

## Welcome to the Hildenborough Tennis Club Spring 2020 Newsletter

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**COVID19 – following the Prime Minister’s announcement on 23 March and other LTA guidance, the club is now closed for club activity. The Committee hopes you are all keeping safe and we look forward to seeing you on the courts in the not too distant future.**

### Programme of events

Date	Event	Time	Contact
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of each month	Club and open session for members and non-members – <b>SUSPENDED</b>	14.00 – 16.00	
Junior Easter Camps	Junior Easter Tennis camp (2 courts) - <b>CANCELLED</b>	9 – 11am Ages 5-9 11 – 1pm Ages 10-14	<a href="mailto:hildenborough@artennis.co.uk">hildenborough@artennis.co.uk</a>
3 <sup>th</sup> May	Hildenborough Open day (Fun Run) <b>CANCELLED</b>	11:00 – 15:00	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Tennis BBQ for charity	14:00 – 17:00	Karen
Late Oct	Club AGM <b>TBC</b>	19:30 – 20:30	Paulacarey@me.com

**Subscriptions** are normally due 1 April. However as the Club has had to close due to coronavirus we will extend your current membership until the Club is allowed to re-open. Once that happens we will issue Renewal Forms and the membership fees will be pro-rated for the remaining months to 31 March 2021.

**Wimbledon Ballot** - Based on our British Tennis membership who opted into the Wimbledon Ballot with the LTA by 14 February, the Club has been allocated 9 pairs of tickets for the Wimbledon Championships to be held between 29 June and 13 July 2020.

ALL Club affiliated Adult or Junior members who hold an active Lite or Team British Tennis Membership as at 14th February who Opted-In to the Wimbledon Ballot as at that date and who were paid up members of the Club on that date will be included in the Ballot. The draw will take place on Saturday 25th April at 10am.

**Coronavirus** – we don’t know if the Wimbledon Championships will be affected but the Club ballot will take place as usual. We have been advised that if the Championships are cancelled or postponed, the full face value of the tickets will be refunded. Should the event go ahead but a ticket holder be unable to attend the Championships, the LTA will also provide a full refund as long as they are informed up to 23.59 prior to the day of play.

Full details of the conditions of the draw will be advised to those who have entered nearer to the date of the draw. If you have any queries please contact Jo Garrett on 01732 832393 or [hildenboroughtennis@gmail.com](mailto:hildenboroughtennis@gmail.com). Or you can refer to the LTA website: [www.lta.org.uk/wimbledonballots](http://www.lta.org.uk/wimbledonballots)

**Court Maintenance** – If you have played recently, you will have seen that the courts have been power washed and the fencing has been refurbished. They are looking great and we thank you for your understanding as this work was carried out. We are aware of the final edging issues to be resolved to stop mud ingress and water in the gullies and have asked for quotes.

**Court Booking System** – as we have increased our membership, the courts are getting busier. There is now a court booking system on the website which you must use to book regular and ad hoc play.

Click on the tab at the top of the home page.

To book a court:

Enter your name

Which court you want to book

How long you want to book

Click on the calendar for when you want to start your session

Click submit for approval (it will be instant)

Please let us know at [hildenboroughtennis@gmail.com](mailto:hildenboroughtennis@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Weeds** – please pick up 2 or 3 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.

**Tennis Balls and Floodlight tokens** - These are available from Jo Garrett or other Committee members. Balls - 3 tubes for £10. Floodlight tokens - £2 for 30 minutes

**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.

**Annual Summer BBQ – Saturday 6 September at 2pm – our club charity day** - a chance to play social tennis, meet other members and enjoy a glass and a bite for a worthy cause. More details in due course.

**Tennis Club AGM** - The AGM will take place in late October in the club cabin at 19:30. 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.

**INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS KENT TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER 2019-20 results**

MENS Div 4. Withdrew

LADIES Div 6. Won 2 Lost 3 (3rd in the division)

LADIES VETS Div 2. Lost 4

MIXED Div 7. Lost 5

A tough season and although few wins we had some close fixtures. All clubs suffered with so many matches being cancelled, rearranged or played when the wind was blowing, bright sunshine and then rain but apart from the men's team we managed to complete all our fixtures.

The Ladies came third in their division but the other teams will probably be relegated.

A big thank you to all the captains and players.

**Junior tennis**

U16 girls div 2 West Kent. 3rd Jemima and Natalie Marks

U9 Boys Div 1 Bromley A. 4th James Clinning and Yahvin Singal

U8 girls Div 1. 3rd Jessica Rice and Lucie Vincent

We hope you can get back on the courts as soon as possible – in the meantime, stay safe!  
Best wishes from the Committee.