

Pit Farm Tennis Club Newsletter

June 2026

We hope this finds you well – please read on for all the latest news and updates from the club.

June is a good month to...

Enjoy the club tournament

Our Club Tournament is really heating up!

A huge congratulations to all the members who have battled their way through to the final stages.

The Finals Weekend will take place on **Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June**, with match times to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

To celebrate the finals, all members and their families are warmly invited to a complimentary **BBQ** on Sunday afternoon (28 June). Contributions of salads or desserts would be greatly appreciated, and there will also be a paid bar available throughout the afternoon.

We'd love to see plenty of support at the club, so please do drop in to enjoy the action, cheer on the players and soak up the tournament atmosphere.



Spend longer on the court!



Great news! Our court booking time has been extended from **60 minutes to 90 minutes!**

Play longer and enjoy more time on court with this new, longer-booking window. This new booking time also applies to all Box League and Tournament matches.

When making a booking, don't forget to include all participants' names in the system. If you won't be using your court, please cancel your booking so others can enjoy it.

Huge thanks to **Dawn Davies** for all her work on the e-booking system to make this happen.



Prepare for Pickleball

Back by popular demand! After the smash hit of our 2025 Pickleball Sessions, **Gary Kemp** is bringing his pop-up courts back to Pit Farm! Join us on **Saturday, 18 July** for our very first club tournament from 4pm to 8pm. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just curious, it's the perfect chance to dive into the sport that's taking the world by storm. Keep an eye on our Social Channels and your inbox as entry information will be shared soon.



COMPETITIVE SUMMER TENNIS CAMP



Led by **Ashley Mount**

June is a perfect time to...

Book your child's place at our first Competitive Summer Tennis Camp.

Led by **Ashley Mount**, the **Competitive Summer Tennis Camp**

is a one-week intensive programme designed for committed junior players who compete, or aspire to compete, in competitive tournaments. The camp is one week in duration, Monday to Friday, with options to book this summer for:

17 - 21 August or 24 - 28 August.

- 8 to 10 year olds. Orange ball 11am to 1pm
- 10+ year olds. Yellow ball 1pm to 3pm

Ideal for players already participating in league or tournament tennis.

For members £30 per session per player for a 2-hour session each day. Total cost for week £150.

For non-members £37 per day per player for a 2-hour session each day. Total cost for week £185.

Click the button or email ashleymount87@gmail.com for more information or to book your child's place.

[Click here to book.](#)

Congratulate our Junior Teams

... on a great set of results so far for the LTA Summer Youth League.

U16 girls team - **Bella, Michaela and Emmerson**

Pit Farm beat Bourne Club - 4-2

Pit Farm beat Horsley Club - 4-2

U16 boys team - **Thomas, Bari, Carlos and Riley**

Pit Farm beat Horsley Club - 6-0

Pit Farm lost against Byfleet Club - 0-6



Bella and Michaela from our girls team

If your child is interested in joining a Pit Farm team please get in touch with our Junior Captains - Nicky and Phil – contact@pitfarmtennis.co.uk

Celebrate Our Local Derby Double Success

The Chaucer Mixed 2 team secured a fantastic 7-2 victory over Merrow last month — congratulations to **Paul, Diana, Richard and Alex**. Just one week later, Chaucer Mixed 1 kept the momentum going, with **Alex, Dawn, Yuri and Luke** delivering another impressive win against Merrow, this time by 6-2.

Congrats to both teams for some fabulous matches.



Tuck in at our Tuesday-night BBQ



Our Full Player members are invited to enjoy a summer BBQ after our Tuesday Club Sessions throughout the summer season. A great chance to relax, socialise and enjoy some delicious food together! (A small fee applies.)



Discover new Junior playing opportunities.

We offer plenty of opportunities for our Junior and Junior Limited members to get involved, improve their game and enjoy competitive play. From our Junior programme and competitive Box League to teams competing in external leagues, there's something for all abilities. Our popular Thursday Club Session (Junior Friendly Session) is also open to stronger Junior players and coaches. These relaxed and sociable doubles sessions are a fantastic way to gain match experience, play alongside adult members, and enjoy a fun club atmosphere. Sessions start around 5:30/6:00 pm and continue into the evening. If you'd like to know more, please contact Caroline or Paul.

