



Spring 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020!

On behalf of the Chulmleigh Tennis Club committee, I wish you a successful and enjoyable tennis season. As you will be aware a new committee was formed in December 2019. The new committee has been working hard to ensure that the club meets the needs of all of its members in 2020. In particular, we have focussed on building relationships with the Chulmleigh Academy, the Recreational Association and Devonshire Tennis Academy (who provide the coaching).

Whilst much has been achieved, building on the work of the previous committee, there are challenges ahead to ensure tennis at Chulmleigh remains sustainable. Part of the solution to this is to grow the membership base and you will have seen that we now offer discounted membership to new members. If you have friends or family members who are thinking of playing, please encourage them to take advantage of this and sign up.

Finally, the committee is keen to respond to ideas from members about how the club can develop. If you have ideas, comments (or criticisms) about the facilities we offer, the tournaments, or playing arrangements I would encourage you to contact me through our new email address: chulmleightennis@gmail.com

Adrian Mercer,

Chair, CTC

1 April New Season begins!

Ian Ripper, Membership Secretary, has sent to all existing members a membership form for 2020/21. The adult membership fee remains at £80 for 2020/21. There is a 50% discount for new members (defined as someone who has not been a member in the previous 2 years). All CTC members who wish to play on court must be paid up club members by 1 April, to be covered by our LTA insurance. Please return your membership forms, including the section on consent to sharing personal information. Without this – due to Data Protection rules – we will be unable to contact you and keep you informed about club activities.

Sunday 5 April Open Tournament (am)

We have provisionally arranged a social tournament to celebrate the start of the new membership year. This will involve a doubles and mixed doubles tournament, followed by a social event and the draw for the Wimbledon Ballot.

Please put this date in your diary and we will write out with further details nearer the time

North Devon Tennis League

Arrangements have been made for men's, women's, and men's veterans teams to again compete in the North Devon Tennis League. The subscription to the League has been paid and the fixture list will be announced shortly.

As in previous years **NO** player will be allowed to play in a league match without being a fully paid up CTC member. Match fees must be collected by the team captain at each home and away match.

Team captains anticipating success will wish to note that the North Devon Tennis League awards evening (similar to the Oscars) is on 23 October 2020.

Court Booking

The Clubspark booking system has two purposes: it ensures that when you book a court it will actually be available, avoiding wasted journeys. Second, it enables us to keep track of court usage – this is important because should we in future seek funding from organisations such as the LTA they will require evidence from us about usage of our courts. Clubspark is great at generating this data, which is why we are encouraging all members to use it consistently.

Clubspark is easy to use and can be accessed from smartphones.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChulmleighLTC/Booking/BookByDate>

Social Tennis. In addition to league matches, there are regular sessions booked ahead.

These are

Sunday 2.30pm (note the new time) – Mixed Social, all comers

Ladies' Practice Night – Tuesday 6 - 8pm

Coaching – Wednesday 6 - 8pm until next term, when it may be extended until 9pm.

Men's Practice Night – Thursday 6 - 8pm

Tennis Coaching

Message from Rob at Devonshire Tennis Academy

You may have heard already that our coaching programme at Chulmleigh tennis club will be commencing next Wednesday 15th January with sessions taking place at the usual times. I have attached information with more details & how to book.

I also wanted to make you aware in case you didn't know already the H (Helena) our coach from last term has gone for a ski season in Bulgaria & will be back with us in April. However, we have now got Nick Wilkins coming in to be the lead coach of the sessions. Nick has been coaching with us for nearly a year & has fantastic knowledge of the game as well as delivering fun & challenging sessions for all ages. The plan is to keep Nick doing these sessions in a permanent position with an aim to drive your tennis on & grow the programme at Chulmleigh Tennis Club.

Obviously last term proved to be a very damp one on Wednesday evenings, with adult sessions missing 5 sessions. Therefore, if you paid for the full term as an adult last term you have a credit of £27 on your account which can be used against this term's fees.

We look forward to seeing you on court again in 2020.

Rob

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Annual Coffee Morning
Saturday 28th March 2020
9:00 am to 11:00 am



Chulmleigh Town Hall

This is a great way to help increase the club's funds and is usually well supported by the local community. Not only do we need plenty of people to help on the morning we also need items for the tabletop sale and raffle.

Along with general bric-a-brac, homemade cakes and particularly savoury items e.g. sausage rolls, quiches and cheese scones sell very well but all items do need to be at the Town hall as early as possible.

If you are able to help, even if just for a short while on the morning, please email Briony:
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