

ALTC NEWSLETTER

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Chair's Report

Last year the club continued to grow and flourish with increased involvement in a number of areas particularly our junior section.

Courts

The courts and facilities at the club continue to improve and are attracting favourable comments from a range of visitors. We had low fence barriers put in between courts 7 & 8 to replace the worn out netting. Courts 7,8 & 9 were also jet washed and later this year are scheduled to be repainted.

Club Tournaments

The majority of finals were completed this year with flexible final dates being tried. We will not be repeating this and the finals dates will be fixed so please make sure that you are able to make the final before entering the tournament.

Singles Box League

This is now in its second year and proving very popular. The current round has over 50 players taking part. The next round will be starting shortly, prior to the club tournaments. The box leagues are suspended during club tournaments.

Team News

We have four teams in the men's Surrey leagues and two in the Woking league. We also have three ladies teams in the Surrey leagues and one in the Woking.

We have suffered from a loss of key players and a large number of injuries to our teams. So it's a real well done to Raji and Freddie and the respective team captains for enabling us to complete our fixtures.

Social Events and Day Tournaments

We ran a full programme of events in 2017 and are looking to do the same again this year. Have a look at the diary dates on page 3 to see what we have planned!

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

Last year we put all our fundraising efforts into raising money for the Dan Maskell Trust. The Trust supports players with disabilities accessing tennis.

The fund raising got off to a fantastic start with men's team captain, Freddie Levett completing a 24-hour Tennis Marathon which raised over £900.

By the end of the year with the profits from Quiz Nights, Fun Tournaments and the Wheelchair Tournament added in we raised a total of £2000.

In January Freddie, Jill Stanton and myself went along to Queens Club to present a cheque for £2000 to the Board of Trustees.

Having the Trust as our Charity of the Year has focused our attention on the



challenges many people face in their lives and the strength and determination needed to overcome them. As a club we should be proud of the effort we have made on their behalf.

Funding

The club's finances are healthy and last year we were able to pay off early the long-term loan we had with Surrey Playing Fields.

As previously mentioned we are also in the process of upgrading courts 7, 8 & 9 and buying a new ball machine.

Coaching, Juniors and Membership

We have a new club coach Petr who replaces Ingar.

Roger has established links with local scout groups and Thomas Knyvett school who are now receiving coaching from us.

We also ran a programme as part of Spelthorne Get Active 50+ and as a result have a regular group playing on a Monday morning.

We have over 100 juniors and we are entering 6 teams into the summer leagues. We now also have four performance squads who are developing well. In addition we have been hosting LTA junior tournaments at the club.

We are also planning to run our own junior competition this summer.

Our juniors will also be receiving club T-shirts as part of their membership package.

All members will also be receiving membership cards and due to new Data Protection legislation you will also be contacted to explain how your data is held and a requirement to opt in.

So another year of enjoyable tennis and social activity to look forward to.

– Paul Snell, Chair ALTC

Club Information

Membership Fees

Please note the strict deadline of April 1st for payment of membership fees if you want to benefit from the discount. The preferred method of payment is using online banking – see the note on the application form regarding use of an abbreviated reference.

Please inform the Membership Secretary (membership@ashfordtennisclub.co.uk) of any changes to your home address, tel nos & email addresses. Up-to-date contact lists of members can be found on the website in the members' section – you will have to register on the site to access this.

Please ensure that mailings to you do not go into your spam folders. Also, please note that mailing lists are to be used for club related matters only.

Guests

You are welcome to bring a guest. There is a fee of £5 per visit (£1 for Juniors). Each guest may only play 6 times in one season. Visitor Fees (in pound coins only) should be posted into the box adjacent to the main notice board in the clubhouse and entered into the visitors book. It is the responsibility of the member to obtain visitor fees from their visitor.

Court Etiquette

A reminder of the club etiquette – please observe the following when playing at the club:

1. Be courteous and polite to fellow players and members.
2. Wear suitable attire – it is not acceptable for members to play in jeans or wear non-tennis footwear.
3. Members are responsible for their guests and for ensuring that they pay the visitors fee and adhere to the rules and etiquette of the club.
4. Ensure minimum disruption to games being played – when going on and off court please wait for a suitable time such as at the end of a rally, crossing quickly and preferably grouping together.
5. Please ensure you shut the court gates behind you.
6. When there is play on courts 4 & 5, please use the path outside the courts to gain access to court 6.

