



Papworth Tennis Club



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2018

As we start 2018 and look forward to the next season, here's an update on Papworth tennis matters:

- Alex Doffman has left Papworth to return to Solihull in a new teaching role but we're delighted that Rob Lowe will be taking over. Rob is Over&in's newest member of staff and we look forward to meeting him later this week as we organise his coaching duties at Papworth.
- We're delighted that Alex Jouvray has joined our Tennis Committee and agreed to manage the Men's Cambs league team plus refresh our website. Alex is looking for any recent photos to update the website so please send any contributions to him at alex_jouvray@hotmail.com
- You'll be aware that, since the courts were built, Court 4 has only been lit from one side which is not ideal on dark winter evenings! So, as part of an improvement package for the courts, we are planning on installing the missing floodlights. This process is subject to planning consent and could take many months, but the aim is to have full lighting on Court 4 by next winter. Other proposed improvements include extending the grounds adjacent to Court 4, purchasing a new storage facility, and raising the fence height next to the Bowls Club to catch those annoying balls that bounce onto the bowls green!
- We constantly try to hold back moss growth on the courts by regular spraying but, with some financial help from the Papworth Playing Fields Committee, we should finally get the large trees which overhang our fence pruned in the spring.

- The Men's Team in Division 7 of the Cambs LTA Winter League finished with a very creditable mid-table position against some strong opposition.
- If you're a British Tennis Member, please don't forget to OPT-IN again to the Wimbledon ticket ballot on the LTA website by mid-February. Everyone registered at Papworth helps to boost the number of tickets we receive for the Wimbledon tournament draw.
- We'll be kicking off the season with our usual Alicante Cup social tournament on Sunday 29th April. Hannah will be circulating entry details next month so please sign up early to make it a well-attended, fun event!
- Our AGM will take place in late March, probably on Tuesday 27th March in Rocky's, but this is subject to receiving confirmation of our allocation of Wimbledon tickets by that date (as that's why most people attend!)
- Papworth has entered teams to play in the Cambs LTA leagues next season (Ladies, Men's, Mixed & Vets). Please contact a team captain if you want more details (Lisa – Vets, Hannah – Ladies, Debra – Mixed and Alex – Men's) or just send an email to Papworthtennis@hotmail.co.uk and Fiona, our Club Secretary, will put you in touch with the right person.
- Our Open Days in 2017, as part of the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekend, proved very popular and successful for recruiting new members so we'll be holding similar Open Days in the summer of 2018 – dates to be announced.
- Our Membership Secretary, John Peal, will soon be in contact with members to start the renewal of memberships for 2018/19. We're pleased to announce that the fees will be unchanged for next season and we hope you'll agree that represents good value for money to give you access to our Club facilities the whole year round!
- If you have any questions about Papworth Tennis or suggestions for the Committee to consider, please email us on papworthtennis@hotmail.co.uk or contact a Committee Member (details on the Papworth Tennis Website).

See you on the courts soon!

Kind regards,

Steve Welburn

Papworth Tennis Chairman

On behalf of your Tennis Committee