

Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

The Olympics have sunk back into the shadows and left us with glorious memories of sporting excellence.

Despite there being a court at Versailles (<https://en.chateauversailles.fr/discover/estate/royal-tennis-court> for some great photos), the French did not seize the occasion and restore Real Tennis to the pantheon of Olympic sports. Real tennis was an event contested at the 1908 Summer Olympics, the only time the Summer Olympic Games featured the sport as a medal event. In the Official Report of the 1908 Olympic Games, the sport was referred to as "Tennis (jeu de paume)", while tennis is referred to as "lawn tennis". The competition venue was the Queen's Club in West Kensington, London and was won by Jay Gould from USA. Team GB did win Silver and Bronze, so it was a clean sweep for the Anglo-Saxon nations.....but that could have been because only 11 players from 2 nations took part (9 from UK and 2 from USA)!

Back to more mundane matters, and at our last meeting the committee agreed the subscriptions rates for next season 2024-25 as follows:

- Adult: £210 pa
- Family: £300 pa
- Country & Interim: £73 pa
- Junior & Student: £37 pa

Court fees remain unchanged

The East Anglian Pennant dates have been published so if you would like to play in this event which now consists of 3 home and 3 away matches, please let our Captain, Ben Turner and/or our Pro know that you are available.

The 2024-25 season is marked by the traditional Worlington Cup on Sunday 6th October, which is an event that involves real tennis handicap doubles in the morning, followed by lunch and handicap foursomes of golf at Worlington Golf Club. If you would like to play in this match, please let our Captain Tom Marriott and/or our Pro know about your availability.

Finally, a special thanks to all the Turner family and the Wells family, also Tom Marriott, for organising and making all the food and settings for the Rose Bowl weekend, including the Bar-b-q's and the Candlelight dinner.

All the best for the new season.

Hugo

Important Dates!

**2nd Sept
Fingleton
Doubles
Final**

**1st match of
new season
21st Sept**

**New
Members
Challenge
Oct**

This Newsletter has been compiled by Sandy Norman. Thanks to all contributors. If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, or suggestions for how to improve the content, please contact Sandy at Sandy.norman1@gmail.com..

Notes from our Professional, Andrew:



Last Season

The season really culminated with the Brown and Co competition Final and then the fantastic Rose Bowl and Plate competition. We had a good number of entries from Newmarket of course and also very welcome was a good contingent from many other clubs.

The candlelight on court dinner was a magical evening; do get the dates down in your diaries for next year!

New Season

After the holidays we are back on track with our Autumn fixture list. Playing other clubs and courts is a great experience and the matches are open to all handicaps. Please see the fixture list and contact the organisers.

Get going again on court!

Its easy to get out of the habit if you haven't played recently.....why not give me a call and I can give you some practice warm up and refresher sessions to start you off again!

National League

I am delighted that Newmarket is back up to two teams competing in the T&RA National League this year! Great to see us well represented

Triplots 2024

Good luck to Rob Bawdon and the team members going from Newmarket to the south of France for the Triplots tournament.....an amazing experience



Upcoming Fixtures and Events

See the fixture list at the end of this Newsletter and the [NRTC website](#) for a full list of fixtures and details.

Huge congratulations to Mark Haworth for winning the Brown & Co competition: it shows how the game is open and competitive to all as Mark had been playing for less than a year!

Future Dates for
your diary!

**13/14/15
June 2025:
Rose Bowl**

**14 June
Candlelight
Dinner on
court**

Raising our Club profile



We are making a concerted push to promote the Club on its principal social media channels (Facebook and Instagram). Please could Club members help us spread the message far and wide about what a fantastic club we have by following us on Facebook and Instagram, and when we post, please could they:

1. Like the post
2. Comment on the post
3. Share the post

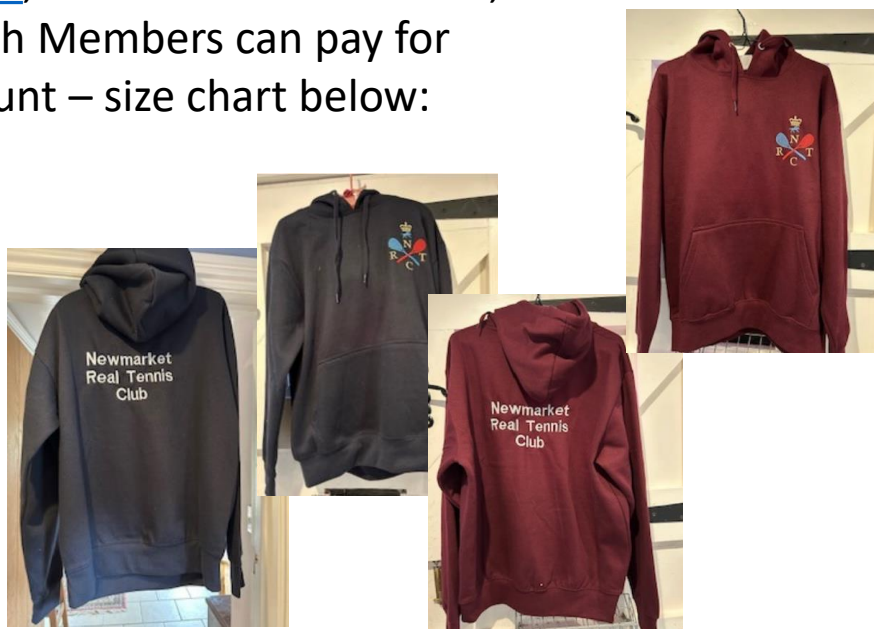
4. Have a look at this!:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/M4qne6jVAi6rzhPs/>

Andrew and his caterpillar serve one. 3k views and 30 likes.

