



NEWS

Card reader: We are at a pilot stage having tested the card reader live. However, the system needs a smart phone to connect the card reader and the one we were using has died! Has anyone got a phone or tablet they no longer need and could donate to the club? Please contact John Saville.

Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have received the following message:
“Thanks to your support during 2018, HRH The Earl of Wessex completed his epic challenge to play at every Real Tennis court in the world and raise funds for The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award in the UK and abroad. We were delighted by the positive response from clubs, players, DofE supporters and schools to help with visits, matches and fundraising events across the UK. Your support helped us to raise over £900,000 towards the work of the DofE in the UK. These funds will help us to support even more young people take part.”
Are you associated with any local school which does Duke of Edinburgh award? Real Tennis is accepted in the Bronze level as a valid sport. We would be happy to provide school coaching sessions at the club for a Real Tennis award.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Important dates for the coming year are:

Thu 4 APR: Over 65 Wine Break Doubles contact Eric Nutter

Sunday 12 May: Finals Day & AGM:

14-16 June: Rose Bowl Tournament and Club Annual Dinner (Sat 15th)

NEW MEMBERS Our vision for the club is to increase our membership by 10% and we need your help. Bring your friends and introduce them to the game so that you also have a wider pool of opponents. We have had 2 successful taster sessions in February which proved very enjoyable and interesting for the participants. In 1 to 2 hours for up to 5 people, Andrew explains the basics and then gets them on court, hitting the ball, serving, and getting an idea of the wonderful system of chases. Book your places via the website or talk to Andrew. The next date is **Monday 11th March 6pm to 7-30pm**. Other dates will be arranged for anyone who would like to bring a group. There are **new flyers** to tell people about Real Tennis at Newmarket. Please take some if you can display them locally in other sports clubs, schools or public venues (with permission of course) or give them to friends. Our New Member Packs contain information about the club and the game and all the forms to join.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS: We are planning to have most tournament finals being played at the new Finals Day - see above, so make sure you play your rounds on time!

EAST ANGLIAN LEAGUE Unfortunately we managed to lose our home match against Hatfield this month and are now in 3rd place. Our final match is away against Cambridge on 13th March.

SOCIAL DOUBLES 10am-12, followed by LUNCH: Dates are: Thurs 28th February and Tue 12th March. Book your place with Andrew.

CLUB MATCHES: see our website for the full list or sign up on the Fixture List on the Notice Board to join us for a sociable day, lunch included.

Next matches are: 23 Mar v Radley at home, Match Manager Derrick Wells; 31 Mar v Wellington, Away, manager Chris Hollingsworth.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES: 11 Mar v MCC Away Div 8; 15 Mar Div 6 v Holyport Away; 16 Mar Div 8 v Hatfield at home.

With best wishes, Hazel Dunn, Membership Secretary