



Fulwood Lawn Tennis Club

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NEWSLETTER January 2016

WITH INVITATION TO THE 123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB

Dear Member(s)

The committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Weather!

As we are all aware the weather during November and December has been appalling with incessant rain, but negligible compared to the floods in Cumbria and other parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Despite the efforts of Envirolawn, who maintain our courts, there are still some muddy areas behind the playing areas. As soon as the weather improves we will be calling on members to help improve the surfaces by removing the sludge with our new shovels and power washing equipment. However three courts are playable.

In addition we have had boards fitted by the netting along courts 2 and 4 and at the rear of courts 3 and 4. This will help prevent soil coming over onto the courts and contaminating the surface.

End of Season Tournament

Despite considerable effort made to finish off the matches, rain prevailed and there are still some finals to be played. Results so far are as follows. Congratulations to the winners!

Mens Handicapped Singles	Richard Grundy
Mens Handicapped Doubles	Simon Williams & Charles Gayle
Ladies Handicapped Doubles	Jacqui McPartlin & Hannah Johnston

Christmas Social

Although not as well supported as last year and we were unable to present trophies, we had an enjoyable evening and were most grateful to Jim for bringing fun quizzes.

Teams

As usual men's and ladies' teams will be entered into the Fylde league for 2016. Team practices will be organised in the spring for any members wishing to play and will be advertised nearer the time. If you are interested in playing for a team please contact Jane Blackwell on **01772 469575** or email janecatlow@hotmail.com

Coaching

Weather permitting, coaching for juniors with Phil Barlow will restart on Friday evenings from **February 26th** at 6.30pm onwards for beginners to 8.30pm for the strongest players and on Saturday mornings from **February 27th** starting at 9.30am. Adult coaching will begin at about the same time on Thursday evenings.

Phil is available as well for private lessons and can be contacted for any enquiries on **07957 000406**.

Jacqui Lowe is also available for private lessons and will run tennis camps during the school holidays. She can be contacted on **07932 471341**.

Wimbledon Tickets

The arrangements to receive Wimbledon tickets are the same as last year.

Not only must members be a **member of British Tennis** but you must also **have replied to the LTA's email** that was sent to you last November stating that **you are interested in receiving a pair of Wimbledon tickets**.

If you do not meet these requirements I will be unable to select your name from their website to allocate a ticket to you.

Last year we received 5 pairs of tickets but we were able to apply for extra tickets for unallocated seats during May for certain weekdays only on courts 1, 2 and 3.

Once you have been assigned a ticket, details will be entered onto the LTA website. **The LTA will email the person allocated who must pay the LTA directly for them within a fortnight or their allocation will be forfeited.** The tickets will be posted to the member by the LTA shortly before the Wimbledon fortnight.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets please telephone me on the number below.

AGM

The AGM will take place on **Monday, 14th March 2016 at 7.30 pm** with a provisional agenda as follows. It would be much appreciated if you are able to attend.

1. Welcome by the Club Captain and apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the meeting held in March 2015 and matters arising
3. Hon. Secretary's Report
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report including the Club Accounts for 2015/16
5. Subscriptions for 2016/17
6. Election of Officers & Committee for 2016/17
7. Any other business

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