



Hampton in Arden Sports Club Tennis Section

The Court Circular March 2013

Members & prospective members - welcome to the 2013 season

A very warm welcome to the 2013 tennis season to you all.

Brief review of 2012

What a spectacular year: superb facilities; record membership (134 adults & 128 juniors); solid finances; great coaching programme; record attendance at the annual dinner dance at Peel's Restaurant in early January; more competitions; and a successful Mens 1st team who became Warwickshire champions for the first time.

Thank you to Ian Poole and his coaching team of Sam (Peace), Emma (Shalley), Tom (Greensall), Bel (Chefri) and Beth (Starkey); team captains; committee members; everyone else involved in running the club including the many volunteers who help at our primary fundraiser the Arden 9 each year; Geoff Redfern who has retired from the committee after two years as Chairman; Chris Barnes who replaced Geoff Redfern as Chairman after eleven years as Secretary; Carol Grant who has handed over to Jo Oswald after ten years as Treasurer.

Objectives for 2013

More competitive play for all standards; more socials; more members being coached; more members helping; more court use; more spectators for Coventry league Monday first team matches; more sunshine; more fun!

Members key cards for 18 and over's

If you are 18+ we enclose your members key card which allows you to access the clubhouse and also from May 1st to buy drinks at member discounted rates. More details to come. Please can you return your old door access fob as soon as possible to the sweet jar marked 'FOBS' on the bar so we can reuse them for juniors?

A new court padlock code from April 1st - 1515

Competitive tennis (Please complete the entry form on the back of your membership renewal form)

Please can you complete the entry form on the back of your membership renewal form for:

- **Junior Finals Day Saturday June 1st:** Qualifying for Red/Orange/Green finals will be held on the weekend of 27th/28th April & qualifying for Under 12 and Under 16 finals will be held on the weekend of 11th/12th May.
- **Adult Finals Day Saturday September 28th:** Note that finals day has moved from July to September.
- **Mens Doubles/Ladies Doubles Plate finals Saturdays June 1st and December 14th:** the successful introduction of these tournaments in 2012 will be repeated in 2013 with Spring and Autumn competitions.

Also, new for this season:

- **Singles ladder:** leagues run for 2 months. Please sign on the notice board if you want to join.
- **Mens 5th team** in the Coventry league.
- **Mens 1st team** entered in the AEGON tournament

Social events

- **Annual Dinner Dance at Peels - Friday January 10th 2014.** More social event dates will be announced

Courts closed for maintenance - Thursday April 11th and Thursday October 31st.

Please help us by paying your annual subscription on time

We enclose your membership renewal form. Please complete missing information, make relevant corrections and send the signed form and cheque payable to "Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club" to Chris Barnes at 68 Meriden Road, Hampton-in-Arden B92 0BT. Subscription rates are shown overleaf with more detail on the renewal form. Cheques received after **Monday April 1st** do not qualify for prompt payment discounts.

Would you like to find out some more

- **Internet:** www.hamptontennis.org.uk
- **Email:** Please let us know your email address on your membership form and we will send you email news.
- **Facebook:** Please join us on Facebook at hamptontennis.
- **Twitter:** Please follow our news on Twitter at @hamptontennis.
- **Notice board:** Information on membership application, social events, tournaments and other news.

If you still have some questions left please read the FAQ's on the back page

- **Membership forms:** can be found on the tennis notice board or at www.hamptontennis.org.uk/joinnus/asp
- **Members telephone numbers:** can be found at in the password protected members section of the website using your user ID/password shown on your membership renewal form.

And finally - we are a not-for-profit organisation

The club is run by volunteers with only coaches being paid. As a result, costs are minimised meaning great value for money for fantastic newly built facilities. **We wish you an enjoyable and successful season.**

Committee: Chris Barnes (Chairman) 01675 443572, Jo Oswald (Treasurer), Carol Grant, Emma Shalley, Savio Gaspar, Steve Ray, Wayman Morris & Ian Poole (Coach) 07968 451956.

Subscription rates – 2013 season

Rates **before discounts** are shown below. Rates are **£10** cheaper for new members or if paid by **April 1st**.

- **Age < 7 on April 1st:** free of charge. Please could you still sign and return the membership form.
- **Age 7-18:** £44.
- **Age 19-25:** £44 if you are a student or £78 if you are not.
- **Age 26-64:** £175 or weekday daytime rate of £120.
- **Age > 65:** £78
- **A family rate of £349** is available for a family living at the same address including students who live away from home. This benefits families with two adults and two or more children playing.
- **Social Membership:** costs £49 less the £10 prompt pay discount.

