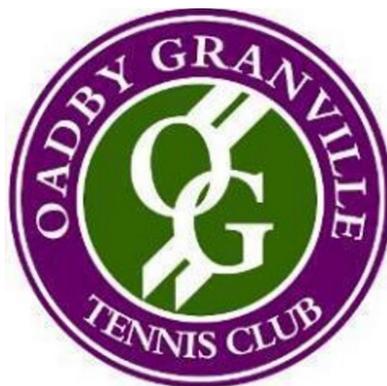


OADBY (GRANVILLE) TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB - NEW MEMBERS' INFORMATION LEAFLET



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WELCOME...

Welcome to Oadby [Granville] Tennis & Social Club. This leaflet will hopefully provide all the information that you will require to get the very best out of your membership here at Oadby.

Perhaps you would like us to put you in touch with other players of a similar standard for social singles/doubles or regular fixed fours? Maybe you want lessons or individual coaching? Would you like to compete in tournaments? Play league tennis for one of our teams? Please let us know how we can help you. Just come along and have a chat with a committee member or email membership@oadbytennis.co.uk.

Enjoy your tennis!

FACILITIES

The club has six well maintained, floodlit courts - 3 artificial savannah and 3 artificial clay.

Within the grounds, there is ample parking (at the owner's risk) with spaces clearly marked. Well lit paths lead you to the clubhouse and patio. From the warmth and comfort of the clubhouse you can watch others playing tennis whilst you relax and socialise indoors. The clubhouse has a large main room (suitable for a range of functions) with a bar and lounge area. There is also a well equipped kitchen with a convenient serving hatch. Patio doors from the clubhouse main room lead to an attractive patio area with seating beneath a gazebo. In the summer, this is a great place to watch tennis and socialise. Additionally, there are several other benches at the front of the clubhouse. The grounds also include a lawn suitable for picnics.

To the right of the foyer are bright and spacious changing rooms with showers. The first aid box is situated by the changing rooms, as well as a defibrillator with audio instructions. Ice packs are available from the freezer in the kitchen.

CLUBHOUSE

The club has a strong social bias and various functions and events (fun tournaments, quizzes etc) are held throughout the year. These are publicised via the newsletter, notice board and social media. They are an ideal opportunity to meet and socialise with other club members. Helper members are asked to assist with these events whenever possible: this includes running the bar, providing catering support and general organisation.

All members can make use of the kitchen, lounge and bar. Access* is available on a self-service basis for Tea and coffee and the Bar. Please remember to:

- Pay for all drinks and snacks, as this enables us to replenish supplies;
- Wash up and put everything away after use;

- Throw away rubbish;
- Ensure the front door is shut if your group is the last to leave.

The clubhouse is used throughout the year by outside hirers so occasionally it is not available to members. We try to ensure that hire sessions don't conflict with times that members want to use the clubhouse. However, hire income is important revenue for the club. Hire is available to members at a reduced rate. Contact the committee for further details.

- Adult members can request access keys/fobs to the Clubhouse, for a £5 charge. Please be advised that for security reasons the Clubhouse has CCTV installed in the Bar and Bar Store area.

COURT RULES/ETIQUETTE

Full rules can be viewed at www.oadbytennis.co.uk/rules but a few points to note are:

CLOTHING

Please wear suitable tennis clothing and trainers when on court. Trainers or shoes with a heavy serrated grip should not be worn as they damage the courts.

PRIORITY

Although courts are usually available for booking throughout the year, there are times when availability is restricted/courts are not available. N.B. Advanced notice is always given on occasions when no courts are available. Please check social media and/or the club's website.

COURT UPKEEP

Our Clay courts need to be brushed and lines cleared after every time you use them, so please help to do this after matches, social mix ins and adult coaching sessions. After play, nets should be lowered to keep the nets in good order and prolong their life. Also, please close all gates.

