



## New Members Info 2024 - 2025

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

Dear New Member

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the club and I hope you will enjoy playing tennis with us over the coming months.

We are keen to ensure that all new members settle in smoothly and enjoy the best experience possible, so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me or one of our coaches or a committee member.

Dave Winship  
Membership Secretary  
Email: [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk)



# Welcome to Caversham Park Tennis Club!

## Committee Members:

Our committee of volunteer members is always willing to listen to your suggestions and we would appreciate any help you feel able to give to promote and sustain the club.

Chairwoman	Bianca Winship
Secretary	Sean Carson
Treasurer	Victoria Stephens
Membership Secretary	Dave Winship
Junior Organiser	<i>vacancy</i>
Club Captain	Esther Rodriguez
Ordinary Members	Logan Turner Richard Morgan
Welfare Officer	Will Jackson ( <a href="mailto:cptcwelfareofficer@aol.com">cptcwelfareofficer@aol.com</a> )

All the above can also be contacted at [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk)

## About the Club:

There are six floodlit porous macadam courts and a spacious purpose-built clubhouse with toilets, a kitchen area and large pleasant seating areas inside and out for those watching or waiting to play. There is a free public car park. Floodlights are currently free for members (NOTE: There is no play after 10 pm).

Run by the members for the members, the club caters for players of all standards - those looking to enjoy friendly social tennis as well as those interested in serious competitive match play. We make every effort to maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and our aim is to encourage the playing of tennis regardless of age or playing standard.

Caversham Park Tennis Club is committed to prioritising the well-being of all children and adults at risk, always promoting safeguarding in respect of all programmes and events we run. Our Safeguarding Policy strives to minimise risk, deliver a positive tennis experience for everyone and respond appropriately to all safeguarding concerns/disclosures. The important thing is to let us know if you are worried about someone's safety. Details of the Welfare Officer are listed above (under Committee Members).

Please advise us of any special care needs, medical conditions, dietary requirements or allergies (this particularly applies to junior and mini members - it is a health & safety requirement).

## Adult club sessions:

Adults have the choice of five weekly club sessions (just turn up and play!):

Tuesday from 6.00pm  
Thursday from 6.00pm  
Wednesday from 10.00am \*  
Saturday from 12 noon  
Sunday from 10.00am

\* *Midweek Day members can take part in the Wednesday morning club sessions.*

Balls are provided and committee members are usually on hand to run the sessions. Typically, the format is doubles play - players make up fours as they arrive and play a full set (tie-break at 5-5 ) and then mix into new groups of four. Short sets (first to 4 games, tie-break at 3-3) may be played if people are waiting. Prospective members are welcome to try out a session before committing to joining.

*The club also offers intermediate ('Rusty Rackets') sessions for players who want to build their confidence before taking part in the regular sessions:*

*Mondays 6pm – 7.30pm*

### Adult competitive tennis:

We have several men's, women's, mixed and veterans' teams that compete in both the summer and winter Berkshire leagues. If you would be interested in playing in any of these teams, please refer to the CPTC Teams appendix to this document. Match practice nights are Mondays (from 7.30pm).

A singles box league runs throughout the year. It's a great way to play friendly, competitive singles tennis and improve your game. See the [website](#) and/or the clubhouse noticeboard for details.

### Juniors and Minis:

Organised junior club sessions run during the summer months (with a break during the school summer holidays). The sessions for Minis (10&Under) take place on Tuesdays (4-5pm). The sessions for Juniors (11-18) are on Tuesdays (5-6pm). There's a tuck shop available!



There is also a court reserved for parents of Minis to enjoy playing some tennis while waiting for their children - Tuesdays (4-5pm).

Junior teams compete in the Berkshire League at all levels of play. They also have the opportunity to play in tournaments, e.g. the Annual Club. Parents of juniors interested in playing for the Club should contact the Junior Organiser or email the club at [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk)).

