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# 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.



## Club news

## Courting fame!

This summer saw one of our own members use the grass courts and clubhouse for a rather different purpose. Gaby Kettle is a familiar face at the club and a regular player in the Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> and Mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. Off the court, you can find Gaby on the stage or in the studio and for her latest release – <u>Wonder</u> – the club were happy to provide a backdrop for her video and artwork.

This year, Gaby has been going from strength to strength, headlining the resonate

stage at Godiva Festival in Coventry and making her Glastonbury debut...yep you read that right! She even wangled her way into Villa Park fan zone.

*Wonder*, which is a funky little bop, has already gained traction with **BBC Introducing in H&W** and the **BBC Radio 6 Tom Robinson Mixtape**! You can find *Wonder* and all of Gaby's other tracks on all streaming platforms near you including <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple Music</u>, <u>Amazon</u>, Deezer....ALL OF THEM! You can also follow her progress on Instagram and TikTok <u>@gabykettlemusic</u>.

If you're a fan you can also catch Gaby and her teal suit at <u>Tilt</u> on the 1st December and even at this year's Christmas market (the nice ones by Colmore Row!).



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#### Welcome to new members

We offer a very warm welcome to our new (and some returning!) members: Rhobe Parel, Ashrit Chohan, Gillian Lai, Sanjay Sabharwal, Joshua Vile, Louis Butt, David Leonard, Awantika Chada, Adam Fisher, Luke Arghiros, and Marvellous Fadiora, who have all joined us in the last couple of months.

### **Court Etiquette**

The Tennis Playing Committee have put together a list of playing rules as a gentle reminder to members to be considerate of others on court:

- Please keep noise to a minimum when on court or standing near courts that are in use so not to disturb other members who are playing.
- Never walk behind a court when a point is still in play. Wait until the point is over and then cross as fast as possible
- If your ball ends up on a neighbouring court, wait until that court has finished their point before going to retrieve your ball or asking for it back.
- When sending balls back to a neighbouring court, send them over to the back of the court. Never send them back when play is in progress.
- At the end of your booked time on court please vacate the court in a timely manner so members that are booked on the court after you can start playing on time.
- Do not leave any items on the court at the end of your game. Please make sure that any rubbish or food items are disposed of in the bins or taken with you.
- After playing on the clay courts, ensure you sweep the courts at the end of your game following the pattern illustrated on the diagram on the side of the courts.

### Peak/Off-peak bookings

A reminder that you can play one hour per day at peak times (after 5pm weekdays and before 5pm weekends) outside of organised activities (e.g. coaching or social tennis). You can still book two slots at off-peak times (before 5pm weekdays and after 5pm weekends). You can of course continue to play after your slot if no-one has booked immediately afterwards.

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### House & Grounds update



The November HGV session was a bit of a wash-out, but kudos to Neil Glasspool and Mick Woods for donning their waterproofs and turning out to trim some perennials. It's a key time of year as we try to keep on top of the autumn leaf fall and prepare the clay courts for their winter hibernation. The HGV team generally meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month from 10am-12noon, but ad hoc sessions are sometimes organised - keep an eye on WhatsApp groups for announcements. Thanks to Holly for the photo!

# Defibrillator

We are happy to confirm that the defibrillator (located on the outside of the clubhouse facing the astros) has been tested and is now functioning again. In the (hopefully) unlikely event that you will need to use it, please follow the instructions on the machine carefully and always dial 999 in a medical emergency.



## Floodlights

Now that clocks have gone back, this is a friendly reminder to remember your pound coins for the floodlights. The cost of floodlights for Courts 7 & 8 is £6 per hour (£1 for 10 minutes). The box is located just inside the clubhouse to the left of the main patio doors. **The slots take £1 and 20p coins only – any alternatives will block the mechanism and render the lights unusable until fixed.** The practice lights on Courts 11&12 are free to use (the switch is located on the fence to Court 9).

## **Racket stringing service**

The Archery is fortunate to have its very own LTA-approved and qualified stringer. Here are the prices for 2023:

- £10 own strings
- £15 pros pro synthetic/poly
- £20 Wilson synthetic/poly
- £25 luxilon and babolat premium polys

Please contact Richard Broadhead on 07932 738025 for more details.



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## Thursday bin duty

The big wheelie bin needs to be moved to the top of the lane every Thursday night. If you are around at that time, please do offer to help. Thank you.

## **Visitor Policy**

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 at weekends. A visitor fee of £5 (adult) or £3 (junior) is payable in advance. Please complete the <u>Visitors' Booking</u> Form to register your guest (a link is also available <u>on the website</u>). Once you have submitted the form, an online payment link will be provided. Please note that members are responsible for ensuring that their guests comply with the club's <u>policies</u> for the duration of their visit. 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).