Club merchandise available

Please contact Philippa Wells, pwells@janah.co.uk, most colours available, cost £45 each which Members can pay for through their account – size chart below:



Size Guide	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
To Fit Chest (inch)	38-40	40-42	42-44	44-46	46-48	48-50	50-52	54-56
(cm)	97-102	102-107	107-112	112-117	117-122	122-127	127-132	137-142
To Fit Waist (inch)	30-32	32-34	36-38	40-42	42-44	44-46	46-48	48-50
(cm)	76-82	82-86	91-97	102-107	107-112	112-117	117-122	122-172

Rose Bowl winners Ollie Newbury and Charlie Poste from Moreton Morrell and Plate winners Newmarket's finest, Chris Hollingsworth and Rodger Davies



Chris demonstrating the winning technique



Rose Bowl from the dedans and the awards



One of the stupendous Bar B Q`s put on over the three days



The awesome Candlelight dinner



Thanks to
Derek and the
Wells family,
Ed & Ben and
the Turners,
Tom Marriott
and Andrew for
a great 3 days

Brown & Co final, congratulations to winner Mark Haworth!



Hugo enlisting aid of a Drone!



NRTC Fixtures and Dates 2024 2025



Newmarket RTC Fixtures - 2024/2025 Master List - ex pennant

Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Match Manager
September:				
Saturday	21 September 2024	Cambridge	Home	Ken Smith
Saturday	28 September 2024	Bristol	Away	Phil Payne/Jonathan Becher
October:				
Saturday	05 October 2024	New members handicap tournament	Home	Sandy Norman/Andrew Knibbs
Sunday	06 October 2024	Worlington Cup	Home	Tom Marriott/Hugo Johnsen
Saturday	12 October 2024	Ladies Taylor Vintner	Home	Phillipa Wells
Saturday	19 October 2024	Oratory	Away	Jeremy Barnett
Sunday	27 October 2024	Petworth	Away	Derrick Wells
Tuesday	29 October 2024	Norfolk vs Suffolk	Home	JR/David Brooksbank
November:				
Sunday	03 November 2024	Hatfield	Away	Phil Payne
Sunday	01 November 2024	Brigands	Home	Ben Turner
Saturday	23 November 2024	Leys	Home	Mark Elliott
December:				
Saturday	07 December 2024	Prested	Away	Mark Sampson
January:				
Wednesday	01 January 2025	Hangover Doubles	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	18 December 2025	Jesters	Home	John Burnett
Wednesday	22 January 2025	Queens	Away	Jeremy Barnett
February:				
Saturday	01 February 2025	Middlesex University	Away	Jamie Robertson
Saturday	15 February 2025	Prested	Home	Mark Sampson
Sunday	16 February 2025	Cambridge University Ladies	Home	Bill Mackintosh
Saturday	22 February 2025	Moreton Morrell	Home	Graham Smith
March:				
Friday/Saturday	28 Feb/1 March 2025	Inter-Universities tournament	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Sat/Sunday	15/16 March 2025	Founders Cup	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Sunday	23 March 2025	Old Etonians	Home	Hugo Johnsen
Thursday	27 March 2025	Over 65 wine break doubles	Home	Eric Nutter/Andrew Knibbs
April:				
Saturday	05 April 2025	Hardwick	Away	Derrick Wells
Sunday	13 April 2025	Leamington	Away	Graham Smith
Sunday	20 April 2025	Easter Sunday		
May:				
Saturday	03 May 2025	Dedanists	Home	Charles Granville/John Burnett
Monday	05 May 2025	May Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	06 May 2025	AGM	Home	Andrew Knibbs/Hugo Johnsen
Saturday	10 May 2025	MCC	Home	Ed Turner
Saturday	17 May 2025	LRTA	Home	Phillipa Wells
Saturday	24/25 May 2025	Jesmond Dene	Home	Sandy Norman
Monday	26 May 2025	Spring Bank Holiday		
June:				
Friday	13 June 2025	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Saturday	14 June 2025	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Sunday	15 June 2025	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Saturday	28 June 2025	East Anglia Cup	Home	Rodger Davis
Sunday	29 June 2025	East Anglia Cup Plus	Home	Rob Bawden

Ever thought where the club baskets come from?



First grow the willow.....

Harvest in January.....



Start making the basket....in the sunshine if possible....



.....until it starts raining



Basketry by Alli Norman