

2nd Feb 2021

Dear all

Before writing this, I looked back at some of the previous updates we have sent out and it dawned on me how this has become an all too familiar part of our lives and I wanted this update to be a little different; we know the limitations all too well now, what we can and can't do etc so it's time to break up the routine and start to have some things to look forward to!

That said, I do hope you and your families are all well, staying safe and coping well with all the challenges Covid throws at us on a daily basis!!

I googled the definition of a "club" this morning and two definitions came up:

Firstly, "a heavy stick usually thicker at one end," secondly and much more appropriate to us **"an association of people united by a common interest or goal."**

It is with that definition in mind, (the latter one) that we will be ready and delighted to open immediately we get the go-ahead as I know many of you and your children are keen to get back to life at the club.

In the short term we are looking at how we can increase our engagement with members over the next few weeks and hope to have some more things for you to take part in soon.

We are very grateful to our members for your continued support throughout what has been a very difficult year for everyone.

The support is visible in many forms, whether it's keeping your payments going, starting your membership when the club opens again, sending us a nice message or in some cases just popping down to the club and saying "Hi" it is very much appreciated and what makes Thongsbridge the great place it is.

As a thank you and a bit of fun we are compiling a list of raffle prizes where members will get complimentary tickets for a range of prizes where winners will be announced every week for 4 weeks. There may even be a very exciting auction prize, but this will depend on how the virus is controlled globally.

More information on the raffles will be sent out on 15th Feb.

We are also planning a little "welcome back to the club" for when we do open so we can celebrate together – how that might look, not sure yet, but we will make the best of it!!

In the meantime, we are continuing with the fitness classes on zoom and the online tennis programmes that we have set up – if anyone has missed an invitation to take part in any of these sessions please get in touch with your tennis coach (or Angela for the online fitness classes).



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In a bid to speed up the return to tennis the LTA are requesting support via their petition to bring back COVID safe outdoor tennis as soon as possible. Please see the link below:
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/557658>

From the end of the week Angela & I will be winding things down other than for a few hours in a morning. Angela will still be sending the zoom links out for classes in the mornings and this will be the best time to get in touch should you need anything, anything at all.

Correspondence that falls outside of these hours will be responded to the next weekday.

This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday the 25th May @ approx. 7pm. This is a little later than the usual time in March due to the directors wishing to increase the chances of having a live meeting and not one that takes place over Zoom or Microsoft teams.

That's all for now; hopefully with the successful delivery of the vaccination programme there is a brighter future for us all soon!

Take care & best wishes

Nick