

Gregory Fields Tennis Club



2022 - 2023



Welcome

Thank you for joining Gregory Fields Tennis Club.

We welcome members of all ages and abilities.

So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after a break or an experienced player you can be sure of a warm friendly welcome.

We hope that you enjoy your tennis and become an active member of the club.

The handbook is here to inform you about the club, the facilities available and to keep you up to date with what's happening at Gregory Fields over the coming season.

All the latest news and events are also published on our website.

Find GFTC @

Webpage:

Clubspark.lta.org.uk/gregoryfieldstennisclub

Facebook:

Gregory Fields Tennis Club

Twitter:

@GregoryFieldsTC

Email

gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com

Membership Benefits

- Three floodlit tarmac courts making it possible to play all year round.
- Free use of the courts (except when publicised).
- Free Social Tennis sessions on Thursday evenings 6pm onwards and Friday mornings 10am onwards.
- Free use of the floodlights.
- Free tennis balls for Team Practice and Club Social sessions on Thursday nights and Friday mornings.
- Use of the clubhouse including changing rooms, showers and kitchen area.
- The opportunity to take part in internal competitions allowing you to play against different opponents and meet other members - including our annual club tournaments, The Crabtree Cup and The President's Cup and our season long 'Kiwi Doubles' competition.
- The opportunity for men and ladies to play competitive tennis in the Huddersfield Leagues.
- Social events throughout the year.
- Access to the Club Coach.
- Free LTA Advantage Membership – Amongst other things, this allows members to opt into the Wimbledon ballot for tickets. For full details, see www.lta.org.uk/advantage/

Team Play

The Huddersfield and District Tennis League organises men's and ladies doubles matches during the summer and mixed doubles matches over the winter.

All paid up members are eligible for selection, so please talk to the captains if you are interested in representing the club.

There is a small match fee of £3 for the summer matches.

League Matches are played as follows:

Ladies Matches: Monday evenings 6:30pm onwards

Mens Matches: Tuesday evenings 6:30pm onwards

Team Info:

Mens A Captain: Kevin Marshall

Mens B Captain: Matt Budd

Ladies A Captain: Kathryn Smith

Ladies B Captain: Rita Butterfield

League Matches start w/c 25/04/22

The Men's A Team play in Division 3.

The Men's B Team plays in Division 4.

The Ladies A Team plays in Division 2

The Ladies B Team plays in Division 3.

Social Tennis

Social Tennis provides a great opportunity for members to come along, meet other players mix in – and generally have a fun time! Players of all standards are welcome.

We would love to see as many members as possible at our Social Tennis sessions to ensure that the club continues to thrive.

Thursday Night Socials –

Every Thursday evening, from 6:00pm onwards, weather permitting.

Friday Morning Socials –

Every Friday morning, from 10am onwards.

Club Competitions –

The Crabtree Cup is on 3rd July.

The Presidents Cup is on 11th September.

Players are ‘mixed up’ and play several rounds of tennis over the course of the afternoon.

Kiwi Doubles Competition –

The club also runs a season long doubles competition with a twist or two!!! It’s a great way to play more tennis, meet more tennis players – and develop your game.

WhatsApp

We have a WhatsApp group which members can use to organise games between themselves and to check arrangements for social tennis sessions. Please ask Jackie Turnpenney to add you to the contacts list.

Coaching

Our Coach is Andy Smith, a full time LTA Level 4 Senior Performance Coach with over 15 years' experience.

Andy's coaching programme caters for children and adults - and includes

- Taster sessions for children
- Junior coaching for children on Sunday mornings
- Adult beginners / improvers on Sunday afternoons
- Adult team tennis on Sunday afternoons
- Individual & group coaching by arrangement
- Easter and Summer Sports Camps for Kids



Full details are available on the clubs website and from Andy
Mob: 07876718968

Email: andysmithtennis@icloud.com

The Committee

GFTC is managed by a committee, on a voluntary basis. The committee holds regular meetings throughout the season to discuss the running of the club.

If anyone is interested in getting involved in running and shaping the club into the future, please let us know.

