

Oswestry Team Tennis



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Adam Hughes /Maisie Anderson



Club Celebration Day 2021



Alfie Edwards

U12 Shropshire Singles Champion

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Welcome

I hope you are all okay, and enjoying our autumn coaching. To those of you who are not rejoining our club and going on to university etc, I hope you have enjoyed being a member of OTT and wish you all well.

We have our Club Celebration Day including our Annual Awards on Sunday 16th October to look forward to, so please put this date in your diary, and I look forward to seeing many of you there. It starts at 1.30pm and will finish around 5pm. Blake has already sent out the invite, so please do support the day. We had a great day last year, so please help to make this one just as successful. Proceeds will again go to our clubhouse fund.

Thank you to Blake and his Tennis2u team for starting up the autumn coaching programme and I am delighted that we have well over 100 players involved including almost 30 adults, so delighted to see the continuity of what we offer on a regular basis to our members. Blake's coaching report is shown later in this newsletter.

Congratulations must go to Alfie Edwards who is having another outstanding year in junior competition.. At the end of August, Alfie played in the Shropshire county championship. He had some amazing results winning the 12&under event and coming runner up in the 14&under event. He was invited to play in an exclusive event the Babolat Cup UK 2022 finals at the end of September. There Alfie did very well to win a number of matches but lost narrowly in the main draw to the no 4 seed Oliver Frost 0-4, 4-3, 10-6. A superb effort Alfie and very well done.

Congratulations also go to OTT 13 year old Maisie Anderson to play at Oswestry Tennis Club and emerged with her doubles partner Adam Hughes as winners of their social tournament on Sunday 25th September, so very well done Maisie!

Membership 2022/23 Update

Thank you to our 80 members who have already paid your membership fees in September, which is a great help to us. Blake has already provided you with all the necessary information. To those of you who have not yet got round to paying, **please do so asap!**

Our Clubhouse to be – with your help!

I would remind you that we were given planning permission at the end of April to convert the workshop adjacent to our courts into our clubhouse with an attached toilet annex. Following recovery from the surprise of gaining planning permission, Gavin Porritt – Design Consultant, Stephen Welti – Trustee and I had our meeting with Oswestry Town Council at the end of July (which had been delayed due to covid). It was a wide ranging discussion including a new Heads of Terms agreement, recosting of project, given the significant increases in material prices since it was first costed in March 2021 and how we will top up our finances to complete the project with external grant aid and our internal fundraising. On a plus, so pleased we decided to include solar panels in our planning application, given the horrendous increase in energy costs.

As a small example of internal fundraising, I have been running OTT Sporting Challenge Quiz for a number of years now, and it has raised £1500 towards our clubhouse, which is encouraging, but we obviously need many other projects to reach our financial target.

This will be your amazing clubhouse but we do need your help to complete it from both our juniors and adults, so please do get involved in whatever way you can!

Coaching Programme - Tennis2You Blake Strefford report

Many thanks must go yet again to Ben/ Blake, and Kobe who oversee the Tennis2You coaching programme which plays such an important part for our club. Blake's coaching report on behalf of Tennis2You is shown below:-

Tennis2You report

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back to tennis after our summer holiday break. There have been a few changes with Ben stepping down from some of his coaching hours. A big thank you to everyone for understanding the changes and making it an easy process for me. One of those changes has seen Kobe leading sessions on a Saturday and helping me on a Friday evening. A huge thank you to Kobe for stepping up and leading coaching sessions I'm sure you will all agree he's doing a fantastic job. I would also like to wish Kobe all the best for his upcoming level 2 tennis coaching course. As some of you will know Ben is still coaching on a Monday and Tuesday evening and is on hand to cover some sessions if he's available, so I'm sure you will see him at some time coaching.

Some of you will already know, but I just thought I would take this opportunity to remind you of our adult's sessions we run at OTT. We have 4 sessions during the week. All sessions are £6 or £7 for non-members - see below :-.

Monday- adults coaching 6:30-7:25pm

Tuesday- Ladies tennis coaching 7-7:55pm

Wednesday- Cardio tennis 6:30-7:25pm

Thursday- Rusty Rackets 9:30-10:25am

If you would like to join us in one of these sessions, please let me know.

As Clive has mentioned we have our club celebration day on Sunday 16th October 2022 we will be running a fun tournament for parents and children to partner up and play other parents and children. It would be great to see as many people as possible there and having lots of fun. So please let me know ASAP if you can attend.

Last thing from me on a personal note I will be running the Oswestry 10K on the morning of 16th October. So, if you are watching please give me a cheer as I will need as much help as possible after my all-inclusive holiday last week! Also all the best to everyone who will be joining me on the start line!

Ben, Kobe, myself and all our amazing helpers look forward to seeing everyone on court this term and playing lots of great tennis.

Coach Education Update

I am delighted to advise that our club will be financially supporting our juniors Kobe Jones with his LTA Level 2 course, and Erin Oakley with her LTA Level One course, which are both happening very soon. Good luck to them and sure they will be fine!

Rusty Rackets – Thursday 9.30am – 10.30am

I am now looking after this scheme and pleased to advise we have 5-6 players attending on a regular basis. It is a lot of fun, it is pay as you go, so if anyone reading this would like to join us, please get in touch with me , Clive, on 07964615858.

Wimbledon Ballot 2023

Whilst OTT members can apply through the LTA online club ballot, there is also a Public Ballot which has been reintroduced after being cancelled in 2021, which is free to enter and anyone can apply to for 2023.

If you wish to go down this route, you will need to apply by 30th December 2022.

https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/tickets/the_wimbledon_public_ballot.html

Play your way to Wimbledon 2022 for U14's

Congratulations go to Alfie Edwards, Matei Balasa, Maisie Anderson and Catrin Hopkins for coming through our club event to represent OTT in the County tournament which was held in Shrewsbury in June. Alfie did very well to reach the quarter finals, and is young enough to have another opportunity to reach the Wimbledon finals next year.

Dates for your diary

- Sunday 16th October – 1pm onwards Club Celebration Day including Annual Awards

Shrewsbury Club – ITF World Tennis Tour – Women – starts Sunday 30th October

This event is well worth going to watch as it is on your doorstep. It will undoubtedly inspire your child as the tennis on view from some of the World's top women players will be amazing, especially when you are so close to the court. I have taken an extract from their website promotion:-

“Get ready for world class tennis as the ITF World Tennis Tour is heading back to Shrewsbury! Starting Sunday October 30th, we are hosting the Budgen Motors W100, the biggest event in women's tennis to be staged in England this year, outside of the grass court season!”

For further details please go on their website to see more and book your tickets.

<https://www.theshrewsburyclub.co.uk/tennis/international-tennis-events/>

Hope to see you soon on or off court!

Clive Knight – Chairman

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