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Newsletter of the Hendreds Tennis Club

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The club is in a very healthy condition. We have 164 members and enough money in the bank to pay for all the boring weed control and repainting which goes into maintaining the courts.

Thanks to John D'Alton, we now have a relaxed seating area at the back of the courts (away from stray cricket and footballs) with beautiful views of the village and surrounding hills, where we can watch the sport. John also did a fabulous job clearing huge amounts of brambly undergrowth, so he could put in the seats.

We've decided to make a few changes to club nights. Friday nights from May 7th will be a free for all from 6pm for adults and children. Bring picnics and play until the call of The Eyston Arms cannot be ignored. Thursday nights will be an opportunity for grown ups to play from 7pm – 9pm. All standards welcome but no under-16s.

One housekeeping issue, please can you let us know if we successfully emailed you your membership renewal form (by email if poss). We believe that this will be more convenient for you and it's certainly cheaper for the club. However if members object, we'll reconsider. (Also please tell us if you'd like our emails to go to more than one address in your family.)

DIARY – the HTC year so far

American Doubles
Club Nights

Summer tournament
Elvis in the Park
Friendlies against local clubs

Monday May 3rd (bank hol)
Fridays from May 7th - allcomers
Thursdays from May 6th - adults
Saturday July 10th
Friday September 10th
Throughout the year

COMMITTEE FOR 2010-11

The AGM was held on Thursday 24th March and the following committee was elected and we welcome Viviane Callaghan as a new member of the committee:

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FEES

Once again we have decided NOT to increase fees. They are:

Family	£70
Adult	£40
Junior	£10

You should have already received your renewal forms by email, but a copy can always be downloaded from the website (www.hundredstennis.co.uk) . Please return to Helen McAlister by May 31st if you wish to benefit from the £5 early payment discount.

We will be offering you the chance to sign up to paying all future membership fees by direct debit from 2011, which will remove the need to fill in a membership form unless your details change. This is far and away the most hassle-free way of paying, for you and for us, and will mean that you always get £5 off for early payment. Direct debit forms will be distributed later in the year.

If you choose to pay by cheque (and these will be phased out by 2018) you must get your form in by May 31st to get the discount.

TOURNAMENT – 2009 Winners (RunnersUp)

JUNIORS

Year 5 and Under, singles Angus Waddington (Oscar Clayton)
Year 6 and over, doubles Joseph Kelly, Alex Richards (Ollie John, Alice Raban)
McKinnon Plate Anna Kelly

ADULTS

Ladies' Singles` Molly Geach (Lucy Taylor)
Men's Singles James Spurgeon (Harry Kenyon-Slaney)
Ladies Doubles Molly Geach, Lorraine Clayton (Helen McAlister, Philippa Waddington)
Men's Doubles John McAlister, David Richards (Johnny Dewar, Dick Hunter)
Mixed Doubles Lucy Taylor, Dick Hunter (Ian Pearson, Jacq Shirburne-Davies)

This year's tournament will be **Saturday July 10th 2010**. It's always a great community event. The Pimms and the BBQ alone are well worth it and the sport is 'inclusive'. While the semis and the finals are usually very competitive, for most of us, it's an opportunity to practice our skills in sportsmanship and commentating.

CLUB EVENTS

American Doubles – Bank Holiday Monday May 3rd. 10 am to 1 pm.

This year we're opening this event to Ardington & Lockinge Tennis Club members and if enough players turn up it could become an interesting inter-village challenge! This is always a great morning out and an opportunity to play with people whose paths you don't necessarily cross regularly.

Racquets up at 10am. Children and picnics welcome. Mini tennis nets will be available and refreshments will be provided.

If you are intending to play, please let Simon John know by Friday April 30th, 821909 or sjohn30@me.com .

Club Nights These resume from **Thursday May 6th** for adults and **Friday May 7th** for families. (Please note, this is not a babysitting opportunity! The committee cannot supervise young children on these nights. Very sorry.)

Anyone interested in playing on Thursday nights should contact Simon John, 821909 or sjohn30@me.com, who is kindly taking the lead on this initiative.

Ladders The men's ladder got off to a start with several matches being played but no scores reported! We love this caring, sharing style of ladder and as long as everyone's happy, we're happy too. The ladies ladder will now be a doubles ladder, so please find yourself a partner (must be a club member) and we'll put this together. To get involved contact Alex Pearson, 862844 or alex@pearson.uk.com.

Friendlies Last year HTC played matches against Uffington (home, lost; away, won – although one of their members was quite badly injured even before this match started), John D'Alton's Nifty Fifties (lost – we hadn't realised they are prepared to play all ages!)

This year we have plans to play all these matches again and more against Standlake (a ladies match which will take place on the morning or afternoon of a weekday), Ardington and Blewbury. Sally Boddington is taking the lead on this please contact her on 833659 or sally@oldfarmhouse.tv All members are welcome to join these matches, and to suggest any others. It's broadly first come, first served for players of all standards.

ELVIS IN THE PARK

This is our big party this year on **Friday September 10th**. We have joined forces with Ardington & Lockinge Tennis Club and the Boar's Head Cricket Club to bring you the best Elvis tribute act out there in the beautiful setting of the Ardington Sports Club.

Tickets will be £15 for adults and £6 for children with food and you should have already received the poster with full details.

As this is a real "Downland Villages" joint event it will also be an opportunity for local village groups and societies to come along and run a stall for their own gain. We would like to create a real festival feel to the event and so stalls selling sweets, cakes, T-shirts etc would be welcomed. Hendred Entertains have already booked in to sell ice creams! Anyone interested should contact Helen McAlister on 832926 or five.mcalisters@virgin.net.

Sponsorship from local businesses would also be welcomed, again, please contact Helen if you are interested.

COACHING

Lucy Taylor's Thursday morning Ladies Groups continue to be very popular. She is prepared to run more groups if there is demand. She also offers individual lessons during school hours. Coaching out of school hours may be possible. She is running some children's sessions. Contact Lucy on 833637 or lucy@school-house.co.uk.

John D'Alton offers excellent coaching for both children and adults. He is very flexible on time. Contact John on 01235 835079.

Please note, in the interests of tennis we are offering non-members who sign up for coaching on HTC courts, one season's FREE trial. If you enjoy the lessons and wish to continue, you must join the club. We hope you agree this is fair.

TENNIS BALLS

We will again be selling these through East Hendred Village shop. At £5 a tube they are much cheaper than the high street, plus they're on your doorstep and the sales raise money for the club and the shop.

VANDALISM

Sadly this remains a serious problem. Last year one bunch lit a bonfire on the courts! We regularly find empty or broken bottles of vodka etc lying around which could cause serious injury.

Please report any incidents to us, or to the police, who are ready to tackle these miscreants but need our information to act. Contact any committee member or ring the police directly. Alison Smith is our local crime reduction officer. She is available on 01235-776007.

HAVE A GOOD SEASON'S TENNIS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON COURT.....