

# HILL & VALLEY LTC LIMITED

## NEWSLETTER 2016

### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

This is my first year as Chairman and writing this introduction. So firstly I would like to thank John Robson for all his hard work running our tennis club and managing the issues over the last two years. I am very encouraged to say that this coming year should see the club more settled after the second interruption of having the courts re-laid. This was due to the poor quality of tarmac from the supplier. Courtstall Services have been most accommodating in getting our courts resurfaced for the second time for free under the guarantee. The final stage is to have them painted in the Spring time ready for the Summer when the new nets and posts will be fitted. I believe we now have better courts, with their new edging, than last year. However, in matches, we have lost the home advantage on court two when they removed the slope on the far side! I have received many compliments from visiting teams when playing on the new courts in the Winter League.

We have several projects to look at in the coming months, one being the replacement of the clubhouse felt roof. This may be for the short term with a view to possibly replacing the clubhouse in a few years' time. We are also open to ideas from you on ways to improve our facilities.

You will notice below that there are a few changes in the committee and so I would like to thank Nigel Magson for his contribution over the year in the role of Treasurer and welcome the new members of Tom Emmerson and Daphne Lewis as well as thanking those who continue to serve.

It is still our firm commitment to provide a thriving club for everyone to play social or competitive tennis on good courts and facilities. I look forward to seeing you all playing on court or joining in with the social events throughout the coming year.

Graham Stock

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Graham Stock	Chairman/Coaching/Fabric	01451-860903	<a href="mailto:grahamstock@aol.com">grahamstock@aol.com</a>
John Robson	Secretary	01285-720657	<a href="mailto:robson176@btinternet.com">robson176@btinternet.com</a>
Fred Shaftoe	Treasurer and Membership Sec.	01285-720074	<a href="mailto:fredshaftoe@gmail.com">fredshaftoe@gmail.com</a>
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Daphne Lewis	PR/Communications	01285-653592	<a href="mailto:lewisj01@btconnect.com">lewisj01@btconnect.com</a>

### CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Chrissie Kenning is our Child Protection Officer. Her role is primarily to act as a point of contact for anyone who has concerns about any Child Protection issues. Her contact details are [chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk) or ring 01285-720086.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Subscriptions for 2016 are now due.**

Please pay by cheque and fill in the form at the end of the Newsletter and return it to Fred Shaftoe as soon as possible.

The rates approved at the AGM (inclusive of LTA affiliation fees) are shown on the Membership Application Form.

### BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

We encourage all members to become British Tennis Members. You can do this by accessing the British Tennis website - [www.lta.org.uk/member](http://www.lta.org.uk/member). If you have any queries about membership please ring the LTA on 020-8487-7000.

### TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

Temporary membership is available on a weekly basis at £10 per adult; £5 per youth/junior. Contact Fred Shaftoe on 720074.

## COMMUNICATION

Being able to contact members by e-mail speeds up communication from the committee so please ensure we have your current e-mail address. The club's website address is [www.chedworth.org.uk/tennis](http://www.chedworth.org.uk/tennis).

## COURTS/BOOKING SYSTEM

Keys to the courts and the pavilion are available from Fred Shaftoe (01285-720074). A deposit of £5 per key is required. Courts may be booked 8 days ahead. Matches are generally played in the evenings and they take priority over other bookings.

Please note that to prevent damage to the surface, sports shoes with light soles should be worn when playing. Courts are booked through our Online Booking system. Once you have paid your Membership Fee you will be emailed with instructions (normally within 7 days) about how to use the system and your password.

If there are any problems with booking you can contact the Bookings Administrator, Jackie Gumpert (01285-720553), who will be pleased to help.

## FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens cost £4.00 for 1 hour's play, and are available from:-

Chrissie Kenning      01285-720086                      Graham Stock      01451-860903 or 07710-868206

## CLUB TENNIS

Club tennis is available on four occasions each week as follows:

**Monday is Men's Night** starting at 6.00 pm; details from John Boughey (01285-721218)

**Wednesday is Club Night** (starting 6<sup>th</sup> April) starting at 6.00 pm; details from Trish King (01451 820172)

**Friday Afternoon is Club Afternoon** starting at 1.00 pm; details from Rosemary Scott Smith (01285-720431)

**Sunday is Club Morning** starting at 10.00 am; details from Graham Stock (01451-860903)

The sessions on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays will be free of charge with tennis balls being provided. A small charge is usually levied for the Evening Sessions to cover lights and balls.

**These sessions are a great way to meet new players** and improve your doubles tennis, so we would encourage you to come along. If you would like to know more before coming, please ring Graham or Allison Stock on 01451 860903.

Format is dependent on number of players attending, but is normally 5 games, when both courts are in use. We have a new club 'board' which can be used when both courts are in operation and members are waiting to play. This ensures players are not left out and most people are able to pick a 'four'.

## COACHING NEWS - 2015

Adult coaching with Hilary Swan (01242-890213) begins after the February Half Term. She continues to provide her excellent coaching for the adults on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 09:30 to 11:00am. For those of you who work during the week then we hope to arrange some adult coaching later in the season on Saturdays, provided there is enough interest to run a course.

