

Club Members News and Information - March 2021



OPENING ROE GREEN TC 2021

With the vaccination programme steadily progressing and the infection rates falling, the government has finally published a route back to playing tennis after this latest lockdown.

Roe Green Tennis Club will reopen for members on **29 March 2021**, albeit with some restrictions remaining in place and adhering to LTA & government guidance.

- Court bookings will be required via our website and this will remain in place for the 2021 season.
- Respect public guidance for social distancing and hand hygiene.
- Singles and doubles play will be permitted from opening day, and limited coaching activities will be able to go ahead.

For a full rundown of all the club guidelines, please visit our [website](#). Any changes and important information will be communicated via our website as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The new season is fast approaching and membership fees for 2021 have been set.

These will be due by 1 May 2021 as we have pushed back the renewal date by a month, offering all current members a 13th month for their 2020 membership.

A membership renewal email with all the details will be sent out in the next few weeks.



With the country in lock-down through January 2021, we had to postpone the second AGM in a row.

We are currently planning to hold our next annual general meeting on a Sunday morning in June, outdoors on the court.

Date to be decided...

Committee position to fill

We would like to thank Clare Styles for her work as membership secretary over the last 3 years. Clare has looked after new and existing members and acted as first point of contact for website and phone inquiries.

We are looking for a motivated volunteer to join the committee, take over this role and help us move Roe Green Tennis Club forward!

IMPROVEMENTS

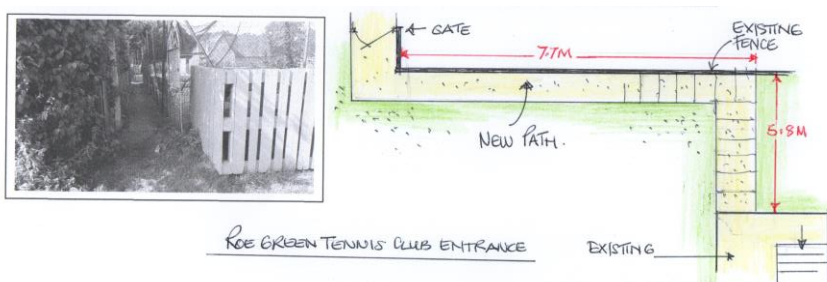
Courts

The Committee has confirmed the existing maintenance contract with Replay to clean and refurbish the courts bi-monthly for another year. The aim is to get another 5+ years of usage out of the existing surface before having to look at options to replace the current courts.

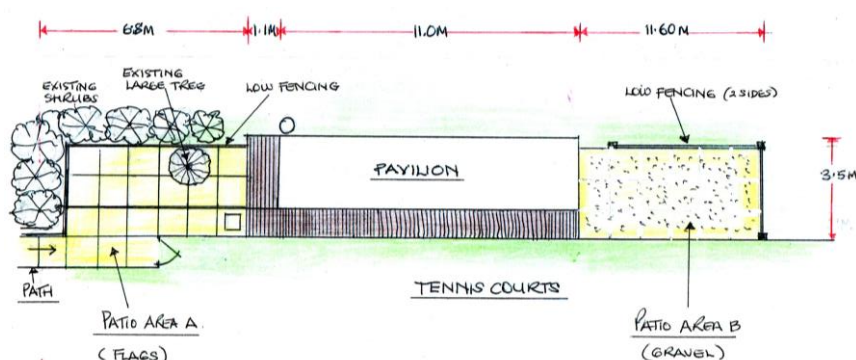
New nets have been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks as the old ones are showing their years now.

Paths, patio and area surrounding the pavilion

Contactors have been hired to carry out work on the approach to the Tennis Club through the Cricket Club and the access path and seating area around the large tree to the side of the pavilion.



On the other side of the pavilion, the area will be tidied up, levelled and gravelled to create a more useable space for our members. The work is to be carried out in March 2021, ready for our season opening at the end of the month.



As we are in a conservation area, the committee will consult with the council to obtain permission to prune and trim the existing trees & hedges surrounding the courts.

CLUB DIRECTORY

We are now working on creating a club members directory. To be GDPR compliant, this will remain a strictly voluntary opt-in offer, and you can withdraw your information for future publication at any point. The directory will only be accessible to club members either via an emailed document or through a password-protected member-only section of our website.

To make it as useful as possible, we would like to include not only your name and contact details, but also add information regarding your play level and preferred playtimes/availability.

Watch out for a separate email asking you to opt-in and provide your information for the directory!

SEASON 2021 OUTLOOK

COMPETITIVE TEAM TENNIS

We have entered 5 competitive teams in the Bolton, Walkden and Leigh tennis leagues again for 2021. Currently, all 3 leagues are planning for a full season starting in late April.

Bolton Tennis League have also announced the creation of a lady's division. We will have a discussion with our active female members to gauge interest for 2022, though the match days may interfere with the existing league play schedule.

There are various ideas for a club ladder and/or tournament being discussed at the moment and we would love to hear from interested members to help with the organisation!

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The return of our popular Thursday afternoon/evening coaching sessions is in the planning stages for the new season. To ensure we are providing a safe coaching environment, we may have to implement several changes and we will communicate these by the start of April to all members and the wider community.

SOCIAL PLAY

If rules allow, the Sunday morning social will make a return to our calendar in 2021, as will some other staples such as the fast-paced, fun Trevor Royle Trophy tournament.