

January & February News 2018



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Our Tennis Club



Welcome to 2018 from the President

David Sykes

From the Runner Up Cheshire Club of the Year and the Cheshire Coach of the Year a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our members and families!

What a year 2017 was - can we repeat the successes? Perhaps we can - but even if we can't, what a thriving Club we have. Thanks to all the people who make our Club a success - particularly to the volunteers who give their time so readily to serve on Committees, to organise events and to keep the fabric of the Club and the social life of the Club in rude health.

Here's to a successful and enjoyable 2018!

If you haven't done it already make sure you to go online and to **Opt-In for Wimbledon tickets** even if you don't want to go it will give a boost to the clubs allocation helping us all. The deadline is February 23rd. Go to www.lta.org.uk and follow the instructions logging in as a BTM member or register as a BTM member quoting DLTC as your club. Any problems see Ben Bush or David Sykes or phone the LTA number on the LTA website and they will do the opt-in for you. Many thanks.

The next newsletter will be out at the beginning of March. Please email any ideas or contributions for this edition to Julia or Ruth.

Notice of the AGM

Annual General Meeting of Davenport Lawn Tennis Club will be held in the Pavilion on **Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.00pm. Please attend if you can.**

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 20th March 2017 (see Note below)
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 Election of the President
- 5 Financial Report (see Note below)
- 6 Honorary Auditor's Report
- 7 Reports of the Sub-Committees - Tennis/Facilities/Catering and Bar/Membership & Marketing (see Note below)
- 8 Election of Honorary Auditor
Paul Wright has been proposed (by David Farr) and seconded (by Martin Johnson)
- 9 Election of Officers (Ex-officio members of the General Committee)
- 10 Election of the General Committee - the Committee consists of the Officers and a maximum of nine senior members.
Nominations for General Committee members and any other office should be proposed, seconded and added to the Nomination sheet on the club notice board at least seven days before the date of the AGM which is when nominations will close.
- 11 Subscriptions for 2018/19
- 12 Any Other Business

Note: Downloads

Minutes from the 2017 AGM, the annual accounts and the reports from the club sub-committees will be available at the meeting and will be available to download from the club website at www.davenporttennis.co.uk/handbook.htm after the meeting.

Any member who is unable to attend the AGM but wishes to comment should email the Honorary Secretary on david.sykes95@ntlworld.com

Committee members intending to resign should send their resignation before the AGM to the Honorary Secretary, David Sykes, at 69 Woodsmoor Lane, Stockport SK2 7BD or by email to david.sykes95@ntlworld.com

Coaching News

The Committee are pleased to announce that a contract extension has been agreed with Ben Bush to take us through to 31st August 2020.

We are delighted to have Ben on board for the extended period!

Junior Christmas Tournament

Another great turnout for the festive event on 19th December. Over 24 juniors enjoyed a fun American doubles tournament with prizes been taken home by all!



A Message from our Coach Ben



Although we're in the middle of winter – there's still plenty going on the coaching front!

Weekly Group Coaching Sessions are back to normal with a group to suit all ages and abilities including Cardio Tennis on Fridays.

Saturday Junior Club Morning and Tuesday Club Nights are back to normal.

Call Ben if you'd like to be included in a group session.

Tennis Camps – February Half Term and Easter

20-22 Feb & 9-13 April – Bookings NOW OPEN!

Fun, action packed tennis camps aimed at all abilities. Half days, full days, early drop offs and late pickups available. Suitable for ages 4-16yrs.

No need to worry about the weather as the camps run regardless of rain or snow. We offer indoor activities if the weather prevents us from being outside.

Junior Winter League Results (so far):

12 & Under

Davenport v Albert LOST 4-8

Davenport v Brooklands WON 10-2

Davenport v Brabyns WON 12-0

14 & Under

Davenport v Albert LOST 4-8

Davenport v Prestbury WON 10-2

Davenport v Bowdon LOST 6-7

So that 3 wins and 3 losses. A great set of results when you bear in mind that our lads were competing against teams that are 2 divisions higher than them in the summer league. Well done guys!

New Members



Welcome to the following new recruits to the club.

