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An independent selective day school for girls and boys aged 6 – 18



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Senior School and Sixth Form

Wednesday 15 January 2014 - 6.30pm

Junior School

Tuesday 14 January 2014 - 6.30pm

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Wednesday 12 March 2014 - 8.45am

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Welcome to our 2013 Annual Report

This is my third and final year as Yorkshire President and it has been a privilege to be associated with our great game during a period when its profile nationally has become progressively more positive after many years in which we have been perceived by the general public as grossly underachieving. It was a challenge to top the euphoria of the Olympic year yet Andy Murray made that possible with his historic Wimbledon triumph and then backed that up with his decisive role in our Davis Cup success, aided and abetted by Dan Evans. We have become winners!

That is the public perception. However, for me personally, and I'm sure for many others whose main interest and input is at the grass roots of the game, it has been equally rewarding to see, over these three years, the national emphasis on participation and the support of places to play in addition to our clubs. The LTA and the BTF have thrown their weight behind programmes in parks, schools and Higher Education which aim to bring young people into the game and keep them in it by establishing links to clubs. It's especially gratifying that we, in Yorkshire, have been pace-setters in this respect with initiatives such as the Leeds Partnership which are offering a model for developments in other major cities in this county and nationally. In relation to this, and to their work generally, I should like to pay tribute to our county professional team led by our TDM Gavin Sutcliffe. It is no surprise that their commitment and hard work led to their recognition as team of the year.

It also seems a good time to say a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers out there in the clubs whose work is often unrecognised yet without which most of us would be without a club to play at. Among these unsung heroes are our league secretaries who get on with the crucial but unexciting role of administering the structures which give us the opportunity to play competitively.

One of the pleasantest duties of the President is to support our men's and women's teams at County Week. This year it was particularly rewarding to see the team spirit and determination which resulted in promotion for our ladies. It remains a mystery to me that while there is an insatiable demand for Wimbledon tickets we seem reluctant to go and watch high quality tennis played on our doorstep. Ilkley hosted not just the ladies' County Week but two other major tournaments for which entry was free and the weather glorious, yet attendances were minimal.

Generally, though, this could be seen as a highly successful year for tennis at national and county level. It is very sad, then, against this background of so many positives to have to refer to one major stain on our county's high reputation - the misappropriation of funds by our former Treasurer. This betrayal of trust by a colleague has cast a substantial shadow over the year from which it has taken time to recover. I applaud the efforts of our Trustees to deal with the legal and financial consequences of this betrayal and you will hear at the AGM to what extent and in what manner the situation has been retrieved. It has, of course, had implications in terms of our management team. I therefore take this opportunity to welcome our new Treasurer, Ian Hargreaves. We have also been able to make a new and important appointment, that of a paid part-time administrator, Trevor Reed, and this will enable us to further develop and professionalise our links with members and clubs.

I should like to offer my best wishes to my successor as President, Bob Lamb. Bob, as many of you will know, has been at the heart of Sheffield tennis for many years and it is particularly pleasing to see a city which has been the seat of so much that is good in Yorkshire tennis represented in his person.

Finally, my thanks to all of you who have in one way or another offered your support to me during my period of office.

This is the third Annual Report which we have pleasure in presenting to you. It's been another good year for our sport, particularly on court and in the development of British Tennis in the County, despite the blemish referred to by our President.

At the beginning of the year I was asked to allow my name to be put forward as a prospective Chairman of the Association and in January 2013 this met with the approval of the YLTA Council. At this juncture I would like to thank Liz Wilson for the work and enthusiasm that she demonstrated in undertaking the Chairmanship during 2011 and 2012 and also for being responsible for the resurrection of our Annual Report.

Through the Management Committee we are in the process of examining each aspect of our operation through a 'People to Places' format, which creates a management structure benefitting from County-level support and assistance. Workloads for the LTA staff and our Volunteers are becoming greater as the LTA reduces the size of its Council and staff, thereby putting a greater onus onto Counties through the LTA Field team.

It became apparent during the year that some items of discussion on Management Committee and Council agendas could and should be handled by sub-committees or work stream groups. These groups would have designated Chairs and Members and would report to Management Committee and Council by way of formal meeting Minutes, where appropriate. Sub-Committees currently in mind (though still to be finalised) for 2014 include Finance, Rules (to include Governance and Incorporation), Marketing (to include Initiative, Patrons and Wimbledon), Competitions, Development and Participation.

Last year we introduced six new Councillors onto Council, all with specialist knowledge within our sport and I would like to thank them for their contributions to date. All six are seeking re-election and we hope that this will receive support at the AGM. In addition, Council's proposals to the AGM include five further candidates for election to Council who, after an induction meeting, will be able to support and assist with our plans in 2014. All nominees have a club, sports or administrative background which we hope will assist the County in the future.

