



Harlow Herald

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Welcome...

to the Harlow Tennis Club newsletter for 2010. You should find it easy to discover all you need to know about the club and its activities.

As ever, the club has plenty of social and competitive tennis to offer all ages and abilities - not forgetting our very successful junior section. You'll find more information on club sessions, League matches and junior coaching on the centre pages, plus useful info on the back.

We have some excellent facilities, which need to be maintained and when possible upgraded. However clubs like ours are run by a committee of volunteers to carry out its day to day running. Currently we are short of a number of key posts; namely a Secretary and Chairman. So we are appealing for members to help by joining or helping out with the numerous jobs which are required around the Club.

I hope you enjoy the content, and here's to another enjoyable and successful season!

Brian Anson

President

Spend time on Tennis in 2010

Why not improve your game in 2010, have fun and make new friends? We would like to see you on our courts.



This year's membership rates are the following:

- **Seniors** £75 (£65).
- **Students** £29 (those attending College/full time education up to 25 years old).
- **Juniors** £22 (£21) - 2nd child £16 (£15).
- Third child £10. Subsequent children in same family and those under 8 years, free but they need to be registered.

Reduced rates (given in the brackets) apply to all members who pay the club before 1st May. That's an ace discount of £10 against the standard Seniors rate.

By the way, current members must renew by 1st June or membership is lost. Please be prompt and do we have your email address? **We'll keep up to date with news & events.**

Please send subscriptions with a COMPLETED RENEWAL FORM (attached) to: **Moira Bryden, 3 Newland Avenue, Harrogate HG2 8LP**

Members receive coloured lace tags and our handbook - please wear these tags to avoid the embarrassment of being asked if you are a member.

Dates for your diary!

A few key dates that you wouldn't want to miss out on!

- 1 April** – start of the season
- 14 April** - 1st Weds. American Tournament, 7pm (see p2)
- 4 May** – Harrogate & District League matches start
- 1-3 May** – Club Tournament (see p3)
- 15 May** – Wimbledon Draw and social (see p3)

Team Practice Sessions:

1st, A and B teams: Monday 12, 17, 24 April
B, C and D teams: Thursday 8, 15, 22, 29 April



Details of our regular club sessions on page 2. There's always more happening than we have room for in this newsletter. So check out our clubhouse notice board whenever you play.



TAKE YOUR PICK!

When you can play...

Club Sessions

For senior members of **all abilities to mix in.**

Sunday from 2.00pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday from 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Arranged games not allowed during these sessions.

The lights, when used, will be provided for club sessions, as well as balls (ex-match and American Tournament when available).

Lights must be off by 10.00 pm

American Tournament

Starting on **Wednesday 14 April at 7.00 pm.**

Nominal fee £1 to cover the cost of balls and lights. Entries restricted to first 12 names (aiming for 6 ladies and 6 men).

Sign up on the notice board including reserves. If you're unavailable at the last minute, inform Dave Oddy and please help ensure your replacement is available. Lists for three week periods will be displayed.

SPACE FOR ALL.

It's demand dependent! Entries hopefully increased to 16 around mid-season as evenings become lighter.

Visitors always Welcome!

Visitors fee is just £2.

Members/coaches please ensure that guests sign the visitors book and pass fees to a Committee Member.

An Afternoon Date with the Ladies

New players needed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1.30pm to 4pm. Ladies of all ages Welcome.

Contact: Anne Clapham 01423 709537

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen...and Women!

This season, as previously, we are running 5 mixed teams in the Harrogate and District League; a Men's team in Tyke Petroleum Men's Tennis League and a Ladies' team in the Yorkshire League. We also have a junior team in the Harrogate Junior Matchplay League.

Harrogate and District League: 1st Team & A Team in Div.1, B Teams in Div.2, C Team in Div.3 and D Team in Div.6

Members wishing to play in any of the above teams please contact Sue Couture (07906 270128) or any team captain.

