

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 2011

Tennis club website

We now have a website 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 and the Wimbledon Ticket Draw.

Membership fees are detailed in the newsletter and membership forms each 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. 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 Treasurer.

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 will be detailed annually in the membership card inserts.

Adult and Junior coaching.

This can be arranged with our professional coach, Danny Wynne, for juniors and adults of all abilities and experience. A summary of the events and playing times is shown on your membership card inserts. 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 in the membership card inserts and on the court noticeboard.

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

Dates of some league matches are not available in time for them to be included in your membership renewal pack so please check the court noticeboard.

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).

The Veteran's Tournament.

This tournament has a unique trophy, donated by Bunty King. It is a mixed doubles competition open to all "veteran" members aged 35 plus (!) and is more a social than a serious event.

The Club Championships.

The adult and junior championships are open, as usual, to all members whatever their ability. There are many trophies up for grabs so please come and join in with these events. A full set of club rules will be displayed before the championships. The mixed doubles championships usually take place on one day in the summer as this has proven to be a well-attended and contested fixture. The men's and ladies' singles and doubles championships are likely to consist of three set knock out matches of several rounds that will take place over several weeks preceding the championship weekend. The finals and semi-finals of these events normally take place on the Championship weekend. Details of the format will be confirmed on the club notice board closer to the date of the championships each year.

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.