We also welcome Trevor Reed to our team as an administrator and he has already shown us the effect his experience will bring to our organisation.

We have achieved progress and growth over the past twelve months, as will be outlined in Gavin Sutcliffe's report and presentation to the AGM. His team, supported by Councillors and Volunteers, have maintained personal relationships with our contacts at Places to Play, in Schools, on Coach-led Programmes or schemes and in other establishments. Development targets have been attained in the Communities, Places to Play, Higher and Further Education establishments, and on training courses and in other event areas.

Two success stories are particularly worthy of note. Leeds Metropolitan University were voted University of the Year and Danum School in Rotherham were voted School of the Year in the LTA's British Tennis Education awards for 2013.

The key driver launched by the LTA this year is Participation. It provides the strategy for 2014 to 2017 and plans and activities are already being put in place with the object of delivering positive changes which will hopefully increase the number of people playing Tennis and retain people's interest in maintaining membership at Places to Play.

Finally, I would thank all of our team for their contributions throughout the year, particularly Christine Dalton, who has represented us in the Sheffield area since 2004, Donald Oates who has represented us since 1998 in the Leeds area and Stephen Freegard who steps down from representing us in the Craven area since the early 1990's but remains one of our Trustees.

These three members of Council are stepping down along with our President, John Forster, who has now completed his three year term of office, during which he has been heavily involved in all our activities but particularly in Schools Tennis. John's wise counsel on difficult issues has been a feature of his three years in office and I thank all four members referred to above for their contributions over the years.

Wishing everyone a successful 2014.

In my 2012 report I referred to a forthcoming shift of work with greater emphasis on growing participation both within our traditional tennis venues and new community opportunities. Sport England are a key funder and partner and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) are being judged in the public eye as to how effectively they are growing participation with the Active People Survey (APS) being the principal measure of weekly and monthly adult (14+) participation. We have a national target of reaching 450,000 weekly participants in tennis in the latest APS7 year.

As a consequence, the challenge of 2013 has been a balance of achieving growth within our existing networks whilst exploring opportunities in new ones, keeping a focus on what is important for our sport (Mini Tennis, Schools, Competition, Club Structure, Coaches) but also achieving in harder-to-reach and new markets (14 to 25yr olds, Further Education, Higher Education, Local Authorities, Leisure Centres, Parks) and keeping direction in an evolving landscape as new participation strategies are developed and implemented.

As I write we are awaiting the APS results from Sport England which will be published in the week after the AGM. There are however a few indicators that are pointing in the right direction.

- The mid-way 6 month figures showed growth in Yorkshire (not just a county but a Sport England Region in itself) and we have had growth since the benchmark year of APS2 (the only region to do so for both weekly and adult participation).
- Sport England have recognised our approach and work especially with Leeds City Council to grow participation in tennis across communities as a model of good practice.
- Despite challenging financial times we have continued to have growth in membership and BTM as a total across all Yorkshire registered clubs combined.
- There has been an increase in the number of schools competing in both Primary and Secondary competitions.
- Colleges (via their professional network of College Sport Makers) are introducing Mini Tennis for adults and signposting opportunities in local community venues and clubs.
- Universities are offering more opportunities in recreation programmes attracting beginners and 'back to tennis' players in Cardio Tennis, Tennis Xpress and Park Programmes and we have seen significant growth in activity at several of our Universities.
- There has been an increase in activity at park and community programmes with improved promotion and visibility.
- Park surveys are indicating increased usage for longer than the 'obvious' two-weeks.
- Oh...and I nearly forgot, a certain Wimbledon Champion combined with prolonged good weather might have had some impact!

Yorkshire being Yorkshire, there are always good news stories and, if successful in hitting target, it will be down to everyone involved – Club, Community, Education, Coaches, Volunteers and Professional alike. I am also very conscious that, Yorkshire being Yorkshire, the opportunities are huge. This has become more apparent as we aim to grow tennis participation to new audiences and the role of 'joining things up' couldn't be more important. Sport England, County Sport Partnerships, Schools, FE, HE, Local Authorities, Leisure Centre Providers, Park Officers, Disability Networks and Community Groups are all contributing to the plan.

Finally, I would like to say a few thank you's. Firstly, to the professional team for your continued commitment; Laura Huscroft (now Lattimore), Mia Robinson (now Mitchell) and John Loughton. I would like to thank and wish success to Linsey Jordan and Claire Smith who have both moved on to pastures new. I would also like to thank the volunteer team of YLTA management and councillors for your tireless contributions. Above all, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Yorkshire Tennis as you are the deliverers of our sport and support more people playing more often.

