

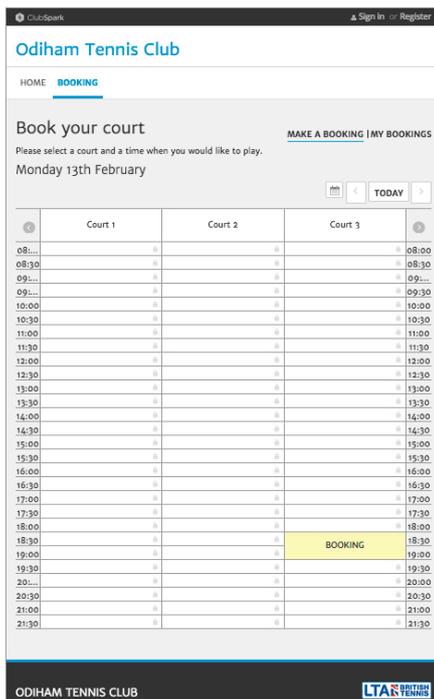
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FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

NEW

Court Booking System

A court booking system for the third court is now in place. All members can make bookings for the third court only via the OTC website using ClubSpark software sponsored by the LTA.



You should have received an invite to join ClubSpark the week commencing 22nd January. Bookings can be made up to 6 days in advance for 1-hour sessions only. If you did not receive the invite to sign up to the system, or you have any questions about the bookings system, please speak to a member of the committee.

Team News

The captain of the Mixed A team, Gill Vaughan, is stepping down at the end of the winter season. The committee and players would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill for the many years she has run the team. Lee Aubrey will be taking over as captain for the summer season, starting April.

Floodlit League is Back!

If you would you like to play some competitive but fun tennis, then come and join the Spring 2017 Floodlit Tennis League. New members are particularly welcome as it is a great way to meet other players. The Floodlit League is open to all club members aged 15 and over and will be played on Fridays (7pm) and Sundays (5.30pm), starting on Sunday 5th March for about 4 weeks.

Players of all standards are encouraged to give it a go, as the system matches players of similar standard to play against each other. A fee of £2 per person will be charged for each match to cover the cost of balls and the floodlights.

To join, email Helen Osgerby at h.osgerby@btopenworld.com by Friday 24th February. Don't

worry if you cannot commit to every match. Just let Helen know the dates in March that you can play (Friday and Sunday evenings). Please also let Helen know if you are willing to be a stand-in for any of the matches.

In the autumn floodlit league last November, 3 teams of 4 players played 6 matches. The winners were the C team: congratulations to Jed Voysey, Steve de Botte, Sarah Voysey and Beth Harding.

Court Maintenance

A gentle reminder to all members to please bring a change of shoes to the courts in wet weather to avoid bringing mud onto the courts. The path up from the church is particularly muddy at this time of year, and some of it is finding its way onto the courts.

Also, please do not be tempted to put sand, salt or grit onto the courts in frosty/icy weather, as these materials damage the surface of the courts.

The courts are not scheduled to be resurfaced until next year, so we need to take good care of them in the meantime.



Thank you!

Wimbledon Opt In Last chance!



If you want to be in with a chance of seeing Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic or Jo Konta in action at the third Grand Slam of the year, then login at www.lta.org.uk and opt in for Wimbledon tickets. The closing date is 17th February.

If you are not yet a British tennis member, it is free to join. The more BTMs we have affiliated to Odiham Tennis Club, the more tickets we are allocated and the more chance you have of getting a pair!

If you're a member of more than one venue, you only need to opt in once, but you will need to make sure you are linked to all venues where you are a member.

NEW Adult Singles Box League

A singles box league for all members aged 15 and over is now up and running. In this first series, there are 5 boxes in total.

The boxes are displayed in the Clubhouse on the Adult notice board. All matches must be completed by Friday 31st March.

If you are interested in entering the next box series, please email club coach Andrew Ridgers at andrew@artennis.net

Change to Team Practice Time

Following several cancellations of the team practice coaching session on Friday mornings due to frost on the courts, the session has been moved to an afternoon slot. The session is now being held on Fridays, 2.30–4.00 pm, until the clocks change.

If you are interested in joining one of our teams and can make it to this session, please come along. It's a fun session that focuses on doubles tactics; fee £9.00.

To err is human, to put the blame on someone else is doubles – Anon

Club Cleaning and Maintenance Rotas



A big thank you to all our volunteers who keep the clubhouse and grounds clean and tidy. We all benefit from this, so if anyone else would like to join the rotas please indicate your willingness to take part on your next club membership application in April. The commitment is only about 1 hour on one occasion every 3–4 months.

Or, contact Helen Osgerby about the cleaning rota on h.osgerby@btopenworld.com or Bill Hudson about the maintenance rota on billnruth@btinternet.com

NEW Drills Series Starts 28th February



Looking for a full-body, calorie-burning aerobic workout to get fit for the summer? Then look no further than the OTC Tuesday-night drills session, now booking for the next 6-week series, starting 28th February.

These high-energy 1-hour drills sessions, 6.30–7.30pm, are open to all adults (16+). £3.50/session for members; £5.00/session for non-members.

Numbers are limited, so sign up to the dates you can do as soon as possible to guarantee a place. The booking form is downloadable from the Coaching section of the website, or contact Lesley Lee at odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk

NEW Group Coaching Sessions Start 4th March

The group coaching programme runs on Saturday mornings for both juniors and adults. These sessions are aimed at all levels of player from beginners to more experienced players and cover both the technical and strategic elements of the game.

The next sessions start on Saturday, 4th March, for 5 weeks. For more information on dates, times and costs, please download the booking form from the Coaching section of the website, or contact Lesley Lee at odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk