

# EA&LTS NEWSLETTER

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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

### Bank Holiday bliss

After a slightly disappointing May, during which the grass courts received rather more watering than desired, the weather came up trumps over the Bank Holiday weekend. With the rhododendrons out in full bloom and the band playing over in the Botanical Gardens, there wasn't a better spot in Brum in which to while away a few hours on a sunny afternoon.



Unsurprisingly, the Sunday mix ins were well-attended and enjoyed by members old and new alike. Here's hoping for more weekends like this as we venture further into the summer.

Please remember to take good care of the courts by wearing appropriate footwear (flat-soled tennis shoes with no aggressive tread pattern or sharp edges) and avoiding play when the grass courts are damp. If you are using the clay or shale courts, please remember to brush them after play.

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## Goodbye and thank you to Tom Knowles

The largest post-Covid gathering of the year (though not exceeding 30 people!) took place at the end of May to allow members to show their appreciation to Club Treasurer and long-standing member Tom Knowles, who leaves for a new job in London. Tom has played a key part in the club both on and off the court, winning the men's singles title for ten years straight between 2009 and 2018. With a winning percentage of 69.5% in league fixtures spanning 338 matches, he has contributed a phenomenal record of results.

Alongside the competitive element, Tom has been a constant and friendly presence around the club; he could always be relied upon to join the mix ins and social play, giving his time to support members of all standards to improve their game. His ideas and input have helped shape the club today with his time on and off the committee. He will be sorely missed, but no doubt welcomed back at every opportunity when he is back in Brum for a visit!

## Welcome to new members

We offer a warm welcome to our new members: Marcus Laing, Paul Maguire, Darrean Richards, Lovejit Sahota, Juan Lopez, Vicky Shaw, Robert Hollows, Jordi Zambrano, Anya White, Precious Fasanya, JeWoong Park and Lauren Parchment. We have also had several new junior members joining following the successful Easter coaching courses: welcome! We are planning a social event in July for new members: check emails for further details. If you have any friends or family interested in joining the club, we are currently running a [discounted membership rate](#) for new adult players joining during the month of June.

## Bar opening times

The bar has now re-opened inside for groups of up to 6 people. There are a few tweaks to the existing guidelines: the 'rule of six' applies to groups seated inside; there is a maximum capacity of 30 on the outside terrace; and we will continue with table service only for now.

- Monday - closed
- Tuesday - 7pm onwards
- Wednesday - 7pm onwards
- Thursday - 7pm onwards
- Friday - when possible, 7pm onwards (depending on volunteers)
- Saturday - 9.30am-1pm
- Sunday - 9.30am-1pm (when possible, we will also open after the Sunday mix ins)

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## Hanging baskets



You may have noticed the new addition to the clubhouse terrace in the form of five beautifully tended hanging baskets. Thank you to the following members for their generous sponsorship:

Mike and Debbie Kerlake  
 Mel and Shala Haji  
 Jenny and Dion Morton  
 Sara and David Wride  
 Veronica and Eric Hartmann

## Court sponsorship

Would you like a court named after you or the opportunity to name a court on someone else's behalf? You can sponsor a court at EALTS for just £500!

## Net post sponsorship

An alternative option for sponsorship is mini name plaques on our net posts. If you would like to have your name on our new astro net posts then please get in touch. The sponsorship rate here is £25.

## Visitor fees

Members are welcome to bring visitors down to the club up to three times in the year. Please complete the [online form](#) in advance of your game to ensure that visitors are registered for track & trace purposes. (Failure to register your visitors means that they will not be covered under the club's liability insurance). Please also ensure you, the member, pay the £5 adult / £3 junior visitor fee before you book a court and play.

## Tennis news

### May League Results – Adults

Ladies					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sunday 2nd	Ladies Team Tennis	Away	Stratford	Arvani Saini, Nicole Metje, Hazel Coop, Danielle Harvey	L 1 – 5

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Wednesday 5th	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Away	Solihull Tennis 1	Holly Reid & Jasmine Print, Nicole Metje and Hazel Coop	W 3 - 1
Thursday 13th	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	Sutton Coldfield 2	Jenny Morton & Arvani Saini, Danielle Harvey & Linda Strain	L 1 - 3
Wednesday 19th	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Away	Moseley 1	Holly Reid & Jasmine Print, Nicole Metje and Hazel Coop	D 2 - 2
<b>Men</b>					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Thursday 6th	5th - Birmingham League Div 7	Home	Four Oaks 5	Mel Haji & Brendan Poynton, Harry Furet & David Chapman	L 0 - 4
Thursday 6th	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Away	Sutton Coldfield 1	Richard Partridge & Euan Forbes, Tom Barton & Jordan Fendick	L 0 - 4
Sunday 9th	Mens Team Tennis 2	Home	Sutton Coldfield	Jordi Zambrano, Andy Roxburgh, Ross Fendick & Jordan Fendick	L 1 - 5
Friday 14th	6th - Metropolitan League Div 4	Home	Sutton Coldfield 4	Tim Moulton & Ram Mistry, John Brennan & Ross Cooke	L 0 - 4
Sunday 16th	Regional Team Tennis	Home	Alcester	Richard Partridge & Tom Knowles, Tom Barton & Tom Judd	W 4 - 1
Sunday 16th	6th - Metropolitan League Div 4	Away	Chantry 3	David Chapman & Sam Sreevathan, Ross Cooke & George Twogood	Unfinished 1 - 1
Tuesday 25th	5th - Birmingham League Div 7	Away	Kings Heath 2	Mel Haji & Shri Pathmakanthan, Marc Williams & Sivakumar Renganathan	D 2 - 2
Thursday 27th	2nd - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Edgbaston Prioory 1	Jordan Fendick & Ross Fendick, Andy Roxburgh & Jordi Zembrano	L 0 - 4
Friday 28th	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Solihull Arden 1	Tom Knowles & Richard Partridge, Euan Forbes & Tom Judd	D 2 - 2
<b>Mixed</b>					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Wednesday 5th	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 5	Home	Walmley 2	Danielle Harvey & Sivakumar Renganathan, Emma Kings & David Chapman	W 3 - 1

