

Broughton and District Club Tennis Newsletter Autumn 2023

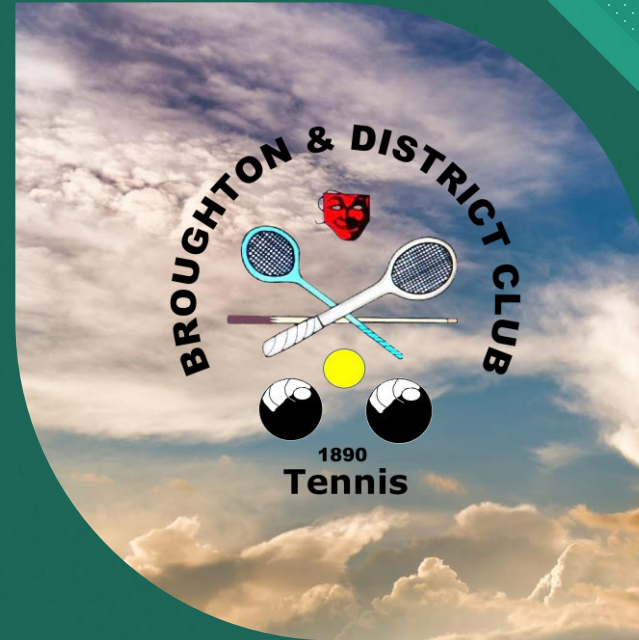
Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Even though the Summer season has come to an end, there's no time to put your tennis rackets away as we have lots of activities to take part in during the Autumn and Winter months. With turn up and play sessions, coaching opportunities, arranged 4's evenings and a new Autumn/Winter singles ladder there's still lots going on. We had some fantastic results in both the adult and junior summer leagues, and you can check out some of our successes on the next page of this newsletter. Our club competition has been coming to an end over recent weeks, but we have been able to continue to provide members with opportunities to play competitive tennis by entering the Autumn, men's and mixed leagues (the mixed league is a new format, which we believe has been a great success and most importantly lots of fun to play in).

Membership numbers remain really positive and at the last count we had 321 members – 114 of which are juniors. It's fantastic to see the courts busy being used by adults, juniors & chaperones. Thanks to our team of volunteers, Wayne and Joe's fantastic coaching abilities and our top-class facilities, the word that Broughton Tennis Club is the place to play tennis is getting round.

As always, if you have any achievements you would like to share with us, please get in touch at broughtontennis@gmail.com

Julie Drinkall – Tennis Secretary



Team Tennis Summer 2023

Adult Season League Results

Fylde

Men Div 1 - 5th place

Men A Div 2 - 2nd place - **promoted**

Men B Div 4 - 3rd place

Men C Div 5 - 2nd place - **promoted**

Men D Div 5 - 5th place

Men E Div 8 - 2nd place - **promoted**

Ladies Div 2 - 3rd place

Ladies A Div 3 - 2nd place - **promoted**

Ribble

A Team Div 1 - 3rd place

B Team Div 4 - 2nd place - **promoted**

C Team Div 5 - 6th place

Junior Season League Results

Fylde

Boys U17's Div 1 - 1st place - **League Winners**

Boys A U17's Div 1 - 2nd place

League Runners up

Ribble

U14's 3rd place

U12's 1st place - **League Winners**

Congratulations to:

1. Our **U17's** and **U12's** junior teams.
2. The men's **Fylde E** team, the men's **Fylde C** team, the men's **Fylde A** team, the ladies **Fylde A** team and the **Ribble B** team who should all be promoted into higher divisions next year. This is the most teams we have ever had promoted in one single year.
3. **Annabel and James Benson**. Annabel is this year's Under 11's Girls Lancashire Champion and James is the Lancashire Under 9's boy's runner up. You can see Annabel and James regularly practising with their Dad at the club – all their hard work is continuing to pay off.
4. **Dorothy Bamber** who, with her partner Carol Davies was runner up in the ladies 80's doubles ITF Masters Tournament played at the official Wimbledon practise Aorangi courts. They lost to the GB No.1's - Jenny Waggott and Fran McLellan. It was a close match 6-1, 7-6.
5. **Pam McGrath, Dorothy Bamber** and **Chris Baron** who are currently out in Mallorca playing in the World Team & Individual Championships representing team GB in the 85's, 80's and 75's respectively. So far Pam has won a silver medal for GB in the team 85's competition, (Gold went to USA); Dorothy has won a bronze medal for GB in the team over 80's competition (Gold went to France and Silver to USA) and Chris has narrowly missed out on a medal, coming 5th in the team 75's. What amazing achievements and a fantastic experience for them all. We wish them lots of luck in the individual events next week.