Priority Areas and Key measures for 2012-13			
	APS2	APS6	APS7 (Q2)
Active People Survey (Weekly Participants)	30,600	33,000	34,700*
Active People Survey (Monthly Participants)	62,600	64,000	65,100*
	Oct 2012	Oct 2013	Target
RCJ In Clubs (6+)	2658	2088	2650**
RCJ In Schools	548	907	548**
BTM	24,248	25,600	26,533

REGISTERED PLACES TO PLAY

New Clubs for 2012/13: Collingham LTC, Shadwell TC, Strensall & Towthorpe TC, Welldrake TC.
 British Tennis Membership in Yorkshire is 26,533 as at 1 Oct 2013 (24,248 as at 1 Oct 2012).
 This continues to be free to members of Registered Places to Play.

Abbeydale Tennis Club Ltd*	Ackworth Tennis Club	Adel Tennis Club (A Section of Adel WMA)
Alne Parish Leisure Association Tennis Club	Alwoodley Tennis Club	Appleton Roebuck Tennis Club
Austwick Tennis Club	Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club	Batley ITI Tennis Club*
Beauchief Tennis Club*	Bedale Tennis Club	Beeford Lawn Tennis Club
Beverley & East Riding LTC*	Beverley Leisure Complex	Boroughbridge Tennis Club
Boston Spa School Tennis Club	Boston Spa Tennis Club*	Bradfield Village Fellowship Tennis Club
Bramhope Tennis Club	Brentwood LTC*	Bubwith Tennis Club*
Cawood Tennis Club	Chapel Allerton Lawn Tennis	Cherry Burton Tennis Club and Squash Club*
Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club*	Cliffe Tennis Club	Copmanthorpe Tennis Club
Cottingham Lawn Tennis Club*	Cragg Vale Tennis Club	Craven LTC
Cross Hills Tennis Club	Cundall Manor Tennis Club	Dacre Tennis Club
Danby Tennis Club	Dartmouth Park	David Lloyd Club Hull*
David Lloyd Club Leeds*	David Lloyd York*	Denby Dale Tennis Club
Doncaster Lawn Tennis Club	Dore & Totley	Dunnington Tennis Club*
Easingwold Lawn Tennis Club	Ecclesall Lawn Tennis Club	Eldwick Tennis Club
Eskdale School Tennis Club	Fulford Tennis Club	Fulwood Tennis Club*
Galtres Centre	Georgian Tennis Club	Goole Tennis Centre*
Graves Tennis & Leisure Centre*	Greenhead Park	Gregory Fields Tennis Club
Grove Hill Otley Tennis Club	Grove Lawn Tennis Club	Hackness Tennis Club*
Hallam Grange*	Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club Ltd*	Harlow Tennis Club

REGISTERED PLACES TO PLAY continued

Harrogate Racquets Club*	Harworth and Bircotes Tennis Club	Heaton Tennis & Squash Club*
Hessle Lawn Tennis Club*	Heworth Tennis Club	Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club
Hornsea Tennis Club	Horsforth Throstle Nest Tennis Club	Hovingham Tennis Club
Huddersfield Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Ltd*	Hull YPI Tennis Club*	Ilkley LT & SC*
John Charles Centre for Sport*	Kirkbymoorside Tennis Club	Kirkstall Abbey Tennis Club
Knaresborough King James Tennis Club*	Leake Tennis Club	Leeds Met University Tennis Club*
Leeds University Student Unions	Leyburn Tennis Club	Linton Tennis Club
Longley Community Sports Club*	Lower Derwent Sports and Social Club	Lythe & Sandsend Tennis Club
Malton Tennis, Bowls & Squash Club	Market Weighton Tennis Club	Marsden Tennis Club
Mashamshire Tennis Club	Mexborough Athletic Tennis Club	Mirfield Tennis Club*
Mytholmroyd Tennis Club	New Earswick Tennis Club	Northallerton Tennis Club*
Nuffield Tennis Academy*	Park Tennis Club	Pelican Park City Tennis Club*
Pickering Tennis Club	Pocklington Tennis Club*	Pool-in-Wharfedale LTC
Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club*	Pudsey Lawn Tennis Club	Queens Sports Club*
Raskelf Tennis Club	Rastrick Tennis Club	Rawdon Golf & Lawn Tennis Club*
Riccall Tennis Club	Ripon Tennis Centre*	Rotherham Moorgate LTC*
Roundhay Tennis Club Ltd	Rowntree Park CYC	Rustlings Lawn Tennis Club
Salts Tennis Club*	Sandal Lawn Tennis Club*	Scalby Tennis Club
Scarborough Pindar Tennis Club*	Selby Lawn Tennis Club	Shadwell Tennis Club
Shepley Tennis Club	Sherburn Tennis Club	Sheriff Hutton Tennis Club
Skipton Tennis Club*	Sledmere Tennis Club	South Cave Tennis Club*
South Hunsley Sports Tennis Academy	Spa Lawn Tennis Club	Springhead Park
Sproatley Tennis Club	St Chads Tennis Club (Leeds)	St John Fisher Tennis Club*
Stamford Bridge Tennis Club	Starbeck Tennis Club	Stocksbridge Tennis Club*
Stokesley Tennis Club	Strensall & Towthorpe LTC	Sutton Upon Derwent Tennis Club
Swanland Lawn Tennis Club*	The Academy Harrogate Ltd*	Thirsk Tennis Club
Thongsbridge Tennis Club*	Thornccliffe City Tennis Club*	Thorner Victory Hall Tennis Club
Tockwith Tennis Club	Todmorden Lawn Tennis Club	Undercliffe Lawn Tennis Club
Upper Armley Tennis Club	Wakefield Tennis Club	Walkington Tennis Club
Walton Tennis Club	West Tanfield Memorial TC	West Yorkshire Tennis Club
Westfields Tennis Club	Wetherby Castlegarth LTC*	Wheatley Hills Tennis Club*
Whitby Tennis Club	Whitkirk LTC	Wigginton Tennis Centre*
Wilberfoss Tennis Club	Wistow Tennis Club	York Tennis Club*

