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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

New coaching sessions

Do you have any friends or family who were inspired by Emma Raducanu's stunning victory at the US Open earlier this month? We are running a new course for adult beginners every Tuesday along with LTA Youth Courses for kids on Saturday and Sunday mornings. All details can be found at: www.ealts.net/coaching



Bar opening times

- 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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Volunteer update

Following extensive work by Ram and the House & Grounds team, we are delighted that the practice lights on Court 10 are now up and running. Along with the work completed on Court 9 earlier this year, this means that we have an extra two courts playable in the evenings. Congratulations and thank you to the House & Grounds team who have been instrumental in making this happen.

As a community-led tennis club, we are run entirely on a voluntary basis and rely on our members to contribute their time and skills both on and off the court. There are numerous ways for members to get involved, from hedge trimming and court rolling to bartending and barbequing! We invite members new and old to join our friendly team of volunteers and enjoy some active socialising while making a real difference to the club's playing environment.

We are actively looking for volunteers in the following areas:

House & Grounds team

On the first Sunday of every month, the H&G team meets at the club for a few hours in the morning to tackle any urgent maintenance or repair jobs. Tasks can include shrub pruning, weeding, moss clearing, shed painting, plus general upkeep of the courts and clubhouse. Ideal for those handy with gardening/ DIY and not afraid to get their hands dirty! Contact: Neil Glasspool (neilglasspool@blueyonder.co.uk) indicating the type(s) of tasks that you would like to help out with.

Bar staff

The clubhouse bar is open Tuesday-Thursday from 7pm and (when possible) Friday from 7pm. It is also open Saturday/ Sunday 9.30am-1pm and (when possible) after the Sunday mix ins. 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

Regular participants in our weekday or Sunday mix ins will appreciate the role of the organiser in making the sessions run smoothly, ensuring that everyone has a good game. The facilitator will set up the doubles pairs and their opponents, switching players around after every round (usually 20 minutes or 8 games). If you have enjoyed a few mix ins, please do consider volunteering to facilitate a future session. Contact: Neil Glasspool

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(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)

Summer socials

Thank you to all those involved in organising our summer social events, which included a special Mix In and Family Games Afternoon. Both were a huge success and well attended by members, friends, and families. Thank you to David Wride for organising the Games Afternoon and to Nicole and David for the BBQ. Special thanks to Raj and Mandy for running the games and creating so much fun for all.

Revised playing/booking guidelines

As the autumn season kicks in, here is a reminder of the rules of play from now on:

- The booking system in place for court bookings will remain as it is.
- You are now again only allowed to book/play for 1 hour at peak times (after 5pm weekdays and before 5pm weekends). If the court is free after your session, you can continue to play. Coaching sessions are not included in the restriction timings. (So, to clarify, if person A books doubles for A, B, C & D, then person B is not allowed to book for A, B, C & D the same evening). This is due to having less court time as the light fades and grass courts are closed.
- Group coaching sessions are bookable and payable online as usual
- Please continue to book in advance for the Social mix-ins. The reason for keeping the booking system is so that we know who we can ask to organise, have an idea of numbers, and we can also contact those who have booked if there is an issue with the courts etc.
 - Tuesdays 7-9pm: Men
 - Wednesdays 7-9pm: Ladies
 - Sunday 12pm-2pm: Improvers
 - Sunday 2pm-5pm: Mixed



You will need to bring £1 coins with you to the evening Socials so you can use the

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floodlights on the Astro courts.

If you are so inclined, the full Covid guidelines can be found [online](#). Please continue to be responsible and considerate of others by sanitising, wearing your mask, and distancing where appropriate.

Also, please do not come to play if you are feeling unwell or have the usual Covid symptoms.

Autumn Coaching Schedule.

There have been slight changes to the varied menu of group coaching on offer from our team - please check below to see what you may wish to attend.

- Monday:
 - 4pm - 5pm Junior Coaching
 - 6pm - 7:15pm Adult Intermediates
 - 7:15pm - 8:30pm Adult Advanced
- Tuesday:
 - 6pm - 7pm Adult Beginners
- Wednesday:
 - 6:15pm - 7pm Cardio Tennis
- Thursday:
 - 10am - 11am Adult Coaching
- Friday:
 - 4pm - 6pm Junior Coaching
- Saturday:
 - 9am - 10am Adult Coaching
 - 9am - 12pm Junior Coaching
 - 12pm - 1pm Men's Team Practice

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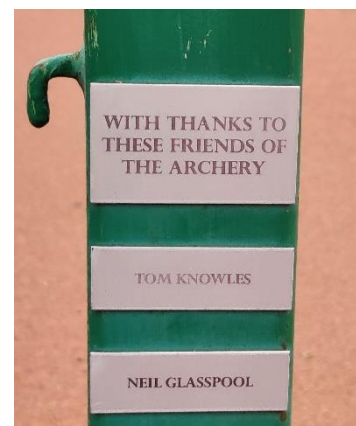
- Sunday:
 - 9am - 11am Junior Coaching
 - 11am - 12pm Ladies' Team Practice

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.

