

# April News 2018

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## Our Tennis Club



### Starting a New Season

#### *David Sykes (Club President)*

It's been a great privilege to serve as President for the last year and I am delighted to have been invited by the General Committee to continue for another year.

As we start a new tennis year we can look forward with confidence following the achievements of 2017/18. Can this year be as successful as the last? Time will tell but with the enthusiasm surrounding the Club and the continuing hard work by the Committee and all our Volunteers I'm sure we'll do well.

Good luck to all our Team Captains and their teams, to all those looking forward to a good social season and a particular 'Good Luck' to Ruth in her new role as Club Captain!

The President's Prize will continue this year to recognise team players' success and the President's Day tournament will give an opportunity to all who enter to become a champion!  
Enjoy the year!

### Membership renewal reminder

You should have all received the email announcing the membership renewal together with an attached renewal form. Simply complete and follow the payment instructions. We do hope you are enjoying your membership of the Club and we look forward to seeing you all throughout the next year!



### Club Captain 2018

#### *Ruth Connor*

I'm really delighted to be taking over from Tom as Club Captain.

I'm a relative newbie in DLTC terms; I started playing tennis on an activity holiday 5 years ago and shortly afterwards moved to the area and joined the club. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly, I was coming down two or three times a week before I knew it!

For the last couple of years, I have also been the very proud Captain of the Ladies 3rd team who have earned back to back promotions, and we start the new season in Division 6. But we're not the only team doing well, right now DLTC is flourishing.

From members enjoying Saturday coaching or Cardio Tennis with Ben to success for our teams in the Winter and Point One Leagues our club is thriving right now!

2017 was an awesome year with Ben winning Coach of the Year Ben and the Club being a runner up in the Club of Year Cheshire LTA awards, and we'd like 2018 to be an even better year.

So, if you have any feedback or ideas as to how we could do this, or you'd like to get involved please don't hesitate to contact me at [angelaruthconnor@hotmail.com](mailto:angelaruthconnor@hotmail.com)

## News Flash - Cheshire Champ!

### DLTC has a new champion!

Stuart Hammond from our Men's 1st team has won the Cheshire Senior over 45s doubles title, partnering with John Martindale from Poynton.

### Congratulations Stuart!

## New Members



Welcome to the following new recruits to the club.

**Juniors:** Alex Astley

**Seniors:** Sheila and Terry Wright;  
Rosemary Barker

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

## Tennis Camps – Easter, Whit and Summer Holidays

9-13 April – limited places remaining!

29 May – 1 June

30 July – 3 Aug

13 – 17 Aug

28 – 30 Aug

### 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.

Tennis Camp Application form can be found in the clubhouse and on the website under the Coaching Page.

## A Message from our Coach Ben



### Juniors

Spring Group Coaching Sessions restart w/c 16th April with a group to suit most ages and abilities.

A NEW coaching group is planning to start after Easter on a Wednesday at 4pm for ages 9 and under. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis.

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

### Girls Matches!!!

You may notice that our junior teams are made up of mostly boys. We do however have a large number of junior girls at the club. I'm keen to set up some girls friendly matches with local clubs. If you would like to be considered for these please let me know!

Davenport LTC will be entering at least one team into a 10&u Girls Team Challenge event on Sat 19th May at Prestbury TC.

### School Tennis Festival – Monday 26 March

Davenport LTC welcomed over 100 local school pupils for a morning of fun tennis themed activities. After an hour of training with Ben, junior coaches from Stockport High School assisted Ben in running two 45 minute racket skills circuits for yr2 children from Great Moor Infants and Cale Green Primary. The atmosphere was 'buzzing' with kids, parents and teachers enjoying the experience. The weather helped massively!! Very lucky!

All the children involved were then given a flyer inviting them and their friends and family to come along to a Saturday morning session at the club.



### Tie-Break Tens Tournament – Sunday 29th April 2-4pm

Calling **ALL** juniors able to play on a full size court!!

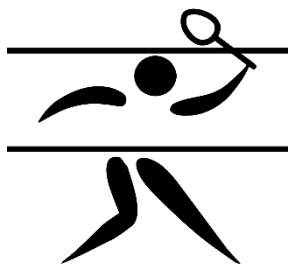
This was a great success last year with over 22 players involved including those

from other clubs around the county. This is a doubles event for boys and girls. If you'd like to enter please let me know. If you need a partner let me know and I'll try and match you up. Entry fee is £5pp.

