

**Sutton Churches
Tennis Club**
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Membership

Yet again we have had a large number of new members this season, several taking advantage of our special 2 month offer. This has taken our total membership for the year to over 125. If you are currently a temporary member and would like to extend your membership to April 2001 then please ring Richard Garrett on 8274 0630.

Club Keys

Keys to the hard courts are available to all members and keys to the clubhouse are available to all adult members.

If you would like a key, please contact Joanne 8642 8672. Keys require a returnable deposit of £2.50 each.

Become a Volunteer Tennis Assistant

We are currently looking for reliable volunteers to help the coach to supervise the Juniors. Assistants can work on a rota basis. You do not need to be a tennis player and we will pay for any volunteers to go on a 2 day LTA training course. This job would be suited to parents, students or retired people. Anyone who volunteers for us will automatically get **Free Annual Membership of the Club**. This job is very important to Juniors as a significant number of volunteers would mean we may be able to increase the amount of supervised time available.

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Sunday Morning Singles

Now that the evenings have become too dark to play without floodlights, due to popular demand Singles has been moved to Sunday

mornings for the winter. Members of any ability can join in starting on Sunday 28th October at 10:30am. Please note that any Club



league matches will take priority over courts.

Social Tennis - Saturday Afternoons

Don't forget, Full and Student Members and promising Juniors, at the discretion of the Committee, play all year round on Saturday afternoons from 2pm. This is our main social mix-in club time

of the week. We play informal, short double sets mixing up the players after each set. All welcome. If you are not currently a Full or Student member, please speak to David about winter discount

subs 8241 4323. It is important to keep this session popular during the winter when other sessions have to finish due to bad light.

Floodlights Going Ahead!

The committee have decided to go ahead with installing floodlights encouraged by the fact that one of our new members can help us to do the job at a considerable saving. Paul Wright is an electrical contractor, and has done similar work before. He is planning the work, and making the essential purchases of equipment.

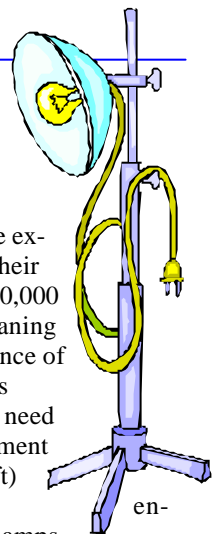
What quality will the lights be?

We have planning permission for lights on the all weather courts 5 and 6. The level of lighting can be up to international standards, which is 500 lux over the principal playing area. This is brighter than most clubs have, and we

have been advised that a lower lux level, commonly 300 lux, is depressingly poor. We also have permission for the greatest height for the columns that is normally used - 10 metres. Again this makes for a better system than many clubs have. Low mounted lamps mean that a lob can easily win a point because the ball disappears into darkness during its flight. Our only problem in planning of the installation is our electricity supply. The lights could take 16kW which is a heavy load.

Each court will be separately switched, so that we don't waste either power or the life of the lamps. The lamps will be the metal halide type, and will consume 2kW each.

They are quite expensive, but their life is about 10,000 hours. As cleaning and maintenance of the luminaires (fittings) will need special equipment (a tower or lift) we will try to ensure that the lamps have equal usage, and need changing all at once.



How shall we pay for the lights? The installation costs are to be out of Club funds, but we are still applying for a grant from Sport England to help towards this cost, and various other projects we have in mind. The running costs, ie.

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Bowling Evening – June 2001



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the electricity and maintenance, must be paid for by those who use the facility. How we arrange this needs to be discussed, but we will install token-operated meters as the means by which the lights will generally be switched on. One token might power the lights for one court for half an hour, say.

There are a few practical points to note when using the lights: If the time expires and the light goes out, there is a period of 15 minutes before they can be lit again. Before they go out, there will be a warning given in good time to allow 'feeding the meter'. The planning permission for the lights is dependent on them not being used after 10pm, so there will be a master time switch preventing violation of that deadline.

Have your say! To find out more and discuss Club issues, please come to the AGM on Wednesday 7th November, see *Dates for Your Dairy*.



Dates for Your Diary

AGM – Followed by Pub Meal Wednesday

7th November 8pm in The Parlour, Trinity Church, Hill Road, Sutton. (Entrance next to The Moon on the Hill pub.) Please come along to find out more about what is happening to the Club and to **have your say!** This is where we vote for the Committee for next year. The meeting will be followed by drinks and a meal at the Moon On the Hill.

Working Party



Saturday 10th November, 9:30am. Autumn is upon us and there is no denying the grounds need to be tidied up. Cutting, raking, weeding etc. is required. **PLEASE COME AND HELP!** Bring any gardening tools you may find useful. Ring David for more info. 8241 4323.

Coaching



Advanced Coaching with Adrian – Sept 2001

This season we ran two free courses for new members both coached by Mihael. New members who feel they need encouragement to join in Saturday club sessions can also arrange private coaching by contacting Mihael 8642 9746 or Adrian 8642 6577 or by joining one of Adrian's group classes. Courses have been arranged to bridge the gap between the new members courses and social club sessions. Adrian is also currently running beginners and advanced courses on Sunday afternoons. A course typically runs for 8 weeks and costs around £12 each for a maximum of 12 people. If you would like to know about future courses please contact Adrian.



Newcomers' "Welcome" barbecue – June 2001

Christmas Carols & Merry-Making

Thursday 13th December, 7:30pm at 37 The Crescent, Belmont. Join in a spirited evening at Laurie's. Mince pies, mistletoe and mulled wine galore... we may even sing a few carols. Ring Laurie 8642 1736 for more details.