

# Pit Farm Tennis Club Newsletter

March 2026



## March is a great time to...

### Welcome our new committee members!

Thank you to all who recently voted in our committee nominations and attended our AGM. We're delighted to see the return of some existing members to our club committee and welcome some new ones – Kaaren Smith, Nicky King, Matt Wilkinson, David Gould, Richard Dvorsky and Alex Webb – to the team.

Officers	Committee	
President – Tim Martin	Cephas Vazquez Howard	Matt Jones
Hon Treasurer – Ian Kenyon CBE	Barney Whiteman	Alex Orr
Hon Secretary – Dawn Davies	Phil Rowlands	Laurence Fletcher
Club Captain – Alex Webb	Thom Van Every	Paul Taylor
	Bridget Parker	David Gould
	Matt Wilkinson	Kaaren Smith
	Nicky King	Richard Dvorsky

## March is also the perfect time to... celebrate our teams' successes!

The **Mixed B Team** – **Ivan, Bridget, Dawn** and **Alex** – recently achieved a fantastic win in the Woking Winter League against Woking Tennis Club. This win should secure the Division 2 title.



Our **Men's Third Team** also played well in their away match against Oxshott (3-1) in the Wilson Surrey League. A big shout out to **Frank** for filling in at the last minute, as well as to **Doug** and **Baz** for taking a set off a pair who hadn't dropped a set all season. Well played **Frank, Baz, Bob** and **Doug**.

If you are interested in playing for a club team, please get in touch with our new club captain Alex Webb – [contact@pitfarmtennis.co.uk](mailto:contact@pitfarmtennis.co.uk)



Congratulations on a comprehensive and at times clinical win for our **Third/C Mixed Team** in the Woking Winter League against Pirbright. Great play from **Helen, Matt, Alex** and **Richard** ... and a special well done to **Alex** and **Richard** for only dropping two games!





## March is the month to...

### Pay your membership renewal.

Membership renewals have been sent out via Clubspark today – 1 March. Should you wish to pay by bank transfer rather than Clubspark you can find the details on our website [here](#) - please use the member's name for reference. If you have any questions regarding your membership or payment please message Caroline – [membership.pitfarm@gmail.com](mailto:membership.pitfarm@gmail.com)

## March is also the perfect time to... celebrate our hard-working members!

### Member of the Year

After two rounds of voting by the Committee, the result remained a tie between two outstanding candidates. We are therefore delighted to announce two Members of the Year: **Ian Kenyon CBE** and **Gary Wicks**. Congratulations to you both and thank you for your hard work and valued contribution on behalf of the club.

A huge thanks to **Bridget Parker** who is stepping down from her amazing work as Club Captain (but remains on the Committee), to **Gary Wicks** for all his hard work as Head of Ops and to **Jim Holloway** who has been an outstanding Junior Captain for the past three years.

A few words from the Club President **Tim Martin** for departing committee members Jim and Gary:

‘Over the past three years, **Jim’s** contribution to the committee and his leadership as Junior Captain have been nothing short of exceptional. Throughout his time in the role, Jim has demonstrated unwavering commitment, positivity and true professionalism, setting a standard that will be difficult to match. His Regional Volunteer of the Year award was thoroughly deserved – a fitting recognition of everything he has given and the enormous respect he has earned. He will undoubtedly be a hard act to follow. Thank you, Jim.’

‘The sheer volume of work **Gary** has carried out to keep the club running smoothly is remarkable. He has never sought recognition for it, yet his efforts have certainly not gone unnoticed. There have been very few challenges that Gary has not either resolved himself or swiftly set in motion toward a solution. In committee meetings Gary cuts straight to the heart of the issue, expressing his views clearly and concisely. Never driven by sides or agendas, he speaks with integrity, guided simply by what he believes is right for the club. His Member of the Year award is richly deserved. Thank you, Gary.’

## March is a great time to... enjoy the clubhouse.

Instructions for our new table tennis table, and the bats and balls to play with, can be found in the coffee table in front of the sofa. We're sure this new addition, along with our pool table, will be much enjoyed by our members in the clubhouse. We would, however, like to remind everyone that clubhouse facilities are there for all to enjoy and should be treated with care and respect. Following some recent damage to the pool table and the loss of several pool balls, we must make clear that any member found deliberately causing damage will be expected to cover the cost of repair or replacement.





## March is also a great time to ... enter our Red Ball Tournament



We're excited to announce the 2026 Pit Farm Tennis Club **Red Ball Tournament** for red-ball players! Run by coaches, Richard and William, this two-hour event will be a fantastic opportunity for players to gain valuable match experience in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

If your child would like to take part, please email Richard at [richard@dvorsky.org](mailto:richard@dvorsky.org) to register their place.

• Sunday 8 March • 4pm to 6pm • fee – £8

Calling all  
red-ball  
players!



## Watch us on YouTube

Spring is finally here... so it's time to smash into the new season and take your game up a level with our FREE coaching sessions on YouTube. Watch **Paul Kozak** break down the backhand, pick up **Ashley Mount's** top tips on mastering your return serve, and explore a series of short, high-impact lessons designed to help you hit cleaner winners and play smarter, more confident matches.

