

ETON FIVES



takes off!



The Chairman of the Trust, Rodney Knight, writes,

"Eton Fives has come a long way in the twelve years since the Trust's foundation. With the generous support of enthusiasts for the game and very active EFA Chairmen and Boards, school fives has been reinvigorated, courts repaired and brought back into use and an ambitious programme of coaching support developed.

This leaflet gives you a flavour of what has been achieved and what is still to be done. The Trust is now launching its second major appeal for funds to carry on the good work.

We trust that all present and past players will want to be involved by making a regular contribution, large or small, or a donation to our endowment fund, which will benefit the game now and long into the future.

I ask you to consider how much pleasure you have derived from the game and at what a low cost. Please look at the different ways you can help now and make your personal commitment to the future of our splendid game."

The Trustees are: Rodney Knight, Chairman; Derek Whitehead, Secretary; John Rimer, Treasurer; Dale Vargas; Richard Barber; Michael Fenn; Consultant is Richard Black



Message from the Patron of the Eton Fives Association, The Rt Hon Lord Kingsdown KG PC

"I feel sure that you are all as inspired as I am by the excellent results achieved by the Eton Fives Association over the last years. It is clear that small injections of funds from the Trust have proved decisive in encouraging schools and clubs in their efforts to reignite enthusiasm and repair courts. I warmly endorse this Appeal and ask you all to make a regular contribution to enable this invaluable work to continue."

What have we achieved so far?

We have...

- launched a far-reaching strategy for the game to reinvigorate and expand it wherever it is played
- lots more students playing in the Schools Championships: three hundred and thirty pairs took part this year.
- inspired our sponsors, HSBC, to increase their financial support for the next three years
- established 'friendly fives' clubs among local communities
- used modern technology to create a digital database, facilitate match management and strengthen the community of fives players
- increased dramatically the number of women playing fives
- strengthened links between the EFA and every Eton Fives playing school – including initiatives in a number of state schools
- developed a vibrant Fives Coaching Agency that feeds young players into schools. An annual coaching weekend for Masters in Charge is held
- engaged a court expert (Squash & Leisure Services) to advise on court maintenance and construction
- introduced a simplified version - called One Wall Fives – for children. We've started it in Croydon, where it has been hugely popular, and plan to extend it to schools in every borough in London within 5 years
- incorporated the EFA into a limited company, so as to give the Association a more professional basis for our wider range of activities.
- appointed a paid administrator to do all our organisation for us.
- doubled the number of members of the EFA in the last five years – you'll know about our attractive and professionally-produced Annual Report.
- initiated an annual dinner, a genial occasion for Eton Fives players to meet.
- developed and updated our website www.etonfives.co.uk Pay us a call!



And where has the money gone?

Grants have gone to...

- Westway: a major investment in courts and coaching; these are the first courts in the country in a public sports centre
- Eton College: the building of a 16th court
- Lancing College: the refurbishment and enclosure of two courts
- Eaton School, Norwich: the reclamation and roofing of two courts
- Shrewsbury School: a comprehensive refurbishment of all its courts
- Uppingham School: reclamation of the boarding house courts

Money has been spent on...

- Coaching: the Rugby and Eton Fives Coaching Agency is providing coaches at 18 Eton Fives schools
- Eton Fives Coaching Manual, the complete guide to how to play and coach the game
- Coaching Weekends for Masters in Charge to improve their skill and coaching expertise.

And support has been pledged to...

- Stowe School
- Emanuel School
- St Bees School
- St Bartholomew's School, Newbury
- Cambridge University
- Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe





So if it's all going so well, why do we need your support?

We need...

- to teach people how to play - especially teachers in schools
- to help schools to keep up the quality of their facilities to encourage new players
- to pay people to help us to run the game
- to widen the frontiers: in particular to take the game of Fives to underprivileged communities through One Wall Fives
- to halt the wastage of young players, so many of whom give up Fives when they leave school to go to university
- to be ready to do something when courts are threatened – quickly, energetically and decisively
- to be prepared for the future by building up a capital reserve to ensure long-term funding and survival



Richard Barber, Chairman of the Board of the Eton Fives Association, writes:

"Our game today is thriving, and bursting with new initiatives but its resources are fragile. If we are to drive forward our aim to increase the number of people playing Eton Fives wherever there are Fives courts in the land, we need to have the resources behind us to back all we are trying to do. Please help us to achieve this as far as you possibly can."



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