

This St Chad's Tennis Club newsletter comes with the latest news, useful information and forthcoming events for members this summer.

NEW COACH FOR THE CLUB

Many of you will already have met our new Coach Pete Cox, but for those of you who haven't, here's an introductory piece from him.



Hi, welcome to the 2011 summer - lets hope the weather is kind and we can pack it full of tennis! I have recently joined the club as coach, taking over from Chris who has moved away from the area for love and money - killing two birds with one stone!

I have lived in the area for 3 years, after moving up here from Stafford to study at Leeds Met. Since I started my coaching career at 14 as an assistant for the Stafford School of Tennis, I have worked with a variety of ages and abilities. The highlight so far was having an under 10 player reach the Shropshire and Staffordshire County Open Final, only to be beaten 12-10 in the final. As a player I played for Staffordshire up to the under 14s age group, until sustaining an injury which ended my career prematurely. Luckily I have been able to take my passion for playing and put this into my coaching and I enjoy (almost) every hour I am on court!

Since moving into the area the majority of my coaching has been in local schools and community work. I am currently at the St Chad's courts on Tuesday evenings for coaching sessions.

FREE ASSESSMENT SESSION

If you are interested in joining our coaching programme, or just want some advice please get in touch - I am offering members a free 20-minute assessment session if you are unsure about the best coaching/play options. I'll see you on court!

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TEAM NEWS



In summer 2010 St Chad's entered 7 teams into competitive leagues which provided opportunities for mixed, ladies and mens doubles play of varying standards. We held our own, with most teams finishing

in the top half of their divisions and the men's team, led by Dave Pratten, gaining promotion - well done to all who played!

We also enter a team in the indoor winter league - in the 2010-11 season we finished 5th of 8 in the 1st division.

This year we have 6 teams so still plenty of opportunity for competitive play. If you haven't put yourself forward before but are interested contact Penny Rice (275 2363) or Becky Clark (278 9933) who will put you in touch with the appropriate captain.

INTERNAL TOURNAMENTS

The draw for this year's internal singles, doubles and mixed doubles tournaments is now in the clubhouse, so those who are participating GET PLAYING - there are a number of 'round robin' matches to get through!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AMERICAN DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Sunday 22nd May, Leeds Met outdoor courts, 2pm
And then the Post-Tournament Garden Party:
St Chad's Tennis Club Clubhouse, additional guests welcome, £5/person

OPEN AFTERNOON FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Sunday 26th June from 1pm - 4pm

This Open Afternoon, at our clubhouse, is a great opportunity for prospective members to come along to meet members, find out more about playing and coaching and try out our courts, so if you know anyone who might want to join, bring them along. All ages are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

Have you joined yet? Being a member is free, and has lots of benefits, one of which is an increased number of Wimbledon tickets allocated to our Club which has to be good! Follow this link for more information and to join: <https://www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/>