

Merry Christmas

YARM TENNIS CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## Yarm Tennis Club... Your Tennis Club.



Happy Birthday

### Yarm Tennis Club turns 100

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September was a fantastic day spent celebrating the club's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in style. Starting with a bouncy castle, tennis factory, fun stalls and refreshments during the afternoon and ending with fantastic entertainment, delicious food and great moves on the dance floor (tennis court!).



Happy Birthday



Thank you to everyone who continuously supports our club, we are very proud of what the club has achieved and we are very excited to see what the next 100 years brings.



### Tournament Time!

There have been two excellent adult tournaments this year, the very special annual Sally Chamber's tournament and the Summer Handicap Tournament.

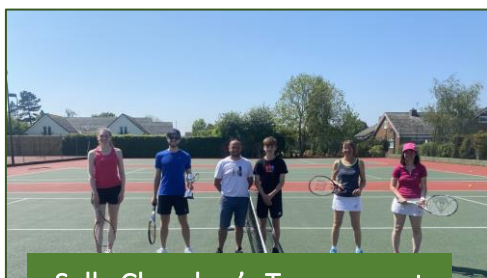
Darren Walker, Club Captain, did an excellent job organising two terrific tournaments, full of fun, food and tennis. All abilities felt very welcome and all had a splendid time.

A huge congratulations to the winners of both tournaments:

Sally Chambers winners: Charlotte Williams and Dale Sills

Summer Handicap winners: Kate Heljula and Dale Sills

*Well done Dale for a double win... not bad for a new member!*



Sally Chamber's Tournament



Summer Handicap

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## Club Captain Update

What a crazy year it has been and one that has seemed to fly by. Our centenary year will hopefully be a memorable one for you all and of course one of the focal points of the year has been our successful fundraising campaign and our superbly attended birthday party. I'm delighted to say that works on the next phase of work on the soon to be 'Clark Willis Clubhouse' are due to start in the coming weeks and we are hoping to have that completed by the start of next season!

Membership numbers have been the highest they have been for many years and I've been delighted by the number of new members who have been welcomed into the club and it's been great to see so many people playing tennis and forming new friendships and social groups.

Whilst attention will start to turn towards to 2022, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in making 2021 a success. The number of people who have volunteered their time, donated to our fundraising or simply been around the club and supporting what we do is never underestimated and I'm hugely grateful to you all.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on court very soon!

*Darren Walker*



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## Junior Update

At the end of August, we held the Durham & Cleveland County closed tournament and we had some home success! Toby Flight won the u12s doubles as well as being runner up in the singles and the mixed doubles with Briony Heljula; who was also runner up in girls' doubles. Harry Tweed and Megan Leck were runners up in the both the mixed open and u18's mixed. Megan also got to play at Wimbledon and was runner up in the girls' doubles! For anybody who saw the standard of tennis at the tournament, you will sure to have been impressed and we certainly have some fantastic young players at the club.

Of course, our youngsters don't just play when the weather is wonderful and the Friday junior nights and Monday mini tennis junior nights have been as popular as ever.

It wouldn't be right in the junior section to mention our coaches and they certainly showed their fitness in September. Anne and Jo's walk raised over £2000 towards our fundraiser and saw them walk 59 miles over 5 days and visiting 8 tennis clubs. The walk wasn't meant to be quite that far but with a few wrong turns, detours, climbing over fences and running through people's gardens they ended this brilliant feat still smiling and were welcomed back to the club at the finish line. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped them along the way, it really was appreciated.



## Know Your Colours Quiz

Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz (we raised a fantastic £130 from it). It certainly was a tricky one this year and thanks to John Schofield for putting it together.

Huge congratulations to Denise Manning and Alison Bright who scored 77 (out of 80!). Both received a National Garden Voucher and we look forward to seeing the next challenge!

## Defibrillator Training

We have arranged with the North East Ambulance Service to run a free defibrillator training session at the club on January 13<sup>th</sup>. We have all seen the high-profile cases in sport this year with players and spectators and we want to ensure that everyone has the chance to know how our defibrillator works.

If you are interested in attending please email [yarmtennisclub@googlemail.com](mailto:yarmtennisclub@googlemail.com)

## Don't forget about our social sessions in 2022!

Sunday session 2:15pm – 3:45pm

Monday session 6:45pm – 8:45pm

*Remember to book: ClubSpark Yarm Tennis Club > Social Sessions*

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