Discounts are also offered if you are a squash or hockey member or have another tennis member in the family.

Team Tennis – 2012 Coventry league

Mens 1st team - Champions! Freshly promoted from the first division, Hampton took the Coventry League premier division by storm to break the recent dominance of Beechwood and Warwick Boat Club and win the Premier Division trophy for the first time in Hampton's history – and by an 8 point winning margin too. Not content with this the boys followed this up by winning the Warwickshire Inter District final against Birmingham League winners Sutton Coldfield 3-1 to become Warwickshire Champions. What a great season and a tremendous achievement for a small club. Well done to captain Tony Eccleston and his team of Daniel Eccleston, Josh Crisp-Jones, Rich Allen, Rich Westman, Ollie Plaskett & Ollie Parry. Four of the squad were in the top five performers in the premier league, while Dan and Josh were unbeaten as a pair. We are looking forward to some great Monday evening matches this year guys!



Mens 3rd team - Champions! There was also a trophy for the Mens third team who won division 5. Well done!

Team	2013 Captains	Division	2012 final league positions and top points scorers
Mens 1 st	Tony Eccleston 07970 499142	Prem	Champions - 46 points Daniel Eccleston - 22 points
Mens 2 nd	Mark Joannides 07909 697718	1	3rd (of 8) - 31 points Mark Joannides -16 points
Mens 3 rd	Andy Frith 07878 008589	5	Champions - 44 points Jonny Hunt - 22 points
Mens 4 th	Steve Ray 07799 582098	6	4th (of 8) - 19 points Chris Barnes - 9 points
Mens 5 th	New position outstanding		New team
Ladies 1 st	Terri Mason 01675 442325	3	4th (of 8) - 26 points Terri Mason - 16 points
Ladies 2 nd	Chris Durbin 01564 783976	5	3rd (of 7) - 28 points Kathy Hunt - 12 points
Ladies 3 rd	Emma Shalley 07900 683741	6	4th (of 7) - 20 points Emma Shalley - 9 points

Team practices for league players are held from 8pm to 10pm on Mondays (Men) & 6.30pm to 8pm on Thursdays (Ladies). For the final three weeks starting on Monday April 11th these practices will be coached.

Late news: Due to other teams pulling out the Mens 4th and Ladies 2nd teams have also been promoted.

Social Tennis 2013

The programme is set up to ensure a social tennis session is available for all playing levels:

- **Monday 8pm:** Team players (men)
- **Tuesday 8pm:** Intermediates (mixed)
- **Thursday 6.30pm:** Team players (ladies)
- **Friday 8pm:** Intermediates (mixed)
- **Saturdays 3pm:** Families (mixed)
- **Sunday 10.30am:** Intermediates (mixed)

Please can you make sure that you play to the standard intended for the evening? If you would like help to decide which session to attend please call Ian Poole on 07968 451956.

Tennis Club AGM

Monday November 18th

The tennis AGM will be on Monday November 18th **starting** at 7.30pm in the clubhouse.

Sports Club 2013 AGM January 23rd

- **Accounts for year to April 2012:** showed profit of £4k after a £1k profit last year. Assets (ie cash less amounts payable) increased by £4k to £70k. £27k of the LTA loan for the tennis courts has been paid so that the balance left to repay is £48k.
- **New entry cards:** The new entry key cards will replace fobs and may be used by members to pay for drinks. Members' pricing will be introduced so that drinks purchased on members cards are cheaper than drinks purchased with cash.
- **Improvements:** The bar stools will be replaced and the ladies changing room upgraded.
- **Cycling club:** Team Midland Racing are to become members and will use the club on Thursday evenings/Sunday mornings.
- **Directors 2013:** The directors are John Pearson (Chairman), Joe Bates (Treasurer), John Eccleston, Andy Woolford (Hockey), Graham Hollway (Squash), Chris Barnes (Tennis), Andy Minton (House) and Graham Kelly (Bar). Thank you John Eccleston who stood down after 5 years as Chairman making 13 years in total after 8 years in his first stint.
- **President's Plate 2012:** Congratulations to Steve Bradley who received the Plate for services to hockey over 30 years.