## Club Summer Timetable (1<sup>st</sup> Apr – 30<sup>th</sup> Sep):



	Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings
<b>Monday</b>	GDTennis (2 courts)	GDTennis (2 courts, then 4 courts from 5pm)	GDTennis (2 courts) Rusty Rackets Session (6 – 7.30pm) Men's Match Practice 7.30 - 10pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	GDTennis (1 court)	GDTennis (1 court, then all courts from 4pm) Minis 4 - 5pm Juniors 5 - 6pm	Adult Club Session From 6pm <i>(GDTennis has 1 court)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	GDTennis (2 courts) Adult Club Session from 10am	GDTennis (2 courts, then 3 courts from 4pm)	GDTennis (3 courts)
<b>Thursday</b>	GDTennis (1 court)	GDTennis (2 courts, then 3 or 4 courts from 4pm)	Adult Club Session From 6pm
<b>Friday</b>	GDTennis (2 courts)	GDTennis (2 courts, then 3 courts from 4pm)	GDTennis (3 courts) Ladies Match Practice 6.30 – 8pm
<b>Saturday</b>	GDTennis (3 courts) <i>(GDTennis has use of 5 courts 9 – 10 am)</i>	Adult Club Session From midday <i>(GDTennis has 1 court till 1pm)</i> GDTennis (2 courts from 4pm)	GDTennis (1 court)
<b>Sunday</b>	Adult Club Session From 10am	GDTennis (3 courts from 1pm)	GDTennis (1 court)

- GDTennis has priority use of 4 courts between 9am and 4pm (weekdays) during school holidays (except for Summer mid-term Holiday)
- League matches take precedence over all other club-run allocations

## Club Winter Timetable (1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar):



	<b>Mornings</b>	<b>Afternoons</b>	<b>Evenings</b>
<b>Monday</b>	GDTennis (2 courts)	GDTennis (3 courts)	GDTennis (2 courts)  Rusty Rackets Session (6 – 7.30pm)  Men's Match Practice 7.30 – 10pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	GDTennis (1 court)	GDTennis (1 court, then 2 courts from 4pm)	Adult Club Session From 6pm <i>(GDTennis has 1 court)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	GDTennis (2 courts)  Adult Club Session from 10am (4 courts)	GDTennis (2 courts, then 3 courts from 4pm)	GDTennis (3 courts)
<b>Thursday</b>	GDTennis (1 court)	GDTennis (3 courts) <i>(GDTennis has use of 5 courts 5 - 6pm)</i>	Adult Club Session From 6pm <i>(GDTennis has 1 court)</i>
<b>Friday</b>	GDTennis (2 courts)	GDTennis (2 courts, then 3 courts from 4pm)	GDTennis (3 courts)  Ladies Match Practice 6.30 – 8pm
<b>Saturday</b>	GDTennis (3 courts)  <i>(GDTennis has use of 5 courts 9 - 10am)</i>	Adult Club Session From midday <i>(GDTennis has 1 court till 1pm)</i>	GDTennis (1 court and 2 courts between 4 – 7pm)
<b>Sunday</b>	Adult Club Session From 10am	GDTennis (3 courts)	GDTennis (1 court)

- GDTennis has priority use of 4 courts between 9am and 4pm (weekdays) during school holidays (except for Summer mid-term holiday)
- League matches take precedence over all other club-run allocations

The court allocation arrangements described above are subject to change at the discretion of the Club Committee.

## Club Access:

All members are entitled to a gate key so that you can come to play when the courts are free. These are available for a £10 refundable deposit – if you would like one, please contact the Membership Secretary (or one of the committee members). The code for the clubhouse key is 2145. It is very important to ensure everything is left secure, so please ensure you extinguish lights and lock the clubhouse and the outside gate if you are the last to leave.

You can make your own arrangements to come and play. There is a court booking module available on the club website (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CavershamParkTennisClub/Booking>). You might also like to refer to the Club Allocation Schedule (above) – this is also available on the club [website](#) – to check the availability of courts, since club sessions, coaching sessions, league matches, etc take precedence at certain times on certain days.

