



# Andover Lawn Tennis Club

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## Club Member News - October 2019

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**2019 Club Championships Finals Weekend** Wow! What an amazing finals weekend.

A massive thank you to everyone - players; parents; supporters; guests of honours; catering staff; raffle organisers; referees and tournament sub-committee. With everyone's help the weekend was enjoyed by all. Spectators watched outstanding matches played by our club members of all ages - a real credit to the club. For a full report please go to [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news).

**2020 Wimbledon Ticket Ballot** If you are interested in entering the Club's ticket ballot you **MUST** opt in by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to be eligible. For more details please view the article on [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news) or contact Tina for more details.



**2019 AGM** The club's AGM is due to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. If you are interested in becoming a committee member please speak to a current member. More details are available on [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news) or see the clubhouse noticeboard.

**All Juniors aged 11-16 years... Saturday Junior Club** A free Junior Club has been set up for juniors every Saturday from 1.15pm to 3pm. Why not pop along or stay after your Saturday coaching session to practice your shots with other junior members. Martyn will be at the club to help. Note, if any club matches are scheduled for a particular Saturday unfortunately the junior club will be postponed that particular week.

### Dates for your diary...

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** - Annual General Meeting - 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. All members welcome.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Adult Doubles Coaching Masterclass with Josh - details on the clubhouse noticeboard and [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news).

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Quiz Night - for more details see [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news).

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Adult Christmas Meal - details to be published soon.

The 2019/20 events calendar is available to view via [www.altc.net/calendar/](http://www.altc.net/calendar/). Events are also displayed on the Clubhouse noticeboard. More events currently being planned...

### Quiz Night - book your table

**NOW...** Bookings are now being taken for the Quiz Night on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. More details are available via [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news) or sign up at the club.



**'100' Club** The '100' Club has been re-introduced by member, Mark Williams - thank you Mark... If you are interested in joining to help raise club funds and be a winner yourself, please view more details via [www.altc.net/100-club](http://www.altc.net/100-club) or speak to Mark at the Club... The first draw is due to take place in December.

### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

**Chairman and Welfare Officer** – Margaret – [margaretwinnett585@msn.com](mailto:margaretwinnett585@msn.com)

**Club Secretary** - Linda - [lcpenn@btinternet.com](mailto:lcpenn@btinternet.com)

**Match Secretary and Maintenance** – Trevor – [tablake@ntlworld.com](mailto:tablake@ntlworld.com)

**Marketing** – Mick - [marketing@altc.net](mailto:marketing@altc.net)

**Head Coach** – Josh - [joshgook@jgtennis.co.uk](mailto:joshgook@jgtennis.co.uk) – 07902124323

**Membership and Club Operations (General enquiries, Membership, Court bookings and access (Clubspark), Website)** – Tina – [info@altc.net](mailto:info@altc.net) – 07831 527523

**Clubhouse telephone (not 24 hours)** – 01264 723949

**General enquiries** – [info@altc.net](mailto:info@altc.net) or contact one of our Committee members listed on [www.altc.net/altc-committee/](http://www.altc.net/altc-committee/)

**Would you like to receive a free one hour indoor court session...**

We're trying to gain more adult members and who better to help with that than you - after all, you already know how good it is to play at ALTC. Do you know anyone who might like to join us? If so, contact Tina and when they join, as a small reward, you will be entitled to an hour's play indoors free of charge - and they will too. You could even join them together if you like for a really good session. However, if your new member feels a bit rusty, instead of their free indoor play they could join in with one of the adult coaching sessions to see what it's like and judge if they want to sign up for more.

**Coaching for all ages and abilities - from Adult sessions, junior/mini sessions, individuals, Holiday Camps plus Inset Day Camps...**

Full details of the coaching programme timetable plus enrolment can be found via [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverCoaching](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverCoaching)

Any queries please contact Josh, our Head Coach  
[joshgook@jgtennis.co.uk](mailto:joshgook@jgtennis.co.uk)



A **BIG** thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning organised by Lizzy, Linda and Jane. Over £1,500 was raised to support this worthwhile charity.

