

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 a good time. Membership numbers are growing steadily, we have re-surfaced our courts and installed new LED floodlights. You can also play on our outdoor table tennis tables. We have employed a new coach, who will be offering coaching throughout the year, including during the school holidays.

The club has a long lease granted from Quainton Parish Council, an agreed constitution and rules, all appropriate policies recommended by the LTA, including safeguarding. Copies of all policies are available from Claire Lucas, our membership secretary.

New members of any age or ability are welcome to join 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 vote in the committee, review the annual accounts, agree the appropriate level of fees and approve any new or amended policies.

All notices from the club's membership secretary come via email. The club has followed LTA guidance regarding the new data protection regulations and has prepared a data protection statement which all adult members are sent. This explains what data the club holds and how it uses it. All emails are sent blind copied and your personal data is only used in relation to the effective administration of the club. By signing the membership form you agree to accept our data protection statement.

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

LTA Membership

Through joining the club it is a condition of the financial assistance we received from Bucks Tennis to refurbish the courts, that all members, including children, are expected to be a member of the Lawn Tennis Association. Through logging onto www.lta.org.uk/member you can sign up for free for a British Tennis Membership (BTM) number under the Lite 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 and only needs to be done once. 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 be able to opt in annually to the ticket draw.

Wimbledon Tickets

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 upon 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 for those members who wish to.

Court Bookings

Any member wishing to play tennis needs to book a court in advance, by downloading and using a free booking App. The instructions for doing so are as follows:

1. Search for the Clubspark Booker App in the App Store on your mobile phone or iPad
2. Download the App appropriate for your phone's operating system (Android or Apple available)
3. Open the App
4. Click on the Sign Up option at the bottom of the screen
5. Login via your LTA username/password or one of the other options (Email, Facebook, Google, Microsoft) N.B. You have to use the same method in the future whether signing in to the App or logging into the LTA website
6. Click on Book A Court
7. Select a Club
8. Select All Clubs. Quainton LTC should be first on the list N.B. The next time you book Quainton should be the default club under My Clubs
9. Click on Today to open up the calendar. Select the date you wish to play N.B. You can book up to 10 days in advance
10. Select a Time to play on one of the two courts and then select Confirm
11. You will receive an email confirmation and be able to see your booking on the App calendar
12. Booking slots are for 90 minutes
13. A member should not book more than one slot on the same day, unless outside peak times (3.30-10 pm weekdays, week-ends and bank holidays). A maximum number of 4 bookings in a 7 day rolling period is allowed by the system. All bookings will be visible to all members.

Social Tennis

Tuesday Morning

9.30-11 am Mixed social tennis.

If interested, please contact Jan Stiegeler on 07941 946870.

Thursday Evening

8-9 pm Mens social tennis.

If interested, please contact Paul Ormerod on 07734 750633.

Sunday Evening

Men's match practice. If you are interested in joining the men's team or if you just wish to join this practice session, then please contact John Lucas on 655552.

Team Matches

Men's team matches take place on the occasional Sunday and even more occasionally, on a Saturday morning. Fixtures can be found on <https://quainton.org.uk/community-activities/tennis-club> 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.

We used to have a mixed team playing in the local league and are keen to restart this. You do not have to be of a particularly high standard, but enthusiastic. Please get in touch with James Christopherson on 07966 474107 if you are interested.

Tennis Coaching

Our coach is Aaron Cowley (Mobile: 07538 314700). Coaching is provided weekly in group lessons according to your age and level. These are advertised well in advance, with members pre-paying for a block of lessons. Any member interested should contact Peter Cowley (Mobile: 07539 244155), who handles the administration and payments. Aaron is also available for private lessons by arrangement.

Fundraising

Fundraising plays an important role at the Tennis 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. The Beer and Music Festival BBQ (mid-July) and the Bonfire Night BBQ (early November). We totally depend on adult members volunteering a few hours of their time, to set up and man the BBQs.

Annual Open Day

The LTA Big Tennis Week-end is held mid-May for the benefit of members, prospective 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 better. We run a BBQ, donation bar, organise fun games and competitions. It is also when the draw for Wimbledon tickets is held. A possible further open day might take place in September.

Governance

A volunteer committee runs the club, with the backing of the Parish Council.

Chairman - James Christopherson

Treasurer - Paul Ormerod

Membership Secretary - Claire Lucas

Men's team Captain - John Lucas

Fixtures Secretary - Nick Butler

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