Please note: a guest fee of £4 is payable if you bring a non-member to play (max 3 times).

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns, however great or small, about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult at the tennis club, or if you have concerns regarding the conduct of a coach or organiser, please contact the Club Welfare Officer, Will Jackson, email: [cptcwelfareofficer@aol.com](mailto:cptcwelfareofficer@aol.com).

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about any individual, it is important that you report your concerns to the Club Welfare Officer.

*Please note: if a child needs immediate medical treatment take them to a hospital or call an ambulance and tell them this is a child protection concern. Let the Club Welfare Officer know what action you have taken.*

If at any time you are not able to contact the Club Welfare Officer and the matter is serious then you can:

Contact the Police: dial 999 or 101

Email the LTA Safeguarding Team: ([safeguarding@lta.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lta.org.uk))

Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice: 0808 800 5000

[Follow this link](#) to the Club's Safeguarding Policy

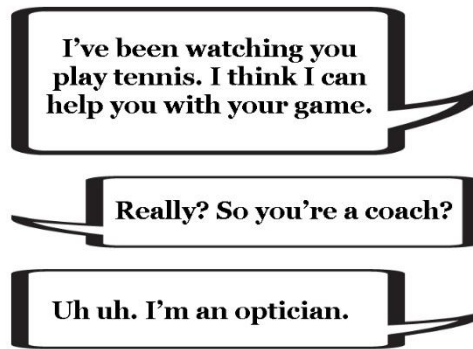
## LTA Advantage

Club members are automatically entitled to free LTA Advantage 'PLAY+' membership and may opt-in to the new centralised ballot for Wimbledon tickets.

Advantage was launched in January 2021, replacing the LTA membership scheme formerly known as British Tennis Membership (BTM).

[Follow this link](#) for more information about LTA Advantage.

## GDTennis Coaching Team:



We have a close association with GDTennis (Gary Drake Tennis) - a professional and experienced team of tennis instructors, managed by Gary Drake. There is a comprehensive coaching programme for both Adults and Juniors. All courses are led by LTA qualified coaches.

GDTennis enquiries: [info@gdtennis.co.uk](mailto:info@gdtennis.co.uk)

All new members of the club are entitled to a free 1-hour group coaching trial and 30-minute free assessment with a coach. GDTennis run over 25 different group coaching classes each week for all different ages and abilities and the coaches also offer individual coaching. To book your free trial/assessment please contact club coach Stephen Asbury (email: [stephen.asbury@gdtennis.co.uk](mailto:stephen.asbury@gdtennis.co.uk), tel: 07736518088).

## Club Rules & Court Etiquette:



Documents relating to the Club Rules and Court Etiquette can be downloaded from the Club [website](#). They are also displayed in the clubhouse.

- Suitable tennis clothing and shoes should always be worn when using the courts.
- If you are the last to leave.... please switch off lights (including floodlights) and check all clubhouse doors and the external gate are locked. NOTE: A gate key for the clubhouse can be obtained from the Membership Secretary for a refundable deposit of £10.
- Please do not leave rubbish on courts and clear up the kitchen area after use (wash, dry and put away cups, glasses etc).
- Please avoid walking behind courts whilst play is in progress.

- If you play with a guest, please enter details in the Visitors Book in the clubhouse. There is a non-member's fee of £4 per person to be put into the black box inside the clubhouse *before* play commences (the box is emptied daily). It's also possible to pay by online bank transfer. Guests are expected to observe the Club Rules. They will be expected to join the club once they have attended three times as a guest.
- Prospective members can attend two club sessions as a taster, free of charge, before deciding whether to join.

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Please keep a look out for social events on the notice boards. We also have a [website](#) and we are on Facebook, so do make us one of your friends and keep up to date.

