

Duffield Squash and Tennis Club Bulletin 27 May

We've had good recovery week at the club as we progressed squash court 2 and tennis court 6. The block paving at the entrance to the club has been re-laid. Remember that we'll still be a 'building site' in the next few months so proceed with the usual caution shown so far.

We've held 4 'Town Hall' communication sessions where members have come to hear and discuss what's happening and why, regarding club unification, recovery and development. These have had a very positive response from most attendees with members from across the club saying, 'I didn't realise...'. The last session is on **Weds 29th May at 7.30**; we'd love to have more folks attend so please book your place with Grenville, or just come along to listen.

Lots of rumours are circulating in our club at present, most of which are untrue, very misleading and have no substance, so this is your chance to learn and ask questions of Council members. If you can't attend, just use the gands@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk email to resolve your queries or make suggestions – we'll respond to you within a few days.

Please note that the minutes from the two council meetings held so far are recorded on both squash and tennis websites for your perusal. See [Latest News \(duffieldsquashclub.co.uk\)](http://duffieldsquashclub.co.uk) or [Council \(duffieldtennisclub.co.uk\)](http://duffieldtennisclub.co.uk).

Fob Access

Note that we're having problems around club access with newly issued fobs. Vic is working on this so please be patient and do let us know if you're impacted.

Squash

We had a lively squash finals night on 24 May with a good turnout to watch great squash in a buzzing full club environment, with both the squash final and a ladies 1st tennis team match taking place in our unified club. A massive thanks to everyone working behind the scenes and well done to all the finalists. Alice Oatham won the ladies open, and Nick Hargreaves triumphed over Matt Walker in a five-set thriller for the men's title. Greg Loach was our Racketball champion, and we saw some great doubles play for both squash and Racketball. Look out for more tournaments as we build momentum at the club.

Tennis

Kids Half Term Holiday club runs this week 28th May - 31st May- contact James for details 07968058383.

Work continues on our pickleball court and Monday evening socials will start on 17 June (though play may be possible in the prior week). Look out for pickleball as part of the GlastoRackets festival.

Wednesday pickleball social sessions continue with temporary lines – come along at 2pm to learn this new, enjoyable racket sport.

Several of our tennis matches were washed out this week – so more news in the next bulletin. At last, we had a sunny day today with all courts packed for social play.

Social

This Friday singer/guitarist Marc Goldstein presents an evening of acoustic classics, including Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel and Neil Young. Mark is a squash member who is keen to support the club's recovery, so please come along - with friends and guests - to hear him and enjoy a drink at the club this Friday May 31. Booking at [Event booking \(duffieldtennisclub.co.uk\)](http://duffieldtennisclub.co.uk), £5 only.

The GlastoRackets festival occurs in June (Friday 21- Saturday 22). Our first club summer festival will combine live music, festival food and a rackathon – see separate emails and get involved.

An audience with Derbyshire and England cricketer Geoff Miller' takes place (Friday 5 July). Geoff Miller is a great speaker and a local from Chesterfield – booking will be available soon on our website.

Our last quiz before the summer break will take place on 12 July, hosted by Neil Smith. More details and booking information available soon.

You can email the social committee with suggestions for events or useful contacts. on duffsportsocial@outlook.com.

Finally, all new and returning members, we'd love to hear how you feel about the club and if you need any help finding your way to meet and play – just contact Finlay Stott (squash) 07732761618 James Grindell (tennis) 07968 058383, Grenville Holt (gym) 07881 265259.

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