



# WELCOME TO ISSUE 13 OF THE HASLINGFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## HLTC TEAMS WIN PROMOTION AGAIN!

Last summer we were excited to report that 4 of our 6 men's and ladies' doubles teams had won promotion in the Cambs Dunlop Summer League. This year we have done even better, with **5 of our 6 teams winning promotion!** Ladies' 1 and 2 both came top of their division, and Men's 1 have been promoted to Division 3, the highest placing for an HLTC team since Ladies' 1 was in Division 1 in 2011. Not all matches have been played yet, but we are near the end and the current situation is shown below. Full league tables will be published when all matches have been played.

### LADIES' TEAMS

TEAM	DIV	CURRENT POSITION	
1	5	1	<b>PROMOTED</b> Confirmed top of division
2	7	1	<b>PROMOTED</b> Confirmed top of division
3	8	5	

### MEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	DIV	CURRENT POSITION	
1	4	2	<b>PROMOTED</b> Confirmed 2nd place
2	9	1	<b>PROMOTED</b> Can't fall lower than 2nd
3	11	2	<b>PROMOTED</b> Will come 1st if win or draw final match

## HASLINGFIELD YEAR 2 SCHOOLS WIN

I'm delighted to report that club members Penelope Robinson March, Eliza Sandhurst, Joshua Britton and William Prentice represented Haslingfield Primary School superbly in the Year 2 Cambridgeshire Schools Tennis Tournament at Cambridge LTC on Sunday 7th July. They were the winning team on the day, finishing in first place ahead of 6 other Cambridgeshire Schools. Fun and fair play were at the heart of the event and I'm sure all involved will reflect on the experience fondly. I also hope that it encourages Penelope, Eliza, Joshua and William to continue playing in future events.—Paul

## DIARY

6th October

Tournament Finals Day

## HLTC JUNIORS REVIEW OF SEASON

I organised and oversaw 6 Friendly matches for the Club's juniors against Cambridge LTC, Cocks & Hens LTC and Histon LTC. A total of 13 HLTC players represented the Club brilliantly on and off the court during the matches and there were 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 very narrow losses. Overall, I was extremely proud of the boys' and girls' performances – all of the organisers and coaches from the visiting teams were also very complimentary to me about the standard of our players and their sportsmanship which was pleasing. Well done to all involved.—Paul

## SEPTEMBER COACHING

Booking is now open for adult and children coaching lessons starting in September. Classes tend to fill up quickly, so early booking is recommended. Full details, and how to book available at

[www.haslingfieldtennisclub.org/Coaching](http://www.haslingfieldtennisclub.org/Coaching)

# LAWRENCE IS LTA REGIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Our Club Treasurer, Lawrence Hopkins, has been awarded the LTA's Volunteer of the Year for the Central and East of England region. Lawrence, of course, does much more than look after the Club's money—as well as being part of the team that brought the Club its third court and floodlights, he organises our annual tournaments, produces our newsletter and is captain of the successful Men's 2.

Lawrence said "I was astonished when I heard I had been nominated for this award. I just do what I do because, along with the other members of our excellent Committee, I want to see HLTC be a thriving, successful Club. I get so much satisfaction from seeing loads of people playing tennis in Haslingfield—that's what it's all about for me."

Lawrence was presented with his award (and a Centre Court ticket) by David Rawlinson, Deputy President of the LTA at the LTA President's Lunch at Wimbledon.



Lawrence receiving his award at Wimbledon

## INDIVIDUAL COACHING WITH KYLE WINGATE

I currently have slots available on a Tuesday evening due to people moving away. I am offering a **free 30 minute lesson** for new customers.

Please contact me on: 07745133887 or email [k.wingate1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:k.wingate1@hotmail.co.uk) to book in your free session now.— Kyle

## PAUL'S TOP TIP

You should try to practise not just to hit a particular shot, but to be able to hit it under match conditions instinctively, without thinking. If you have to think about a stroke when you are under pressure during a game, your tennis will be compromised. Keep practising until your shots become automatic and natural – this will take serious time and commitment but it will definitely be worth doing in the long run.

## TWO JOBS AT TOPSPIN TENNIS

Top Spin Tennis have two new exciting opportunities for new team members to work in our Pro-Shops. Initially, the role will be full time with approximately 37.5 hours guaranteed per week.

Top Spin Tennis is a local, family owned business and is East Anglia's Largest Racket Sports Specialists with a number of Pro-Shops in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Buckinghamshire. We specialise in the supply of tennis, badminton, squash and racketball goods and services. We pride ourselves on our excellent reputation which is based on superior customer service. We are well known for our International Stringing Services - all our team either hold or are working towards their stringing qualifications – the team strung over 8,000 rackets in 2018! All our team work closely together in our extended network and everyone is encouraged to contribute to the development of the business.

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