



RLTCC NEWSLETTER

August 2020

Getting back to normal slowly

We are really pleased to have been able to re-introduce **Junior Coaching Sessions** on a Saturday morning and despite losing two sessions to rain it has been so good to see the children back on court. We have brought in a reservation system through a WhatsApp group managed by Lynn Sandy and all is going well. Junior Squad sessions for older junior members have also re-started on Wednesday evenings. An **adult beginners' course** was due to commence on Monday 27th but was unfortunately rained off but the forecast is looking promising for it to commence on Monday 3rd August and we are pleased to say it is fully subscribed.



We are still not open to the public for Pay and Play however members may bring guests to play with them at a cost of £6 per session for adults and £3 per session for Juniors. If you have any queries please contact the Membership Secretary.

The Management Committee has taken the decision not to re-open the Clubhouse at this point but we will continue to review this decision on an on-going basis.

Court Booking



You may be interested to know that **1491** court/lawn sessions have been booked by members from when we re-opened until Monday 27th July. And this is just member bookings and doesn't include club booked sessions for coaching and croquet. Despite all the restrictions we are having to work within it is fantastic to see the club so busy!

Again, we take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that you do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your booked session and that you leave the court 15 minutes before the end of your 2 hour session to ensure that those coming for the next session can find a place to park and we avoid too many people milling around the car park at any one time. Thank you.

Also please remember not to walk between the croquet lawns to get to the tennis courts. They are watered from time to time and we want to avoid carrying mud on to the courts. Again, thank you.

Croquet

Unfortunately the lawns are not looking in the best condition and over the weekend of 31st July and 1st August they have been out of action after further treatment. It has been confirmed that our major problem is a situation known as dry patch and the recommended treatment is an intensive wetting agent and watering regime on a fortnightly basis which we have started on Friday 31st July. A revised autumn/winter maintenance programme has been recommended plans for which are being arranged.

Maintenance

Kitchen Roof. The rain finally held off and replacement of the kitchen roof was successfully completed.

Fencing. We still have on-going issues with young people trespassing on the grounds and threatening behaviour from them when challenged. As well as damaging the fence, leaving rubbish etc we have found evidence of use of cannabis. We continue to report these incidents to the police. To mitigate the risk of on-going more serious damage to the club the Management Committee are reviewing options to replace the paling fence along Playstreet Lane (south boundary) and also between the 6th Form and Military Preparation College and the grounds (west boundary) with something more substantial to ensure our grounds are more secure.



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