



Withnell Fold Sports & Social Club

Newsletter

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Membership fees held at last year's prices

APRIL brings us to the start of our club year, with the beginning of the tennis and cricket seasons – and a request to all members to renew subscriptions.

We are pleased to announce we have kept fees at the same level as last year.

You should receive an email on April 1 with an invitation to renew your current membership.

The email will include a link which will take you to the

clever techy bits and enable you to pay via card. Using this method means the details we hold for you are also renewed.

However, we are still very happy for members to pay using cash or cheques – just hand to a committee member – and instalment terms are available by paying this way or online.

Full membership for seniors playing tennis or cricket costs £85, while social &

indoor games membership is just £15 for the year.

Junior membership (under 18s) costs £15.

Family playing membership (for two adults and children living at the same address) is £170.

Family social membership (two adults and children living at the same address) costs £45.

Wheelchair tennis membership is £30.

Croquet/bowls costs £40.

Before renewing, please review the terms and conditions of membership and our other policies at <https://wfssc.org.uk/policies>

Prompt payment greatly helps with the running of the club and so is much appreciated.

If you have any problems please don't hesitate to get in touch by sending an email to contact@wfssc.org.uk or speak with any committee member.

WITHNELL FOLD TENNIS CLUB COACHING



Group Coaching:-



Monday starting the 8th April

4-7 years - 3.50-4.35pm - £35 for 6 weeks, Free Racket, Balls (£45 following 6 weeks)

8-16 years - 4.35-5.20pm - £35 for 6 weeks, Free Racket, Balls (£45 following 6 weeks)

Adult Beginners - 5.30-6.30pm - £50 for 6 weeks
 Adult Intermediates - 6.30-7.30pm £50 for 6 weeks
 Adult Advanced 7.30-8.30pm - £50 for 6 weeks

1-1 Lessons
 £20 - 45 mins
 £30 - 1 hour
 £40 - 1.5 hours



All equipment provided
 Any ability welcome!



07523866116
cartmelltennis@gmail.com
Any Age/Ability Welcome

Book Lessons on the website:
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CartmellTennisCoaching

TENNIS

Fold team battles to first place

THE Division 4 title race in the East Lancs winter league went to the wire on March 17 when the top two teams – Withnell Fold and Accrington – met for the final game.

The Fold – leading by 2.5 points after Accrington's surprise defeat in their previous game – powered through, dropping only one of the four sets to finish 4.5 points clear at the top!

It was the first time we had entered a team in this competition and it's been fun playing indoors through the winter with some really good games.

Thanks to Maria for organising and to

everyone who played. Summer fixtures for the East Lancs league are out (see <https://www.eastlancs.tennis-league.org/index.php> Div 2 Ladies) with the knockout competition starting with a home fixture against Burnley B on April 16.



Coaching is set to start again and this year we've teamed up with Cartmell Tennis Academy. All sessions will need to be booked

through their website (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CartmellTennisCoaching>).

Coach Michael (pictured above) is very friendly – if you've any questions give him a ring.

Working party

IN order to get things up and running for the summer we will be having a working party afternoon on April 6 from 1pm.

There will be a skip to get rid of the surplus items that we seem to have acquired over the years and hopefully we can do some work on the track as well as some of the many other jobs that need doing.

Obviously the more helpers the better, so please make a diary date.

Plans for club

OVER the last few years we have been looking at various ideas to improve the clubhouse. Our current strategy is a three-part scheme – 1. Improving the toilet block 2. Developing the changing facilities 3. refurbishing the clubhouse/bar area.

We hope to get stage 1 going in the autumn – subject to us agreeing the design and raising some money – so please support our events and fundraising efforts.

Plea from our local primary school...

WITHNELL Fold Primary School desperately needs an after-school club assistant, Monday to Friday 7.45am-8.45am and 3.15pm to 5.45pm, term time only.

The club is thriving but we really need a permanent member of staff to keep it going.

Please pass this on to anyone you think might be interested.

See https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=62886 for more information.

For any “handyperson” out there we also need a part-time caretaker for an average of five hours a week term time (occasionally during holidays) for minor maintenance, compliance testing etc. Could combine with 10hrs a week cleaning if interested.

This post is not online at the moment so please call the school for information.

We’re also on the lookout for potential school governors to join our team.

No experience is necessary – but always welcome – just an interest in education and the welfare of children.

The governing body is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and works with the headteacher and local authority to improve education and other outcomes for all pupils.

Governors need to be able to devote time to attend meetings – usually two per term – to read the relevant papers and undertake some training.

See <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/become-a-school-governor/> or email chair@withnellfold.lancs.sch.uk.

MARKING 120 YEARS OF SPORT AT THE FOLD



THIS year marks 120 years since the first Withnell Fold cricket team took to our pitch.

To celebrate, we would like to invite all our lovely members past and present to join us for a special anniversary event on Sunday May 26 starting at noon.

We will be holding a family cricket match, a “vintage” tennis tournament/exhibition, lots of games and a HUGE raffle/auction. Up for grabs

on the prize list already is a tennis ball signed by last year’s Wimbledon champion Markéta Vondrousová, a voucher for an Indian supper by Harsha’s Kitchen, a bottle of fizz, a print by Dale Art and a laptop from Pulsar, one of our sponsors.

If you can supply any other prizes we would love to hear from you.

And if you have any old wooden tennis racquets in your loft or garden shed, we’d love to have

them for our tennis tournament, which may be a distinctly more sedate affair than present-day matches.

Kath’s food truck and Harsha’s Kitchen will be providing tasty treats, there will be live music and the bar will, of course, be open for your favourite tipples. Entry will cost £2 on the gate.

If you know any of our old players we would love them to attend, so please pass on the word. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers keep us up and running

LIKE all amateur clubs we rely on the collective work of all our volunteers – and the more we have the more we can achieve.

We have been very pleased to expand our number of helpers in the last few years and we

now have teams for junior cricket coaching, cleaning, grounds and bar staff.

If you are able to get involved, please speak to a committee member or email us.

Likewise, if you find that, for

example, the kitchen is a bit untidy please don’t hesitate to straighten it up.

We have no staff and things only get done if someone steps up. Thank you to all our volunteers.