

WELCOME to MCS TENNIS CLUB for the 25/26 SEASON

Welcome to a new season at MCS Tennis Club! Whether you are a returning member or a new member, we hope you'll enjoy your tennis and being a part of our friendly village club over the coming year.

HISTORY OF MCS

For those members new to MCS – we are a welcoming and competitive club located in a beautiful, rural setting beneath the Malvern Hills. The club was formed in 1980 as a result of the drive and enthusiasm of a few local tennis players, some of whom still play at the club today.

FACILITIES

- 3 well-maintained hard courts (all professionally cleaned in 2024)
- 2 courts with floodlights (upgraded in 2024)
- Tennis practice wall
- Clubhouse with views of the courts and hills, a kitchen, changing room, toilet and comfortable seating
- Honesty bar in clubhouse with cold drinks, crisps and chocolate
- Free parking in our private off-road car park

OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY TENNIS

Most important of all, we provide lots of ways to play tennis! Here are all your options for hitting some balls:

- **FREE PLAY** - As an MCS member, there are no limits to how many court bookings you can make. So just book a court on our website (see below) and play whenever you would like - when you book you'll receive a confirmation email with the court and clubhouse codes. We also have a club WhatsApp group which can be used to fix up games as well.
- **CLUB SESSIONS** - 2 club sessions a week throughout the year on Wednesday evenings (6:00 pm onwards) and Sunday mornings (9:30 am to 1:00 pm). Social doubles tennis is played in a relaxed atmosphere. Just turn up and play! Individual arrangements are made outside those times.
- **MCS TEAM IN H&W LEAGUE** - If it's team tennis you're after, MCS play in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Mixed, Men's and Ladies leagues in the Summer and Winter Seasons. Details of the captains are on the club noticeboard or speak to anyone at the club who will be able to point you in the right direction.
- **COACHING** - We're very lucky to have Sarah (an experienced Level 3 coach) who offers private and group coaching sessions on a Thursday afternoon/evening and George (a young Level 2 coach) who offers Rusty Rackets & Cardio sessions on a

Monday evening as well as junior group coaching on a Monday afternoon. All the details are on the club website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/MCSTennis> or email Sarah on tstennis4015@gmail.com

- CLUB TOURNAMENT - There are lots of opportunities to get your hands on some club silverware. We hold 4 fun American tournaments a year on Sunday mornings - a format designed to be enjoyable and accessible to all ages and standards. Our biggest event is our annual Summer tournament which culminates in the unmissable Finals Day in early September. Dates and details will be shared on the website and in the regular newsletter.

HOW TO BOOK A COURT

- You can book tennis courts using the LTA ClubSpark system. To access the court booking system members go to "BOOK" section of our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/MCSTennis/Booking>
- You will need to use your LTA login to access the booking system and then just select the day, court and time you want to book.
- After booking, you will receive a confirmation email and reminder including the codes for court access, clubhouse access and the defibrillator.
- Please cancel your booking if your plans change.

VISITORS

Members are welcome to bring guests, but must adhere to the following rules which are a condition of membership:

- The day membership fee is £3 per guest.
- Guest visits are limited to 4, after this to continue to play it is necessary to join as a member of MCS.
- You must accompany your guests and you are responsible for their behaviour as well as the payment of their guest fees.

USING FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens for the lights for winter tennis are kept in the cupboard on the right of the passage down to the toilet in the clubhouse. The cost is £4 per court per hour. Simply pay the club directly or leave the money in the token box.

BALLS, MCS KIT & DISCOUNTS

Balls can also be purchased for individual use and to look the part, club kit is also available. Details of who to contact for the balls and kit and all the other MCS products and offers that are available are on the 'DISCOUNTS' section of the club website.

NEWS & INFO

NEWSLETTER - There is always lots going on! To ensure that any club news is circulated as fully as possible, newsletters are emailed out to all members every 1 to 2 months. New members should be added, if not please reach out to Bella to get added to the list.

ONLINE - Our website and Facebook site, which provides news, match results and reports and much more.

WHATSAPP - Please ask a member to add you to our (very active) Social Tennis WhatsApp group.

OTHER THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

WILDFLOWER MEADOW - We have a wildflower meadow between courts 2 and 3. Please don't walk on the bank.

POND - this is a haven for nature but is deeper than it looks. Please take care, especially with young children.

RULES

We're a friendly club so we don't want to go overboard with rules, but there are a few things we want to share to help things run smoothly. These are displayed in the clubhouse.

COMMITTEE

As with all clubs, much work goes on behind the scenes by the committee, team captains and other volunteers. The contact details of the Chairman and Safeguarding Officer are displayed on the notice board in the clubhouse:

Chairman	Peter Spargo, peter.spargo1@btinternet.com , 07752 704525
Secretary	Alice Eden
Treasurer	Tony Poyner
Safeguarding Officer	Anne Spargo, anne.spargo@btinternet.com , 07762 260048
Grounds & Maintenance	Shelia Wilson
Memberships	Pat Pugh
Ladies' Captain	Helen Galassini
Mens' Captain	Steve Meredith
Comms	Sue McAleer