

# What you need to know about...



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## *Your Committee*

<b>President</b>	<b>Peter Dengate</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mark Sherwood</b>
<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Peter Farthing</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Pearl Hare</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Sarah Chapman</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Margaret Inwood</b>
<b>Groundsman</b>	<b>Paul Masters</b>
<b>Safeguarding</b>	<b>Jenny Naylor</b>
<b>Mens Captain</b>	<b>Jeff Gedge</b>
<b>Ladies Captain</b>	<b>Nikki Crowhurst</b>
<b>Social Play</b>	<b>Andy Cheshire</b>
<b>Comms</b>	<b>Phil Bolton / Hugh Sullivan</b>
<b>Bar Manager</b>	<b>Andy Chapman</b>

**We are all volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to help with any club duties. Contact [info@amherstltc.co.uk](mailto:info@amherstltc.co.uk)**

# What you need to know about...



## Membership

If you would like to join as a member, please refer to the membership section of our website [www.amhersttc.co.uk](http://www.amhersttc.co.uk) where you can apply and pay online via Clubspark.

There are various membership categories to suit all. Membership runs from 1 April – 31 March. New members pay a pro-rata subscription from the beginning of the month after the date that they join. The new member rates are detailed on our website and updated each month accordingly.

2022/2023 full membership fees are as follows:

<b>Adult Full</b>	<b>£239</b>	
<b>Adult Off Peak</b>	<b>£160</b>	<b>Mon-Fri 8.00am to 4pm Sat – 2pm onwards Sun – no play</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>£424</b>	<b>Members residing at the same address and includes 2 adults and all juniors aged 18 or under or adults up to age 25 and who are in full time education. A further fee of £63 will apply for each adult member at the same postal address thereafter.</b>
<b>Senior Citizen - Single</b>	<b>£203</b>	<b>Over 60 on 1 Jan 2022</b>
<b>Senior Citizen - Couple</b>	<b>£360</b>	<b>Both over 60 on 1 Jan 2022</b>
<b>Student/Adult U21</b>	<b>£78</b>	<b>Full time student or Adult under 21 on 1 Jan 2022</b>
<b>Junior U14</b>	<b>£57</b>	<b>Under 14 on 1 Jan 2022</b>
<b>Junior U10</b>	<b>£39</b>	<b>Under 10 on 1 Jan 2022</b>
<b>Country</b>	<b>£144</b>	<b>Lives 20+ miles radius of Amherst</b>
<b>Non Playing</b>	<b>£17</b>	<b>Social member</b>

For membership enquiries please email [membership@amhersttc.co.uk](mailto:membership@amhersttc.co.uk)

## What you need to know about...



### *Tennis Balls*

**Amherst is one of the few tennis clubs to provide tennis balls for all social and league match play.**

**Balls can be found on top of the light meter cupboard on the back wall.**

**New cans of 4 balls are put out on rotation on an as necessary basis. We ask that members always return a full can of balls to the cupboard after play and retrieve any balls that may have been knocked over the fencing. If the balls are wet please leave them out of the cans and put on the rack to dry above the wall heater. We cannot guarantee new balls on any day so if you wish to bring your own that may be a good idea if you want to ensure they are to your liking.**

### *Floodlights*

**Courts 1 to 5 are floodlit.**

**The meters are in the black cupboard on the back wall.**

**Floodlights cost £1 for 15 minutes - £4 an hour**

**Courts 1, 2 and 4 are operated by key (held behind the bar for security). If using these courts we rely on an honesty system of payment. Please put £4 an hour cash in an envelope marked floodlights and pop in the safe under the kitchen counter.**

**Courts 3 and 5 are coin operated meters and accept £1 and £2 coins.**

**On club nights, cash is collected from each player upon arrival.**

**There is an automatic floodlight cut out at 10pm.**

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### *Security*

In order to access the club grounds, fully paid members will be provided with the combination code for the padlock on the gate. The number will be changed once a year and advised upon renewal of membership.

When unlocking the gate, please hang the padlock on the hook to the right of the clubhouse door.

If you are last to leave the ground, please lock the gate with the padlock and spin the numbers to secure the lock.

If you require a key to the clubhouse, these can be obtained from the membership secretary at a cost of £5 each. Please bring cash.

If you are last to leave the club, please ensure all lights are off in the clubhouse, heaters are switched off and lock the clubhouse door. If there are people still playing on court, please ensure they have a club house key to lockup. If they do not, please lock the clubhouse and ask those remaining on court to lock the entry gate with the combination lock when they leave.

