

# FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

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

## HERE COME THE GIRLS!

**Warsash's Ladies Aegon Tennis team have finished third in the South West East Regional Division of the LTA's National league.**

Playing for the first time ever in this division they have met Esporta Royal Berkshire Club, Chesham Bois, Aylesbury, Caversham and Bracknell Tennis Clubs and won three matches out of five which means they will remain in this division for next season.

Warsash is the only club in the whole of Hampshire with a ladies team represented in this prestigious competition which reflects the ongoing problem of ladies not wanting to play singles matches. If all tennis clubs entered teams then the level of play would be at a comparable level and matches more evenly contested but as it stands it is usually only the larger clubs who field teams. Warsash has proved that it is possible for a small four-court club to have enjoyable singles matches and compete with the big girls! We have met and played against different people and visited other clubs which makes for a great experience. We look forward to next year. Thank you for playing ladies and well done!



*Above: Nicki Eldridge and 'Dear' Basnyat Main photo - left to right: Vicki Dale, Katy Firrell, Cathie Russell, PG Udal and Ioana Popescu. Not pictured (but very important members of the team!): Lauren Howard & Victoria Pine*



### Race for Life July 10th 2011

On Sunday July 10th some WTC members will be running in the Southampton Race for Life. This ladies only event is a fun 5K run (or walk!) in aid of raising money for Cancer Research UK which is leading the world in finding new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. Charlie Cutler, PG Udal and Karen Harrison have all entered and if you'd like to join the girls in this challenge then go to [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org) and enter online today. If you'd like to sponsor us please follow the links on the WTC website.

## WTC Summer Ball

8th July 2011

Welcome drink included

7pm - 12.30pm

Royal Southern Yacht Club,  
Hamble



Featuring  
Live Band:  
Jukebox Money

All friends and family welcome

**£37.00 per ticket**

Please book your tickets  
asap with Helen Rawlins  
on 07771 744303

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Come along to Warsash Tennis Club on Wednesday 29th June for our

# Strawberry Tea

from 2pm until 4pm

Strawberries & Cream • Cakes and Scones • Friendly tennis  
All funds raised go to Breast Cancer Care charity

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## TENNIS AND MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

at WARSASH TENNIS CLUB  
for all ages 5-15yrs

28th July - 3rd September  
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays  
throughout the summer

5 Weeks of FUN. Hit lots of balls, play  
games and structured tennis every day  
(some sessions may include  
Football and/or Rounders)

9am - 12noon

£12.00 per child (£13.00 for non member)

9am - 2pm

£18.00 per child (£19.00 for non member)

Dates:

28th/29th July

8th/11th/12th August

15th/18th/19th August

22nd/25th/26th August

29th Aug/1st/2nd September

All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed  
To book a place contact Rob Norris on  
01489 781947 or 07519 633559

## ROTARY TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 3rd July Head Coach Rob Norris will be holding the annual Junior doubles tournament, which again has been kindly sponsored by Locks Heath Rotary Club.

The event will consist of 16 juniors from the club and local schools playing doubles throughout the event, with prizes for all. Also special awards will be given out for fastest serve, shot of the day, sportsperson of the day, and longest rally. This is a popular event and is always well received and with the support from Rotary Club enables Rob to offer prizes for all and a free tournament to the juniors.

## JUNIORS

The junior coaching programme is continuing to develop at the Club, with all groups and ages starting to increase in attendance, which is seeing some great activity throughout the week on the courts. Rob now has links to local schools and is running several after-school clubs, which are also well attended.

Tennis is available for juniors from the age of 4 right through to 16, so there are sessions for all levels. Rob has also started a Junior matchplay session which is being well attended for the 10+ Juniors and this incorporates singles and doubles with results counting towards their LTA rating if they have one.

If you have a child who would like to try one of the many sessions at the Club please contact Rob Norris on 07519 633559.

## Equipment

Rob has a vast range of tennis balls, shoes, racquets, etc which are available to try before you buy and also in many cases can be purchased cheaper than in shops and on the internet, so if you're looking for a new pair of tennis shoes, or want to update your racquet speak to Rob and he can advise you on what is available.

Rob also has a restringing service available, so if you want a restring contact him for advice and prices.

## Date for your Diary

**QUIZ NIGHT  
& HOG ROAST**

Saturday 12th Nov

Please contact Helen Rawlins on  
07771 744303 for info

## Open Day Report from David Sadler

We had the Open Day on 15th of May. Chris Coote spent a long time making the sight look really tidy and Karen Downie topped it off beautifully by planting four hanging baskets before the day.

Many thanks to Julie Whitehead who was our leader and to Karen Harrison and Karen Downie who spent all day supporting her. We had many of the Committee and members helping in the early morning to set up the courts, with flags, gazebo and the bottle stall. Rob Norris organised the tennis with his helpers and worked really hard all day making sure everybody took part.

The bottle stall was run by Karen and Louise and raised about £100.00. Meanwhile Julie with many helpers supplied tea and cakes to all our visitors which again raised £100.00

The day was enjoyed by all, we saw many new faces, who were all welcomed by club members and by Rob and his team. On the day we had 7 Adult, 2 Family and 9 Junior members sign up – a very good result.

We closed the day at 4pm and a big thank you to all the members helped to tidy up, dismantle the gazebo, wash up, dry up and clear away.



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WARSASH TENNIS CLUB awarded clubmark status Aug 09