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Saturday 8th	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Edgbaston Priory 1	Hazel Coop & Tom Barton, Holly Reid & Tom Knowles	W 4 - 0
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 5	Home	Goldeslie	Danielle Harvey & Robin Kettle, Emma Kings & Steve Kings	D 2 - 2
Saturday 22nd	Mixed Team Tennis	Home	Warwick Boat	Holly Reid, Tom Barton, Nicole Metje, Darrean Richards	L 2 - 4
Saturday 29th	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Four Oaks 1	Nicole Metje & Neil Glasspool, Catherine Edwards & Jordi Zembrano	D 2 - 2

## May League Results – Juniors

### Girls

Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Saturday 1st	18 & Under Division 2	Away	Beechwood	Jasmin Print, Arvani Saini	W 3 - 0
Sunday 16th	12 & Under Division 2B	Away	Hall Green	Avneet Saini & Naina Cooner	W 2 - 1

### Boys

Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Saturday 1st	18 & Under Division 2A	Away	Coleshill	Prasanna Sivakumar, Miles Bark	L 1 - 2
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	14 & Under Division 2C	Away	Four Oaks	Sam Rodgers & Saketh Narayanan	L 1 - 2
Saturday 15th	11 & Under Division 2B	Home	Hall Green	Milan Vorkopic & Adarsh Deepak	L 1 - 2
Saturday 15th	16 & Under Division 1	Home	Kenilworth	Prasanna Sivakumar, Miles Bark, Cyrus Maleki, Darius Maleki	L 2 - 4
Saturday 15th	16 & Under B Division 2D	Away	Sutton United	Naresh Karthigesu, Dylan Mbichire	L 6 - 0

### Mixed

Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sunday 16th	8 & Under Division 2D	Home	Four Oaks	Salman Afridi, Santosh Deepak, Vittoria Mauro, Harry Dickinson	W 28 - 4

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## And the winners are....

### 100 Club Results: May 2021

#### 1st prize - £50 winner

Number 14 - Ravi Chopra

#### Runners up - tube of tennis balls

Number 17 – Kevin Conroy

Number 57 – Rosemarie Reid

Number 15 – Bill Brown



The Draw was conducted in person by our Treasurer Tom Knowles, in one of his last duties for the club. Sue will be emailing all ball winners to arrange collection from the Club next week, so watch out for the email.

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 Chopra, 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, usually conducted at the end of each month, more recently via Zoom, at events or social meetings. 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 Chopra via email ([choprasc@aol.com](mailto:choprasc@aol.com)) or mobile (07751334153) to choose your numbers, and who knows you may be our next winner!

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## Upcoming events

The monthly events calendar, including fixture dates and organised group sessions, can be accessed on the website: [www.ealts.net/events](http://www.ealts.net/events)

### England Euro 2020 Fixtures

With the last of the England friendlies against Romania resulting in a well-deserved victory, the team is now preparing for the tournament proper.

We will be showing group stage matches in the clubhouse bar. There will be special drinks deals depending on the country England is playing – watch this space! All are welcome to attend (Covid rules apply). The dates are:

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm:** England vs Croatia

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm:** England vs Scotland

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 8pm:** England vs Czech Republic

Further matches tbc (depending on how England progress...)

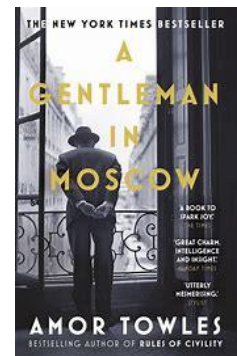
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm:** Midsummer Mix-In followed by BBQ

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 7.30pm**

### Book Group

At the next book group meeting, we will be reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. The meeting will take place at the club after a very successful first “in person” meeting back in May!

We are on the look-out for new members, so if you would like to join, please contact Veronica at: [evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk)



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July, time tbc:** Members' Forum (details to follow)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Family Fun Games afternoon

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021:** Fireworks and Chilli Evening

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021:** Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Party!

For further information on any of these events, please contact Veronica on [evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07881 747819

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## Easyfundraising update

### Easyfundraising: support our club while shopping online!

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.
- 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021, we have raised £240 and have 27 supporters!!**

### 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 [ealtscommunications@gmail.com](mailto:ealtscommunications@gmail.com) with your content and we will be more than happy to add to our next newsletter.

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