Seniors: Matthew Moran and James Bailey

Junior: Noah Martin

Hope you enjoy joining in the play and events at DLTC.



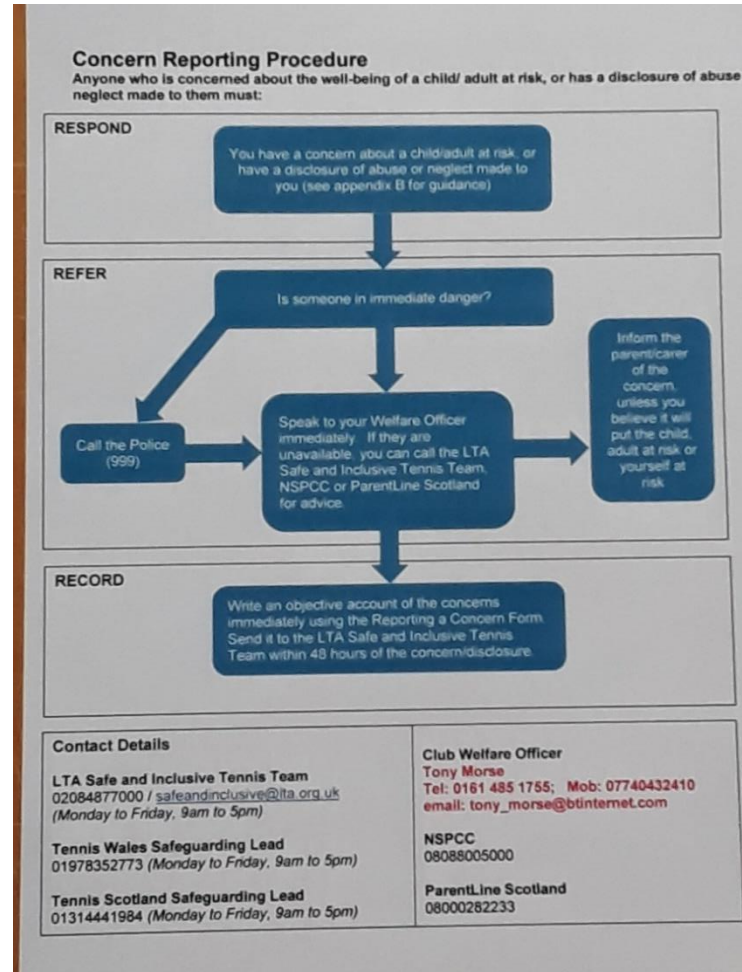
Safeguarding at the club Welfare Officer, Tony Morse

Part of the club's "duty of care" is known as "Safeguarding", which means putting in place policies and procedures to prevent children or vulnerable adults from coming to any harm.

"Children" means anyone under the age of 18 years, whilst "vulnerable adults" is anyone 18 or over who has care and supports needs or is at risk of abuse or neglect and cannot protect themselves against such abuses.

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is our governing body and is making strong efforts to ensure that suitable measures are put in place, including having a Welfare Officer, who should normally be your first point of contact if you have any concerns about children being abused or bullied. Currently Tony Morse, pictured above, is our Welfare Officer.

The recommended Reporting Procedure is shown in the picture that follows, and information will shortly be posted on the club notice board. It is everyone's responsibility to report concerns of a child (or adult) who wishes to disclose abuse. Abuse may be sexual, emotional, physical, neglect, psychological, financial, discriminatory or institutional.



We continue to develop detailed procedures and will provide further information in future Newsletters.

The club committee is currently looking for someone to be Deputy Welfare Officer; the volunteer should ideally be a parent, preferably a mother, who has regular contact and involvement with junior members. If you are interested, or can recommend someone who would be appropriate, please contact Tony Morse or any committee member.

Winter League

We will have 4 teams playing in the Winter Leagues.