### NEW VIDEO - Footwork

Want to become more consistent on court? Start with your feet! Ashley's latest video looks at how so many unforced errors happen not because of poor technique, but because players are still moving when they strike the ball. Hitting on the run without control leaves you off balance, unstable and far less accurate.

The key? Master your footwork and learn to pause at the moment of contact. Set your feet, steady your body and then strike. That small moment of control can make a huge difference to your consistency in every rally.



Footwork with Ashley Mount



## We need you!

Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) for all the latest news and updates from the club. If you're a team captain, please send us match results and photos. Or if you would like to rub in a recent Box League win, share your scores and we'll post these too. Tag @pitfarmtennis or email [membership.pitfarm@gmail.com](mailto:membership.pitfarm@gmail.com)

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March is a great time to...

 [Click here for coaching timetable.](#)

## Improve your game.

Pick up some new tennis skills and discover the fantastic range of coaching options available at the club with our **Head Coach Paul Kozak** and **Senior Adults Coach Ashley Mount** by clicking the buttons above.



### Head Coach – Paul Kozak

Paul Kozak has been Head Coach at Pit Farm Tennis Club for over 15 years. A Level 5 Master Tennis Club Coach (MCC) (the highest level of LTA coaching award), Paul has also gained his Coach Tutor Qualification (CTQ) with the LTA, which is for experienced coaches who have a strong track record of developing programs and players. Paul was a former pro himself, and has shared the court with the likes of Federer, Agassi and the Williams sisters. Paul offers adult, junior and group coaching.



Coaching rates:

- 1:1 £80
- 1:2 £85
- 1:3 £95
- 1:4 £110

Non-members pay a £5 surcharge.

### Senior Adult Coach – Ashley Mount

Ashley Mount is an LTA accredited Level 3 coach, ITA Level 3 (Spain) Professional coach, and RPT European Professional coach, with a wide range of experience coaching all ages and abilities, and a BSc Sport Psychology degree. Ashley aims to help players to improve their game and reach their full potential, whilst enjoying all the fun and social elements that tennis has to offer. Ashley offers adult coaching 1:1 and for groups.

#### Club Group Coaching sessions:

Members £10 per hour, non-members £15 per hour. In the event that a group doesn't run because of insufficient numbers (minimum 4 being required for the group to run) Ashley is offering the option of a 1:1, 1:2 or 1:3 private/semi private session if people would like to.



Coaching rates:

- 1:1 £40 p/h
- 1:2 £30 p/h per player
- 1:3 £25 p/h per player

Non-members pay a £5 surcharge.



## Please note

### Court bookings

When booking a court, all participants names must show on the booking system. Members are permitted to book a 1-hour court allocation per day. Members bringing along visitors to play at the club must enter visitor name in the visitor book (in clubhouse) and pay the appropriate fee. Please remember to cancel your court if you don't need it, to allow others to book.

**Parking** - please be mindful when parking in Hillier Road to only park in the marked parking bays. Please respect our neighbours and do not park across any driveways.

**Access gate** - for security/safety please can you shut the access gate after entry/exit as a mag lock is now in place. The code (required for entry) has been updated with an extra #. If you missed the email, contact Caroline – membership.pitfarm@gmail.com to receive it again.

**Tidy up** - please be sure to tidy up after yourself when using the club. Whether it's putting the table tennis table away after use, picking up stray tennis balls, or putting your mug in the dishwasher... every little helps!

Best wishes,

Your Committee 2026-2027

Tim Martin – President • Ian Kenyon – Hon Treasurer • Dawn Davies – Hon Secretary  
• Alex Orr – Chair • Alex Webb – Club Captain

Other committee members: Richard Dvorsky, Laurence Fletcher, David Gould, Matt Jones, Nicky King, Bridget Parker, Phil Rowlands, Karen Smith, Paul Taylor, Thom Van Every, Cephas Vazquez-Howard, Barney Whiteman and Matt Wilkinson.

Non-Committee: Liz Hill-Smith – Welfare Officer, Caroline Rowlands – Membership Secretary, Richard Morris – Examiner

Contact pitfarmsec@gmail.com



## Guests at Pit Farm Tennis

Please note, as a member, you may bring a guest to play with you, but please adhere to the club rules:

- Only one guest per member is permitted at a time.
- Each guest is allowed a maximum of 6 visits a year.
- **The guest's name must be included in the court booking.**
- Please add your guest's name to the visitor book in the clubhouse.
- You will need to pay the guest fee before playing. This can be paid in two ways:

Online:

Bank: Lloyds

Name: Pit Farm (Guildford) Hard Court Tennis

Sort Code: 30-93-74

Account number: 00171127

In person:

Put the cash in an envelope clearly labelled with your name, your guest's name and the date. Put this in the guest fee box in the clubhouse.

- The cost is £5.00 for seniors and £2.50 for juniors.
- Members may bring their children for £2.50 per visit, with no limit on the number of visits.

## New SumUp Machine

You can now pay for tennis balls and guest fees on the new SumUp machine which is next to the bar in the clubhouse.

Press the button on the right of the device to wake it up. The price for balls and visitor fees are set – simply select one, press charge, then tap with your payment card.