Broughton & District Club
A CHRISTMAS EVE EXTRAVAGANZA
 Sunday 24th December 8pm.



Presenting **Kearra Bethany**

JOIN US FOR A 'CHRISTMAS EVE' OF LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN THE HALL PROVIDED BY THE MARVELOUS - KEARRA BETHANY

BRING YOUR OWN FESTIVE BUFFET

Tickets £10 per person
 Available from the bar during opening hours

Broughton & District Club
NEW YEARS EVE Party Night
 Sunday 31st December 8pm..






Presenting **Danny King**


The ever popular Danny King will be performing in the Hall, on Sunday 31st December. Come join the party and see in the New Year

BRING YOUR OWN PARTY FOOD

Tickets £10 per person
 Available from the Bar during Opening Hours.

 **Slinger Ball Machine** 

 Available for hire to all **adult and chaperone** members - £3 per half hour – minimum 1 hour.

 Find more information on the 'Ball Machine' tab of our Clubspark tennis website

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BroughtonandDistrictTennisClub>

Tennis Section Christmas Lunch
 Friday 2nd Dec. 2023 @ Longridge Golf Club
 Sign-up sheet now in the pavilion.






Polite requests...

- Please cancel courts if you are not going to use them, even if it is due to bad weather – what you view as bad weather, other members may feel perfectly happy to play in.
- Please use the court you have booked & if you decide to change on the day, alter the booking on the booking sheet, if possible.
- Please turn off the lights at the switch on the back courts 4,5,6,7 even if they go out on the timer at 10pm - otherwise they come back on during the following day – we have had a few instances of this happening recently.




President's Day 2023




Other dates for your diary

Competition Trophy Presentation & Quiz Night
 Friday 17th Nov 2023 - 7.30pm Wilson Room



Centenary Tennis Event – including American Tournament and party food in the bar afterwards.
 To celebrate 100 years of tennis at Broughton and District Club
 Sunday 5th May 2024 – 1.30pm onwards





Our new **'Singles Ladders' for Age 16's and over** are a great opportunity to play some competitive tennis over the Winter. Make sure you add your name and phone number to the list in the pavilion before the end of October to be included in the first draw.



Branded Sportswear

- Thanks to all those members who have bought our branded sportswear. 10% of all purchases come back to the club.
- By buying and wearing the branded clothing you are helping to promote our facilities and contributing a little financially to help us run the club.
- You can purchase your clubwear at:



<https://shops.fabryx.co.uk/collections/broughton-and-district-tennis>

Recent LTA Safeguarding Evaluation

The LTA have completed their evaluation of the effectiveness of safeguarding measures in place at Broughton and District Tennis Club and were impressed with the procedures that we currently have and how we actively engaged with the process. The final report has highlighted a few changes that we should make – including ensuring we adopt the LTA’s new policies for 2023 (all 8 of them!) including a new one on staying safe online and setting up a dedicated email address where safeguarding issues can be raised. As soon as we have got these documents in place and signed off by the committee, we will provide members with more detail of the new safeguarding procedures via a special safeguarding email.

Members Safeguarding Survey

Thank you to the 49 members (15% of the total membership) who completed the LTA safeguarding survey – the LTA representative, who did the evaluation, said the norm is @10% so we had above norm engagement. 87.7% of the 49 members said they knew how to contact the Welfare Officer. Lisa’s information is included on this page next to her photo; her details and details of how to contact the LTA are on the safeguarding page of our website; they are also displayed on the noticeboard in the pavilion.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BroughtonandDistrictTennisClub/Safeguarding>

The responses were anonymous, but if anyone wants to follow up on any areas they raised in the survey, with Lisa, or any of the committee members, please be assured that all conversations will, as always, be totally confidential and of no detriment whatsoever to the person raising the concern. This is also the case for any queries or concerns members wish to raise at any time. Rest assured that the committee of volunteers at Broughton and District Club are always striving to do their best to provide you with top class facilities and a safe environment to enjoy playing tennis. As such the results of the survey will be reviewed at our next committee meeting and as always, we will do our best to improve any areas that have been highlighted as areas of concern.

