14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR



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







This E-Newsletter is proudly sponsored by <u>The Plough Harborne</u>

### Club news

### Winter break message 2020

2020 - what a year it has been. Covid-19 has impacted almost every aspect of our lives and tennis is no exception! After the first lockdown, we were very fortunate to be back on court fairly quickly playing in some shape or form. We were grateful for a pleasant warm summer with plenty of tennis underway.



Despite it being a trying year, the club made great strides in development! We had a huge boost in membership - 70+ new members joined us, volunteers gave many hours of their free time to help with ground maintenance tasks, and we managed to squeeze in a few matches in between lockdowns. We took part in numerous virtual wine tastings and quizzes, and most excitingly we had two new Astro Courts installed!

Although the next few weeks and months will feel uncertain, please continue to follow Government and LTA guidelines.

On the behalf of all the Committee, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and peaceful Christmas and Winter break. We look forward to seeing many of you back on court!

14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR

### House and Grounds update

Huge thank you to all volunteers who have helped keep our club looking its finest!

Charlie, Karsten and Neil coordinated the Volunteer Working Group earlier this month and activities included:

- A Court screen protector was installed next to the Astro Courts to protect them from leaves (see image below)
- The hedges along the clay and shale courts have been cut down to help dry the courts better and reduce moss build up



14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR

#### **Tennis** news

### Visitor fees

At this time - Visitors will only be allowed to play at our club Monday - Friday until 4pm to allow for full opportunities for members. Members are welcome to bring visitors down to the club **up to three times in the year.** Please ensure you, the member, pay the £5 adult / £3 junior visitor fee before you book a court and play.

#### And the winners are....

#### 100 Club Results

September 2020

1st prize of £50 cheque Gemma Fenton (No. 22)

Runners up (tube of tennis balls)

Neil Glasspool (No. 84) Linda Strain (No. 41) Claudio Mauro (No. 66)

#### October 2020

1st prize of £50 cheque Ravi Chopra (No. 14)

Runners up (tube of tennis balls)

Raj Bector (No. 40) Mike Kerslake (No. 90) Charles Knill (No. 44)



14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR

#### November 2020

1st prize of £50 cheque Pat Hall (No. 25)

Runners up (tube of tennis balls)
Janice Hamilton (No. 42)
Veronica Hartmann (No. 5)
Marc Williams (No. 49)

If you would like to participate in the Draw, and have not yet purchased your number(s), it's very simple to join - contact Sue, who runs our EA&LTS 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.

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, and who knows you may be our next winner!

Remember - you have to be in it to win it - good luck  $\sqrt{\stackrel{\triangleleft}{=}} \sqrt{}$ 



14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR

### **Upcoming events**

## EA&LTS Family Fun Christmas Quiz - Sunday 20 December 2020, 7.30pm

Please see details below for our final virtual social event of the year! Members' families are warmly welcome to join the fun!



## **EA&LTS AGM Meeting - January 2021**

We anticipate that the EA&LTS AGM will be held on **Thursday 21 January 2021 at 7.30pm** via **Zoom**. We appreciate this is not the normal way in which we would have hoped to hold the meeting, but the Committee is more than happy to offer Zoom support to anyone who would like this, in order to attend the meeting. This will be as strange for the Committee as it will be for you so please bear with us if there are any technical difficulties on the night!

We hope you can make the meeting and look out for your Zoom invite.

14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR

### Easyfundraising update

### Easyfundraising - support our club

Christmas is upon us and it's not too late to get the last minute online shopping done and help the club at the same time!

We would really appreciate it, if you can, sign up to Easyfundraising and support the club.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up already and is helping to raise funds for the club!

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. All at no extra cost to you!

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

- Go to <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org">https://www.easyfundraising.org</a>
- Search for our good cause Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society.
- 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 19 December 2020, we have raised £104.88 and have 24 supporters!!

14A Westbourne Road | Edgbaston | Birmingham | B15 3TR

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