

Newsletter

29 Sept 2025



Club Update

Newmarket 125!

An advance “heads up “ for 2026:

The coming year will be our 125th Anniversary!

We shall be planning to recognise this with increasing the level of events and competitions through the year.

Look out for more events to be announced!

The central celebration will take place around the annual Rose Bowl event which is always a great event for members and guests so please block your diaries now for the weekend of June 14 and 15th

Important Dates!

**Ladies Taylor
Vintner
Singles Sat
11th Oct**

**Newmarket
125
celebrations
and Rose Bowl
June
13,14,15th**

**Annual
Newcomers
and
experienced
players event
Doubles Jan
10th**

**Annual Doubles
fun day to
celebrate the
New Year 1st
Jan 2026**

Notes from our Professional, Andrew:



NEW SEASON!

After a wonderful summer in which members have been on holiday, played golf and rested, court fill is building up so if you haven't got going do book into some sessions with myself singly or in groups.

Court usage did remain good over the holiday period and so well done to those who kept fit and in practice.

Club Singles and Handicap tournaments 2025 2026

I am in the process of drawing up the entries and organising the new season Brown and Co and Fingleton Cups. These competitions are brilliant for expanding your experience and network within the Club so as well as those who entered last year, any other members who can play at all, at whatever level, please let me know and I will enter you!

Mixed Doubles Competition

I am reinstating the Annual Mills and Reeve Mixed Doubles competition.....find yourself a partner now!

Matches

Please look out on the notice board for future home and away matches and get your name down! They are a fantastic way to the play at other courts, different players and increase your experience



Lessons, warm up session and fine tuning your skills and timing: I am available! Give me a call!

We now have a dedicated Ladies night; the last Wednesday every month

2024 2025 Competitions

The Brown & Co singles has been completed and I want to thank the large number of members who participated and made this a fun and competitive competition.

Congratulations to Lee Pilkington who won and to Derek Wells who came so close as the runner up.

Due to injury the Fingleton and the Watts trophy still needs completion. It seems fairer, within reason, to keep them open rather than award a winner purely by default.

Court Bookings etc



Tennis & Rackets Association

Members are encouraged to join the T&RA as an associate member (£31.50/year). Be careful to check that if you do not want to play in T&RA tournaments, this is the better option (full membership is £78.00). As well as other benefits, members have access to the court booking system.

[T&RA website](#)

NB: you cannot use the court booking system without membership!

There has been a small increase in some of the non member court booking cost and in lesson costs to keep Andrew in line with standard professional fees

CATEGORY	DURATION	FEE
Singles Off Peak	60 mins	£10
Singles Peak	60 mins	£12
Doubles Off Peak	60 mins	£6
Doubles Peak	60 mins	£7
Lessons	60 mins	£35 + half the Peak/Off Peak court cost
Non Members Singles	60 mins	£15
Non Members Doubles	60 mins	£10

Weekend courts remain at half price (except for matches and some competitions which work differently)

Note: many members find it best to pay by a standing order per month to cover membership, court bookings and other costs.

The Rose Bowl June 2025

The Winners: Owen Saunders & M Parkman from the RTC



...and the Runner up, Newmarket's own John Shneerson and F Harrison



Hugo: Video of thanks See Winners Speech below



The Plate Winners, Roger Davis and Godfrey Charnley



Brilliant to have participants from RTC, Hatfield, Petworth, Jesmond, Oxford, Prested, Hardwick

Annual Candlelight dinner on court Saturday June 14th



A marvellous evening of BBQ organised by Ed and Ben Turner

Followed by the always very special annual Candlelight dinner on court



Huge thanks must be recorded to the Tournament Secretary – Derrick Wells ably assisted by his deputies, Ed & Ben Turner and Tom Marriott. Plans are afoot to make next year's event even bigger as it is our 125th Anniversary.

Rose Bowl 2025



Araminta Oldham

Where turf meets court beneath the Suffolk sky,
The echoes ring where horse hooves thunder by—

Yet here inside this timeless, shadowed hall,
The chase is played with racquet, roof, and wall.

Long rests unfold like furlongs in the mist.
The gallery leans, the dedan holds its breath, "yours, mine" the players said.

Shots behind the back? Of course, it's done— Richard into the Grille for the game to be won

Hugo and his red headband, watch out Federer they said, but double fault sees the point sent to bed

Fifteen-shot rests? Oh, that's just the start—
A battle of cunning, placement, wile, and George Fowler heart.

The dedan gasps at every spin,
Unsure which cheeky bounce will do one in.
For here, the walls have secrets, sly and keen,
A net cord tease, a tambour strike unseen.

'Out!' the players did occasionally say, Andrew indicating, 'read the rules I gave'

The members laugh—"bad luck," they like to say,
While smiling wide; their shot just stole the day.

For here they played not just for pride,
But for the Rose Bowl, side by side—

A silver prize of old repute,
Where skill and jest found firm pursuit.

But win or lose, there's comfort near at hand:
A pint of Derek's finest—small-batch, grand.

