

Newsletter

24 Sept 2026

Acting Chairman's report; Tom Marriott



The AGM was well very attended. Many thanks to all for their interest and making the effort to attend.

One or two points to note:

Five members of the committee have resigned those being; Logan Crawford, Philippa Wells, Laura Shumiloff, Derrick Wells & Trevor Groome.

Special thanks goes to Logan (who has also stepped down as a Director) and who amongst other jobs has organised and dealt with the fabric of the building for a long time and was instrumental in the refurbishment of the clubhouse to include Ian Lindsay's new kitchen.

Philippa has introduced a number of new members, the lifeline of our club, reinvigorated the Ladies game, created and managed the merchandise and Laura has been brilliant on social media and getting the club up in lights. It will be great for her legacy if all members keep the momentum going on profiling the club with contributions to Facebook and Instagram.

Derrick has been hugely involved in our marquee tournament, the Rosebowl Tournament almost since its inception and has been a vocal member of the committee along with Trevor Groome.

Three new Directors have been appointed; Colin Clifton Brown, John Burnett and John Shneerson and the club welcomes them.

Our Chairman, Hugo Johnsen has resigned and will be sorely missed. His infectious enthusiasm has helped bring new and younger members into the club. He has also been pivotal in reducing the Levy Loan notes which now stand at just £21,600 (11%).

Looking forward the club is well represented in the various matches and National League divisions.....

Matches are ongoing and Newmarket have already chalked up some notable wins.

Philippa and Logan have created the Open Doors sleepover and competition with the objective of promoting the profile of the Club within the local community and also creating a great competition for our members. at the same time as raising money and attention to the plight of surprising number of local homeless people.

Notes from our Professional, Andrew:



NEW SEASON!

During such a hot summer when we even closed the court on a couple of occasions due to heat, court bookings remained good with a number of members taking up the Summer Offer..

We are already back into the season with matches and about to start competitions including new formats.

Monday Doubles

Monday evenings have now become a more formalised format with a league table of some of the lower handicap doubles players and target competitions

Sunday Doubles

I am trying to get going a similar league for those who can't play on a Monday evening and with wider participation, testing out your ability to manage handicap games!

Brown & Co Handicap Singles

I am currently preparing the draw

Mixed Doubles Competition

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

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

Important Dates!

**Ladies Taylor
Vintner
Singles Sat
10th Oct**

**Annual
Newcomers
and
experienced
players event
Doubles Nov 28
/29th**

2025 2026 Brown & Co

Congratulations to Mark Capron who won and to James MacSwiney as the runner up.

Club Matches

Well done J Tipple and C Clark on their great start to National League Div 9 and to the Newmarket team for our win v Cambridge 7 - 2

Open Door 2026



You probably are wondering what benefit a Sleepover and the Homeless have to do with the Club! Philippa Wells, supported by Logan Crawford has led the concept that achieves two goals:

- A new competition for the 55+ Handicap members and open to other clubs, which raises our profile in the Real Tennis community and raises revenue for the NRTC
- Raise the profile of the Club in the local Community, contributing to good causes, attracting publicity and reputation

Sleepover!

We are supporting the Newmarket Open Door Charity on Saturday 10th October 2026 with a Sleep Out on court to highlight the plight of young people who find themselves homeless in our area.

Please open the attachment and using the QR code you can send a generous donation. All revenues will go to Open Door.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to bring a sleeping bag and spend the night sleeping on court! Refreshments will be available!!

Open Tournament 2026 over 55 Handicap

We will also be arranging a Tournament at the Club on 5th and 6th December

Newmarket Real Tennis Club, more details regarding this tournament to follow shortly.

The Tournament is open to other clubs and we want as many members for Newmarket as possible to participate!

All revenues will be going to NRTC.

Open Door 2026 Sleep out!



CHARITY SLEEP OUT 2026

Saturday 10th October 2026 | 9.00pm

DONATE TO NEWMARKET OPEN DOOR

Scan to visit
Lyn McIntyre's
JustGiving Page



JustGiving
justgiving.com

Dear Supporter,

Newmarket Open Door and Newmarket Real Tennis Club are delighted to invite you to take part in our **Charity Sleep Out** on **Saturday 10th October 2026**, starting at **9.00pm**.

This unique event is an opportunity to spend one night sleeping out in support of those experiencing homelessness, while raising awareness of the challenges faced by many people in our community. By taking part, you will be helping to raise both awareness and much-needed funds for organisations that play an important role in Newmarket.



DONATE & SUPPORT OUR SUPERSTORE

We are raising funds through **JustGiving** for a **replacement van** for our Charity Superstore. This van will help us collect donations and deliver furniture and essentials to people in need across Newmarket and local areas.

Every donation, big or small, will help us get on the road and make a bigger difference in our community.



JustGiving

Funds raised via JustGiving will be used towards a **replacement van** for the Charity Superstore.



RSVP

To help us plan the event, please let us know whether you will be joining us by:

RSVP by 3 September 2026

Please email your RSVP to:



office@newmarketopendoor.org.uk

When replying, please include:

- Any dietary requirements
- Any overnight, medical or accessibility requirements that we should be aware of



WHAT TO BRING

Please bring:

- A **sleeping bag**
- A **piece of cardboard** to sleep on

To maintain the spirit of the event, **camp beds and mattresses will not be permitted**. However, **pillows and cushions are welcome** if you would like a little extra comfort.



EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday 10th October 2026

TIME: Arrive from 8.30pm for a 9.00pm start

VENUE: **Newmarket Real Tennis Club**
17 Fitzroy Street
Newmarket
CB8 0JW

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a memorable and rewarding evening. Whether you are taking part yourself or supporting others through **donations**, your involvement will make a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing this special event with you.

