



RACKET! APRIL 2015



WIMBLEDON DRAW AND TOURNAMENT

The draw for the club's allocation of Wimbledon tickets will take place in the clubhouse this **Sunday, 29th March**. Head Coach James Lilley will be running a **Fun Tournament from 12.30 to 2.30 pm prior to the draw at 3pm**. The tournament is free and open to everyone, whether you are in the draw or not. Come along as see if you can become our very own HG Wimbledon champions! A great opportunity to join in some fun tennis and put James through his paces as he's just returned ~~from sunning it in Barcelona~~ (oops! sorry James!) from a gruelling study week in Spain! Doris will be serving hot dogs, cheese or ham rolls, Paul Campbell will be manning the bar and Pimm's will be available in the bar to kick off spring.



SUBSCRIPTIONS: A reminder that if you want to pay a preferential rate for your subscription, you need to get your money in by 1 April. Many thanks to so many of you who already have. And don't forget that from 1 April it's **"no pay: no play"**.

SPRING LUNCH: SUNDAY 26 APRIL 1.00 p.m. IN THE CLUBHOUSE. £6 special offer to start off the



season. Cheap as chips! Except not chips. Menu choices and signup sheet on the board. A delicious Doris lunch followed by Annie giving a short talk **"Bedroom in the House: Upstairs, Downstairs and in My Lady's Chamber: 30 years of roaming the corridors of power"**. Hmmm Intriguing – do "TOT-ter" along (even more intrigue...: you'll have to come along and find out!

And don't forget to sign up on the board as soon as possible for the:

PRE-WIMBLEDON DINNER DANCE FRIDAY 26TH JUNE AT THE LORD BUTE RESTAURANT.

Names accompanied by a deposit of **£10 per person** to Tricia (put an envelope through the office door), in cash or via cheques made out to Hale Gardens Lawn Tennis Club.

A Message from Keith Bates, Match Secretary:

This Tuesday coming sees the start of the Summer Season, and the first Match (on Tuesday 24th March) will be a meeting of the Ladies 2 Hale Gardens versus Ladies 3 Hale Gardens at 6.30pm. Please come and support both Teams. I Believe Annie will have the Bar Open!!

All Captains have been given their Fixtures List for the Season, so I wish everybody the best of luck for all their Matches.

Please be aware of new rule: If a Team gives a Walkover they also have 6 points deducted!



WEB NEWS: With the new Hale Gardens website live, members will shortly be receiving an email with details of how to login to the website. This will allow them to update their profile. But please be assured that:

Nothing personal will appear on the website without discussion
Each individual will have a personal veto over their information.
The site is absolutely super-safe.

Full instruction manual to follow very soon. There will be some facilities on the site which only members will have access to – but these are yet to be implemented.

And of course:



HALE GARDENS 35th ANNUAL JUNIOR OPEN TOURNAMENT:
12th – 18th April (free day on Wednesday 15th). Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help: if you haven't yet, please contact Mel. There will be no daytime court availability for members during that week other than the Wednesday, so we suggest you re-arrange your usual play to that day (and please be patient if the courts get crowded).

There will be a “**work party**” in the clubhouse from **5pm on Saturday 11th April** to prepare the clubhouse.

MILFORD TENNIS CLUB'S VETS OPEN TOURNAMENT 2015 will be on 20/04/2015 - 25/04/2015 (09:00 - 17:00). Some of you entered last year and had a great time.

BROADBAND AND NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: Please note we have broadband available at the Club and the new password is displayed in the small noticeboard near the bar (use lower case). The new Hale Gardens Clubhouse number is: **01425 619683**

For contributions to future editions, and membership queries, contact membership@halegardensltc.org.uk or ring/text Tricia (Membership Secretary) 07710 281139. The Club also has its own Facebook page. **Please note the new phone number for the club is 01425 619683**