



## Oswestry Team Tennis



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Kobe Jones winning the North Wales U14 Closed Singles in early October



**Helen and Joe Shiel and Reuben Moreton in our new Club Clothing**

### Introduction

I hope you are all okay and focusing on Christmas now even if it will be very different from 2019. I personally find it difficult to believe we have now reached this time after an extraordinary year, with the ramifications of covid 19 sadly to stay with us for many years from an economic point of view. Not being able to have our annual "Volleywood" to celebrate our club in November was really sad for me, and no doubt all of you, as it is such an opportunity to bring our club together. To hear today that my grand-daughter will not now be going back to school until January due to an outbreak of covid 19 at her school reflects the difficulties that all generations are having to face up to. However to see a 90 year old lady receiving the first vaccination today is an amazing step forward and can only give all of us a lot of hope for 2021 and beyond. I know I can't wait to have my vaccination and try to get back to "normality" including seeing all of you on and around the tennis court!

**I am sorry to raise this subject, but please please, do not overlook the need to continue follow our covid 19 guidelines whether on or off court. They are there for your safety and it is vital that you all follow them.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen and Joe Shiel not only for their club work throughout the year looking after the accounts and the website, but particularly for keeping me going with our tennis affairs, when it would have been quite easy to lose my focus with being in isolation for such a long time and not seeing all of you on or off court. Their cheerful and positive disposition has undoubtedly raised my spirits, particularly the regular weekly Zoom meetings with Helen on Saturday mornings (and Joe joining in occasionally!) and helping to deal with a number of “items”, not necessarily club matters and I hope they enjoyed my sloe jam!! They are a great example to all of us for their club volunteer work and I am very grateful to both of you for your support. Long may your support continue!!

Well done to Kobe Jones for winning the North Wales Under 14 Singles back in early October. For me the photo of him at the start of the newsletter is quite iconic for the celebration he and his family must have felt with this success and hopefully Kobe and all of us will not need to wear facemasks in future, once the pandemic is under control.

The final photo is of Reuben Moreton wearing our club clothing, which Helen and I think will make a really good Christmas present. Helen has already sent you details of how to obtain it and I hope more of you will take up our £10 discount offer – see paragraph later on!

Last but not least, a big THANKYOU to all of you who have renewed your membership and many thanks to Blake for looking after this area. Our membership is now around 130 so whilst it has dropped from last year, it is a very healthy number, so I hope you will make good use of our courts and what the club offers you in 2021.

### OTT Christmas article from Tennis2You



It's been a different year but nevertheless, we have marched through it and continued to see some fantastic tennis and plenty of progression from those who are OTT veterans and newcomers. Blake and I are very keen to see what happens in 2021 and we hope to see more children playing tennis regularly outside of their coaching sessions. We will be looking to run plenty of family and junior match play events in 2021, which should see everyone putting into practice what they have learned with Blake and myself.

I would like to remind everyone that Blake and I offer extra private sessions with us, where you can have a one to one or a pairs lesson. We also have Nia and Hattie as our young hitters, who are there to offer match play and plenty of high quality rallying to help your child progress further and play more fun tennis. If you are interested, please contact either Blake or me.

I would like to finish with thanking all of you for your continued support this year and for future years. As we move into another different year, let's continue to show our support for one another and keep moving forward as a tennis family.

See you in 2021

Ben and Blake

### Parent Working Group

This is an important part of running our club. Our next Zoom meeting will be at the end of January. If anyone would be interested in helping our group drive the club forwards and we have a lot of work to do in 2021!!, please contact me asap.

### Club Clothing

To take up this offer simply follow this link <https://macronstorewrexham.co.uk/oswestry/> and if clothing is for a **JUNIOR MEMBER**, please apply the code **OTT10** when you make your purchase to claim your **£10 discount**. This code can be used against any of the kit offer including the full Kit which does offer very good value for money. This discount is open for the first 50 purchases for junior members.

### **Wall overlooking mini red courts**

You will have been aware that we had to close down two of the three courts in August as we were concerned about the state of the wall which was bulging out. The wall was reduced in size by the owner to eliminate the problem but it still needs to be rebuilt to its former height to stop the balls going over, which we are awaiting. Hopefully this will be completed very soon.

### **Clubhouse update**

Some further progress has been made but the impact of covid 19 and the most recent lockdown has not exactly helped for obvious reasons. The draft plans do look exciting and I will share them with you when we are ready to do so.

### **Final thoughts**

I trust that you all have a very happy Christmas and New Year, even if it cannot be quite as you wish and I hope you all come back refreshed to meet the challenges of 2021.

I leave you with a "Christmas Cracker" joke that I hope some of you will appreciate:-

What is Dominic Cummings favourite Christmas song?

Driving home for Christmas!

### **Take care and please stay safe**

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