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EDGBASTON ARCHERY
& LAWN TENNIS SOCIETY
THE OLDEST LAWN TENNIS CLUB IN THE WORLD

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- keeping you up to date with team
results, club news, and upcoming events.

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Club news

The Broadhead Court

There was a fantastic turn-out for the special mix-in on Sunday 22nd May to celebrate the unveiling of The Broadhead Court (Court 7). Richard, his sister Rachel, and parents Allan and Stephanie have been stalwart members of the Society for many years, with Richard blazing a trail on court throughout the 1990s. The event was a chance to bring together members old and new to say thank you for the Broadhead family's huge contribution to the Society (and of course, enjoy some Sunday afternoon tennis at the same time).



Thank you to Neil Glasspool and Vic Lyttle for the speeches and presentation, Jayjay Parker for organising the mix-in, and Veronica Hartmann and Linda Strain for the amazing scones and cakes.

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Freshly-sanded astro courts

Courts 7 & 8 received a much-needed re-sanding earlier this month, which has greatly improved the drainage on both courts. This means fewer puddles (even after a heavy downpour) and more playing time!

Court re-surfacing & parking restrictions

Work is due to begin on Courts 11 & 12 on 20th June to upgrade the current shale surface into new all-weather hard courts. This will take a minimum of six weeks (plus another three before painting). We envisage that this will have the following impact on members:

- We will be two courts down over the summer, so please bear that in mind when planning your games.
- During this period, there will be considerable construction traffic on the lane, so we may all have to practice our reversing skills!
- The lower car park will be out of action. If possible, members are encouraged to walk or cycle to the club at busy periods. Alternatively, there is street parking available on Richmond Hill Road (5 minutes' walk from the club). Parking restrictions may apply at certain times on other roads surrounding the club so **please check in advance**.

EA<S in Artefacts Magazine

The Society received a mention in the [summer edition of Artefacts](#), the magazine of the Friends of Birmingham Museums, in an article entitled "Keep on Running," which traces the history of sport in the city in the lead-up to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Society Historian Bob Holland offers a small clarification to the published article, based on his extensive archival research on the origins of lawn tennis:

You state that it is generally recognised that lawn tennis originated in Edgbaston and indeed for many years this was thought to be the case. It has now been determined that Harry Gem and his friend Augurio Perera developed and played a forerunner of the game in the garden of the latter's home in Ampton Road. The blue plaque was erected back in the 1970s and, since then, we learn that they started playing their version earlier than 1865, possibly as early as 1859. They had no commercial interest in their creation and, although it was played at the club they formed in Leamington Spa in 1874, it went no further and was soon superseded at Leamington by the Wingfield/MCC version. This, in turn, was considerably revised by the All England Club in readiness for the first Championships at Wimbledon in 1877 and largely unchanged since.

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The Society is acknowledged to be the oldest surviving lawn tennis club in the world, still playing the game on grass courts which were laid out originally in 1875.

As attention this summer turns to Birmingham as a global sporting hub, we celebrate our status as a key part of the city's rich sporting heritage.

Welcome to new members

We offer a very warm welcome to our new joiners: Isobel Pery, Stephen Pong, George Bender and Patrick Wu; it's been great to see you at the club nights and social mix-ins over the last few weeks. The Open Day on 14th May was also a great success and we look forward to formally welcoming those new members next month.

House & Grounds update

The usual H&G meet on the first Saturday of the month has been impacted by the forthcoming Bank Holiday, so the next session will take place on **Saturday 18th June** from 10am-12noon. Please feel free to don your gardening gloves and come along to help out. There is plenty to do in preparation for the shale court refurb. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time so far this year – all support is greatly appreciated.

Clubhouse security

There have been a couple of instances recently that have led us to review security arrangements and reiterate the need for personal responsibility. There are a few very simple actions that we are asking members to take:

- **If you are the last person to leave the club**, please remember to put the bar across the back door leading to the terrace. It is sometimes the case that the door is left wide open on a Saturday afternoon until the clubhouse is locked at 9pm.
- Please don't leave any belongings unattended.
- If you are entering the club via the side gate or the front door (i.e. where there is coded access), please don't let anyone tailgate you into the building unless you recognise them as a fellow member.

