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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

Promo Video

Alongside the aerial photographs showcased in the last newsletter, CloudHigh Media produced a short promo film for the club using their specialist drone equipment. Thank you to Jamie and Jane for agreeing to be interviewed on camera and speaking so warmly about the Archery, and to all players who were filmed on court.



You can view all footage (including aerial photos) on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages.

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Archery welcomes new coach

We were very pleased to welcome Matt Friend as a new addition to the coaching team over the summer. Matt is a student at the University of Birmingham who has spent the last three years playing and coaching other students of all levels. He loves seeing people of all ages get into the sport and find ways to meet new people and have fun! He spends a lot of time focusing on the mental side of the game and thinks the most important part of any sport is enjoying the social side. Matt spends his spare time playing a variety of sports and travelling the country singing.



Welcome to new members

We offer a very warm welcome to our new members: Alex Golding, Helena Wilson, Milan Vorkapic, the Grover family, Keri Clark, Matthew Foster, Joe Ho, Harshitha Kumar, and James Saleeb-Mousa, who have all joined us in the last couple of months.



Goodbye, and thank you

We are very sorry to lose one of our longstanding members, Linda Strain, who is leaving Birmingham for pastures new in York. Linda has been a stalwart of the club for many years, a regular player for the ladies 2nd team, a past member of the tennis playing and social committees, and a good friend to all. We had a fantastic turnout for Linda's special surprise farewell event in early August, where members old and new gathered to wish her and Alistair well as they join their family up in York. We'll miss you!

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Canal & River Trust Community Games 2023

We had a great time at the local community INSPIRE event on Saturday 19th August, joining other local sports and recreation clubs to deliver taster sessions at this free family event in central Birmingham. Together with our trusty clown (pictured, centre), we gave kids the opportunity to try a range of tennis-



related activities. Thanks to Neil for organising and to volunteers Will Smith, Jide Okwujiako and Ellis Downing for their help and support on the day.

House & Grounds update

The next House & Grounds Volunteer (HGV) session will take place on **Saturday 2**nd **September**, **10am-12noon**. New volunteers are always welcome – no skills or experience required, just a willingness to muck in and help keep the club running. Previous tasks have included weeding, pruning, moss clearing, painting the clubhouse etc. Much of the recent work has been focused on clearing the clay courts of moss and algae and the HGV team has recently trialled some anti-moss

solutions. This Saturday, we will be continuing to prepare the clay courts for the autumn season (in anticipation of the end of the grass court seasons). Volunteers are also needed to tidy the flowerbeds. Tea/biscuits will be provided!

The eagle-eyed may have noticed our resident mobile scarecrow flying high over the grounds in an attempt to deter the crows



from pecking holes in the grass courts. This is just one example of the problem-solving ingenuity of our HGV team – always on the look-out for cost-effective solutions to tricky issues.

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Tennis Connect

As part of our objective to be a force for good in our local community, we have teamed up with <u>Sportworks</u> and <u>Birmingham Botanical</u> <u>Gardens</u> to offer weekly activity sessions on Friday mornings, aimed at members of our local community aged 50+ who are battling isolation.

Funded by a grant of £8.6k from the National Lottery Community Fund, we will offer people aged 50+ and living on their own a mix of general exercise and dedicated tennis coaching. This will be followed by an hour of peaceful contemplation in the neighbouring



Birmingham Botanical Gardens to promote mental health and wellbeing. The course is now fully booked, but if you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Neil Glasspool on ealtssecretary@gmail.com to join the waiting list.

Floodlights

As the autumn approaches and the nights are beginning to draw in, this is a friendly reminder to begin collecting 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).

Venue Hire

A reminder to members that the clubhouse is available for private hire (photo: dmbusst@gmail.com). With a private bar, TV and speaker system, outside terrace & BBQ,

and speaker system, outside terrace & BBQ, it offers a welcoming and versatile space. If you are interested in hiring the clubhouse for your own event, please contact Sue Chopra at choprasc@aol.com.



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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.



