



NEWSLETTER 2021

The committee welcomes you to the 2021 tennis season and we thank you for your patience and forbearance over the last year. Looking to the coming season of course we face many uncertainties over when activity can commence and write our annual Newsletter with as much hope as expectation, and sincerely wish that everyone will be back to a level of normality as soon as possible.

We held our AGM on Zoom in early December; and I am glad to report that both membership and finances are in a healthy state, and we have renewed and slightly slimmed down club committee. May I thank our outgoing Chair Rosemary Scott-Smith for her sterling work over the last somewhat testing year. She has steered the club through a period of many unexpected changes with skill and patience and we all thank her for her contribution to the club. Both Robert Young and Ian Taylor step down from formal committee work but remain most willing and valued supporters of the facility and its future.

The committee is currently evaluating the replacement of our lights with a new LED based option which will have the advantages of considerable savings in running costs and an improved player experience. This project started before the recent interruption of activity and we are carefully considering if we can go ahead this year given the reduced income from our main fund-raising event the Coln Valley Tournament, as well as our planned reduction in membership subscriptions.

Membership subscriptions

Clearly we have all had much less opportunity to enjoy our facility over the last year, and there remains the possibility of continued interruption of play this spring. We have debated how we should respond to the situation and have contacted the LTA and nearby tennis clubs about their intentions. Most clubs are offering a reduced subscription for 2021 in acknowledgement of the loss of playing time in 2020 and we propose a reduction of 25% of the full year fee for the coming season. Please note we are keeping all annual membership fees the same as last year with no inflation-based increase. When you come to renew membership on the website you'll notice that you have the option to pay the normal full subscription which would be most welcome if you feel able to make this gesture of support to the club as of course many of our costs remain unaltered by Covid related stoppages, notably the requirement to build a 'sinking fund' for future resurfacing of the courts.

Housing development

We are keeping a weather eye on the proposed housing development on land adjacent to the tennis courts and the Village Hall. This has received 'Planning in Principle' consent from CDC Planning Dept despite many objections being submitted by both local Chedworth residents and club members. We are concerned to avoid any future undesirable effects of club activity on new residents should houses be built in close proximity to the courts.

May I thank all our dedicated team on the Board of the club and we look forward - with much inflated levels of anticipation – to seeing you on court as soon as possible.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021, and please do make contact with us for any queries or suggestions regarding the Tennis Club.

Robert Baker, Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Below is a list of the committee members for 2021, there is a full contact list on the [Website](#)

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any queries.

Robert Baker	Chair	robert.baker@agrii.co.uk
Trish King	Secretary	kingsatmillwood@btinternet.com
Leila Lodwick	Treasurer	leilakatherine@gmail.com
Caroline Baker	Membership Secretary & Website	carolinebaker75@gmail.com
Chrissie Kenning	Coaching Co-ordinator	chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk
Graham Stock	Facilities, Welfare & Wimbledon Tickets	grahamstock@aol.com

WELFARE OFFICER

Graham Stock is our new Welfare Officer. Chrissie Kenning has stepped down from this role due to a conflict of interest as her son Joe is now helping James Morris. Graham's role is primarily to act as a point of contact for anyone who has concerns about any Child Protection or other issue arising from these policy documents. His contact details are grahamstock@aol.com 07710 868206

CLUB POLICIES

The LTA emphasises that it is the responsibility of **all members** to be familiar with and employ the policies of their club so it is important that you please take time to familiarise yourself with our Data and Safeguarding policies.

The LTA wants tennis in Britain to be at the forefront of safeguarding in sport and LTA Registered Venues with accredited coaches play a vital role in achieving this. In partnership with Sport England they are to pilot a cutting edge safeguarding awareness campaign aimed at clubs, coaches, parents and players. As an LTA Registered Venue, Hill & Valley LTC has a shared responsibility with everyone else involved in tennis to promote the welfare of all children and young people.

Campaign cards will be issued to clubs that will provide access to real life dramatised safeguarding cases and top tips videos for coaches and parents, including guidance on use of social media, photography and filming. The website <https://www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk> has lots of additional information and guidance.

Hill & Valley LTC has comprehensive policies in place to protect everyone involved with the club. Full details of our policies are available in the clubhouse and on the [Website](#)

[Hill and Valley LTC Ltd Data Policy](#)

[Hill and Valley Lawn Tennis Club Ltd Safeguarding Policy](#)

[British Tennis Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)

[Working with Children Code of Practice; Photography and Recording Policy Sunscreen Policy](#)

Your Rights You have the right to find out what personal information the Club holds about you and to seek to amend it and/or have it deleted. If you have any queries about this privacy policy, how we process your personal data, if you wish to exercise any of your legal rights or have queries about any of our policies please contact our Secretary, Trish King; Millwood Cottage, High Street, Bourton on the Water, Cheltenham GL54 2AN, 01451 820172 secretary.hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com

FINANCE

At the start of our financial year (October 2020) we were in a healthy cash position and we continue to put aside money each year for major costs such as court resurfacing, fencing and floodlights. As mentioned above, the committee is considering whether to replace the existing floodlights with LED lights and will continue to look at the best option for the club and monitor the club's financial situation.

