



Crowthorne Tennis club is situated in the grounds of St. Sebastians Playing Field which it shares with Archery, Football and Cricket. With pine trees on three sides and a cricket ground to the south, the four all-weather floodlit courts provide tennis all year round with evening play up to 11pm.



The new courtside clubhouse is now ready, and has toilets with changing facilities, a kitchen, a large club room and a veranda providing a sheltered

viewing area. We already have broadband and internet TV will be available later in the year.

The St. Sebastians Pavilion at the bottom of the field allows the Tennis Club to arrange larger social events during the year as well as being the venue for other clubs including Scrabble and Bridge.



The club has a thriving membership, a high percentage of whom play regularly, but we welcome new members at any time during the season and the club is open to anyone, whatever your age or ability. Even if you have never played before, you can join and learn to play with others of a similar standard.

We offer some coaching as part of the membership fee for adult beginners and there is a weekly beginners and improvers club night. If you are interested in joining, ring one of the contact numbers below or come up to one of our drop-in club nights.



The standard at Crowthorne Tennis Club is mixed and we can provide something for all levels of ability. Not everyone is expected to play in the

teams although this is encouraged if you are of a sufficiently high standard and are willing. There are club "mix-in" sessions, bookable and

drop-in, most nights of the week and the afternoon sessions, for those able to play at those times, are extremely popular, especially with older, retired members. Members are able to book courts on-line to play with other members and occasional guests.

There is a choice of Full or Off-Peak Membership for adults, all subscriptions include the cost of balls and options are available to pay in 3 or 6 successive monthly instalments for subscriptions of £100 or £300 and over respectively.

Our annual Club Championships include handicap and veterans events, usually with both round robin and knockout stages ensuring members get to play a worthwhile number of matches.

Subject to demand, singles box leagues are organised for those who want regular singles and occasional social tournaments are held with the emphasis on the social side.



The club enters teams in the Veterans as well as the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed sections of the Berkshire Summer and Winter Leagues and also in the National Tennis competition, which includes singles and doubles. Thursday night



match practice sessions provide opportunities for team players to play against each other in advance of matches.

Junior and mini coaching takes place on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Monday evenings and teams are entered in the Junior Leagues, both summer and winter. Tennis camps for junior members are usually organised during the school holidays.

We have a committee member dedicated to managing the junior activities and squad sessions are regularly organised at the weekend for potential junior team players as well as the occasional competition,

# Crowthorne Tennis Club

2023/24 Season

Junior members showing sufficient ability and maturity are invited to become 'nominated juniors' which means they can enjoy all of the advantages of adult membership for a junior subscription. Youngsters can come to our junior coaching sessions, which are on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Monday evenings, even if they are not members; however, fees are cheaper for members.

With the clubhouse providing an improved off court environment, it's a safe and attractive viewing area for parents with the veranda giving shelter from the elements.

The friendly attitude of the club cannot be emphasised too strongly, as the members are well aware that joining a new club can be a daunting prospect. We are not big; we are certainly not elite, but we do enjoy our social tennis as well as giving those with ability the chance to progress. The club has retained its village atmosphere and provides family membership at a reduced rate.

The season begins on 1st April and runs to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Members are issued with a combination for the court gates and a combination for the new clubhouse key safe as well.

We have two types of Senior Membership, Full and Off-peak. Off-peak membership excludes play after 6pm weekdays and the cost of floodlights, whereas full membership includes play after 6pm on weekdays and the cost of floodlights. If your subscription comes to £100 or more, you can also pay in three successive monthly instalments; six if it's £300 or more.

## Subscriptions 2023/24: Instalment Options

Full Senior (over 24)	£216	3x£72
Off-peak Senior (over 24)	£179	3x£60
Full-time student or U25	£88	N/A
Junior (11 - 18)	£68	N/A
Mini (10 and under)	£39	N/A
Couple (2 Full Seniors)	£410	6x£69 or 3x£137
Family (2 Senior + 2 Junior)	£497	6x£83 or 3x£166 **

\*\*Other family combinations available – see website

New members joining after July pay a pro-rata subscription depending on the number of months left in the season and, unlike some clubs, there is currently NO JOINING FEE for new members.

**DISCOUNTS** are available for families - go to the **Membership | Our subscription costs** page to see what's available. The subscription includes membership of the St. Sebastians Sports Club and free LTA Advantage Membership. Benefits of this include an annual allocation of tickets for Wimbledon, which are distributed to LTA Advantage members by ballot, liability insurance and eligibility to enter county league competitions. It also offers access to discounts on tickets and kit and the monthly LTA newsletter.

Adult group coaching for beginners and improvers is every Monday evening, with members getting cheaper rates than non-members. In addition to the regular Monday group session, members are encouraged to arrange private tuition with the club coach either individually or in pairs or threes. Another adult beginners/improvers coaching session is on Wednesday evenings.

Adult beginners joining the club are entitled to up to 3 free group coaching sessions depending on month of joining.

As well as welcoming beginners and improvers, the club provides competitive opportunities for the more able players. Teams are entered into the local leagues, adult and junior, and club championships including handicap events are held annually. Subject to demand, we organise singles box leagues, and we hold occasional social tournaments during the season. Some of these are more competitive than others, but there are events where the emphasis is on the social side and these are great opportunities for beginners and other new members to mix in and meet other members. Ladies' tennis afternoons are arranged monthly, with tea and cakes, as a way of introducing new lady members to the club.

So what are the benefits of membership?

- Free use of courts with floodlights
- Club "mix-in" sessions with balls provided
- Cheaper coaching
- Singles Box Leagues (subject to demand)
- Social tournaments
- Entry to annual Club Championships
- Participation in Wimbledon ticket ballot
- Eligibility for league teams
- Free membership of LTA Advantage
- Free liability insurance cover
- Membership of St. Sebastians Sports Club
- New friends and Social Events!!!

## What's on when? (see the website interactive calendar for more details)

Sundays	9:00 – 9:45	Mini Red Coaching (not every term)	Various times	Junior squad practice/Social Tournaments
	From 10:00	Winter adult, Team Tennis or Junior matches/practice	14:00 – 16:00 (13:00 – 15:00 winter)	Ladies' Tea & Tennis Afternoons (monthly – sometimes on Saturdays)
Mondays	16:45 – 20:30	Mini Red/Orange/Green Coaching	18:30 – 20:30	Adult Beginners/Improvers Coaching
Tuesdays	9:30 – 10:30	Cardio Tennis	5:30 – 7:00	Intermediate/Advanced Club Night (drop-in)
	14:00 – 16:00	Afternoon Group (mainly older/retired)	7:00 – 9:00	Intermediate/Advanced Club Night (booked)
Wednesdays	18:00 – 21:00 (summer)	Veterans' Matches – usual home night	18:30 – 19:30	Adult Beginners/Improvers Coaching
			18:30 – 20:30	Adult All Levels Club Night (drop-in)
Thursdays	14:00 – 16:00	Afternoon Group (mainly older/retired)	17:00 – 19:00	Adult Club Night – Intermediate (drop-in/booked)
			19:00 – 21:00	Match Practice (by invitation)
Fridays			18:00 – 20:00	Adult Club Night (Improvers)
Saturdays	9:00 – 11:00	Mini Red/Orange/Green Coaching	From 12:30	Winter ladies' matches
	11:00 – 12:00	Junior (Yellow) Coaching	From 13:30	Summer adult matches – some junior
At all other times members may use the courts whenever they are available. Courts should be booked using our on-line booking system.				