At the moment we are in the process of recruiting a coach for the junior coaching program. We will update you as soon as we have details. We hope to continue our link with St. Andrews school when we have a new coach in place.

Throughout 2016 individual coaching will also be available for both adults and children and for any standard. These private lessons can be arranged through the coaches, at times and at locations that may suit you better. Please contact Hilary Swan (01242-890213, [h.swan213@btinternet.com](mailto:h.swan213@btinternet.com)) for Senior coaching.

## 2015 SUMMER LEAGUE RESULTS

All Team Reports were presented at the AGM and the summary was as follows:

**Mens A Team** – won D2 and got promotion to D1A

**Ladies A Team** – just lost out in D1A and will play in D2A in 2016

**Ladies B Team** – won D4B and got promotion to D3B

Thank you to all who spent time arranging and participating.

## 2015 STROUD WINTER LEAGUE

We entered this for the first time this year. Matches are played on a Sunday, mainly mornings, but some afternoons. To date, we have won 9 matches, drawn 2 and still have one left to play. The format of one ladies doubles/one men's doubles and 2 mixed doubles has been very enjoyable. Many thanks to all 20 people that have played.

## COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 2016

The date you need for your diary this year is **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. This is our club's main fundraiser for the year, so your support is very welcome and appreciated, both on and off the court. As a reminder, 84 players took part last year and although it was an extremely wet start, the tournament was completed with new winners of the Speke Cup from Purton Tennis Club and winners of the Scott Smith Salver were our own Sarah Calder and John Boughey.

## WIMBLEDON TICKETS

The club gets an allocation of tickets for the Wimbledon Championships, based on the number of our club members (adults and juniors aged 9 and over) who have signed up as British Tennis Members (BTMs) and 'opted in' as at 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Wimbledon tickets, through the club ballot, will only be available to club members who are signed up as adult/junior BTMs, have opted in, are linked to the club and are also paid up members of the club. Tickets are expected to be balloted at the courts on the club evening on Wednesday 6th April at 7.00 pm. Those interested should attend or send a representative. Those unable to do either should contact Allison Stock.

**The administration process for collecting money and receipt of tickets will be as the new online system introduced in 2014.** Once tickets have been allocated at our ballot night and entered into the online system, the successful BTM's will be notified by either email or letter from the LTA and will be directed to purchase the tickets via the LTA website or by phone. They will have 14 days from the day the ticket was assigned to them and notified, to make payment. The BTM also has an opportunity to decline the offer of tickets. If a BTM misses the payment deadline or chooses to decline the tickets, the club has the option to reassign these tickets to another BTM. Tickets will be dispatched late May directly to the buyer by the LTA. There will be a transaction fee of £2.50 by the LTA for this service. To ensure this new system works smoothly it is really important that your BTM details are up to date.

## CALENDAR

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Skittles Evening, Seven Tuns
Wed 6th April	Wimbledon Ballot (to be confirmed)
Date TBC	Adult & Child Tournament (afternoon with tea and cake)
Sunday 29 <sup>st</sup> May	American Doubles Tournament (pm with tea and cake)
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament (all day)</b>
Date TBC	Junior Club Championships (all day with refreshments)
Date TBC	Adult Club Singles tournament (ladies am / men pm)
Date TBC	Adult Doubles tournament (ladies am / men pm)
Date TBC	Hill & Valley Club Challenge (to mid afternoon)

We hope that you will continue to support your club as it survives on an active membership. On behalf of the committee we wish you all an enjoyable tennis season.

Hill & Valley LTC Committee  
February 2016

# 2016 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

If you are a new member you must complete this Application Form.  
 If you are renewing your membership please complete the 2016 Renewal Form.

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (if under 21)	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	SUBS	SIGNATURE (required for all adults)
Deposit for keys (New Members Only) £5 each			£	
TOTAL			£	

Contact address .....

Contact phone no .....

Contact e-mail address ..... **(Important please complete)**

**Please return with payment (cheques payable to Hill & Valley LTC) to:** Fred Shaftoe, Camellia House, Fields Rd, Chedworth, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL54 4NQ.

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS	£
Family (including children in full-time education up to 23)	138.00
Individual	63.00
Student (in FT education up to age of 23 not included in family)	31.00
Youth (10-17 before 1.1.16)	24.00
Junior (under 10 before 1.1.16)	15.00

**DATA PROTECTION**

Hill & Valley LTC will use your personal data for membership purposes only and to send you information related only to the club or of a more general interest on local matters. It will not pass on any personal information to any other organisation or body.

**BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP**

By filling in this form, you are also being automatically signed up as a British Tennis Member for free. This will enable you to take advantage of the many benefits offered to British Tennis Members including Wimbledon tickets, exclusive news and discounts and a player rating. For more information visit: [www.LTA.org.uk/membership](http://www.LTA.org.uk/membership). If you do not want to be enrolled please circle 'No thanks'.