### Club Newsletter

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#### **Latest News**

The Exeter college and Exwick Tennis Club Partnership continues to grow from strength to strength since the introduction of the partnership at the beginning of the 2013 - 2104 academic year. There has been a increase in tennis participation for students through the tennis Enrichment programme and regular coaching and competition opportunities for the Student Development Tennis Academy.

The Exwick Tennis Club junior programme has been very popular throughout the winter months with sessions taking place for juniors every evening after school including the introduction of our Saturday morning mini

tennis programme for 10 & U players.





The Exeter College Exwick Sports Hub is now starting to take shape



Thank you to those of you who have ordered your kits and t-shirts recently.

The Kits and t-shirts are available for Adults and Juniors, to order contact Steve

Tracksuits £25 & T-Shirts £10



The club has invested in 2 new tennis nets, post & benches









#### AGM & Wimbledon Draw

The draw for Wimbledon tickets will take place at the club AGM on Tuesday 29th April, AGM starts at 6.30pm.

Steve attended an LTA forum at the DLTA AGM at the end of January where the LTA confirmed that from now on the allocation for Wimbledon tickets will take place online with the option to run an manual draw as well. All British Tennis Members at our venue will be included in a draw, more information coming soon but here are some key dates to keep in mind:

- 3rd March Our ticket allocation has gone live
- 9th May Last date to assign tickets
- 23rd May Final deadline to manually assign tickets



#### **Great British Tennis Weekend**

Last year we took part in the National Mini Tennis Week (NMTW) where we had 90 children participating in fun tennis activities on court, it was a great day with parents and their children all getting involved.

With the success of last years event this year the LTA are have chosen 4 weekends where tennis venues or "Places to Play" are all looking to encourage as many people to pick up and racquet get involved and have some fun, the 4 weekends are as follows where we will confirm at least 2 of the weekends for events at our club!!!

- 17 18 May
- 21 22 June
- 28 29 June
- 19 20 July





#### **Club Programme**

The tennis club programme including the Exeter College student tennis programme has been very busy throughout the Winter months, the courts are busier than ever with participation levels on the rise, its great to see the courts being used more regular as the tennis club and Exeter College partnership continues to grow.

#### Coaching

There are plenty of coaching opportunities available at the club from our mini tennis after school programme Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm & Saturday mornings from 9am - 12 noon.

Private coaching can be arranged with Steve & Michael our LTA qualified coaches.

#### **Court time availability**

The tennis courts are available to use by members in and around the club programme, you do not need to book a court at the club but please visit the <a href="Exwick tennis club website">Exwick tennis club website</a> to see when the courts are being used for club sessions, coaching and league matches.

#### **Summer season Adult East Devon League**

We have 3 teams in the Summer East Devon League, please be aware that as we head into the summer season the courts will be booked out for our home fixtures on **Wednesdays**, **Thursdays & Fridays from 6.00pm**.

If you are interested in taking part in the team please contact Phil Plummer on 01392 876241.

The dates for the league fixtures will be uploaded onto the club website so that members are able to see when the home fixtures are taking place. If there are no home fixtures in the week that you wish to use the courts then the courts will be available to use from 6pm. Please note that you will need to check the fixture list on the club website regularly as fixtures may change throughout the summer season.

#### **Active Devon Funding!**

The club has ben successfully achieved funding from Sports England for a programme called "Sportivate".

Working alongside Active Devon we will be offering tennis to **Non - members** in the **14yr - 18yr** old age group as part of our goal to increase tennis participation levels in tennis.

Start date: Monday 28th April

Time: 17.30 - 18.30

**Duration:** 8 week programme

Fee: £16 (so works out at £2 per session)

Coach: Steve Ashton

If you know any other children in this age group that may wish to take part then please ask them to contact Steve directly to book onto the course. Following on from the programme the juniors would be invited to take part in the Exwick Tennis Club programme in support of the participation strategy for sustainability in sport.

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#### Club player attends LTA Talent day

Club player Kezia Holman attends LTA Regional Talent ID day in Bristol, Kezia was the only girl invited from Devon and Cornwall, well done Kezia!

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#### **Easter Junior Tournaments**

There are mini tennis and junior tournaments taking place this Easter Holidays as follows:

- Monday 7th April 9 & U Orange Ball start time 10.00 am
- Tuesday 8th April 14 & Under start time start time 10.00am

#### **Club Championships**

We will no longer be running annual club championships, this is due to the changes that are taking place with regards to the partnership with Exeter College. We are moving away from the "Traditional" tennis club set up into a more of an "Educational" facility so club championships, fun days etc are a thing of the past now.

We will continue to offer plenty of competition opportunities for our juniors as follows:

#### Flybe events summer season 2014

Michael will be running 8 & U and 9 & U Flybe competitions this summer season between April 1st - August 31st, for more information please contact the competition organizer Steve Ashton on: **07835 041 719** 

#### **Summer competition for minis & Juniors**

There will regular competition opportunities taking place throughout the spring and summer season, more information coming soon.