Clubmark Clubs

These clubs are providing a quality tennis development programme and operating in line with best practice. The benefits of this include ongoing programme development, increased membership, increased participation, staff development, raised profile and access to more funding opportunities.

Clubmark clubs are shown in the table above by the *symbol.

A welcome spotlight has been thrown on schools tennis – so often undervalued – with the LTA’s recognition that future funding is dependent on participation numbers. After all, the whole of the nation’s youth is there to be attracted to our game.

The appointment of a Chief Executive with participation as the main feature of his success in Canada can only serve to further enhance the importance of the largest single undeveloped sector in tennis. We, in Yorkshire, have the pleasing reputation for leading the way in promoting school competitions. Yet both the professional team and I are well aware how far this falls short of the ideal. With this in mind, a small working group of Gavin Sutcliffe, Angela Crossley and myself have embarked on a comprehensive review which we hope will lead us to a better understanding of what is actually going on and who are the key people in each area of the county and assist the development of a coherent county-wide structure.

Secondary Schools

Last year I reported on changes to the administration of the existing secondary schools competition with the county office taking over from me the responsibility for the Division Two (restricted rating) element of the national Aegon Y8 and Y10 Schools Team Tennis competition. This arrangement is now in its second year and working well in the main though, in some Areas, schools have failed to understand the opportunity this offers for the ordinary school player to enjoy playing against someone of a similar ability. Overall, though, the various local and Area leagues and tournaments have been successful, enjoyable and led to an end of season county final at John Charles Tennis Centre in September. An uncharacteristically wet day failed to dampen enthusiasm and skilful refereeing from Gavin and Laura meant that the competition was only slightly curtailed.

Year 8 and Year 10

Division 1 National Finalists

Year 10 Girls

Holmfirth High have reached the National Finals (Last 4 taking place at Bolton on 30th Nov)

Regional Finalists

Year 8 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 10 Boys	Year 10 Girls
St Olave’s (York) and Hall Cross Academy (Doncaster)	Holmfirth High and Pocklington	Harrogate Grammar School	Holmfirth High and St Peter’s (York)

Division 2

Yorkshire Finalists

Rossington (Doncaster)	Hull Collegiate (East Yorkshire)
Newsome High School (Kirklees)	Allerton Grange (Leeds)
St John Fisher, Harrogate (North Yorkshire)	St Martin’s Ampleforth (North Yorkshire), Harrogate
Harrogate Grammar School (North Yorkshire)	Allerton High (Leeds)
King Edwards (Sheffield)	Ripon Grammar School (North Yorkshire - Harrogate)

Division 2

Yorkshire Finalists

Horizon (Barnsley), Danum (Doncaster)	Queen Margaret's (North Yorkshire - York)
Malet Lambert (East Yorkshire)	Hymer's (East Yorkshire)
Dinnington (Rotherham)	

Winners

Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys	Year 10 Girls	Year 10 Boys
Hymer's	Hull Collegiate	Queen Margaret's	Hull Collegiate.



The Aegon Team Tennis Schools National Championships

Three Yorkshire schools qualified to the National Finals held at Graves Tennis Centre in July:

Girls	Boys
Holmfirth High School and Sheffield High School	Danum Academy.

Primary Schools

The primary schools sector offers an even greater challenge in terms of the sheer number of schools, many of them small, in a vast county such as Yorkshire. The alterations in the funding of school sport have made that challenge even greater with many partnerships experiencing different structures and changes in personnel. It's pleasing, then, to report that 31 partnerships offered opportunities in clusters, area competitions and festivals with over a thousand youngsters and 225 primary schools playing at Level 3 partnership finals and beyond.