Visitors' Booking Form

We have recently created a new online form to ease the process of booking and paying for your 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 Form</u> to register your guest (a link is also available on the <u>Booking</u> tab on the website). 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

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Tennis news

FINALS DAY: SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

All members are warmly invited to join us for the Club Finals Day on Sunday 10th September (with BBQ!). Some of the qualifiers are still to be completed so we don't yet have a full line-up, but here are the finalists confirmed so far:

IUNIORS

Boys 8&under: Ali Anwer vs Edward Fawke

Boys 9&under: Jai Dosanjh vs Harrison Fawke

Boys 10&under: Salman Afridi vs Joobin Hariri

Boys 11&under: Harrison Fawke vs Nirvan

Agrawel

Girls 12&under: Anya Cooner vs Naina Khanna

Girls 14&under: Avneet Saini vs TBC

Boys 16&under: Miles Bark vs Hayder Sayyid

Boys 18&under: Prasanna Sivakumar

vs Hayder Sayyid



ADULTS

Men's Singles A: Tom Barton vs Ben Sanders

Men's Singles B: Tony Umama vs Hasan Sayyid

Ladies' Singles A: Hazel Coop vs Sophie Richardson

Ladies' Singles B: Emma Kings vs Lynne Benson

Men's Doubles: Sashi Sabanathan & Will Smith vs Patrick Wu & Brendan Poynton

Ladies' Doubles: Danielle Harvey & Nicole Metje vs Hazel Coop & Jane Wilton

Mixed Doubles: Hazel Coop & Jordi Zambrano vs Catherine Edwards & Neil

Glasspool

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Men's Singles Plate A: Neil Glasspool/John Spratt vs Patrick Wu

Men's Singles Plate B: Raj Bector vs Aswani Pandya

Ladies' Singles Plate A: Jayjay Parker/Jenny Morton vs Nicole Metje

Ladies' Singles Plate B: Oana Burcu/Nicola James vs Natalie Gundy/Laura Quinn

Men's Doubles Plate: Rod Tanner & Miles Murdoch vs Tony Umama & Brijesh

Karthigesu

Ladies' Doubles Plate: Sophie Richardson & Caitlin Harvey vs Emma Kings &

Lynne Benson

Mixed Doubles Plate: Jenny Morton & Siva Renganathan vs Oana Burcu & Tony

Umama

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

We've had a packed month in the tennis calendar as we hosted no less than THREE Open Tournaments between 29th July and 26th August. Thank you to all who participated, supported, and helped to organise – here are the results:

Mixed Vets (29th July)

Winners: Rob King & Gill Hogan (Little Aston)
Runners-up: Deborah Salem & James Kerton
(David Lloyd Bromagraya)

(David Lloyd Bromsgrove)



Mixed Open (20th August)

Winners: Adam Cerkeliunas (Archery) & Lucie Butler (Leamington)

Runners-up: Sophie Richardson & Ben Sanders (Archery)

Men's Open (26th August) - pictured above right

Winners: Andy Coney & Tom Rutter (Archery)

Runners-up: Tariq Mahmood & Navtej Aulkh (Hall Green)

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WENCESLAS CUP

We're running our annual autumnal mixed doubles tournament - the Wenceslas Cup - suitable for players of all levels. For those of you unfamiliar with the format, you enter individually and the organiser will pair you up with a suitable partner to produce evenly matched games in a round robin format. It's a great chance to enjoy some gentle



competition in a fun and supportive environment. There will be four groups, with winners progressing to a semi-final and then finals night. This year we'll be running the tournament on Thursday evenings between 7pm-9pm over the course of September, October and November.

If you would like to play, please contact Janine (<u>Jan_89@hotmail.co.uk</u>) by **Saturday 23rd September** with your availability for the following Thursdays:

- 28th September
- 5th October
- 12th October
- 19th October

The plan (weather-permitting) is to play the semi-finals on 26th October and 9th November, with the final being held on 16th November.

If you'd like to play, please get your entries in asap!

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PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON

Congratulations to Catherine & Janine who qualified for the national finals of Play Your Way to Wimbledon earlier this month. The tournament is the UK's largest individual mass participation tennis competition, which provides players with the opportunity to compete on the world-famous grass



courts at SW19. The pair came up against some



solid competition in the round robin stage and didn't manage to progress to the knockouts but had an amazing time soaking up the atmosphere. The competition was held on

the Aorangi practice courts adjacent to No.1 Court – fourteen additional grass courts usually hidden from general view during the Championships. A fantastic experience and an opportunity the Archery hopes to provide again next year.

