



BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Seasons Greetings!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members!

2021 has generally been a successful year for BTC and despite the continued issues with Covid, we end the year with a healthy membership and financially in a slightly better position than it was at the start of the year.

As I'm sure you are all now aware 2022 is Blaydon Tennis Club's centenary year and we have a number of events organised to celebrate this. More to follow, so watch this space!

I just want to give a special thanks to the committee, who I now know quite well. We have all been through the mill this year, but still pull together and give up our free time to keep the club running. Other thanks go to the various people (mentioned below) who assist with the ongoing maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds. It's an ongoing endeavour to keep the club facilities up to scratch! And finally, thank you to all of you - our members! I sincerely hope that 2022 brings some normality back to our world and we get the chance to see this in relation to our tennis and events at BTC.

Merry Christmas everyone and Stay Safe!

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Merry Christmas

Christmas Bowling Party!

We hope all who managed to attend our annual Xmas bowling party on Monday 20th December had a fabulous time! Every year Ian and the coaches work incredibly hard to organise a fun night out for all the kids and their families and friends, so Merry Christmas and here's to more brilliant tennis and fun in the new year.



Maintenance

We'd just like to properly introduce our groundsman David Oxley who took over from Danny this year. David has been working hard to look after our lovely courts. He is down every Monday and Thursday mornings to brush the courts. He also looks after other bits of general maintenance such as grass cutting.

Also looking after our club for us we have cleaners in to clean the clubhouse every week. To help them, please could all members ensure they put their rubbish in the correct bin (either recycling or non-recycling) or even better, take their rubbish away with them. Committee members have to take the rubbish to the tip and cannot recycle if the rubbish is mixed.

We also would like to mention some of our members who donate their time for free to look after the club; Richard Hindmarsh who looks after our plants beautifully; David Hickford who monitors the clubhouse alarm and is always on hand to help with maintenance issues; Nadia Conway who looks after safeguarding issues and our defibrillator; Sara Farrey who is club treasurer and processes payment for all of the maintenance the club requires; Ian Pearson-Brown, Jonathan Newton, Brian Clarence & Helen Clarence who organise and facilitate all the maintenance work our facility needs to stay open for our members; and finally invaluable input from Trevor Walters, Michael Farrey, Martin Conway & David Rochester. Thank you and Merry Christmas to you all, we couldn't do it without you!

Wimbledon Ballot 2022

The LTA ballot Opt In window for the The Championships 2022 will open **early in the new year**.

This is one of the LTAs most popular Advantage benefits and it's your best chance to get a seat court-side at Wimbledon next summer!

For 2022, **LTA Compete**, **Play+** and **Fan+ Advantage** members will be entered into one ballot, with everyone having an equal opportunity to purchase a pair of tickets on any show court, on any day, across The Championships.

The LTA will be in touch with members with more information when the Opt In window opens. LTA members over the age of 11 are eligible to Opt In

In the meantime, please sign up for *free* LTA membership if you haven't already.

LTA membership will also tie in with every BTC member's ITF World Tennis Number. More information on this can be found in the October newsletter.

Social Sessions

Club members' social sessions, will be running as normal over the holidays and into the new year. Most of the regular players at each of the below times have set up What's App groups for their sessions. Please enquire or ask to be added in next time you are along for a session.

Club members' social sessions, have courts booked at set times and are open to all members to come along and play (guidelines are given regarding the type of session) It is helpful if you book onto a social session you attend so the committee know how many courts are required each week and can make unused courts available for other bookings.

Tuesday Night	6.00pm - 8.30pm	(Ladies have priority)
Wednesday Afternoon	1.00pm - 4.00pm	(Mixed)
Wednesday Night	6.00pm - 9.00pm	(Men & Team practice priority)
Friday Afternoon	1.00pm - 4.00pm	(Mixed)
Saturday Afternoon	1.30pm - 4.30pm	(Seniors Mixed)
Sunday Morning	9.00am - 12.00pm	(Mixed)
Sunday Night	5.00pm - 8.30pm	(Mixed beginners & improvers)

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!

Please sign up to support Blaydon Tennis Club on #easyfundraising when you do any Christmas shopping this week. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate FREE funds to us at no extra cost to you.

Plus, if you join now you can enter the easyfundraising Advent Calendar and increase our chances of winning £250 every day and £10,000 on Christmas Day!

Sign up today here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blaydontennisclub/?invite=NGA55A&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox