

Chilham Tennis Club News - 2017

Dear Member(s)

Welcome to the 2017 season, but before you pay your subs and get down to the courts there is some important information to read first ...



Membership Renewal: Membership fees remain unchanged and are due before 30th April. Remember, to qualify for the club's Wimbledon Ticket Draw you need to have paid before the Spring Social and be an opted in British Tennis Member. This year's allocation is listed at the end of this newsletter together with the eligibility rules.

Spring Social - Friday 28th April - 7.30pm - The Woolpack, Chilham: Join us in The Woolpack for nibbles and a drink with other club members. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the club, pay your subscription if you have opted online to pay by cheque, and the Wimbledon tickets draw also takes place on the night. The committee will be there to welcome you and answer any concerns or questions you may have. It will also be an opportunity to talk about ideas you may have regarding the club.



Wine & Wisdom – Saturday 14th October – 7pm Chilham Village Hall: Pete Swan will be organising another Wine & Wisdom in Chilham Village Hall on Saturday 15th October. This is always a great night and a good way of pitting your wits against other club members and several other local teams. More details nearer the time but please save the date and come along to help boost our Club Development fund.

AGM – Thursday 9th November – 730pm Chilham Village Hall: All members are encouraged to attend, elect the committee and have their say in the future of the club.



Club Championships and Social Tournaments: Following the success of the mixed doubles tournaments run in recent years, there will a club championship tournament on Sunday 25th June and a social tournament on Sunday September 24th so if you are interested in some fun competitive tennis please keep these dates free. We can sort out a partner if you don't have one. Refreshments will be provided

and there is always the opportunity to adjourn to the Woolpack afterwards.

Danny, our coach, also hopes to run a tournament for juniors, more details in due course.



Junior Coaching: In addition to the regular junior coaching, the club has been successful in obtaining funding from Kent Sport to run junior coaching courses for 5 to 8 year olds from local primary schools. The club has also been selected by the LTA to run 2 Tennis for Kids courses. More details to follow.



Club Development: Monies made available by Ashford Borough Council in relation to the Bagham Place have been allocated by Chilham Parish Council to part fund our three scheme proposals:- 1) Courtside facility with kitchen area and disabled toilet; 2) Third court with markings for 2 mini-tennis courts; 3) 2 standalone mini-tennis courts. These

scheme proposals together with covering letter and factsheet can be downloaded from our website.

The club is now working with Chilham Parish Recreation Ground Trust to move these schemes forward. The schemes will require further funding to cover the full costs and the club's TennisMark accreditation is vital to obtaining this. The committee is also updating the club's development plan along LTA guidelines and will be consulting with members to gather their views before it is finalised.

These are exciting times for the club so look out for update emails informing you of progress.



Club Development Fund Raising: The committee are planning a summer evening club development fund raiser involving a jazz band, American supper, auction of promises and some fun tennis skills competitions. More details to follow.

The club also encourages members to make a donation towards the clubs development plans and has set up a Club Development Donation 2017 membership package for this purpose. Club members will receive an email invite to donate £10 and all donations will be gratefully received. Other donation amounts can be accepted, just contact Liz, our Membership Secretary, and this can be arranged.

Disciplinary Code: To meet affiliation requirements of the LTA and KCLTA, the club has adopted a recommended disciplinary code and it is a club rule that all members accept this code. The code follows this newsletter and is posted on our noticeboard and website.



And finally: We hope that you continue to enjoy playing tennis at our club and look forward to meeting you at the Spring Social on 28th April at 730pm in The Woolpack.

With Best Wishes,

The Committee

(Geoff Dear–Chairman; Darril Ling–Secretary; Liz Dear-Membership Secretary; Richard Baker–Treasurer; Pete Swan–CPRGT Rep; Penny Rickards–Welfare Officer; Danny Wynne–Junior Rep / Club Coach)

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CHILHAM TENNIS CLUB - DISCIPLINARY CODE

1. The Club and all members shall accept and shall be bound by the Rules and the Disciplinary Code ("the LTA Rules") of the Lawn Tennis Association Ltd ("the LTA") and the General Rules and Constitution ("the County Rules") of the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association ("the County") in force from time to time including amendments made hereafter, insofar as the same are relevant to the activities of the Club.

2. All unlicensed and unregistered coaches and all visitors to the Club for the purpose of playing tennis will be required to accept and be bound by the LTA Rules and the County Rules.

3. All members shall accept, and all persons mentioned in (2) above shall be required to accept, that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 shall apply to the agreement between themselves and the Club, and that the LTA and the County may enforce any breach thereof, but only insofar as it relates to a breach of the LTA Rules or the County Rules.

4. The Club may terminate the membership of any member or impose any other sanction it deems appropriate in the event of any breach of the Rules of the Club or the LTA Rules or the County Rules.

All visitors to this Club for the purpose of playing tennis shall as a condition of admission to the Club accept and be bound by the Rules and Disciplinary Code of the Lawn Tennis Association Ltd ("the LTA") and the General Rules and Constitution of the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association ("the County") and shall also accept that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies to the agreement between themselves and the Club and that the LTA and the County may enforce any breach

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CHILHAM TENNIS CLUB – WIMBLEDON TICKET ALLOCATION

The club have been allocated the following pairs of tickets:-

Court	Day	Date	Price (per pair)
Centre	Wed	05/07/2017	£ 146
Centre	Thu	06/07/2017	£ 146
Centre	Fri	14/07/2017	£ 310
Centre	Sun	16/07/2017	£ 380
Number 1	Tue	04/07/2017	£ 90
Number 1	Sat	08/07/2017	£ 148
Number 1	Mon	10/07/2017	£ 164
Number 1	Thu	13/07/2017	£ 116
Number 1	Sun	16/07/2017	£ 58
Number 2	Wed	05/07/2017	£ 98
Number 2	Wed	12/07/2017	£ 76

Members who are BTMs and have opted in for 2017 tickets on the LTA website will be entered in the draw provided they pay their subscriptions on or before the Spring Social.

To ensure eligibility, make sure you are a British Tennis Member (it's free !). Just sign up on the LTA website, choose Chilham Tennis Club as your Place to Play and opt in to the Wimbledon ballot.

The draw will be done at the Spring Social and tickets will first be allocated to winning BTMs attending the social. Winning BTMs not attending will be contacted over the weekend following the social to choose from the tickets remaining.

We have a limited timeframe in which to allocate the tickets so members will be expected to make their choice as soon as they are contacted. So please decide which of the tickets listed above you are able to accept in advance of the draw.

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Please note: Chilham Tennis Club cannot accept responsibility for accidents, or injuries which may occur to members, or non-members, whilst using the clubs facilities, or for loss or damage to private possessions. Playing on a damp/wet court can cause serious injury and is therefore not recommended.