### *Wifi*

**Network name: TNCAPB76B9D**

**Password: A69BEF08D9**

**Stand nearer the kitchen to get a better signal. We are awaiting a wifi booster for the clubhouse**

## What you need to know about...



### *The Bar*

**We have a licenced bar which is run by club volunteers. Currently the bar is cash only. There are 10 bar key holders listed on the bar door.**

**We endeavour to open the bar on most club evenings and encourage our members to socialise after play. It is a great way to get to know other members, especially if you are a new member. If you would like a drink and the bar is closed, always ask as there is usually a bar key holder around.**

**No under 18s are permitted behind the bar for any reason.**

### *Dress Code*

**We do not have a strict dress code at the club and you will find it is a very relaxed environment to play tennis in.**

**We do however ask that only appropriate tennis shoes are worn on the courts. No day shoes, flip flops, bare foot. Shirts must be worn at all times.**

### *Tea and Coffee*

**Members are welcome to make themselves a cup of tea or coffee from the supplies in the kitchen. Please put 20p per cup in the honesty piggy bank on the kitchen counter to enable us to replace supplies.**

## What you need to know about...



### *Coaching*

**Our Head Coach is Peter Farthing**

**Contact: [pete@amherstcoaching.co.uk](mailto:pete@amherstcoaching.co.uk)  
07767 124983**

**We have a super team of qualified coaches offering coaching opportunities for all ages and standards.**

**Please see the coaching notice board for coaching information.**

### *Junior Programmes*

**Please speak with any of the coaching team about junior coaching and match play opportunities.**

### *First Aid*

**There is a first aid kit in the kitchen. Our coaches are all first aid trained.**

**There is a defibrillator in an orange case on the wall by the kitchen entrance. It can be used by anyone at the club should the need arise. It gives clear instructions on what to do. Hopefully you will never need it, but it is there for any cardiac emergency.**

**Always call 999 if A&E medical assistance is required. The club postcode is TN34 1TU**

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## *Competitive Play*

### Senior Matches

Amherst compete in Sussex and Wealden Leagues throughout the year, offering Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Mixed Veterans matches.

Team captains are as follows. Please contact them if you are interested in playing in competitive matches

Mens 1 (Doubles)	Jeff Gedge	07932 427306
Mens 2 (Doubles)	Louis Admin	07482 244621
Mens 3 (Doubles)	Stuart Feist	07860 295565
Ladies 1 (Doubles)	Jane Garrett	07769 295000
Ladies 2 (Doubles)	Jenny Naylor	07825 277609
Ladies 3 (Doubles)	Clare Hooton	07941 241829
Wealden 1 (Mixed doubles)	Sarah Chapman	07816 069994
Wealden 2 (Mixed doubles)	Lisa Phillimore	07450 476827
Wealden 3 (Mixed doubles)	Paul/Sandra Goodsell	07841 448879
Veterans – Over 45	Karen Cunnington	07769 289411
Veterans – Over 60	Jeff Gedge	07932 427306

There is also an online singles box league for all standards of players.

Please ask Head Coach Peter Farthing for details 07767 124983



## What you need to know about...



### *Senior Social Play*

There are various social 'turn up and play' adult doubles sessions throughout the week. A great way to integrate with other club members and ensure you get a game.

**Monday**      9.00am – 12.00pm

**Wednesday**    9.00am – 12.00pm  
6.30pm – 8.30pm

**Thursday**      6.30pm – 8.30pm

**Friday**          6.30pm - 9.00pm  
Social evening with play organiser, bar and food

**Saturday**      2.00pm-4.30pm

The cash only bar is open every Friday evening and can be opened any other time should a bar key holder be present. If you fancy a drink, please ask.

Please note off-peak members can play 8am-4pm on weekdays and 2.00pm onwards on Saturdays. No weekday evenings or Sundays.

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## *Weekly Play Schedule*

**Please refer to the play schedule on the noticeboard for court allocation.**

**At peak times there may be high demand for courts and this is where the play schedule gives players information on court priority.**

**It does not mean the courts are always fully booked out to the designated category of play, but should there be no courts available when you turn up to play, the schedule clearly lays out which courts are available and to whom.**

**If you are waiting to play, the ruling is any independent players must come off after they finish the set to allow for other members some court space. Please don't be afraid to ask if you wish to use a court. We want all our members to enjoy the facilities.**

**This ruling does not however apply to coaching sessions, club league or internal tournament matches or mix in sessions.**

**Please refer to the match schedule on the board for when home matches are scheduled. Each match takes up two courts. There are sometimes two home matches on at once which are generally on Sundays between 10am and 3pm.**

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### *Playing Visitors*

We welcome visitors to play at the club.

They must be accompanied by a fully paid up member. The charge is £5 per visitor per visit. Please put their name in the visitor book on the kitchen counter and put £5 in an envelope in the little safe under the kitchen counter with your name, visitor's name and date on it. A visitor may attend three times at £5 per visit.

Any potential new member is welcome to ONE free visit on a social club evening on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 6.30pm onwards if they wish to try the club and its facilities out.

### *Court Etiquette*

Whilst we want to maintain a relaxed and fun atmosphere at the club, there are certain things we ask of all who use our courts so everyone can enjoy their tennis.

- Please wait for a break in play on courts 1, 2 and 4 before opening the gate to access/leave courts 1-3.
- Do not walk or run behind the baseline or across courts when game play is in progress.
- Always sweep the clay courts 6 and 7 after use.
- Return 4 balls to the clubhouse and collect any balls you hit outside of the court netting.

### *Smoking*

- No smoking or vaping within the club grounds or clubhouse