



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello Members,

With life starting to open up more in the UK, many of you have been enjoying holidays abroad, the return to after school activities, and social events.

It's been lovely to see so many of you out on the courts, even in freezing temps, wind, and rain, to play the game you love. With Spring upon us, we look forward to an exciting season of tennis ahead.

## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

## Upcoming Events

With 2022 well underway and warmer temperatures ahead (fingers crossed), we hope many of you will join us for the upcoming season of events. Please mark your diaries for the following dates.

**Monday 4th - Thursday 7th April:** Children's Easter Holiday Camp (details below)

**Monday 2nd May:** McConnell Tournament (full details to come soon)

**Wednesday 1st June:** start of ITC Summer Tournament

**Saturday 4th June:** Coxcombe Fair in the village

ITC will have a Pimm's and strawberries stall – please come support us or help if you have an hour to spare (contact Maria at [marysiagostynska@gmail.com](mailto:marysiagostynska@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering)

**Sunday 11th September:** ITC Summer Tournament Finals Day

**Wednesday 19th October:** AGM

**Saturday 12th November:** Annual Dinner

**Friday 9th December:** Christmas Drinks



## Children's Easter Holiday Tennis Camp

The [Easter Tennis Camp](#) will take place from **4-7th of April**.

Red: years 1-3 9:30-11:00am

£39 members £47 non members

Orange/green: years 4-6 11:30-1:30pm

£52 members £68 non members

Hardball: year 7+ 1:45-3:45pm

£52 members £68 non members

If you are interested in attending the Easter camp please confirm your place with Sam on the below email address. If you are only able to attend certain days of the camp you will be required to pay for the whole week as places are limited.

Please contact Club Coach **Sam Smith** at [Sam.Smith.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:Sam.Smith.tennis@gmail.com) or mobile 07580140344.



## Facility Updates

After a very windy February, our new **floodlights** have been fully and successfully installed as of the 8th of March.

The installation of the new **Tiger Turf court surface** is scheduled to take place between the **11-24th of April**.

We are hugely grateful to the Ightham Parish Council who are providing a 50% match towards the cost of the renovations up to £25,000.

Benefits of the new Tiger Turf court surface:

- It is softer and much easier on the joints, and therefore provides health benefits especially for those of us who are getting older
- It is less slippery, especially in wet and damp conditions, and is playable even when there is a frost, thereby extending the time when we can play safely (recent frosty weather has reinforced the desirability of this surface)



- The surface is true with a good bounce. Compared to our current courts it is perhaps a little quicker with a slightly lower bounce that would favour those with a strong slice. Like all new surfaces, it will take a little time to adjust to it
- Compared to other surfaces such as artificial clay, it is easy to maintain, and it is expected to last for 10-15 years, similar to a hard court surface



## Referee Course @ Parklangley

REFEREE COURSES - [OPEN FOR BOOKING](#)

Do you want to become qualified as a Referee or know anyone who would?

The Parklangley Club now have four upcoming two day courses open for booking, see the booking information below.

Find out about the course [here](#):

THE PARKLANGLEY CLUB, BECKENHAM (BR3 3AF)

Day 1: Sunday 20th March 9am-5.30pm

Day 2: Sunday 15th May 9am-5.30pm

[Click here for the booking link.](#)

## Want to play more tennis?

Club Sessions – we run regular weekly club sessions open to all members year round. Club sessions are a great way to meet other members and also improve your game. The organisers of each session run WhatsApp Groups with a list of members who have expressed interest in joining that session, and they issue invitations to join the next week's session a few days beforehand. [Click here](#) to find more information.

Kent Head Inter-Club League – for anyone interested in playing for the teams in the following season, please contact: Maria Gostynska at [marysiagostynska@gmail.com](mailto:marysiagostynska@gmail.com)

## Individual and group lessons available

Sam Smith is the Club Coach and can be contacted directly for individual or group lessons both for adults and children. Full details can be found by [clicking here](#).

### **Important note: coaching break for the holidays**

Monday 28th evening adult coaching will not be taking place

Friday 1st 2-3pm adult beginners/improvers coaching will not be taking place

## Recycle your old tennis balls for charity

There's a black bin on the exterior balcony section of the clubhouse where you can leave your used tennis balls. We send them to [Recyclaball](#) who recycle them for charity. It also makes a bit of money for the club.

## Warmer temps ahead

A rainbow captured by Jori Bennett last October from the ITC courts. Share a photo from ITC and it could be featured in the next newsletter. Email your photo to Jori at [joribennett@gmail.com](mailto:joribennett@gmail.com)



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