



Storrington Tennis Club

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **NEXT SUPPER CLUB:** Friday 19th April. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Mexican themed evening with live guitar music and delicious food. Don't forget to book your place using the sign-up sheets in the clubhouse or email Sharon Blaikie at: social@storringtontennisclub.co.uk
- **OPEN DAY:** Saturday 27th April – full day's programme will be announced shortly
- **SWEET TREATS:** Saturday 13th April 9.30am – 12.30pm – all profits go to our junior fund.
- **EASTER CAMPS:** Don't forget to sign-up your juniors for the Junior Easter Camps 2-5pm daily which will be held 2nd – 5th April and 8th – 12th April. Open to ages 4 – 17. Mini camps – Red, Orange, Green. For more information click on the following link: <http://www.matthewstenniscoaching.com/holiday-camps.html>



**OPEN
DAY**

Our Open Day will take place on Saturday 27th April from 9.30am – 4.30pm. It will be an action-packed day for both existing and potential new members to find out more about the club. A chance to meet the Committee, Head coach Nigel and his team, try out the Slinger ball machine, play some Touchtennis and join the Cardio Tennis session. There will be coaching for juniors in the morning and a fun adult American style

tournament in the afternoon. Refreshments will be provided all day including a Ploughman's lunch from 12.00pm – 3pm. There will be stalls selling tennis bits and some STC branded clothing. Please come and join in and encourage any family or friends that may be interested in joining the club. It's a real opportunity to see the club in action and to ask any questions.

EARLY BIRD OFFER

For those of you who haven't already taken up this opportunity, a reminder to make the most of the Early Bird Offer and pay your subs before the 31st of March. From 1st April, Subs will return to their normal rate for 2024.

Category	Change vs 23/24	Annual fee	Early bird discount	Direct debit spread over 6 months	Early bird discount
Family	Down 3%	£695	£671	£120 per month	£116 per month
Adult	No change	£310	£298	£54 per month	£52 per month
Country	No change	£200	£194	£35 per month	£34 per month
Intermediate	No change	£155	£149	£27 per month	£26 per month
Junior	Down 23%	£120	-	£21 per month	-
Pre-teen	Down 25%	£60	-	£10.50 per month	-
Mini	Down 25%	£30	-	£5.25 per month	-
Parent	No change	£35	-	£6.25 per month	-
Social	No change	£35	-	£6.25 per month	-

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Storrington Tennis Club's social media pages play a pivotal role in connecting with members and the wider community. These serve as a centralised hub for club-related updates and announcements by regularly updating the page with team match results, upcoming club events, open days, and club tournaments. Followers can gain real-time access to pertinent information about the club's activities and offerings. Come and follow our Instagram and Facebook pages to stay informed of our updates.

<https://www.instagram.com/storringtontennisclub/>
<https://www.facebook.com/StorringtonTennisClub>

NEW MEMBERS CLUBTIME

We had a very successful afternoon last Saturday welcoming new adult members to our Clubtime. Don't forget to come and join in the clubtimes. Tuesday evenings: 5.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday evenings 6.00pm - 8.00pm and Saturday afternoons from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. All adult members are welcome, and it is a great way to meet fellow members and enjoy playing in mixed fours organised by our coach Olly. No need to sign up – just turn up and play. The new season of matches are about to begin, along with the Vets and Super Vets club Tournament so lots going on.

The 100 Club is a privately run lottery within the club with a monthly draw of two prizes, £50 & £25 and in December we draw three lucky numbers who win £200, £100 & £75. Each participant is allocated a number that is entered into the monthly draws. The 100 Club is available to all members, friends, and family over the age of 16. The more members we have the more valuable funds are raised for our wonderful tennis club. If you would like to take part, please follow these instructions:



send a bank transfer for £24 to SLTC
account sort code 40.17.16 account number 62147041
quoting reference 100 Club and your name.

Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for £2 per month.

The 100 Club runs from March 2024 to February 2025, the first draw will be the end of March. **GET LUCKY!**

ADMINISTRATION

Kate, our amazing Honorary Secretary and Administrator is away from the beginning of July until mid-August. Whilst most of the bigger jobs have been taken care of for the year, we are looking for a volunteer to help while she is away with general admin such as answering enquiries from potential and new members, responding to emails, giving out key fobs etc. This is an important role and would probably be a few hours per week. If you have some time and would be willing to help, please contact Kate via email:

admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk

CLUB HOUSE SECURITY

Please can you ensure that if you are the last to leave the club, the clubhouse door is shut (the ball propping the door open has been removed) and the lights and heaters are turned off. This is especially important after the morning sessions and in the evenings.

KEY FOBS

If you are a new member, don't forget to contact Kate (admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk) if you would like a key fob to access the clubhouse door. You are eligible for this once you are a fully paid-up member of the club.

WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING

With a new summer season upon us with many new members joining and existing members renewing their memberships, it's a brilliant time to remind everyone of the welfare and safeguarding support that is available at the club. Whether you are a parent/carer/volunteer/coach/adult member or junior member, please do take note.

WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING AT THE CLUB

We have a prominent noticeboard area in the clubhouse dedicated to safeguarding with details of our policies, a code of conduct and expectations on members behaviour and how to report a safeguarding concern. Contact details for our club Welfare Officer, Ian Chapman (welfareofficer@storringtontennisclub.co.uk) are on the club website as well as the Welfare Officer poster on the notice board.

We have a brilliant team of coaches led by Head Coach, Nigel Matthews, all of whom are LTA Accredited at Level 2 or above, with valid DBS certificates and with First Aid training.

For anyone new to tennis, starting to play again, or who just wants to better understand the safeguarding standards at LTA registered venues, plus the expectations of parents/carers, adult and junior players and coaches, we highly recommend visiting the Safe To Play website (www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk). We have promotional cards in the clubhouse if you want to know more and **"SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING"**.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION

Children under the age of thirteen (13) are required to have parental supervision whilst at the venue and not participating in a venue session, such as coaching sessions or tennis camps.

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE VENUE AND CLUB MATCHES

It is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure appropriate transport arrangements are in place for their children or an adult at risk when travelling to and from the venue. Coaches and other staff/volunteers are not responsible for transporting children or adults at risk to and from the venue or other locations (except in an emergency), unless it is as part of a venue organised trip. Children under the age of eighteen (18) are not permitted to travel in a vehicle with an unrelated club member (including transportation to/from club matches/tournaments) unless there are 2 or more adults in the vehicle with at least one adult of the same gender as the child. The parent/carer must complete and sign an Emergency Contact and Consent form and a signed consent form must be carried in the vehicle. (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StorringtonTennisClub/Documents/Policies>)

We are nearly all set for the new tennis season – we just need the weather to play its part. Fingers crossed for some warmer weather and looking forward to the lighter evenings.

With best wishes

Sarah and the Team.