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Congratulations must go to Alfie Edwards on reaching 41st in the LTA Rankings in 2020. Alfie has worked very hard with Matt Lee his coach throughout 2020 to improve his all round play and delighted that he has achieved this significant national ranking, so keep up the good work in 2021! I thought a photo of Wimbledon looking busy in 2019 to show how Wimbledon should be is apt at this time, and congratulations go to Blake on winning his Oswestry Life Hero award for Outstanding Achievement on completing his running challenge of 1000 miles raising funds in support of Hope House during lockdown in 2020.

Introduction

Hi everyone

Well I hope you are all okay and keeping safe. Won't it be amazing to hit some tennis balls!! I know I am looking forward to this opportunity to do, and I know Ben and Blake can't wait to welcome you all back on court in a few days time! Please note our existing covid protocols continue, nothing has changed in that respect so please stay safe when you come to OTT, and respect other people's space..

I had my vaccine jab at the beginning of February so expecting to get the summons for my second jab fairly soon, which hopefully will grow my confidence as an OAP to go out and see people outside in the next few weeks including you! I hope all of you will take the opportunity as it arises to have your jab, if you haven't already had one which can only help reduce the risk to all of us.

Sadly the Community Games working group of which I am a member, decided to cancel the September 2021 event in Cae Glas Park as we felt it was too big an ask local clubs including OTT to commit to a day out in the park given some clubs have no idea yet when they will be allowed to restart their activities.. Instead a small grant is coming from Community Games to OTT and other clubs to help towards staging an event this spring/ summer.

AGM 11th March 2021 by Zoom

- It was very strange holding the AGM online so a big THANKYOU to those of you who attended, and the good news is that we got through the business in the 40 minutes allocated! Just hope that we do not have to repeat this next year!
- Covid restrictions past present and future sadly were the main feature of the last 12 months. Ben and Blake were very much thanked for their outstanding work to keep the coaching and use of the courts going through the times that we were allowed to be open.
- Reviewing the twelve months to 30th September, our highlight off court had been undoubtedly the very successful first Volleywood club evening run at Oswestry Cricket Club in November 2019 with over 100 of us crowded into the room.

Many thanks to Clare Hann for organising and leading the event.

- Our parent working group including Hattie Leslie-Miller junior rep, was re-elected en bloc, Emma Spelman took over the reins from Paula Jones as our Club welfare officer last summer, whilst Helen Shiel was reappointed as Treasurer. Many thanks to Emma and Helen for all their work through this very difficult year. I was re-elected Deputy Treasurer and Chairman for my fourth year in this position, and will again try to do my best for you. If anyone reading this would be interested in joining the working group and supporting its work, please let me know - there's always room for more!
- For those interested in our finances, our accounts for 2019/20 show a surplus of £2567 which was credited to boost our general reserve to £6338, our resurfacing fund now stands at £3307, and our clubhouse fund donation now stands at 40k, thanks to Mike Markham's very generous donation of £20k.
- Regarding the clubhouse, Gavin Porritt of Design and Planning Associates Ltd based in Oswestry was appointed last Spring to assist us in taking the clubhouse project forward. We are getting to the stage of preparing a feasibility study to present to Oswestry Town Council later this year.

MBNA Grant for junior club clothing- our club discount scheme is still available. 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.

- Due to covid restrictions, Wimbledon was sadly cancelled in 2020, but it is anticipated to run in 2021, albeit with reduced attendances. The latest LTA announcement is that there will be no club ballot for 2021. My advice to you is to register assuming you/your child is eligible as a LTA Member if you are not one already, so that you have the chance of a pair of tickets in 2022 when hopefully full crowds will be allowed back.

Solicitors Car Park Usage

Last but not least, please remember our members are only allowed to use this car park at weekends or on weekdays after 6pm, and it is not a facility to drive in and to “drop your child off” before 6pm.

Please do not abuse this privilege.

Take your child to the park gate entrances for the club before 6pm sessions otherwise you will upset the solicitors, who are very important to us.

Clive Knight 28.03.2021