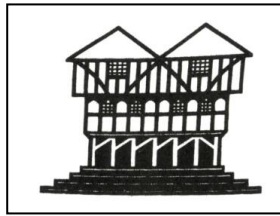


Thaxted Tennis Club



Members Information

Club Address: Thaxted Tennis Club
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Website: <http://thaxtedtennis.org/>



[facebook.com/thaxtedtennisclub](https://www.facebook.com/thaxtedtennisclub)

Club Officers

The Club is run on a day-to-day basis by a committee of members elected at the Club's AGM. If you have any questions, issues or suggestions regarding the day to day operation of the Club please contact any one of the Committee members who will try and assist: The Club's email address is thaxted.tennis@gmail.com and the secretary is secretarythaxted.tennis@gmail.com

Current Committee members as of April 2025:

Position	Name	Position	Name
Chair	Vacant	Mens Captain	Alex Yeldham
Vice Chair	Darren McLagan	Mixed & Ladies Captain	Jen Allwood & Gail Cornick
Club Secretary	Andrea Mahoney	Grounds	Garden Volunteers
Club Treasurer	Ann Forsyth	Social	Michelle Kelly
Membership secretary	Martin Sweeney	Committee Member	Lorraine Squire
Coach	Marc Squire	Coach	Callum Forsyth

Use of Courts

In general, both courts may be booked by members up to 14 days in advance, however please note that club and inter club matches, and Club sessions/Training always take priority.

In order to book a court, members must log in using their LTA user id and password. If you do not have one, please go to <https://www.lta.org.uk/register/> and create an account free of charge.

The online court booking system can be found on the on the club website (<http://www.thaxtedtennis.org/court-booking-system/>) or via the ClubSpark Booker app that can be downloaded from the App stores on the web.

Member court booking are free of charge. A member may also bring a guest to play at the cost of £3 per hour. Please remember to cancel your booking online as soon as you can if you are subsequently unable to use your allotted time to give other members an opportunity to rebook.

As the Club is part of the community, we do allow non-members to use the courts for a fee (£9 per hour per court, exclusive of flood light use). Non-members can reserve a court and pay online by credit or debit for their court time up to 7 days in advance.

Please read the court signage to ensure all users are kept safe and be courteous to other players on court to ensure everyone enjoys their tennis.

IMPORTANT: if no one else is playing when you finish your session, please always ensure you (i) sweep the court if the weather is dry ii) lock the court and clubhouse (iii) turn off the floodlights and (iv) check door is locked when closed. The broom is stored in the clubhouse.

Court Security

The gate to the courts is locked with a combination lock. **The court code at the 1st April 2025 is 7474.** The code is changed periodically and you will be notified of the current code by the Club Secretary and of subsequent changes by email.

Tennis Balls

Tubes of tennis balls are available to purchase from the club at the cost of £6 a tube. Please ask a member of the Committee or email the club if this is of interest.

Policy Documents

Club Rules, Codes of conduct and Policies, which you must adhere to as a member are available at <http://thaxtedtennis.org/membership/>

Social Tennis

Social sessions are open to all paid members and are a good way to meet other club members of all standards. The club uses WhatsApp groups to keep in touch and ask who is available for play. Alternatively, you may just turn up. Please email the Club Secretary if you wish to be included on the WhatsApp group or speak with Martin or Ann.

Social Tennis Session Times:

Thursday

Mixed Tennis 7.00pm – 10.00pm (with an earlier 6pm start where numbers allow)

Saturday

Ladies Tennis 11.00am – 1.00pm

Men's Tennis 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Miscellaneous

As set up by those wanting to play. Listen out for WhatsApp messages!

Training and Coaching

The Club benefits from two qualified and LTA accredited Level 4 coaches, Marc Squire and Callum Forsyth, who, in addition to running a program of group coaching sessions, are available for individual coaching.

'Match Ready' Group Coaching

Tuesday 7.00 – 8.00pm

Open to members and non-members. This group session is designed to prepare doubles players for their league matches and friendly play. Please contact Callum Forsyth for further information and to sign up.

Rusty Racquets

Thursday 1pm – 2pm

Open to members and non-members. This group coaching offers the opportunity to develop your tennis skills. Please contact Callum for further information on 07984 309521 or callumcf07@icloud.com

Individual Coaching

Individual coaching is available for Members and Non-Members on request. Please contact Callum for availability and costs. Please note these sessions are in great demand so there may be a waiting list.

Junior Training Program

A Junior Training program is available at the club for all ages and abilities at the times shown below:

Session	Times* subject to change	Age Group
Mini Red Titans	Friday 15:30 - 16:15	Age 4-9 years Beginner
Orange/Green Balls Boys	Friday 16:15 - 17:00	Age 9-10 years Intermediate
Orange/Green Balls Girls	Friday 17:00 - 17:45	Age 9-12 years Intermediate
Yellow Ball Improvers Boys	Friday 17:45 - 18:30	Age 11-14 years Intermediate
Yellow Ball Match Play	Friday 18:30 - 19:30	Age 12-17 years Advanced

Please contact Callum on 07984 309521 or callumcf07@icloud.com for further information and to make a course booking, please go to <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CallumForsythCoaching>

League Matches and Club Teams

The Club enters Men's, Ladies and Mixed doubles teams in some summer and winter competitions. The Captain of each Team is responsible for selecting the teams for each match. Should you wish to be considered for Club matches please contact the relevant Team Captain.

Team Captains

Team	Name	Contact Number	Email
Men's Halstead & Essex Small Clubs	Alex Yeldham	07933666341	alexeyldham93@hotmail.com
Ladies Small Clubs League	Gail Cornick	07733116330	gailcornick@hotmail.com
Mixed Halstead & Essex Small Clubs	Jen Allwood	07854 570367	safeguardingthaxted.tennis@gmail.com
Junior Leagues	Callum Forsyth	07984 309521	callumcf07@icloud.com

Club Tournaments

There are a few Men's, Ladies and Mixed tournaments organized throughout both Winter and Summer seasons. Details of the tournaments are advertised at the clubhouse and via emails to all members (ClubSpark).

The Club holds a Winter Tournament, where the players are paired via a random draw, and a Summer Tournament, where players select their partners before entry. The Tournament lead will communicate the relevant entry and submission dates via email and WhatsApp and we encourage all to enter. Each tournament has a finals day which are fun and social.

Social Events

The Club has a calendar of social events in 2025 which will be advertised at the club house and via the Face book page and through ClubSpark email.

LTA Membership/Wimbledon tickets

The Club receives an allocation of tickets for sale at Wimbledon each year from LTA. The size of the Club's allocation is dictated by the number of Club Members who are also registered BTM/LTA members and have opted "in" for the Wimbledon Ballot, so if this of interest, we would encourage you to register online when the ballot opens.

All Junior's members 11 to 18 years if registered with the BTM/LTA are eligible for the drawn but please note they must attend the tennis with an appropriate adult, these tickets cannot be given to another family member.

The ballot is managed electronically as is the tickets distribution to the successful Club Members. If a member is allocated a pair of tickets and cannot attend the nominated date or no longer wishes to purchase the tickets, then the ticket allocation must be returned to the LTA for reallocation. It is not possible to pass them onto another member.

Club volunteers are also eligible for entry into a separate electronic ballot. The volunteer must be listed as part of the annual Club registration and opt into the ballot when it opens in order to participate.

Clubhouse

The Clubhouse and its facilities are available for use by all adult members when using the Courts, and juniors while under adult member supervision. The Clubhouse facilities include, hot water, toilet, fridge, table tennis and ball machine. Please treat these facilities as you would your own. Note that the ball machine is locked in the store room at the rear of the Clubhouse. If you wish to use this, please contact a member of the Committee for the access code. Junior members may only use this if supervised by an adult member.

Club House Security

The Clubhouse is a coded lock and the code is 23577, please be aware when you close the door it locks automatically. Again, you will be notified of the current code by the Club Secretary and of subsequent changes by email.

Floodlights

These are switched on and off from a switch in a cupboard in the right-hand corner of club house. There is no currently charge to members for use as the cost is captured in the annual membership fees however, they are expensive to run so please remember to switch off when not in use. If the floodlights turn off automatically, please ensure that you still turn the floodlights switch to the off position, otherwise they will turn on automatically the next morning.

Parking

There are three areas members use for parking.

- (i) The car park for the Craftability Centre opposite the Clubhouse may be used for parking other than Monday and Thursdays from 9-4pm when the Centre is open. The Craftability Centre may also have events in which case a wooden sign indicating 'No Parking' will usually be put in the entrance way to indicate members are not permitted to use the Centre's parking at that time.
- (ii) During the Summer season the paddock area to the right of the Courts can be used and is accessed via a farm track (turning on the left just past the Clubhouse as you leave the Village) – note as the track is heavily rutted and the grass area can be difficult to negotiate when wet so this may not be suitable unless you have a four-wheel drive vehicle with suitable clearance.
- (iii) The "layby" in front of the clubhouse though it should be noted this is not a recognised layby.
- (iv) The access drive at the side of the club is a maintenance and drop off point and is not to be used for parking.

Safeguarding and Welfare Officer

The Committee are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our players and children. If you observe anything or have an issue of concern, please report the matter to our Safe Guarding and Welfare Officer, Jen Allwood. She can be reached on 07854 570367 or via email at safeguardingthaxted.tennis@gmail.com. You may also contact and member of the committee.

Health and Safety

Health and safety at the club is all our responsibilities. If you see an issue that is a cause for concern please speak with a member of the committee and/or report the matter using the email address thaxted.tennis@gmail.com and the Committee will get back to you.

AGM

The Club's AGM is held in the First Quarter of each year. All Club Members are invited to participate and details of the time and date are communicated by ClubSpark email in addition to being posted on the website in advance.

Easyfunding

As a Charitable Organisation your tennis club is registered with EasyFundRaising, and we would like to ask members to register with the savings and donations site.

EasyFundRaising gives those who register special discounts and offers, as well as generating small rebates for the Tennis club when registered members purchase from over 7000 suppliers listed on the fund-raising site.

The link is below, and we would really encourage you to have a look at the offers available. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thaxtedtennis/>

We look forward to seeing you and have fun!

Thaxted Tennis Club Committee April 2025