

Chilham Tennis Club Welcome Letter

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Dear Members

Welcome to the Chilham Tennis Club.

We hope that you enjoy your time as a member. Below is some information that will help you to make full use of the club and your great value membership. Please keep this copy of the welcome letter to refer to each year. Once you have joined the club, the following year you will receive an annual membership form which needs to be completed and returned with payment by the end of April. Every year you will also receive a newsletter, new membership card inserts with a summary of club events and details of when the courts are being used for regular fixtures.

Enjoy your tennis !!!

The Committee
March 2016

About the club

Chilham Tennis Club was formed in 1972 and is a member club of Chilham Parish Recreation Ground Trust. It is situated in Branch Road, Chilham and has 2 floodlit hardcourts providing tennis all year round.

The club is run by volunteers and aims to provide a well maintained tennis facility that :-

- 1) is affordable to all and maintained entirely through membership subscriptions, fund raising and grant applications
- 2) offers coaching through a qualified coach and competitive tennis in local leagues
- 3) promotes junior tennis and provides social tournaments and non-tennis social events

The club is entirely self sufficient and all club expenses including court maintenance and resurfacing is financed by the income it receives from membership subscriptions and fund raising events such as the successful wine and wisdom evenings held each year in Chilham village hall.

The club enters mens mixed and ladies double teams in teams in the Kent League, East Kent League, Dover & District (midweek) League (all mens) and Ashford & District League (ladies and mixed).

There are also regular sessions during the week for members to join in either social or coaching sessions and the club also runs social tennis tournaments. So we are providing tennis playing opportunities for all abilities.

More details can be found on our website including the clubs Membership Leaflet.

Tennis club website

The club website can be found at www.chilhamtennisclub.org.uk . We will keep it up to date with news and club information. Check it out so you know what is going on in your club.

Membership Fees, the Spring Social, Wine & Wisdom and the Wimbledon Ticket Draw.

Membership fees are listed on our online membership system which can be accessed from a link on the Membership page of our website. The Newsletter, also found on our website, provides latest news and key information about the coming year. Our season begins with the Spring Social. It is held in April and is an ideal opportunity to pay your membership fee in time to enter the draw for the club's allocation of Wimbledon tickets, provided that you have joined the LTA British Tennis Membership scheme and have opted in to the Wimbledon ticket draw on the LTA website. Joining this scheme is free and can be done on line, by post or by phone. If you would like to know more about any of this then please contact our Chairman. The club also holds a very successful Wine & Wisdom in October each year to raise funds.

Court Access.

A key to the court gates can be obtained from the membership secretary (see membership form for details). There is a deposit required for the key. This deposit is refundable provided you return your key if you do not rejoin in a subsequent year.

Club Rules.

A copy of club rules is given to all members as they join. Please make sure that these are all obeyed.

Contact Details of Committee Members and Team Captains.

Lists of the roles and contact details of current committee members as well as Team Captains are listed on the Contacts page of our website..

Adult and Junior coaching.

This can be arranged with our professional coach, Danny Wynne, for juniors and adults of all abilities and experience. Times of coaching sessions are shown on the Court Usage page of our website. Please contact Danny for further details or to book a place on any of the coaching sessions. Please note that numbers attending and seasonal variations may affect the coaching times and sessions listed.

Details of Court Usage.

Details of the days and times when the courts are being used for club events such as coaching, club evenings or league matches (using both courts) are detailed on the Court Usage page of our website and on the court noticeboard.

At all other times the courts are available for members to use. Please check these details before going to the courts to avoid any disappointment.

All league matches use both courts, involve two matches per court and generally last between 3 and 4 hours.

As much notice as possible will be given of these matches but unfortunately, the dates and times may sometimes have to be changed at short notice (e.g. due to bad weather) so please check the latest fixtures on the website.

Club Tournaments.

The adult and junior tournaments are open, as usual, to all members whatever their ability. Details of the format will be confirmed on the club notice board closer to the date of the tournaments each year. The emphasis is on fun competitive tennis with some refreshments provided and (for the older members) there is always the opportunity to adjourn to the Woolpack afterwards.

Floodlights.

Questions and Answers about Chilham Tennis Club Procedure for floodlight access and use.

Helpful tips: Why not obtain a few tokens in advance? Also have a torch ready for when the lights go out ! To use the lights you will need: token(s), court key, security code for pavilion outside toilet door.

Who can use the floodlights? All members can use the floodlights

Are both courts lit by the floodlights? Yes.

How are the floodlights operated? The floodlights are run using a token machine in the pavilion outside toilet.

How much do the tokens cost and how long do they last for? Tokens for one hour of lighting are available at £1 each.

Where can I get the tokens from? Tokens can be obtained from the Woolpack Inn during normal opening hours and from the Treasurer.

Do the tokens have an expiry date? No – so you can buy some in advance and then use them when you are ready.

Where is the token machine and how do I get access to it? For security reasons, the token machine has been placed inside the pavilion outside toilet. This is because token machines placed on the courts at other clubs were vandalised. Access to the pavilion toilet is by a key code that can be obtained from one of the committee members. The toilet must be locked before and after gaining access to the token machine.

How do I use the token machine? To use the machine, simply insert a token carefully (**with the groove on the token facing you and vertical** - it should drop in without any pressure) and the lights will turn on as soon as the token is inserted.

When can I use the lights? Use of floodlights is not permitted after 10pm so please do not start to use them after 9 p.m..

I would like to know more, who can I contact? If you have any problems or queries regarding using the floodlights, tokens or the pavilion, please contact the Treasurer.

Please note that no supervision of children is provided for floodlit play on the courts and parents are therefore solely responsible for organising the appropriate supervision.