



Rowntree Park Tennis Club – 2024 Newsletter

Gentle reminder:

Membership Fees for renewals for Season 2024 are **due by 1st April**

- Adult £90
- Couple £160
- Family £185 (2 Adults + children up to 16 years)
- Parent £130 (1 Adult + children up to 16 years)
- Junior / Student £40
- Off Peak (Mon-Fri only before 6pm)
 - Adult £45
 - Family £70

[Click HERE to go to the Membership page on the Rowntree Park Tennis Club website](#)

Rowntree Park bank account details: Sort Code 30-96-97 Account 48213168

Hello Everyone,

Welcome

Welcome to the 2024 tennis season at Rowntree Park!

It should be an exciting year with a lot going on!

A chance to get out in the fresh air & enjoy the exercise & camaraderie which playing tennis in this beautiful Park brings.

News Headlines

- **The 2024 Season kick-off** went ahead in the sun on Saturday 23rd March with tennis, hot dogs & refreshments. Thanks to James, Paul, Donna & Cath for organising





- **Pavilion Development**



- Phase 1 work involves the development of the downstairs in floodproof materials. Work starts end of April 24 & runs until July 24. This is funded in part by the Tennis Club (£20k) & in part by York City Council (£15k). This will give us:
 - 2 disabled toilets
 - 2 changing rooms
 - Kitchenette
 - Storeroom
 - High shelving for storage (above the floodline)
 - Disability ramp
 - New windows & doors

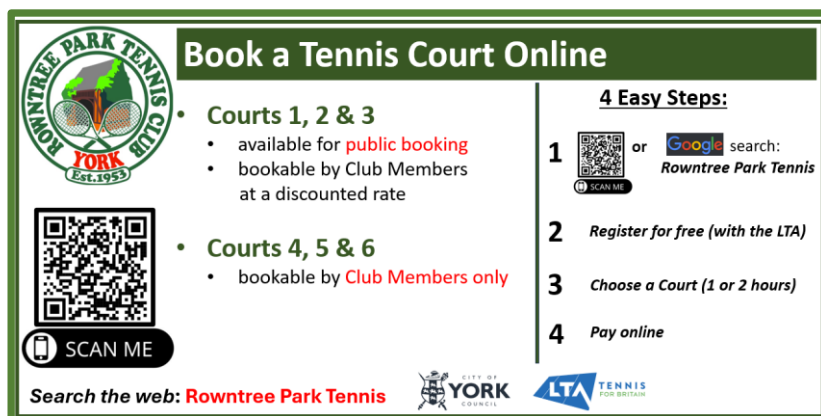
- **Court Cleaning**

- Courts 1 to 6 were professionally cleaned at the start of March 2024 following floods
- Annoyingly, floodwater has removed some surface paint on Courts 2, 3 & 4 (black patches). These patches are a little unsightly but are not slippery



- **Court Signage**

- 8 new canvas banners (6ft x 3ft) have been ordered for early April to replace the ageing ones currently on display. These will advertise the benefits of Club Membership, highlight the Club philosophy of 'tennis for all', as well as explaining how to join & how to book a court
- Fresh laminated Court Numbers & Welfare information has already been mounted on Courts 1 to 6



- **Coaching**

- The Club is working to engage a female coach to run group sessions on late Saturday mornings. Exact details are yet to be agreed (more info coming soon), but we expect to offer:
 - Adult 'Basics' group sessions
 - Adult 'Intermediate' group sessions
 - Also, Adult midweek cardio sessions

We are keen to gauge the potential appetite for these sessions, so please email me at secretary@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk to indicate your interest

- Note that this coaching will be in addition to the coaching sessions already provided by Jonny Kay:
 - Tots Coaching (ages 2-4 years)
 - Junior Coaching (ages 5-16 years)
 - Holiday Camps each half term (ages 5-16 years)
 - 1:1 Lessons

News on Coaching will be updated on the Club website Coaching page – [click HERE](#)
You can email Jonny Kay at club-coach@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk

- **Welfare**

Alastair Geddes stepped down as **Welfare Officer** at the Nov 23 AGM. Many thanks to Alastair for his efforts over the last few years. Consequently, we are looking for a Club Member to take on this critical role. It does NOT require day to day work. It is more a case of periodically ensuring that Training & Certificates are up to date & sharing any new requirements coming from the GB Tennis governing body (the LTA) with the Committee.

