





# Autumn at Pen-y-Ffordd Tennis Club

A very warm welcome to all our new and long-standing members.

What a busy month it's been at PYF Tennis Club! The doubles league is well under way, the socials have been buzzing, and our amazing Tennis-a-Thon was a huge highlight. It's brilliant to see so many members out on court and making the most of everything the club has to offer.

Read on to see what's coming up next – there's plenty more to look forward to 🤝





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#### SAVE THE DATE Pen-y-ffordd Tennis Club's Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held **7.30-9pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** and we'd love to see you there.

The AGM isn't just about paperwork – it's your chance to help shape the future of your Club. Come and have your say on what is working and what is not, what you'd like to see more of and what else we could do going forward. Bring your best ideas and learn more about the Club's plans, finances and key decisions that need to be made.

It's also a chance to catch up with fellow members and enjoy a mulled wine or hot chocolate!

Put it in your diaries and let us know you'll be joining us by emailing penyfforddtennisclub@yahoo.couk no later than Monday 10th November.





What an incredible effort from everyone at PYF Tennis Club! We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day - the sun was shining, the courts were buzzing, and the atmosphere was amazing. For 12 hours straight, the courts were full, from our youngest juniors to our seasoned seniors.

We absolutely smashed our fundraising target for our incredible charity, and it's all thanks to our fantastic community. Your support, whether through attendance or sponsorship, means the world to us.



### Safeguarding

### **Annual LTA Safeguarding Conference**

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, our Welfare Officers, Mags Abbott and Nige Owen, attended the annual LTA Safeguarding Conference.

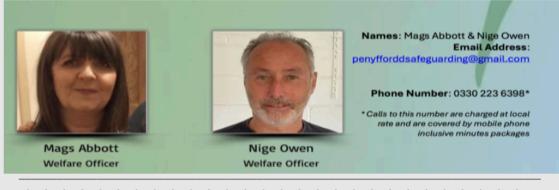
Once more, the case studies in the conference reinforced the importance of safeguarding and the need for it.

Some comments from our Welfare Officer, Mags:

'There was a session on a coach who had been subject to a safeguarding investigation - another demonstration of the importance of following club rules and policies when young people are involved.

Overall, the thing I took away is that if a behaviour changes in a child or young person, we need to think what has happened to that child/young person, rather than what's wrong with them! This was very relevant to the conference last year where it was encouraged to be an active bystander.'

If you have any safeguarding or welfare concerns, please contact Mags Abbott & Nige Owen:





Thursday 11th December - The Red Lion, Pen-y-ffordd

Drop us an email if you would like to join us! Biggest attendance to date

Penyfforddtennisclub@yahoo.co.uk

#### Socials

### Available during a weekday?

Despite the darkening skies and falling temperatures, our weekday evening social sessions have been proving more popular than ever, often with members having to be reserves. This is a reminder that we also run weekday sessions on Wednesdays & Fridays 10 am-12 pm, so if you're one of the lucky ones able to play during the day, just let us know and we'll add you to the WhatsApp group. Happy playing!

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### Club doubles league

The club doubles league is well underway, and with just two weeks to go, both the ladies' and men's groups are squeezing in those final matches!

Keep your eyes peeled for the <u>final results</u> - it's all to play for! Well done to everyone for getting those matches scheduled and played. One last push!

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## A Big Thank You to Floral Wish! \*\*\*

Thank you, Floral Wish, a wonderful small local business, for creating such a beautiful autumnal wreath for our clubhouse. It's added the perfect seasonal touch! You can

find Gemma's contact details in the clubhouse and on her website. We're so grateful for her generosity and support



Thank you, Gemma! 💥



#### **Gentle REMINDERS**

Parking - Please only park in the designated spaces by the courts to park. If these are full, there is plenty of parking on Vounog Hill.

Court Bookings - Please can we ask that you only book *One* court at a time. Multiple court bookings ("Side-by-side") by one member are not allowed. please remember to add the names of all players/members who will be present.

Cancelling Courts/Floodlights - If, for any reason, you cannot play and no longer need a court that you've booked, kindly ensure you cancel the booking promptly. This helps in maximising court availability for other members. Additionally, if you are playing under floodlit courts and finish early, please can you END booking. This will turn off the floodlights. By doing so, both our neighbours and the environment can benefit, THANK YOU. (There is a 10min shutdown window for the lights)

Children - under 18's must always be supervised in the clubhouse. Parents are responsible for any juniors playing unsupervised.

Clubhouse Security - When you unlock the clubhouse, it is your responsibility to ensure the door is locked before you leave. The T&C's can be found on our website under Facilities.



Safeguarding Contacts: Nigel Owen & Mags Abbott penyfforddsafeguarding@gmail.com ~ 0330 223 6398





