

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Opening of the outdoor courts – 12th May 2020

The Club has now received further guidance from the LTA to begin to re-open tennis facilities.

Therefore, we are very pleased to announce the outdoor courts will be available from Wednesday 13th May. However, we all still need to 'Stay Alert' to ensure we are meeting the latest Government guidelines. With this in mind, we would appreciate your co-operation on the following items.

To be eligible to use the courts you must be a current club member. If you would like to renew your membership please go via <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverLawnTennisClub/Membership/Join> As has been stated previously once we know what the 'new' normal looks like we will work out a sensible plan so that all members in this current year do not lose out, either by extending the membership period or by some financial adjustment.

As usual, if you would like to use the facilities, a court must be booked via the Clubspark online booking system <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverLawnTennisClub/Booking>

We always welcome visitors to the Club but please can we ask you pay the Visitor fee of £5 per visitor either by BACS transfer (bank details available from Tina info@altc.net) or place in the Clubhouse post box in a named envelope.

The following restrictions apply and must be adhered to when visiting the Club:

- All 3 OUTDOOR courts are available for use.
- The INDOOR CENTRE will remain CLOSED.
- Players should provide their own tennis balls.
- SINGLES ONLY unless you are playing with members of your household, then doubles may be played.
- The Clubhouse remains CLOSED.
- Club Nights and Weekend Social Play continues to be suspended until further notice.
- ALL Group coaching sessions are still suspended until further notice.
- Individual coaching may take place (one individual and a coach).
- Play is only permitted on courts where the nets are in place at the correct height, please do not adjust the nets.
- Please don't handle other people's balls and observe the social distancing at all times especially when changing ends.
- All players should respect the two metres social distancing and also not shake hands or do high fives.
- Please continue to observe the Government guidelines set out for regular washing of hands and the use of sanitiser is recommended and you should continue to follow this practice both before coming to the Club and when returning home. Full guidelines issued by the Government can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- All members and visitors should bring and use their own hand sanitiser before and after play.
- Access to courts is via the keypad entry system and you should use a glove to enter the pin code and when touching handles and leaving the court.

- As the Clubhouse is closed, it is still critical that First Aid equipment is made available. This is being left in a plastic container to the righthand side of the Clubhouse next to the Equipment shed. Again, please use a glove to access the First Aid kit.
- If you or your family members show the signs of COVID-19 and/or a confirmed case, please can you inform Tina Moon via info@altc.net
- On leaving the court, please ensure the gate is firmly closed and not left open by the wooden door stop.
- One of the reasons the Clubhouse remains closed is that we currently have a water leak which is being investigated. Please take extra care when entering the car park as there is a large open trench at the entrance marked by bollards.

The LTA has also published specific guidelines to tennis players – please read BEFORE using the courts <https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>

The Club will continue to observe and follow recommendations from both the Government and LTA and will give updates to members.

There is a lot of information to absorb but we do hope you see this is in the best interests of all of us. By following them this will help to keep the courts open but if they are not adhered to the Club will be forced to close again. If you wish to discuss any of above points please contact Tina via info@altc.net

And finally, **the online court booking facility will be available from 10am, Wednesday 13th May; please note that the maximum court booking time will be 2 hours.**

In the meantime, please enjoy the outdoor facilities in the lovely weather.

Best wishes and please stay safe.

The ALTC Directors and General Committee