

Merry
Christmas
and Happy New Year!

to all our members and associates



2023 Christmas lunch

On the 1st December fifteen of us met at the Westerfield Railway for our Christmas lunch.

Having sat down at the table the crackers were pulled, the hats were donned (much to the surprise of some, mine was too big) and a brave effort was made by all to laugh at some traditionally obtuse cracker jokes.

However jokes aside it was a most enjoyable occasion ably summed up by one of our number,



“A lovely Christmas gathering in most convivial company”.

Many thanks Ria and Brian for organising it.

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Where did all the sunshine go?

After recent torrential rain it is hard to believe that this photograph was taken less than 4 weeks ago. Winter has certainly arrived...and how!

The courts are there to be used We would like to remind everyone that the club is open to members seven days a week throughout the year from sunrise to sunset - even if it is raining. The courts are only closed when waterlogged, or when there is a harsh ground frost. Walking on frost can seriously damage the fine turf.

If you wish to play at any time other than at club sessions please do so. We suggest you either post a message on our WhatsApp to make sure there is someone to give you a game, or make your own arrangement. The Directory of Members with contact details can be found on the Members Page of our website.

Please remember to put the peg and hoops away after playing, move the between court boundary boards to the side boundaries, lock the pavilion, the toilet, and the club and roadside gates.

Regular court bookings As yet there are no matches scheduled this winter. The only times the courts are pre-booked, and therefore not available for individual games, are:-

1. For house tournaments on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning of each month. However this month the doubles will be played on 20th December and not the 27th.
2. By U3A on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning in each month (but not 20th December)
3. By Just Good Friends on the 4th Tuesday afternoon of each month.

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Progress at Trinity Park

It's been a busy year and much has been achieved with the development of the courts. The watering system worked wonders during the particularly dry summer and the grass is looking and playing remarkably well. Especially when one considers the site was an undulating meadow just 18 months ago.

There is however some corrugation at the shelter end of the lawns which has received initial treatment. More over seeding and levelling will take place in early spring.

Our planning application for the toilets and septic tank is progressing with customary tardiness. The planning officer tells us that he is in favour of the application but a decision will now be delayed because he has decided to go on holiday. Let's hope he returns refreshed and with renewed vigour.

New members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Robin Beck and David Kincaid who have joined ICC since the last newsletter.

Notes for your diary

1. The December house doubles tournament will be held on Wednesday, 20th and start at 9.30. For many this will be the last meeting before Christmas and Simon Holloway (*organiser*) asks that players enter the Christmas spirit, wear suitable Christmas attire and bring festive snacks / nibbles to share.
2. The club's AGM will take place on Sunday, 3rd March 2024 at 10AM in Nacton Village Hall, The Street, Nacton.



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