



About the tennis section 2025/2026

Thank you for (re)joining the tennis section. We hope you enjoy playing tennis and making friends at Chesham 1879. Here is some information to help you make the most of your membership.

Play Tennis

Just organise an opponent or a four and come down and play; at least one court is kept at all times for free social play. Booking ahead is not required but is advisable at busy times. Booking a tennis court is free for members, though there are charges if floodlights are used.

Court bookings are made on the Manage My Match (MMM) system from the kiosk in the squash corridor, from home on your computer or from an internet-enabled mobile device. Most courts can be booked for private use up to two weeks in advance, except for court 4 which can be booked only 48 hours in advance.

To turn on the **floodlights** the court must be booked in the name of a member. The lights can then be activated from the kiosk in the squash corridor or from a smartphone if you are in the club grounds and have given MMM permission to track your location in your smartphone settings. Floodlight charges will normally be shared among all the people on the booking.

Nearly-new (ex-match) tennis balls are available free for members' use. These are stored in the ball box in the squash corridor: please return them after use.

Guests are welcome to play with a member. The same guest can play up to four times in a year at a cost of £4 per visit. If you are bringing one or more guests please book the court in MMM and indicate that you are inviting a guest so that the fee will be charged to your account.

Singles Box Leagues

Our head coach Nick Brooks organises men's and ladies' singles box leagues. Each box has around 5 players who should aim to play against the other players in the box before the end of the 6 week round. Players move up or down boxes based on their results. All levels are welcome.

Organised Social Tennis

These organised social tennis sessions are available to all members of all levels of ability. Just come along and join in or contact the volunteer organiser to be added to the session WhatsApp group. Currently there are six social sessions each week:

Monday morning- 10.00 -12.00noon	Sheila Jalland (sheila.jalland@btopenworld.com)
Monday evening singles- 7.00-9.00pm	Umir Patel (umir.patel@gmail.com)
Tuesday evening - 6.30 to 8.30pm	Chris Slater (chris.sl8r@outlook.com)
Wednesday morning - 10.00 – 12.00noon	David Viney (davidviney@btinternet.com)
Friday evening- 7.00 – 9.00pm and Sunday morning- 10:00 – 12:00noon	Niti Marsh (nitimarsh@gmail.com or 07920 326549)

If you have any questions contact Niti Marsh who is social tennis coordinator. Niti also organises the floodlit social league- our internal mixed-ability team event which runs from Autumn to Spring.



Tournaments

The annual junior, adult and veteran **club tournaments** take place each summer. Entry is on MMM or contact the tournament director: Michael Dukes (tournaments@chesham1879.co.uk). Finals weekend is in the first half of September and is always great fun.

We also run one-day **social tournaments**, including multi-sport events, during the year, including the annual Graham Owen Handicapped Doubles Tournament at the beginning of May. Keep an eye on the notice boards, Facebook, the club website, MMM and emails for information.

Team tennis

We have more than 20 teams in both winter and summer; men's, ladies, mixed and veteran's teams play in the Aylesbury & District, Bucks LTA and other leagues. We enter divisions of all standards so if you'd like to play against other clubs there will be a team that is right for you. Ask one of the captains or sign up for free optional team practice on Thursday evenings between 7 and 8pm.

Ladies' Captain: Dot Easton (dorothy.sieber@gmail.com)

Men's Captain: Michael Dukes (dukesfamily@btinternet.com)

Coaching

Group Coaching: Our brilliant Tennis Head Coach, Nick Brooks, runs group coaching for all standards of juniors and adults. Regular courses are run throughout the year. Full details can be found on Nick's website <https://nickbrookstenniscoaching.co.uk/> or on the club notice board.

Individual Coaching: Private one-to-one or two-to-one lessons are available with any of our coaches if you would like to work on specific areas of your game. Book on Nick's website or contact the coaches:

Nick Brooks: 0778251015, Matt: 07775832913, Guy: 07825652807 or Amelia: 07592203287

Junior Night: During term times Friday night is junior night with an hour of free coach-led play for junior members starting from 5.00pm. Book online at: <https://nickbrookstenniscoaching.co.uk/>

Other sports at 1879

Squash: Full tennis members are able to book squash courts at any time, and pay only the same low court fees as squash members at off-peak times.

Racquetball: Is played on squash courts using a bigger ball and shorter rackets. It's easier for tennis players to pick up than squash, but is still a great workout.

Padel: All 1879 members are eligible for discounted membership of Game4Padel. Padel courts can be booked using the MATCHi app downloadable from the Game4Padel website.

Table Tennis: We have an indoor table in the clubhouse: bats and balls are available to borrow from behind the bar. We hope to add some outdoor tables soon.

Pickleball: The two mini tennis courts also have pickleball and badminton line markings. Pickleballs and bats are available to borrow from behind the bar.

Coaching is available in squash, racketball and padel. The coaches can lend some basic equipment for beginners to try out new sports.



Other membership benefits

Lawn Tennis Association: The Club is affiliated to the Bucks LTA. As a member of Chesham 1879 you are entitled to become an LTA Advantage Play+ Member free of charge. This gives you access to a number of benefits, including booking priority at professional tournaments.

Wimbledon tickets: LTA Advantage members can enter a ballot to purchase Wimbledon tickets each year. For details see the LTA website.

Berkhamsted Sports: Members receive a 10% discount on all purchases at Berkhamsted Sports shop. And call in store for price match promise on all rackets.

Club clothing: Specialist Sports have a wide selection of adidas clothing with our club logo on their website. <https://teamwear.specialistsports.com/chesham-tennis-club-members>. Ask one of the coaches or tennis committee for the members-only password.

Champneys: Members can claim a complimentary 3 hour spa session at Champneys near Tring as part of a developing partnership between Chesham 1879 and Britain's original health spa.

Bar Discounts: Chesham 1879 members also benefit from a 10% discount on all bar items purchased from our club bar.

Useful Contacts at Chesham 1879

The tennis committee:

Phil Ogley	Tennis Chairman	tennis@chesham1879.co.uk
Tamara Ferguson	Tennis committee secretary	tamara.ferguson93@googlemail.com
Michael Dukes	Men's Captain & Tournament Director	dukesfamily@btinternet.com
Dot Sieber	Ladies Captain	dorothy.sieber@gmail.com
Tom Allen	Fixtures Secretary	fixtures@chesham1879.co.uk
Hilary Evans	Welfare Officer (trained volunteer)	hilaryevans@yahoo.com
Simon Reynolds	Courts	sdr4041@aol.com
Nick Brooks	Head Coach	Nickbrookscouching@gmail.com
Niti Marsh	Social Rep	nitimarsh@gmail.com

Selected other club officials and staff:

Jane Madden	Membership officer	membership@chesham1879.co.uk
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Harriet Ellis	Social Secretary	hariae4@gmail.com
Dinah Martin	Treasurer	dinahmartin@btinternet.com
David Griffiths	Club President	dgriffithsco@googlemail.com
Neil Grantham	Club Chairman	neilg@wdgresearch.co.uk
Paul Griffiths	Squash / Racketball Chair	paulgriffiths111@gmail.com

Our club is run by volunteers. Member feedback, and offers of help, are always welcome!