

# HENFIELD TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS 2024-25



## Welcome

Thank you for choosing to join our wonderful club. We hope you find the Club to be friendly and helpful. Please do get in touch if you have any queries, we would be more than happy to assist.

This pack is designed to give you all the information you should need to play, join in on our regular sessions, arrange lessons and join in social events. You are now on our email list for regular newsletter updates on competitions and events.

You should also be able to find all the information you need on our website and via our Facebook and Instagram accounts. If you are a social media user, we would love for you to follow us, comment or 'like' our posts.

Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HenfieldTennisClub>

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## Club Facilities

### Gate Access and Courts

Gate access to our 4 floodlit courts is via an access code which is changed regularly and communicated via email. Courts 1 and 2 are directly in front of the pavilion and 3 and 4 to its left. The 1 mini-court is free and open to all on a first come basis and tennis racquets for this court can be borrowed from the Clubhouse.

### Floodlights

These are free as part of your membership and can be switched on and off via meters allocated to each court in the entrance hut. Use is at your discretion, and we expect you to turn them off after use. (On courts 3 and 4 one floodlight has a courtesy light fitted which will stay on for about 5 minutes after the other floodlights go out). Lights cannot be used beyond 10pm due to local planning restrictions and of course, courtesy to our neighbours.

## Tennis balls

These are free as part of your membership. The balls will be kept inside the Clubhouse in the tall cupboard near the kitchen. We kindly ask that you return the balls after use. The balls will be checked and replaced regularly by our committee member Jayne Dempster. The green bin outside the Pavilion entry door can be used to place used tennis balls for recycling.

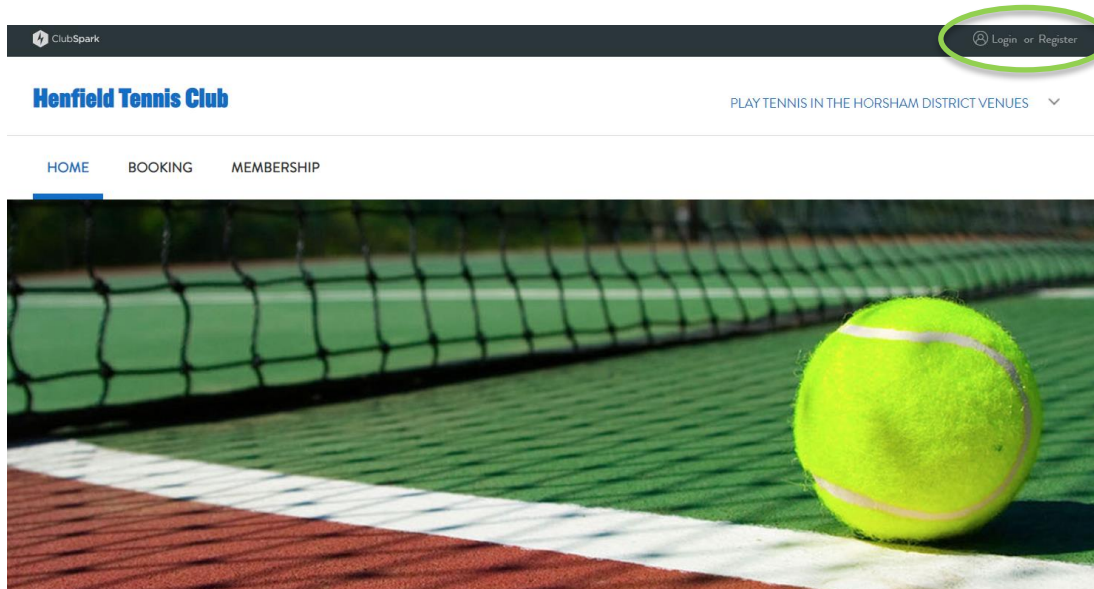
## The Pavilion

The Pavilion is open to all members. Like gate access, the code to the Pavilion key safe is changed regularly and communicated to members separately. The kitchen, changing room and toilet are for your use and we simply ask for donations towards coffee, teas and cakes. While we do have a cleaner, we would ask you to keep the premises (and especially the washing up) in good order. Rubbish is collected and taken away by volunteers. Free wifi is available to all members. For queries regarding Private Hire, please contact our Chair, Wendy Whittaker.