Club Officials 2022 - 2023

President:	Doreen Barraclough
Chair:	Jackie Turnpenney
Treasurer:	Andrea Mills
Secretary:	Chris Newsome
Membership Secretary:	Paul Dowse
Social Secretary:	Carol Barnes
Welfare Officer:	Celia Goldsmith: Mob: 07522582098
Grants / Funds Officer	Ian Smith
League Representative:	Kevin Marshall
Housekeeper	Olwyn Fairbank
Committee Member:	Ron Lister

Team Captains:	
Mens A:	Kevin Marshall
Mens B:	Matt Budd
Ladies A:	Kathryn Smith
Ladies B:	Rita Butterfield

Online Court Bookings

Members should book a court rather than turn up ‘on spec’.

Go to the ClubSpark website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/> and register – using the same email address you use for tennis club communications.

ClubSpark is a platform we use to ‘hold’ our membership records and you will only be able to book a court if you have registered with it.

Once you have registered, you do not need to visit the site again.

Then, go to the club’s website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/gregoryFieldsTennisClub> and the ‘Court Bookings’ Page.

The booking procedure is very simple – but there is a ‘Booking Guide’ there to help.

There are a few ‘rules’ to bear in mind.

You can book a court up to 14 days in advance.

You can make one booking per day.

You can book a court for a maximum of 2 hours.

You will receive an email confirming your booking and you can cancel the booking, if you decide not to play.

Please note: court bookings have priority – so if you turn up on spec, you will be required to vacate the court if a member who has booked, arrives later.

Court Access

The courts are accessed via a combination lock.

Members will be advised of the code by email when they join / renew their subscription.

Members are asked not to share this code with anyone else as the courts need to be protected from misuse and unauthorised access.

Floodlights

The court floodlights are available until 9pm - or until 10pm on match nights. The lights must be off by the stipulated time because of planning restrictions.

The floodlights are operated by way of tokens.

The tokens are free and are kept in a tin on top of the token meter boxes, in the clubhouse. Each token lasts 30 minutes.

Accidents & First Aid

All accidents must be entered in the Accident Book in the clubhouse so that the circumstances and risks can be evaluated and remedied as appropriate.

If access to the clubhouse is not possible, please notify a member of the committee so that the incident can be logged.

A basic First Aid Kit is available in the kitchen cupboard next to the sink.

Visitor Fees

Members are welcome to bring non-member visitors to play for a small fee (£5 per person) – payable by bank transfer to the clubs account.

Policies & Procedures

GTFC has to meet certain standards as part of our LTA / British Tennis Venue Registration. This is to ensure that our Club provides a safe, accessible enjoyable and welcoming environment for everyone.

Our **Safeguarding Policy** document and our **Diversity & Inclusion Policy document** are available in the clubhouse and on the website.

Our **Welfare Officer** is:

Celia Goldsmith: Mob. 07522582098

The Clubs **Risk Assessment** is also available in the clubhouse.

The club is welcoming and inclusive to all. Any disrespectful or discriminatory behaviour will not be tolerated.

It is the responsibility of every member and visitor to ensure that their actions and behaviour do not impact on the safety of others and that the environment is safe.

GTFC is fully compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulation. Members must 'opt in' by ticking the box on the membership application / renewal form if they are happy for the club to contact them by email in connection with club activities.

Constitution / Codes of Conduct

Our Constitution and Codes of Conduct can be viewed on the website.

Court Availability 2022 – 2023

Monday	
Up to 6pm	Courts available
6pm onwards	Ladies Team Training / Matches
Tuesday	
Up to 6pm	Courts available
6pm onwards	Mens Team Training / Matches
Wednesday	
	Courts available
Thursday	
Up to 6pm	Courts available
6pm onwards	Thursday Night Social Tennis
Friday	
10am – 1pm	Friday Morning Social Tennis
1pm onwards	Courts available
Saturday	
	Courts available
Sunday	
9am - 1pm	Junior Coaching from 8 th May – 17 th July
1pm - 3pm	Adult Coaching from 8 th May – 17 th July
3pm onwards	Courts available

Off Peak Members –

Access to courts Mon – Fri only, up to 6pm