

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these difficult times.

I am pleased to advise that tennis at Town Green will restart on June 1st.

The reopening will be in 3 phases.

In phase one, the initial opening will be on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings for the Seniors etc.

There will be strict guidelines to follow as per the LTA advice, which I will detail shortly.

The main one being strict social distancing whilst on court. This will entail some form of marking between courts 1 and 2 to avoid crossing over to get balls.

Also, no changing of ends with a maximum of 6 people on the courts.

The key to the extra security lock will be loaned to us for those 2 initial sessions and we must replace the lock at the end of each session.

Singles play only will be allowed.

We are still discussing how to accommodate family members who can play 4 per court.

Most importantly, by 1st June we must advise the Parish Council of all our members names. This is because if an infection is contracted by a member, all those who have been in playing contact will need to be alerted.

Therefore, if you wish to re-join and have not yet paid your subscription to Liz our Treasurer, you will need to pay this within the next two weeks to be able to play. The courts will remain locked during all other times

As promised, I am pleased to list a set of rules which will pertain during the current epidemic. Please ensure that you comply with these, not only for your own health but for the health of others. **Any divergence may result in the courts being closed again by the Parish Council.**

So, here goes:

1. Social distancing of a minimum of 2m must be adhered to at all times.

2. If you have any mild illness i.e. cough and cold, please stay away.
3. There must be a maximum of 6 people on the courts at any one time.
4. Singles only play is allowed with short sets, killer deuces, and no crossing over between games. No group tennis is allowed.
5. If there are 6 people on the courts, other members must wait outside. I suggest you bring along a folding garden chair.
6. The pavilion will remain closed until further notice. No toilet facilities will be available.
7. Courts 1 & 2 will be separated by line tape. Crossing into the adjacent court is not allowed. Ask the player on the other court to kick back the ball.
8. The security lock will be removed from the gate prior to each session. The gate will be left open and then relocked after play has finished.
9. Please bring your own tennis balls suitably marked with your initials. Please avoid handling your opponent's tennis balls.
10. Hand sanitiser will be available on the courts.
11. After play, please leave the court area immediately. Avoid touching nets and winders. Do not shake hands after playing.

I apologise if all these sound officious, but hopefully it will keep all our members safe.

Please note that in the case of the "R" number rising above 1.0 the reopening may be postponed.

We plan to have 3 phases to the reopening and unlike our current government, can give you an idea of how this will be managed.

Phase one - as above

Phase two - 4 sessions of tennis to include Family Doubles play and Team Practice. Above rules will still apply. If all goes well, planned for July.

Phase three - In addition to phase two, Group play allowed again, limited coaching, and possibly match play. The Southport league are still hoping to have a mini league in August/September which our mixed team would playing. The Liverpool league have cancelled for the season. If the epidemic is well under control, August, and September.

I hope this clarifies the situation.

Best wishes,

Julian
Chairman