

KNUTSFORD TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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In this newsletter... Randle Brooks... Committee Vacancies... Jan Chambers... Court Maintenance... Wimbledon Tickets... British Tennis Membership...

RANDLE BROOKS

You may be aware our landlord, Randle Brooks has sadly died recently. He was a big supporter of cricket and sports in general and granted our Sports Club a long lease.

The Main Club have sent a letter of condolences to the family.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

We still have two vacancies on the committee and would really appreciate some support around social media and marketing presence. Please help - even on a temporary basis into the new year.

The Safeguarding Role will now include Welfare. Sonia Amos has kindly agreed to expand her existing role to include this.

JAN CHAMBERS

Former tennis member Jan Chambers sadly passed away last week. For those who remember her, she always played with a smile and usually had a story to tell. She was well known in the Knutsford community and had been a teacher at Knutsford High School.

COURT MAINTENANCE

A regular subject in our winter newsletters - and **Guy Hill has done an amazing**

job in cleaning the courts during lockdown. And a **big thank you to everyone who helped Guy** in watering, brushing, and hoovering.

If you would like to help in future, please let us know and we can add you to **"Guy's Crew" WhatsApp. Every little effort helps!**

And 2 things to be aware of...

1. **PLEASE PLEASE avoid stepping in the muddy grass** / sides of paths to avoid taking dirt onto the courts and please wipe your feet if you can.

And just to note as soon as the weather improves – i.e. gets drier - then the paving area will be extended to the side of the club house leading on to the courts.

2. During the winter months, the combination of **shadows and cold temperatures mean that the back of courts 1-5 may be icier than you think**. So please take extra care.

Mark will always advise members of conditions on club nights.

HAVE YOU GOT BTM?

No, not a variant of Covid - but have you got a British Tennis Membership (BTM) number?

A BIG REMINDER – visit lta.org.uk/member and sign up. Once you have your BTM number, **you need to add it to your Knutsford ClubSpark profile.**

WHY?

The total number of BTM Members registered to the Club will determine how many **Wimbledon Tickets** we will be allocated for the 2021 Wimbledon Draw. In the past we've received around 25 pairs of tickets to distribute at the Club, but we could be allocated even more if we have a greater number of registered people with BTM numbers.

More info on the draw process for 2021 will follow in the New Year but to get ready please make sure you have a BTM number and that it shows on your ClubSpark profile!

Another benefit of having a BTM number is the opportunity to become a rated player. It is a little like having a golf handicap.

Read more here [British Tennis Membership: Ratings and the leagues | Local Tennis Leagues](#)

Members of the KTC teams are now required to have a BTM number. Guy and Kirstie will be checking up on this and can explain the benefits to you!

BTM also gives access to exclusive offers at the LTA, discounts on tickets and clothing, and access to the Wimbledon Ballot while also keeping you up to date

with the monthly BTM Newsletter.



**We wish all our members,
their families and friends
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.**



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