

ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION SHEET

www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk

email: mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk



Introduction

Elsenham Tennis Club (ETC) was formed in 1976 through the desire of a small cohort of local keen tennis players who through dedication, sweat and sheer hard labour instigated the building of 2 outdoor tennis courts. Since then, improvements have been made on an ongoing basis to the facilities including the erection of a small club hut, the installation of floodlights (allowing all year round play) and more recently the resurfacing of the tennis courts making them some of the best looking in the local area. The Club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and complies with its' standards as well as providing members with LTA benefits.

The Club welcomes members and court users from any background and has an Equality and Diversity Policy (available on the ETC website).

Location

The Club is located in the centre of Elsenham, on the Village Playing Fields off Stansted Road. It is next to the Elsenham Bowls Club and Memorial Hall on land owned by Elsenham Parish Council.

Within the fenced area, next to the courts, is a compound and hut. There are two separate gates, with padlocks, to the courts and the compound. The hut, which is also secured by a padlock protected by a code, contains the control boxes for the floodlights. If you purchase tokens and/or require access to the hut, you can obtain the code from the committee.

Website and Email

ETC has its own website www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk where up-to-date information can be found including scheduled events, Club Rules and Constitution, etc. The website provides a link to ClubSpark which is an online club management system, enabling bookings of courts, coaching and membership information and forms. Communications can be made via email at mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk. This sheet should be read in conjunction with the Club Rules and Constitution. Members are responsible for maintaining their own information on ClubSpark and ensuring this is kept up to date and accurate, especially when renewing membership annually.

The Club also has a Facebook page where news and information is posted.

Committee elected September 2023

Mike Stiles	chairperson
Paul Burt	treasurer
Linda Steer	secretary
Petra Studholme	membership
Emily Bloom	committee member
Gavin Strickfuss	committee member
Steve Smith	committee member and head coach

Play

Keys

Upon joining every member (family or individual - except juniors under 12 years) is given a key to the Tennis Club. These are available for use by members at any time they are not being used for planned events/matches. If you lose your key, then you will be charged for the replacement at a cost of £5.00.

Please ensure that the courts, hut and compound are locked when you leave if no one else is playing.

Members and/or visitors under the age of 12 years must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.

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Court Booking

Members are able to book courts online through ClubSpark in accordance with the parameters set and must ensure all participants for the booked session are added to the booking system.

Link is here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ElsenhamTennisClub>.

Coaching

ETC has a qualified Level 3 LTA coach offering coaching for players (group and/or individual) of all standards. Details are available on the ETC website and coaching can be booked through the coach directly or

mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Various regular activities take place including: -

□ Tuesday Club Night

Every Tuesday (weather permitting) from 7.30pm onwards. ALL members are welcome. We have a whatsapp group you can join to sign up for these on a weekly basis. Balls are supplied and £2 (summer running from April - September) and £3 (for October to March) is charged as a contribution towards the cost of the lights and balls.

□ Sunday Afternoon Play

We also play on a Sunday 2-4pm, again we can add you to this group if you are interested. No charge as participants bring their own balls.

□ Morning PlayTennis

Morning play sessions are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings every week, weather permitting. These are informal friendly/social play sessions open to all members. Again, if you are interested, we can add you to this group. As members bring their own balls and no lights required, there is no charge for this.

□ Cardio/GroupTeam Training Sessions

Cardio tennis/group training sessions are held by our coach, every week weather permitting. These are fun training sessions available to members and are a great way to keep fit and develop new skills/techniques. For times and more info, see the website. Pre-booking is required.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome on the courts if not being used by members. If you bring a visitor onto the courts you are responsible for their behaviour, adherence to our rules and also for collecting the relevant fee (£3 for an adult, 50p for a child under 16) per hour.

Payment can be made via BACS:- Elsenham Tennis Club, 20-36-98, 70353906 or Paypal:-

<https://www.paypal.me/PayTennis> stating "guests" and date played.

Floodlights

The floodlights are controlled from boxes in the hut, one for each court. They are operated by tokens, which cost £2.50 each and last for 35 minutes, which allows for a warm up period. The lights must stop being used/go off by 10.30pm on any given night.

For inter-club matches, club nights, group coaching and other committee authorised events, the lights will be operated by a key. Tokens to operate the lights can be obtained in advance by emailing mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk. You will also need the access code for the hut which can be obtained at the same time.

Please note:

- 1. If the lights go out for any reason, you must wait at least 15 minutes before restarting them.**
- 2. Please report any problems with the lights to any committee member as soon as possible.**

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Matches and Tournaments

The Club plays competitive league matches against other clubs in the Mixed Doubles, Ladies and Men's Doubles. Teams are regularly entered into both the Summer and Winter Essex Small Clubs League and teams/individuals enter the popular annual Hospital Cup for which the Club has had extensive success. We are always looking to expand our pool of players, so if you would like to play please contact:

Men's Doubles	Jon Tann	jon@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk
Ladies Doubles	Linda Steer	linda@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk
Mixed Doubles	Petra Studholme	petra@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk

These leagues operate in two sessions - winter and summer. Match fees are £4 per match per person, home or away to cover the cost of balls and lights incurred.

We also organise summer and winter tournaments. All members are encouraged to enter. Cups and other trophies are awarded to the winners. Partners can be arranged for those who do not have one for doubles matches. Details are given on the ETC website.

Services

LTA membership

The Club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association which gives the club and its member's further benefits, including becoming a British Tennis member.

Fund Raising

The Club occasionally runs fund raising activities including quiz nights, usually twice a year. These are held locally in Elsenham and help keep our subscriptions one of the lowest in the vicinity. Please support these events by making up a table. Any other suggestions for fundraising are always welcome.

Tennis Balls

New tennis balls can be purchased by emailing mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Racket Restringing

We have two sources for racket restringing within the club so email us for further info.

Governance

Details of elected committee members are available on the ETC website, together with Rules of Play, Codes of Conduct and the Club Constitution.

Safeguarding information is available on the ETC website and in the Club Hut (Safeguarding Folder) including details of the Club Welfare Officer, policies and procedures to be followed, contact details, etc.

The Club complies with data protection legislation. Personal details of Club members are held on ClubSpark, of which the member can set/change their preferences. Where members wish to have their personal information restricted, deleted, etc. they should contact the Club Secretary on mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk with details. ClubSpark requires that all junior members must have an adult as the main contact who has this responsibility. Our full privacy and other relevant policies are on the website.

Thank you for your interest and attention - please continue to enjoy your tennis!