FLOODLIGHTS/NEIGHBOURS

In consideration of the neighbours of the club, play should not start before 9am on Monday to Saturdays and 9.30am on Sundays. The club has planning permission to use the floodlights until 9.30pm every day. We ask that players switch off lights at the end of play (9:30pm at the latest). Access to the floodlight box is by key, which is kept inside the clubhouse*. Please remember to lock the floodlight box and return the key after use.

For social mix-ins (Monday/Wednesday) use of the floodlights is free, using the override key. On other evenings, the floodlights are operated by insertion of £1 coins (25 minutes approx.) - £4 will cover 1 ¾ hours play.

Access cards (at a cost of £5, refundable when the card is returned) are available for all seniors – these give access to the changing rooms if the clubhouse is locked and also for members to collect the floodlight box key.

VISITORS

Members may invite guests to play as visitors up to a maximum of three times a year. A fee of £3 per visitor per visit is payable and members should pop the money in the visitors' box which is by the changing rooms.

It is the responsibility of the member to pay the guest fee not the guest.

BOOKING A COURT

To book a court, new members need to register with **Clubspark** (link via club website). An invitation to register is sent to all new members. There is an app for IOS or Android that can be downloaded to use on smart phones or tablets. The online booking timetable shows sessions when courts are available. If you find you no longer want the court, we ask that you cancel the booking.

A full explanation on how the clubspark booking can be found on the oadbytennis.co.uk website under the Clubspark page.

SOCIAL TENNIS (FOR SENIORS and INVITED JUNIORS)**

Throughout the week, there are regular, social, mix-in sessions when there is no need to book a court. You just turn up and join in (if eligible to play at that session). Fours swop round after one set (approximately every half hour). We also have a social tennis WhatsApp group that members can use to arrange social play. Please send an email to membership@oadbytennis.co.uk for a link to join the group. Our mix in sessions are for all adult full members and invited juniors** and happen:

Sunday from 10am – 12 noon Tuesday & Thursday from 9:30am – 12 noon

Monday & Wednesday from 6pm – 9.30pm (not available for Weekday Off Peak members)

If you are a newish senior player these are the best times to mix with players of varying abilities and get to know other members.

** An invited Junior generally needs to be 14 years or over and attending a performance squad or be playing for senior teams. Ask our coaches for clarification.

FIXED FOURS/ SINGLES

Tuesday and Thursday evenings and weekends (except some courts on Sunday Morning) are set aside for players booking a fixed four (or singles) via Clubspark. Some courts are sometimes used for league matches usually Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the summer and the weekends during the winter. We always try to ensure courts are available for social play if there are matches taking place. Check the court bookings on the Oadbytennis.co.uk website.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Friday evening is 'Junior Night' using all courts from 6pm. The Club has a thriving junior section with a full coaching programme for all ages and standards and offers competitive play through the numerous teams.

COMPETITIVE TENNIS

BOX LEAGUES

We run box leagues throughout the year for all standards of play. Matches are 3 sets, to be arranged at a time convenient to both players. Joining the box leagues is a good way to provide additional tennis outside lessons and the usual mix-ins.

SPEED TENNIS

Once a month we run a speed tennis singles event which involves 3 quick singles matches up to 21 points over the course of 90 minutes.

TEAM TENNIS

We have three men's, five ladies', three mixed, four veterans, one Over 60's and three Team Tennis men's and ladies' teams playing in the Leicestershire summer leagues. Our Men's 1st team plays in the National Team Tennis League. There are also three men's and three ladies' teams playing in the Leicestershire winter leagues. Junior teams are run throughout the summer and winter and our Junior Organiser, George Milne, can give details of these to parents of juniors.

Any new members are welcome to play team tennis. For the main ladies and men's summer league games, selection/practice sessions are run prior to the start of the season. These are usually held in March/April. Details will be circulated by our News Updates. Our Match Secretary can provide further details.