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Finders keepers

Please check the lost property bin (towards back of the clubhouse) and windowsill in the kitchen, if you have lost anything recently at the club - we have quite a collection of clothes, water bottles, even the odd racquet. All items will be removed end of June and be lost forever.

GRAB A FREE GROUP COACHING SESSION FOR NEW JOINERS

If you have a friend who might be interested in joining Pit Farm Tennis Club, we'd love to welcome them along. We're now offering a complimentary group coaching session with Ashley as a great introduction to the club, along with an invitation to attend a trial Club Session. It's the perfect way to meet other members, enjoy some tennis, and get a real feel for everything the club has to offer. To find out more or book a place, please contact Caroline at membership.pitfarm@gmail.com



👁️ Watch lots of tennis...

The French Open is on until 7 June and there's lots more tennis coming your way later this month, too. If you are lucky enough to see any live tennis this month please tag @pitfarmtennis so we don't miss your pics online.



• HSBC Championships – Queen's Club
6 June to 21 June



• Wimbledon All England Club
29 June to 12 July

DID YOU KNOW?

Tennis balls are yellow because of Sir David Attenborough! Back in the 1960s, while working as Controller of BBC2, he noticed the traditional white tennis balls were almost impossible to see on colour TV. That helped spark the switch to optic yellow balls in the early 70s, although Wimbledon didn't fully switch to a yellow ball until 1986.



This month take advantage of...

Our ball machine

All members can book our ball machine - located in the shed at the back of court 6. Simply click on the guest panel when you book, and add in the words 'ball machine'. Instructions are on the machine - please take care while using.

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.



Our guest access

Our playing members are welcome to bring a guest to play with them, 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

SumUp Machine (turn to page 4 for how to use)

- 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.

Pit Farm Tennis in the Community



Class of 2025 enjoying lots of fun on court



On 9 July, Pit Farm Tennis Club will once again welcome Sandfield School's Year 3 class for an exciting afternoon of tennis, fun and teamwork on court.

Led by Head Coach **Paul Kozak** and his dedicated team of coaches, the children will take part in a range of engaging drills, games and taster activities designed to introduce them to the sport in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

This fantastic annual initiative, organised by Pit Farm member **Jim Holloway**, aims to give local children the opportunity to experience tennis — especially those who may not otherwise have access to the game. Beyond simply introducing the sport, the programme also helps identify young players with potential who would benefit from joining our junior programme. Selected children will be offered sponsored places throughout Years 4, 5 and 6, giving them the chance to develop both their skills and confidence on court.

Previous year's sponsored players have made tremendous progress and are thoroughly enjoying being part of the club — something we're incredibly proud to see continue.





June is the perfect time to...

Improve your game!

Pick up new tennis skills and explore the excellent range of coaching options available at the club with **Paul Kozak** and **Ashley Mount**.

From personalised one-to-one coaching to relaxed, social pay-as-you-go group sessions, we offer a variety of sessions designed to suit all ages and abilities. Available to members and non-members.

Please note the Wednesday evening and Thursday morning Intermediate coaching sessions are now both mixed sessions.

 [Click here to book.](#)



 [Click here](#) for the group coaching timetable.



FREE coaching on

If you haven't checked out our free coaching videos yet, now's the time to hit the virtual court and start sharpening your game. Improve your technique, build smarter strategies, and step onto the court with more confidence from your very next serve.

Whether you're learning the perfect grip, staying match-ready for every shot, getting every ball cleanly over the net, or mastering your volley, our expert coaches Paul and Ashley are here to guide you every step of the way. Packed with practical tips and easy-to-follow advice, these videos are designed to help take your game to the next level.

Click the buttons to start watching and playing smarter today.



A gentle reminder that we are a members' club, run by members for the members, and we all play a part in keeping the courts, grounds and clubhouse clean, tidy and enjoyable for everyone. If you spot a stray ball, cups left lying around, chairs out of place, or the dishwasher needing emptying, please take a moment to help out by returning items to the kitchen or ball bins. Small actions from all of us make a big difference. Thank you for doing your bit and we look forward to seeing you all on court. 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

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