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# mersey bowmen spring newsletter 2009



**W**elcome to 2009 and a new season. With a month to go until we kick off, please get your subs in asap – if you pay before April 30th it's £90, going up to £95 on May 1st; concessions are £45, winter membership £45, junior membership £20, and new members can join for £65. Please send your cheques to Clare Horton at 1 Heydean Road L18 9TP, as people who haven't paid up won't be eligible for selection for the teams.

### British Tennis membership

If you haven't already, don't forget to sign up for British Tennis membership on the LTA website – our Wimbledon ticket allocation will depend on it from this year onwards: [www.lta.org.uk/BritishTennisMembership](http://www.lta.org.uk/BritishTennisMembership)

### Committee contacts

Your key contacts for the coming season:

**Chairwoman:** Alison Lobb (722 1025)

**Membership Sec:** Clare Horton (07851 298 461)

**Secretary:** Liz Gray (222 5450)

**Ladies' Captain:** Michelle Jones (07902 016 775)

**Men's Captain:** Jeremy Snyder (07967 475 352)

### Parking permits

You'll be pleased to know the parking situation outside the club has been resolved, so many thanks to Alison for all her hard work. Members will be able to park on the left of the road (looking towards the cafe) if they display a permit, and the council will shortly be marking bays out. Parking permits this year will feature your name and an expiry date, and will be issued when you've paid your membership fee.

## team news

In 2008 the men's teams continued to play at a high standard in the Liverpool league. The first team remain in Division B, while the second team was relegated to Division C; Colin Brown will captain the second team this year. Tony Horton will again captain the men's third team this year, but sadly the men's 4th team fell by the wayside in 2008 as the club suffered a drop in members early in the season.

2008 proved to be a successful year too for both ladies' teams; the 1st team came third in Division A, narrowly behind winners Palmerston, and capped their season by winning the Lancashire Plate, the Bint. The second team retained their place in the 4th division, narrowly missing promotion.

Again the mixed doubles first team did well in cup competitions this year, with good results in both the Brockbank and reaching the semi-finals of the Fairlawn Cup.

If you're interested in playing for one of the teams this year, put these dates in your diary for pre-season practise, or speak to the mens' and ladies' captains, whose contact details are above.

#### LADIES

Sunday 12th April from 10am

Tuesday 14th April from 6pm

Saturday 18th April from 10am

Thursday 23rd April from 6pm

#### MEN

Saturday 11th April from 10am

Thursday 16th April from 6pm

Sunday 19th April from 10am

Tuesday 21st April from 6pm

Here's a list of team captains, and first league match dates:

LADIES 1ST: MICHELLE JONES April 30, EAST WAVERTREE (A)

LADIES 2ND: GALIA PIUNOVSKAYA April 30, LIVERPOOL JEWISH (H)

MENS 1ST: MIKE KEE April 28, BLUNDELLSANDS B (H)

MENS 2ND: COLIN BROWN April 27, AUGHTON B (H)

MENS 3RD: TONY HORTON May 1, EAST WAVERTREE E (A)

### pre-season social

As usual, we'll be getting everyone together before the season starts, but this year we're planning an event at the club. Keep an eye out for an email with more info once we've got more details confirmed...

## fundraising and clubmark

Fundraising at the club continues as we aim to resurface the courts; we've had a student from John Moores University working with us over the winter, as we work towards the LTA's Clubmark status. Clubmark's key to our funding bids as it's a prerequisite for many of them, and the LTA are encouraging as many clubs as possible to achieve it.

We've also had a positive meeting with Liverpool City Council, to investigate what more they can do to help the club out. We're looking at a range of options including grass cutting at the moment, and will keep you posted when we have more information. We're also looking to forge better links with the Lark Lane and Sefton Park communities this year, with the eventual aim of providing a sports base in the park for a range of sports.

### social events

2008 was a miserable summer, but we rounded off the year nicely with a great Bonfire Night party (thanks Alan Haddy!) and a festive Christmas do chez Sue Power. We haven't got a social secretary this year, but are putting together a programme of events now. We're looking to host another band night later in the summer, plus a club Open Day and a community craft fair. If you've got any ideas for an event you'd like to put on, please get in contact with a member of the committee – all ideas are very welcome and we're due for a good summer this year!