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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

Our new all weather courts are now open!

Work commenced on the upgrade of two of the old astro tennis courts at the end of July 2020 and now they are open and ready for play. We hope you have all been able to enjoy a game or two. We would like to thank Fosse for completing the court rejuvenation and also thanks to members who have waited patiently for this moment. The completion of the new tennis courts is the culmination of a lot of careful planning and hard work from Committee members and volunteers, which we would like to acknowledge.

An official unveiling and celebration of these new courts will be held in the near future, subject to Government guidelines.



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EA<S development plan

Our immediate priority was to ensure that we could all keep playing all year round which has been achieved by the two new astro courts. Whilst it feels like a big step forward to have achieved this, we are acutely aware we need more courts that are playable all year around and are working on a plan for this, along with a couple of other aspects to move the club forward.

We recently offered all members the chance to hear more about the Committee's plans for the future of the club. The members on that call suggested we put a summary in the newsletter for all members to hear, so here we go!

We have defined three objectives for the long-term future of the club:

1. **Develop the club's facilities and encourage more all year round play**

There are interim measures we're looking at, like the roller mop so puddles can be mopped up more effectively (this has been bought and is on court 9), interim floodlight measures (tricky for all sorts of reasons but being explored!) and covers for the clay courts to protect against frost but, really, the best solution is to resurface the shale / clay to all weather courts and install additional floodlights. The costs are huge and realistically we are estimating it will take c. 5 years to be able to afford to resurface the next pair of courts if we fund everything ourselves, and the floodlights even longer.

Our preference is obviously to secure some grant funding from the LTA. Many of you will know that our biggest barrier to this is that we do not have a long-term lease for the land we are on, and one has never been forthcoming. We are talking to Warwickshire LTA and, hopefully, Midlands LTA to try and get their support before we approach Calthorpe Estates (the landowners) again. So, in summary, we have a plan but lots of things will have to go our way for us to secure a lease - but we have to at least try!

2. **Be a force for good in our local community**

During lockdown we opened the club up for a few sessions and allowed members of the public to come and use the courts. We felt that it was a win-win; some people who had been unable to play on park courts as they were still shut came and played and we gained a few new members as a result. We are therefore going to give these sessions a go on an ongoing basis and see if it encourages some people who would not normally play in a club

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environment to do that.

We are also considering being an outlet for 'social prescribing'; this is something that some GP surgeries do when they feel exercise is a more appropriate treatment for people than medication.










We think that supporting the local community is a) just a good thing to do but b) may help us in conversations with the LTA and Calthorpe Estates.


3. Run the club as well as possible for minimal effort

As you know, the club is entirely run by volunteers. We all have limited time and energy and so need to make sure we are as effective as possible. The Committee is currently discussing the Committee and Subcommittee structure and tweaking the roles on the Main Committee - this should be in time for the AGM so there will be plenty of opportunities for new volunteers!

LTA guidelines

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

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

Easyfundraising – support our club

The money raised through Easyfundraising is steadily creeping up!!

Easyfundraising does not cost you anything to sign up or when shopping - the retailer donates to the cause based on the total cost of your shop. We would love more members, if they can, to sign up and help support.

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 Friday 25 September 2020, we have raised £59.83 and have 19 supporters!!

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Tennis news

Group coaching has restarted

The coaching team has developed a group coaching programme that offers sessions suitable for all abilities - If you are interested in joining a group coaching session, whether it be cardio tennis, adult beginner or team tennis, please visit our [website](#) for more information and to pre-book.

Social tennis

Organised mix-ins are back and will be starting **Sunday 27 September 2020**. There will now also be organised mix-ins on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Again, please visit our [website](#) for the start times of each mix-in and to pre-book.

Box league winners

Thank you to everyone who took part in the most recent box league matches!

Singles

Box 1 Tom Knowles	Box 9 Jenny Morton
Box 2 Tom Barton	Box 10 Catherine Edwards
Box 3 Brijesh Karthigesu	Box 11 Harry Furet
Box 4 Claudio Mauro	Box 12 Raj Vector
Box 5 Mel Haji	Box 13 Oana Burcu
Box 6 Ashley Wijesuriya	Box 14 Gemma Fenton
Box 7 Cyrus Maleki	Box 15 Saeed Farid
Box 8 Darius Maleki	Box 16 Ross MacTaggart

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Doubles

Box 1 Tom Barton & Dion Morton	Box 6 Cyrus & Darius
Box 2 Neil Glasspool & Andy Coney	Box 7 Emma King & Alice Lowery
Box 3 Mel Haji & Martin Murray	Box 8 Ram Mistry & Steve King
Box 4 Deeya Shoker & Hessam Jahangiri	Box 9 Cathy Robertson & Liz Doggart
Box 5 Mike Kerlake & Anthony Duru	

Upcoming events

Upcoming events for Autumn/ Winter 2020

Thank you to the Social Committee for planning and organising the social events - particularly given all the changes that are happening.

Our next social event will now be virtual - A Wine Tasting evening on Friday 9 October 2020, 7.30pm. Hope to see you there!



South American Reds – Malbec & Carménère

Contact Veronica if you wish to take part
evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk

**EALTS Virtual
Wine Tasting**

Fri 09-Oct-2020, 7:30 p.m.

Grab your bottle(s) and

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Bar opening times - Important information regarding the new Government laws

As of Thursday 24 September 2020, the Government has put in place new laws that will affect all members of the club.

- The bar will be closed at 10pm, when everyone is expected to leave.
- The bar will be operating a table service only, with a maximum of 6 people per table.
- You must remain seated and you must not stand at the bar.
- If all tables are occupied, please visit us at another time.
- On arrival at the club, members and visitors should use their smartphone to submit contact details via the NHS Covid-19 app, by scanning a QR code (located around the club) for Test and Trace purposes. Those without smartphones should provide contact details to the Bar Person.
- As always, please continue to use hand gel whilst you are at the club.

The upcoming bar opening times are as follows:

- Tuesday to Friday - 7.30pm to 10pm
- Some weekend afternoons

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



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And the winners are....

100 Club

The draw for the September 100 Club will be carried out via Zoom at the next Archery Social Event - the Wine Tasting evening - on **Friday 9 October 2020**.



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.