



New Members Information

2020 - 2021

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No matter what your age or skill level
Wargrave Tennis Club is a great place to be!

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Welcome to Wargrave Lawn Tennis Club!

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About the Club

Wargrave Tennis Club is located at the end of Recreation Road, on part of the recreation ground.

We have about 330 members, with roughly equal numbers of Juniors and Seniors.

There are 8 floodlit courts – all tarmacadam. All courts have a programme of continuing maintenance, which together with full floodlighting gives us some of the best playing facilities in the county.

Ours is a Members Club and we believe in treating all members alike, regardless of age, sex or ability. We make every effort to maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and our aim is to encourage the playing of tennis whatever your age or skill level. We want our members to feel it is 'their club'. Our committee of volunteer members are always willing to listen to your suggestions and we would appreciate any help you feel able to give to promote and sustain the club.

There are a variety of club sessions for all sections of the club and both Seniors and Juniors have unlimited use of the courts as and when available. We encourage and promote coaching for all ages, often with introductory offers for new members.

We have a smart Clubhouse with toilets, a kitchen area for hot & cold drinks, snack preparation etc., free wi-fi access and a large pleasant seating area inside and out for those watching or waiting to play. There is a free public car park at the entrance to the recreation ground.



Senior Section

Club Sessions

There are several Club Sessions held at different times during the week and any senior member is welcome to just turn up and play. Some of the sessions (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) are organised by one of our coaches, who mixes people up and ensures that everyone gets some good, challenging tennis.

See Club Timetable on next page for details.

Social Tournaments

We hold a number of tournaments throughout the year. These are open to all senior members and are great fun. So do come along!

*See Clubhouse notice board for details.
Contact: Dave Smith 0118 940 3969*

Competitive Tennis

The club participates in the Berkshire League and the Seniors currently have Doubles teams at various levels in the Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Veterans leagues.

A singles Box League runs throughout the year and gives members and visitors a chance to improve their singles tennis in a competitive but friendly setting. See the clubhouse noticeboard for details.

We also run a series of Friendly Matches (Mens, Ladies and Mixed) for improvers or those who are unsure of their ability to play in a regular team or those who simply like to play socially against other clubs.

*See the Contacts page of our website for details of our Team Captains and the Fixtures section for details of matches
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Social Activities

There are social events for Senior and Junior members throughout the year. It's not all tennis! New ideas for events and offers of help are always welcome.

Please note that members who sign up for the free British Tennis Membership also have right of entry into the annual Draw for Wimbledon tickets.

See the LTA website <https://www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/>.

General Club Rules

- Tennis clothing and correct tennis shoes should be worn at all times when using the courts.
- Ensure the gates to the courts and the clubhouse are locked if no one else on court.
NOTE: A key for the Clubhouse can be obtained from the Membership Secretary with a deposit of £15
- Please switch off lights. Floodlights are currently free except for visitors who are asked to pay £1 towards the cost.
NOTE: There is no play after 10 pm.
- Please do not leave rubbish on courts and clear up the kitchen area after use (wash, dry and put away cups, glasses etc).
- For general Court Priority and etiquette on club sessions, please read the notices in the clubhouse.
- There is a non-members visitor's fee of £2 per person to be put into the box outside the clubhouse BEFORE play commences. Guests and visitors are expected to observe the Club Rules. *If they play on more than 4 occasions, they will be asked to join the Club.* Prospective members are allowed to attend two club sessions, free of charge, before deciding whether to join.

Junior Section

Juniors (aged 9 – 18) and Minis (aged 4 – 8).

We are one of the largest tennis centres for Minis in Berkshire.

Although there is unlimited use of the courts when free, an ideal time to play is straight after school from 3.00 – 6.00pm and during the day in the school holidays.

There are Junior Club Sessions for all levels (members only) on Friday afternoons/evenings for 29 weeks of the year, (school holidays and mid-winter excepted). LTA registered coaches attend these sessions, offering free coaching and organisation.

There are also many other (fee paid) coaching sessions available and members have discounted rates and priority booking. For information on after-school sessions and holiday camps, contact GDT directly.
(See Coaching Section in this document).

