



WELCOME TO ISSUE 19 OF THE HASLINGFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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TENNIS RESUMES!

As soon as the second lockdown ends next week, our courts will be open again for tennis. You can now book courts from 2nd December onwards. Please remember the same COVID-19 safety rules apply as before lockdown - these are reproduced at the end of this newsletter.

We took the opportunity of the courts being closed to get them treated for moss and algae, so they should be less slippery at the footpath end now.

The HLTC Committee wishes all members a very Happy and Safe Christmas, and we look forward to a much better year for everyone in 2021!



CLUB TOURNAMENTS CHAMPIONS

After all the beautiful sunshine over the summer, with players struggling through their group stage matches in sweltering heat, Finals Day in early October was a washout! Only one final was played on the day—the Mixed Doubles, but all the other finals were completed in the next few weeks. Here are the results, and congratulations to all our new Champions!

Ladies' Singles

Merissa Lim beat Tessa Davies 2-6 7-6(8/6) 6-2

Ladies' Doubles

Gail Rutherford & Lindsay Sandhurst beat
Alix Robinson & Elly Robinson 6-3 4-6 6-1

Men's Singles

Andy Smith beat Ashley Brown 6-3 6-4

Men's Doubles

Andy Smith & Guy March beat
Martin Reade & Rudi Winslow 6-2 2-6 6-1

Mixed Doubles

Liz Galpin & Chris Galpin beat
Lindsay Sandhurst & Stephen Richardson 4-6 7-6 6-2



Chris and Liz Galpin, Mixed Doubles Champions

DIARY

Sadly, there are no events planned yet due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

CLUB KIT FOR XMAS!

With less than a month until Christmas, are you struggling for present ideas? Our range of club kit includes some lovely hoodies, body warmers and even a beanie - perfect for some winter tennis :-)

We will be sending off an order to our suppliers next Wednesday so that all items arrive in time to be placed under the Christmas tree.

[Click here for links to the Brochure and Order Form,](#)

then **please send your order to gail_rutherford@hotmail.com by Tuesday 1st December!**



SOCIAL TENNIS

As we can't organise formal social tennis sessions at the moment, informal sessions are being organised by WhatsApp. If you want to join this group then please contact Ross (07843421244)

The Active over 50s play on Mondays from 2-3pm. Please contact Jenny Gore if you would like to join them (jjgore52@gmail.com or 012238724050).

PAUL'S TOP TIP

Being able to defend in a rally situation is as important as attacking play. Give yourself more time to recover by hitting the ball higher over the net and deeper in to the court.

COACHING IN THE NEW YEAR

Although we can't predict what will happen lockdown-wise, we are going to try for a Winter tennis term. This will start on Tuesday 5th January 2021 and will run for 11 weeks to Saturday 27th March (excluding half term w/c 15th February).

Weekly Classes

Junior Classes - £60.50 for non members and £54.45 for members (10% discount)

Tots Tennis - £48.40 for non members and £43.56 for members

Cardio - £55 for non members and £49.50 for members

Age groups are a guideline only

TUESDAY

4 pm - 4.45 - (Tots Tennis 4-6 years)

4.45 - 5.45 - (6-8 years)

6.30 - 7.30 - ADULT CARDIO

WEDNESDAY

4pm - 5pm - (6-10 yrs)

5pm - 6pm - (8-11 years)

6pm - 7pm - (10 - 13 years)

FRIDAY

4pm - 5pm - (12 - 16 years)

5pm - 6pm - (U18 League Team)

SATURDAY

9.30 - 10.30 - (7 - 11 years)



Please let Alix Robinson know if you would like to book a space and which group you would like. There are only limited spaces available.

Alix can be contacted on alix.robinson@btopenworld.com or 870167)

LTA CELEBRATION LEAGUE

When the pandemic hit, Cambs LTA took the decision early on to cancel this year's Summer and Winter Leagues.

To give players the opportunity for some competitive inter-club play this year, Cambs LTA organised an informal "Celebration League". Matches started in September, and HLTC fielded 5 teams. All play ground to a halt when the 2nd lockdown started, with our teams in the positions shown in the table to the left.

We are hoping the leagues will be allowed to finish when the lockdown ends—if so, we'll let you know the final positions in the next newsletter. Good luck to all the teams.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Current Position</u>
Ladies' 1	3	3rd
Ladies' 2	4	5th
Men's 1	3	1st ★
Men's 2	6	1st ★
Men's 3	7	2nd

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES

These rules must be followed by all players using HLTC tennis courts. They conform with guidance from the LTA and the Government.

- ☆ Singles and Doubles play are permitted
- ☆ The Rule of 6 applies on each court
- ☆ Social distancing to be maintained before, during and after play