West Yorkshire School Games

(Held at LMU)

Y3/4 Finalists in Finishing Order

1. Horsforth (Leeds)	2. All Saints (Calderdale)	3. Lindley (Kirklees)
4. Princeville (Bradford)	5. Green Lane (Leeds)	6. Deanfield (Calderdale)
7. St Joseph's (Kirklees)	8. All Saints (Bradford)	

Y5 Finalists in Finishing Order

1. Talbot (Leeds)	2. Blackgates (Leeds)	3. Newsome (Kirklees)
4. Moorside (Calderdale)	5. Beech Hill (Calderdale) & St Cuthbert's (Bradford)	
7. St Joseph's (Kirklees) & All Saints (Bradford)		

South Yorkshire School Games

(Held in Barnsley)

Y3/4 Finalists in Finishing Order

1. Nethergreen (Sheffield)	2. St Maries (Sheffield)	3. Thurgoland (Barnsley)
4. Silkstone Common (Barnsley)	5. Kingfisher (Doncaster)	6. Herringthorpe (Rotherham)
7. Thorpe Hesley (Rotherham)	8. Kirk Sandal (Doncaster)	

North Yorkshire School Games

(Held in Barnsley)

Y3/4 Finalists in Finishing Order

1. Carlton & Faceby (Hambleton)	2. Carlton in Snaith (Selby)	3. Markington (Harrogate)
4. Middleton Tyas (Richmond)	5. Tockwith (Selby)	6. Waterstreet (Craven)
7. Scarcroft (York)	8. Pickering (Ryedale)	9. Headlands (York)

Humber Finals

Humber School Games

Y3/4 Finalists in Finishing Order

1. Swanland	2. Scalby B	3. North Ferriby	4. Driffield
5. Sidmouth	6. Scawby A	7. Molescroft	8. Gillshill
9. Kirmington	10. Canon Peter B	11. Victoria Dock	12. Canon Peter A
13. Newlands			

Further Education / Higher Education

I have talked in this account about tennis in primary schools and secondary schools. However, elsewhere in this annual report you will read of the increasing involvement of the Further and Higher Education sector in promoting and organising activity for the post-16 age group. This is an immensely welcome development which can only help to ensure that those whom we initially attract into our game have the chance to continue playing into adulthood.

Universities with a University Tennis Co-ordinator

- Leeds University
- Leeds Met University
- York University (Currently recruiting)

Universities accessing the TF Development award

- Leeds University
- Leeds Met University
- York University
- Hull University
- Hallam University

2012-13 has seen the development of the Tennis Foundation's Disability Hub Sites embracing more partners and becoming genuine networks. Participation has grown significantly across all impairment groups.

The Leeds Disability Network is one of the strongest in the country and praise must be singled out for Leeds City Council's Sports Disability Officer, Ross Bibby. The Leeds programme has weekly junior and adult Wheelchair, Visually Impaired, Learning Disability and Down Syndrome sessions. Leeds Met University provide an elite wheelchair player pathway with Ed Holt and Anthony Cotterill having a strong year. Boston Spa have links with the Deaf College providing a weekly programme and the Yorkshire VI club is the first of its kind, based in York but supporting across the county and the region.

Focus for 2013-14 is to widen the partners delivering in Sheffield and South Yorkshire to establish a similar network and increase participation and opportunities to play. It is also key that we connect activity across the county and support the coaches that have attended Disability Tennis Awareness courses and the TF Disability Roadshow.

For a second time, Visually Impaired Tennis was included in both the Yorkshire County Closed Championships and the City of Leeds Tennis Tournament. It would be great to include more impairment groups as part of the event in future years.

If you would like to know more about Tennis for Disabled People please contact the Yorkshire LTA County Office or go to www.TennisFoundation.org.uk



Tennis Foundation Disability Tennis Roadshow held in Leeds

We have six Performance Clubs in the County and these clubs form the backbone of the approach to high performance tennis and support the majority of performance players in Great Britain. They are the hub for the better players and work with feeder clubs thereby increasing the number of identified talented players.

Yorkshire Performance Clubs

Nuffield, Hull (HPC)	Ilkley	Thongsbridge
Graves, Sheffield	Goole	Heaton

Matrix Players 2013/2014

Monday	Johannus	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Loughton	Sam	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Dawson	Jessica	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Daly	Elizabeth	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Scott	Lleyton	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Jubb	Paul	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Hopton	Megan	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Colledge	Lewis	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Lazenby	Joshua	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Batchelor	Jack	Nuffield Tennis Academy
Kelt	Joe	Ilkley LT & SC
Pickard	JB	Ilkley LT & SC
Thompson	Jacob	Ilkley LT & SC
Woffindin	Amber	Ilkley LT & SC
Dada-Mascoll	Savannah	Ilkley LT & SC
Murgett	Finn	Thongsbridge Tennis Club
Fitzpatrick	Barney	Thongsbridge Tennis Club
Horsfall	Holly	Thongsbridge Tennis Club
Ashley	Peter	Carnegie Tennis Club
Crawford	Clay	Carnegie Tennis Club
Dean	Eleanor	USA
Moore	Tara	Gosling Tennis Club
Palma	Jayanne	Heaton Tennis and Squash Club
Nash	Serena	Batley ITI Tennis Club
Hou	Ying	Edgbaston

