

# Quainton Tennis Club

Lee Road, Quainton, Buckinghamshire. HP22 4BH

Hello, and a very warm welcome to Quainton Tennis Club!

We really hope that you enjoy using the facilities on offer and are able to join us at some of the events we organise or participate in during the year.

You have joined the club at an interesting time, as we are looking to refurbish the courts during the next year or so. This is still dependent on another grant being awarded to cover the shortfall. Our current Chairman, James Christopherson, is spearheading this process. Since the committee was reformed three years ago, the club has undertaken key maintenance and successfully grown its membership from 50 to 120 people. We recently became a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Tennismark accredited club and have been awarded Community Venue of the year by Bucks Tennis in both 2015 and 2016. The club has a 25 year lease for the courts with Quainton Parish Council, an agreed constitution, rules, all appropriate policies, including child welfare - recommended by the LTA. All policies are available from Claire Lucas, our membership secretary.

New members of any age or ability are welcome to join the club at any time throughout the year, with renewal of membership then linked to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which takes place every April. At the AGM, the members in attendance agree the appropriate level of fees for the forthcoming year. These have historically been lower than other clubs with floodlit tennis courts.

Through joining the club it is a condition of the financial assistance we will be receiving from Bucks Tennis, that all members, including children, are expected to be a member of the Lawn Tennis Association, which is still FREE. By logging onto [www.lta.org.uk/member](http://www.lta.org.uk/member) you can sign up for a free British Tennis Membership (BTM) number under the Club Membership category. Once you have your BTM, you need to link it to a venue, which is 'Quainton LTC'. You will then have the ability to 'Opt In' for the Wimbledon ticket draw. The whole process should not take you more than five minutes or so. Should you need any help with signing up for a BTM number, linking to Quainton or the Opt In, then please just contact Claire Lucas on 655552. Once you have a BTM number you will have to opt in annually (but you will be reminded by the membership secretary around September time).

Every year, the club is offered tickets by the LTA during Wimbledon fortnight. However, the number of tickets allocated to the club is entirely dependent on the number of BTM members linked to Quainton and how many of those have opted in. Last year, 12 pairs of tickets were offered, as well as another 3 pairs specifically for Junior members. Visiting Wimbledon is an amazing experience if you have never been. Even if you choose not to go, opting in to the ballot helps improve the chances of those members who do.

The Welfare Officer for the club is Judy Marshall; she has a DBS and also attended the LTA safeguarding course. If you have any concerns please contact her. Her details are on the noticeboard at the club.

**SOCIAL TENNIS:** Below is a list of the current regular social tennis activities:

**TUESDAY MORNING:** 9.30 am onwards, all abilities welcome for mixed tennis. Just turn up.

**THURSDAY EVENING:** 8-9pm men's social tennis - mixed ability. If interested, please contact Paul Ormerod on 695723.

**SUNDAY EVENING:** Men's match practice. If you are interested in joining the men's team then please contact John Lucas on 655552.

**Competition Ladder:** At the moment it is running for men on a Thursday evening.

**Tennis Coaching:** Our coach is Paul Robertson (07866 748919) who provides coaching for age 5 to adults, on Wednesdays from 4.30-7.45pm. Last year fun coaching sessions/competitions were run in the summer holidays as well.

All notices from the club's membership secretary come via email (using blind copy to protect individual email addresses).

**FUNDRAISING** plays an important role in the Sports Club; it enables the committee to keep the subscriptions at a reasonable level. The money raised is for maintenance work or our sinking fund, and enables the club to take an active role in supporting village activities. There are two main annual fundraising events which are:

- 1) The Beer and Music Festival on 1<sup>st</sup> July, where the club runs the human football competition and BBQ
- 2) The Bonfire Night BBQ (4<sup>th</sup> November this year)

The Great British Tennis Week-end is for the benefit of members, villagers and friends. It is part of a national event promoted by the LTA and is an opportunity for members to get to know each other over a BBQ, fun games and competitions. It is also when the draw for Wimbledon tickets is held, which is this year on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Our tennis coach will be running an 'Apple day' in September, which will involve kids being able to press their own apple juice and participate in a fun tennis competition.

A volunteer committee runs the club, with the backing of the Parish Council and are:

Chairman - James Christopherson

Treasurer - Paul Ormerod

Membership Secretary - Claire Lucas

Mixed team Captain - Kate Hudson. Matches tend to be played weekday evenings

Men's team Captain - John Lucas. Matches take place on the occasional Sunday and even more occasionally, on a Saturday morning. Fixtures can be found on

[www.quainton.info](http://www.quainton.info) or the tennis club's Facebook page. If you are interested in playing in the team, please come along to the practice session on a Sunday evening.

Should you be interested in joining the committee you will be more than welcome; at present the club needs a social secretary to organise fun events and someone who can help set up the club's website or is good with social media.

