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John, please could you circulate this to the membership. Have a fantastic time in India.  
Many thanks  
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E-news from Usk Tennis Club – no. 1

At the AGM 'communication to members' was discussed, the committee has followed this up and decided that a simple regular E-news letter would inform you of what is going on at the club, especially with so much going on! This will be a monthly sent out on a monthly basis.

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**Club Development – New courts and lights coming soon**

For those who attended the AGM you will be aware that we have been allocated substantial funds from Barratt the house builder via Monmouth County Council towards the construction of two new courts and a complete new lighting system, we are in negotiations with the LTA for the remainder of the funds. The final construction tenders will be with me this week, and we are hoping to start the construction phase by the end of March with completion by the middle of June weather permitting. Hopefully when we produce the next E news we will be able to provide you with exact dates and maybe some photographs of diggers on site.



**The courts will not look like this for long! Watch this space!**

### **Team News**

**Mixed Team Tennis** - The Mixed Winter league results so far: We have played 6 matches and have 3 remaining. We have won 3, lost 3 and unfortunately had to concede 1. Thanks to all who have played so far: Angela, Ros, Hilary, Mandy, Denise, Kate, Simon, John R, John B, Pete, Alex, Rhodri, Nick, Alastair. All our matches have been played in great spirit and have been very enjoyable.

**Men's Teams** - In the winter league the A team has played 4 and won 3 in division Men's 1, whilst in Men's 2 Usk B has played 3 and won 2 and the C team has played 6 and won 4 so mid table or higher by the end of the season. Usk A is also competing in the Winter Weekend League and so far has posted sound victories against Stow Park and Cwmbran.

**Juniors** - We are already entering six junior teams covering eight age groups in the AEGON LEAGUE this year with matches starting in April. This will provide over thirty competitive matches for our junior players. After the success of our junior club championship it will be great to see our players showing their skills, once again on court. The recent presentation evening was brilliantly supported and it was a joy to see so many juniors receiving their well deserved certificates and trophies. Have a look at the website to view the photos. The new championship trophies are superb and no doubt will be sought after at this years event in October.

Our first ever junior and adult indoor championship will take place at the Newport tennis centre on 21st March(2-5pm). This will give our older juniors the opportunity to compete with an adult player in a competitive environment. It will be a great event so look out for your invitation to participate coming soon.

An Easter fun day has also been arranged for 29th March(10am) at the club.

Due to the recent news about new facilities, all the events being arranged and busy diary of social activities being planned our focus on junior tennis forum is postponed until a bit later in the season. At that time we will look for your feedback, but for the time being we are too busy arranging events to stop!!

See you on court. The Junior team

**Ladies Teams Update** - Three Ladies Teams are competing in the Cwmbran Winter Indoor League. For league tables please see attachment on the Usk Tennis Club Website [www.uskathleticclub.co.uk/tennis](http://www.uskathleticclub.co.uk/tennis)

This Summer the Ladies have entered one team into the South Wales Doubles League and three teams into the Midweek local Doubles League.

Ladies South Wales Matches: One Ladies Team has been competing in the Winter South Wales League. The team is presently 3rd in the Division with two matches to play.

Any other Ladies wishing to join our Team Squads please contact [roshawke1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roshawke1@hotmail.co.uk)

**Men's Summer Tour** - Wed 19th May - Sun 23rd May 2010

Once again we will be flying off to the Algarve to the Resort of Lagos to meet up with Des McElney. This will be the 9th year of touring and the tours have become legendary. (rumour has it that Rhys heard of our Men's Tours before he

heard of Usk Tennis Club...no wonder he joined it !!). Hopefully we will enjoy plenty of tennis in the sun and for those who want it golf is also arranged. We stay in a nice 4\* hotel in the centre of Lagos which is great for restaurants, bars etc. Currently we have 10 signed up 'Tourers' but there is still availability for those wanting to join us....don't delay...sign up today. For more info please contact Pete Hawke (peter.hawke@akzonobel.com) or on 07860 731475.

### **Coaching Update**

Our Coaching Programme, for Adults and Juniors runs in line with the School Terms. Summer Programme commences on Monday 12th April-Sunday 18th July. The full amount must be paid in advance. For more information please contact [roshawke1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roshawke1@hotmail.co.uk)

Easter fun day - Easter Junior fun day, open to member and non-members is happening at the club on the 29th March. You can look forward to fun, games, competitions as well as an Easter egg hunt! The action starts at 10:00am. Bring a friend. For more details contact Angela Morgan on 07976 044160.

Easter Camps - The legendary Easter camps are running every Tues, Wed and Thurs in the Easter holidays. 10:00am - 11:30am for ages 4 - 9 and 11:30 - 2:00 pm for ages 10 - 15. For a discount and to avoid disappointment, book early. Contact Rhys on 07792491866 for more details.

### **Membership:**

We hope to get the new membership form sent out in the next few weeks. In line with the imminent improvement in facilities, there will be a rise in subscription fees, but this can be mitigated by a 10% discount for prompt payment. There will also be some slight changes in the categories of membership.

### **Usk Junior Tennis Social Committee:**

January 2010 saw the formation of a new committee for Usk Tennis Club. The Usk Junior Social Committee's first venture was to support Rhys and Andrew on the Junior Awards Night at Usk Centenary Hall. The evening was a great success, with every member that received coaching during 2009 being presented with an achievement certificate. The presentation of the Junior Tournament 2009 awards was followed by a disco where everyone had a glostick or two, in fact Rhys and Gary were easily spotted wearing fluorescent glasses and bunny ears; I think they enjoyed the party more than the kids!!

On Friday 27th January, we held our first real social event for the Minis and their families. Also at Usk Centenary Hall, we had our first ever Beetle Drive. Everyone had a great time rolling dice, drawing Beetles and eating cake. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the refreshments, but mostly thanks for coming.

We are planning a family picnic for May, but first, on Monday 29th March there will be an Easter Fun Day from 10am at the Tennis Courts. This event will be for Tots, Mini Reds, Greens and Oranges. The morning will include Tennis activities led by Rhys and his team and be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

If you have any ideas for the committee or would like to offer your help for events, please contact Angela Morgan at [juniortennis@melyn27.co.uk](mailto:juniortennis@melyn27.co.uk)

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