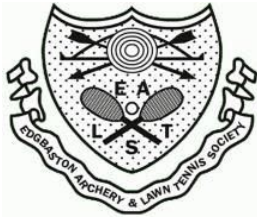


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WELCOME to your monthly E-newsletter - keeping you up to date with team results, club news and upcoming events.

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Club news

Alan Broadhead 29/08/1942 - 09/08/2020

We recently informed our members of the sad news of the passing of Alan Broadhead.

Many long-standing members will remember Alan, not simply as Richard's father, but for his lengthy association with Edgbaston Archery.

Alan joined EA<S in 1963 after Harborne Tennis Club closed. He was a keen and active player, long into his later years, and passed his love, passion and enthusiasm for the game on to his children Richard and Rachel, starting from early Saturday morning tennis lessons, through to them becoming teenage county players and beyond, certainly in Richard's case.



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Alan was a huge supporter of the Club, and took on several roles and responsibilities on the Committee, throughout his time, ranging from Grounds Secretary and Bar Steward, to becoming Chairman in 1988. Being a qualified electrical engineer by trade, and during his tenure as Chairman, he was instrumental in introducing floodlights to the top 2 shale courts, before they were converted to the artificial grass courts that current members now see and play on. We are extremely thankful for his commitment and foresight in achieving this result, for the ongoing benefit of all EA<S members.

He went on to become a Trustee of EA<S and will always be remembered as a stalwart supporter of the Club, regularly visiting, even in his later years, to enjoy a pint - sat on his favourite stool in "his corner spot" of the Bar - and to catch up with his many friends and members on a sunny afternoon.

One long-standing member recently commented "Alan was a very kind man, who made all newcomers very welcome at the Club. He was a member before many of us were born, and played a huge influential part, both on and off the court."

I wholeheartedly agree with those words, Alan was very kind, generous, welcoming and friendly with everyone, of all ages, and most supportive and appreciative during my time both on committee and as Secretary. He was a true gentleman and gentle man. He will be greatly missed by all who remember him at EALTS.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Richard and his family at this time.

Richard has requested any donations be for Kerria Court Care Home, who looked after Alan so well for the last 9 months. The Club will be doing so, and members can contribute to this donation online, via the Club's Bank account, sort code: 30-92-99, Account: 00260803. Please include your name/donation as reference. Thank you.

Sue Chopra

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New Astro courts update and volunteering activities

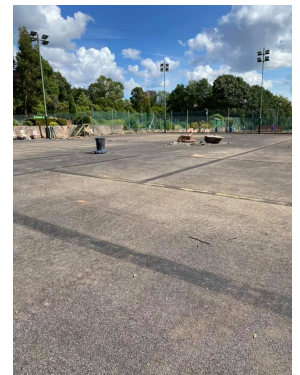
Work to replace Court 7 & 8 started on Wednesday 29 July 2020 and the work is progressing nicely as planned. The work is due to be completed by **early to mid September 2020**.

There has been a lot of preparatory work carried out in the lead up to the new courts being installed - thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers.



In July, Neil coordinated a work party to prepare for the installation of the astro courts, which included:

- Rackets' shed moved aside to provide Astro access
- Hedge removed and electric cable raised to provide Astro access
- Dead Floodlight bulbs replaced
- Bottom car park civilised
- Hedge cutting progressed
- Patio carpeted with old astro
- Borders maintained
- Electric cable reinstatement in Botanics Roman garden



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Volunteering activities haven't just been limited to the preparation of our new courts though. Volunteers have reopened the bar and the Social Committee have organised events in a Covid-19 compliant manner. Throughout lockdown volunteers have done a great job of keeping members and their families staying connected to each other and the club! Others have also dedicated many hours updating our club policies to ensure everyone who plays at and enjoys our club feels safe. On behalf of the committee, we would like to say a huge resounding thank you to everyone who has given their time, energy and skills to complete these activities. We are very proud and honoured to have members who are so generous and committed to EA<S. Thank you!

Club history - Blue plaque fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Birmingham Civic Society has awarded us a history plate. We are hoping to install two identical plaques - one on the outside of the clubhouse and the other on a freestanding plinth situated on the boundary with the Botanical Gardens.

