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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

Award of Chairman's Salver

Club Chairman Karsten Scholer was delighted to present the Chairman's Salver to Helen Owen on 2nd October, in recognition of her sterling work throughout 2020. As Club Secretary and later Development Officer, Helen kept members informed during the turbulent early Covid crisis, with her measured comms and timely info providing a friendly voice during a very uncertain period.



Her efforts as Development Officer secured many essential grants for the Society, which provided some much needed income at a time of financial precarity. She has played a leading role in the ongoing Development Plan, which works towards improving the club's facilities and enabling more year-round play. Her work on the constitution and lease all contributes to these long term objectives.

Thank you, Helen, for your continued hard work on behalf of the club, and congratulations again on the award!

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New Welfare Officer



We are very pleased that Dave Busst has been appointed as the club's new Welfare Officer, working alongside Jane Wilton to ensure that our safeguarding policies are up-to-date and effective. Dave is a long-standing member of Archery for over 25 years. He is a regular team player and club photographer. He is often around at the club, so feel free to stop for a chat, or email: dmbusst@gmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who came out to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning held at the club earlier this month. Congratulations and thank you to Sue Chopra for organising such a successful event. We had several donations of home-made cakes, ranging from coffee & walnut, polenta cake, to fruit cake, flapjacks and scones, along with several shop-bought donations too, which all went down a treat. Sue also made vegetable samosas and pakoras to counteract the sugar overload and is delighted to report they all sold out very quickly! The event raised a total of £385, which is a fantastic amount. If you still wish to donate, you can scan the QR code (right) to make an online payment.



Welcome to new members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members, who have joined us over the last month: Tony Newbanks, Tony Umuma, Iain Berment-Parr, Frankos Skarkalas, Louise Bolton, Ethan Calder, Leo Alexander, Danny Manno, Michael Butt, Jamie Muller-Jones, Mandy Kings and Oana Burcu.

Bar opening times

Please note a slight change to the weekend opening hours. We now aim to open the bar during the Sunday afternoon mix in so that members can stay for a drink afterwards.

- Monday - closed
- Tuesday - 7pm onwards
- Wednesday - 7pm onwards
- Thursday - 7pm onwards

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- Friday - when possible, 7pm onwards (depending on volunteers)
- Saturday - 9.30am-1pm
- Sunday - 4pm-6pm

Clubhouse opening times

The pre-school nursery Rackets have changed their opening times, which has a knock-on effect on access to the clubhouse. The clubhouse is therefore now open at the later time of 5.30pm on weekdays. Weekends remain unchanged.

Music night

Social nights are back with a bang with a storming evening of hit favourites and new songs from singer/songwriter Brendan Poynton. Thanks to special guests Steve Kings and Dion Morton for their star turns and to Veronica for organising the event.



Volunteer update

On the first Sunday of every month, the House & Grounds team meets at the club for a few hours in the morning to tackle any urgent maintenance or repair jobs. The next H&G session will take place on **Sunday 7th November** from 9.30am until 12ish. Jobs for this month include: trimming vegetation, levelling some paving slabs, sorting out the watering system for winter, clearing leaves from the courts, gutter repairs etc. Contact Neil Glasspool (neilglasspool@blueyonder.co.uk) to volunteer and find out further info.

Bar staff

The clubhouse bar is open Tuesday-Thursday from 7pm and (when possible) Friday from 7pm. It is also open Saturday 9.30am-1pm and Sunday 4pm-6pm. We are looking for members available at some or any of these times (and for occasional one-off events) to join our small team. No experience required - all training will be given. There is no expectation for volunteers to sign up to a regular commitment, just to offer an evening or afternoon at a time convenient for you. Contact: Tom Rutter (tommy_rutter23@hotmail.com) to express your interest.

Mix in facilitators

We are looking for volunteers to facilitate the social mix ins to make sure a good game is

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had by all. If you are a regular participant, please do consider helping out (unlike in Covid times, the facilitator can also join in!). Contact: Neil Glasspool

(neilglasspool@blueyonder.co.uk) with the days and times you would be available:

Tuesdays 7pm-9pm (men's social)

Wednesdays 7pm-9pm (ladies' social)

Sundays 2pm-5pm (mixed social)

Playing guidelines

Please refer to the [website](#) for the latest guidelines for booking and play. Now that the evenings are drawing in, remember to bring your £1 coins for the Astro floodlights! £1 gives you 15 mins of lights, so an hour's play will require £4.

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. 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 the day). A visitor fee of £5 (adult) or £3 (junior) is [payable in advance](#).

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Tennis news

September League Results – Adults

Men					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Saturday 11th	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Home	Four Oaks A	Neil Glasspool & Dion Morton, Miles Murdoch & Rod Tanner	L 4 - 0
Saturday 11th	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Away	Walmley	Mel Haji & Siva Renganathan, Mike Kerlake & Brendan Poynton	D 2 - 2
Saturday 18th	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Away	Edgbaston Priory A	Neil Glasspool & Dion Morton, Miles Murdoch & Martin Murray	D 2 - 2
Saturday 18th	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Home	Snitterfield	Mel Haji & Shri Pathmakanthan, Brendan Poynton & Robin Kettle	W 4 - 0
Saturday 25th	A Team - Warks Vets League Div 1	Home	Berkswell A	Neil Glasspool & Martin Murray, Miles Murdoch & Rod Tanner	W 3 - 1
Sunday 26th	B Team - Warks Vets League Div 4	Away	Berkswell B	Mel Haji & Brendan Poynton, Shri Pathmakanthan & Siva Renganathan	W 4 - 0

Final team standings for Summer 2021

Ladies' 1 st team – Div 1: W3, D3, L2	5 th
Ladies' 2 nd team – Div 3: W3, D0, L4	5 th
Ladies' 3 rd team – Metro Div 2: W0, D1, L3	4 th
Men's 1 st team – Div 1: W5, D2, L1	4 th
Men's 2 nd team – Div 1: W0, D1, L7	9 th (demotion)
Men's 3 rd team – Div 4: W6, D2, L0	1 st (promotion)
Men's 4 th team – Div 5: W1, D2, L5	8 th (demotion)
Men's 5 th team – Div 7: W2, D2, L4	7 th
Men's 6 th team – Metro Div 4: W0, D0, L7	8 th (demotion)
Mixed 1 st team – Metro Div 1: W4, D1, L2	2 nd
Mixed 2 nd team – Metro Div 1: W0, D2, L5	8 th (demotion)
Mixed 3 rd team – Metro Div 5: W5, D1, L2	3 rd

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And the winners are....

100 Club Results: September 2021

1st prize - £50 winner

No. 27 – Catherine Edwards

Runners up - tube of tennis balls

No. 80 – Rod Tanner

No. 4 – Nicole Metje

No. 25 – Pat Hall



Sue will be contacting all ball winners to arrange collection from the Club, 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<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, usually conducted at the end of each month. 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 (£36 for the year).

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) 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 teams fixtures, organised group sessions and coaching timetable) can be accessed on the [website](#).

Sunday 7th November 2021: Firepit & Chilli Evening (from 4.30pm)

An evening filled with family games, toasted marshmallows over roaring firepits, mulled wine and delicious chilli.

Wednesday 24th November, 9pm (time is weather dependent)

Book Group

The next book is thriller [The Dry](#) by Jane Harper, a debut crime novel which comes highly recommended.

For further information on any of these 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 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.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 31st October 2021, we have raised **£312 and have **24** 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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