## Coaches Tip of the Month

### Doubles - What's my job as receivers' partner?

Your first duty is defence. Keep an eye on the servers' partner who is the immediate threat to your team. Take a cue from the quality of your partners return. If it's high and close to the servers' partner, you're under threat – take cover! If its high and wide, your tramlines are under threat – cover them! If it's crosscourt and low, move towards the centre and be prepared to poach.



Although you can't play a shot until the 4th shot of the rally, try to be dynamic and be ready for an appropriate contribution.

## Winter League Round-Up Report

*The final positions from the Winter League is in. And didn't the teams do well. See the reports from the captains below.*



### 1st Team [Capt. Chris Townend]

The DLTC Winter League 1st team **won Division 1** for the first time, in their first year in the division for many years. Well done to the whole squad of players, everyone battled the elements throughout the winter and had to put up with many called off matches. The standard in the division was very good with some very close matches, hence this was the most enjoyable winter of mixed tennis we have had. We ended the season with 7 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. We also used 16 players across the 9 matches which is a testament to the strength in depth in the squad. Thanks to Charlotte for organising the ladies and being stand in captain on several occasions. It will be a tough defence of our title next season, but in the meantime we are all looking forward to playing without gilets and base layers.



### 2nd Team [Capt. Nathan Scarll]

Finished mid table in 6th

### 3rd Team [Capt. Ruth Connor]

The 3rd team have had a fantastic season, winning 8 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1, meaning we ended the season 2nd! This is a fantastic achievement and hopefully means we'll get promoted to Division 8 for 2018/19. A big well done to all those who played, see you all in October for a season in the next division up!





**4th Team [Capt. Tony Morse]**

The 4th Team have had a tough season in Division 9, having been promoted from Division 11a last season. Starting with a defeat to our own 3rd Team, we lost 6 matches and drew 2 leaving us with 2 points at the bottom of the Division. We rallied to win our last 2 matches (hooray!), lifting us to 8th position, clear of the relegation zone. However at the time of writing the teams in the 9th, 10th and 11th are all on 4 or 5 points with 1 or 2 games to play, meaning we are unsure about being relegated. Many thanks to all the players who have participated but especially to the ladies, who generally scored better than the gents and have kept us in with a chance.

**One Point League**

This winter DLTC entered a women's and men's team into the Point One League for the first time. This was the first time many of our women have played competitive singles matches against other clubs. Whilst results didn't always go our way, the players really enjoyed the matches even the singles.



Our women's first team managed to win their league and made into the final, the date of which is to be confirmed so what this space. Well done to all who played and good luck to those playing in the final when it comes.

The Point One Season was also very successful for our men, two matches were played and both were won and only 4 sets were dropped of a total of 25 that were played. This meant the men go straight through to the final, the date of which to be confirmed.

A big pat on the back for all who have participated and good luck to those playing in the final when it comes.

**Summer Team Tennis**

Matches have started!! We have 8 teams: 3 ladies and 5 mens.

**The Captains for 2018 are:**

- Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team – Sara Sotoudemeher
- Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team – Emma West
- Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> team – Ruth Connor
- Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team – Chris Townend
- Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team – Adam Tomlinson
- Mens 3<sup>rd</sup> team – Nathan Scarll
- Mens 4<sup>th</sup> team – Iain Taylor
- Mens 5<sup>th</sup> team – Barry Stead

**April Match Schedule**

Note a lot of the April matches are at home. Support is always welcome. Come down to the club and enjoy watching some good tennis.

Team	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
M1	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mere 1	H	Evening
M2	4 <sup>th</sup>	Poynton 1	H	"
M2	19 <sup>th</sup>	Macclesfield1	A	"
M2	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bowden 1	H	"
M3	9 <sup>th</sup>	Queensgate 4	H	"
M3	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alderley Edge 3	H	"
M3	25 <sup>th</sup>	Bramhall Park 3	A	"
M4	11 <sup>th</sup>	Northern 5	H	"
M4	25 <sup>th</sup>	Poynton 2	H	"
M4	29 <sup>th</sup>	Braybyns 3	A	10.30am
M5	13 <sup>th</sup>	Styal 1	H	Evening
M5	26 <sup>th</sup>	West Heaton 4	A	"
L1	16 <sup>th</sup>	Albert 1	H	"
L2	18 <sup>th</sup>	Hale 3	H	"
L3	6 <sup>th</sup>	West Heaton 2	H	"
L3	20 <sup>th</sup>	Macclesfield 4	H	"

## Social Tennis

Date	2.00pm Start	Organiser
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>The Marjorie Turner Opening Tournament</b> (see below)	Sid
14 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Quorn Family Cup</b> (3pm) See below	Ben
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Social tennis	Sue
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Social tennis	Dave Farr
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Club Tournament will be in full swing. Details on clubhouse notice board with signup sheets. Other details will be emailed to all members.</i>	
12 <sup>th</sup> May	May Finals Day	

### Opening Tournament

The Opening Tournament, which will be held in memory of our friend, Marjorie Turner, will be held on Saturday 7th April at 2pm. Please sign up on the list in the clubhouse if you'd like to play so we can organise the tournament in advance. Or you can email Sid at [sid.beales@ntlworld.com](mailto:sid.beales@ntlworld.com)

Complimentary tea and cakes will be served during the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Quorn Family Cup!!

