

## *Note from the Chair...*

Happy New Year everyone! Your committee has hit the ground running this year. We are on a mission to raise a whopping £10,000 to go towards the court replacement fund. Courts 1–3 are well over 20 years old and only have 2 years playing life left in them. Just one court costs £15,000. This is a huge amount of money to find. We are working very hard applying for grants, building up the sinking fund and we are doing a great job, but there is way to go yet. We are asking all our members to get behind us and support your club. We can't play tennis if we don't have courts, this affects all of us and if we all do our bit we will have beautiful new courts in no time!

Here's how you can help....

## *Davis Cup 24 hour tennis-a-thon*

The big day is fast approaching where 6 plucky players are heading to London to take part in a 24 hour tennis-a-thon. They will each be paired with and play against an ex-Davis Cup player. They are each committed to raising a minimum of £500 each. We are asking all our members to sponsor the Heyes Grove team. We have just over 280 members, if everyone donates just £20 and chooses to gift aid, we would raise a huge £7,000. To make a donation click on the link below. Don't forget to tick the gift aid box, it raises an additional 25%

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/larainekelly1>



In the run up to the tennis-a-thon we are also organising the following events....

## *Put Your Pound in the Jar*

Starting from the end of this week there will be a clearly labelled court replacement fund jar in the clubhouse. Every time you use the courts you can pop a pound in the jar, this includes juniors too. This will be until the end of March. This doesn't replace the pound that has to go in the light meter! We will also be able to gift-aid all money put into the jar.

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## *Australian Open— sweepstake*

The Australian Open is starting on 14th January. We are running a sweepstake for the Men's singles. There are 32 men's seeds available, each name will be sold for £10. All the names will be need to be sold before 14th January when the tournament starts. Whoever holds the winner will receive £100, the runner up will get £60. If there is enough interest we will also repeat this with the women's draw. To purchase a ticket, please click [here](#) or email [heyegrovesecs@gmail.com](mailto:heyegrovesecs@gmail.com) to register your interest.

## *Quiz and Burns Night 26th January*

Hopefully you have all got this date in your diary. Get your tartan on and come and celebrate Burns night with a quiz and a traditional dinner of haggis, tatties n neeps, a dessert and a wee dram. And if enough "wee" drams go down, an impromptu ceilidh (if the Chairwoman gets her own way!). Tickets are £10 per head, payable in advance either from Gary, Olly or Laraine or by emailing [heyegrovesecs@googlemail.com](mailto:heyegrovesecs@googlemail.com). It's going to be great fun!



## *Tennis Tournaments*

Our Head Coach will be arranging the following mini tournaments. Entry will be £5 per person. There will be music, prizes and of course the bar will be open for the adult tournaments. Which some people found helped their tennis no end at the Christmas tournament!

27th January: All Juniors  
3rd February: Men's and Ladies  
6th March: American Tournament

Please let Gary know if you would like to enter.

## *Don't forget.....*

As for all our events family, friends and non members are welcome. Spread the word, get as many people involved as you can.

And finally, if you have any ideas that would help, for example match funding, corporate donations and sponsorship, or how about getting your children involved: doing a sponsored bedroom tidy, car washing or baking cakes, any and all contributions will make a difference....

**AND DON'T FORGET TO GIFT AID!!!**

### **Wimbledon Ballot**



It's that time of year again already! The closing date for the ballot is 18th February. Even if you think you might not attend, the more people that enter, the more tickets we are allocated, so please do take a minute to enter. You have to be a British Tennis Member to enter, the link to register and enter for the ballot is [here](#).

The draw will take place on Subs Sunday, date to be confirmed.

### **The 21st Century comes to Heyes Grove!!!**

Our rather brilliant treasurer has now installed a card reader...so card payments can now be taken behind the bar, including contactless....party on!

### **A new Website**

We are currently working on a brand new website. You will be able to book lessons, see who is coming to social, check how our fundraising is going, apply for membership, see up to date events, see who you have got to play in the box league... All very useful and exciting. The launch date to follow very soon

### **Camps: 2019**



The ever-popular tennis camps will be running throughout the year. Last year we had at least 5 sell out camps, so please do book early to secure your place. Don't forget members receive a discounted rate. Following feedback from a number of parents we are extending the hours of the camps from 9am-4pm with wrap around being available from 8am-9am and 4pm-5pm. This will be done on a trial basis for the February camp. Further details will be sent out via email.

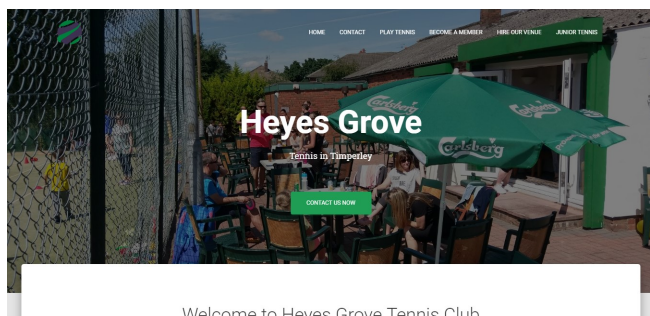
11th–15th February, 1st April–12th April, 27th May–7th June, 29th July - 30th August, 2nd–4th September.

### **TT News**

The table tennis section continues to flourish with several practice sessions during the week and eight teams in the Trafford league. If you are interested in playing table tennis, please see Jean Morgan.

### **Dates for your diary**

- 7th January- coaching sessions resume
- 14th January - Australian Open sweepstake closing date
- 20th January– 2pm, Annual General Meeting
- 26th January– Quiz and Burns night
- 27th January - Australian Open men's finals
- 27th January - Junior Tournament
- 3rd February - Men's and Ladies' Tournament
- 11th February - Half term camp starts
- 18th February - Wimbledon ballot closes
- 22nd February - 24 hour tennis-a-thon, London
- 6th March - American Tournament



Welcome to Heyes Grove Tennis Club