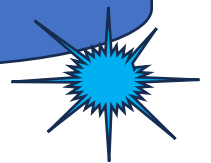
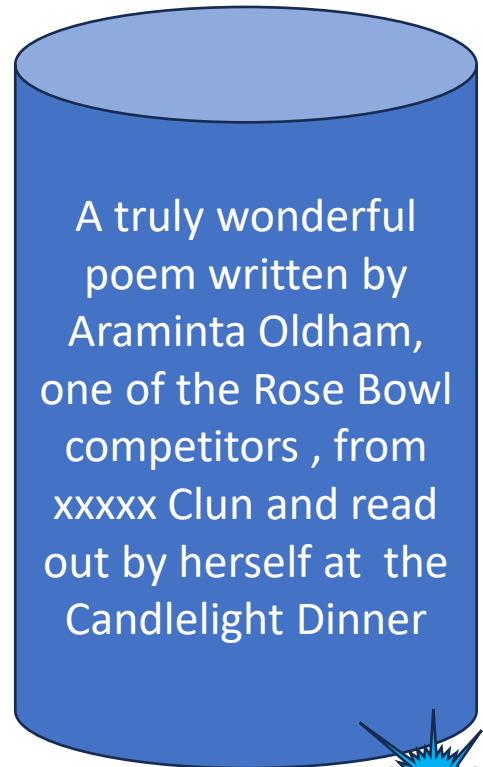
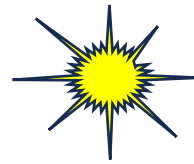
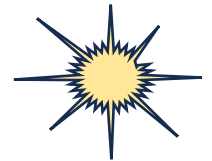
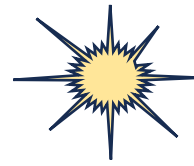
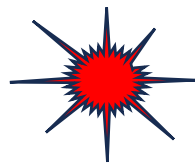
With hops as bold as volleys in mid-air,
Each sip a toast to games played with great flair.

And when the play is done, the feast begins,
Where Ed and Ben serve up their countless wins:

From roasts to cheeses and magnums, each dish a sweet delight,
That rivals even rallies fought that night.

With warmth unmatched, the club throws wide its door—
Exemplary hosts, with cheer forevermore.

In Newmarket, where racquets meet with race,
There thrives a game of elegance and grace.
So here's to courts where history still resounds,
To battles fought on shifting, spinning grounds.
In every serve, where racquets sing what history won't forget.
At Newmarket, the game is at its best.



Brown and Co Handicap Singles 2024 2025







After 8 months and xx matches the final came down to Lee Pilkington against Derrick Wells. Lee won in a close and nervy Final 10-6. Lee had edged his way through all the knockout rounds by very close margins .
Congratulations Lee and Derrick!

East Anglia Cup 2025

Newmarket Winners!



East Anglia Cup	CURTC	HHTC	NRTC	PHTC	Total	Rank
Cambridge		4	3	5	12	2
Hatfield	2		0	6	8	3
Newmarket	3	6		4	13	1
Prested	1	0	2		3	4

This year was Newmarket's turn to host the East Anglian Cup. A magnificent performance from Rob Bawden, Ken Smith, Richard Dunn, Phil Payne!

All 16 participants.

Special thanks to Mrs Dunn and all involved for the lunches, Ken and Phil for all the marking and Andrew for organisation



Netherlands Real Tennis Club

Did you know that there is Dutch Real Tennis Club?

www.nrtb.nl

They seem to come to the UK every year in a large group. This year a small group came and enjoyed hospitality as the guest of Derrick Wells and apparently played at Newmarket and had a fine time!



NRTC Fixtures and Dates to come 2025 2026



Sunday 5 October 2025		Worlington Cup	Home	Tom Marriott
Saturday 11 October 2025		Ladies Taylor Vintner	Home	Phillipa Wells
Tuesday 28 October 2025		Norfolk vs Suffolk	Home	Ed Turner
Sunday 2 November 2025		Hatfield	Home	Phil Payne
Sunday 9 November 2025	TBC	Brigands	Home	Ben Turner
Saturday 15 November 2025		Oratory	Home	Jeremy Barnett
Saturday 13 December 2025		Prested	Away	Jamie Tipple
Thursday 1 January 2026		Hangover Doubles	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday 10 January 2026		Recent members handicap tournament	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday 17 January 2026		Jesters	Home	John Burnett
Wednesday 21 January 2026		Queens	Away	Jeremy Barnett
Saturday 31 January 2026		Middlesex University	Away	Jamie Robertson
Saturday 14 February 2026		Prested	Home	Jamie Tipple
Sunday 15 February 2026		Cambridge University Ladies	Home	Bill Mackintosh
Sunday 22 February 2026		Moreton Morrell	Away	Graham Smith
Saturday 28 February 2026		Old Etonians	Home	Hugo Johnsen
Sunday 1 March 2026		Old Etonians	Home	Hugo Johnsen
Friday 6 March 2026		Inter-Universities tournament	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday 7 March 2026		Founders Cup	Home	Andrew Knibbs



NRTC Fixtures and Dates to come 2025 2026 (Cont.)

Sunday 8 March 2026		Founders Cup	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Sunday 15 March 2026		Petworth	Home	Derrick Wells
Thursday 26 March 2026		Over 65 wine break doubles	Home	Eric Nutter
Saturday 11 April 2026		Hardwick	Home	Derrick Wells
Sunday 19 April 2026		Leamington	Home	Graham Smith
Tuesday 5 May 2026		AGM	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday 9 May 2026		MCC	Home	Ed Turner
Saturday 16 May 2026	TBC	Jesmond Dene	Away	Sandy Norman
Saturday 16 May 2026	TBC	LRTA	Home	Philippa Wells
Saturday 30 May 2026		Dedanists	Home	Charles Granville
Friday 12 June 2026		Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells
Saturday 13 June 2026		Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells
Sunday 14 June 2026		Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells
Saturday 27 June 2026		East Anglia Cup (Prested)	Away	Rodger Davis
Sunday 28 June 2026		East Anglia Cup Plus (Prested)	Away	Rob Bawden