## Bar opening times (subject to volunteer availability)

- 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



We have small but dedicated team who volunteer their time to manage the clubhouse bar. We are always looking for volunteer bar staff to spread the load on weekday evenings and weekends. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Jenny at <u>ealtsbarsteward@gmail.com</u> – no experience is required and full training will be given.

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### **Tennis news**

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS – Adults**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>	Winners	<u>Score</u>	
Ladies' doubles plate	Emma Kings	Sophie Richardson	6-3 6-3	
	Lynne Benson	Caitlin Harvey	0000	
Ladies' doubles	Danielle Harvey	Hazel Coop	6-3 6-4	
	Nicole Metje	Jane Wilton	0001	
Men's doubles plate	Rod Tanner	Tony Umama	6-4 7-5	
Well's doubles plate	Miles Murdoch	Brijesh Karthigesu	0-47-5	
Men's doubles	Patrick Wu	Sashi Sabanathan	6-3 6-3	
Well's doubles	Brendan Poynton	Will Smith		
Mixed doubles plate	Siva Kumar	Tony Umama	6-3 6-4	
Mixed doubles plate	Jenny Morton	Oana Burca	0-3 0-4	
Mixed doubles	Neil Glasspool	Jordi Zambrano	6-2 6-3	
witzed doubles	Catherine Edwards	Hazel Coop	0-2 0-3	
Ladies' singles B	Ladies' singles B Lynne Benson		6-1 6-2	
Men's singles B plate	Raj Bector	Aswani Pandya	6-2 6-2	
Men's singles B	Hasan Sayyid	Tony Umama	6-1 6-2	
Ladies' singles A plate			6-3 6-4	
Ladies' singles A	Ladies' singles A Sophie Richardson		6-2 6-2	
Men's singles A plate	Men's singles A plate Neil Glasspool		6-0 6-2	
Men's singles A	Ben Sanders	Tom Barton	6-2 6-3	





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# **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS – Juniors**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Score</u>
8&u	Ali Anwar	r Edward Fawke	
9&u	Jai Dosanjh	Edward Fawke	5-10 10-2 10-5
10&u	Joobin Hariri	Salman Afridi	4-1 4-2
11&u	Nicholas Woods	Harrison Fawke	4-2 4-0
12&u	Naina Khanna	Anya Cooner	6-4 3-6 10-6
14&u Girls	Avneet Saini	Sarwin Rose Sawan	6-1 6-4
14&u Mixed	Henry Ballinger-Reed	Avneet Saini	6-2 6-0
16&u	Miles Bark	Hayder Sayyid	6-2 1-6 10-4
18&u	Hayder Sayyid	Prasanna Sivakumar	6-1 6-3



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# TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT

The winners and finalists for this year's Club Championships were presented with their medals and trophies at a Presentation Night & Family Quiz on 22 September. Alongside the main categories, we also presented awards in several special categories to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of our members. **Coach of the Year:** Jaya Scholer **Most Valued Player (MVP):** Ellis Downing **Spectator of the Year:** Brendan Poynton **National League Summer 2023 – Division Winners:** Mixed 1<sup>st</sup> Team







To view the full photo galleries from Finals Day and the Presentation Evening, please visit our <u>Facebook page</u>.

# WENCESLAS CUP

Thank you to everyone who entered and played in the 2023 Wenceslas Cup, our annual doubles tournament that runs in the lead-up to Christmas. Congratulations to our semi-finalists (finalists in green):

26 <sup>th</sup> October	9 <sup>th</sup> November
Alex Golding & Laura Quinn	Dominic Portman & Oana Burcu
Richard Broadhead & Ross Cooke	Dave Busst & Catherine Edwards
Caitlin Harvey & Louis Butt	Clive Winfield & Katharina Bucher
Emma Kings & Rashid Raiyan (Ryan)	Jide Okwujiako & Raj Bector

The final is due to be played (weather-permitting) on Thursday 16th November.

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# SOCIAL TENNIS

With our four all-weather courts, social tennis continues all year round! (Just remember to bring your £1 coins for the Astro floodlights.) If you are unsure which session best suits your standard, please contact <u>ealtstennisplayingcommittee@gmail.com</u> for guidance.

Tuesdays 7-9pm: Advanced+/Elite Wednesdays 7-9pm: Improver+ Thursdays 11am-1pm: Improver+ Fridays 7pm-9pm: Improver+ Sundays 2pm-5pm: Improver+

### **REGULAR TENNIS TIMETABLE**

Please <u>see the website</u> for the latest weekly coaching timetable.