Juniors and Mini tennis members have their own well-supported internal tournaments and there are Junior teams involved in the Berkshire League at all levels of play. The Juniors also have the opportunity to play in external tournaments like Junior Club Championships and The Road to Wimbledon Competition, where local winners get to play the finals at Wimbledon LTC.
Juniors interested in playing for the Club should contact Head Coach Chris Ovenden - 07769 934382

Club Timetable

	Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings
Monday	Adult Club Session From 09:00	Junior Coaching 16:00	Team Coaching 19:30 – 20:30 (Some courts free)
Tuesday	Rusty Rackets 12:15 – 13:15	Junior Coaching 16:00	Adult Club Session From 19:00
Wednesday	Adult Club Session From 09:00	Junior Coaching 17:30 – 19:30	Team Practice 19:30 – 20:30 (Some courts free)
Thursday	Free	Junior Coaching 16:00	Adult Club Session From 19:00 Cardio Drills (Mixed) 19:00 – 20:00
Friday	Free	Piggott School Infant/Junior Coaching 15:30 – 16:30 Junior Club Session 9&U Red/Orange Balls 10+ Green/Yellow Balls 16:30 – 17:30	Free
Saturday	Junior Coaching 09:00-13:00 Adult Rusty Rackets 09:00 – 10:00 Adult Improver Drills 09:00 - 10:00	League Matches Some Courts Free	Free
Sunday	Adult Club Session (by arrangement) From 10:00 League Matches	Free	Free

Please see the Fixtures section of the Website for details of current fixtures and the club timetable
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Coaching & GDT

The Club is keen to improve the skill level of its members so they can enjoy their tennis as much as possible. We currently have a close association with GDT (*Gary Drake Tennis*) - a professional and experienced team of tennis instructors, managed by Gary Drake (former British Champion and in the past, a member of the Great Britain team at 35 & over).

Our coaches are passionate about quality and strive to exceed people's expectations both on and off court. Their professional approach and teamwork keep them leading edge and enable all players to have a great tennis experience.

New Members

All new members will be offered a FREE one session trial for any of our GDT coaching courses.

The Coaching Programme

Every week, all year round, there are numerous coaching sessions for both Adults and Juniors. All courses are taken by LTA qualified coaches.

Non-members are also welcome, although as a member you will not have to pay any non-member fees.

Competitive player? GDT run tournaments throughout the year for all ages – Seniors & Juniors - as well as twice a term within any coaching course you sign up for.

Seniors

There are numerous midweek and weekend adult courses available including: Ladies Mornings, Cardio Drills, Rusty Rackets and Mixed Adults Coaching.

Coaching for team players is available throughout the year: Mens' & Ladies' Match Practise is on Mondays at 7pm.

Tuesday and Thursday Club Nights are run by our GDT Coaches, so do take this opportunity to come and meet them and play with or against them.

Juniors

GDT have plenty to offer with Coaching sessions on different days aimed at all ages of Mini tennis: Tiny Tots (3 - 5years), Red Ball (5 – 8 years), Orange Ball (9 years) Green Ball (10 years) & Junior Academy (11+ years).

Holiday camps are available every school holiday, combining lots of tennis skill, strategy, fun games, competition, as well as football, table tennis, badminton, cricket and more. Camps have 3 different time options: 10am - 1pm, 10am – 3pm and 8.30am – 4.30pm.

The benefits of becoming a Junior or Mini member of Wargrave LTC:

- 24 weeks of fun junior club night (Apr – Oct half-term, Feb – Apr, stops for school holidays)
- 4.30 to 5.30 Red and Orange ball players, Green and Yellow ball players
- Free use of Club's tennis facilities
- Free entry into the Club's Wimbledon ballot *Junior Members only
- No non-member fees for GDT Coaching Courses (£24 per term usually)

Broken a string? We also offer a re-stringing service to all players.

Whatever your ability, please call us to help you enjoy your membership.

GDT Contact details for both group and private coaching:

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Details are also displayed in the clubhouse.