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PEN-Y-FFORDD LTC Newsletter

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A WARM WELCOME



We're delighted to announce Vicki has joined the club's committee, where she's taken on the role of Membership Secretary. Vicki's passion for tennis shines through in her extensive history of being involved in the game - as well as being a Level 4 coach, Vicki has delivered coaching qualifications, workshops and forums across the UK. She's a fully qualified LTA official, and competes for Wales and North Wales. Say hi if you see her around!

OCTOBER CATCH UP

It's been another busy couple of months as summer drew to a close and we moved into autumn. August's junior tennis camps ran by Michaela McDonald & Sam Howard proved popular, we welcomed a new member to the club's committee, and the results are now in for the North Wales Summer League. The Tennis-A-Thon was a highlight in September, as was having 23 Beavers on court to try out their tennis skills! We've got plenty to look forward to in the coming months, from some exciting clubhouse improvements and the North Wales Winter League, to the club's Annual General Meeting and Christmas party. Read on for all the latest news!



🎾 TENNIS-A-THON 🎾

This year's Tennis-A-Thon was a huge success! With a tense 1 Point Slam, a raffle, and plenty of cake and home-baked bread on offer, it was a brilliant day for the club and our community. We're delighted to share that we raised an amazing £1,100 for Nightingale House Hospice, beating last year's already impressive total! A big thank you to everyone who took part, made a donation, provided raffle prizes, baked, volunteered and supported the event.



LEAGUE ROUNDUP



SAFEGUARDING

On 3rd October, Welfare Officer Mags Abbott attended the LTA SAFE TO PLAY NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026. It was another useful conference that focused on a range of interesting webinars, including a session on safeguarding and professional boundaries, neurodiversity in tennis, inclusive practices and the importance of giving young people a voice - all topics that, as a club, we take seriously within our safeguarding.
As in previous years, the conference reminds us all that we need to be positive bystanders and report any concerns to the club welfare officers or via the 'Report a concern' QR code.

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It's been a great summer of league tennis for the club, with all four teams representing us in the North Wales Summer League. Special congratulations go to our Division 1 ladies' team, who were crowned division champions! Their achievement was celebrated at the Wrexham Lexus Open, where the team was presented with the winners' shield. In our first year having two ladies teams, our Division 2 ladies also enjoyed an excellent season, finishing as runners-up in their division. Meanwhile, our two men's teams battled it out in their respective divisions, with our Division 2 men finishing 6th and Division 4 men securing 5th place. A well-deserved mention also goes to our junior players in the Division 4 men's team, who fought hard on court and took one of their matches all the way to a deciding match tie-break.

Well done to everyone who represented the club this summer, and thank you to all our players for their commitment, teamwork and continued support of club tennis.

And it doesn't stop there! We're looking forward to entering teams into the North Wales Winter league this year, giving our teams even more chance to play competitively throughout the colder months.







THANK YOU

We recently welcomed on court Katie & Lucas from Fussnegger Ltd Bakery Consultancy, James & Amy from Foregolf & Preowned Golf, and Fraser from Cambria Dental Practice to officially cut the ribbon on the benches they very kindly sponsored. A huge thank you once again to all three businesses for their generosity and support.

SAVE THE DATE

SOCIAL SESSIONS & CLUB PLAY

Despite the colder weather and darker nights, our Social and Club Play sessions continue to run throughout the week:

Monday: Social Session | 6-8pm

Wednesday: Social Session | 10am-12pm

Wednesday: Club Play | 6-8pm

Thursday: Social Session | 6-8pm

Friday: Social Session | 10am-12pm

Sunday: Club Play | 10am-12pm

Please note: Members must indicate they'd like to attend a session via the weekly WhatsApp polls. Not part of our WhatsApp community? Click here to join us.

🎾 Thursday 19th November - Pen-y-ffordd Tennis Club AGM, 7pm

Join us for our Annual General Meeting as we discuss all things club-related. Hot drinks and festive treats will be on offer, so come along, have a catch-up and get involved in what's happening at the club!

🏆 Monday 30th November - Tennis Wales Awards 2027 nominations close

Know someone who deserves recognition for their contribution to tennis? Don't forget that nominations for the Tennis Wales Awards 2027 close on 30th November! For more information and to complete a nomination form, please click here.

🎄 Friday 11th December - Christmas Party, 6.30pm at The Red Lion

Our annual Christmas party is back, and after a brilliant evening last year, we're already looking forward to this one! There'll be a live band, a raffle and, of course, plenty of pigs in blankets.

2 courses: £29.95
3 courses: £35.95

Please let us know by the beginning of December if you'd like to come along. A £10 non-refundable deposit will be required to secure your place. We hope to see everyone there for a festive evening of good food, good drink, and great company!

LET THERE BE LIGHT

With the evenings getting darker, just a reminder that our floodlights are free for members to enjoy. If you can no longer make your booking, please remember to cancel via your confirmation email or the Booker app. This frees up the court for other members and helps avoid the floodlights being left on when nobody is playing. Thank you!