Guidance on what the role entails can be given to the new incumbent by Alastair & the Committee is always there to support. If you wish to discuss the role (no commitment by asking), please email me at secretary@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk

- **League Doubles Teams** (see Appendix for full list of Fixtures)

Congratulations to the Ladies 2nd Team, Men's 3rd Team & the Mixed 3rd Team on their respective promotions in 2023.



Pic: 3rd Team Mixed Doubles Trophy

We are always looking for new players to join our League Teams, particularly on the Ladies side. If you are interested in playing League Tennis, please email me at secretary@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk

We have the following Doubles Teams in the York Leagues for 2024:

- Ladies' 1st Team (Capt. Laura Robson) – Sat morning / Sun afternoon
- Ladies' 2nd Team (Capt. Liz Boyes-Watson) – Sat morning / Sun afternoon
- Men's 1st Team (Capt. Misha Neverov) – Sunday mornings
- Men's 2nd Team (Capt. Russ Warin) – Sunday mornings
- Men's 3rd Team (Capt. Paul Boyes-Watson) – Sunday mornings
- Mixed 1st Team (Capt. Martin George) – midweek evenings (Home on Mondays)
- Mixed 2nd Team (Capt. Martin Pinfold) – midweek evenings (Home on Tuesdays)
- Mixed 3rd Team (Capt. Cath Pease) – midweek evenings (Home on Tuesdays)

How the Club runs

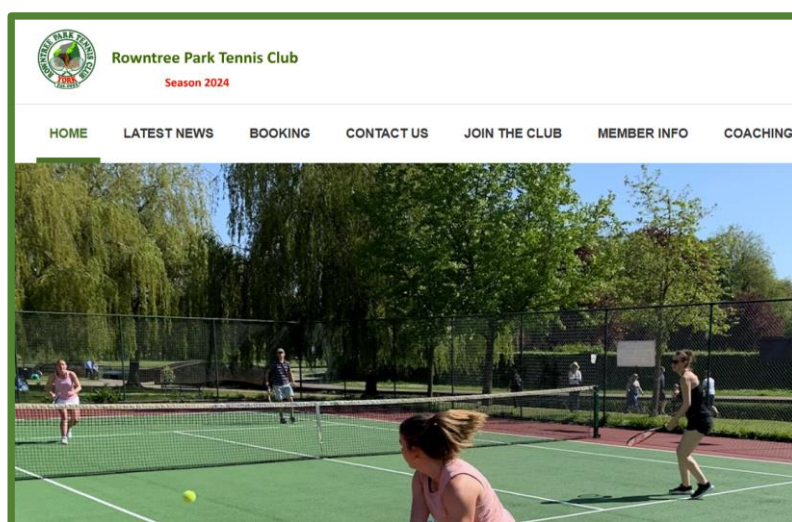
- The Club is run 100% by volunteers
- The tennis courts in Rowntree Park are leased to the Tennis Club by York City Council
- The Tennis Club receives revenue from public court bookings in return for administering & maintaining (including refurbishment & resurfacing of courts)
- To contribute to the running of the Club, you as a Member can join us on the Committee. The Committee is simply a bunch of folks who care about the Club & who want to ensure the Club continues to evolve in a positive way.
- The Committee meets 4 or 5 times per year to discuss Club matters. The Annual General Meeting (to which all Members are invited) happens in November
- **We positively need new volunteers to join the Committee to bring new ideas & impetus to build on the great work achieved in the last few years. You do not need to fill a formal role. You can just join the Committee share your ideas & give a bit of your time to help get things done**
- We must not all sit back & rely on a small number of Members to do all the organising & execution
- Please express your interest in helping out by emailing me at secretary@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk

Who's on the Club Committee?

