

WELCOME PACK



BEDALE TENNIS CLUB



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We are delighted that you have joined our tennis club and wanted to make sure you knew about all the events that take place in the week and how to access information about the club.

We have two social media platforms:

- **Facebook** for social events and news
- **Bedale Tennis Club Clubspark website** where you can access information about membership, club events, book a court and read the policies of the club.

THE COMMITTEE

The committee are there to serve the tennis club. All are volunteers. If you have any good ideas about how the club can be improved or concerns about any aspect of the club, please talk to one of the committee.

WELFARE OFFICER

Trish Melhuish is our welfare officer. Trish is responsible for ensuring that our tennis club is compliant with the safeguarding, diversity and inclusion LTA Standards.

She is there to listen to any members who have any concerns about welfare, discrimination, poor practice or abuse.

Your committee for 2024 is:

- Althea Draper – **chairperson**
- Stuart Bentley - **treasurer**
- Sally Bainbridge - **secretary**
- Trish Melhuish - **club welfare officer/juniors**
- Liz Ramsay - **social**
- Ann Hatch – **membership secretary**
- Val Dickinson - **general members**
- Sheila Curran and Helen Otter - **general members**

Welfare Officer Contact info:

Email: Trishmelhuish@gmail.com

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ADULT CLUB NIGHTS

We run 4 adult club sessions –
Monday afternoon from 2pm,
Wednesday am from 10am,
Wednesday evening from 6pm and
Sunday mornings from 10am.



COMPETITIVE TENNIS

We run 2 teams in the Harrogate League. This year we have teams in div. 1 and 4. (out of 6) These matches are played on weekday evenings at 6.30. We will also be entering teams in the Dales Ladies League in which there are just two divisions. These are generally played on Saturday afternoons at 2pm and take 2 courts. If you are interested in playing in the teams please let it be known to a member of the committee. Thank you to members who put themselves forward to be selectors: John Hart and Trish Melhuish.



HOW TO BOOK A COURT

If you would like to book a court to play with another member or a non-member, please log in to the clubspark website, using the LTA login, and choose your own password when you log in.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bedaletennisclub>

You will need to request an invitation to use the booking system, please email altheadraper@btinternet.com to register.

If you do play with a non-member, don't forget to pay visitors fees to one of the committee, preferably to Stuart Bentley our treasurer.

VISITORS FEES

Visitors to the club should pay £5 a visit and may pay visitors fees up to 3 times before they must join the club. The visitors' fees will then be deducted from the membership fees.

FLOODLIGHTS

Once the summer nights begin to fade and most matches have ended, members can book a court and use the floodlights in the evening. The cost is £4 an hour. Meters are in the clubhouse.

CHANGING ROOMS

The male and female changing rooms are located next to the Squash courts. They consist of a toilet and shower. The changing rooms are kept locked and the key to them is on a peg on the noticeboard in the pavilion. Please ensure toilets are locked after use and the key is returned to the peg. Children using the changing rooms must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The disabled toilet is clearly labelled and faces the cricket pitch.



JUNIOR COACHING

We are fortunate in having a LTA level 4 coach, Mark Hamilton. Mark runs Junior coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings from 4pm. Mark and Jonathan have undertaken safeguarding training and a DBS police check. Please contact Althea Draper if you would like to book coaching for your child. Non-members can also access these sessions for a term, but must join the club after that. At the present time junior school membership is **FREE**.

Juniors can also play in the Dales Juniors League which is run by Bedale Tennis Club. This league is played against about 6 other clubs in the area and matches are generally held on Friday evenings during the summer.

ADULT COACHING

Jonathan Sadler runs a beginners adult coaching session on Tuesday mornings and intermediate sessions for club members and non-members also run on Tuesday mornings and evening. One to one coaching is also available. Please book a place using the clubspark website.

Contact Jonathan by telephone:

0798 055 6463





SOCIAL EVENTS

Over the year the tennis clubs holds a number of social events. A family quiz is usually held in the summer, fund-raising events also take place and in October we have a lovely meal at our Bedale Sports Club function room each year and both celebrate the year and award trophies for winners of the club tournament.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Every summer, we hold a club tournament for all members, which runs from early June until finals day in early September. A number of categories of play include:

- singles,
- veterans - over 50,
- super veterans – over 60,
- juniors,
- ladies and mens doubles
- mixed doubles (where we try to balance the pairings to ensure exciting, close games)

A handicap event can be won by anyone with our clever handicapping system!