

BETWEEN THE LINES

MARCH 2025

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INTRODUCTION

Can you hear that? Can you see it now?

Thats right Spring has sprung!

Better weather and longer evenings? That can only mean the tennis season is back with a bang!

In our March newsletter we will cover all the exciting events happening this month as well what you can look forward to for the 2025 tennis season here at Heswall Lawn Tennis Club!



HESWALL
Lawn Tennis Club

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS 2025



Our Easter tennis camp is now available to book!

Week 1 Camp Dates

Monday 7th April 9am-12pm

Tuesday 8th April 9am-12pm

Wednesday 9th April 9am-12pm

Thursday 10th April 9am-12pm

Week 2 Camp Dates

Monday 14th April 9am-12pm

Tuesday 15th April 9am-12pm

Wednesday 16th April 9am-12pm

L.T.A. guidelines will be followed:

- Small groups of players with LTA coach / assistant.
- Break at 10.30am. (Please bring snacks and drinks!)
- Outdoor tennis / Indoor tennis for younger groups if raining

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Send the following information to Sue by email:

- Name
- DOB / Age on the day
- Contact number
- Email address
- Please also include any necessary medical information
- Due to the restriction on numbers, payment will need to be received in order for us to confirm your booking.

£18 per day (members)

£20 per day (non-members)

For further details contact Sue at

suetennis@hotmail.co.uk

or call 07799 730983

Heswall Lawn Tennis Club
28 Quarry Rd East, Heswall, Wirral CH60 6RB



TEAM TENNIS

Match practice for the Summer League will begin on Saturday, March 15th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and will run for six consecutive Saturdays. Additionally, Tuesday match practice will start on April 1st, once the clocks go forward, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and will run for four consecutive weeks.

If you haven't already played for our teams then contact please contact HLTC Club Captain, Neil Elsby, at clubcaptain@heswalltennis.co.uk to register your interest.

These sessions are a great opportunity to prepare for the upcoming league season.



WHAT'S TEAM TENNIS?

Every Tuesday night our team players go head to head against clubs across the Wirral and battle it out on court.

Heswall this year will have 5 teams in the wirral leagues spanning across the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th divisions. The teams offer players of varying abilities to have it out against rival clubs and enjoy tennis in the lovely summer sun!

BAR UPDATE

If you've read our annual report, you will have seen that we had a successful year in the bar with it remaining popular for members and guests, and an important part of our offering for internal and external events. We thought you might be interested in a brief update.

Our most popular product is our excellent selection of good value wine - Red, White or Rose; still or sparkling; by the bottle or the glass - we sell more wine than anything else and it accounts for over 35% of our revenue. Close behind is draught beer at 30%. Many of the regular bar users and our external hirers tell us that it's the reason they use the bar so it's very important to us, and we sell over twice as much beer on draught than in bottles.

Having said that, it's very costly to maintain a cellar suitable for beer kegs. It has to be cooled and the lines have to be cleaned, and this pretty much wipes out the profit we make. With the cooling unit due for replacement at a fairly substantial cost, it's time to have another look at proposals that were made to the committee in 2023.

The good news is that we have no plans to remove the draught beer and we are installing a unit with much lower running costs this week. Thanks to Phil Linley for his input and the work he did in looking at alternative options.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are limited in the number of hours per week when it's makes sense financially to open the bar. Staffing costs are often more than the profit. We could open more if we had more volunteers who would be prepared to staff the bar on those quieter days and evenings.

It's an enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours so if you'd like to support the club, meet some of the members or, indeed, just like to open the bar up for your fellow players after a few sets, why not volunteer to help?

It's very straightforward and I'd like to offer up the opportunity for you to learn more on March 16th during the Open Afternoon, between 1pm and 4pm (and even during the cup final!). Just turn up, but if you can't make it let me know at bar@heswalltennis.co.uk or 07899 757448.

Thanks to all of you for support and please feel free to share any feedback you might have.

TENNIS & SUSTAINABILITY

Tennis & Sustainability: Hydrate with Reusables This March!

As we gear up for a month of tennis action, let's add a sustainability twist to our game! This March, we're challenging all our tennis enthusiasts to ditch single-use plastic bottles and switch to reusable alternatives. Staying hydrated is key on the court, but it's also important to keep our planet in mind.

Here's how you can step up your game:

1. **Pick the Right Bottle:** Choose a durable, eco-friendly bottle that keeps your water cool and your carbon footprint low. Stainless steel, glass, or BPA-free plastic are great choices.
2. **Hydrate During Every Set:** Whether you're practicing on your own or in a match, always have your reusable bottle by your side to stay refreshed and ready for your best performance.
3. **Encourage Others:** Challenge your doubles partner or your tennis team to join in! The more players who switch to reusable bottles, the bigger impact we'll make.

Let's ace this sustainability challenge and serve up some good habits for both the environment and our health this March!





MEET THE TEAM

Name: Nicola Roberts

Role: I am the club social secretary, which means I help organise events and bring our tennis community together, both on and off the court. I also run our social media, keeping members updated and engaged with all the latest news, and I put together the club newsletter to make sure everyone stays in the loop with upcoming events, match highlights, and club updates.

What have you brought to your new role?

Bringing our tennis community together so we can meet members on and off court you wouldn't normally play with. Always open to new event ideas so please email me.

When did you start playing tennis?

I started playing at 39, proving that it's never too late to pick up a racket!

Are you a Lefty or a Righty?

Righty

Favourite drink from the bar?

Anything—if you're offering!

When did you become a member of HLTC?

I've been a member for 12 amazing years

YOU CAN PLAY AT THE HALLOWED TURF!

Play Your Way to Wimbledon - Doubles Tournaments at HLTC

We're excited to host two Play Your Way to Wimbledon doubles tournaments at HLTC:

- Boys' & Girls' Doubles Tournament (Ages 14 & Under) - Sunday, 23rd March at 1:30 PM.
- Men's & Ladies' Doubles Tournament (Ages 19+) - Sunday, 27th April at 1:30 PM.
- Boys & Girls (Ages 18 & Under) - Date to be confirmed.

These tournaments offer a fantastic opportunity to compete in a fun yet competitive event, with the chance to progress further in the tournament pathway.

To enter, please email Head Coach Sue Davis at suetennis@hotmail.co.uk.

Get your entries in and be part of the action!



AGM HONOURS

We held our AGM on 3rd February and would like to thank everyone who attended either in person or virtually.

We were delighted to have an Honorary Membership presented to Barbara Leake by Sylvia Reed on behalf of the Club.

Furthermore, Barbara Bloor updated us on some County level successes. Charlie Woods & Regan O'Brien won the Cheshire Junior Boys Tournament with Regan also winning the 16 & under and the 18 & under competitions. Regan was also awarded the Dick Fontes Trophy. This is a given to someone who has shown commitment to Club & County and given to Regan for epitomising what can be achieved through perseverance and belief. Coach Sue Davies was highly commended in a new category recognising the impact of Head Coaches.

Our congratulations to you all!





MUSIC QUIZ

HOSTED BY TOM PRIDGEON

£10
PER PERSON
MAX. 6 PER TEAM

- ▶ Doors open at 7pm
- ▶ Fish & chip supper
- ▶ First question at 8pm
- ▶ Best team name competition

FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2025

EMAIL NICOLA ROBERTS TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



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