



## A message from Paul Phillips ELTC Chairman

### Important Information

- 2011 Summer Season Begins
- Big changes to our club facilities
- Social tennis continues on Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon

### Club Details

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### Statement

I wish you good luck for the new season and encourage you all to play as much tennis as possible whilst supporting the many social functions that are planned for the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Phillips

## Welcome!

We start the new season from this weekend with a Membership Open Day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 1.00pm. Why not come up and play some tennis, meet other members and of course renew your subscription by paying on this, the last day available to avoid missing out on the early payment discount!

Club social tennis continues on each Wednesday and Sunday throughout the summer:

- Wednesday – 7.30pm-9.30pm
- Sunday – 2.30pm-5.00pm

All standards are welcome and it is a good time to come up and meet your fellow club members and get used to playing with all standards. Balls are free during both sessions and floodlights can be used if required by purchasing floodlight tokens through any Committee Member.

## What has changed at the club?

We have seen many changes over the last 6 months. I am pleased to welcome Paul Anderson, Tom Kingham, Martin Wick and Michael Keown onto our Committee.

Paul has taken on the role of Ground and Premises Manager and has been responsible for a multitude of great changes and improvements to our club facilities, clubhouse and surrounding grounds.

To list just a few improvements we can now see: new notice boards, winner's boards, tennis equipment box, bar improvements, key cabinet and a secure subscription box. New Court, Fencing and Floodlight Plan.

Much work has also been done to clear up areas around the clubhouse, car park, gutters cleaned, repaint work, tree cutting, moss killing, new fencing and an entrance gate. Further work is scheduled for the replacement of damaged court fencing soon.

Tom has taken over the role as Membership Secretary and will no doubt be hounding you for your renewal subscriptions. Please make sure that you supply Tom with all contact details that are requested on the new look Membership Forms.

Martin has taken on the role as Assistant Treasurer to his Father Ian and has started by instituting a new method of reconciling income taken over the bar for match fees, balls, tokens, drink and confectionary. Please help by making sure that all Bar Key Holders, who should be the only people to enter behind the bar, understand the new system!

Michael has become Assistant Secretary to Elaine Holtham and will be of great use to the club for many administrative, social and marketing tasks.

A very big vote of thanks must be made to Alan Organ, Mike Bunyan and Roy Bowerman who have stepped down this year. Their help and support has been invaluable to the club over many years.

We also have a new Men's Captain... Michael Amey has taken over this role from Oliver Bunyan who will remain on the Committee for general duties. Thank you Oliver for the fine job you have done over the last 4 years. If you wish to play team tennis for the club please make Michael aware of this as soon as possible. Team trials will be starting soon, so now is the time to act

## Changes Cont'd

**Work Parties** – thank you to everyone who helped out with the general clear up tasks that have been going on.

**Social Calendar** – please check out our web site or the new notice board to find out about all the upcoming events at the club.

**Marketing for new members** – new door to door flyers, welcome packs, local advertising, open days and discount offers.

**Web Site** – changes to the look and feel of the site with more information and an interactive contact facility.

**Club Rules** – thanks to Michael Keown for producing a new set of club rules for adoption at the next AGM

**Membership and rota lists** – new clear to read and understand lists are now available in the clubhouse.

**Parent Membership** – a new parent / U11 category introduced from this April – see Membership renewal for full details.

**Tennis Buddy Scheme** – help to 'buddy' a new member – please let Paul Anderson know if you can help out.

## Court Development

We have invested a lot of time into looking at new courts, floodlights and fencing for our club during the past 12 months.

Several surveys have been carried out and the LTA have produced two in-depth reports on technical specifications for us. In order to seek any financial help that the LTA may be able to provide, we have had to look at replacing our current lease, which expires in 2016 with a new lease that will give us at least a minimum of 9 years maturity. Naturally we are seeking something in excess of that. To date Enfield Council has not given us any definite assurances.

The Government Spending Review has virtually stopped Councils in their tracks and they currently have to review all lease agreements. We are hoping that this situation will be resolved in the near future and that will then let us continue with our replacement plan.

Part of our partnership with the LTA will be underpinned by our commitment to achieving the National Clubmark Accreditation. This will ensure that the club has a firm framework put in place for future planning, growth and development. We will keep our Members informed of our progress.

Sincerely,

Paul