- The current Tennis Club Committee Members are:
 - Pete Richardson (Club Chairman)
 - Kevin Davison (Club Treasurer)
 - Ian Bews (Secretary)
 - TBC (Welfare Officer)
 - Co-opted:
 - Laura Robson
 - Hannah Nash
 - Liz Boyes-Watson
 - Cath Pease
 - Martin Pinfold
 - Alastair Geddes
 - James Chantry
 - Paul Boyes-Watson

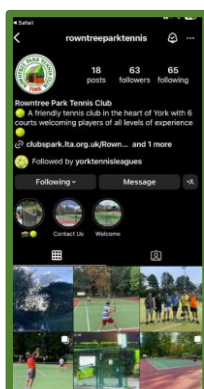
Club Communications

- The Club **Website** has been updated for Season 2024. Search the web for 'Rowntree Park Tennis' or click [here](#)



Pic: the Rowntree Park Tennis Club website

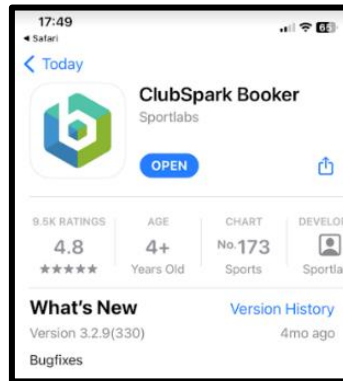
- The Club operates a **WhatsApp Group** for sharing news & other information with all Members. If you wish to be added to that Group, please email whatsapp@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk
- The Club has an **Instagram** account for photos, news etc. Go to Instagram & search for 'Rowntree Park Tennis'



Booking Courts

All court usage is booked through the ClubSpark booking system ([click here](#)). This system allows Members to see when the courts are free and to book courts.

ClubSpark can also be accessed using the 'ClubSpark Booker' App (see below). Go to **Apple App Store** or **Google Play** and search for '**ClubSpark Booker**'.



Court Access Code

The current access code for the gates will continue to operate until the end of April. It will then be changed, and 2024 Members will be advised of the new number.

Club Sessions – just turn up!

We pride ourselves on being a friendly Club and being good at helping new Members feel quickly at home. The focus is on fun & getting to know other players.

Players of all levels of experience including new starters are welcome. We have a wide range of ages, a good mix of male and female players of all abilities and we adapt our play so that everyone settles in readily.

If you are coming along for the first time, we can get a helper to meet up with you before play starts and then introduce you to the others. Just drop an email to help@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk

There are **3 informal tennis get togethers each week with mixed doubles play** where everyone moves around during the session - so you get to play & chat with many different folks.

The 3 sessions run from late March to September:

- **Thursday 6pm to 8pm** on Courts 1 to 4 (the 4 courts near the pavilion & skateboard park)
1st session = 21st March 2024
- **Saturday 2pm to 4pm** on Courts 5 & 6 (the ones near the café)
1st session = 16th March 2024.
- **Sunday 10am to noon** on Courts 3 & 4
1st session = 7th April 2024. Due to League Matches, this session is not possible on all Sundays across the summer. Notifications are sent through WhatsApp

Some folks worry that the standard might be too high, or it will be too 'serious' – **DON'T HESITATE!** Many of us are recent joiners and we had those doubts too! Once you get out on the courts and play for the first time you will realise that everyone is happy to help you enjoy learning and playing the game.

Winter Tennis

Rowntree Park is open for tennis throughout the year (except during floods). During the colder winter months (October to March), there is indoor play too:

- **Mixed Doubles (known as ‘the Bubble group’)**

The Club books 3 indoor courts at the York University Bubble for 2 hours every Sunday morning. Play is informal mixed doubles and is organised through a dedicated WhatsApp Group. If you wish to play, then ask to join the WhatsApp Group by emailing whatsapp@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk

- **Singles (competitive play)**

There is also a Singles League played in the winter months at the same York University Bubble on midweek evenings (matches last 1 hour). This League is administered by Rowntree Park Members but players from other Clubs also take part.