Well done to Lizzy, Jane and Linda and their helpers.

Thank you to everyone...

**Safeguarding your Club...** We would like to remind you the Statutory Club Policies, which include Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, Diversity and Inclusion and details of the Welfare Officer are displayed on the "Statutory" Noticeboard in the Clubhouse. They are also published on the "Policies" page on the Club's website - [www.altc.net/policies/](http://www.altc.net/policies/)

**Half-term camps...** Josh and the coaching team are now taking bookings for our popular Junior and Mini Camps throughout Half-Term. Keep your children active and entertained at one of our usual Tennis Camps for different age groups. To book and more details

[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverCoaching/Coaching/Camps](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverCoaching/Coaching/Camps)

**Coaching Tip of the month (by Josh)...**

Practice the most under practiced shot in Tennis... *The Return!* How often have you started a match warming up your forehand and backhand, then hitting a few volleys and smashes before hitting 10 or so serves and declaring yourself ready? You have forgotten the second most important shot in the whole game! So many of the top players in the world have a game built on a consistent and aggressive return (think Djokovic, Halep and Rafa) yet at club Tennis we don't give it the attention it deserves. Next time you practice ask your partner to serve for 5-10 minutes and pick a spot on the other side (deep cross court is always a good place to start) and hit 40-50 returns in a row. I can imagine most of you have probably never done this! Next time you play a match make sure you hit some returns before starting (even if it is just 1 or 2 it will help with your rhythm and confidence, particularly if it is a player you haven't faced before which of course means you haven't returned their serve before...). I look forward to seeing you all crushing consistent returns from now on!

**Interested in volunteering at the Club...**

We are always looking for members to help at the Club from preparing refreshments, gardening, general maintenance etc. Please contact any Committee Member if you are interested...

**Interested in playing in a team for the Club...**

The Winter season has now begun.... If you are interested in representing the club in one (or more) of our many teams in local leagues please speak to Trevor, our Match Secretary. We welcome new players any time of the season.

**Winter is on its way... why not treat yourself to a club jacket, beanie hat or junior top...** more details are available on [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news) and on the clubhouse noticeboard. Jacket samples are also available to view in the clubhouse.

*Treat yourself or they would make great Christmas pressies for family members and friends.*

To order please contact Jennie or Margaret.

**Adult Doubles Coaching Masterclass with Josh...** Sign up NOW for the next masterclass session taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> November. A very popular event plus socialise over a delicious meal in the clubhouse - family and friends are welcome. For more details please see the board in the clubhouse or view [www.altc.net/news](http://www.altc.net/news).

**Visitor's fees...** Please remember to pay for any visitors who use the courts. It is £5 per visitor per visit. Either pay by BACs transfer (email [info@altc.net](mailto:info@altc.net) for details) or place cash in the post boxes inside the indoor courts or in the main post box by the clubhouse main entrance. Thank you for your co-operation...

**Club Nights and weekend social afternoons...** Remember until the end of March 2020 (Winter season), Adult Club Nights are every Friday from 6pm onwards - a small charge of £2 per person per session is payable to go towards the lighting costs. Also, member's social afternoons are every Saturday and Sunday between 3pm-5pm - Junior players are welcome to attend weekend socials. A small charge of £1 per person per session is payable to go towards the lighting costs. Pop along and meet other fellow members. For further information please contact Trevor, Margaret or Adrian...

**Any friends or family members interested in becoming club members?** - Contact Tina ([info@altc.net](mailto:info@altc.net)) for more details and any offers currently available...

**Would your company or employer be interested in advertising at the Club...** Did you know the Club has 100s of visitors each week....It could be a great way of advertising your company/employer. Please contact Mick ([marketing@altc.net](mailto:marketing@altc.net)) or speak to any Committee member for details of many different ways to advertise at the Club.