

PAVENHAM TENNIS CLUB



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It's that time of year again. The nights are getting lighter and there is a feeling of Spring in the air. Hopefully we will have a wonderful Summer and lots of opportunity to play tennis.

Start of the Season

The new season officially starts on Sunday 1st May and to mark this we will be holding a "Family Tournament" from 2.00. Those members, adults and juniors, eligible to play will be having their arms twisted in the next few weeks! If you are not playing please come and support those who are. Refreshments will be available. A warm invitation is also extended to our 'friends' who may have given up playing tennis some years ago but who can still enjoy the comradeship of the club.

Saturday Afternoon Club Play

Saturday afternoon club play between 4pm and 6pm is now a fixed date on the calendar. This is a session for friendly doubles tennis with plenty of time to relax between games and perhaps enjoy a cup of tea. All standards are welcomed - the more the merrier.

Annual Club Closed Tournament

It would be great to see more people participating in this. At our next committee meeting we will be discussing the possibility of changing the format to try and encourage more people to enter. One possibility would be to hold a tournament over a few weeks with people arranging their own matches at convenient times. We would welcome any comments you have regarding this.

Sweatshirts

Sweatshirts are available in white or royal blue and can have individual names embroidered on

them. If you or your children would like to order one, please find order forms in the clubhouse or contact Martin Telfer (telephone 824083 or email to tennis@telfer.demon.co.uk).

League Matches

The club continues to have Ladies', Men's and Mixed Doubles teams in the Bedfordshire Tennis Leagues. We would really welcome a few new faces in the teams so if you would like to be a regular or just play in the occasional match please let us know.

Bedfordshire LTA also run a league for veterans (men over 50, ladies over 45), with matches played on Tuesday morning during the summer months. Pavenham will again be joining forces with some other local clubs and will be competing under the name "Ouse Valley".

Dates of home League matches are given at the end of this News Release. These are times when the courts are reserved for team play.

Singles leagues

There are now local tennis singles leagues covering both Bedford and Milton Keynes areas. If singles is your thing, have a look at localtennisleagues.com. For matches in any organised singles league we waive the usual visitors' fees for your home fixtures. If you would like to ensure a court will be free for your home fixtures, please contact Martin on 824083.

Visitors

We are happy for members to bring visitors to play with but, in fairness to all, a visitor's fee of £2.50 per adult, £1.00 per student and 50p per junior is payable. It is the accompanying member's responsibility to see that the fee is collected and paid to the treasurer (5 Brookfields, Pavenham) and that the visitor's book inside the clubhouse is signed. This is so the visitor will be covered by our insurance. After a maximum of 3 visits in any one season, membership is encouraged.

Court resurfacing.

We are hopeful that this will go ahead at the end of May when the field is drier and it is easier to get heavy equipment up to the courts. The resurfacing will take about a week. The courts will then be useable with temporary markings for a few weeks before the final painting is done.

Coaching

Please note that although payments for coaching are made out to Dave Revell, rather than to the Club, **Membership cheques should still be made out to Pavenham Tennis Club**. Only paid up members are eligible to participate in the club coaching sessions so please ensure membership is renewed for the new season (1st May 2016).

There are currently seven junior coaching sessions each week. All the juniors are doing well and are enthusiastic about their tennis. Next term will run from Monday 11th April to Saturday 4th July.

The adult coaching continues on Monday evenings so if you are interested in brushing up your skills to get ready for the summer season, please contact Dave. The Ladies group takes place on Tuesday mornings and is lively and well attended.

Junior Coaching.

Monday	4.30 - 5.00 5.00 - 6.00 6.00 - 7.00	Mini-Red (U5's) Mini Orange Orange/Green Ball
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Yellow Ball
Thursday	6.30 - 7.30	Boys U14 Squad
Saturday	10.00-11.00 11.00-12.00	Girls, all ages Squad coaching

Adult Coaching.

