

CHALFONT ST GILES TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017

Dear Members

2017 has started with a bang or more appropriately a blast. Storm Doris arrived and lifted the new MatchPlay2 court surface on Court 1! This was somewhat unexpected and Cormac and I are meeting with a representative of MatchPlay2 to establish how we avoid this happening in the future.

We are fortunate that we have been able to fill the roles evacuated by Richard and Ann and we have added some new roles on the Committee. The new Committee is organised as follows.

- Mark Fraser – Chairman
- Waseem Sadique – Treasurer
- Jill Barret – Secretary
- Gill Cranefield - Fixtures Secretary
- Janet Scholfield – Junior Organiser
- Cormac Corrigan – Club Maintenance
- Carl Jackson – Men’s Captain
- Kerry Forster – Ladies Captain
- Robert Skinner is organising the Club’s social calendar
- Julia Branson is looking after the Wimbledon Draw and BTM membership.

While Paul Jackson is not on the Committee he has taken over responsibility for the club website which he set up initially albeit a long time ago. Paul has already redeveloped the website. It is now modern, stylish, and easy to use. We also have a new web address. www.csgettenniscub.co.uk

On behalf of all members of the Club I would like to thank Jill, Gill, Janet and Carl for remaining on the Committee and Waseem, Cormac, Kerry, Robert and Julia for joining us.

I hope you all enjoy playing tennis on the new court surface, assuming it hasn’t ‘flown away’!

Mark Fraser

Chairman

New Club Logo



Social Activities

Below are the key events timetabled for the 2017 tennis club calendar (all Sundays unless stated):

- Ladies social tennis and lunch which will start again on April 20th and thereafter on the third Thursday of each month until October (excluding August)
- Club Open Afternoon - 23rd April
- Wimbledon Draw & Club Tournament Draw (after Sunday Tennis) - 7th May
- American Tennis Tournament (if sufficient interest) - 28th May (Spring Bank Holiday)
- Finals Day - 10th September
- Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - 17th December
- Christmas Social - Saturday 13th January 2018!

In addition to the above, we are considering organising a Tennis/Social Weekend Away during the summer, if there is sufficient interest (probably in June or July). This might be a short flight away or a 'nearer to home' trip to The Manor House Hotel, Okehampton, Devon (with indoor and outdoor courts and lovely walks) or equivalent.

ACTION for Members: Please let Robert (or another of the Committee members) know about your interest in the American Tournament and/or the Tennis Away Weekend trip as soon as possible, so we can assess numbers and decide accordingly.

Ladies Social Tennis and Lunch

This is organised by Gill and has proved very popular in the past. If you haven't been to one of these sessions, please try and get to one this year.

Club Open Afternoon (2pm to 4:30pm)

To promote the club, we are having an open afternoon which we will be advertising locally. If you know anyone interested in joining a tennis club, please encourage them to come along to the open afternoon or get in contact with a member of the committee. If you can spare some time to help with the open afternoon, please let a member of the committee know.

Club Tournament Draw

This year players will choose their partners for all doubles matches. If you don't have a partner, please put your name forward and we will select a partner for you. After tennis on 7th May we will draw who plays who in the Tournament. It will help with the draw if you can return your completed entry form by the end of April. This year we have again placed a minimum of four entries per category of competition. If less than four singles players or four pairs sign up, then that competition will not take place.

Wimbledon Draw

The Wimbledon Ballot is limited to members (including juniors) registered as having British Tennis Membership (BTM), have paid their subscriptions and 'opted in' to the Wimbledon ballot. Thanks to Julia we now have an up to date list of who in the club qualifies to go into the draw on the 7th May. Those who win tickets will need to pay the LTA direct. At lunchtime on the 7th, the club will provide salad, french bread, and puddings, members can bring meat or cheese to complete the salad. Drinks can be bought from the Football club.

