who has played in them. Congratulations to the Ladies 1st and our newly reformed Ladies 3rd team on winning promotion! Condolences to those teams that were relegated, hopefully they'll be able to bounce back next year.

Special congratulations to the Under 16s team on winning the Ribble League for the first time and to the Under 14s playing juniors much older than themselves.

Autumn League

The club has entered a Men's and a Ladies' team in the Autumn League. Matches are played at weekends from the beginning of September. If you are interested in playing please contact Simon on **07519 840193** or Kate on **07717 225248**.

Social Tennis

There has been an increase in membership this year and social play continues to be well attended with four courts regularly being used every Monday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday afternoons. Everyone is welcome to come along and mix in on an informal basis, anytime from about 6.30pm Mon and Thurs and 1.30pm Sat.

Hiring out the Clubhouse

Much needed additional income has been generated from hiring out the clubhouse and bar. Slimming World uses the facilities on Thursdays and Sweet Salsa on Wednesday evenings. Other regular activities are Scottish dancing, Flower arranging, various U3A activities, a railway society and occasional dance examinations and parties.

Coaching

Phil Barlow's junior coaching sessions are on Friday evenings from 6.30-9.30 and Saturday mornings from 9.30-1.30pm. A

session for adults is from 7-8pm on Thursday evenings for all abilities at £4 for the hour. These will continue until the end of November. Phil caters for all levels of play, come along to try.

Phil is also available for private lessons and can be contacted on **07957 000406**.

A committee member will normally be at the club on Friday nights and the bar open for any members, parents or visitors who would like to come along.

Jacqui Lowe has run tennis camps for juniors at Easter, Spring Bank week and three separate weeks over the summer holidays. These have all been well attended and it is good to see enthusiastic youngsters taking up the sport. She will also run a camp over the October half term – please contact Jacqui on **07932 471341** to book your place.

Club Tournament

This will start from at the beginning of September with Open and Handicapped events in Men's and Ladies' Singles, Doubles and Mixed, depending on entry numbers.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Jane Blackwell on **01772 469575** or **07708 182036**, by text or email to janecatlow@hotmail.com stating the events that you would like to enter before **August 30th**.

Alternatively you can put your name on a board by the kitchen window for the events you would to enter.

For the open double events a partner can be specified but partners will be drawn at random in the handicapped events.

Players will arrange their own matches. A telephone list for players to follow later.

End of Season Social Evening

On **Friday, 4th December** from 7.30pm there will be a social evening in the clubhouse with food, cocktails and the bar.

A presentation will be made to the winners and runners-up in the club tournament.

Instead of having mince pies and mulled wine on the evening of Monday, 7th December, they will be available on the afternoon of **Saturday, 12th December** as part of the normal Saturday teas and cakes.

WIFI

For an experimental period WIFI is available at the clubhouse.

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