Here is the WhatsApp joining link for the Winter Singles League:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JpbJcDz0ruXDIdIS4SausG>

More information is available by clicking [HERE](#)

Unsubscribe

If you do not wish to re-join Rowntree Park Tennis Club this season and would like to be removed from the mailing list, then please email me at secretary@rowntreeparktennis.org.uk.

We'll be sorry to lose you but wish you well and hope that you continue to play tennis. Remember, you can always change your mind and re-join at any time.

And finally.....

I have included 2 Appendices which you may find useful:

- 1) An overview of how professional tennis works & where you can watch it (TV & online)
- 2) Rowntree Park League Fixtures for 2024

Well, that's all for now. Hope to see you on the courts & in the Park soon.

Ian Bews, Secretary, Rowntree Park Tennis Club

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Appendix 1 - Professional Tennis – how is it organised & where can you watch it?

I have recently been asked by several people about where professional tennis tournaments can be watched on TV or online.

The short answer is that you can watch every tournament in every country in every month of the year!

But before explaining the ‘where to watch’ bit, it's worth understanding how global professional tennis is organised.

Professional tennis is run by 2 global organisations:

- ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) – Men's Tennis
- WTA (Women's Tennis Association) – Women's Tennis

There are 3 different surfaces used:

- Hard court (acrylic)
- Clay
- Grass

There are 4 'blue riband' events in the year & these are referred to as the 'Grand Slams'. These are the only events where Men's matches consist of best of 5 sets. The 'Slams' last a full 2 weeks.

In all other events (& for all Ladies events) matches are best of 3 sets only & the tournament durations are between 7 & 11 days.

Grand Slams:

- Australian Open (late January), Melbourne. Hard court
- French Open aka Roland Garros (May), Paris. Clay court
- Wimbledon (July). Grass court
- US Open (September), New York. Hard court

ATP (Mens) & WTA (Womens) Events:

Professional tennis runs continuously from January to November. So barely a 6 week break from competition. But even then, many of the top players play exhibition tournaments in the Middle East in December to top up their earnings.

Both organisations operate a rolling ranking points system where players gain points for getting through each round of each tournament.

Each tournament is designated a points status:

- (Men's) ATP1000, ATP500 or ATP250
- (Women's) WTA1000, WTA500 or WTA250

The numbers indicate how many ranking points go to the winner. Basically, the top players gravitate towards the 1000 & 500 events because that's where the bigger points are to be harvested.

Ranking points are important because they can guarantee automatic entry into the ATP/WTA tournaments as well as the Grand Slams. Lower ranked players must play qualifying matches or rely on 'wildcard' entry (at the discretion of the tournament organisers).

It is quite common to have 2 or 3 ATP/WTA events running in parallel in different places in the world. So, in a given week, you may have an ATP 500 event running in country x & 2 other ATP 250 events happening in the same week in countries y & z.

TV / online coverage:

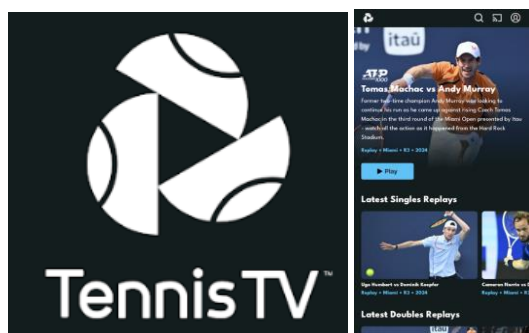
- **Grand Slams**

- Australian Open (late January) - **Eurosport & the Discovery Plus** online app until 2031
- French Open aka Roland Garros (June) – **Eurosport & the Discovery Plus** online app
- Wimbledon (July) – **BBC free to air** (use BBC iPlayer to see action from all courts)
- US Open (September) – **Sky Sports TV** until 2029

- **ATP & WTA events**

Sky Sports signed a deal to show a selection of ATP & WTA tournaments for 5 years starting in 2024.