This is very much a FUN event aimed at our younger players. The format is doubles with a 10&u junior partnering an older family member on a mini tennis court (with mini rackets). A great way to introduce your child to their first tennis competition. Adults do not need to be tennis players! It's an informal event geared towards the kids and all in the name of fun. There is currently space for a further 5 pairs! Entry fee is £3pp

If you wish to enter please sign up in the club house or text Ben on 07966 973901.

## Daytime Tennis Anyone???

We know that more and more of you are keen to play daytime during the week. Depending on the level of interest we may look to set up some DIY social tennis sessions or at very least create a WhatsApp group so you can organise to play with others who are available.

If you are interested either sign up in the Club House or email your details to [angelaruthconnor@hotmail.com](mailto:angelaruthconnor@hotmail.com), including your name, your contact number, days of the week and preferred times by Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April and we'll see what can do.

## Wimbledon Ballot

I am pleased to report that we have been allocated 21 pairs of tickets for Wimbledon 2018 - an increase of 3 pairs over last year.

The Club Ballot is now open and the sheets are on the Noticeboard. The sheets will be taken down at 7pm on Friday 20th April 2018 and draws will be held as necessary.

Please remember, in order to enter the Club Ballot you must be a BTM Member, linked to DLTC and 'opted-in'.

Any queries please email me [david.sykes95@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.sykes95@ntlworld.com)

## Ladder and Box Leagues

### Tony Morse

With summer season fixtures fast approaching, the Box League is now closed, to be re-opened at the end of the season. Well done to all those players who completed their Boxes (eight of the ten boxes) Hope you enjoyed your games, despite a particularly dreary winter and court closures.



Departing club Captain Tom Longden remained unbeaten at the top of the Singles Ladder; congratulations to Tom and good luck in his other ventures. The Singles Ladder being self-administering, it can remain open if anyone wishes to take advantage of it. I will generate a new ladder in September.

Enjoy your summer and hope to hear from you all in September!

Tony Morse  
email [tony\\_morse@btinternet.com](mailto:tony_morse@btinternet.com)

## Other Club News

### Condolences

It is with sadness that I have to advise members that Gordon Lindsay-Jones, one of our oldest members, passed away in hospital. Gordon's enthusiasm for Davenport Tennis Club knew no bounds and even though he battled with mobility (and with local taxi firms!) he was always keen to get to the Club on a Saturday afternoon for tea and cake and some contact with the members. I know personally how important that contact was to Gordon.

I know he would have been thinking about us as we are about to embark on a new tennis season.

Our thoughts are with his family at this time - funeral arrangements will be advised when known.

David Sykes



### 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.

### DLTC Email List Update

- Do you receive emails from the Club and if not would like to?
- Have you changed your email and we are still have your old address?

We are trying to validate the DLTC mailing list. Some email addresses are duplicated and some are missing. Therefore it would help considerably if you could let us know. Send an email with details to: [julia@goodstadt.me.uk](mailto:julia@goodstadt.me.uk); or to [david.elliott@angenay.com](mailto:david.elliott@angenay.com)

### Change of Address or other details?

If you have moved since you joined the club or changed your phone number, or have a preferred mobile and haven't let us know please email your changed details to [julia@goodstadt.me.uk](mailto:julia@goodstadt.me.uk)  
Thanks.

### Start of Season Social Davenport Derby

**Saturday 21st April, 7pm**

To mark the start of the summer season we will be holding a Race Night! Last year's night was a great success and we have made a few improvements to make this year even better. Everyone welcome, prizes to be won, come and give it a go!

Tickets £10 includes a bet in every race, your very own racehorse and cheese and biscuits.

Contact Rosie on 07929 324416 or sign up in the clubhouse to secure your place by Thursday 19th April.

### Quiz Nights

Don't miss the final Quiz Night of the season until we start again in the autumn. Everyone welcome. **Time: 8pm, Date: 13th April**