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Tennis news

August League Results – Adults

Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Monday 2nd	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	West Warwicks 1	Sophie Richardson & Arvani Saini, Linda Strain & Danielle Harvey	W 3 - 1
Wednesday 11th	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	Circle	Lynne Benson & Janine Saini, Alice Hoggard & Alice Lowry	L 0 - 4
Thursday 2nd SEPT	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Knowle & Dorridge 1	Hazel Coop & Nicole Metje, Jayjay Parker & Arvani Saini	D 2 - 2
Men					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Tuesday 3rd	3rd - Birmingham League Div 4	Away	Circle	Dave Busst & Adam Cerkeliunas, George Fountain & Tom Rutter	W 3 - 1
Thursday 5th	4th - Birmingham League Div 5	Home	Streetly 5	Neil Glasspool & Prasanna Sivakumar, Sean Kettle & Mel Haji	D 2 - 2
Wednesday 11th	3rd - Birmingham League Div 4	Home	Hall Green	Andy Coney & Tom Rutter, George Fountain & Adam Cerkeliunas	W 4 - 0
Thursday 12th	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Four Oaks 1	Richard Partridge & Tom Wride, Sashi Sabanathan & Jordi Zembrano	W 3 - 1
Tuesday 17th	4th - Birmingham League Div 5	Home	Lordswood	Neil Glasspool & Prasanna Sivakumar, Martin Murray & Brijesh Karthigesu	D 2 - 2
Friday 20th	4th - Birmingham League Div 5	Away	Blossomfield	Neil Glasspool & Prasanna Sivakumar, Martin Murray & Dion Morton	L 0 - 4
Friday 20th	5th - Birmingham League Div 7	Home	Sutton Coldfield 4	Mel Haji & Shri Pathmakanthan, David Chapman & Anthony Duru	L 1 - 3
Wednesday 25th	2nd - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Four Oaks 1	Ross Fendick & Jordi Zembrano, Jordan Fendick & Tom Holland	L 0 - 4
Thursday 26th	3rd - Birmingham League Div 4	Home	Sutton Coldfield 3	Andy Coney & Tom Rutter, Adam Cerkeliunas & Prasanna Sivakumar	W 3 - 1
Thursday 26th	5th - Birmingham League Div 7	Away	Solihull Arden 4	Brendan Poynton & Siva Renganathan, Marc Williams & Mel Haji	L 0 - 4

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Mixed					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sunday 1st	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 5	Away	Sutton Coldfield 5	Arvarni Saini & Prasanna Sivakumar, Lynne Benson & Siva Renganathan	W 3 - 1
Sunday 8th	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 5	Away	Sutton United 2	Danielle Harvey & Mike Kerlake, Janine Saini & Robin Kettle	W 3 - 1
Tuesday 10th	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Little Aston 1	Nicole Metje & Jordan Fendick, Catherine Edwards & Tom Sinton	D 2 - 2
Sunday 15th	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Away	Little Aston 1	Nicole Metje & Tom Sinton, Holly Reid & Siva Renganathan	L 0 - 4
Thursday 26th	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Away	Solihull Tennis 1	Nicole Metje & Neil Glasspool, Jayjay Parker & Tom Sinton	L 1 - 3

Summer Box League Results

Thank you to everyone who entered our club box leagues over the summer. Here are the results:

Singles Winners:

Box 1: Tom Rutter
 Box 2: Maggie
 Box 3: Emma
 Box 4: Alice
 Box 5: Raj
 Box 6: Wesley
 Box 7: Omid

Doubles Winners:

Box 1: Tom Rutter & Holly
 Box 2: Shri and Tom Finch
 Box 3: Janine and Hessam
 Box 4: Emma and Cathy
 Box 5: Raj and Ed

The singles boxes have been suspended over the winter, but the doubles are currently under way. Players should have received all details via the WhatsApp group. Scoring remains the same, with one set to 6. If the score reaches 5-5, players should play a normal tie-break (to 7). The deadline for completing your matches is **Monday 6th December**.
 Contact: Holly Reid 07809 131072

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Archery @ World Senior Championships

Congratulations and well done to our Archery trio Tom Wride, Hazel Coop and Tom Barton, who competed in the 2021 Young Seniors World Individual Championships in Croatia earlier this month. A superb achievement and a great experience!



Parents in tennis: how to support your child

The LTA has launched an initiative and [resource pack](#) to help parents wanting to support their kids play and enjoy tennis. The guide is packed with information on finding the right competition and preparing your child for tournaments. As part of this initiative, the LTA is running a **Parents in Sports Week** from 4-10 October with a series of online talks and discussions. Includes a Zoom panel with Judy Murray and various workshops aimed at parents looking at ways to create the best playing environment for their kids.

[See website](#) for details.

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And the winners are....

100 Club Results: August 2021

1st prize - £50 winner

No. 90 – Mike Kerlake

Runners up - tube of tennis balls

No. 40 – Raj Bector

No. 26 – Helen Owen

No. 17 – Kevin Conroy



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, 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) 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: www.ealts.net/events

Book Group (November date tbc)

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

Saturday 2nd October 2021

10:30am -2:30pm Macmillan Coffee Morning

There will be a range of sweet and savoury treats available, from cakes and scones to samosas and more! We would love members to get involved, so if you would like to volunteer your cooking or baking skills, please contact Sue Chopra at choprasc@aol.com for details.

5:00pm - 7:00pm: Mix in Tennis

Please [book online](#) in the usual way to give us an idea of the numbers

7:15pm-7:30pm: Presentation by Vic Lyttle of the Broadhead Court and award of the Chairman's Salver

7:30pm onwards: BBQ with live music. The BBQ is available to friends, family and guests and it would be greatly appreciated if bookings can be made for the event on clubspark to allow us to plan for catering. Food will be available to purchase at a very reasonable price.

Sunday 7th November 2021: Fireworks (or alternative) and Chilli Evening

Saturday 11th December 2021: Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Party!

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 26th September 2021, we have raised £290 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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