

HERTS SENIORS TENNIS – WINTER SEASON 2016 – 17

Over 45's

All the Divisions in the various groups were very keenly contested with one of biggest surprises coming from THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Last year's winners Bishops Stortford found themselves in a real "dogfight" to save themselves from relegation - only to lose out by One POINT hence they were relegated to Group 1a

New Champions – **TOWNSEND 1** were very worthy winners dropping only 3 rubbers through the season in winning all SIX matches.

GROUP 1a

A rejuvenated **WEST HERTS 1** bounced back from being relegated last season they too won all their SIX matches dropping only 2 rubbers throughout the season.

In other groups the winning pattern was very similar where ALL the winning teams dominated their various Groups by winning ALL their matches

GROUP 1B – **LEVERSTOCK GREEN 1**

GROUP 2A – **ST ALBANS 2**

GROUP 2B – **POTTERS BAR 1**

GROUP 3A – **BERKHAMSTED**

GROUP 3B – **ELLISWICK 2**

GROUP 4A – **DAVID LLOYD – BUSHEY**

A particular mention goes to **BERKHAMSTED** who joined the league last year running away with GROUP 4a – then served up a repeat performance winning Group 3A – **BERKHAMSTED**, under the guidance of **Steven Passmore** have not been beaten over 2 years and even more impressive is they have yet to drop a set!!

So we will now see that they will do in Season 2017-18 in 2A

The Over 45's welcomed ONE new entrant – **ST. MARGARETSBURY**.

Over 55's

THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Dominated by **DAVID LLOYD – BUSHEY** who successfully retained their title by registering a heavy defeat over nearest rivals Harpenden 1. **DAVID LLOYD** were very strong throughout season in winning the Championship, by winning all SIX matches winning 28 rubbers and conceding only 2.

GROUP 1A

Won by **RICKMANSWORTH** in a very close fought contest with Radlett, Rickmansworth make a welcome return to the Championship where hopefully they can retain their place, and avoid yo-yoing between the 2 divisions.

GROUP 1B – Won comfortably by **TOWNSEND 1**

GROUP 2A - A very close situation developed between **LETCHWORTH 1** and **ELLISWICK 2** with **LETCHWORTH** winning the group by 2 points

GROUP 2B **BARNET** proved to be just a bit too strong winning the group with 26 points from nearest rivals **POTTERS BAR** – 21 points.

GROUP 3A – Saw new boys **THE DRIVE – EDGWARE** giving a good account of themselves in their maiden season winning all SIX matches and amassing 26 points along the way with **TOTTERIDGE2** 5 points adrift on 21.

Over 65's

This was the Inaugural year of our new age group competition which was very competitive indeed with three main contenders battling it out. Harpenden – Townsend & Potters Bar.

Although Townsend beat Harpenden 3-2 and looking at the league final table **HARPENDEN** ran out as the eventual winners with a better Sets & Games percentage.

	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
HARPENDEN	26 – 9	43-16	72.9%	292 – 190	60.6%
TOWNSEND	26 – 9	44-19	69.8%	293 - 199	59.6%

Congratulations to winning Captain Malcolm Fraser and his team

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