



Welcome Pack

Cuddington & Sandiway Tennis Club

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Dear Member

Welcome to our Tennis Club!

Now that you have become a member we would like to tell you what our Club has to offer.

The following pages in this booklet give you information of activities and opportunities to play. Whether you are a Senior or Junior member we provide for all abilities and it's a chance to meet other tennis players and make new friends or come down and play with your partner and/or family if they are also members. We play tennis all year round and we welcome all Seniors to join in twice weekly Club nights, Club tournaments, fun and friendly American tournaments with tea and cakes. For the more experienced there are league tables and matches against local clubs. Coaching is available for beginners and for those who have not played for a long time from our Club Coach.

You have received a coloured shoe tag and key fob. We would like you to attach the shoe tag to the front of your tennis shoe or where it is clearly visible when you come to play so that other members can see that you belong to the club. The key fob will let all paid-up members through the club gate when you put your fob against the key pad. Senior members also have access to the clubhouse. Once you have your key fob this will automatically be reactivated annually when you pay your membership fee on 1 April. A second key fob may be purchased for £10.00 for your partner and/or family if you require by contacting the club by e-mail or by club phone.

We hope you will enjoy all the benefits that the tennis club has to offer.

Yours sincerely

Cuddington & Sandiway Committee



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ABOUT OUR CLUB

SENIOR CLUB NIGHTS

- Held on Monday and Thursday evenings between 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm. New members are all very welcome to join us for an evening of social tennis.
- All levels of mixed abilities regularly play throughout the year, just turn up and join in!
- Play one set of doubles then swap round - a great way to make new friends and contacts and to arrange social play throughout the week.
- Whatever your level of play you will be guaranteed a warm welcome!
- The floodlight switches are in the Clubhouse on the outside wall of the toilet. (please note these must be switched off no later than 9.30pm to conform with planning permission. Floodlights should not be used on Sundays.
- For any further details or to arrange to be met at the Club on your first visit then please contact us and we will ensure you are looked after.

TOURNAMENTS

Every year the Tennis Club organises a senior tournament which usually runs through the main summer season culminating in a final in early September.

The different categories include:

Mens Singles
Mens Doubles
Ladies Singles
Ladies Doubles
Mixed Doubles
Fun Mixed Doubles*
Veterans Mixed Doubles*

*Partners are drawn from those entered.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other members of the club in a competitive but friendly environment. All standards of players are welcome.

CLUB LADDERS

The club runs 2 ladders, 1 for Seniors and 1 for Juniors. Both ladders are for singles matches only and can be joined by visiting our 'Club Ladders' page on our website www.cuddingtontennis.org.uk

The Seniors ladder is open to members of both sexes and the Junior ladder to members who are 11 years of age or older.

Junior members who join the ladder MUST have an LTA rating. This can be obtained free of charge by following this link - [LTA Site](#)

Ladders are meant to be fun and matches are to be played in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.



LEAGUE MATCHES

During both the summer and autumn/spring seasons, the Club enters teams in the Slazenger South & Mid-Cheshire Tennis League.

Currently, in the summer, we run 4 Mens and 3 Ladies teams, with matches being played home and away on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from mid-April to end July. We also run 2 Mixed teams in the summer and 5 teams (usually including both Mens and Mixed) during the autumn/spring and these matches are played home and away on Sunday mornings. Senior members interested in playing in our league teams should email clubcaptain@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

We also run a number of junior teams in the Aegon League during the summer. Those interested in playing in these teams should contact, our Head Coach John Whitehall on 07715 520340, email coach@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES' TENNIS

Held every Wednesday morning from 9.30 am for ladies to just turn up and mix in a game of doubles, meet new people and have a chat. Coffee is included.

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Open tennis for Seniors and Juniors. 2 courts are allocated for family play. (see playing timetables on website for details)

SUNDAY LADIES TENNIS

This takes place the 1st Sunday in the month for ladies only from 2.00 – 3.30 pm Just turn up to mix in for a game of doubles.

COACHING

For coaching contact our Club Coach John Whitehall. He runs a junior and senior coaching programme all year round, for all ages and abilities.

Contact John 07715 520340, email coach@cuddingtontennis.org.uk or website www.cuddingtoncoaching.com

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Held every **Saturday** during school terms throughout the year, £1.00 per session. Session times are

5 - 8 years from 9:00 - 9:45am

9 - 10 years from 10:00 - 11:00am

11+ years from 11:00 - 12:00pm

For more information contact: John Whitehall, Club Coach
E-mail: coach@cuddingtontennis.org.uk Tel: 07715 520340 or just turn up!



