

Oswestry Team Tennis



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Our Clubhouse to be!

Hi everyone, hope you are all okay and have been enjoying our heatwaves!!

Everything is now on course for our very own Clubhouse, so I do hope you are excited at the prospect of seeing the finished product, and using it!!

This project actually started with the idea way back in 2014 by Mike Markham our Head Coach at that time, but we did not get really serious about it until 2020 just before Covid hit when we appointed Gavin Porritt as our design consultant. Our clubhouse will make OTT so much more welcoming to visitors and will act as a social hub for all of us throughout the year. We anticipate our Clubhouse will be finished in September but not properly open until late October, with the water supply not arriving until then because of STWA extensive waiting list for this type of work. This is your Clubhouse so please look after it and treat it kindly as we want it to last a long time!

Our parent working group is currently working on how we will get the best usage out of the building, so if you have any ideas or wish to contribute on how you would like to see it used, please let us know!

We were delighted to welcome James McKenna to our Parent Group in June, and he is already making his mark. James plays on a Sunday morning, his Dad Mike plays walking tennis on a Monday morning, whilst Theo has coaching, so three generations in a one family all involved!

If anyone reading this would consider joining our Parent Group and help our Club move forward, please get in touch, and help make a difference. It does not matter how little or how much time you can give to help OTT move forward positively, it will be very much appreciated I can assure you.

Club Membership Fees due for 2026/27 – year 1st September- 31st August 2027

Please note you will be receiving your annual, membership renewal reminder in mid August, so please respond, and get it paid as soon as possible, which will help reduce the workload of our new Membership Secretary Ruth Sperring who is taking over the reins from me.

Finally, many thanks must go yet again to our Blake and his team of coaches from Tennis2You who we contract to undertake our tennis delivery on court, and our young OTT volunteers for helping our players on court in the spring/summer with coaching and competition opportunities.

New Treasurer needed

Many thanks to Craig Nurse for undertaking this key role for the club over the last year with our Clubhouse finances. Sadly he needs to step down at the financial year end due to work and family commitments. We are therefore looking for a new Treasurer.

It is not an onerous role, now that our Clubhouse finances have been sorted, but it would be helpful if you do have an accounts background of some sort. If you might be interested in taking on this role, please contact me as I am the deputy Treasurer and have some experience in this area!

Club Open Day – Saturday May11th



A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Open Day on Saturday! We had an amazing 50 children join in, with some picking up a tennis racket for the very first time.

It was fantastic to see so many smiles and children enjoying the great sport of tennis!

Blake ably led his Tennis2You team of coaches and OTT volunteers on court to provide an amazing amount of activities for the newcomers, backed up by Our Parent Group who provided the free refreshments.

Hopefully we have recruited a number to our Club membership as a result of this very successful day.

Blake Strefford - Tennis2You report

As we come to the end of the summer term, I'd like to say a huge thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We've welcomed lots of new players to both our coaching programme and the club, which has been fantastic to see. A warm welcome to all of our new families – I hope you're enjoying learning this great sport! Information about next term's coaching programme will be sent out in early August, giving you plenty of time to plan ahead, as I know September can be a busy time with children moving up to new schools or classes. Our next term will begin in the week commencing 31st August 2026.

Summer Coaching Sessions

Although our regular coaching programme has now finished for the summer holidays, we're still running our popular summer coaching sessions. We've already completed the first week, but there's still plenty of time to book onto the remaining three weeks!

These sessions are open to all age groups and run from 4:30–6:00pm on the following dates:

- Tuesdays: 4th, 11th & 18th August 2026
- Wednesdays: 5th, 12th & 19th August 2026

The cost is £11 per child, per session. To book a place, please contact us at tennis2you.ltd@gmail.com or 07515 822921. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Tournaments



Tournament held on Saturday 11th July

This spring, we have held a few junior tournaments, and they were a great success. It was fantastic to see so many players taking part, with many experiencing their very first tennis tournament. Most importantly, everyone enjoyed themselves, gained valuable match experience, and had lots of fun.

Our tournaments are a brilliant opportunity for children to put into practice the skills they've been learning in coaching sessions, build confidence in match play, and enjoy competing in a fun and supportive environment.

We're hoping to run another tournament towards the end of September, with the possibility of another after the October half-term, although this will depend on the weather. Please keep an eye out for further details and encourage your child to take part. Tennis isn't just about coaching sessions – it's also about playing matches, enjoying competition, and putting those new skills into practice.

Using the Courts This Summer

During the summer holidays, we'd encourage you to bring your child down to the courts to keep practising and enjoying their tennis.

To access the courts, simply show your membership card to the park keepers and they'll be happy to let you in.

It's always fantastic to see children playing outside of their coaching sessions, whether they're hitting with friends, family members, or even teaching Mum and Dad a few new skills!

Finally, thank you once again for all of your support this term. We really appreciate it and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Have a fantastic summer holiday!

Blake

Oswestry Community Games – Sunday 7th June

The Community Games was yet another outstanding success and the weather was kind to us. Thank you to Blake and his team of volunteers for looking after our area in the park throughout the day providing "have a go" opportunities for people of all ages. Hopefully we have recruited one or two children to our club as a result.

Walk to Wimbledon- Sunday 28th June 10am – 1pm around Cae Glas Park

This was the third year we got to Wimbledon by walking round Cae Glas Park or similar, just over 200 miles, so thank you very much to all of you who walked to help get us there, and for your Clubhouse donations! A good team effort not only by our members but also externally!

We still need more funds to cover the costs of our Clubhouse, so if you are able to donate, please go on the link to Just Giving page is as follows:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ottwalktowimbledon2026>

Enjoy your tennis this Summer holidays!

Clive Knight – Chairman/ Trustee