

# Net News

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Summer's over and I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable season of tennis, despite the somewhat unreliable weather. The next social event is the Christmas Dinner, which will be on Saturday 3rd December. Please put this date in your diary! More details to follow soon.

## CLUB TENNIS

Saturday from 2pm • Tues and Thurs from 6pm •  
Wed morning from 9.30am

**Please remember the last person off should padlock the court and turn off the lights. If you bring a guest you are responsible for collecting the guest fee of £3 for adults or £1 for juniors.**

## SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011/12

Adults £125 \*Family £250  
Students £50  
Juniors £45 first child  
£35 siblings  
\*Parents and children  
Surcharge of £10 for payment after 30th April (£20 for family)  
Guest fee £3/£1 for juniors (maximum 3 visits)  
You may collect your tag from Lindsey Baker or Rosemary Snook at the club when you have paid your subscription.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS?

The lights committee are meeting with the contractors in October and we hope that the new lights for all four courts will be installed before Christmas. The work is estimated to take about 2 weeks. Disruption to play should be minimal as work will take place on two courts at a time, leaving two courts available for play. We will keep you informed! Thanks to all those who have worked hard to get us this far: George Skomorowski, Melanie Kitchen, Jack Hay, and Lesley Compton.

## FONDLY REMEMBERED

Two longstanding members of St John's Tennis Club sadly passed away this year: Bob Wood, aged 78, on 4th March and Alan Moon, aged 73, on 15th October.

Bob and Alan both joined the club in the early eighties and were instrumental in its survival. All their hard work over the years, maintaining the grass courts, saved the club from going under and now the club is successful with a thriving membership and facilities for all year play.

Bob became treasurer when there was only £50 in the funds and at the end of his tenure there was still only £50! However, due to this thriftiness the first two new hard courts and floodlights had been built – a great achievement! Bob also passed the LTA course to become an authorised coach and passed on much of his skill to other members and also the junior section. Both Alan and Bob took on the difficult task of Chairman of the Company on behalf of the tennis members, liaising with the bowls section.

Both Bob and Alan are sadly missed and all those who knew them will remember them.  
*(contributed by Eric Marsh)*

## JUNIOR HOLIDAY COURSES

Autumn half-term and Christmas  
Course 1 24–26 October  
Course 2 19–21 December  
9.30–11am Age 5–9  
11–12.30pm Age 10–17  
Fee £23

**Saturday morning coaching**  
for all ages and abilities

For more information please contact Rosemary Snook on 01892 546252, 07773 123 790, RosemaryESnook@aol.com or www.stjohnstennisclub.co.uk

## KENT AND MAIDSTONE SUMMER LEAGUE MATCHES

In the winter leagues, the Men's team won more matches than they lost in both leagues and will stay in the same division.

The Ladies 1 team won 2 out of 5 in the Kent League and won 5 out of 10 in the Maidstone League and they too have escaped relegation. The Ladies 2 team fared less well and will move down a division next year.

Don't forget!  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Saturday 3rd December

## ADULT COACHING

**Ladies morning drop-in sessions with Rosemary Snook**  
Mon & Fri 9.30–11.00am  
Fri 11.00–12.30am beginners  
£8 per session during term time



Almost 50 people attended Rosemary's 60th birthday party.

## ROSEMARY'S 60TH

Although it's hard to believe, Rosemary Snook, our club coach, turned 60 this year! To mark this occasion, her Friday and Monday morning coaching groups organized a birthday party for her at the club on 9th September.

The party was a well kept surprise. Rosemary thought she was going out for the groups' customary late-summer drinks and there was nearly a last minute disaster when she announced on Friday morning that she might be too busy to join them! However all went well and she was delivered to the tennis club unaware that there were nearly

50 people waiting to sing Happy Birthday to her.

It was wonderful that so many people from the club and Rosemary's coaching groups could attend. There was even a contingent from Groombridge Tennis Club, where Rosemary also teaches. Speeches were given by Laura Collins and Patrick McCall and entertainment was proved by Steve Gable with his guitar. Rosemary was presented with a framed photo of the Friday and Monday ladies on a night out and a voucher for two West End theatre tickets. The food was provided by Bridget Haddican and a team of willing helpers who



No prizes for guessing the birthday's girl's age.



Must get my juniors to try hitting this ball....

coped well despite the club oven being unexpectedly removed on Friday morning.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make the evening a lovely party for Rosemary. We know how delighted she was and has mentioned she'd like the same thing again in 10 years time!  
*(contributed by Bridget Haddican)*

## TENNIS TEAS

Once again, the Saturday afternoon teas were a great success, with many beautifully decorated and delicious cakes putting in an appearance (but not for long!). Thanks to all the tea-making volunteers.



Can anyone guess what film has inspired Laura?

## YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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