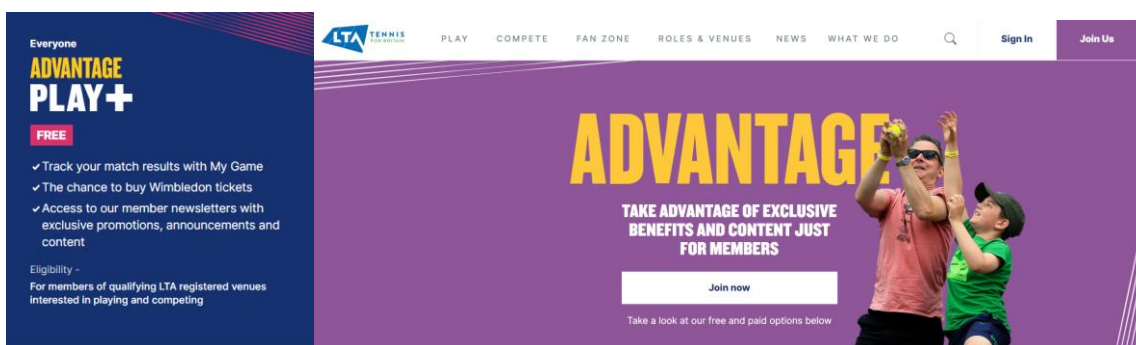
# Booking a Court

The Club uses the ClubSpark system, an online booking facility which enables you to book a court for free (guests are required to pay £4 when booking). Access to ClubSpark is via one-off online registration and then via your chosen password. You can book a court 14 days ahead for a maximum of 1.5 hours.

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



We would also greatly recommend joining the LTA and be associated with Henfield Tennis Club. Membership is **free** and provides a number of LTA benefits. An LTA membership number is required if you wish to play for a club team. For the chance to obtain Wimbledon tickets via the centralised ballot, you will need to 'opt in' via your LTA account. Visit your benefits area and follow the links to enter.



# Coaching

## Adults

Jörg (photo left) and Keith (photo right) are our two LTA Licensed Level 4 qualified coaches. Jörg Schlüter is the Head Coach at our club. Keith Brown works alongside Jörg and runs most of our mini tennis sessions. Keith is also a Licensed LTA Official Referee Grade R4 and regularly runs competitions at the Club, mainly for junior players. Keith is also a UKRSA Registered Professional Stringer.

Adult coaching sessions include Rusty Racquets and Cardio Tennis with Jörg and Doubles Strategy with Keith. Contact the coaches directly for more information.

[headcoach@henfieldtennisclub.com](mailto:headcoach@henfieldtennisclub.com)

[keithbrownwithdean@hotmail.com](mailto:keithbrownwithdean@hotmail.com)



## Juniors

There is a thriving junior section at the Club with regular coaching sessions, holiday camps, fun competitions, an annual tournament and matches against local clubs.

The mini-court is always open to members and their children. Children can also play on the larger courts that should be booked in the usual manner via the HTC web site or directly via Clubspark.

It is a good idea for juniors to play with the coloured balls recommended by the LTA, i.e., red balls for 8U, orange balls 9U and green balls for 10U (talk to one of the coaches about these balls). Juniors usually progress to standard yellow balls at around age 11.

If juniors happen to be playing on a court when a coach is present, they will be happy to lend them some coloured balls according to their level.

Jörg, with Keith, normally coaches Mini Red, Mini Orange, Mini Green and Junior Yellow Ball on Friday afternoons/early evenings. During school holidays the coaching team often hold Tennis Camps, Tournaments and other extra coaching opportunities.

Throughout the year juniors are encouraged to participate in local LTA tournaments whatever their level; firstly, it's great fun and, secondly, it's a fantastic way to improve their tennis skills as they learn to play against others whose styles and tactics may be less familiar than their friends'.

# Club Sessions

There are two types of club sessions; 'turn up and play' and organised social sessions. All standards are very welcome and we try to mix players within their ability.

## Turn up and play

Just turn up and play at the following social sessions:

Saturdays: 2-3:30pm contact:

- Stephen Dexter [stephen.dexter2@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.dexter2@btinternet.com) or;
- Vas Siantonas [vassossiantonas@gmail.com](mailto:vassossiantonas@gmail.com)

Sundays: 9:30-11am contact:

- Jayne Dempster via [jaynedempster@live.co.uk](mailto:jaynedempster@live.co.uk)

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:30pm - coach co-ordinated social session with either Jörg or Keith, contact: Jörg Schlüter via [headcoach@henfieldtennisclub.com](mailto:headcoach@henfieldtennisclub.com) or 07809892424.



## Competitions

These are open to all club members. There are regular box singles leagues throughout the year and an annual tournament with singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Keith Brown regularly updates members with box league information and in house club tournaments.

These competitions are a great way to play and meet other members of the Club plus improve your game!

A number of informal tournaments also take place throughout the year.



