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BROUGHTON AND DISTRICT CLUB – TENNIS SECTION NEWSLETTER1 2024

Dear Member

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. This is a special year for the tennis section, as tennis has officially been played at Broughton and District Club now for 100 years. We are planning a celebratory event on Sunday 5th May which we hope many of you will attend, to help us celebrate this amazing achievement.

I'm hoping that this newsletter will herald in the start of some warmer, drier weather to enable more of us to enjoy playing tennis at our fantastic facilities.

Your committee nominees were duly voted in at our AGM in February this year. You'll find a list of them and their duties in this newsletter. The committee are busy getting ready for the Summer season, with discussions about teams and the centenary celebratory event already taking place.

As always, I hope you find the information in this newsletter interesting and informative. If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or would like to offer your services as a volunteer to the tennis section, please speak to one of the tennis committee members or email us at broughtontennis@gmail.com

Julie Drinkall – Honorary Tennis Secretary









Christmas Eve Tinsel Tournament 2023

Many thanks, once again, to Elaine and Michael for organising, yet another fantastic, family 'Christmas Eve Tinsel Tournament'. The smiling faces on these photos show what a great fun, family event this was for all involved.





















Presenting

Lee Calvin

A Brilliant Singer and Entertainer with a good selection of songs to please everyone. 'Not to be missed'

Put the date in your diary, and support this free event. Please book your table in advance.

Friends and family welcome, if not members just sign them in. Bar opens 7pm.

October 2023 – Court Power Washing

Many thanks to the small team of volunteers who helped us to clean the front three courts in October 2023. It was a messy and back breaking job, but very necessary to ensure that our courts were playable during the Winter months. I'm sure we all very much appreciate the hard work that went into it.











We have entered the following teams this year:

Adult Fylde

<u>Mens</u> 1st Team – Tom Lloyd A Team – Henry King B Team – Pete Murphy C Team – Nick Sant D Team – Ian Cooksley E Team - Tadz Kopydlowski New F Team – Stephen Kitchen <u>Ladies</u> 1st Team –Dorothy Bamber A Team –Di Kelshaw

Adult Ribble

Ribble A – Lisa Hawkins/Libby Flintoff Ribble B – Tadz Kopydlowski Ribble C –Alison McMichael

> <u>Junior Fylde</u> U16's (girls and boys), U13's <u>Junior Ribble</u> U16's, U14's, U12's

Junior Organisers/captains – Tony Birch, Stewart Daffin, Helen Gooch, Dom Hollins, Kevin Dunne, Sebastian Milea, Andrew Sturzaker, Matt Duckworth, Jimmy Oliver.

As always, we would like to extend a big thank you to all those who have volunteered to be captains; without captains and organisers, we would not be able to field these teams.



TEAM TENNIS 2024



ALL YEAR

Our social <u>**'Turn Up and play sessions'**</u> are on all year round and include:

Monday and Wednesday mornings 9am-1030am Contact: Linda Stirrup Monday evenings 6pm- turn up and play for team players 6pm - 8pm Contact: Tadz Kopydlowski Wednesday evenings – 6pm-8pm and Sunday mornings 10am-12pm -for rusties/intermediates/beginners Contact: Linda and Geoff Francis

We also have an unofficial ladies' group of arranged 4's which runs all year: Weds morning ladies - Fylde team player standard 10.30am-12.30pm Contact: Dorothy Bamber

WINTER ONLY

Our **organised fours' sessions** will come to an end mid -April as the match season kicks into play. They include:

Weds night higher division Fylde men's team players 7pm - 9pm Thursday night – Arranged Mixed night 6.30pm-8pm (with food in the bar afterwards)







