

Great Massingham Multi-Sports Club

June 2011

Dear member or prospective member.

I am writing to invite you to join, or renew your membership of, the Great Massingham Multi-sports Club. The new membership application form is attached, however you can also download a copy from the village website at www.greatmassingham.net

You will see that apart from an increase in membership fees for families (which last year were set at less than the cost of two individuals) there has been no increase in membership fees. Most well organised Clubs set membership fees at three or four times this amount, so your membership is really good value. Not only that, many members use the tennis balls left on upper court which significantly reduces the cost of playing.

Many of the local clubs are in some difficulty, partly because they don't own or control their own courts. Our courts are owned by the Trustees of the Village Hall Charity. We use the courts without charge but we take responsibility for their renewal. We are fortunate to have such a good relationship with the Trustees.

In the past it's sometimes been a bit awkward for members of the Multi-sports Club when they wanted to use the bar or toilet facilities. The Village Hall Club is actually a members only Club and their membership fees are important in maintaining these facilities, the car-park and surrounding areas and in keeping the cost of drinks low. So that we can use these facilities freely and contribute to their upkeep, the Trustees are asking that all our members also become members of the Village Hall Club. This isn't at all expensive: for example adult membership is £12, young children free etc. Membership forms are available from the bar.

If you are not already an active tennis player, do come along to one of the Club Sessions: currently Sunday and Friday mornings and Friday evenings. We have coaching for 'rusties and rookies'. Quite a few of our good players really only started last year.

If you are an active tennis player, thank you for your support.

If you are interested in netball, then come along on Monday evenings.

If you know some youngsters aged around 12 – 14 years who are into football, let us know: we're trying to get a five-a-side football team going and if you could help with supervising, coaching or sponsoring this, that would be fantastic.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Bickerton
Chairman

'What's on' reminder with updates

Monday mornings:	Daytime tennis coaching during the morning.
Monday evenings:	Netball on the upper court, 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
Tuesday evenings:	League matches on both courts most evenings until end June. Timetable on the notice board.
Wednesdays pm:	Junior Coaching: 4:00pm -5:00pm (age 4 - 7), 5:00pm - 6:00pm (ages 8 - 11), 6:00pm - 7:00pm (promising older juniors by invitation).
Wednesday evenings:	"Get back into tennis" for those who haven't played much recently or at all. 7:00pm - 8:15pm.
Thursday evenings:	League matches on both courts most evenings until July 7. Timetable on the notice board.
Friday mornings:	Club Sessions: 10:00am - 12 noon.
Friday evenings:	Club Sessions: 5:30pm onwards.
Sunday morning:	Club Sessions: 9:30am – 1:30pm.
Sunday 26 June:	Inter-village Games
Mid-July:	Singles Ladder Matches start with final and end of Summer Season BBQ on 4 September.
Sat 23 July	Duck Fest with Fancy Dress Tennis Tournament and Multi-sports Club teams in the "It's a Knock-out competition".
Sunday 4 Sept	Singles Ladder Finals and End of Summer Season BBQ

The Club now has Wilson Championship balls for sale: £4.50 per tube of four and you don't even have to go into town to get them. Available at most Club Sessions.