## Team League Matches

We currently have two Mens' and two Ladies' teams playing inter-club matches in Sussex. Team practice is on Monday evenings 7-8pm. If you would like to play, please contact our Team Captains:

Mens' First and Second contact:

- Charles Bennett [charles@bennett-bailey.co.uk](mailto:charles@bennett-bailey.co.uk)

Womens' First contact:

- Jayne Dempster [jaynedempster@live.co.uk](mailto:jaynedempster@live.co.uk)

Womens' Seconds contact:

- Barbara Morley [barbaramorley3001@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramorley3001@gmail.com)

## Social Events

The Club organises social events throughout the year so there will be many opportunities to have fun off the court at the Summer BBQ and Open Day, a Christmas Party, themed tennis evenings with fun games, quiz nights, Bridge tournaments and more.

These events are promoted by the club's Marketing Team via email and social media.



# Your Committee

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Wendy Whittaker	Chair		info@henfielddennisclub.com
Vassos Siantonas	Treasurer		treasurer@henfielddennisclub.com
Jayne Dempster	Membership Secretary	07745654569	membership@henfielddennisclub.com
Jörg Schlüter	Head Coach/Tennis Development	07809892424	headcoach@henfielddennisclub.com
Denis Muirden	Vice Chair		muirdendenis@googlemail.com
Kat Morley	Marketing (Social Media/Website)		
Helen Ballard	Child Welfare Officer	07855052165	welfare@henfielddennisclub.com
John Dempster	Health and Safety		j_dempster@live.co.uk
Mark Eastell	Premises Maintenance		info@henfielddennisclub.com

The Henfield Tennis Club AGM is held every November. Please come along so that you can have your say in the way the Club is run.

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## General Club Rules

Henfield Tennis Club is fully committed to the safety and well-being of all its members, and believes that it is important that members, coach, administrators and parents associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Members are encouraged to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Club with a member of the committee.

The Terms and Conditions of membership including the latest Club's Regulations and Codes of Conduct can be found on the website. The current Regulations are attached to this document.



**REGULATIONS OF HENFIELD TENNIS CLUB**  
**(agreed at Committee Meeting on 26 Jan 2024)**

1. All courts, including the mini-court, are open for play from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. inclusive.
2. Floodlights may be used only between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. inclusive.
3. The Committee is able to close courts to Members and to the general public for maintenance or for special reasons such as matches, tournaments or hiring to local schools or other outside bodies. Wherever possible a notice is displayed at least seven (7) days prior to the closure.
4. The Committee reserves courts for regular club sessions, coaching sessions etc. The current list of these reservations is displayed on the notice board outside the pavilion. The remaining courts are reserved in the following priority order:-
  - a. By the Committee for matches, tournaments or hiring to local schools or other outside bodies,
  - b. By the coaches for ad-hoc coaching sessions,
  - c. By members up to 14 days in advance,
  - d. By the general public up to 7 days in advance.

All bookings are through the Clubspark website.

5. The mini-court is open to everyone, members and the public, and is accessible without going through the tennis club premises. It cannot be booked, and should be vacated after 30 minutes if others are waiting to play.
6. Whenever possible, Club tournament matches should be played outside of club sessions, but in any case no more than one such match shall take place during any one Club session.

***Code of Conduct***

7. Members and visitors are expected to behave considerately, including:-
  - showing respect at all times – to other players, club officials and our neighbours;
  - not abusing, being neglectful, harming or discriminating against anyone;
  - being inclusive and celebrating diversity; and
  - helping keep everyone safe by reporting any concerns to the welfare officer or other committee member.
8. Members and visitors should protect and take care of club property, including:-
  - wearing appropriate shoes and clothing;
  - leaving the clubhouse and courts clean and tidy after use;
  - reporting any damage or problems relating to security to the committee;
  - if the last person to leave the clubhouse, checking that the water, lights and heating are off and that the pavilion is locked and secure;
  - if the last person to leave the courts, turning the floodlights off;
  - if the last person to leave the premises, closing and padlocking the external gate.
9. Members and visitors should make the club a welcoming and friendly environment by:-

- enjoying the game;
- playing by the rules of tennis and
- abiding by the Rules and Regulations of HTC.

10. Members and visitors should have consideration for the health and safety of themselves and others by:-

- following any instructions relating to safety, given by club officials either orally or in writing – notices emails etc;
- not playing if unfit in any way to do so;
- ensuring conditions are safe before play and not playing if conditions are unsafe e.g. the courts are slippery because of the weather;
- not undertaking maintenance and other such tasks without proper regard to health and safety e.g. wearing appropriate PPE if needed.

11. Juniors under the age of 13 are to be supervised by an appropriate adult. Juniors are welcome to play in events with their parents permission. Adult members should be aware when they are playing with a Junior and behave appropriately.

### **Notes:**

- **The Rules** (the constitution) cannot be altered except at a General Meeting after due notice, and then only provided that two thirds of those present and voting are in favour.
- **The Regulations** (including codes of conduct) are made and periodically revised by the Committee.

Last updated 1 Feb 2024