Court Care

When the clay courts are dry please use the drag mats after each set to enhance and smooth over the court surface. White lines will be more visible if the line sweepers are used. Please do not sweep the courts if they are damp as using the drag mats will only cause the surface to deteriorate. Brooms and line sweepers can be used at any time.

Court Booking

With the increase in tournaments being played, please make sure you check the court timetable for usage and avoiding taking courts allocated to social play. Use the online booking system to book matches especially at busy times.

Tennis Balls

Please ensure you bring good quality balls to all social sessions and mark them clearly to avoid confusion. Brand new tubes of 4 Head ATP and Dunlop Fort tennis balls can be purchased at the bar for the very competitive price of £4. Slightly worn match balls are usually available at £1 per 4.

Ball Machine

The ball machine is available on court 7 to members over the age of 16. A training/demonstration session is necessary before using for the first time - this can be given by the coaches as well as members Jim Kitchen, Martin Godbold and Ann Pritchard.

Please read and adhere to the ball machine usage guidelines displayed. Also avoid using damp, worn or soft balls as they can cause the mechanisms to jam and malfunction.

Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator in the corridor by the table tennis entrance, which can be used in case of an emergency by any member, whether qualified or not.

Clubhouse Opening Times

The front gates are opened Monday to Friday by a social/tennis member around 8.00 am – he also unlocks the entrance to the toilets and table tennis. At weekends the front gates and entrances should be open by 9.00 am. The front gates and the clubhouse may be open at other times by key holders but this cannot be guaranteed. If for any reason you need access at other times please make arrangements with a key holder (tennis members who have access are Len Claremont, Keith Claxton and Martin Williams). Generally the gates are opened around 8am by a table tennis member, but again this cannot be guaranteed. The key code for the rear entrance to the clubhouse toilets is C1290. The same code is used for the door into the table tennis hall and the gate by the Kids Zone.

Coaching

Duncan is the Director of Coaching Programmes, responsible for devising and structuring the junior and adult programmes as well as running team coaching sessions. He is available for team sessions and private coaching with team players. Individual rates: £35 (1hr), £28 (45mins) and £20 (30mins).

Roger is the Head Coach. He is responsible for implementing and running the adult and junior coaching sessions. Roger has also set up our cardio tennis programme and gives private coaching for all age levels. Individual rates: £30 (1hr), £23 (45mins) and £17 (30 mins).

Petr is a senior club coach. He is responsible for delivering both adult and junior coaching sessions. Petr is available for all levels of coaching. Individual rates: £30 (1hr), £23 (45mins) and £17 (30 mins).

Racket Restringing

Restrings start from £15 and are strung on an electronic machine with top-rated strings to ensure high quality and accuracy throughout. Roger stocks a wide range of string types to suit all needs and styles and is able to advise which option will suit you best. Strings can be ordered in if not in stock and you can provide your own strings if you have them. A variety of grips are also available. Restrings are always turned around quickly and professionally.

Call or email Roger (07709 593464 / roger@taketennislessons.co.uk) and he will make arrangements to collect etc.