Committee Roles	Name	Responsibilities	
Chairperson	David Welton	Supporting efficient running of section.	
Vice Chairperson	Lisa Hawkins	Providing support to the chair.	
Secretary	Julie Drinkall	First point of contact, membership, coaches contact, Clubspark website admin, LTA admin, newsletters.	
Treasurer	Mike Hawkins	All financial considerations	
Welfare Officer	Alison McMichael	All matters relating to Safeguarding	
Minute Secretary	Di Kelshaw	Minutes of meetings and AGM	
Coaching	Wayne Scott	Delivery of coaching programme	
Junior Rep	Dom Hollins	Junior issues, coordinating with the junior organisers.	
Social Tennis	Linda Francis	Overseeing an active social/tournament programme. Club liaison.	
Facilities Co-ordinator	Tim Threadgold	Facilities Co-Ordinator. Facility care and management	
Captains Rep	Tadz Kopydlowski	League team entry and organisation	
Membership Development	Pete Murphy	Coordinating and promoting a development programme with the aim of creating a vibrant and supportive environment for all our members to enjoy and one that encourages new members to join.	





GRADE 5 LTA TOURNAMENTS TO BE HELD AT BROUGHTON

 All our members are encouraged to enter. Places are allocated via the LTA on a first come first serve basis and places must be reserved at https://competitions.lta.org.uk

<u>U12's 22nd July</u> Entry opens 6th June Closing deadline – 16th July



<u>U16's 23rd July</u> Entry opens 7th June Closing deadline – 17th July



ADULTS 16th August Entry opens 1st July Closing deadline – 10th August





Grade 5 Tournaments

These tournaments are for club, local or county players looking to compete.
You'll get plenty of opportunities to practice your skills – junior and adult players will play a minimum of two matches.

•All results will count towards your ITF World Tennis Number, and you will get a ranking from playing in these competitions.



Our Slinger Ball Machine is still available to hire for £3 per half hour (minimum 1 hour). Go to the 'ball machine' tab of our website

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Brou ghtonandDistrictTennisClub for more information

Our 'Singles Ladders' for Age 15's and over are a great opportunity to play some competitive singles tennis. Make sure you add your name and phone number to the ladder in the pavilion if you would like to take part. We are currently reviewing how the ladder is organised, please keep an eye on the noticeboard for any important changes. If you have your name on the ladder, please be proactive and start challenging people above you. This way the ladder does not stagnate...

Polite Reminder re GUESTS.

Members are permitted to invite guests to play tennis on up to 6 occasions per guest. We ask that members ensure they pay a fee of £5 per guest/per visit please.

This can be done in three ways:

- Bank transfer the £5 to the tennis club account with an email to broughton tennis@gmail.com to explain what the payment is for.
- Pay by credit card when you book the court, by adding the visitors name in the guest section of the booking. Clubspark will recognise they are not a member and invite you to pay the £5.
- Put £5 in an envelope and post it in the box in the pavilion behind the door, making sure you write on what and who it is for.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 5th May 1pm onwards.

For our special 'Centenary Event 2024'.

Comprising of an American Style Family Tennis Tournament; food, including a special celebratory cake and drinks in the bar afterwards. A special display of photos from the past and all of our engraved tennis section trophies will be on display for members to look at. For those of you who wish to party until late - the bar will be open from 1pm and into the evening. And to make this into even more of a special celebration, some of our tennis members with hidden musical talents have offered to perform for your pleasure. If you have a hidden musical talent and would like to help us create a special event by playing a musical instrument, please get in touch. So far, we have a saxophonist and a singer. Email - broughtontennis@gmail.com

Buy our branded clothing online at https://shops.fabryx.co.uk/collections/broughton-and-district-tennis Last year branded clothing purchases raised £59.39 for the club.



Clubhouse Bar Opening Hours

Evenings

Mon-Thurs 7pm-11pm Friday 4pm-11pm Saturday 7pm-11pm Sunday Closed



Saturday 12pm-3pm Sunday 12pm-5pm

them onto her.

Last orders will be called 30 mins before closing time. Anyone entering the premises in the evening, after last orders have been called, will politely be refused service.

Afternoons

Have your say!

