

# FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

[www.warsashtennisclub.net](http://www.warsashtennisclub.net)

## WTC are double Mens & Mixed League Champions

Our Men's Portsmouth League 1st team and our Southampton league A team have brilliantly won both of our local LTA leagues which means they will compete against themselves for the prestigious Solent Cup. Warsash Mens first team have been the winners of the Portsmouth Winter league for 4 years in a row but it is the first time that they have simultaneously won the Southampton Winter League making this a unique situation and guaranteeing Warsash Tennis Club the prestigious Solent Cup trophy.

Ventnor Ladies first team are poised for a tough battle as they will be playing the reigning champions, Winchester A in the Ladies event.

In the Mixed Doubles competition, Warsash 1 played outstandingly all season and won the Portsmouth league again and Warsash Mixed A team won the Southampton league, doing the double for the first time. It is a shame there is not a Solent Cup competition in this category as well!

The venue for this year's Solent Cup is Winchester Tennis Club on **Saturday 16th April and it all starts at 11.00am**. Please do come along to Winchester for this special and unique event and support our two teams in what promises to be an extremely competitive battle, with Matt Pond's Southampton team playing Ian Udal's Portsmouth team. Refreshments will be laid on for players and spectators. Please contact Michael Isaacs for more information.



*Warsash Men's A pictured after winning the Southampton league after the deciding match against VA Hampshire Club: L to R - Liam Hignett, Matt Pond (Captain), Rob Norris, Ian Udal, Jake Norris and Martin Wilkinson.*

## News from WTC AGM

**The Warsash Tennis Club Annual General Meeting was held on 30th March.** Denise Franks was once again unanimously voted in as our Chairman along with Karen Harrison as our Club Secretary and a slightly reduced number of committee members. **Kumi Coulthard after 13 years as Club Treasurer has decided to stand down and Helen Rawlins was voted in to take her place.** A special presentation was made to Kumi to thank her for all her years of hard work for the club.

A new rôle on the committee was announced to look after the specific needs of new and existing members in the club and **Karen Kirwan, our new Membership Secretary,** will be your contact for any issues there.

We are pleased to announce that our **annual subs are to remain unchanged for the sixth year in a row.**

You will need to have paid your subs by Saturday 14th May and have already opted in as a British Tennis Member to enter the club's 2016 Wimbledon ticket ballot. The draw will take place at 3pm on our Open Day which is to take place on the **Great British Tennis Weekend on Sunday 15th May.** Please come along and help us to promote the club and meet and play with interested adults and juniors during the day.

## MORE WINTER TEAM RESULTS

### Southampton Winter League:

Mens A are top of Division 1 and won the league (see Solent Cup article on the left) and Ladies A finished a very commendable third again in Division 1. Mens B and Ladies B have both ended the season safe in Div 3.

Mixed A had a fabulous season and won the league and Mixed B also won their division and will be promoted to Division 2 for next winter.

### Portsmouth Winter League:

Men's 1 have won the Portsmouth Winter League for the 4th year in a row (see left for info about the Solent Cup). Ladies 1 will be returning to Division 1 for next Winter however Ladies 2 were sadly demoted to Division 2.

Mixed 1 have also won the Portsmouth Mixed League so another prestigious shield for the trophy cabinet!

**If you would like to play in a team this summer but haven't been included in a squad yet, please contact our tennis captains:**

**Sue Kitt (07958 513562) and Nick St John (07798 707674)**

**Good luck to all 26 of our tennis teams who will be playing in six different local, county and national leagues in Summer 2016.**

*A big thank you to Kumi Coulthard for being our brilliant Hon. Club Treasurer for 13 years. She was presented with leaving gifts from the committee and members at the AGM.*

**Our Wimbledon Ticket ballot will be held at the club on Open Day 15th May at 3pm**



## EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS IN APRIL

Monday 4th April, Thursday 7th April  
and Fridays 1st & 8th April

## HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS

Monday 30th May, Thursday 2nd June  
and Friday 3rd June

9am - 12noon

9am - 2pm

£16.50 per child (member)

£22.00 per child (member)

£17.50 per child non member

£23.00 per child non member

For all ages 4<sup>1/2</sup> - 15yrs

Hit lots of balls, play fun games and structured tennis each day.  
(Some sessions may include Football and/or Rounders)  
All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

To book a place please contact Rob Norris  
on 01489 781947 or 07915 633559

## Meet your committee...

### New WTC Treasurer: Helen Rawlins

I moved to Warsash in 2001 and after walking my dogs round the football pitch for a few years, I decided it was time to bite the bullet and join the tennis club. After a phone call to Ian Stewart (he seems to feature somewhere in every member's life!) he suggested I turn



up to a Tuesday mix-in and take it from there. So here I am, twelve years on, your new Warsash Tennis Club Treasurer. I have been a team captain of numerous ladies and mixed teams throughout the years and have been on the committee since 2006 helping to organise many of our social events.

Away from the club, I help my husband, Steve, manage our two businesses and run around after our two boys, Jake and Cooper, who have a more active weekday social calendar than I do! I also try to play netball once a week and darts with our illustrious Club Secretary Karen Harrison, as well as playing some tennis.

BC (before children) I did have a wild side to me which included a 10,000ft skydive for charity, a bungy jump off the Kawarau Bridge in New Zealand, wakeboarding and clay pigeon shooting! Hope to see you all on court or at social events throughout the year.

## ROB'S COACHING NEWS

### ADULT TENNIS

With the summer season fast approaching, this is the time all the hard work and training in coaching sessions will pay off. It's great to see a lot of players participating in Rob's sessions as he has been able to help and guide them through technical and tactical improvements.

Any member wanting to improve their tennis should speak to Rob who will be able to advise how best to help.

### JUNIOR TENNIS

The juniors are developing well and focus has been on developing strokes and understanding of how to hit the ball.

All ages and levels are catered for and there is a path for juniors to follow to develop their game.

Rob will be continuing to run matches to enable juniors to increase their rating, which some have already seen improve.

Amongst all the current junior sessions Rob is running Easter camps which are running through 24th March - 8th April. Also Half Term Camps will be running 30th May - 3rd June with a 9-12 or 9-2pm option. If you wish to book contact Rob on 07519 633559.

### EQUIPMENT

A lot of members are accessing Rob's great deals on racquets, equipment and re-strings, so if you are looking for anything then let him know and he will look to help and accommodate your needs.

## BARN DANCE CHECKS OUT A SUCCESS



"The barn dance was grand. Who knew that there are so many checked shirts in Warsash! The music was excellent and the Caller knew exactly

when to let 'glowing' dancers sit down to get their breath back. Literally fun for all the family from the ages of 6 to however old Tim Groome is! **Karen Harrison**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **SOLENT CUP**  
16th April  
Winchester Tennis Club  
11.00am - 4pm
- **WTC OPEN DAY**  
including Wimbledon  
Ticket Draw 3pm  
15th May  
11am - 4pm
- **WTC SUMMER BARBECUE**  
July / August  
Offers of venue  
required please!
- **TOURNAMENT FINALS DAY**  
10th September  
11am - 6pm
- **WTC QUIZ NIGHT tbc**  
22nd or 29th October



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### ROB'S TOP TENNIS TIP

When trying to generate power on a serve or ground stroke try focusing on a smooth rather than a fast swing. If timed right on contact with the ball, more power will be produced from a smoother swing

## The Avenue Seniors Tennis Tournament Monday 20th - Friday 24th June

Singles (ITF), Doubles and Mixed events in age categories from 45 years upwards  
Enter online via LTA website ref: HAM16S0560 by 1st June  
or download a form from www.avenuetisc.co.uk