



TIME TO CELEBRATE: Members of the LTA joined Hartford Tennis Club's committee during an open day to celebrate the opening of the courts.

CLUB COURTS SUCCESS

Hartford celebrates £250,000 of investment with open day.

Full story and pictures inside.

Welcome to all

WELCOME to your new look club newsletter. We hope you like it and make some time to read it. If there is anything you would like us to include

in the next edition just email me on journo79@aol.com This newsletter is written for you so tell us what you like, what you don't. Happy reading.

Parish council chairman opens new era at club

Hartford nets a set of top facilities for all to enjoy

IT took a long time to get there, but on May 15 Hartford Tennis Club finally completed a seven-year project to transform the club.

We hope you like the results!!

Now we have six floodlit, astro-turf courts and two hard courts.

The completion of the £250,000 development leaves Hartford with some of the best facilities of any club in the county.

Now we hope the amazing progress that has been made will lead to even more success of the coming years.

The new facilities were declared officially open by Hartford Parish Council Chairman Rita Hollens.

The ceremony took place in front of club members and representatives from the Lawn Tennis Association, which had given the club a grant of £20,000 and a loan of £25,000. Sport England also supported the club in its efforts. "We constantly strive to im-

prove our facilities and since 2004 we have added floodlights, installed a kids' zone and improved our facilities. Now thanks to various local sponsorships, as well as the LTA investment, we have been able to add two new hard courts," said John Meluish, Chairman of Hartford Tennis Club.

"We hope this will attract new



members and that our current members will be able to enjoy playing on a different surface."

The grant is part of the LTA's commitment to improve playing facilities and enhance access to tennis nationwide. Richard Lewis, Sport England's

Chair, added: "It's vital that public funding for sport goes into facilities that meet the highest standards, are welcoming, and cater for everyone.

That's how we're going to get more people using them every day.

"The new courts at Hartford Tennis Club will offer better playing facilities for its members and encourage more people from the local community to get involved in the sport."

The funding has been provided as part of British Tennis' facilities strategy which has received substantial investment from Sport England.

This makes an important contribution to the drive to increase tennis opportunities for people to participate, compete and get access to coaching at all levels of the game in communities nationwide.

The LTA makes financial support available through its resources and ensures investments will deliver the maximum return for British tennis

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through more people playing and more hours on the court across Britain. There will be an increase in the number and standard of facilities nationwide which will be available to the whole community at a reasonable, affordable cost.

Club coach John Walsh said good management of the club's finances had seen more than £100,000 of members money put into the project. "Our membership fees are not as high as many clubs, but that has

meant we have been able to attract more members," he said.

"Over the years we have aimed to strike a balance between a strong club where families are welcome while providing options for players to take part in team tennis.

The further development of the club with better facilities will continue to help us meet all the demands going forward." **TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF THE NEW FACILITIES. EMAIL journ079@aol.com**



COACHING UPDATE..

Ladies morning

A turn up, ladies only, coaching session is held at 11am on Fridays during term time. Please either feel free to just turn up or contact John for a chat about what's involved.

Adult coaching courses

There are also a number of pre-arranged adult coaching courses held throughout the year. Places can be booked on the registration form on the club house notice board.

Junior coaching

The club runs group coaching sessions dedicated to juniors every Saturday morning throughout the year. 4 sessions are arranged for the different ages groups:

- 9am - 10am Mini Tennis Red For juniors born 2003 or later
 - 10am - 11am Mini Tennis Orange For juniors born 2002 or later
 - 11am - 12pm Mini Tennis Green For juniors born 2001 or later
 - 12pm - 1pm Full Tennis For juniors born 2000 or later
- PRICES: Sessions cost £3 for members and £4 for non-members
 BOOKING: There is no need to book just turn up for the right session and pay your fee in the club house

WHEN: The Saturday morning coaching runs all year round. Sessions are only cancelled if the weather conditions are very bad. If the session is not going to be run on a particular date you will be given advanced warning. Details will be available on the website Notice Board. CALL John Walsh for further advice about coaching. 07801 822855.

Let's have a ball, your club needs you

HARTFORD Tennis Club is already enjoying a year to remember.

So we are planning a great way to mark 2011 - with a club ball at Portal Hotel, Golf and Spa.

The Tarporley, AA-rated hotel will be a fitting venue for the black and gold event, which will mark the end of the season.

Anyone who has been to the ball before knows it is a great night out.

There's plenty of fine food, wine and laughter along the way - along with some seriously dodgy dancing. Anyway, don't let that put you off because your club needs you now.

We want this to be one of the



best end-of-season balls we've ever thrown so we need you to be there.

If you can make the event on Saturday, October 15, just call Claire Simpson (one of the nutters pictured above) on 07515 570537.

This year's dress code is black and gold, tickets cost £30 and there will be a live band.

Teams get off to a good start

OUR club teams have made a promising start to the season in the Slazenger Mid and South Cheshire League.

The men's A team are currently top of division 1 in a three-way battle with Congleton and Al-

sager. Elsewhere the men's C team are also performing well and the club reached the men's quarterfinals of the Cheshire Shield.

Follow our weekly match reports in the Northwich Guardian.

One-minute interview with..

Andrew Moores



Tell us a few things about yourself..

I'm a PR manager who is always on the lookout for new clients. Absolutely love tennis, the great outdoors and I am desperate to escape to the country, but can't afford it.

Why tennis?

I've been a tennis fan for 22 years now and a member of Hartford Tennis Club that long too. That just makes me feel old.

I started playing when I bought a £5 aluminium tennis racket of my maths teacher - I have smashed many more expensive rackets in fits of rage since.

Tennis is the most frustrating game, it drives me insane sometimes.

However, when it is good it is great. Nothing better than hitting a winning shot or clinching a close match.

My friends at Hartford are like family, it is a great place to play with a fun atmosphere. Here's to another 22 years!

And another thing..

I'm a film addict, favourites being Lord of the Rings, The Dark Knight, Inception, Donnie Darko and Gladiator.

In fact, the way to my heart would be a lovely steak dinner followed by a great movie.

HARTFORD TENNIS CLUB

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2011 - It is time to join in. It's not Wimbledon, but it is a lot of fun..

It's simples. Just add your name to the events lists that are on the noticeboard in the club house.

Each event costs £2, if you enter three events it is a fiver. Any questions give me a call on 07850 710561

Finals day will be on September 18. To enter the tournament you must be available to play on that afternoon. BBQ will be running on the day, let's have a great time!