Club Tournaments - 2012

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up:

Title	Winner(s)	Runner(s) Up
Open		
Mens Singles	Josh Crisp Jones	Daniel Eccleston
Ladies Singles	Jane Hodge	Carol Grant
Mens Doubles	Josh Crisp Jones & Ollie Plaskett	Richard Allen & Richard Westman
Ladies Doubles	Terri Mason & Wendy Jones	Jane Hodge & Carol Grant
Mixed Doubles	Terri Mason & Savio Gaspar	Catherine Eley & Mark Joannides
Veterans		
Mens Veterans Doubles	Graham Hollway & Paul Thomas	Mark Walker & Savio Gaspar
Mens Super Vets Doubles	John Cable & Malcolm Brumwell	Wayman Morris & Ray Barnett
Ladies Veterans Doubles	Carol Grant & Terri Mason	Kathy Hunt & Wendy Jones
Plate		
Mens Singles Plate	Mark Walker	Andy Frith
Ladies Singles Plate	Sally Leach	Jo Oswald
Mixed Doubles Plate	Emma Shalley & Gabor Prudencio	Karen Vithanage & Paul Thomas
Mens Doubles Plate	Savio Gaspar & Steve Mo	Simon Farrant & Richard Smith
Ladies Doubles Plate	Sally Leach & Ruth Fennell	Emma Shalley & Pauline Morris
Junior		
Boys Singles under 16	Theo Lawrence	Liam Perkins
Girls Singles under 16	Emily White	Beth Starkey
Boys Singles under 12	Matthew Middleton	Brett McSkimming
Girls Singles under 12	Eloise Locker	Casey Holmes
Green	Sam Smith	Finlay Walker
Orange	Jasmine Thongsab	Noah Trueman
Red	Harry Leach	Nell Bryant

Tennis coaching



Head Coach—Ian Poole

Ian Poole and his team of Sam Peace, Tom Greensall, Emma Shalley, Bel Chefri and Beth Starkey offer a full programme of high quality group and individual lessons to both adult and junior members. They also deliver tennis coaching and PE to local schools. Ian is an LTA coach tutor. The team believes that sport plays a vital role in the development of individuals and is committed to delivering programmes to meet the needs of every player. Coaching supports and encourages competitive play. At present there are over 150 children and 60 adults taking part in regular coaching sessions. The coaching programme works alongside the LTA's coaching initiatives progressing from Mini Tennis for the very young, through to full court adult tennis as follows:



Coach—Sam Peace

Group and individual junior coaching - Full details can be found at www.hamptontennis.org.uk/coaching_schedule.asp

- Tots Tennis (ages 3 to 5) - Coordination fun based activities introducing racket skills to develop the basic fundamentals.
- Mini Tennis Red (ages 5-8) - Small court/rackets and soft balls. Begin to learn basic technical shapes and tactics.
- Mini Tennis Orange (ages 8/9) - Less than full-length court and transition balls to allow more time and lower bounce. Beginning to introduce more shape and spin technique and a wider choice of tactics.
- Mini Tennis Green (age 10) - Full court and slightly soft balls to allow more time and lower bounce.
- Under 14 - Full court, normal balls. Technical and tactical techniques appropriate to the group.
- Under 18 and Invitation only squads.

Social events are organised for all age levels. Girls only groups are available for primary school children.

Junior competitive opportunities - Sam runs monthly rolling competitions for all age groups from mini red through to Under 16's changing each week to give all children a chance to play against each other and against other clubs.

Performance programme - We run a performance programme for talented youngsters at all levels, including a tie-in with Warwick University. We plan individual, squad and fitness programmes at the club and, where required, at the University. Talented and enthusiastic children aged 4-9 are invited to join our performance mini squads.

Adult coaching - Sessions for all abilities are held during school terms on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings.



Bel Chefri



Emma Shalley



Tom Greensall

Mentoring/coach development - Ian works with Warwickshire LTA to tutor young coaches to give them the knowledge and experience needed to further their coaching careers. Obtaining a level 1 coaching certificate is great experience for anyone, especially a teenager. If you are interested please speak to Ian.

Private lessons - Individual lessons can be booked. Discounts are available if you book a block of lessons.

Please contact Ian for more information
ianpoole23@yahoo.co.uk or 07968 451956

Watch professional tennis in 2013

Tip: Remember to ask if there are ticket discounts for BTM members.

Davis Cup: Great Britain v Russia at the Ricoh Arena - April 5th to 7th

To book call 0844 338 8838 or go to www.theticketfactory.com/daviscup

AEGON Classic: WTA Ladies event at Edgbaston Priory Club - June 10th to 16th

This year marks the opening of the new Centre court which is part of a £12m investment which will also see the tournament upgraded from 2014. Ladies Day is Thursday 13th June. To book call 0844 289 7359 or go to www.aegonclassic.co.uk. A 25% discount is available for Monday-Thursday play if you book before April 7. Quote Hampton Tennis Club and WAR041.