The team captains are:

1st Chris Townsend

2nd Nathan Scarll

3rd Ruth Connor

4th Tony Morse (with help from Dave Fletcher and Brenda Bell)

January and February Fixtures

First Team				
28	Jan	Hale 1	10.30am	Away
Second Team				
12	Jan	Fallowfield Darley 1	7pm	Home
28	Jan	Heyes Grove 1	11.30am	Away
Third Team				
24	Jan	Cheadle Kingsway 5	7pm	Home
Fourth Team				
18	Jan	Macclesfield 4	7pm	Away
31	Jan	Hayes Grove 3	7pm	Home

The November and December (and some January) results are:

First Team				Results
27	Nov	Bramhall Lane 2	Home	W7-1
13	Dec	Bramhall Lane 1	Home	P
10	Jan	Queensgate 2	Home	W8-1
Second Team				
15	Nov	Heaton Mersey 3	Home	W5-3
29	Nov	Woodside 2	Home	L3-5
7	Jan	Lindow 1	Away	L2-6
Third Team				
5	Dec	Heaton Mersey 5	Away	W6-2
5	Jan	Woodside 3	Home	W7-1
14	Jan	Prestbury 5	Away	D4-4

Note: 4th Team had no matches in this period.

Social Tennis

The January/February schedule social tennis is as follows:

Date	2.00pm Start	Organiser
13 th Jan	Social	Ruth
20 th Jan	May be tournament	Dave F
27 th Jan	Social	Elaine
3 rd Feb	Social	Nathan
10 th Feb	Social	Ruth
17 th Feb	Social	Tom
24 th Feb	Social	Sue

The following dates have been fixed for these club tournaments. Get the dates in your 2018 calendar.

Club tournaments

7th April: *The Marjorie Turner Opening Tournament*

30th April – 12th May: *Handicap Doubles, Open singles and Over 50s Tournaments*

2nd June: *The Harold Bagshaw June Tournament*

3rd Sept – 15th Sept: *Open doubles tournaments*

Ladder and Box Leagues

Tony Morse



Singles Ladder

Only one challenge has been played since the last report (when only two had been played); Tom Longden retained his place at the top of the eleven players in the ladder after a fighting off a strong challenge from Stuart Hammond, who remains second.

Box League

The latest round of Boxes finished 14th January, having been originally targeted for end-December. Seven of the eleven boxes were completed. As usual well done to all who did play, in particular Jack Bell who finished top of Box 1. A variety of issues prevented the other four Boxes playing, including poor weather in November/December,

court occupancy, and player non-availability or injury.

The next round of Boxes is due to be issued 16th January; one or two players are returning from injury, and hopefully weather will improve over the next few weeks, so enjoy your matches.

The usual reminders - the player in 4th place in their Box is expected to INITIATE arrangements to play matches, but after that it is everyone's responsibility. Some folks have found WhatsApp a useful communications tool. I personally prefer email. Also, any suitable club player can be co-opted to substitute for non-available players.

Coaches Tip of the Month

How high should my ball toss be on serve?



As high as possible! You should contact the ball at full reach. The higher the contact, the more you can snap the racket over the ball. Tilt your shoulders so that the shoulder of your racket arm is lower than the shoulder of your other arm. That allows you to produce a shoulder-over-

shoulder trunk rotation, which, combined with a drive up from your legs, enables you to hit up and out.

For help on this or any other coaching information contact Ben now on 07966 973901 or bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk.

Other Club News

Quiz Nights

The Friday evenings start at 8pm, with supper, price £3. Everyone welcome. Dates for your diary:



19 January; 16 February; 9 March; 13 April

Wedding News!!!!

On 30th December Chris and Becky tied the knot and became Mr & Mrs Townend. Many congratulations to the happy couple.



Charity Donations

A total of £222 was raised for our charities at the Presentation Evening in October and the Music & Beer Evening in November.

£111 each has been given to our two charities, The Wellspring, supporting homeless people, and Beechwood Cancer Care, supporting cancer patients and their families.

Thanks to all for the generous donations!

Food Evenings

Don't miss out on the two remaining dates for our super food evenings. The best value dinner date you'll ever have. Get these in the diary:

10th February - Valentine's Evening

17th March - St Patrick's Supper

Either sign up on the list in the club house or email Sue Beales at: suebeales1@ntlworld.com



Coffee Morning

This takes place on the third Tuesday every month with the same format of £1.50 entry for tea/coffee and biscuits, with the proceeds going to charity. Come and enjoy a coffee with local residents. Open to all.