Matrix Players 2013/2014 continued

Thane	Alice	Nottingham
Edmund	Kyle	NTC
Burrows	Lidia	Queens
Jones	Francesca	Spain

Players to have attended National Camps:

- Harry Simpson
- Megan Hopton
- Alice Thane
- Johannus Monday
- Barney Fitzpatrick
- Jessica Dawson



Kyle Edmund after winning the French Open Junior Doubles title in May 2013
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The tournament was again held at the John Charles Centre for Sport on the six indoor and six outdoor courts which had all been re-laid. It was pleasing to see the Men's and Ladies competed for once again.

Seniors	Winner
Mens Singles	Kyle Brassington
Womens Singles	Olivia Noble

Boys Singles	Winner
18 & Under	Sean Evans
16 & Under	George Smail
14 & Under	Euan Wilson-Baig
12 & Under	Johannus Monday
10 & Under	Oliver Vesley
9 & Under	Lleyton Scott
8 & Under	Dominic Vesley

Girls Singles	Winner
18 & Under	Olivia Noble
16 & Under	Megan Hopton
14 & Under	Megan Hopton
12 & Under	Jayanne Palma
10 & Under	Jayanne Palma
9 & Under	Savannah Dada-Mascol
8 & Under	Gabriella Lindley

Boys Doubles	Winner
16 & Under	Lewis Cox Alexander Pearce
14 & Under	Paul Jubb Euan Wilson-Baig
12 & Under	James Huby Matthew Clegg
10 & Under	Oliver Vesely Jack Batchelor

Girls Doubles	Winner
14 & Under	Megan Hopton Millie Jacobs
12 & Under	Jayanne Palma Jessica Dawson
10 & Under	Jayanne Palma Jessica Dawson

Mixed Doubles	Winner
14 & Under	Joshua Lazenby Megan Hopton

VI Singles	Winner
B1 & Low B2	Qasib Nazir

VI Doubles	Winner
B2 – B4	Arif Malik

Returning to our normal week (after Ilkley) helped the event get a good entry. The over 55 singles was an exceptionally strong event and all other age groups were well supported with play, as expected, to a high standard.

After a wet opening day when all matches were played indoors, the sun shone and the remaining days were played outside on Chapel A's excellent grass courts.

All the matches were played competitively and in a fair spirit. Chapel A is a great venue for this event. Club members and fellow competitors watch the outdoor games from the balcony, adding atmosphere and misplaced advice. It is a friendly club with excellent viewing facilities and well-kept traditional grass courts. The winners were those players who enjoyed the most favourable bounces and who coincidentally also played the best tennis. Two finals went as far as 13-11 in the final set tie-breaker. Ancient hearts certainly fluttered and muttered words were heard. But this is an excellent event with stories of times gone by always being exaggerated at the post tennis bar get-togethers. Were we all really that good in days gone by? I know I was.

Giles Hinchcliffe

Results for 2013

MS 045	Andrew Hutchinson	beat	Dave Chadwick	6-2 6-2
MD 045	Andrew Hutchinson Dave Chadwick	beat	Peter Vann Stuart Gill	6-3 7-6(5)
MS 055	Derek Munro	beat	David Brown	6-2 6-2
MD 055	David Brown Mike Breslin	beat	Miles Collett Andrew MacDougall	6-2 6-7 (5) 13-11
MS 065	Gianfranco Cavestro	beat	Trevor Nuttall	6-3 6-2
MD 055	Trevor Nuttall Robin Barlow	beat	Giles Hinchcliffe Andrew Batcup	6-2 1-6 13-11

Summer County Cup

In the Summer County Cup our ladies were promoted to Group 2 after winning Group 3 at Ilkley. At Eastbourne, our men were relegated from Group 1 to Group 2.

Winter County Cup

In the Winter County Cup, our ladies were relegated to Group 2, having been narrowly defeated 5-4 by Middlesex on the last day. The men again narrowly lost 5-4 to South Wales and will remain in Group 2 in 2014.

U10 Boys County Cup Qualifying 1st - 2nd June 2013 at Graves Tennis Centre

Squad

Oliver Vesley, Joseph Fletcher, Thomas Horsley, Lleyton Scott

Opponent Counties

• Cumbria • Northumberland • Derbyshire • Cheshire

Saturday 1st June 2013 v Cumbria

Team

1. Oliver Vesley	2. Thomas Horsley
3. Lleyton Scott	Dubs - Vesley/Scott

First up was Cumbria. As we know U10 tennis can be very unpredictable with emotions up and down at the drop of a hat and this weekend was no different, especially with sets to 4.

