



BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Update:

March is an important month for us at BTC.

Firstly, apologies for the late issue of the February Newsletter but it's been a busy month for a number of club volunteers, including getting ready for our AGM that was held on the 4th March. Although this is usually an annual event, unfortunately it wasn't held in 2020 due to the impact of Covid. The committee felt it was important that we didn't miss two consecutive AGM's. It was held online via a Zoom meeting and although this possibly meant some may have not been able to attend, turnout was excellent, and actually greater than both the 2018 and 2019 AGM's held at the club. A few minor technical teething issues notwithstanding, overall the meeting went well and was received well by the majority of those attending.

Secondly, and arguably more importantly, the government has announced easing of restrictions and from the 29th March we should be able to return to the club to play tennis. There will still be some restrictions in place, like the use of the clubhouse, but we will communicate details of the dos and don'ts once these have been confirmed by the LTA so all can return safely. Fingers crossed the weather will be kind through spring and summer, and the club can start to thrive again.

Finally, we appreciate that members might be wondering about renewing their membership and whether they're going to get some of this year's membership refunded due to the club being closed for lockdown. At the AGM, it was proposed that any current member, who has missed out due to the lockdowns, will be eligible to renew at a reduced annual rate for the 2021/22 year. Any member who has signed up for an automatic renewal should have received an email informing them of the reduced rate, and when their payment will be taken. Members who have not chosen to renew automatically should have received a renewal email during March for the year commencing 1st April 2021. If you wish to renew, and take up the reduced rate, you should do so by using the link within the email. New member rates will be posted on the website. If anyone believes they are an existing member and does not receive a renewal email with the reduced rate by end March please contact: membership.blaydontc@gmail.com.

Also, if anyone would like to remain a member but wish to change their membership category (for example, mini to junior, adult to retired senior etc) please contact Helen at the above email and she will help you.

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On TV

Our Secretary, Helen and our Head Coach, Jonathan have been interviewed by Tyne Tees to highlight the impact of Covid on our club and how much we look forward to being able to reopen.

Did you see them on ITV local news?

Sponsorship

We are going to be putting a sponsorship package together to help local businesses get back on their feet whilst providing another revenue stream for the club. If anyone has any interest or experience in this topic please could they get in touch with Ian.

Clubspark

Could we ask that all members check and update their details on their Clubspark account; gender and date of birth (if possible), to ensure you fall into the correct category for your renewals emails.

Email addresses must be up to date to ensure that you receive renewals and club communications.

Children's details should be registered individually for each child even when under their parents email login. This is required to enable court bookings.

Easy Fundraising

If anyone is interested they can use the easyfundraising website and nominate Blaydon Tennis Club as their cause. Please refer a friend link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blaydontennisclub/?invite=NGA55A&referral-campaign=c2s>

If members use this link to sign up with easyfundraising, a £5 donation goes to the club with your first purchase. You can then shop as normal and the club benefits.