

What you need to know about...



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Your Committee

Club President	Peter Dengate
Chairman	Jeff Gedge
Head Coach	Peter Farthing
Treasurer	Pearl Hare
Membership	Sarah Chapman
Secretary	Steve Kirby
Groundsman	Paul Masters
Safeguarding	Lisa Phillimore
Mens Captain	Dylan Preece
Ladies Captain	Nikki Crowhurst
Social Play	Andy Cheshire
Comms	Phil Bolton
Bar Manager	Andy Chapman
Member w/o portfolio	Jack Watson

We are all volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to help with any club duties. Contact info@amhersttcc.co.uk

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Membership

If you would like to join as a member, please refer to the membership section of our website 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.

2023/2024 full membership fees are as follows:

Adult Full	£263	
Adult Off Peak	£176	Mon-Fri 8.00am to 4pm Sat – 2pm onwards Sun – no play
Family	£466	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.
Senior Citizen - Single	£223	Over 60 on 1 Jan 2023
Senior Citizen - Couple	£396	Both over 60 on 1 Jan 2023
Student/Adult U21	£86	Full time student or Adult under 21 on 1 Jan 2023
Junior U14	£63	Under 14 on 1 Jan 2022
Junior U10	£43	Under 10 on 1 Jan 2022
Country	£158	Lives 20+ miles radius of Amherst
Non Playing	£19	Social member

For membership enquiries please email membership@amhersttc.co.uk

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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 10 minutes - £6 an hour. £1.50 each per hour if playing doubles

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 £6 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. Courts 6 & 7 have their own combination padlock.

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

If you are last to leave the grounds, 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: TNCAP9D887C

Password: s6RnJXMy2mPp3cyn

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The Bar

We have a licenced bar which is run by club volunteers. We accept contactless or cash payment. 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.

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Coaching

Our Head Coach is Peter Farthing

**Contact: 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)	Dylan Preece	07592 787681
Mens 2 (Doubles)	Jack Watson	07826 189398
Mens 3 (Doubles)	Stuart Feist	07860 295565
Ladies 1 (Doubles)	Anita Pearce	07513 354751
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)	Steve Kirby	07956 454520
Wealden 3 (Mixed doubles)	Pat Holmes	07563 621246

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

Please ask Head Coach Peter Farthing for details 07767 124983

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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
4.00pm – 6.00pm – singles play (every other Saturday)

The 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 only 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