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Dogs on leads

Well-behaved dogs are welcome in the club grounds, but please make sure that they remain on the lead at all times.

Bar opening times

- Monday – closed
- Tuesday – after social tennis (guide time 8.30-10pm)
- Wednesday - after social tennis (guide time 8.30-10pm)
- Thursday - (guide time 8.30-10pm)
- Friday – (guide time 7.30-9pm)
- Saturdays - 9.30am-1pm
- Sundays – 2-5pm



Playing guidelines

Please refer to the [website](#) for the latest guidelines for booking and play.

Visitor fees

Members are welcome to bring visitors to the club. There is no limit as to the number of guests per year, but any one person can only visit three times. Visitors are allowed Monday-Friday until 4pm and anytime weekends. For insurance reasons, all visitors need to be signed in by a member. The sign-in book is located just inside the front door of the clubhouse (access is permitted for this purpose during weekdays). A visitor fee of £5 (adult) or £3 (junior) is [payable in advance](#).

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Tennis news

Men's Doubles Championships

Entries are now open for the Men's Doubles event **ONLY** at this time. (Entries for the Ladies' and Mixed tournaments will open later in the summer; please do not send these yet.)

(Photo: dmbusst@gmail.com)



This year's tournaments will be run in the following format:

- Men's Doubles one-day round robin event on Sunday 3rd July starting at 2pm
- Ladies' Doubles one-day round robin event on Sunday 31st July starting at 1pm
- Mixed Doubles one-day round robin event on Sunday 14th August starting at 1pm.
- Finals for all Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Doubles and Singles Championships will be played on Sunday 11th September.
- Entries are open to all playing members aged 14+ (or by recommendation from the coaching team).
- Pairs to be seeded by the competition committee.
- Please indicate on your entry whether you will be entering with a specific partner or if you would like the club to pair you up with someone.
- If you are entering with a specific partner, please try to ensure only one of the pair sends in your entry.

Entries or any queries to be sent to Tom Sinton via email to

tjsinton@googlemail.com or via text message/WhatsApp to 07952 265020

Deadline for Men's Doubles entries is: Wednesday 29th June

Good luck!

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Jubilee Mix-In & Prize Draw



Join us on Saturday 4th June for an afternoon of social tennis to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Crowns and coronets are entirely optional!

During the afternoon, there will be a special Jubilee Prize Draw as part of the 100 Club:

1st Prize: £100

2nd Prize: £50

3rd Prize: £25

You can either enter on the day or in advance by contacting Sue Chopra at choprasc@aol.com or 07751 334153.

- Choose a number between 1-90 (numbers are £3 each, or £36 for the year)
- Joining for a year will enter you for the monthly prize draw with a 1st prize of £50 and 2nd prize of a tube of tennis balls up for grabs each month.

The results for the April 100 Club Draw will be available next month. All monies, after payout of prizes, go towards the Club's Development fund.

