

FRESSINGFIELD TENNIS CLUB PARISH REPORT APRIL 2025

Membership

In 2024, Fressingfield Tennis Club had a membership of approximately 50, consisting of families, juniors, students, adults and seniors (+60s). This is a slight increase on last year's membership. We actively try and promote the Club to increase our membership but in the present climate, as with all clubs in the area, this is proving to be a continuous challenge.

Our aim is to promote tennis at all levels in Fressingfield and the surrounding areas. Members mostly come from Fressingfield and the surrounding villages, although we also have a few people who choose to join whilst on holiday or visiting the area. The members of the Club who joined the LTA British Tennis Membership are also eligible to opt into the Wimbledon ballot. If a member's lucky, their name is selected, and they can buy tickets.

We are looking to hold an open day again this year to promote the club and hopefully attract some new members.

Activities

The Club has a Club Night on a Friday starting again on the 25th of April at 6.30 running through to the beginning of October, depending on the weather conditions (open to all members) and regular junior coaching sessions on Saturday mornings.

The Club also enters a team into the South Norfolk Tennis League with Home matches on a Sunday morning.

The tennis courts are also available for members to use at their convenience.

Community Links

The Club has offered the use of the tennis courts to Fressingfield Primary School. We have an LTA School Club Link. We always hope that the school will be able to make use of these excellent courts.

Coaching

Fressingfield Tennis Club offers coaching through our local LTA qualified coach. In recent years we have focused on juniors offering Saturday coaching. This year we will again be offering coaching from age 5 to adult. This has been running continuously through the year and has been well attended, even through the winter months.

We are concerned that we don't see a return to the decrease in our membership and have been analysing our club data and considering various options to help stop this. We recognise that the club can only continue with a healthy membership and an active committee. The committee are all volunteers who juggle day jobs, family commitments and tennis club requirements. However, many village initiatives are familiar with this dilemma.

Over the last year the Club Welfare Officer has been working closely with the Suffolk LTA Welfare Officer to bring us in line with LTA guidelines. It has been great to see the LTA acknowledging and visiting the local clubs to support them.