To make things even trickier, we have two players on at once most of the weekend, making talking to the players at the change of ends even harder. Lleyton was on first and secured a good first set performance, but at the drop of a hat lost the second 4-5 so a nervous tiebreak to start the weekend. Lleyton put in a solid performance to take it 10-4, a good start. Next up was Thomas who had an emotional 3-5, 1-4 loss. Oliver then pulled out a tight win to put us 2-1 up. Anything can happen in U10 doubles; however Oliver and Lleyton formed a formidable team winning in style. **Match won 3-1**

Saturday 1st June 2013 v Northumberland

Team

1. Oliver Vesley	2. Joseph Fletcher
3. Lleyton Scott	Dubs – Fletcher/Horsley

I brought Joseph in for this match after Thomas's emotional match. All the boys put in solid displays and the match was over after the singles. **Match won 3-0**

Sunday 2nd June 2013 v Derbyshire

Team

1. Oliver Vesley	2. Joseph Fletcher
3. Lleyton Scott	Dubs – Fletcher/Horsley

The team were up for the match today, especially as Cheshire (closest rivals) had lost yesterday to Derbyshire. Oliver won his match comfortably. Joseph played what seemed to be their strongest player at 2 and lost so it was down to Lleyton. He cruised through the first set 4-0 then suddenly lost the second 1-4. The tense tiebreak then followed. Lleyton managed to take it 10-8. Oliver and Lleyton then secured the win with another classy doubles display. **Match won 3-1**

Under 12 Boys Report

Team	
1. Greg Robinson	2. Mathew Clegg
3. Johannes Monday	4. Lewis College

The boys started off well, showing some good form and brushing aside the early opposition with wins for Clegg, Robinson and Monday. Next in the group was Derbyshire, who had a strong team and some good individuals. Yorkshire lost the tie having fought hard throughout the day but still advanced to the semi-final the following day. In the semi-final, Clegg, Monday and College won their singles matches with some great tennis to put Yorkshire into the Final against Derbyshire, whom we had played the previous day in the group stages. Monday kicked us off with a great display and some good battling qualities to win his match and gain revenge for the previous day's loss. Robinson couldn't quite do the same to turn round the previous day's loss, which left us at 1-1 going into the last singles match. Having lost the previous day, Clegg started off like a train winning the first set 6-0 and then going a break up in the second set 4-2 and then the Derbyshire number 1 battled and fought hard to squeeze out the set 7-5.

Into the championship tie-break we went! Clegg tried everything he could but came up slightly short losing the tie-break 10-4. That left Yorkshire 2-1 down going into the doubles, with Clegg and Monday trying to force a shoot-out by winning the doubles match. After a very tight match Yorkshire lost 7-6, 6-4 and failed to qualify for the finals. The boys gave it their all and I couldn't ask any more of them. There was great team spirit and support and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Sunday 2nd June 2013 v Cheshire

Team	
1. Oliver Vesley	2. Thomas Horsley
3. Lleyton Scott	Dubs Vesely/ Scott

A win here would see us progress to the national finals. Thomas came back in at 2, refreshed and ready to go. Lleyton's up and down weekend continued, losing the first set 0-4 and winning the second 4-0 but unfortunately this time he lost the tiebreak 8-10. Oliver also lost in a tight match tiebreak so we were 0-2 down and needed Thomas to come in. Another tiebreak and he was 2-7 down but then another sudden change, a dramatic 8 point run saw Thomas take the match 10-8. We were 1-2 down and needed the doubles to take it to a shootout. Up stepped Vesley and Scott and took the doubles in yet another tiebreak, 2-2 and time for the shootout. Credit where credit is due, Cheshire regrouped and took the shootout tiebreak.

Match lost 2-3

This meant a count back on rubbers, which we were equal on, so sets were next. Yorkshire won 61.5%, Cheshire won 66.7%. This meant Cheshire went through to the Finals. The boys and I were gutted but we were proud of their performances, especially in the doubles.

Well done Yorkshire.

Yorkshire Under 18 Boy's County Cup Report

Group 1 Bath 1st to 3rd March 2013

Team - Captain Richard Crabtree			
Andrew Atkinson	Clay Crawford	Harry Simpson	Will Spencer
Liam Earnshaw	Simon Howson	Sam Sutton	Sean Evans

Day 1 - Yorkshire 7 Surrey 2

Day 1 of the County Cup saw the Yorkshire boys taking on a strong Surrey outfit. Andrew and Liam started the day with excellent battling performances but unfortunately both missed out in close matches. At 0-2 down, senior players Simon and Sean came out firing and with energetic performances put the team back in the match at 2-2. Next up came Sam and Clay, who were clinical and professional, both coming through in straight sets. At 4-2 up going into the doubles we knew the job wasn't done - the priority was winning the match with a close eye on amassing as many rubbers as we could to stand us in a good position for the weekend. The team stepped up in all positions and won each match in straight sets, meaning we had started the weekend with a superb 7-2 victory, which felt especially good after being 0-2 behind.

