

PAVENHAM TENNIS CLUB



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It's amazing but we are about to start our 18th season! It only seems like yesterday when we were trying to find somewhere for the courts to be built. Thank you all for your continued membership and support. The courts are now in fantastic condition again after being resurfaced last year and the new mini court is available for all to use.

Start of the Season

The new season officially starts on Monday 1st May and to mark this we will be holding a "Fun Family Tournament" from 2.00. Refreshments will be available. Even if you don't plan to play please come anyway. 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 continues throughout the year between 4pm and 6pm. This is a session for friendly doubles tennis whatever your standard. It's also a great opportunity for those new to the club to meet other members.

Ladies Social Tennis -new event

The ladies are keen to put their coaching sessions in to action so starting on Friday 5th May from 1.30-3.00 throughout the summer all ladies are invited to come along to this new event.

Annual Club Closed Tournament

Last year we changed the format to a singles box league which ran throughout the summer with a finals day held in September. This encouraged more people to enter so we are going to repeat this again with a few minor modifications. You will receive information about this in the next few weeks.

Sweatshirts

Sweatshirts are available in white or royal blue and can have individual names embroidered on them. They can be ordered from the shop at Riverside Tennis Club in Bedford or contact Martin Telfer (telephone 824083 / email 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 mornings 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, bookings can be made through the calendar page on the club website or Facebook page. We allow one court to be used for pre-arranged matches, so that one court can be left for casual play.

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.

Floodlights

Tokens for the lights are available from Martin Telfer, 5 Brookfields, at a cost of £4.00 an hour for both courts. The token meter is on the left hand side of the door as you enter.

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 2017).

There are currently five 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	5.00-6.00pm	Mini-Red
	6.00 - 7.00pm	Orange/Green Ball
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30pm	Yellow Ball
Thursday	6.30 - 7.30pm	Boys U14 Squad
Saturday	10.00-11.00am	Yellow Ball 11-13 yrs

Adult Coaching.

Mondays	8.00 - 9.00pm	
Tuesdays	9.30-10.30am	Ladies
Thursday	10.30-11.30am	Over 50s

If you or your children would like to join one of these coaching groups, please contact Dave Revell on 826266 or 07494 534595

Subscriptions

We are pleased to confirm that for the fifth 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:

- 10th to 18th June - Nottingham (WTA / ATP Challenger)
- 19th to 25th June - Queen's (ATP 500)
- 17th to 25th June - Edgbaston (WTA)
- 23rd June to 1st July - Eastbourne (WTA / ATP 250)
- 3rd to 16th July - Wimbledon

Wimbledon Tickets Draw

We encourage all members to sign up to British Tennis and opt in to the Wimbledon ballot every year. 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/member. Remember to list Pavenham Tennis Club as your club.

If you did opt in to the ballot this year you will receive a form by email giving you details of our ticket allocation and asking you if you are interested in entering our club ballot for tickets and 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 2017/18 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 Monday 1st May.

The Summer Ball

This year's Summer Ball will be held on Saturday, 1st July. The dinner dance will start at 7.00pm with a bubbly reception and canapes. This will be followed by a three 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

If you bring your dog with you when you play tennis they must be secured at the clubhouse rather than roaming free. It is impossible to keep an eye on your dog's behaviour while you are playing.

The Tennis Club online

We now have a website which can be found at www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/PavenhamTennisClub. This is still being developed but already contains most of the information you will need about the club. Please add it to your favourites along with our Facebook page 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 1st July

Ticket price £40

For tickets contact Vicky

on 07831 213800 or 01234 825868

Start of Season "Fun Family Tournament" and Wimbledon Ticket Draw Monday 1st May 2-4

Refreshments will be served.

"Girl, Set and Match" - Tuesday 16th May, 9.30-11.30

Ladies fun morning

Annual club tournament finals - Sunday 24th September

Adrienne Cup - Tuesday 10th October, 9.30-11.30

Bedfordshire LTA - League Home Matches

All matches are held on Tuesdays and typically occupy the courts for about 3 hours

Men Division 3

Pavenham vs Harrold	25 th April	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Sharnbrook B	6 th June	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Potton	1 st August	7.00 pm

Ladies Division 2

Pavenham vs Langford B	9 th May	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Biggleswade	16 th May	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Flitwick B	13 th June	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford A	15 th August	7.00 pm

Mixed Division 3

Pavenham vs Riverside C	11 th April	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford C	4 th July	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Langford B	22 nd August	7.00 pm
Pavenham vs Potton	5 th September	7.00 pm

Veterans

Ouse Valley v MK D/ Lloyd	18 th April	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Flitwick A	16 th May?	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Eaton Bray	11 th July	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Dunstable A	8 th August	10.00 am
Ouse Valley v Riverside A	22 nd August	10.00 am