PLAYING TIMETABLES

As availability of court playing time varies from month to month it would be advisable to check on the club website for the latest up to date schedule before going to play.

NON-MEMBERS / VISITOR POLICY

Adult club members are allowed to bring visitors to play at the club subject to the following conditions:

- Visitors may only play at the club in the presence of a current member
- Visitors must pay a fee of £5 per visit
- Visitors outside the area may play with a member for £5
- Visitors may play at the club on a maximum of 3 occasions after which they must decide whether to join the club or not.

Please note: no one whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club may be introduced as a visitor.

KEY FOBS

Key fobs are provided to new members – one per family or individual membership
This enables gate and clubhouse access for Seniors and gate only access for Juniors

NB Seniors in family are responsible for the correct use of the fob when used by Junior family members, i.e. Gate only

- Please take care of your key fob – the same fob will be re-activated automatically when you apply for membership next season.
- If your fob doesn't open the gate please let the club know by phoning the club phone number or e-mailing the club contact address.
- Please report a lost or stolen fob immediately.
- A replacement or extra fob costs **£10.00**.

SHOE TAG

Please ensure that all family members display the shoe tag in an obvious place as proof of current membership, Any player not displaying a valid shoe tag will be asked to leave the courts.

This tag will specifically be used to **confirm membership for coaching and Junior Club** (an additional charge may otherwise be imposed)



WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Our Club receives an allocation of **Wimbledon tickets** from the LTA for distribution to our members by ballot.

In order to be eligible for entry into the ballot you need to have British Tennis Membership (BTM), which is free, and have opted into the ballot via the BTM website (see below).

The number of pairs of tickets that we receive is dependent on the number of BTM members affiliated to our club, who have opted into the ballot. For this reason we would strongly encourage you to sign up to BTM and opt in, even if you do not wish to actually enter the draw

Further details about Wimbledon tickets are sent out in April.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is **FREE** – *please* consider registering every person in your family who is a member of the Club. You only need to do this once – membership is continual each year

Please note also that all Junior members who take part in **any** competition (team or individual) will also require British Tennis Membership.

To obtain a BTM via the internet go to:

www3.lta.org.uk/Members/Join and then click on the first box “**Club members (all ages) FREE**”

If you have not got access to the internet you can phone on: **020 8487 7000**.

NB When registering, the full name of our tennis club is **Cuddington and Sandiway Tennis Club**.

Members receive the following benefits (they are optional)

- Entry into the BTM Wimbledon ballot
- An Aegon British Tennis Rating
- Discounts & pre-sales on tickets for events, including the Aegon Championships at the Queen’s Club, the Aegon Classic in Birmingham & Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena.
- A personalised monthly e-newsletter
- Access to special offers at tennis.net
- Offers and discounts through LTA partners such as tennis holiday providers, transportation, hotel stays, etc.



CLUB RULES

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Players use the facilities entirely at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- 1.2 The Club cannot be held responsible for the safety of Juniors using Club facilities, at any time, whether they are attending a supervised session or not.
- 1.3 Senior member key fobs give access to courts and clubhouse. Junior fobs give court access only. Lost fobs can be replaced at a cost of £10 per fob.
- 1.4 Members are expected to wear appropriate tennis clothing at all times, and in particular tennis footwear in order to avoid damage and marking of the court surface. Shirts must be worn at all times. Players who are considered by the committee to be improperly attired may be asked to leave the court.
- 1.5 Members must comply with any information or signs that are displayed at the courts and/or in the clubhouse regarding suitable footwear.
- 1.6 All members should display their shoe tag at all times, clearly and visibly. Without it you will be considered a non-member and will be asked to leave the court or pay a non-members £5 fee.
- 1.7 For reasons of safety and in order not to distract players, non-players are not permitted on court.
- 1.8 The playing season will extend throughout the year, subject to the courts being fit for play.
- 1.9 The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership of any member who is deemed prejudicial to the interests of the Club, in line with the Club Constitution.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 2.1 Annual subscriptions are due on 1 April. Players are not permitted on the courts unless their Club subscription has been paid and their shoe tag is appropriately displayed.

3. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- 3.1 **Senior** – anyone 18 or over and not a student
Family - couple or partners including all children in full-time education
Junior Primary School Age - 4-10 on 1 September
Junior Secondary School Age – 11-18 on 1 September
Student – between ages 18-25 in full-time education eg 6th form college/university

4. NON-MEMBER POLICY

- 4.1 Adult club members are allowed to bring visitors to play at the club subject to the following conditions
- 4.2 All visitors must be signed in by a current member before play commences
- 4.3 Visitors must pay a fee of £5 per visit
- 4.4 Visitors outside the area may play with a member for £5
- 4.5 Visitors may play at the club on a maximum of 3 occasions after which they must decide either to join the club or not.
- 4.6 Visitors, with a view to joining, are welcome to attend up to one organised session, eg Club Night or Junior Club, but only by prior arrangement with a Committee member.

5. COURT PRIORITY

- 5.1 Courts may not be booked by individual members.
- 5.2 All Court Priorities are shown on timetable on the club's website. This timetable is also displayed on the Clubhouse window.
- 5.3 Where, through exceptional circumstances, (League) Cup matches are required to be played on a Thursday evening, a maximum of 2 courts may be allocated during Club night as a concession. Rescheduled league matches (eg previously rained off) may also be permitted to play on Tuesday or Thursday evenings (maximum 2 courts. League players will be expected, however, to make alternative playing arrangements if at all possible to avoid this necessity.
- 5.4 Certain dates may be allocated by the committee for organized events, eg tournaments. All members will be notified either by e-mail, or poster in the clubhouse.
- 5.5 When all courts are occupied with doubles games and further members are waiting, play should be limited to one short set ie first to six games, not lasting more than 30 minutes, with the exception of Senior Club Tournament and Senior Ladder games. Players waiting to go on court may enquire about stage of play and request that the above rules are implemented if appropriate.
- 5.6 Singles may not be played when members are waiting. Singles players must finish the game, not set, and either play doubles or vacate the court, with the exception of Club Tournament games.
- 5.7 During Club nights, all players should change partners/opponents with players on other courts after one short set.
- 5.8 Floodlights are available until 9.30 pm Monday to Saturday and may not be used on Sundays.

IMPORTANT:

- **Where certain activities only take place for a specified seasonal period, at all other times of the year, shared priority is given, unless otherwise stated.**
- **Where Senior priority is given, Juniors may play if courts are vacant but must be prepared to relinquish the court if Seniors are seen to be subsequently waiting. They may finish the game, *not set*, that they are playing. The same system applies to Seniors on Junior priority occasions.**
- **We would ask, in all cases, that players willingly vacate the court, rather than waiting to be asked to do so.**

6. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 6.1 Club championship entries will only be accepted from players who are fully paid up members.
- 6.2 Members should avoid playing Club Championship matches on club nights before 8.00 pm.
- 6.3 Players must abide by the Championship Rules and championship organiser's decision is final.

7. LEAGUE MATCHES

- 7.1 Players are only eligible for team selection if they are fully paid up members.
- 7.2 All members wishing to be considered for the team will be invited to attend at least ONE try out session prior to team selection.
- 7.3 Club Captain, in conjunction with Committee will decide the number of teams to be entered for each season.
- 7.4 A match fee will require to be levied, with the approval of the Committee, and collected by the team captains. This is to cover the cost of match balls.
- 7.5 All players should also expect to pay their share of the cost of any after-match refreshments and drinks provided for opposing team players.
- 7.6 Junior matches must have an adult in attendance and fees for these matches will be set as appropriate to cover the cost of balls and refreshments. The adult in attendance is responsible for providing squash and biscuits.

8. COURT ETIQUETTE

- 8.1 Do not move across or behind any court when play is in progress for safety reasons and also as a courtesy to the players on court who may be distracted or interrupted. Players should wait until the completion of at least a point, if not a game, then leave by walking around the perimeter of the adjacent court as quickly and discreetly as possible and shut the gate behind them.
- 8.2 Spectators and all non-players are not allowed on court.
- 8.3 Line calls should be made quickly and clearly and the receiver of the ball has the final say.



- 8.4 If the ball strikes the net cord and then subsequently wins the point, the player should hold his hand up and offer an apology to the opposition.
- 8.5 Members are asked to please put their litter into the bins provided or take it home with them.
- 8.6 On any open session/club night, players are expected to bring their own balls.
- 8.7 Refrain from using foul language or any form of threatening, racist, intimidatory or abusive language or behaviour towards other players, club officials, coaching personnel or spectators.
- 8.8 At the end of your game, if no-one is waiting to play, please lower the nets.
- 8.9 All members must ensure the clubhouse door is shut before leaving the club, even if there are other members still on court.

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