#### **LTA AEGON Team Tennis Devon, County Tier competitions**

This year we have entered into the following events:

- Orange Ball Division 1
- 12 & U Division 2

#### Success in previous years

In previous years we have won the **8 & Under** and **9 & Under** titles in Devon coming up against some top tennis centres, Exeter Tennis Centre, South Devon Tennis Centre, East Devon Tennis Centre, Torquay Tennis Centre, not bad for a small tennis club, good luck in this years competitions!

#### **Exeter College Senior Student AEGON National Finalist 2014**

Exeter College Tennis Academy Students had a ball at the National finals in Bolton!

The Exeter College Student Tennis Academy took part in the AEGON Senior Student National Finals in Bolton from Friday 14th – Sunday 16th March.

The boys team and mixed team qualified in the group stages of the competition with matches taking place at colleges and schools in the South West from September 2013 – March 2014.

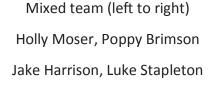
The boys finals were up first with matches taking place on Friday & Saturday where Luke Stapleton, Ryan Marsterson, Jake Harrison & Laurence Edgeley come up against Ellesmere, Hampton & Bedes. The boys battled hard in their doubles and singles fixtures but came up short against some tough opposition over the two days. There were some doubles wins for Luke & Ryan and singles wins for Jake, Ryan and Luke over the three rounds. Overall Exeter could not manage to win one of the three ties up for grabs, they finished 4th in their round robin box and 8th overall in the country. The mixed finals were up next with matches taking place on Saturday & Sunday where Exeter players Luke Stapleton, Poppy Brimson, Jake Harrison & Holly Moser come up against Pocklington, Ellesmere & New Hall. On paper the Exeter mixed team had a more realistic chance to qualify for the final from their round robin box, the students got off to a great start with a win on Saturday evening against Pockington 5-4 (10-6) in the match tie break. Exeter went into day 2 up against New Hall where the match went to another match tie break where Exeter just fell short this time losing 5-4 (10-6). On Sunday afternoon Exeter came up against Ellesmere who had not yet lost a match for two days, the students battled hard but could manage to get a win against their stronger opponents on the day, our mixed team finished 3rd in their box and 5th overall in the Country. Exeter College Team captain and Director of tennis at Exwick Tennis Club Steve Ashton said "It was a great honour to captain such a great bunch of students on this trip; they represented Exeter college & themselves very well throughout their stay". The standard of play at the nationals was extremely high where Exeter competing hard for every point in every match". "We are incredibly proud of the students who have worked really hard since the start of the 2013 - 2014 Academic year, to even qualify for such a prestigious event has been a fantastic achievement for the students and Exeter College.

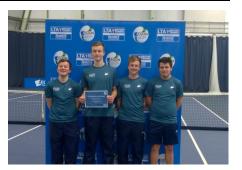
Boys team (left to right)

Ryan Marsterson, Jake Harrison

Laurence Edgeley, Luke Stapleton

## National Student Finals at the Bolton Arena















#### **Coaching Fees**

#### **Adults**

There are currently no Adult group coaching sessions available, if you are interested in group coaching please contact Steve, we are keen to offer group coaching if there is enough interest.

#### **Minis and Juniors**

Junior members pay £5.00 per hour for 45min - 1hour, non members pay £6.00 per session or £10 for 3 sessions when club promotes its programme to children at local schools.

#### **Private Coaching**

One - one sessions can be arranged privately with the club coaches, for more information please contact them directly, contact <u>Steve</u> on **07835 041 719** or <u>Michael</u> on **07958 229 598** 

#### Membership fees

The fees for the 2014 - 2015 are due on 1st April, please make sure you or your child's membership fee has been paid in full before 1st April.

Members to arrange their own playing opportunities in order to benefit from club membership.

#### **Adults**

The annual membership fee for adults is £80 per year

£60 for 3/4 year,

£40 for 1/2 year

£20 1/4 year

#### **Minis and Juniors**

The annual membership fee for minis and juniors is £35.00 per year

£26.25 for 3/4 year,

£17.50 for 1/2 year

£8.75 1/4 year

The fee you pay for membership will depend on the time of year you join as a member of the tennis club.

#### **Tennis Committee**

- Steve Ashton ( Director of Tennis )
- Jane Collins (Club Secretary)
- Claire Ashton (Treasurer)
- Tracy Fitzpatrick (Fundraising and Events)
- Darren Hannaford (Fundraising and Events)
- Phil Plummer ( Adult League Tennis contact )
- "Mens A" Captain Matt Brailsford
- "Mens B" Captain Jim McIntosh
- "Mixed " Captain Anna Kellagher

#### Club coaches

Steve Ashton
Level 3
( Licensed Coach )



Michael Patterson
Level 2
( Assistant Coach )