Social Tennis/ Club Nights

Tuesdays 7-9pm: Men's Night

Wednesdays 7-9pm: Ladies' Night

Thursdays 11am-1pm: Mixed Tennis

Sundays 2pm-5pm: Mixed Tennis

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April League Results

Ladies					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Thurs 14th	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Away	Knowle & Dorridge 1	Nicole Metje & Holly Reid, Maggie Lindsey & Sophie Richardson	D 2 - 2
Sat 23 rd	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	Solihull Arden 1	Catherine Edwards & Jayjay Parker, Jenny Morton & Danielle Harvey	D 2 - 2
Sun 24th	Ladies Team Tennis	Away	Warwick	Jayjay Parker, Nicole Metje, Sophie Richardson, Danielle Harvey	L 6 - 0
Wed 27th	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	Four Oaks 3	Catherine Edwards & Jayjay Parker, Danielle Harvey & Arvani Saini	D 2 - 2
Men					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sun 3 rd	Regional Team Tennis	Home	Ombersley	Richard Partridge, Euan Forbes, Daniel Money, Ross Fendick	L 1 - 5
Thurs 7th	2nd - Birmingham League Div 2	Home	Edgbaston Priory 3	Ross Fendick & Daniel Money, Lloyd Rickard & Adam Cerkeliunas	W 3 - 1
Sun 10th	Regional Team Tennis	Home	Mackintosh LTC	Richard Partridge, Daniel Money, Andy Roxburgh, Ethan Calder	L 1 - 5
Mon 11th	3rd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	Streetly 3	Tom Rutter & Andy Coney, David Busst & Tom Sinton	L 0 - 4
Thurs 14th	4th - Birmingham League Div 6	Home	WM Police	Tom Finch & Brijesh Kirthigesu, Neil Glasspool & Dion Morton	D 2 - 2
Thurs 21st	3rd - Birmingham League Div 3	Home	Four Oaks 2	Adam Cerkeliunas & Ethan Calder, Andy Coney & Tom Rutter	W 3 - 1
Sun 24th	Regional Team Tennis	Away	Lichfield Friary	Richard Partridge, Daniel Money, Tom Barton, Tom Judd	W 4 - 2

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Sun 24th	Mens Team Tennis 2	Away	Leamington B	Brijesh Karthigesu, Ethan Calder, Adam Cerkeliunas, Miles Murdoch	L 1 - 5
Mon 25th	5th - Birmingham League Div 7	Away	Boldmere	Siva Renganathan & Ram Mistry, Will Smith & Ed Mathias	L 4 - 0
Thurs 28th	4th - Birmingham League Div 6	Away	Sutton Coldfield 4	Miles Murdock & Claudio Mauro, Rod Tanner & Martin Murray	L 0 - 4
Mixed					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sat 2 nd	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Home	Circle	Kate Absalom & Tom Sinton, Danielle Harvey & Adam Cerkeliunas	W 4 - 0
Sat 9 th	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Edgbaston Priors 2	Maggie Lindsey & Dan Money, Nicole Metje & Adam Cerkeliunas	D 2 - 2
Sun 10 th	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	Four Oaks 2	Catherine Edwards & Oliver Craven, Jenny Morton & Neil Glasspool	L 1 - 3
Sat 23 rd	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 4	Home	Sutton United 2	Laura Quinn & Neil Glasspool, Lynne Benson & Siva Renganathan	D 2 - 2
Sat 30 th	Open Division 1	Away	DL Coventry	Holly Reid, Tom Barton, Sophie Richardson, Andy Roxburgh	W 4 - 2

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Upcoming events

The monthly club calendar (including team fixtures, organised group sessions and coaching timetable) can be accessed on the [website](#) under the events tab.

Saturday 4th June: Jubilee Mix-In

4pm-7pm

A special mix-in for the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Thursday 9th June: Book Club

7.30pm

We will be reading *Still Life* by Sarah Winman.

June: Wimbledon Sweepstake! (Details to follow)

Sunday 10th July 2022: Wimbledon Mix-In

2pm-5pm

A special afternoon of Social Tennis to coincide with the 2022 Wimbledon Men's Singles Final, with strawberries & cream!

July Book Club (date tbc)

We will be reading *Transient Diaries* by Donna Leon.

There will be impromptu BBQs during the summer months, depending on the weather – please watch out for WhatsApp messages. The first may be scheduled for after the Open Day on Saturday 16th July.

Saturday 17th September 2022: Curry & Karaoke Evening

October 2022 (date tbc): Archery Autumn Quiz

Saturday 6th November 2022 (time tbc): Bonfire & Fireworks Evening

December 2022 (date tbc): Festive Cocktail Evening

For further information on joining the book club or other social events, please contact Veronica on 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 works in tandem with over 3,300 big name retailers, such as Amazon, Sainsbury's, Argos, John Lewis, M&S and Booking.com.

It's very easy to sign up and support our cause; here's how:

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edgbastonalts/>
- 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 Tuesday 31st May, we have raised £404.12 and have 25 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 with your content and we will be more than happy to add to our next newsletter.

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