



BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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*Merry
Christmas*

Seasons Greetings

Christmas is nearly upon us and 2020 is drawing to an end. It has been a challenging year for the world in general, which has affected us all. Fingers crossed that 2021 will be a new start and we can all have an enjoyable, and most importantly, healthy year, and that tennis, and Blaydon Tennis Club, can play its

part in this. We hope that everyone who has had the opportunity to play in December has enjoyed the newly refurbished courts (1—6).

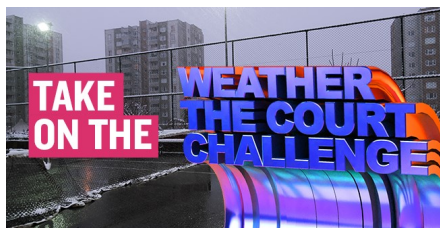
The club plan to have all courts open over the holiday period, so please come down and make the most of it, weather permitting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

From The Committee

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Court Rejuvenation

The club is delighted that the artificial grass courts have been rejuvenated during lockdown 2 and are ready to be played on. Many thanks to Steve and Billy from Replay who worked in all weathers to ensure the work was completed prior to lockdown ending.



Thank you!

Lockdown Maintenance

A huge thank you to all the volunteers for all your help during lockdown and beyond for all the general maintenance tasks: Richard Hindmarsh, Raffia Khan, Howard Adamson and Anthony Wilson. A special mention, and massive thanks to Committee members Ian Pearson and Jonathan Newton who went above and beyond in lockdown 2, giving their time to ensure the club was in the best possible share for re-opening.



Work completed included:

- * De-mossing the hard courts
- * Repainting net posts and railing
- * Clearing bushes, brambles, debris and leaves from the bankside
- * Cutting back trees around our borders and by our road sign
- * Tidying the storeroom and cleaned kitchen cupboards
- * Cutting the hedges at the club entrance
- * Drainage ditches dug up, or weeded and cleared of leaves

Thanks also to Dave Hickford and Trevor Smith for fixing our trace heating system just before the cold snap .

Thank you!

Grant Funding

We would also like to say thank you to Holly Robson, Martin Conway and David Rochester for their invaluable and ongoing input into the club's grant funding bid writing.



Weather the Court

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) have launched their #Weatherthecourt challenge!

There are prizes for members who post photos and videos of themselves playing tennis in bad weather with the hashtag

#weatherthecourts!



Social Sessions

Please book online, or contact organiser or blaydontc@googlemail.com

Tuesday Night	6.00pm - 8.30pm	(Ladies have priority)
Wednesday Afternoon	1.00pm - 3.30pm	(Mixed)
Wednesday Night	6.00pm - 8.00pm	(Team practice priority)
Friday Afternoon	1.00pm - 3.30pm	(Mixed)
Saturday Afternoon	1.30pm - 4.00pm	(Seniors Mixed)
Sunday Night	6.30pm - 8.30pm	(Mixed for beginners, improvers & new members)

Fit to Play

A note that members must be declared fit to play and should not attend the club if they are told not to for medical reasons or are showing any symptoms of Covid.

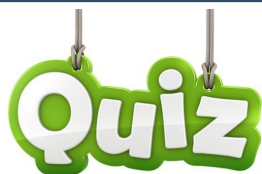
Thank You and Goodbye to our Groundsman, Danny

We would like to say a huge thank you to Danny (pictured). Danny will be leaving the club on 22nd December 2020. Danny joined us at the end of 2019 to maintain the courts weekly and has gone above and beyond in his role.

Danny is a former youth worker who has turned his hand to art. You can find some examples of his handywork here <https://www.facebook.com/dannygilchristdrawingsandpaintings/>

Danny was always a very friendly and welcoming face at the club and was always happy to chat.

Good luck Danny for the future!



All answers to the questions below are hidden somewhere in the name ANDY MURRAY (answers can be found below)

1. Another Andy presents the BBC's flagship Sunday morning political programme, what is his surname?
2. What instrument has varieties called Bass, Tabla, Djembe, Goblet, Tenor and Tongue?
3. What previous profession do Kelly Holmes, Bear Grylls, Henry Cooper, Michael Cain, Elvis Presley and Arnold Schwarzenegger all share?
4. What was the name of the character played by Antonio Banderas in the film, 'An Interview with a Vampire'?
5. What is the name of the market town on the South bank of the River Tees, two miles South of Stockton and home to a 9 court outdoor tennis club?



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