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Club Playing Times

April – September

Sunday mornings 9.30 . 12.00
Tuesday evenings 6.30 . 9.00
Thursday evenings 6.30 . 9.00

October - March

Sunday mornings 9.30 . 12.00
Tuesday evenings 6.30 . 8.30
Thursday evenings 6.30 . 8.30 (Oct/Nov/Mar only)

Free Ad-hoc play for Club Members has been agreed with the TC, but conditions applies.
Please consult the notice board in the clubhouse for details.

Membership Subscriptions (2011/12 season)

Senior Membership	£100 (£90 if paid in April)
Student Membership	£60 (£50 if paid in April)
Social Membership	£5
Visitor's Fee	£4 per session

Remember that the Wimbledon ticket draw will take place in the second half of April. To qualify for entry, you will need to have renewed your subs **AND** be a registered member of the LTA %British Tennis+scheme

Events Calendar

May 13 th	Mixed Doubles
June 17 th	Men's Doubles
June 24 th	Ladies' Doubles
July 1 st	Club Barbeque
July 15 th	Men's and Ladies' Singles
September 30 th	President's Day
October 6 th	Quiz (Ansell Centre)
December 14 th	Club Christmas Meal (Town Hall)

Committee Members

At the AGM the following Officers and Committee Members were elected for 2012:

President	- Peter Richards
Chairman	- Geoff Scott
Treasurer	- Brian Dicks
Secretary	- Paul Knowles

Committee: Trevor Rowland; Liz Allan; Debra Young; Angela Forrest and Bill Bailey

In addition, a %Social Committee+ was formed with Sarah Hawker, Jo Newman & Gill Wilson.

Chairman's Report 2011

It has been a memorable year for the Club with our 130 Year Celebration last summer being the highlight. I am sure you will agree with me that it was a great success, very enjoyable and well worth the significant effort from all those who helped. Special thanks must go to Peter Richards for driving the organisation and the on-the-day delivery. The folks at Bildeston Tennis Club are keen to reciprocate and the friendship between the two clubs I am sure will continue.

Through the Club's long and illustrious history the number of members has fluctuated. The inscriptions on the Men's Singles trophy show that there were understandable gaps in play during the World Wars. In recent memory the playing members were down to just a handful and were gradually built back up through the efforts and enthusiasm of the few left who persuaded their friends to take up the sport – ask the President for details. You have probably detected that in the last year we have had fewer members than in 2010. While this ebb and flow of players is to be expected, in the coming year the Club will need to attract new people to guard against further decline. Around 40 members is a healthy number for the Club to be able to offer the amount of quality tennis and other benefits we have become used to.

From the evidence we have the Club has always run Team and Tournament Tennis in addition to Club Sessions and ad hoc events. Naturally, with members's support we intend to continue these activities. In the last couple of years the Committee has reviewed the success of our Tournament events and debated how to attract more members to participate. However we have not yet discovered a magic formula for success. Looking forward to the coming season this is an area where, as a Club, we could improve our enjoyment. Any suggestions you may have about Tournaments and any other aspects of the Club would be welcomed by the Committee.

Jonathan Chown is standing down from the Men's Team Captaincy after the Winter Leagues are finished and I would like to thank him for his sterling work with a very successful Men's Team. Again this year I would like to record my thanks to Philip Ainger, who as the manager of the Layham Road Sports Ground, has responded promptly to our maintenance needs. Also my sincere thanks go to the President and those who have served on the Committee for their support through the year. They have given their time and energies free of charge in support of the Club's Members and it is very much appreciated by us all.

Match Team Captains 2012

Men's Captain	Bill Bailey & Trevor Rowland (sharing responsibilities)
Ladies's Captain	Sandy Claireaux
Mixed Captain	Debra Young

Match Team Reports 2011

Ladies' – Sandy Claireaux

Summer 2011 (Division 5, 3-pair)

10 Fixtures . 7 matches won, 3 lost. Should be enough for at least 2nd place in the Division and thus promotion to Division 4.

We had a good summer season, winning 7 of our 10 matches, including several close ones. Our perennial struggle to find a full team made the difference between winning and losing the division. We had to win our final match of the season against Ipswich to stand a chance of depriving them of first place. They had been beaten only once during the season . by us! We couldn't field a full team that day, so they won.

Winter 2011/12 (Division 6, 1-pair)

8 of 10 fixtures played at the time of writing, with 6 wins and 19 points (sets) out of a possible 24, averaging 2.375 of 3 points per match. We have had a good winter season so far, with 6 wins . 5 at 3-0. One match lost was avenged in the return match, with a winning aggregate score. The other remains to be settled! We stand a good chance of winning the Division, depending on our final 2 matches.

A mild winter has resulted in few cancellations due to weather, although opponent postponements have prolonged our season until the first half of March.

Only 4 ladies have had the chance to play in this single-pair winter division. We should consider entering a second pair next season.

Outlook for 2012-13

The Ladies team has benefited from the addition of Linda Dhondy who joined the club in the latter part of the summer season, making a winning contribution to the Winter League results. We need more good players if we are to perform well in higher divisions.

Men's – Jonathon Chown

We had a great summer season, struggled a bit due to lots of players leaving, moving, or going off to university, but still managed to avoid the drop. We even managed to compete when only playing two out of the required three pairs in almost half of our matches!

Youngsters like Ben and Dom played regularly which is encouraging from the point of view of getting younger players enthused etc. There were a few memorable victories over previous Hadleigh'er Barry Hunter, which are always satisfying!

Winter league is underway and we are doing fairly well in division two, hoping to avoid the drop and remain in that position. We do desperately need more players for the upcoming summer league where we move from two pairs to three.

Mixed – Debra Young

The mixed team also had a successful summer season and moved up to division 4, and a very successful floodlit season, winning 5 from 5 matches with 3 remaining. Debra thanked all members of the team who played so well throughout the season and provided the food.

Website

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