



## 2021 Season – Welcome

I'm delighted to let you know that our courts will be open once more on Monday 29th March! The court and pavilion codes remain the same. Currently, no more than 6 players are allowed to mix in together apart from during coaching and club sessions.

### SAFETY

Please remember to follow COVID-safe guidelines:

- Do not come down to the club if you have COVID symptoms
- Keep your distance AT ALL TIMES on and off the court
- Sanitise your hands
- Use the pavilion only if absolutely necessary (access is only allowed to toilets, floodlights and tennis balls. No more than 2 people allowed in pavilion at the same time. No access to kitchen area)

### COURT BOOKING SYSTEM

Please continue to book a court before playing. Courts can be booked 1 week in advance.

### TENNIS BALLS

We will return to allowing members to use club tennis balls (these will be on a table in the pavilion and will generally be used balls). Please return them to the pavilion after your game.

### GUESTS

Members may play with a guest. The guest fee is £5 per visit and each guest is allowed no more than 6 visits to the club in 1 year. The guest must be booked in online and payment made by BACS. Details can be found on the court booking page of our website. Guests cannot be booked in via the Booker app on mobile devices.

### NEW SEASON

Our new season starts on April 1st .

The committee is hoping and planning for a much more normal year and is very keen to return to offering social events, tournaments and 'no booking required' clubnights. Lockdown restrictions mean we can't offer everything straight away but from March 29th we will return to a timetable that includes:

- Join-in sessions (Wednesday evening, Thursday morning ladies, Sunday morning)
- League matches (end April - July) with practice sessions from April 12th. Men on Monday evening, Ladies on Tuesday evening, Mixed on Thursday evening.
- Coaching - Pay and Play sessions (Cardio - Monday and Friday morning and Adult Improvers -Thursday evening). Regular weekly group coaching will return at the start from April 19th. Please note ALL coaching must be booked through the Coaching page on our website

An updated weekly timetable and diary of events for 2021/2022 will be available soon on our website.

Once restrictions have fully lifted (hopefully June 21st) we plan to return to:

- Regular club sessions, including a Friday afternoon club session
- Our monthly Wednesday evening Roll-up tournaments
- Social events and tournaments

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

We will be sending out emails shortly to all members asking you to renew. The easiest way to renew is to click on the link in the renewal email. We would prefer payment to be made by card. Please pay promptly so that you can continue to use the court booking system without disruption. We are not offering a discount this year but rates will remain at the original 2020 rate (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PewseyTC/Membership/Fees>).

If you are not planning to rejoin please reply to this email.

## **LEAGUE TENNIS**

If you are interested in playing matches (in the Swindon and District League), and not already in a team, please contact our team captains:

Nick Hewens (Men's Captain) - 01672 562427 07515 030663 [nickhewens@hotmail.com](mailto:nickhewens@hotmail.com)

Paula Tailby (Ladies' Captain) - 07513 450797 / [tailbys@talktalk.net](mailto:tailbys@talktalk.net)

Christian Blair (Mixed Captain) - 07934 760080 / [chr1995@aol.com](mailto:chr1995@aol.com)

## **JOIN-IN SESSIONS**

We are still not able to offer our usual club sessions where members can turn up if and when they want. Please book your place at the join-in session using the Court booking system.

Once we are allowed to congregate, we will return to our usual Club sessions but we do not expect this to be before June 21st.

## **OPENING DAY**

We would normally run a tournament for all members at the beginning of the season, which would also include a draw for Wimbledon tickets. We will not be holding an opening day this year but we are planning to have a big social event in July. The LTA are going to handle allocation of Wimbledon tickets from now on and have recently announced that this year there will be fewer tickets available for club members as they are expecting capacity to be limited.

## **EASTER ACTIVITIES and JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

We will not be running the Easter Junior tournament or an Easter Activities week this year but our coaching team will be running COVID friendly coaching sessions for juniors during the Easter holidays.

Wishing you all a great year of tennis!

Clare Bamforth

Chair

Pewsey Tennis Club