



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2020

Dear Members

Welcome to our March Newsletter. We hope you and your families are safe and well and aren't suffering too much from the current partial lockdown. Following the LTA and Government guidance, the clubhouse, courts and grounds are closed until further notice and all matches have now been postponed. The midweek evening sessions will not commence until further notice. In the meantime, please stay at home and stay safe.

Deborah Temple has done a fantastic job as Junior Captain but is stepping down. Many thanks to Deborah for her efforts! Please email elliswick.sec@gmail.com if you are interested in taking on this important Committee role.

Club Tournament

The tournament is postponed and we will advise all members of any revised dates once we understand timeframes and once we know when government restrictions are lifted.

Grounds and Clubhouse

We have had a topographical survey conducted of the club. This will feed into a lighting plan that 'Bright Sparks' lighting will do for us. This is the lead up to a formal planning application.

We have been investigating the creases on court 2, and we now have a way forward by deep cleaning, decompacting and resanding.

Socials

Our first social event of the year was Jazz evening. It was a really great evening enjoyed by all that attended. Unfortunately, we are now postponing our next social events until further notice.

Wimbledon Championships Tickets

The LTA allocated 52 pairs of Wimbledon tickets to the Club. 299 members opted in for the ballot. The LTA has run an automatic ballot for us and notified the winners. If you have been successful please let the LTA know as soon as possible if you do not want the tickets so that they can be re-balloted for other ELTC members. As regards what happens if the Championships are cancelled or postponed, the LTA says the following on its website:

If the Championships are cancelled or postponed the full face value of the tickets will be refunded. Should the event go ahead but a ticketholder be unable to attend The Championships [because of Covid-19], the LTA will also provide a full ticket face value refund as long as we are informed up to 23.59 prior to the day of play.

Team Tennis

Men's

All men's matches for the foreseeable future have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak in line with LTA and Government guidance.

Our Men's Captain is putting a few ideas together for more internal men's competitive opportunity in the case of a full cancellation of this summer's external matches/leagues.

Ladies

Sadly, no competitive play for Hot Rackets, Herts League or ladies friendly matches going forward. We had a great team practice session thanks to Ben a couple of weeks ago and we all look forward to be able to be playing again soon.

Mixed

We are pleased that Kate Curson has taken on the role of Mixed Team Captain.

Coaching

Whilst we remain in lockdown there will be no coaching. When things progress, we will follow LTA guidelines re: coaching. This may allow 1-2-1s before groups following strict guidelines initially.

If you want to express in private lessons when allowed to coach again, please contact Ben at btb_elliswickltd@hotmail.com

PS, Don't forget to keep up to date with events at our website <http://www.elliswickltd.co.uk>