Captains :

1st Team: Colin Smith (07828 361426)

B Team: John Shackleton (07900 243352)

A Team: Steve Duckenfield (07815 107377)

C Team: Sue Couture (07906 270128)

D Team: Carol Rees (07843 684911)

Men's Team: Roland Hom (07782 317751)

Selection Committee: Sue Couture and team captains.

or Andrew Riley (07929 416292)

Fixtures lists are posted on the notice board and included in the Club Handbook. Match fees are just £3 (Juniors £1) regardless of venue. The home team is expected to provide refreshments for the guest team and for themselves. Travel costs are shared between team members for away matches. Don't be shy, share a car and save the environment.

SEE THE FRONT PAGE FOR TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS - DON'T MISS OUT!



UPDATE FOR JUNIORS!

Junior Coaching

Harlow has a very active junior coaching timetable for players of all ages and abilities (although coaching is only available to Harlow members – see page 1 for subscription info). We've invested in new equipment including rebound net, racquets, hoops and balls.

SATURDAY MORNINGS: BEGINNERS AND MINI TENNIS, MATCH PLAY AND DEVELOPING SKILLS.

Coached by Peter Hardisty (Jnr Chair), Dave Oddy, Janie Smith, Olivia Adams, Aafreen Rahman, Joanne Whitworth and Louise Horn.

Starting 17 April, cost: £25 for 10 sessions.

TUESDAY EVENINGS: INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED COACHING.

Coached by Sophie Jacob

Start date, cost and details TBC.

More info has been circulated in the junior newsletters - if you haven't received your copy, or for general coaching advice contact:

DAVE ODDY: 01423 562435

PETER HARDISTY: 01423 565520

SOPHIE JACOB: 01423 520413

Wimbledon Tickets

Our first club social of the year is the **Wimbledon Draw and Quiz, Saturday evening, 15 May**. For the price of a few quid you'll enjoy a fish and chip supper, test your general knowledge in a fun and challenging quiz. It doubles your chances in the draw for Wimbledon tickets.

Put it in your diary!

Extra details will be posted on the notice board.

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Junior Match Play

Once again the Junior Match Play league, for players up to 16 years of age, will be taking place from May to mid-July. The flexible format encourages enthusiastic youngsters to play competitively in a friendly environment.

Contact Dave Oddy (see left) if you would like to play. We also need willing parents who can help out, especially with transport.

Social Events

Our very popular annual barbecue will be held on Saturday 3 July. Your own ideas for other club social events are warmly appreciated.

Court Priority

Juniors have priority on courts 1 and 2 from 4-6pm on weekdays. Even when matches are being played there is still our extra court to practise on. So don't make excuses – get out there and play!

HARLOW TENNIS CLUB'S CHILD SUPPORT OFFICER is Dave Oddy. See the noticeboard for our Child Protection Policy Statement or contact Dave if you have any queries.

Club Tournament

We will be running one this year over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. See noticeboard.



Serving You

Here is a reminder of the club officials to whom members can address their queries:

Committee Post Holders

President:	Brian Anson	01423 504937
Treasurer:	John Shackleton	01423 547611
Membership Secretary:	Moira Bryden	01423 885485
Child Protection Officer:	Dave Oddy	01423 562435

General Committee Members

Anne Clapham, Sue Couture, Helen Flynn, Donald Fraser, Peter Hardisty (Jnr Chairman), Roland Hom, Andrew Riley.

Team Captains (See page 2)



Be part of the future of British Tennis

Please sign up for British Tennis membership which is free until, at least, Feb. 2012.

Membership brings a wide range of exclusive benefits that are appropriate for individuals of all ages & standards. Find out more at:

www.lta.org.uk/membership

The greater the number of our members registered with British Tennis, the greater our allocation of Wimbledon tickets.

Spend Style Save!

Club Branded Tops

Look the part this year! Order top quality polo shirts, sweat-shirts and more, branded with the club logo – available in a choice of colours and sizes to please everyone. Ask for our price list.

All players and supporters representing Harlow in matches are encouraged to wear the club logo.

To keep prices down, these top quality goods are supplied only after 6 or more items are wanted by members. Keep an eye on our noticeboard or ask Dave for up-to-date news on the latest order.

Tennis Balls

Brand new Slazenger Hi-Vis tubes of 4 balls can be bought from Dave Oddy.

Baseball/Tennis Caps

Great club logo caps are available from Dave at just £5 each!

Dave Oddy

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