Diary Dates 2018

March	Mon 5th	Opening date for entry to Open, Vets & Handicap Tournaments
	Sun 18th	Beginner/Improvers Fun Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Kevin J</i> (TBC)
April	Sun 1st	Membership subscriptions due
	Mon 2nd	Easter Monday social play pm
	Sun 8th	LTA Junior Tournament
	Wed 11th	Wimbledon tickets draw 7:30pm – <i>Rob F</i>
	Fri 20th	Entertainment-based Quiz Night (7:30pm) – <i>Keith/Kevin U</i>
	Sun 22nd	ALTC Open Day (2:00 – 5:00pm)
	Sun 22nd	Closing date for entry to Open, Vets & Handicap Tournaments
	Tue 24th	Adult Beginners Course 1 (7:30 – 9:00pm) 5 week course
May	Mon 7th	Bank Holiday social play pm
	Fri 11th	Games Night (7:30pm) – <i>Raji/Paul</i>
	Sun 13th	LTA Junior Tournament
	Mon 28th	Bank Holiday social play pm
June	Tue 5th	Adult Beginners Course 2 (7:30 – 9:00pm) 5 week course
	Sun 10th	LTA Junior Tournament
	Sun 17th	Wheelchair Doubles Tournament (12:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Noel</i>
	Sun 24th	World Cup Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Keith/Kevin U</i>
	Fri 29th June - Mon 2nd July	Manor House weekend trip – <i>Raji</i>
July	Sun 1st	Beginner/Improvers Fun Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Kevin J</i> (TBC)
	Sat 14th	Open Ladies' Singles, Open Men's Singles & Veterans Men's Doubles finals
	Sun 15th	Open Men's Doubles, Veterans Ladies' Singles & Open Ladies' Doubles finals
	Sun 29th	LTA Junior Tournament
August	Sun 5th	Ladies' Day – (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Mary</i>
	Sat 18th	Veterans Men's Singles, Open Mixed Doubles & Veterans Ladies' Doubles finals
	Sun 19th	Open Men's Doubles Plate, Veterans Mixed Doubles & Open Men's Singles Plate finals
	Mon 27th	Bank Holiday social play pm
September	Sun 2nd	'1 up 1 down' Wheelchair Tournament (12:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Noel</i>
	Sun 9th	Fun Multi-Format Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Keith/Kevin U</i>
	Sat 15th	Handicap Ladies' Doubles, Handicap Men's Doubles & Handicap Ladies' Singles finals
	Sun 16th	Handicap Men's Singles, Handicap Supervets Doubles & Handicap Mixed Doubles finals
November	Sat 17th	Annual General Meeting (4:30pm) Bowls Pavilion
	Sat 17th	General Knowledge Quiz Night (7:30pm) – <i>Ian M</i>
December	Sun 2nd	American Tournament – <i>Duncan</i> & Christmas Lunch in the Clubhouse (<i>timings to be confirmed</i>)

Please note that dates and times are subject to change. Members will be contacted via e-mail with confirmation and details closer to event dates. **Other events will be added throughout the year!**

Tea Rota & Board Duty

Tea Rota

- Please ensure you have arranged with your partner provision of cakes, tea, coffee, milk and sugar.
- Switch on hot water urn around 4pm.
- Prices are 50p per cup of tea/coffee and 50p per slice of cake.
- Please wash up and dry and put everything away.

Board Duty

- Please swap date if necessary and amend list on Club Notice Board.
- The board will run from 2:00 – 5:00pm.
- Everyone expects you to play tennis too – others will cover!



April	Sat 7th	Francesca & Marcus Zweifler
	Sat 14th	Frankie Bedi & Jill Jackson
	Sat 21st	Janet Crook & Greg Balfour-Evans
	Sat 28th	Ian Mattholie & Julia Kurzeja
May	Sat 5th	Penny & David Allen
	Sat 12th	Keith Claxton & Jim Kitchen
	Sat 19th	Steve Madigan & Paul Snell
	Sat 26th	Kevin & Pauline Uwins
June	Sat 2nd	Diane Henderson & Bunny Smith
	Sat 9th	Ann Pritchard & Paddy Robinson
	Sat 16th	Carole Charlton & Clive Mitchell
	Sat 23rd	Raji Sharma-Drake & Helen Barnett
	Sat 30th	Alan Hall & Sue Brown
July	Sat 7th	Nick Dawson & William Rutherford
	Sat 14th	Jo Greenidge & Craig Bolshaw
	Sat 21st	Susan Rocca & Jeff Howe
	Sat 28th	Andrew Carpenter & Elias Mattar
August	Sat 4th	Freddie & Lauraine Levett
	Sat 11th	Sue Clifford & Keith Henderson
	Sat 18th	Steve Bolt & Jill Stanton
	Sat 25th	Tessa Whitehorn & Penny Harvey
September	Sat 1st	Kane & Ross Bolton
	Sat 8th	Roy Ranger & Pam Hersey
	Sat 15th	Marion Lyden & Eric Howard
	Sat 22nd	Rene Laryea & Martin Godbold
	Sat 29th	Mary & Len Claremont

