

JUST OUT! SPRING 2021

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

I took on the role of Framlingham Tennis Club Chairperson in November 2020 and am very much looking to continue the great work done by the previous committee. This last year has unfortunately passed by with tennis being played in "fits and starts" but on the flip side we have found even more people are keen to come out and play whilst being careful to socially distance. Looking ahead I hope we have turned a corner in terms of Covid restrictions and that social and match play tennis can resume to some sort of normality - the Club do wish to thank all members for their patience and understanding during this tricky time. The tennis courts are due to be completely re-laid some time in early August (see Grounds Report herein) which is really good news - there will be a short time when the club will be shut whilst the contractors do their thing but it will be well worth it to have shiny new courts!

Club nights will also be returning this season - we really want this to be successful so please do come along on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening in the month starting from April. Looking forward to meeting up on court!

Regards, Neil

****HOT OFF THE PRESS****

We are in the process of designing and ordering club t-shirts - watch this space!

EVENTS

We hope to run the following this year:

- Competitive, fun tournaments (keep an eye on website for details)
- Summer Garden Party
- AGM in November
- Christmas Meal

Ideas for Social Events are always welcome, please contact the Secretary (Rachel Smith - see club contacts herein)

CLUB CONTACTS

Framlingham Lawn Tennis Club is managed by a volunteer committee, elected at the AGM.

Neil Leech – Chairman

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Sarah Edwards - Welfare Officer

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Liz Cubitt - Club Coach

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Paul Elliott – Groundsman

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SUMMER COACHING PROGRAMME

NEW COURSES called **YOUTH START**, Term Time for children new to tennis

Thursday 3.45-4.45pm, 15th April – 20th May for 8-11 year olds

Saturday 8.30-9.30am, 17th April – 22nd May for 5-7 year olds

Saturday 2-3pm, 17th April – 22nd May for 4-7 year olds

Sign up and receive six weekly coaching sessions, branded t-shirt & racket/ball set.

YOUTH EASTER HOLIDAY GROUPS (see attached poster)

Youth ages 5-11

Mon 29th March, Tues 30th March,

Wed 31st March, Thurs 1st April

Daily sessions: 2-3pm Red Ball, ages 5-8, **3-4pm**

Orange Ball, ages 8-9, **4-5pm** Green Ball, ages 9-11

Cost: £5 per session, or £16 for week (4 hours coaching)

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Youth ages 11+ Yellow (Hard) Ball
Tues 30th March and Tues 6th April,
10am-12midday
Cost: £10 per session, or £16 for both sessions

YOUTH TERM TIME COACHING starts week commencing 12th April.
Tuesday 3.45-4.30 – Red Ball (Girls), Ages 5-8
Tuesday 4.30-5.30 – Orange Ball Improvers, Ages 8-9
Tuesday 5.30-6.30 – Yellow (Hard) Ball, Ages 11-16
Saturday 9.30-10.30 – Green Ball, Ages 9-11
Saturday 10.30-11.30 – Yellow Ball Invitation (for improving/intermediate players)

ADULT SESSIONS and COURSES

ADULT INTRODUCTION to TENNIS CLUB
Free Coaching Session on Saturday 10th April,
11.30am-12.30pm

NEW CARDIO SESSION Great for fitness and for all levels from beginners to advanced players.
£5 bookable per session in advance. Tuesdays 9.15-10am

NEW TENNIS EXPRESS courses. Six week course for Adult beginners and improvers.
Tuesday 6.30-7.30 or Saturday 11.35-12.35.

INTERMEDIATE TENNIS COACHING Six week course Tuesdays 10-11am from 13th April

More information at
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/FramlinghamLawnTennisClub> or
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DOTENNIS>

Club Coach: Liz Cubitt, LTA Level 3 Accredited Plus Coach, 07435 296660,
liz.DoTennis@icloud.com

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Membership gives free use of the courts. Key will be available to Adult members in the pavilion, via combination lock. Juniors can get a key from Haynings Garage by exchanging their Membership Card for the key and signing the book. Return after use.
- Floodlights for use by **ADULT MEMBERS only** and must be switched off by 9.30pm.
- Eligibility for members to play for the Club in League Matches.
- Become a British Tennis Member, free of charge and gain entry into the Club Wimbledon ticket ballot.
- Free membership of Fram Sports Club.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The fees for the 2021/22 season are:

Early Bird Fee 5% Disc	Deadline 30 th April
Adult	£85
Couple	£140
Family	£170
2 Adults & up to 4 under 18yrs	
Student -16 to 18yrs & 18+ in full time education	£45
Junior	£20
8 to 15yrs old	
Child	£10
7yrs & under	
Adult Winter Only	£40
Between 1 st Oct – 31 st Mar	
Student Winter Only	£20
Between 1 st Oct – 31 st Mar	
Junior & Child Winter Only	£20
Between 1 st Oct – 31 st Mar	
Age at 1 st April 2021	