TOURNAMENTS

The club holds a pre-season tournament in March/April complete with reverse draw. This is played along the same rules as the league matches and allows people to get some match practice before the season starts. Our annual main tournament is held over a two-week period in early September. This includes

singles, doubles and vets events for seniors and generates a great deal of interest within the club, with catering/bar throughout.

Various other tournaments are held throughout the year e.g. Tinsel Tennis and Mixed Doubles Tournaments, American Tournaments (no partner required) are held throughout the year. All events are promoted on the noticeboard in the clubhouse foyer and through social media.

COACHING

Coaching is provided for both juniors and seniors, running year round, either individually or on a group basis. Ben Minski, our Head Coach, is a LTA qualified coach who has experience in providing coaching programmes for groups and individuals of all levels, allowing each player to progress their own game. Other qualified coaches assist, when required. All junior coaching sessions are led by fully qualified, CRB checked coaching staff in a fun and safe learning environment. Children attending coaching **must be members of Oadby Tennis Club.**

Group coaching sessions for seniors:

Monday & Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
6 - 7 pm Ladies Beginners	1.30pm - 2.30 pm - Beginners &	9 am- 10 am -
	Beginners Rusty Rackets	10am - 11 am -
Intermediate		
	11am - 12 pm - Team Players	

Group coaching sessions for juniors: Please see Separate Junior Information Booklet

For more information please contact Head Coach, Ben Minski by email: ben.minski@icloud.com or phone: 07723331777.

SAFEGUARDING POLICIES and PRACTICE

The committee revises its safeguarding policies in line with changes in legislation and LTA guidance. All policies are on the club website for easy access. If you have any queries or concerns in relation to any aspect of safeguarding please contact the club's Welfare Officer. Contact details are on the Club noticeboard and website Under Safeguarding.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

The club has lots of ways of keeping in touch with members:

- Club website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Whatsapp
- Members' Newsletter (emailed approximately every 3 months) - News Updates (emailed weekly/fortnightly).
- Clubhouse notice board (in the foyer)

If you have any questions, queries or suggestions please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the committee or email info@oadbytennis.co.uk.

COMMITTEE

Most club decisions are made by the committee. The committee consists of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, plus a minimum of 5 other officers, each having a specific area of responsibility. Committee members are listed on the clubhouse noticeboard. The committee meets approximately 6 times throughout the year to ensure the club continues to thrive. Any club member who wants to make a suggestion, raise an issue or make a complaint can speak to any member of the committee or email info@oadbytennis.co.uk. Your idea/concern can then be either addressed immediately or brought up for discussion at the next committee meeting, with feedback to follow as soon as possible.

The club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in October. The AGM gives all club members the opportunity to find out about the previous year's income/expenditure and club achievements. We would be very pleased to hear from any club members who are interested in becoming committee members. Nominations for committee positions are made 2 weeks prior to the AGM (by entering the name of the person you wish to nominate on the nomination form, which is displayed on the foyer notice board) and officers are elected at the AGM for the forthcoming year.

TENNIS KIT & TENNIS BALLS

The club sells a small range of t-shirts and hoodies for juniors/seniors with the club logo on. Details are available from Head Coach, Ben Minski. Tennis balls can be bought from the club at £5 a can.

Local sports store Withers (at Carts Lane, Leicester and at Leicestershire Tennis Club) offers a discount if you mention you are from Oadby Tennis Club. The shop also allows you to borrow racquets to try out.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

We ask all members to sign up (free) to the LTA's British Tennis, linking themselves to Oadby Granville Tennis Club via www.lta.org.uk This provides members with a BTM number, which is required for both junior and senior team tennis. Being a member of British Tennis is also required for everyone who wants to take part in the Club's Wimbledon ballot.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Joining British Tennis gives members the opportunity to join a ballot for tickets. No tickets are available through the club.

We hope that this leaflet covers the main information that new members might need. If there are other details that you feel should be included, then please let the Club Secretary know on info@oadbytenniscub.co.uk and we can update the leaflet for future use.

Thanks.