At the end of the last financial year we had put £500 aside to compensate members for time unable to play by ensuring that we would not raise membership fees for 2021. However, given the amount of playing time lost due to Covid, we have decided to offer an increased compensation which equates to a £2,000 reduction in income based on current membership numbers. If you do feel in a position to support the club and pay the full rate (unchanged since last year) that would be much appreciated. Our tennis club rates remain among the lowest in Gloucestershire for a two-court club with lights and we are keen to keep them low and continue to attract people to our club.

At the end of last year we received a very generous legacy payment of £25,000 which Allison Stock left the club in her will. This is a very generous gift, and the club are extremely humbled and grateful. A sub-committee has been set up to carefully consider the best use of this donation.

Allison Stock Coaching Fund

Just a reminder of the Allison Stock Coaching Fund which was set up in 2019 in memory of Allison Stock. The money raised through this will be used to subsidise coaching in the community, including local school children, and hopefully inspire younger generations to get involved in tennis and our club. If you would like to make a donation please get in touch with the Treasurer, Leila Lodwick leilakatherine@gmail.com. If your financial situation has changed in the last year and you would like to remain a member of the club but would struggle to pay the membership fee please do get in touch as we may be able to provide financial assistance.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal Subscriptions for 2021 are due by 1st March. Fees have remained the same as last year but we have provided a discounted option due of the amount of court time lost last year.

Membership	Full	25% Discount
Family (including children in full time education up to the age of 23 on 1 st Jan)	£150	£112.50
Joint	£137	£102.75
Individual	£ 69	£ 51.75
Student (18-23yrs on 1 st Jan in full time education)	£ 33	£ 24.75
Junior Youth (10-17yrs before 1 st Jan)	£ 26	£ 19.50
Junior (Under 10yrs before 1 st Jan)	£ 16	£ 12

GUEST FEES

Guest fees are now £5 per session and this is operated on an honesty basis. It is the responsibility of the member inviting the guest to arrange payment which can be made by bacs [HERE](#) or by giving it to Leila Lodwick, Treasurer or Caroline Baker, Membership Secretary

If you have outstanding Guest fees from last year please could you arrange payment as above.

COURT BOOKING

Access to the court is by a keypad using a code, this is changed every year on 1st March and the new code is provided when members have renewed their membership. Courts may be booked 7 days ahead using the booking page on the website or via the Booker App. Please make sure you delete your booking if you do not require the court. Matches are generally played in the evenings and they take priority over other bookings. Please note that to prevent damage to the surface, sports shoes with non-marking soles

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should be worn when playing. If you have any problems with booking either on the website or App please get in touch with Caroline Baker. A key for the clubhouse is also available from Caroline carolinebaker75@gmail.com 07733 322176. A deposit of £6 per key is required.

FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens cost £4.00 for 1 hour's play, and are available from Chrissie Kenning 01285 720086 07717 460240 chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk
Caroline Baker 07733 322176 carolinebaker75@gmail.com

CLUB SESSIONS

All Club tennis sessions have been suspended but will resume as soon as we can as follows:

Monday Men's Night

starting at 6.00 pm; details from John Boughey jaboughey@gmail.com 07545 802002

Thursday Evening Ladies Social

5-6.30pm please email Dee Greatorex deegreatorex@gmail.com if you would like to play so you can be added to the list.

We also hope to be able to arrange some mixed social sessions again.

COACHING

Chrissie Kenning coordinates the coaching programme and liases with St Andrews School for the school programme. Please contact her with any queries. 07717 460240 chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk

We are delighted that James Morris, our LTA Level 2 Coach is continuing with us again this year. He is assisted by Joe Kenning who is a Level 1 coach and he is in the process of qualifying as a Level 2. Last year we were fortunate to have Tom Wyman joining us for our Junior Camps and also an Adults Clinic. Tom is an excellent experienced LTA Level 3 coach and he will be joining James on a more regular basis running sessions for all when we are allowed to resume play, we will let you know all the details as soon as we can.

Regular sessions will resume as soon as we are allowed as follows:

JAMES MORRIS ADULT AND JUNIOR CLUB COACH

07592 440514 jameshormorris7@aol.com

Please download the new app JM Tennis Coaching to book in for group sessions.

Junior Coaching

Fun and relaxed group sessions aimed at introducing tennis for children. Sessions geared to developing hand eye coordination skills, stroke technique leading to match play.