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LEAGUE RESULTS: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023					
Ladies					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	Sutton Coldfield 2	Lynne Benson & Emily Hill-Smith, Laura Quinn & Emma Kings	L 3 - 1
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	Coleshill 1	Janine Saini & Catherine Edwards, Jenny Morton & Lynne Benson	L 4 - 0
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Ladies 1 Warks Winter League Div 1	Home	Moseley	Arvani Saini & Gabi Kettle, Hazel Coop & Anya Cooner	D 2 - 2
Men					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Home	Nuneaton	Claudio Mauro & Patrick Wu, Neil Glasspool & Rod Tanner	W 3 - 1
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Away	Knowle & Dorridge A	Neil Glasspool & Patrick Wu, Miles Murdoch & Siva Renganathan	L 4 - 0
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Home	Alcester	Michael Woods & Oliver Clark, Richard Broadhead & Rupesh Bhatt	D 2 - 2
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Home	Edgbaston Priory A	Patrick Wu & Miles Murdoch, Siva Renganathan & Oliver Clark	L 0 - 4
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Home	Blossomfield B	Michael Woods & Rupesh Bhatt, Richard Broadhead & Karsten Scholer	W 3 - 1
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Away	Beechwood A	Patrick Wu & Andy Coney, Neil Glasspool & Rod Tanner	L 3 - 1
Sat 14th Oct	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Home	Berkswell B	Michael Woods & Raj Bector, Robin Kettle & Dave Lowe	L 1 - 3

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Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Away	Leamington A	Patrick Wu & Andy Coney, Neil Glasspool & Claudio Mauro	L 3 - 1
Thurs 19th Oct	Men 1 Warks Winter League Div 1	Home	EALTS 2	Tom Rutter & Brijesh Karthigesu, Louis Butt & Ellis Downing	L 0 - 4
Thurs 19th Oct	Men 2 Warks Winter League Div 1	Away	EALTS 1	Tom Barton & Ben Sanders, Adam Cerkeliunas & Jordi Zambrano	W 4 - 0
Sat 21st Oct	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Away	Snitterfield	Richard Broadhead & Brendan Poynton, Dave Lowe & Michael Woods	D 2 - 2
Sat 21st Oct	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Home	Warwick Boat	Patrick Wu & Claudio Mauro, Neil Glasspool & Miles Murdock	L 0 - 4
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Men 3 Warks Winter League Div 3	Home	Streetly	Oliver Clark & Alex Golding John Brennan & Michael Woods	L 1 - 3
Mixed					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 4	Away	Woodlands Northfield	Oana Burcu & Siva Renganathan, Emma Kings & Richard Broadhead	W 0 - 4
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Edgbaston Priory 1	Sophie Richardson & Tom Barton, Danielle Harvey & Adam Cerkeliunas	L 0 - 4
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mixed 2 Warks Winter League Div 2	Home	EALTS Mixed 3	Janine Saini & Thomas Antunes, Gabi Kettle & Ellis Downing	W 4 - 0
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mixed 3 Warks Winter League Div 2	Away	EALTS Mixed 2	Jane Wilton & Macsen Raza, Oana Burcu & Dave Lowe	L 0 - 4

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## **Upcoming events**

The monthly club calendar (including team fixtures, organised group sessions and coaching timetable) can be accessed on the <u>website</u> under the events tab.

### **EALTS Christmas Quiz**

Join us for a special Christmas Quiz on **Friday 8th December** (7.30 for 8pm). The entry fee is £3.50, which includes a glass of mulled wine (or a soft drink) and a mince pie. You can enter as a team (up to 6), or individually to be teamed up on the night. Christmas attire



welcome! To enter, please contact Jenny on 07890 981142 by Friday 1st December.

## **EALTS Book Club**

There are no forthcoming dates at the moment.

If you would like further information on the Book Club, please contact Veronica on <u>evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk</u> or 07881 747819



For further information on social events, please contact Jenny at <u>ealtsbarsteward@gmail.com</u>.

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### 100 Club Results

The draws for August and September were carried out at the Club on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at our Social Committee meeting.

Prizes	August	September	
	2023	2023	
1 <sup>st</sup> place: £50	No. 56: Rohan Chopra	No. 29: Bob Charlton	
Runners-up:	No. 21: Andy Coney	No. 24: Tom Holland	
tube of tennis balls	No. 80: Rod Tanner	No. 33: Holly Reid	
	No. 90: Mike Kerslake	No. 87: Lynne Benson	

Winners will be contacted by Sue in the usual way.

The EALTS 100 Club is a monthly draw with a prize of £50 and several tubes of tennis balls up for grabs for the lucky winners. If you would like to participate, it is very simple to join:

- Contact Sue Chopra at <u>choprasc@aol.com</u> or 07751 334153
- Pick a number between 1-90 and Sue will advise if it is free/ available
- The number(s) will then be allocated to you and entered into future draws

The cost is only £3 per number per month (£36 for the year). You can either make an annual one-off online payment, or set up a monthly standing order to cover your number until the end of the year, whichever is more convenient for you.

All monies, after payout of prizes, go towards the Club's Development fund. Join now to be in with a chance of winning £50!

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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 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, we have raised £537.16 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 <u>ealtscommunications@gmail.com</u> with your content and we will be more than happy to add to our next newsletter.

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