

Thank you for your email raising your concerns in relation to 'pay and play ' based on your experience at the club yesterday.

I am really sorry that you did not enjoy your time there and can fully understand your reluctance to renew your membership.

However I am pleased to be able to inform you that it wasn't actually a pay and play session. From time to time we allow private bookings of the courts and yesterday's booking was from a local solicitors . They used the courts last year as well so we felt comfortable with them using the facilities again.

Just to add to a rather different Sunday in terms of court use age a match was cancelled which released some courts for other bookings.

The Committee are aware of members concerns in relation to pay and play and as you will know from my recent update we have drafted a new set of rules to take account of these. We will invite members to comment on these in due course. But it is probably worth pointing out that the pay and play option, an LTA initiative to open up opportunities for more people to try tennis with the aim of them becoming club members, has been in place for over four years and is a requirement of our continuing to lease the land from the Council through the Fields in Trust arrangements which cover the bulk of the land in the Iford Playing fields area.

I do hope that this will deal with the main issues that you have raised and that you will want to continue to be an active member of our club.

All the best
Susie Grainger