Wednesdays

3.15 – 4.00pm BLUE – Reception and year 1

4.05 – 5.00pm RED – school year 2 & 3

5.05 – 6.00pm ORANGE – school year 4 & 5

6.05 – 7.00pm GREEN – school year 6 & 7

Fridays

6.00 – 7.00pm – school year 8 -13

Children's Half Term and Holiday Camps will run throughout the year dates tbc.

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Adult Coaching

Designed for players who can confidently rally with a partner. Drills to develop stroke technique, improved footwork, tactical play and match play. These intermediate sessions will certainly up your game.

Wednesdays Intermediate 2 – 3.30pm and Fridays Intermediate 4.30 – 6.00pm

One To One Coaching please book directly with James 07592 440514 jameshmorris7@aol.com

ADULT TENNIS TRAINING SESSIONS WITH HILARY SWAN

01242 890213 / 07900 495059 h.swan213@btinternet.com

Tuesdays: 9.30am – 11.00am

Aimed at the beginner and 'rusty returners'. Sessions focus on individual skills leading towards singles and doubles game play. Typical session: warm up, footwork and ball skills, rally drills, modified game activities, full game.

Fridays: 9.30am – 11.00am

Aimed at the more advanced squad team players. Sessions focus on tactical and technical training for doubles play. Typical session: warm up/agility, ball/racket skills, rallying development and consistency, fun game/competition, full game.

Sessions are open to all fully paid up members of Hill & Valley LTC. Both groups normally operate on a Course Basis, ie 6-10 weeks

Cost: Either Pay+Play @ £10.00 per 1.5 hr session or

Pre-payment @ £85.00 for a 10 week course

If interested in joining either groups, please email Hilary to confirm your place. Any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. Course dates will be sent out shortly.

CARDIO TENNIS

We will be running some Cardio taster sessions at the club as soon as we are allowed and can arrange, watch this space for more information! Cardio Tennis is a fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court and open to people of all age and abilities. Supported by music and qualified instructors, you'll get to hit lots of tennis balls during the class and have a great cardio workout at the same time.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Glos Dunlop Summer League Unfortunately this couldn't run last year but we are very hopeful that it will this year. The GLTA are getting organised in advance so they are asking for Clubs to send in their entries by the end of February. Therefore, if you would like to participate in this year's event please email Hilary Swan **ASAP by February 26th latest**. Obviously there are a few things to bear in mind such as: maybe travelling to away matches alone, some individuals will have had the vaccine by the start of play (April) others will not, the matches will more than likely be affected by no pre or post social gatherings, catering etc. Everyone is required to be a fully paid up member of H&V LTC and have a BTM number.

Ladies Team

If we have enough people wanting to play we will enter an A and a B Team so there is an opportunity for all to play, if you would like to join either of the Ladies teams please contact our Captain, Hilary Swan by February 26th 07900 495059 h.swan213@btinternet.com

Men's Team

We are looking for someone to become the Captain so we can enter again, if you are interested please contact Robert Baker by February 26th 07831 430172 robert.baker@agrii.co.uk

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Ladies Over 60s Winter League We keenly entered this again following our success from the previous year which was our first time playing in this league. Having won Division 3 we were promoted to Division 2, but sadly we have only been able to play one match. Matches are generally played in the mornings, mid-week from October through to March. If you are interested in playing in this friendly, relaxed league for next season please contact our Captain Helen Owen so she can add you the list theowens.hatherop@googlemail.com

Stroud Sunday Mixed Winter League This friendly relaxed league running on Sunday mornings from October to March has also been affected by the lockdowns. We did manage to play our first 3 matches with a draw and 2 wins. Again this will not be restarting but we will certainly enter again next year so if you aren't already involved and would like to know more please do get in touch with our Captain, Claire Watson cjb@atlas.co.uk 01242 262746

LADDER

At the end of August, we set up a doubles ladder to provide the opportunity for some friendly competitive tennis and to be able to meet others. It was a great success and we will be looking to set this up again and to also restart the Singles Ladder that didn't happen because of lockdown. If you would like to take part please get in touch with Yvonne Winward hvladder@gmail.com who is running this so she can add you to the list. It is open to all so please do sign up.

COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

This is our main fundraising event for the club which unfortunately couldn't be held last year. We are really hoping to be able to run it in some form this year and are discussing various options. At this point the date set for Saturday, 12th June so please make a note of the date and we will keep you updated on the plan when we know more.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Wimbledon is planning to go ahead with various scenarios being looked at. But there will be no public ballot this year, ticket holders from last year will be rolled over to this year. The organisers will be looking at options for additional ticket provision. Graham Stock will be monitoring the situation and keep us updated.

WAYS TO KEEP UPDATED

Please check the home page of the website for the latest news <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC>

You can also connect with us on social media.



With best wishes

Hill & Valley LTC Committee

February 2021