Thank you to the members who have donated to this project - the plaque has been ordered and will arrive in the next 6-8 weeks!

Please visit our club's [website](#) for further information about our club's history,










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LTA guidelines

Please familiarise yourself with the below:

Playing tennis in England during the coronavirus outbreak

- 
Singles and doubles, social play and competitions allowed
- 
Clean equipment after use
- 
Group coaching permitted for all ages. Junior groups limited to 15 plus coach(es)
- 
Maintain social distancing
- 
Online/phone bookings and payments advised
- 
Clubhouses, bars & catering facilities can be opened
- 
Indoor courts can reopen from 25 July
- 
Follow public health guidelines for hygiene
- 
Do not play if you are self-isolating

 Full guidelines for players, coaches and venues at lta.org.uk/coronavirus

Visitor fees

Just a gentle reminder that members are welcome to bring visitors down to the club **up to three times in the year**. Please ensure you, the member, pay the

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£5 adult/ £3 junior visitor fee before you book a court and play.

Easyfundraising – support our club

There has been lots of great feedback about using Easyfundraising and also a little bit of healthy competition between supporters which has helped reach our current total.

If you are a regular online shopper, please do consider signing up to Easyfundraising to help support our club and raise funds. Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help our club to raise funds, simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers– such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Adidas, Nike, Stringers world, eBay, and M&S and many more.

It's very easy to sign up and support our cause - here's how...

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org>

- Search for our good cause - Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society.

Hit

search

- Click on Support this cause

- Create an account, either by using Facebook or Email

- Enter your personal details and then Create my account

- Proceed to shop via Easyfundraising website or App.

- Almost there.... why not add the donation reminder to ensure that you get a prompt every time you go onto a retailer's site who will donate money to the club.

As of Saturday 28 August 2020, we have raised £49.03 and have 19 supporters!!

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Upcoming events

Upcoming events for Autumn/ Winter 2020

Thank you to the Social Committee for planning and organising the social events over the coming months - We look forward to seeing as many of you there.

Date	Event	Details
Sunday 20 September 2020	Astro courts reopening	Social Tennis and Social Event
Saturday 3 October 2020	Wine Tasting	Mixed platform
Sunday 1 November 2020	Halloween/Fireworks	At the Club
Saturday 21 November 2020	Countdown Quiz	Mixed platform
Saturday 12 December 2020	Christmas Party	At the club

All the above events are subject to Government guidelines applicable at the time.

Details of each event will be given nearer the time.

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Bar opening times - update

The upcoming bar opening times are as follows:

- Tuesday to Thursday - Approx. 7.30pm to close
- Either Saturday or Sunday - 2 - 5pm



The bar may also be open at other times but this will be communicated in advance if so.

We are committed to ensuring the bar is open in the safest way possible - the bar team are reviewing the procedures and how things are progressing so that everyone feels comfortable and most importantly safe whilst at the club. We are very pleased the re-opening of the bar has gone smoothly, thanks to everyone's commitment. So why not help out on the bar - we are looking for adult volunteers to help make sure this is possible. No experience needed! If you are interested, please contact Tom Rutter.

And the winners are....

100 Club - Latest winners - TBA

It's very simple to join - contact Sue, who runs our EALTS 100 Club, via details below, to choose a number between 1-90 (at present) and she will advise if it's free/available. This will then be allocated to you, and entered into future Draws, conducted on the last Friday of the month, currently via Zoom. Many members have more than one number, but it's up to you how many you'd like to have.



The cost is only £3 per number per month.

You can set up either a monthly payment electronically via your bank, or a one-off payment (again electronically) to cover your number till the end of the year, whichever is more convenient to you.

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All monies, after payout of prizes, go towards the Club's Development fund. We'd really like you to join us, and participate in this monthly Draw, and be in with a chance of winning £50.

Please contact Sue via email (choprasc@aol.com) or mobile (07751334153), to choose your numbers.

Remember - you have to be in it to win it - good luck ✓👉✓

Got something to share?

If you have any exciting news or updates to share with the club and members, please do not hesitate to contact us at ealtssecretary@gmail.com with your content and we will be more than happy to add to our next newsletter.

Thanks to Sue Chopra for her help and assistance in compiling/collating this newsletter.