

What's On!

Tennis Club Workday Sunday 29th March 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!!

There will be a list of tasks displayed in the club house if you won't be at the work day and wish to volunteer to do something at another time.

Spring Events

Tuesday 12th May 6pm

Tuesday 23rd June 6pm

Free Taster Session

(open to non members)

Saturday 25th April 5pm

Saturday evening - Rust

Racquets - 5 sessions

starting 2nd May 5.30pm

Club Officers 2009

Chairperson:

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Welcome to the Summer Season 2009!

I am delighted to welcome you all to the Summer Season 2009. I hope that members will continue to keep in touch with what's happening 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. We are running two open club sessions early in the season to encourage players to come along and discover more about the club. In addition, there are coaching sessions that are open to non members which we hope will encourage some to take up the sport again, or for the first time. It just remains for me to wish all our members a very happy, healthy and successful Summer of tennis.

Don Cain (chairperson)

Relocation

The economic downturn and the affect on land values and the housing market has had an impact on our plans for the sale of Southampton Street to fund the purchase of land and development of new courts and club house. The relocation committee is still actively working towards a successful outcome; updates will be posted on the web site

Subscriptions 2009/10

Subscriptions fees have been increased by a modest amount to reflect our increased costs including the increased affiliation fees that Faringdon pays to Oxfordshire LTA & the LTA.

	Early Bird	Full (renewal after 30 th April)
Seniors	£72.50	£92.50
Junior	£20	
Family	£155	£205

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 2009. Please remember that the Club relies on subscriptions to cover running costs and prompt payment can really help to smooth the financial situation. All existing members will automatically be sent their Renewal Forms shortly. Please note that Family membership fee of £155 (early bird) gives a significant discount to most family groups and it is hoped that this will encourage more active involvement by mums & dads, brothers & sisters.

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.

Spring Event - open to members and non members (free)

Following on from the successful Summer Event held in August last year, there will be at least two more Open club sessions this year. We want to encourage players to participate in an evening mid week session; for non members to enjoy the opportunity of playing at the club and perhaps tempt existing members to attend club sessions more regularly in the future. Members are encouraged to bring along friends and partners for an evening of tennis. Alan will organise players into groups and ensure everyone gets a number of games against those of similar standard -these sessions are for adults. There will be refreshments and prizes.

Tuesday 12th May 6pm Details will be posted on the web site or circulated by email

Tuesday 23rd June 6pm

Committee Members:

Anne Sawyer
Susanna Hunt
Alan Elbourn
Dave Weston
Paul Silver
Steve Perry

Summer Match Secretary

Steve Perry (01367) 244757
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Licensed LTA Coaches

Alan Elbourn (01367) 243872
Jill Elbourn (01367) 241174
Susanna Hunt (01367) 241452

TENNIS CLUB A.G.M.
Friday 25th September
at 8pm.
(Provisional date)

**Have you signed up for
BRITISH TENNIS?**
(free for next 2 years)
You will be unable to
enter Wimbledon Ticket
draw if you have not done
so.

<http://www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership>

Summer Adult Club Sessions

Social doubles – just turn up and play, balls provided.
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm starting on Tuesday 31st March 2009
Sundays 10.30 – 12.30 (ongoing throughout the year)
Adult Club sessions are intended for all members of any standard. 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 complement of players. Some of the better Junior members are 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 until February 2012**. If you have registered previously, then you will already be receiving information from BTM via email. 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.

Oxfordshire Summer League Tennis -

There are 2 Ladies', 2 Men's and 1 mixed team that play matches on Saturday or Sunday afternoons (either home or away), starting at 1.30pm. The format is 2 couples per team, playing 2 sets against each of the opposing pairs.

Men's (Monday evening) Swindon League plays home matches every alternate Monday evening

Thames Valley Winter Tennis League

There are 2 Ladies' and 2 Men's teams that play in the Thames Valley league which runs from October through to March. Very few matches are cancelled due to bad weather, although the snow in February did cause problems this year!

If you are interested in playing for a team please contact the appropriate captain – details are listed on the web site.

Coaching

Juniors - Lots of mini-tennis going on! For more Info. Tel. 243872 Alan Elbourn (LTA licensed Coach)

Mondays and Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesdays 3.30pm onwards.
Saturdays (pay and play) 10 – 12noon

Wednesday evening Junior session (April – September) 6pm – 8pm for club members. Visitors are welcome to attend up to 5 sessions and pay the visitors fee, but then are required to join the club.

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. For more info. tel. 241452 Susanna Hunt (LTA licensed DCA Coach)

Free Taster Session (open to non members) Men and Ladies. Saturday 25th April 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday evening – Rust Racquets – Men and Ladies. 5 sessions starting 2nd May 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Non Members £20 Members £16 Details will be circulated and also posted on the web site

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 and website.

Club Tennis balls are provided for official club sessions only.

Tennis Balls may be purchased from Andy Sawyer or Lin Ross – please see notices for details of costs.