Court Timetable

DAY	TIME	ARTIFICIAL CLAY COURTS						HARD COURTS		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MONDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play		Bookable	Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Free Play		Bookable	Free Play					
	19:00-22:00	Team Practice/Woking League (Priority Booking For Teams)						Coaching	Bookable	
TUESDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Beginners & Improvers Social	Bookable		Beginners & Improvers Social			Coaching	Beginners & Improvers Social	
	19:00-22:00	Beginners & Improvers Social		Bookable		Beginners & Improvers Social			Beginner/Improvers Coaching	
WEDNESDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play			Full Members Social Play				Group Coaching	
	16:00-18:00	Free Play						Juniors Group Coaching		
	18:00-19:00	Full Members Social Play			Bookable	Team Practice/Woking League (Priority Bookable For Teams)		Group Coaching		
	19:00-22:00	Full Members Social Play			Bookable	Team Practice/Woking League (Priority Bookable For Teams)		Bookable	Improvers Group Coaching	
THURSDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			Juniors Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	19:00-22:00	Full Members Social Play						Coaching	Bookable	Bookable
FRIDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			Juniors Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Full Members / Improvers Social Play		Bookable	until 19:30	Full Members / Improvers Social Play		Group Coaching		Bookable
	19:00-22:00	Full Members / Improvers Social Play		Bookable	from 19:30	Full Members / Improvers Social Play		Group Coaching		Bookable
SATURDAY	09:00-10:00	Juniors Group Coaching			Juniors Group Coaching					
	10:00-14:00	Juniors Group Coaching			Bookable from 11:00	League Matches from 10:30				
	14:00-16:00	Full Members Social Play						Coaching	Bookable	Full Members Social Play
	16:00-17:30	Full Members Social Play								
	17:30-22:00	Free Play		Bookable	Free Play		Bookable	Group Coaching		
SUNDAY	09:00-10:00	Full Members Social Play				Free Play		Group Coaching		
	10:00-14:00	Full Members Social Play				League Matches have Priority				
	14:00-16:00	Beginners & Improvers Social		Bookable		Beginners & Improvers Social		Coaching	League Matches have Priority	
	16:00-17:30	Beginners & Improvers Social		Bookable		Juniors Group Coaching				
	17:30-19:00	Beginners & Improvers Social		Bookable		Beginners & Improvers Social		Coaching	Free Play	Bookable
	19:00-22:00	Free Play		Bookable		Free Play		Bookable	Group Coaching	

Club Tournaments

Members will be happy to hear that this year we will be running a fantastic 7 Open tournaments, 6 Veterans tournaments and 5 Handicap tournaments. This means we will be continuing all of the tournaments organised last year, subject to having sufficient entries in individual competitions.

After meetings with committee members and following feedback from club members, the 2018 tournaments will once again follow the format of last year but this year the finals' dates will be 'fixed' rather than flexible. Opening rounds are to be completed within 3 weeks, but there will only be 2 weeks between the semi-finals and finals. To help achieve these timescales and to prevent delays, in each competition it will be the responsibility of the "first-named" person drawn out of the hat, in each individual match, to contact his or her partner and/or opponent(s) to arrange a match. Further details will be available later with the entry form.

The finals of the various tournaments will take place over 3 weekends in July, August, and September (see table below).

Tournament Entries

Full details of all the tournaments, including an entry form, will be e-mailed out separately to members.

Only paid-up full members of ALTC - subscriptions to be paid by 1st April 2018 - will be eligible to enter the tournaments.

Completed forms, along with ALL appropriate fees will need to be returned to the club's organising committee by the deadline date of **Sunday 22nd April 2018** for all Open, Veterans *and* Handicap events to ensure entry/entries.

This year we have 3 members managing each of the 3 tournament types:

Open Tournaments	Paul Snell
Veterans Tournaments	Gary Clements
Handicap Tournaments	Jeff Howe

Best of luck for 2018!

Dates for Finals

Open Tournament	Ladies' Singles	Saturday 14th July – 12:00
	Men's Singles	Saturday 14th July – 14:00
	Men's Doubles	Sunday 15th July – 12:00
	Ladies' Doubles	Sunday 15th July – 16:00
	Mixed Doubles	Saturday 18th August – 14:00
	Men's Doubles Plate	Sunday 19th August – 12:00
	Men's Singles Plate	Sunday 19th August – 16:00
Veterans Tournament	Men's Doubles	Saturday 14th July – 16:00
	Ladies' Singles	Sunday 15th July – 14:00
	Men's Singles	Saturday 18th August – 12:00
	Ladies' Doubles	Saturday 18th August – 16:00
	Mixed Doubles	Sunday 19th August – 14:00
	Supervets Doubles	Sunday 16th September – 14:00
Handicap Tournament	Ladies' Doubles	Saturday 15th September – 12:00
	Men's Doubles	Saturday 15th September – 14:00
	Ladies' Singles	Saturday 15th September – 16:00
	Men's Singles	Sunday 16th September – 12:00
	Mixed Doubles	Sunday 16th September – 16:00

Wimbledon Tickets 2018

Following on from the success of last year's draw the Committee have decided to adopt the same format for 2018 as this ensures that the maximum number of Club members will be able to attend the Championships.

