



## **Brixworth Tennis Welcome Pack**

Welcome,

Firstly, thank you for joining Brixworth Tennis Club, we hope you enjoy playing and socialising at the Club.

Brixworth Tennis Club was established in 2013 and I like to think that the Club is friendly, welcoming and has a strong family atmosphere. Whether you enjoy social tennis with friends and family, play in local league matches or anything in between then Brixworth Tennis Club is most definitely the place for you.

We have a diverse membership of adults and juniors with ages ranging from our youngest mini-red players aged 3 to our oldest member who is over 70. We understand that everyone's reason for joining a tennis club is different as are their standards and aspirations and, I hope, you will agree that we try to cater for them all.

Brixworth Tennis Club is committed to prioritising the well-being of all children and adults, and we promote safeguarding in our Club at all times, including all programmes and events that we run. We try and make social events part of our Club with events added and promoted throughout the year. They are posted on the display boards in the clubhouse, on the Club website page as well by Email, WhatsApp and Facebook. So, keep an eye out and make sure you don't miss any events.

Finally, whatever your tennis ambition and on behalf of the Club's committee we hope you enjoy your time at our Club.

Club Chair

# Essential Information

## COURT BOOKING

Our courts may be booked through the Clubspark app, or via the [website](#). (Go to the App Store on your mobile phone and search for ClubSpark Booker and download.) Courts can be booked up to 1 week in advance.

Each member will be able to book 3 hours court time per week. If there are free courts any member can use them providing they have not been booked

## FOOTWEAR & SHOE TAGS

The courts are particularly sensitive to damage so only tennis shoes should be worn on the courts at all times please. This is for two reasons: 'other' shoes can mark and damage the courts and non-tennis shoes do not grip the court as well and can cause accidents and avoidable injury.

We ask all members to ensure their shoe tags are clearly displayed at all times as proof of current membership. Any player not displaying a valid shoe tag will be asked to leave the courts.

Shoe Tags are distributed by the Committee as soon as we possibly can.

If you haven't received your Shoe Tag within 14 days of signing up please do contact us.

## CLUB HOUSE ACCESS CODE

Each year the club access code changes with the new tennis season. We'll let you know what this is by email and Whats App when you renew your membership. The club house has a toilet and drinks making facilities.

If you do not receive the information please contact the club secretary at [secretary@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk)

# COMMUNICATION

Information is posted in the clubhouse, newsletters are emailed to members and posts are shared by email, on the website and on FaceBook. You will also be added to the BTC WhatsApp Group. You will be added to the BTC Adult or Junior Members Group as soon as you join the club and depending on your interests can be added to other WhatsApp groups for the ladders, squads, committee etc. You may opt out of receiving messages by either email or whats app if you have a preference.

# CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

The Welfare Officer is pivotal to the promotion of safety and well-being at the Club, along with ensuring that children, young people and adults at risk are able to participate in tennis in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. If you have any concerns, then you can contact the Club welfare officer by emailing [welfare@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welfare@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk). Your email will be treated with the strictest confidence and will only be seen by the welfare officer, no-one else within the Club has access to the Welfare Officer's emails.

[More information and documents on Safeguarding & Welfare can be found on our website.](#)

Brixworth Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Club with the Club Welfare Officer.

# ANTI-BULLYING

Brixworth Tennis Club is committed to ensuring that any issues with regards to bullying are dealt with promptly. **Our full policy can be found on the club website [website](#)** or you can email the Club chair directly with any issues. All matters will be confidential.

# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

At Brixworth Tennis Club we are committed to a Safe and Inclusive club. Our overall aims for diversity and inclusion are to ensure that

- Tennis is diverse and inclusive
- Diversity and inclusion are embedded in our club's culture and our behaviours
- We create a culture where inclusive leadership thrives
- We take a proactive approach using positive action to ensure that communities and individuals are valued and able to achieve their full potential.

To achieve these aims we believe that everyone involved in Tennis has a vital role to play in promoting diversity and inclusion and we ask everyone to become Safe and Inclusive Tennis Champions—proactively promoting Safe and Inclusive tennis and taking action against all forms of discrimination. **All details can be found on the Club website.** [website](#)

# FRIDAY SOCIAL CLUB SESSIONS

Club sessions are notified to members via Email, WhatsApp, Facebook or the website and you can sign-up by responding to the person organising the event or by booking on line.

New members are very welcome to join us for a game of social tennis. All levels of mixed abilities regularly play throughout the year, just turn up and join in on our Friday Social tennis evening.

To encourage inclusivity, we ask that a game of doubles (where possible) consisting of four games is played after which the players mix up again for another game - a great way to make new friends and contacts, and to arrange social play throughout the week. Whatever your level of play, you will be guaranteed a warm welcome! For any further details, or to arrange to be met at the Club on your first visit, then please contact us and we will ensure you are looked after. The Club will provide tennis balls (ex match balls) for Social Club nights.

# COACHING

We have coaches at Brixworth (Please see website for levels and availability) To organise a coaching session, you should contact the coach directly and the coach will arrange a suitable time and book the court.

We have coaching organised for different ages and abilities through the week. Full details of these courses are on the website. We will inform you if there are any changes or new courses added and you can sign up from the links on the [website](#).

# TOURNAMENTS

Every year the Club organises an Adult and Junior tournament which is open to all members.

# LADDERS AND LEAGUES

These are excellent opportunities to meet other members of the Club in a competitive but friendly environment. All standards of players are welcome. Keep an eye out on the WhatsApp group for the sign up messages. We currently have the following ladders:

- Singles Ladder
- Doubles Ladies Ladder
- Doubles Ladder

# SUMMER & WINTER LEAGUE MATCHES

Brixworth Tennis Club participates in both the Northants Summer and Winter Tennis Leagues with a representation in the Ladies, Men's and Mixed divisions. It's a great way of testing your skills against other clubs in Northamptonshire. All the matches are doubles and you can play in more than one team e.g. Winter and Summer, Women's, Men's and Mixed. Subs are paid for each match that you play in.

Any members who are interested in playing in any of our Summer or Winter league teams should email: [captain@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:captain@brixworthtennisclub.org.uk)