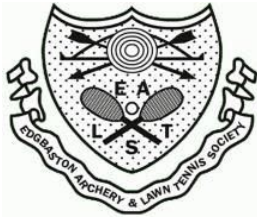


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WELCOME to your monthly E-newsletter - keeping you up to date with team results, club news and upcoming events.

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Club news

Tennis is back!

Court bookings can start from now with play due to start Wednesday 2 December 2020, morning.

A polite reminder to all that the clay & shale courts can not be used whilst defrosting or when puddled and please remember to sweep the court after each slot played on them!

Please remember and adhere to the following rules:

- Court bookings for singles / doubles - Please use the court booking system as before, and it is vital that the other participants you are playing with are added to the booking - this is for Track & Trace purposes and to ensure fairness for all.
- Each member is limited to ONE slot per day after 4pm Monday - Friday, and before 4pm Saturday & Sunday.
- Each member may play no more than THREE times a week after 4pm Monday - Friday.
- Exception to this rule is, if on the day you see a court is free, you may book another slot, ie if I have a slot booked for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday already and on Wednesday morning and I see a slot free on that day, I can book that too! In these cases you **MUST NOT** play with

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more than 5 other people across the 2 slots - remember the rule of 6.

- The clubhouse is only to be entered to put money into the lights box (best to put your money in before the previous slot runs out, due to light warm-up time.)
- Toilets are not to be used.
- Do not arrive earlier than 15 mins before your slot and leave straight afterwards.
- The bar will remain closed until further notice.

Calthorpe Estates and Development plan update

As you'll know by now, we are working on a development plan for the club, aiming to make more of our courts playable all year round. Karsten and Helen met Calthorpe Estates to discuss this plan and to raise the problem that not having a long-term lease causes us (i.e. we can't get any external funding). There have been similar conversations over the years so this is not a new issue and they are well aware!

The meeting was positive and we are due to meet again soon to discuss what options may be available to us - there is a fundamental clash of what the two sides want as we want a long-term lease that gives us security of tenure and they want to retain flexibility so that they can repurpose our land as part of a bigger redevelopment of the area if they want to - so it is not going to be easy to reach a compromise but there appears to be a willingness on both sides to do just that.

We'll keep you posted!

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Easyfundraising – support our club

Christmas is just around the corner and as we are spending a bit more online at the moment - we would really appreciate it, if you can and are able to, 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! We have nearly reached £100!

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 <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 Sunday 29 November 2020, we have raised **£90.83** and have **21** supporters!!

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Tennis news

Social Mixed Doubles Tournament

Something for members to look forward to at the start of 2021.....We were due to circulate dates for the Wenceslas Cup just before the news of the 2nd lockdown emerged. The plan is to roll forward all the feedback received on preferred group dates and start the competition as soon as possible (LTA/Government rules allowing) at the beginning of next year. Keep an eye out for an email with sign up dates. This social tournament is open to all standards; it's a great chance to meet new people and play against a diverse range of members, from experienced team players to those new to the sport.

Simply enter as an individual and you'll be paired up, by the organiser, to play with the same partner for the duration of the event.

Social tennis

Sunday mix-in is back in December - As before, each session will have it's own organiser. So we are looking for volunteers to help organise on the below dates and times:

- Sunday 6 December 2020 - 12 - 1.30pm & 1.30 - 3pm
- Sunday 13 December 2020 - 12 - 1.30pm & 1.30 - 3pm
- Sunday 20 December 2020 - 12 - 1.30pm & 1.30 - 3pm

Again, please visit our [website](#) to pre-book your place. Please do not just turn up, you will be turned away.

Social distancing and hand sanitising rules apply before and after you play.

Please contact Tom Knowles for more information about volunteering.

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.

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Upcoming events

House and Grounds update

Huge thank you to all volunteers who have helped keep our club looking it's finest!

Charlie, Karsten and Neil coordinated the volunteers work party 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



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And the winners are....

100 Club

TBC

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<S 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 ✓👉✓



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.