

January 24 Newsletter



Happy New Year!

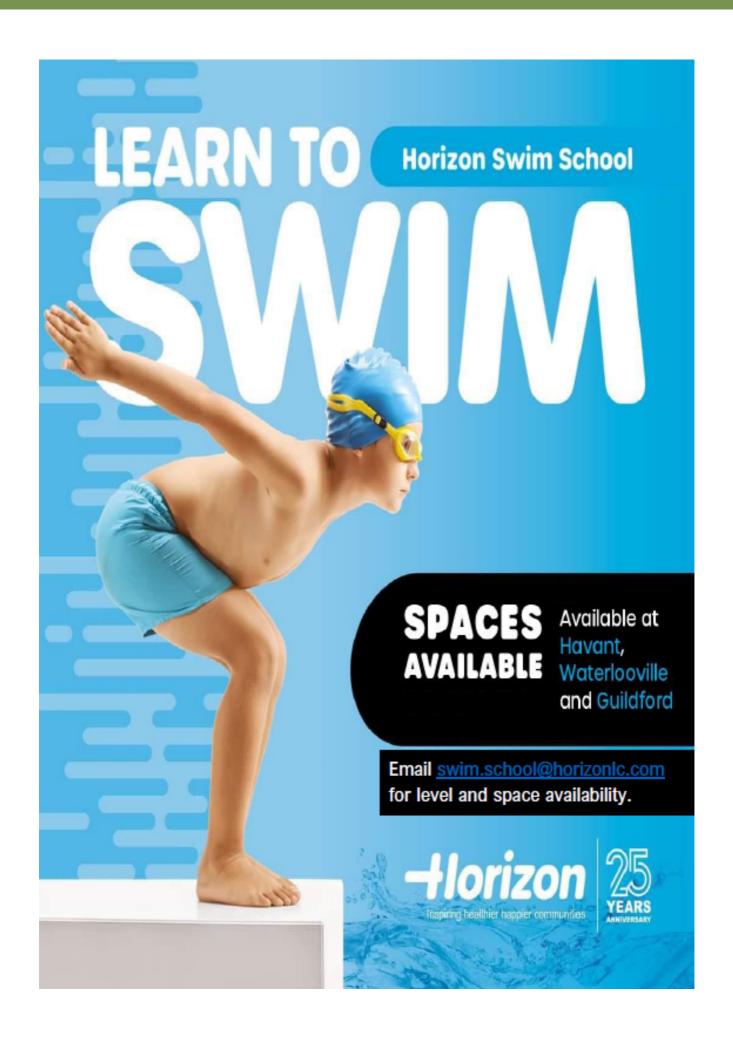
It was great to see so many members at the opening of the 7th court before Christmas and we hope that you are enjoying playing on the new court.

Hans Sickmuller opened the court and Ian Campbell, the club's President christened the court by hitting a tennis ball onto it. The first game was then played. This involved Jorge and Cosmin (the club's coaches), Eugenia Wachters (the club's Ladies champion) and Julie Dickson.

Here is a brief video of the opening:

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Thank you to **Darren Heath** for producing this.



David Ridgers

We have recently been informed that David Ridgers an old member of MLTC has died.

David won the Men's Singles tournament at the club in 1979; the Men's Doubles tournament in 1968, 1969, 1971 to 1976 and 1978 to 1980 and the Mixed Doubles tournament in 1972 to 1974 and 1978 to 1980. 1979 was a particularly successful year!

His funeral will take place on Thursday 18th January at 11.00am. If you would like further information, please contact Alison on merrowltc@gmail.com.

Centenary

Unfortunately, Eugenia Wachters was missed off the list of those people that we thanked for helping to organise events for the centenary year - thank you, Eugenia.

Surrey Tennis

Surrey Tennis have started to produce a quarterly online magazine which has key information, updates and news from around the county. Here is the link to the newsletter: https://www.surrey.tennis/_files/ugd/ecda7c_41a3e9782c044 bfe8402dd91c7d5344c.pdf



45 minutes of your life could save some-one else's

On Saturday 27th January, Beating Hearts Merrow will be holding 45 minute Learn to Save-a-Life training sessions in the St. John's Centre, 222 Epsom Road, Merrow, GU4 7AA.

Led by a team of highly qualified paramedics, you'll learn exactly what to do if someone collapses, from a sudden cardiac arrest. More importantly, you will have the confidence to begin resuscitation and to use a defibrillator.

All ages welcome.

Sessions are as follows and last for 45 minutes: 10am and 12.30pm – Adult life support 11am and 1.30pm – Paediatric life support

You're welcome to attend a single session or both an adult and a paediatric one. There is no charge (although donations are always welcome).

Email: <u>beatingheartsmerrow@outlook.com</u>

or

Call: 07733266341

Health & Safety

As part of the club's annual insurance risk assessment the club was asked if we get our members to complete a health declaration form. We do not feel that this is necessary for a club like MLTC and many other tennis clubs agree. However, we would like to remind members that they and their guests play tennis at MLTC at their own risk. Players should only play if they are fit to do so, and they should only play if they consider the courts safe to be played on.

From 17th January 24 we will have an electronic accident logbook. The electronic accident logbook can be filled in by scanning the QR code below which will also be on the First Aid box and on the noticeboard. Please remember to fill out the accident book as we are required to record certain information by our insurers.





Ball Machine

Just a reminder that we still have the older ball machine at the club. Although it is still a heavy machine some may find it easier to use than the larger ball machine. The older ball machine is kept in the ball machine cupboard.

The plan is to have a secure shed closer to the courts for the new ball machine.

Please also note that the ball machines **should not be used** with wet balls.

Junior Yellow Ball Ladder Reminder

As a club we are trying to encourage the juniors to play matches. The Junior Club Session on a Friday is going from strength to strength and we are going to start a Junior Yellow Ball Ladder towards the end of January. The matches will be two FAST4 sets plus a Match tie-break.

If you would like your child to take part in the Junior Yellow Ball Ladder when it starts, please email Alison on merrowltc@gmail.com by 19th January. We plan to use an app called Tennisrungs which we are successfully using for our adult ladders. On the app will be your child's name and the parent/guardians email address. Parents will need to contact other parents to arrange matches for their children. More information will be provided once you sign up.

AGM

The AGM this year will be held on

Tuesday 5th March at 7.45pm

We hope that you will be able to make the AGM which will be held in the clubhouse. It would be great to see as many members as possible at the AGM. We need **20 members** present for the meeting to be quorate. There will be a free drink on arrival.



The AGM is held to review the events of the past year, to agree the membership fees and to elect the Officers of the club for the coming year. The Officers of the club are the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to nine elected committee members. There will be a nominations sheet for the election of Officers in the clubhouse towards the end of January. The agenda and reports for the AGM will be sent to members approximately two weeks before the AGM.