We really do hope you enjoy playing tennis at Caversham Park and make full use of the facilities. If you have any questions, now or in the future, please contact the Club at [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk).

Dave Winship  
Membership Secretary



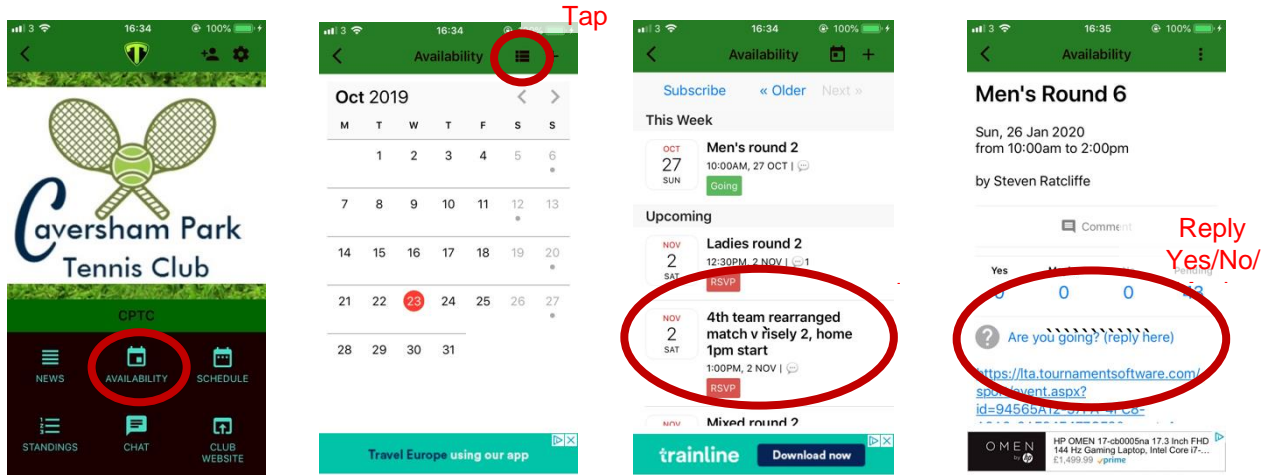
# APPENDIX 1 CPTC TEAMS

## How to Sign Up For Caversham Park Tennis Club Teams

We run 4 men's teams, 4 mixed teams and 2 ladies' teams in both the Berkshire Summer Leagues and Berkshire Winter Leagues. In summer we also enter 3 men's teams and one ladies team in the Berkshire Team Tennis league. The teams are selected by the Team Selection Committee (TSC) under the auspices of the Club Captain.

If you're interested in playing in the teams then please follow these steps to let us know that you want to play and to let us know your availability for matches.

- Email the TSC at [CPTCTeams@gmail.com](mailto:CPTCTeams@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and British Tennis Membership number. If you can give us an idea of your playing level that will help but it isn't essential
  - We will then add you to the appropriate email distribution list for the men's, mixed or ladies teams. These distribution lists are used to communicate who has been selected for each round of matches and to let everyone know the results of matches
- Download TeamApp from the Apple App Store or Google Play store. Please take notice of the TeamApp logo to make sure you get the correct app from the store
  - We will link the email that you sent to us with the CPTC team in team app.
  - If you sign in to the app with that email address then you should be able to CPTC fixtures for the upcoming season
- In TeamApp go to 'Availability' and RSVP to each event. Follow the screenshots below if you have issues.



- We use notifications in TeamApp to issue reminders to those who have not responded. If you can't make a match then please select 'No' to avoid getting reminders
- Team selection will be announced on email 1 week in advance of the fixture with selection starting on the Thursday before. Please make sure your availability is up to date prior to that cut off.

Please note that to avoid chasing individuals we do ask that everyone keeps their availability up to date in the app.

If you have any queries then please email the TSC on [cptcteams@gmail.com](mailto:cptcteams@gmail.com) and we will come back to you as soon as we can.

**Team Selection Committee, Oct 2019**