If you are coming to the draw please complete the attached slip and if possible, bring some garden chairs. Wimbledon tickets will be drawn at 2:30 pm.

Club Competition

If you would like to play in the club competition this year, please complete the attached form and return it with your subscription to Waseem. Finals Day is on 10th September.

There are a few rules that apply to entering the competition and these are explained below.

You can play in the singles, doubles, and mixed doubles competitions

To play in the junior section you must be under 18 years of age on the 1st May 2017

If you are going away for a long holiday please make sure you have played your matches before you go away, otherwise the competition cannot proceed until you return. If members cause serious delays to the progression of the competition by being on holiday they may be defaulted from the competition.

Christmas Social

Robert would like ideas on where to hold the Christmas Social this year. Where should we go, should we have entertainment? Please include your ideas on the Membership Interest Form.

Team News

Dates for all the matches can be found on the Club Website www.csgettennisclub.co.uk

Many thanks to Barbara for captaining the Farnham Common team and Jenny for captaining The Ladies Vets team over the winter.

This summer Carl will be Captain of the Men's team and Kerry Captain of the Ladies team. Gill is again organising the friendly matches.

We are keen to include more members in our teams. For any of you who are interested in playing more competitive tennis in the winter or summer (or both), playing in a team is a great way to play with and against a varied bunch of players and improve your tennis.

Please contact the Captain of whichever team you are interested in and have a chat.

CHALFONT ST GILES – COUNTRY SHOW

Many thanks to all of you who helped with the Show gate in 2016.

Use of email

All club correspondence is now distributed via email. Details of social activities and match times will also be posted on the club website.

Please make sure you inform Gill Cranefield if you change your email address.

Membership Fees

Membership subscriptions are due to be paid by 1st May 2017. This year the Committee has decided to retain the rule that if you do not pay your subscription by 30th May you will be required to pay an additional charge of £5. *For each week after 30th May a further late fee of £1 per week will be added to your subscription.*

****If you are not going to re-join the Club, we would be grateful if could return your clubhouse key.***

Subscriptions for 2017 are as follows.

Full Members	£105
Veterans (Over 60)	£80
Long Distance Members*	£60
Student Members	£60
Junior Members	£45
Family Membership	£250

*Long Distance Members is a category for members who live 25+ miles from the Club.

Subscription Payment

To save time, postage and paper the Club's preferred method of receiving subscriptions and paying its suppliers is by Bank Transfer. If you use on-line banking please pay your subscription to the account below. Please ensure you reference the transfer with your name. You can complete the Membership Interest Form (below) and email to Waseem at WaseemS@russellphillips.co.uk.

Bank Transfer Details.

Account Name: Chalfont St Giles Tennis Club,

Bank: Natwest, Chalfont St Peter

Sort Code: 60-05-50

Account Number: 25060848

Otherwise send your cheque in with your completed Membership Interest Form (see below) to the address provided.

Mr W Sadique, Four Trees, Nightingales Lane, Chalfont St Giles HP8 4SF

MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FORM

This form should be returned to Waseem Sadique

If you pay by Bank Transfer email this completed form to Waseem by 3rd May 2017.

Membership Fees – if you pay by cheque please return this form to Waseem (Treasurer) with your payment by 3rd May 2017

Wimbledon Draw Lunch Attendees

Name(s)

Ideas for Christmas Social.
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Club Competition

Name.....

Singles Y/N

Doubles Y/N

Mixed Doubles Y/N

Name of partner(s) if you are entering the Doubles.....

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Enter the draw for Wimbledon tickets if you are a Club member and British Tennis Member and opted in.

Name(s).....

Note: Subscriptions for 2017 must have been paid if you wish to take **part in the draw**. Cheques should be made payable to 'Chalfont St Giles Tennis Club'

Name.....

I have paid my subscription of £..... Via Bank Transfer or

I enclose a cheque for my subscription for £.....

Please state type of membership e.g. Full, Student etc.

Date form submitted. / ... / ...