Mondays	8.00 - 9.00	
Tuesdays	9.30-10.30am	Ladies'

If you or your children would like to join one of these coaching groups, please contact Dave Revell on 826266 or 07014 790493.

Subscriptions

We are pleased to confirm that for the fourth consecutive year there will be no increase in subscription rates. Family Membership is £120, Partnership £100, Senior (55+) £60, Senior Partnership £90, Adult £70, Student £31 and Junior £25. Renewals may be done by BACS and forms emailed back so electronic copies will be emailed to you over the next week or so. See membership renewal form for bank details.

The grass court season

The main tours arrive in the UK at the beginning of June and there are lots of opportunities to see the stars in action in the run up to Wimbledon. Find tickets through lta.org.uk:

- 4th to 12th June - Nottingham (WTA)
- 13th to 19th June - Queen's (ATP)
- 11th to 19th June - Edgbaston (WTA)
- 18th to 25th June - Eastbourne (WTA)
- 18th to 25th June - Nottingham (ATP)
- 27th June to 10th July - Wimbledon

Wimbledon Tickets Draw

As we didn't have very many members opting in online for the Wimbledon ballot, our allocation of tickets this year is a lot less than previous years. For the future, it would help the club to get a larger allocation if as many members as possible could log in to their British Tennis account and opt in to the ballot. This won't mean you end up with tickets you don't want, but it will improve the chances for those members who would like to get tickets.

British Tennis membership is free to all our club members and Friends. To sign up either telephone 0845 873 7202 or log on to www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join. Remember to list Pavenham Tennis Club as your club.

If you did opt in to the ballot you will receive a form by email giving you details of our ticket allocation and asking you for your preferences. In this way we are usually able to allocate tickets so

that those who are successful in the ballot end up with tickets that they like.

Remember that you must have paid your PTC 2016/17 membership fees before the ballot date. Please mark your preferences and return the forms by 30th April at the latest. We will be drawing the ballot during the Season Opening Event on Sunday 1st May.

The Summer Ball

This year's Summer Ball will be held on Saturday, 25th June. The dinner dance will start at 7.00pm with a bubbly reception and this will be followed by a four course meal and dancing. Tickets are going fast so if you don't have yours yet please contact Vicky Blakemore on 07831 213800 / 01234 825868 or email her on vblakemore@live.com.

Dogs on the playing field

Could we ask those members who bring their dogs with them to please keep them secured at the clubhouse whilst playing tennis? There have been some complaints to the village hall committee about loose dogs on the field. If you are playing tennis it is impossible to keep an eye on your dog's behaviour.

The Tennis Club online

Find us at www.facebook.com/PavenhamTC. You don't have to be a Facebook user to see this page.

If you are interested in seeing how our teams are faring in the leagues, look us up at lta.tournamentsoftware.com and search for 'Teams' (not 'Clubs') containing the word Pavenham.



What's on:

Saturday Afternoon Club Play

Every Saturday Afternoon from 4pm

The Summer Ball - Saturday 25th June

Ticket price £40

For tickets contact Vicky on 07831 213800 or 01234 825868

Start of Season "Family Tournament " on Sunday 1st May from 2pm.

Refreshments will be served.

Annual club tournament - date to be arranged

Adrienne's Cup- date to be arranged

Bedfordshire LTA - League Home Matches

Men's Division 2.

Pavenham vs Flitwick C	7 th June	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Flitwick B	12 th July	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford A	19 th July	7.00 pm

Ladies Division 3

Pavenham vs Bedford	24 th May	7.00 pm
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Pavenham vs Potton	9 th August	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford C	16 th August	7.00

Mixed Division 3

Pavenham vs Flitwick C	10 th May	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford C	14 th June	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford B	26 th July	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Potton A	2 nd August	7.00 pm

Veterans

Ouse Valley v Eaton Bray	17 th May	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Dunstable B	14 th June	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Flitwick	28 th June	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Riverside B	9 th August	10.00 am

Matches typically occupy the courts for about 3 hours.

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