Please read the following:

- All tickets allocated to the club will only be used by club members. Tickets are drawn in pairs. Thus members allocated 2 tickets must take another club member with them on the day and you will need to inform the club who you are intending to take with you.
- No club member will be allowed to attend more than once on tickets allocated to the club.

To help this system work more smoothly we would again ask members to partner with another club member who they wish to attend with, in this way the second member can be withdrawn from the draw if the first is drawn out.

To qualify for the draw members will need to:

- be a fully paid up club member prior to the date of the draw.
- have opted in to the ballot on the LTA website prior to 23rd February.
- have completed the form below and sent it with your membership payment or handed it in behind the bar prior to the date of the draw.

The Club Draw will be held at the Clubhouse at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11th April.

All members who wish to attend are encouraged to do so, if you cannot attend however it will not affect your chances of being successful.

If you wish to be included in the draw please confirm your availability to attend the Championships by completing the form below.

Cut along this line:

I would like to be included in the Club's Wimbledon draw. I am, a fully paid up member of ALTC, a BTM member linked to Ashford LTC and have Opted-In to the draw on the LTA website prior to 23rd February 2018.

Name

I have partnered with

Membership Renewal Application 2018/19

WR Sports Club is the umbrella association appointed to principally promote, assist, support, provide and maintain facilities for Ashford Lawn Tennis Club, Ashford (Middlesex) Bowling Club and Ashford Table Tennis Club. Your membership of ALTC automatically includes your membership to WR Sports Club giving free access and use of the clubhouse and facilities at Woodthorpe Road, Ashford.

How your information will be used and stored

The information you provide us will be used to process your application to be a member of WR Sports and Ashford Lawn Tennis Club. Your contact details will be safely held in the clubhouse and used only for the purposes of communicating events, activities at the club or to contact you in the case of any incident/emergency. Your information will not be shared with anyone outside of the WR Sports and ALTC committee (consists of voted in members, Director of Coaching and Head Coach) and will be safely stored. Your personal information will be kept for a maximum of 2 years after you cease to be a member for the purpose of contacting you about the possibility of renewing your membership.

We would like to publish your name, telephone number and email address on the restricted area of the ALTC website which only members can access for the purpose of other members being able to contact you regarding tennis club related matters such as tournaments, arranging a game, events and for league matches. If you agree, it is important that you tick the relevant boxes below.

I agree to my name and the following details being published on the website

Telephone number (Home landline) Telephone number (Mobile) Email Address

Full Name(s):

Address:

..... Post Code:

Tel. No. Home: Mobile:

E-mail address:

Please tick membership category applied for:

Category	Annual Fees	Annual Fees if payment received by 1st April
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member	£210.00	£200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member Couple	£400.00	£380.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	see below*	see below*
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays only (9am-6pm, excl Bank Holidays)	£75.00	£70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (ID card required)	£110.00	£100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner/Improver	£110.00	£100.00

**Family discounts of £10 per adult and £5 per child are available to full members*

For enquiries regarding adult membership please call Chris Field on 07581 124985

Signature(s): Date:

Amount enclosed: £ (Cheques payable to 'Ashford (Middx) Lawn Tennis Club')

OR you can pay by Bank Transfer. Sort code: **20 - 46 - 73** Account no: **80121142**.

Please tick here if paying by this method

As space is often limited when adding a reference to an online payment, please use the following abbreviated format (Janet Crook is used in this example): 'MembCrookj', representing Membership, then 1st five letters of the surname, and then the first letter of the forename.

After signing, please send form (+ cheque if applicable) to Membership Secretary, Ashford Tennis Club, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx, TW15 3JX. Forms can also be left in an envelope in the secure box at the bar. **Fees are due by 1st April 2018 (no refunds given)**

Your membership subscription includes a payment to WR Sports Club (hereinafter called "the Club") which grants you sporting membership of the Club. You hereby undertake to contribute to the assets of the Club, in the event of the same being wound up while you are a member, or within one year after you cease to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club contracted before you ceased to be a member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.