Here are just a few of the lovely comments members made about our club... (there were no negative comments recorded)

“The Club takes safeguarding very seriously and I feel confident in leaving these matters to the committee”

“It’s a great club, great committee, very welcoming and open”

“Wayne Scott is always respectful to children and parents alike and a positive role model.”

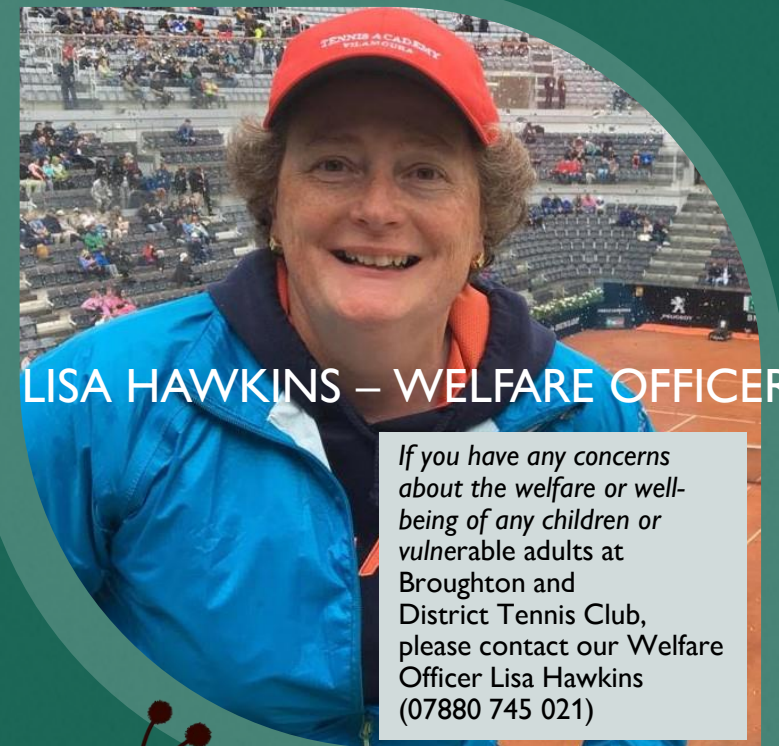
“I am lucky to be a member of such a well-respected club”

“Joe is a fantastic tennis coach and great positive safeguarding practise”

“You could not meet a better cross section of genuine, caring club members”

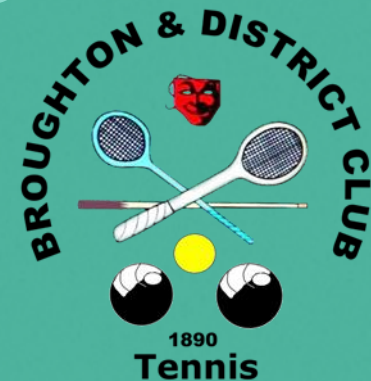
“The tennis secretary, welfare team, coaching team and wider committee have driven the development of the club leading to increased participation at all levels. The increased number of junior members and thriving sessions are a reflection of the safeguarding work that has taken place.”

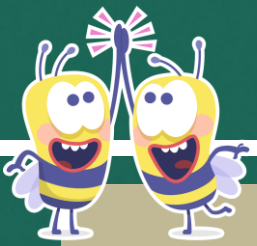
“Lisa Hawkins (Welfare Officer) is extremely diligent and thorough”



LISA HAWKINS – WELFARE OFFICER

If you have any concerns about the welfare or well-being of any children or vulnerable adults at Broughton and District Tennis Club, please contact our Welfare Officer Lisa Hawkins (07880 745 021)





Tennis Fees 2024

The tennis committee and club are always striving to ensure that tennis is an affordable sport, particularly during these difficult financial times for families. Against this background we are pleased to report there will be no increase in tennis membership fees next year.

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				

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

Hitting sessions
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.)

Racket stringing
is also available - prices vary. Please contact Wayne to arrange.



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



Request from Tennis Lancashire Volunteers needed!

The Learning Disability National Finals will be running at Bolton Arena from 10th-12th November, and we need your help!

To help the event run smoothly we need volunteers to assist the players on court – help collect balls, guide players to the correct position on court before they serve / receive, remind them to change ends etc. Each court will have a chair umpire to officiate and keep score, so the volunteer role is to just help make the matches as efficient and simple for the players as possible.

You can volunteer your time for all 3 days, 1 day or even just half a day – whatever you can offer would be fantastic. If you're interested, please contact the Tournament Director, Christine Randall-Klee on 07971141036 or Christine.klee@lta.org.uk.