Lisa Hawkins – our new Vice Chair is currently putting together a **three-year development plan** for the tennis section. If you have any thoughts or ideas to help her with this task, simply email them to <u>broughtontennis@gmail.com</u> and we will forward

JUNIOR PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON 2024

Broughton and District Club Event Saturday 13th April 2024 - 10am start U14's Singles, U16's Doubles

All players must have an LTA <u>Advantage</u> membership number and an ITF World Tennis Number between 23.0 and 40.9 at the time of the event they're competing in. A player's singles ITF World Tennis Number will be used for the singles pathway and player's doubles ITF World Tennis Number will be used for the doubles pathway.



ITF Over 65's World Championships 2024



Dorothy Bamber receiving her bronze medal in the over 80's mixed doubles



Pam McGrath receiving her gold medal in the over 90's singles

Dorothy Bamber and Pam McGrath, both long standing members at Broughton & District Tennis Club, have been on their latest adventure - to Turkey this time - to play tennis, in the ITF Over 65's World Championships 2024, with fantastic results(see images). Pam's mixed partner – Australian - Henry Young became the first competitor aged 100 to ever compete at the ITF Masters World Individual Championships in 2023. In an interview for Tennis Australia, he said "I've got two new knees, a new hip, a pacemaker, hearing aids, two new noses and I'm still playing and enjoying it. I think particularly when you're very old, I think it's very nice to have something that keeps you active. I'll keep playing until I start embarrassing my doubles partners. I think I've got a few years left in me yet." And he certainly didn't embarrass our Pam, helping her win a silver medal this time round. Huge congratulations to both Pam and Dorothy.

I think you will all agree their successes continue to be truly inspirational!



Dorothy Bamber receiving her silver medal in the over 80's Team GB



Pam McGrath and her partner Henry Young won silver medals in the over 90's mixed doubles





Coaching Programme

	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Saturday	
4-5pm	Mini Red			9.30am- 10.15am	Mini Red
5-6pm	Mini Orange	Junior 2	Junior Green	10.15am- 11.00am	Mini Orange
6-7pm	Junior Green	Junior 1	Junior Orange		
7- 8.30pm	Adult – Beginners & Improvers				
8.30 -10pm	Adult - Intermediate				



If you would like to join in these sessions, please contact our Head Coach - Wayne. (Please book a place, rather than just turning up.) **Racket stringing** Telephone or text: 07825 551360 is also available - prices vary. Email: waynescott314@yahoo.co.uk Please contact Wayne to Junior sessions – members £6, non-members £7 arrange. Adult sessions – members £8, non-members £10

1:1 coaching

with LTA level 3 Head Coach Wayne is available at £25 an hour, £30 for 2:1 (N.B. non-members are required to pay an extra court hire charge of £6 for 1:1or 2:1 coaching.)

1:1 sessions (coaching and hitting partner, specialising in performance play) with Assistant LTA level 2 coach - Joe Bates are £20 an hour for adults, £15 for juniors (N.B. non-members are required to pay an extra court hire charge of £6 for 1:1 coaching.)

A big welcome to Lisa Hawkins, she is a qualified LTA level 1 coach working towards her level 2 and is now supporting Wayne with his junior sessions.

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Safeguarding 2024

Contact details

Alison McMichael our Welfare Officer can be contacted on <u>tel:+447887782354</u> or via email at <u>safeguarding@broughtonanddistrictclub.co.uk</u>

You can contact the LTA Safeguarding Team on safeguarding@lta.org.uk Please also find a link below to the LTA Safe To Play Campaign. <u>https://www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk/</u>

The LADO - The Local Authority Designated Officer can be contacted on Children Services 0300 123 6720 Adult Services 0300 123 6720

How to raise a concern about a child or an adult at risk at the club

If a child or an adult at risk is in immediate danger or risk of harm, the police should be contacted by calling 999.

Where a child or an adult at risk is not in immediate danger, any concerns about their wellbeing should be made without delay to Alison McMichael – the Tennis Welfare Officer for Broughton and District Tennis Club.

Alison will pass the details of the concern on to the LTA Safeguarding Team at the earliest opportunity and the relevant local authority and the police will be contacted, where appropriate.

Our safeguarding policy can be found on the noticeboard in the pavilion and all our polices – in line with LTA regulations - are available for members to read on the safeguarding tab of our Clubspark website.