ITF CHAMPIONS

This month saw a profusion of Archery representation at Wimbledon. There was better luck for Head Coach Tom Barton and his partner Bojan Jelovic, who won the Men's Doubles at the ITF Masters MT700 - London (British Closed). Tom is now back in the top 3 in the ITF World Ranking for Men's 35+ Doubles.



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SUMMER SOCIAL TENNIS

The summer mix-ins continue into September. 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 see the website for the latest weekly coaching timetable.



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LEAGUE RI	ESULTS: JU	LY/AU(GUST 2023		
Ladies					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Tues 11 th July	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Away	Streetly 1	Danielle Harvey & Holly Reid, Hazel Coop & Arvani Saini	L 3 - 1
Thurs 20 th July	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Away	Edgbaston Priory	Holly Reid & Hazel Coop, Sophie Richardson & Danielle Harvey	L 3 - 1
Thurs 27 th July	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Blossomfield 1	Holly Reid & Hazel Coop, Sophie Richardson & Danielle Harvey	D 2 - 2
Fri 4 th August	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Home	Water Orton	Lynne Benson & Avneet Saini, Oana Burcu & Naina Cooner	D 2 - 2
Thurs 10 th August	1st - Birmingham League Div 1	Home	Sutton Coldfield	Hazel Coop & Holly Reid, Sophie Richardson & Danielle Harvey	D 2 - 2
Sun 13 th August	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Away	Blossomfield 3	Gabi Kettle & Emily Hill- Smith, Jenny Morton & Nicole Metje	W 0 - 4
Wed 23 rd August	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	Circle	Emily Hill-Smith & Naina Cooner, Jaya Scholer & Laura Quinn	L 3 - 1
Men					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Mon 3 rd July	1st - Birmingham League Div 2	Away	Streetly 2	Tom Barton & Ben Sanders, Dan Money & Brijesh Kirthigesu	D 2 - 2
Thurs 6 th July	2nd - Birmingham League Div 3	Home	Sutton Coldfield	Prasanna Sivakumar & Andy Coney, Andrew Williams & Ed Clay	L 1 - 3
Thurs 6th July	5th - Metropolitan League Div 5	Home	Four Oaks 2	Ellis Downing & Richard Broadhead, Robin Kettle & Dave Lowe	D 2 - 2
Sat 8 th July	4th - Birmingham League Div 7	Away	Solihull Arden 5	Miles Murdoch & Macsen Raza, Richard Broadhead & Brendan Poynton	W 1 - 3

