

Welcome to the Hildenborough Tennis Club Spring 2021 Newsletter

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COVID19 –the Prime Minister has announced a roadmap out of lockdown which currently includes a return to tennis 29 March 2021. We hope to see you on the courts soon. The LTA will provide guidelines in due course but please check their website for updates. Confirmation will be sent as soon as possible.

Programme of events

Date	Event	Time	Contact
1 st Sat of each month	Club and open session for members and non-members – SUSPENDED	14.00 – 16.00	
Junior Easter Camps	Junior Easter Tennis camp (2 courts) – PROVISIONAL ONLY TBC	Weeks beginning 5 and 12 April 2021 9 – 11am Ages 5-9 11 – 1pm Ages 10-14	hildenborough@artennis.co.uk Please check court availability via the court booking system
TBC	Adult coaching – looking at ratios of coach to adults and will confirm	Monday evenings: 7pm beginners/rusties 8pm intermediate/adv	Adam Reavely
End March/April	Intra-club competition being resumed for completing play by end June	TBC	Mark Bradshaw
April/May	Club Open Day and American Tournament	TBC	Jo Garrett/Committee
July (during Wimbledon fortnight)	Finals day for Intra Club competition and family BBQ for all members	TBC	Mark Bradshaw/Committee
Early Sep	Public Open Day and club afternoon	TBC	Mark Bradshaw/Committee
Late Oct	Club AGM TBC	19:30 – 20:30	Karen Dobson

Subscriptions this year are due on 1 April. The committee has decided to reduce all renewals by around 1/3rd to reflect the loss of playing time caused by COVID restrictions in the past 12 months. This discount applies only to members renewing.

Wimbledon Ballot – Only members who have signed up for a British Tennis Membership (BTM) on the LTA site will be included in this year's draw which is being done by the LTA centrally now. There are 208 members at HTC, 120 of whom have signed up. Please sign up if you wish to be in the draw (free of charge)

Maintenance – The floodlights are to be refurbished, hopefully before the re-opening of the courts at end March. The courts were power washed and refurbished last Spring but as they have not been used much, an inspection of the moss/dirt will take place to check as soon as possible.

Court Booking System – Please continue to use the court booking system, especially in light of some of the junior camps which may take place in April.
Please contact hildenboroughtennis@gmail.com with any questions.

Weeds – please feel free to pick up few weeds from the pebble areas each time you visit in the future. This will enable us to avoid a working party request and maintain good-looking courts at all times.

Hit List - A reminder that there is a form on the notice board to encourage and help members who want to play singles to get in contact with other members of a similar level to play with them. Just add your contacts details, availability and level. ON HOLD FOR NOW

Tennis Balls – Tim Chellingsworth will provide new tennis balls upon request.

Floodlight tokens - These are available from Roger Burge or other Committee members when at the court. Please check the website for their contact details.

Club Sessions – Saturday remains the main club session day when we resume play. The first one of each month is an open session for all members and non-members starting at 2pm.

Tennis Club AGM - The AGM will take place in late October in the club cabin at 7.30pm. Further details will be available nearer the time but please think about whether you can support the club by joining the committee or volunteering to help keep things going. **Karen Dobson will be stepping up to become Chairman at the AGM, with the endorsement of the Committee, therefore anyone interested in taking up the Secretary role should contact her via the hildenboroughtennis@gmail account.**

INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS KENT TENNIS LEAGUE – 2020

Mostly disrupted due to the pandemic.

6 teams have been entered for the Summer league 2021:

Captains:

Men's 1 – David Blain

Men's 2 – Tim Chellingsworth

Mixed 1 – Paula Carey

Mixed 2 – Karen Dobson

Ladies and Ladies Mid Week – Sian Todd

If you would like to be included in the teams, please contact Sian

Best wishes from the Committee.