Kind regards,

Newmarket Open Door



Special thanks to the **Newmarket Real Tennis Club** for supporting us with the use of their tennis courts for the sleep out.



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Brown and Co Handicap Singles 2025 2026



After 8 months of competition the final of the Brown & Co Singles came down to a final between Mark Capron and James MacSwiney.....
Congratulations Mark, who won the final 10 – 3 and now qualifies for the National Singles finals of all Real Tennis Clubs!



Philippa Wells wins national tournament!



Ladies Real Tennis Association is at Hatfield House Real Tennis Club. · Follow

14 September at 20:13 · 🌐

Congratulations to Zoe Taylor & Philippa Wells who beat Sarah Sullivan & Jill Akers 6/2 in the Final of the #LRTA High-Low Tournament at Hatfield House over the weekend. A great time all-round - thank you to Club for hosting and to the professionals for marking 🙌 #RealTennis #SportForAll

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An outstanding achievement by Philippa to win this tournament for a second time.



Rose Bowl Tournament and Dinner June '26



It seems like a long time ago now, the beginning of summer but it's good to look back to the wonderful weekend of tennis and a great dinner at the Jockey Club to celebrate our 125th !

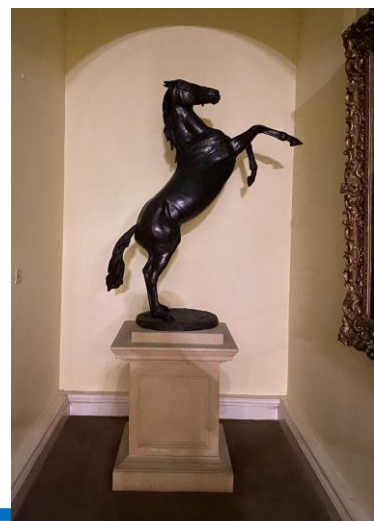
Thanks especially to Ed Turner, Tom Marriott and Derrick Wells for organising and making it such a success and Andrew for a monster three days of marking!



Congratulations to the winners of the Bowl, Colin Clifton Brown and John Burnett; and the Plate Trevor and Katy Groome



A memorable and happy dinner at the Jockey Club, a great privilege to be there



The Rose Wall..thanks to Laura Shumiloff



Matches



East Anglia Cup

Match v Prested, Cambridge, Hatfield and Newmarket
Held at Prested on 1st August a rather rusty team of Mark Elliott, Sandy Norman, Godfrey Charnley and Rodger Davis came fourth in the table

Newmarket v Cambridge 19th Sept

Well done Newmarket team of: Emily Sealey, Jackie Taylor, Ken Smith, Sandy Norman, Mark Elliott, Arjun Singh, winning 7 - 2

NRTC Fixtures and Dates to come 2026 2027

Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Match Manager
October:				
Sunday	04 October 2026	Worlington Cup	Home	Tom Marriott
Saturday	10 October 2026	Ladies Taylor Vintner	Home	Phillipa Wells
Sunday	18 October 2026	Petworth	Away	Derrick Wells
Tuesday	27 October 2026	Norfolk vs Suffolk	Home	Ed Turner/David Brooksbank
November:				
Sunday	01 November 2026	Hatfield	Away	Phil Payne
Saturday	14 November 2026	Oratory	Away	Jeremy Barnett
Sat/Sun	28th/29th November '26	Newcomers' Doubles	Home	Sandy Norman/Andrew Knibbs
December:				
Sat/Sun	5/6 December 2026	Open Door	Home	Philippa Wells/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	12 December 2026	Prested	Away	Jamie Tipple
January:				
Wednesday	01 January 2026	Hangover Doubles	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	16 January 2027	Jesters	Home	John Burnett
Wednesday	20 January 2027	Queens	Away	Jeremy Barnett
Sunday	24 January 2027	Moreton Morrell	Home	Graham Smith
Saturday	30 January 2027	Bristol	Home	Phil Payne



NRTC Fixtures and Dates to come 2026 2027

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Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Match Manager
February:				
Saturday	06 February 2027	Middlesex University	Away	Jamie Robertson
Saturday	13 February 2027	Prested	Home	Jamie Tipple
Sunday	14 February 2027	Cambridge University Ladies	Home	Bill Mackintosh
March:				
Friday	12 March 2027	Inter-Universities tournament	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Sat/Sunday	6/7 March 2027	Founders Cup	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Sat/Sun	20/21 March 2027	Grays Trophy	Home	Jamie Tipple
Sunday	28 March 2027	Easter Sunday		
April:				
Thursday	01 April 2027	Over 65 wine break doubles	Home	Eric Nutter/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	10 April 2027	Hardwick	Away	Derrick Wells
Saturday	24 April 2027	LRTA	Home	Philippa Wells
May:				
Monday	03 May 2027	May Bank Holiday		
Saturday	08 May 2027	MCC	Home	Ed Turner
Saturday	22 May 2027	Leamington	Away	Graham Smith
Saturday	29 May 2027	Dedanists	Home	Charles Granville/John Burnett
Monday	31 May 2027	Late May Bank Holiday		
June:				
Saturday	05 June 2027	The Army	Home	TBC
Friday	11 June 2027	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Saturday	12 June 2027	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Sunday	13 June 2027	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Saturday	25 June 2027	East Anglia Cup	Cambridge	Rodger Davis
Sunday	26 June 2027	East Anglia Cup Plus	Cambridge	Rob Bawden