However, the ATP/WTA organisation has its own online subscription 'TV' channel which shows pretty much every match in every tournament across the year. This is called '**Tennis TV**' & costs £99 for an annual subscription (search 'Tennis TV' on the web). If you have a smart TV you can display ('cast') the channel to your lounge TV.



The other tennis subscription service out there is called '**The Tennis Channel**'. Whilst the USA version of this channel has good content, the European version (International) has thin content & no Grand Slam or ATP/WTA live matches.

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Rowntree Park Tennis Club 2024 Fixture Lists below...

Appendix 2 – Rowntree Park Tennis Club Fixtures 2024

Ladies Fixtures

Date	Time	Home team	Result		Away team
Saturday 20 April	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Wilberfoss 1
Sunday 21 April	14:00	Rowntree Park 2	-	-	Riccall
Saturday 27 April	10:00	Bubwith 1	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Saturday 27 April	15:00	Boston Spa 3	-	-	Rowntree Park 2
Saturday 4 May	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Copmanthorpe 1
Sunday 5 May	14:00	Rowntree Park 2	-	-	David Lloyd 4
Saturday 11 May	9:30	Rufforth 2	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Saturday 11 May	10:00	Bubwith 2	-	-	Rowntree Park 2
Saturday 18 May	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Wetherby 2
Saturday 1 June	9:30	Heworth 1	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Sunday 2 June	14:00	Rowntree Park 2	-	-	Bishopthorpe 2
Saturday 8 June	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Bishopthorpe 1
Saturday 8 June	10:00	New Earswick	-	-	Rowntree Park 2
Saturday 15 June	9:30	Riccall	-	-	Rowntree Park 2
Saturday 15 June	10:00	Wilberfoss 1	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Saturday 22 June	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Bubwith 1
Sunday 23 June	14:00	Rowntree Park 2	-	-	Boston Spa 3
Saturday 29 June	9:30	Copmanthorpe 1	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Saturday 29 June	14:00	David Lloyd 4	-	-	Rowntree Park 2
Saturday 6 July	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Rufforth 2
Sunday 7 July	14:00	Rowntree Park 2	-	-	Bubwith 2
Saturday 13 July	14:30	Wetherby 2	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Saturday 20 July	9:30	Bishopthorpe 2	-	-	Rowntree Park 2
Saturday 20 July	10:00	Rowntree Park 1	-	-	Heworth 1
Saturday 27 July	9:30	Bishopthorpe 1	-	-	Rowntree Park 1
Sunday 28 July	14:00	Rowntree Park 2	-	-	New Earswick

