

What's On!

Tennis Club Workday Sunday April 6th from 10am

Please come along for a short while and help to get the Club spruced up for the Summer season. There will be gardening, cleaning in the clubhouse (e.g. washing crockery, cleaning toilets, fridge). Please bring any equipment which might be useful. Tea and coffee served while you work!!

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Welcome to the Summer Season 2008!

I am delighted to welcome you all to the Summer Season 2008. The future now looks bright in terms of relocation to a new 6-court site and this newsletter provides the latest update. I hope that members will continue to keep in touch with happenings at the club through our website **www.faringdontennis.org.uk**. If you are reading this as a prospective member, please come and visit a club session, or contact one of the officers to find out more about our thriving, local club which provides tennis opportunities for everyone of all ages and abilities. It just remains for me to wish all our members a very happy, healthy and successful Summer of tennis.

Don Cain (chairperson)

Subscriptions 2008/9

Full details of subscriptions and downloadable application form are available on the website (www.faringdontennis.org.uk) or from the membership secretary Sjoerd Vogt 01367 241707 or sjoerd@vogt.org.uk or can be collected from the clubhouse during organised club sessions. There is a VERY significant discount for any adult subscriptions which are paid by April 30th 2008. All existing members will automatically be sent their Renewal Forms shortly. On the subscriptions front, there's GOOD news - the 2008 subscription rates remain the same as for 2007 - and we've added a new "FAMILY MEMBERSHIP" option - to encourage the whole family to join in & discover the joys of tennis. The Family Membership is just £150 for the whole family for the whole year. Everyone living at the same address (parents, grandparents, son-in-law, teenagers, youngsters...) is included in this all-in family-friendly subscription. What a bargain!

Relocation

Negotiations are still going on; our solicitors are now discussing terms for an agreement with solicitors for Andrew Liddiard concerning the purchase of land at Steeds Farm. Our selling agents, Marriotts, are preparing marketing details of our Southampton Street site. If any members know a developer or builder who may be interested in buying the site, could they suggest that the developer contact Marriotts to register their interest.

Members of the Relocation Committee have started to investigate in more detail such matters as latest developments in court lighting and construction.

It is not possible yet to give any timetable for a move to a new club

The Relocation Committee - Anne Sawyer

Summer Adult Club Sessions

Social doubles - just turn up and play, balls provided for all members of any standard.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm starting on Tuesday 1st April 2008

Sundays 10.30 - 12.30 (ongoing throughout the year)

If there are players waiting, short sets are played (first to 6 games). Everyone is expected to mix-in and make up a four regardless of ability. If courts are not full, members arriving should join a game which does not have the full compliment of players. Some of the better Junior members have been invited to join adult club sessions, please make them welcome.

Be part of the Future of British Tennis

Enjoy a wide range of exclusive benefits that are appropriate for individuals of all ages, whatever your standard or interest in tennis. Remember, if you are a member of an LTA affiliated club then membership is FREE up until 28 February 2009. All children 8 and under can get core British Tennis Membership benefits completely free, and all juniors aged 9 to 17 who do not belong to an affiliated club, can get their core package for just £5. Use the options below to find out more information about the packages on offer to you, whether you are a member of an affiliated club, a former Advantage Club member, or just interested in being part of the action. Sign up on: www.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join/ or call 0845 873 7202.

Summer Match Secretary

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Licensed LTA Coaches

Alan Elbourn (01367) 243872

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TENNIS CLUB

A.G.M.

Friday 26th September
at 8pm.

(Provisional date)

Have you signed up for
BRITISH TENNIS?

(free for this year)

You will be unable to
enter Wimbledon Ticket
draw if you have not done
so.

[www.lta.org.uk/
Membership/Join](http://www.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join)



Adult League Tennis

There are 5 teams in the Oxfordshire Summer Tennis Leagues; matches are on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, starting at 1-30pm. Each team usually has about 6/7 matches spread from the end of March until the second week in September. The format is 2 couples per team, playing 2 sets against each of the opposing pairs. If you are interested in playing for a team please contact the appropriate captain:-

LADIES A Susanna Hunt (01367) 241452

LADIES B Pam Walsh (01367) 244804

MENS A Sjoerd Vogt (01367) 241707

MENS B Mark Kiff (01367) 243147

MIXED Juliane Spiers (01367) 241432

There is also a Mens' midweek (Monday) League - please contact Joe Moore (01367) 243583

Thames Valley Winter Tennis League

There are 2 mens' and 2 ladies' teams playing in this league. The Ladies A' team (pictured below) are currently at the top of Division 3 (absent from photo - Tracey Collen)



Coaching

Juniors - Lots of mini-tennis going on!

or more Info. Tel. 243872 Alan Elbourn (LTA licensed DCA Coach)

Mondays and Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wednesdays 3 30pm onwards.

Saturdays (pay and play) 10 - 12noon

Ladies - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30 -10.30am during school term time only. Doubles coaching for beginners/rusty rackets/improvers! Fun and exercise in the fresh air. Pay and Play. For more info. tel. 241452 Susanna Hunt (LTA licensed DCA Coach)

The Committee regret that courts are not available for general play when coaching or matches are taking place. A list of home fixtures and coaching sessions will be placed on the club notice board.

Tennis balls

Balls are provided for official club sessions only. Members can buy tubes of 4 new tennis balls (Penn) at the special price of **£2.00** from:

Lin Ross (01367) 241638

Andy Sawyer (01367) 870285

Guests

Members are reminded that they may bring guests to play at Club sessions or at other times. A guest fee of £2 per session (£1 for junior guests) **must** be paid, to give the guest temporary membership of the club. The visitor must be signed-in on the guest list which is situated on the outside notice board. Guest fees should be paid to any committee member, or sent to the Treasurer.

Parking

It is now extremely difficult to park in Southampton Street because of the housing development. Members travelling by car are asked to continue parking the Faringdon Business Centre, Volunteer Way. There is a map of how to get there on the website www.faringdontennis.org.uk. Many thanks for your continued co-operation.