

Mashamshire Tennis Club

LTA Great British Tennis Weekend (GBTW) Open Day - Sunday 13 May 2018

On Sunday 13th May the club opened its courts to anyone wishing to sample tennis, either for the first time, or as a returning player. The event, which was part of the nationally sponsored LTA GBTW, was a first for the club and followed on from our very successful Junior Open Day in May 2017.

On the day the Recreation Ground looked at its best as the Cricket Club was playing host to the first ladies cricket match for several years and with banners and balloons decorating the tennis courts and surrounding area and the sun shining down on a beautifully hot afternoon the stage was set for members of the public to sample our 3 all-weather tarmac courts.

Our courts were open from 12 noon to 4pm and during this time several children were able



to swing a racquet under the expert tuition of Lara Theakston and our enthusiastic band of volunteers. I believe that the varied activities proved popular with the children and will hopefully encourage them to continue with their interest in tennis. Certainly some of the children showed a real aptitude for hitting the ball, something that bodes very well for their future enjoyment of the game. Lara can be seen here with one of the younger children, who exhibited a really strong hand-eye co-ordination and, as a result, produced some lovely shots.

At times our volunteers were run ragged by the energy and enthusiasm of some of the children, but all-in-all a good afternoon was had by volunteers and attendees alike.



also like to thank our volunteers who turned up on the day to support this very worthy event.

Our thanks go to Masham (CE) Primary School and the Mashamshire Community Office who kindly provided some additional racquets and balls for our use. I would

If you would like any information regarding playing tennis at Masham please contact the Chairman, Tom Johnson on 01765 603593, or any member of the committee. Details and contact form are on our website www.mashamshiretennisclub.co.uk