Men's Fixtures

Date	Home team	Result	Away team
28 April	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Selby 1
28 April	Harlow 1	- -	Rowntree Park 2
28 April	Dunnington	- -	Rowntree Park 3
12 May	Fulford 1	- -	Rowntree Park 1
12 May	Rowntree Park 2	- -	Racquets 2
12 May	Rowntree Park 3	- -	Bubwith 2
19 May	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Poppleton 1
19 May	Fulford 2	- -	Rowntree Park 2
19 May	Harlow 2	- -	Rowntree Park 3
2 June	Harrogate Spa 1	- -	Rowntree Park 1
2 June	Rowntree Park 2	- -	York 3
9 June	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Wigginton 2
9 June	Cawood 1	- -	Rowntree Park 2
9 June	Rowntree Park 3	- -	David Lloyd York 4
16 June	Appleton Roebuck 1	- -	Rowntree Park 1
16 June	Rowntree Park 2	- -	Boston Spa 2
16 June	Selby 2	- -	Rowntree Park 3
23 June	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Wetherby 1
23 June	Wetherby 2	- -	Rowntree Park 2
23 June	Rowntree Park 3	- -	Knaresborough 2
30 June	Selby 1	- -	Rowntree Park 1
30 June	Rowntree Park 2	- -	Harlow 1
30 June	Rowntree Park 3	- -	Dunnington
7 July	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Fulford 1
7 July	Racquets 2	- -	Rowntree Park 2
7 July	Bubwith 2	- -	Rowntree Park 3
14 July	Poppleton 1	- -	Rowntree Park 1
14 July	Rowntree Park 2	- -	Fulford 2
14 July	Rowntree Park 3	- -	Harlow 2
21 July	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Harrogate Spa 1
21 July	York 3	- -	Rowntree Park 2
18 August	Wigginton 2	- -	Rowntree Park 1
18 August	Rowntree Park 2	- -	Cawood 1
18 August	David Lloyd York 4	- -	Rowntree Park 3
1 September	Rowntree Park 1	- -	Appleton Roebuck 1
1 September	Boston Spa 2	- -	Rowntree Park 2
1 September	Rowntree Park 3	- -	Selby 2
8 September	Wetherby 1	- -	Rowntree Park 1
8 September	Rowntree Park 2	- -	Wetherby 2
8 September	Knaresborough 2	- -	Rowntree Park 3

Mixed Teams Fixtures

06-05 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Rowntree Park 2	v	Stillington 1
08-05 Wed	YDRTL	D3	David Lloyd 3	v	Rowntree Park 1
08-05 Wed	YDRTL	D9	Tollerton	v	Rowntree Park 3
13-05 Mon	YDRTL	D9	Rowntree Park 3	v	Wetherby 3
14-05 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Rowntree Park 1	v	Appleton Roebuck 1
16-05 Thu	YDRTL	D5	Bubwith 2	v	Rowntree Park 2
20-05 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Heworth 2	v	Rowntree Park 2
20-05 Mon	YDRTL	D9	Rowntree Park 3	v	Rufforth 4
23-05 Thu	YDRTL	D3	Wilberfoss 1	v	Rowntree Park 1
27-05 Mon	YDRTL	D9	Rowntree Park 3	v	New Earswick 2
28-05 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Rowntree Park 1	v	Alne
28-05 Tue	YDRTL	D5	Fulford 3	v	Rowntree Park 2
03-06 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Rowntree Park 2	v	David Lloyd 4
04-06 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Rowntree Park 1	v	Poppleton 2
06-06 Thu	YDRTL	D9	Poppleton 4	v	Rowntree Park 3
11-06 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Wetherby 2	v	Rowntree Park 1
13-06 Thu	YDRTL	D5	Riccall 1	v	Rowntree Park 2
17-06 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Rowntree Park 2	v	Wigginton 3
19-06 Wed	YDRTL	D3	Fulford 2	v	Rowntree Park 1
19-06 Wed	YDRTL	D9	Sutton On Derwent 4	v	Rowntree Park 3
24-06 Mon	YDRTL	D9	Rowntree Park 3	v	Tollerton
25-06 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Rowntree Park 1	v	David Lloyd 3
25-06 Tue	YDRTL	D5	Stillington 1	v	Rowntree Park 2
01-07 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Rowntree Park 2	v	Bubwith 2
03-07 Wed	YDRTL	D3	Appleton Roebuck 1	v	Rowntree Park 1
05-07 Fri	YDRTL	D9	Wetherby 3	v	Rowntree Park 3
08-07 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Rowntree Park 2	v	Heworth 2
09-07 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Rowntree Park 1	v	Wilberfoss 1
10-07 Wed	YDRTL	D9	Rufforth 4	v	Rowntree Park 3
15-07 Mon	YDRTL	D5	Rowntree Park 2	v	Fulford 3
17-07 Wed	YDRTL	D9	New Earswick 2	v	Rowntree Park 3
18-07 Thu	YDRTL	D3	Alne	v	Rowntree Park 1
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30-07 Tue	YDRTL	D3	Rowntree Park 1	v	Wetherby 2
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