

## Welcome to the Hildenborough Tennis Club Spring Newsletter

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Yes it is spring, the evenings are getting lighter and the daffodils are coming into flower despite the winter weather. As a result, your tennis club committee have been busy arranging a programme of tennis events and getting the courts and facilities ready for the summer season.

### Programme of events

Date	Event	Time	Contact
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Funday Sunday	9:30 – 11:30	Karen
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> April	Junior Easter Tennis camp (2 courts)	9:00 – 13:00	Howard
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Cardio tennis taster session	14:00 – 15:00	Howard
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Court and facilities maintenance	16:00 – 19:00	Paula
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Hildenborough Open day (Fun Run)	11:00 – 15:00	Paula
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Funday Sunday	9:30 – 11:30	Karen
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Funday Sunday	9:00 – 10:30	Karen
21 <sup>st</sup> July	American Tournament For charity	14:00 – 16:00	Jo
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Funday Sunday	9:30 -11:30	Karen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	Funday Sunday	9:30 – 11:30	Karen
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	American Tournament and BBQ	14:00 – 17:00	Jo
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Funday Sunday (depending on matches)	9:30 – 11:30	Karen
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Club AGM	19:00 – 20:30	Paulacarey@me.com

**Funday Sundays** are intended to be an opportunity for you to bring along friends and relations who you might be able to persuade to play tennis. Any age or any ability welcome, one of the committee will be down to provide a racket and give basic coaching to get anyone going or have a knock up on the court or be challenged to a full set or two. Refreshments will be available as will rackets and balls of all sizes and shapes.

**Junior Tennis Camps** Howard will be running a range of courses for juniors of all ages on 2 courts from 9:00 until 13:00 on Tuesday through to Friday of Easter week and then for a variety of weeks in the summer holidays (to be confirmed). Please contact Howard (07906 379519) or see the club facebook page or website for details.

**Cardio Tennis Taster** This is the trendy way to use tennis as a way to get those heart muscles toned up. Howard will be running a taster course for members and non-members on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 14:00 – 15:00. Get in touch with Howard if you need further details.

**Hildenborough Fun Run** As usual we will be running an open day to coincide with the Hildenborough Fun Run on 7 May. We could do with volunteers to help man the stall at the top of the field, provide refreshments (cakes etc) and turn up to play. Please advertise the event to your friends and relations.

**American Tournament** Whilst Wimbledon fortnight is still in your mind and you realise that tennis is easy – well the professionals make it look so! Come along to our American Tournament – everyone plays with everyone else and counts the number of games won in each four game match, so it doesn't matter what standard you are. Refreshments (Cake and Scones, tea and Coffee on 21<sup>st</sup> July) will be provided and a small charge will be made to cover costs and make a donation to a charity. Later on in the summer (8<sup>th</sup> September) we will hold a BBQ – again for a small charge to cover costs. Please contact Jo nearer the time so she can organise the rounds.

**Tennis Club AGM** The AGM will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Kent Club Competitions** As you know we enter a number of teams in the Kent Interclub Leagues: 1 Mens, 2 Mixed and a Ladies team. Please contact Sian (cataractc@btinternet.com) if you are fit and able to play! Your club needs you. The fixture list is attached to this newsletter.

This past winter season :

Men's team: Division 5B won 1 and lost 3 – staying up  
Mixed team: Division 6B lost 4 – demoted!  
Ladies Team: Division 6B won 2 and lost 3 – staying up  
Ladies Vets (Over 40): Division 3B won 4 and lost 2 – staying up

Thank you to the captains and everyone who represented the club

**Court Maintenance** After years of sterling service, Maurice is gradually hanging up his pliers and withdrawing from the practical side of court and facilities management. So we need more volunteers to keep the courts etc up to scratch. Every time you are down at the courts, please pull up a few weeds and please join us for a spring clean on 5<sup>th</sup> May after the Saturday afternoon tennis session. Please let Paula know if there is anything that needs to be looked at beyond the simple weeding.

We know there is a problem of moss again on the third court and will try and deal with it as soon as the weather is a bit drier. Meanwhile please be aware it might be a bit slippery down in the corner.

**Ecoloo** Unfortunately the Ecoloo needs a special mention beyond that of regular facilities management. Please look after the facility and clean up after you (cleaner and gloves are in the cupboard in the loo) and please let one of the committee (Paula) know if there is a problem. The committee try and keep it clean but need your help as we cannot be down at the courts all the time to check.

**Annual Membership Renewal** Membership fees for 2018-2019 are now due – please see attached renewal forms – we have decided to save a little expense and not issue shoe tags this year – there will be a membership slip emailed upon renewal/payment to print out as proof of membership if required.