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	3rd -			Neil Glasspool & Will	
	Birmingham		Knowle &	Smith, Miles Murdoch &	
Sun 9th July	League Div 6	Away	Dorridge 3	Thomas Antunes	D 2 - 2
		,		Tom Barton & Dan	
	1st -			Money, Adam	
	Birmingham			Cerkeliunas & Ben	
Tues 11 th July	League Div 2	A 117017	Little Aston	Sanders	L 3 - 1
Tues 11th July	Ü	Away	Little Aston		L 3 - 1
	6th -			Oliver Clarke & Dominic	
	Metropolitan			Portmann, Rupesh Bhatt	
Wed 12 th July	League Div 5	Away	Moorpool	& Joseph Leong Son	W 0 - 4
	4th -			Miles Murdoch &	
	Birmingham			Thomas Antunes, Macsen	
Thurs 13th July	League Div 7	Home	Streetly 5	Raza & Brendan Poynton	L 1 - 3
	5th -		-	Dan Money & Richard	
	Metropolitan			Broadhead, Ellis	
Mon 17 th July	League Div 5	Away	Boldmere	Downing & Matt Friend	W 0 - 4
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			Sutton Coldfield	Neil Glasspool & Will	
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Thurs 20th July	League Div 6	Home	4		L 1 - 3
	5th -			Ellis Downing & Pranav	
	Metropolitan			Prajapati, Matt Friend &	
Mon 24th July	League Div 5	Away	Solihull Tennis 2	Richard Broadhead	D 2 - 2
	2nd -			Ed Clay & Prasanna	
Wed 2 nd	Birmingham			Sivakumar, Patrick Wu &	
August	League Div 3	Away	Weoley Hill 1	Ethan Calder	L 4 - 0
	1st -	,		Tom Barton & Sashi	
Wed 2 nd	Birmingham		Edgbaston Priory	Sabanayjan, Dan Money	
August	League Div 2	Away	3	& Andrew Williams	D 2 - 2
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	2 1			Andy Coney & Prasanna	
TTI 0-4	2nd -			Sivakumar, Andrew	
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August	League Div 3	Home	Solihull Arden 3	Glasspool	D 2 - 2
				Neil Glasspool & Ellis	
	3rd -			Downing, Siva	
	Birmingham		Edgbaston Priory	Renganathan & Hessam	
Fri 11 th August	League Div 6	Away	5	Jahangiri	D 2 - 2
	6th -			Adam Cerkeliunas & Ben	
	Metropolitan			Sanders, Ross Cooke &	
Sat 19th August	League Div 5	Away	Streetly	Oliver Clarke	D 2 - 2
	Ü	1		Andy Coney & Prasanna	
	2nd -			Sivakumar, Andrew	
Thurs 24 th	Birmingham			Williams & Neil	
August	League Div 3	Home	Halesowen 1	Glasspool	L 0 - 4
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Thurs 31st August	4th - Birmingham League Div 7	Home	Blossomfield 4	Claudio Mauro & Thomas Antunes, Miles Murdoch & Rod Tanner	L 1 - 3
Mixed					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Fri 7 th July	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Home	WM Police	Catherine Edwards & Claudio Mauro, Jane Wilton & Ed Clay	L 1 - 3
Mon 10 th July	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 4	Away	Little Aston 2	Emily Hill-Smith & Tom Finch, Jaya Scholer & Matt Friend	W 1 - 3
Sat 15 th July	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Four Oaks 1	Sophie Richardson & Tom Barton, Hazel Coop & Andy Coney	D 2 - 2
Wed 19 th July	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Away	Moseley 1	Sophie Richardson & Tom Barton, Holly Reid & Ed Clay	W 1 - 3
Sun 30 th July	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Home	Streetly 1	Holly Reid & Tom Barton, Hazel Coop & Adam Cerkeliunas	W 3 - 1
Sun 30 th July	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	David Lloyd (Gt Barr) 1	Catherine Edwards & Ethan Calder, Gabi Kettle & Andy Coney	W 0 - 4
Sun 30th July	3rd - Metropolitan League Div 4	Away	Moseley 4	Linda Strain & Karsten Scholer, Katharina Bucher & Robin Kettle	L 4 - 0
Wed 1st August	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	Moseley 2	Nicole Metje & Ed Clay, Janine Saini & Patrick Wu	W 0 - 4
Sun 6 th August	1st - Metropolitan League Div 1	Away	Little Aston 1	Holly Reid & Ben Sanders, Sophie Richardson & Andrew Williams	D 2 - 2
Thurs 10 th August	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Away	Halesowen 1	Nicole Metje & Ed Clay, Emily Hill-Smith & Andy Coney	L 4 - 0
Thurs 17 th August	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Home	Knowle & Dorridge	Catherine Edwards & Dan Money, Janine Saini & Patrick Wu	L 1 - 3
Sat 26 th August	2nd - Metropolitan League Div 2	Home	Four Oaks 2	Catherine Edwards & Tom Sinton, Katharina Bucher & Miles Murdoch	L 1 - 3

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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 Book Club

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 28**th **September** from 7.30pm. We will be reading *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valerie Perrin.

If you would like to join the Book Club, please contact Veronica on evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk or 07881 747819



The full autumn social calendar will be announced shortly.

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

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100 Club Results

Prizes	June	July	
	2023	2023	
1st place: £50	No. 76: Mike Roberts	No. 32: Jayjay Parker	
Runners-up:	No. 23: Hannah Wride	No. 15: Bill Brown	
tube of tennis balls	No. 44: Charles Knill	No. 84: Neil Glasspool	
	No. 13: Guy Charlton	No. 26: Helen Owen	

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 choprasc@aol.com 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 27th August, we have raised £519.97 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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