Membership Renewal & New Memberships

We would prefer members to join or renew their membership via the Club's website:

<https://tojoin.at/framtennis>

You need to have/create a ClubSpark account to do this. When renewing please ensure you use the same authentication method used when you first created an account. (this is the most common cause of problems when booking courts or paying membership). Please also take the opportunity to update your profile details stored on the site.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Adult Club morning 9.30am onwards	Cardio with Liz 9.15-10am			Adult Club morning 9.30am onwards	Youth Start coaching with Liz 8.30-9.30am	
	Intermediate coaching with Liz 10-11am				Green Ball (age 9-11) 9.30-10.30am	
	Red Ball (girls) (age 5-8) 3.45-4.30pm				Yellow Ball (improvers/intermediates) 10.30-11.30am	
	Orange Ball (improvers) (age 8-9) 4.30-5.30pm				Tennis Express for Adults with Liz 11.35-12.35pm	
	Yellow Ball (hard) (age 11-16) 5.30-6.30pm		Youth Start coaching with Liz 3.45-4.45pm		Youth Start coaching with Liz 2-3pm	
Home Match night	Tennis Express for Adults with Liz 6.30-7.30pm	Adult Club night (1 st & 3 rd Wed of month) 6pm onwards	Home Match night			

FIRST AID

There is a First Aid kit in the pavilion to be used in emergencies. Please inform a committee member immediately if you use anything from it so it can be replaced. Enter all incidents into the Accident Book located in the pavilion on the table.

TENNIS LEAGUES

Senior teams play competitive tennis in the local leagues. If you are interested in match play please contact the Secretary

OLD TENNIS BALLS

Please don't throw them away. We can recycle them and receive 20p per ball. Please use the recycling bin in the hut.



CLUB SESSIONS

Seniors

- Monday and Friday Mornings from 9.30am Adult Club play arranged by Whatsapp. Contact Paul Elliott to join the group.
- Club Night Wednesday Evenings. From 6:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wed evenings in the month starting in April 2021. There will be at least 4 committee members and or team captains present to reinvigorate Club Night sessions. Contact Paul Elliott to join the group.

COURT HIRE, VISITORS FEES & NON-MEMBERS

Guests of members can play 3 times per annum for a charge of **£1 per Junior and £2 per Senior**. Please put payment into the metal honesty box provided on the court.

ALL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR GUESTS.

We are in the process of making the courts bookable by Non-members on a 'pay and play' via the website and LTA Rally App for a charge of £8.00 per hour.

COURT BOOKING SYSTEM

To avoid disappointment book court space in advance.

To use this system, you must first register with ClubSpark if you haven't already done so.

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

Courts may only be booked by Club Members. If you need to change/cancel your booking you can easily sign in and cancel the session. Need help getting started? Contact Paul Elliott.

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GROUNDS REPORT

Many members will be aware of the committee's concern that the club does not have the reserves to afford resurfacing of the courts and that the Sports Club is currently not able to help, despite the Tennis Section contributing a substantial fee towards the Sports Clubs Maintenance budget each year which should help cover the renewal of facilities. This said, the Sports Club has had a difficult time with no Gala and almost no bar income for a year.

Our courts were last resurfaced in 2004 and at 17 years old they are surprisingly in very good condition. However, you will have noticed that the tarmac is starting to fray in some areas at the edges and rear of the courts and with the age of the courts this could very quickly spread to the playing surface. Although we have been locked down for months we have not been sitting on our laurels and have made the most of the time off court working to ensure the future of the Club. We are delighted to reveal that we have been able to secure a 50% grant from the Town's Section 106 funding, and due to the significant efforts of working parties to minimise our annual maintenance costs we have sufficient reserves of our own for the other 50%. Hence, we can confirm that the courts will be resurfaced this summer. The funding is only available for a year and since tarmac is best laid in good weather, we have scheduled the resurfacing work to take place in August with repainting 6 weeks later in September. One of the conditions of the grant is that the courts are opened to non-members on a 'pay and play' basis. At £8.00 per hour, we are sure that you will appreciate the great value your membership represents. You will see from our proposed membership fees for the coming season that most fees remain unchanged. Please be assured that members will have preferential booking of court time.

Regards, Paul

Summer Leagues

We have entered the following teams in this year's summer league:

- Ladies (captain Rachel/Sarah)
- Mens (captain Tim Mosse)
- Mixed 1 (captain Rachel Smith)
- Mixed 2 (captain Trevor Butcher)

Pease contact Rachel Smith on 07717 666546 or secretary@framtennis.org.uk if you are interested in playing in any team!