AEGON Championships: ATP Mens 250 event at Queens Club, London - June 10th to 16th

Wimbledon – June 24th to July 7th

The draw will be held on Friday April 12th. If you would like to enter the draw please complete the information on the back of the membership form and return the form and your subscription to Chris Barnes by Wednesday April 10th. You must also be a BTM member and at least 10 years old when you use your ticket. Draw winners will receive a pair of tickets and are free to choose any guest to take with them, although under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets cost from £54 to £260 a pair. Please note that under LTA rules, **tickets are not transferable** so if you cannot go you should let us know quickly so that we can reallocate the tickets to a member on the reserve list. Please note that if you do not follow this rule, you risk jeopardising the club's future ticket allocation. **Under no circumstances should you sell your tickets.**

Barclays ATP Mens World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena: November 4th to 10th

K&D Arden 9 Mile Road Race – Sunday June 23rd 10.30am

The tenth Arden9 road race is on Sunday June 23rd sponsored by Birmingham Runner, Xempo, the Beeches Bar and Hunters Estate Agents. Knowle & Dorridge RC are organising the race this year and Hampton Sports Club will provide marshalling and administrative support. **Online entries only** please at www.runnersworld.co.uk at a cost of £13 including credit card costs. See www.arden9.org.uk for more info. If you would like to help please let Chris Barnes (01675 443572) know.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I take care of our courts?

- Tennis shoes must be worn - not running shoes, studs, blades, grooves or heels which may damage the courts.
- When you finish brush the court, clean the lines, pick up litter, slacken the net.
- **If you are last to leave please shut all the gates and secure the padlocks to prevent unauthorised access.**

When using the courts please could you follow these basis rules?

- Wear tennis shoes and sports clothing of any colour.
- Use plastic bottles or cups to avoid broken glass or china.
- Wait until the point in play is complete before walking close to or through a court where a game is in progress.
- Turn your mobile phones off when league or tournament matches are in progress.
- Avoid using foul or abusive language or abusing equipment.

How do the floodlights work?

- You can buy a 30 minute floodlight token at the bar for £2. Feed the token into the appropriate meter in the clubhouse.
- You will get 5 minutes warning from the coloured lights on the floodlight posts before the lights turn off.
- Once the lights have gone out they should not be switched back on for 10 minutes.
- Please note that the floodlights automatically turn off at 10pm.

What is the priority for court usage?

- Adult members take priority on weekdays after 6pm, except for coaching courses.
- Junior members take priority on the mini tennis court before 8pm.

Can I bring a guest to play? – You are welcome to bring guests three times each season per guest without charge.

What is the code for the court padlock? – 1515. **Please padlock all the gates when you leave.**

How do I book a court? – To book a court (without charge) for up to 2 hours or check court availability go to the home page www.hamptontennis.org.uk and click the "Book A Court" button. You can access this from the terminal in the corridor by the squash court door. If you forget your ID or password please email support@hamptontennis.org.uk for help.

Where do I find the telephone numbers of other members? – A list of adult members can be found in the password-protected section of www.hamptontennis.org.uk. Your ID and password are the same as those you use to book courts.

What is the policy on use of the courts by children? – Children at Senior School may use the courts with no requirement for adult supervision. Children of Primary School age may only play under the supervision of an adult.

What is the policy on use of the clubhouse by children? – Parents are asked to take responsibility for their children in the clubhouse and on the sports field and ensure that they abide by the licensing laws. Children of 14 or over may use the clubhouse without supervision. Children under 14 can use the clubhouse under supervision if they are well behaved.

How do I get into the clubhouse? – If you are aged 18 or over you are entitled to a members key card which can also be used to buy drinks at the bar. If you lose your key card you can purchase a replacement from the bar for £5 between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesdays or have a faulty key card replaced free of charge. The key cards are the property of the Sports club and you are kindly asked to return your card to the bar if you leave the club. If you are aged 14 to 17 or if you are the parent of a child who is a tennis member you may ask at the bar on Tuesday evenings for a door access fob.

What is the clubhouse WiFi code? – 138802198183

When is the bar open? – Normally 6pm to 11pm in the week and 12.30pm to 11pm at weekends.

Am I allowed to undertake paid coaching? – Ian Poole is responsible for the delivery of the coaching programme which he organises in conjunction with the committee. If you wish to coach another member, as a matter of courtesy we request that you discuss your proposal with Ian first. Ian has the right under reasonable circumstances to refuse your request. Also please remember that if you are coaching a non-member that person can only be your guest three times per season.