Day 2 - Yorkshire 7 Hertfordshire 2

A tough match lay ahead against a strong Herts team who had defeated Lancashire on day 1. A change in line-up saw Harry come in for the singles. He stepped up with a solid 3 set victory. Andrew had already played very well winning in straight sets, putting the Yorkshire boys 2-0 ahead. Yet again, senior players Simon and Sean played with real intensity, finishing off their respective opponents in quick time. Sam suffered a narrow straight set loss in a match full of quality. Clay put Yorkshire in an unassailable 5-1 position going into the doubles. The players gelled superbly well yet again to win two out of the three rubbers, giving us another 7-2 victory.

Day 3 - Yorkshire 5 Lancashire 1

We knew that Lancashire would be no pushover and the boys were reminded of the history of this always-tough fixture. Will and Andrew were first up and Lancashire duly delivered with fiery performances. Will battled out a very important win, saving set points in his first singles appearance of the weekend. This was all-important, as Andrew had come up against one of the form players of the whole event. Despite playing well he came up just short, meaning we were evenly balanced at 1-1. Yet again Simon and Sean showed no mercy, putting us in a commanding 3-1 position. Sam and Clay finished the job in style, meaning we were the National Champions! It was now over to support the Girls!

Summary

This was a great bunch of guys to captain, both on and off the court. Their support for each other was nothing less than excellent and every single player played their part on the court.

U10 Girls County Cup Report

Team - Captain: Tom Loughton			
Jayanne Palma	Jessica Dawson	Caitlin Ward	Orla Cooper

Qualifying

The qualifying event for the U10 girls' county cup took place at Batley, with Yorkshire placed in a round robin box with Isle of Man, Cumbria, Northumberland, and fellow seeds Cheshire. The decisive match in the event was the final fixture against Cheshire, which came after both teams had won all their preceding fixtures 4-0 (three singles and one doubles in each fixture). With the match 2-1 to Yorkshire after the singles, Jessica and Jayanne won an exciting doubles match 10-7 in the third set tie-break, to win the fixture and send Yorkshire through to the National Finals.

National Finals

At the National Finals, held at Bolton, the format saw eight teams split into two round-robin boxes of four, with the teams from the equivalent finishing place in both groups playing each other in the final match. The group stage was very tense and exciting for Yorkshire, with two out of the three fixtures finishing 2-2 after the singles and doubles. This meant that the fixtures had to be decided by a single doubles tie-break to 10. Against Staffordshire we came out on top in the shoot-out, however we saw the other side of the coin against Middlesex, unfortunately losing the shoot out.

In our other fixture we were defeated by a strong Hertfordshire side 3-1, meaning we finished third in our group, resulting in us playing Wiltshire to decide 5th/6th place. This fixture followed a familiar pattern, with the score being locked at 2-2 at the end of the match, meaning another tie-break shoot out would be required! On this occasion, Wiltshire came out on top, which ultimately saw us finish 6th place nationally. All the girls competed exceptionally well over the two weekends, and showed a great team spirit. If a couple of things had fallen differently in the tie-break shoot outs then I'm sure our final placing would have more accurately reflected the girls' performance.

U14 Girls

Result: National Finals - 8th place

Team		
Eve Brady	Elizabeth Daly	Megan Hopton
Zoe Judkowski	Victoria Lapthorne	Alice Thane

This was always going to be tough following on from last year's winning team. Most of the team were young in age and this year was a learning curve. The team fought hard but unfortunately could not pull off a win, but 2014 should see a much older and experienced squad providing a stronger challenge!

U18 Girls

Result: National Champions

Team			
Georgia Craven	Holly Horsfall	Laura Hopton	Serena Nash
Olivia Noble	Jessica Ren	Molly Reed	

We got off to a great first day against newly-promoted Buckinghamshire, winning 9-0.

On the second day we played last year's winners Middlesex and scraped a tough 5-4 win, with some outstanding singles and doubles play.

On the final day any of Herts, Middlesex or ourselves could win. We started off well v Herts and thanks to Georgia winning a 3-hour singles match we were 3-3 after the singles, knowing that we only needed one doubles rubber to win overall. Molly and Olivia played some outstanding doubles to win in straight sets after Serena and Laura had lost theirs only a few minutes earlier in a match tiebreak. A great achievement and, having just won the boys' title, the Yorkshire boys provided some invaluable support.

Overall summary by Men's Veterans Coordinator, David Brown

We competed in six age categories this year, an extra one from 2012, by entering a new team in the over 70s and involving 34 different players from across the County. Highlights and congratulations go to the 45s (captained by Andrew Hutchinson) and 65s (captained by Wilf Jessop) who both won their respective Division Ones, with the 45s running out winners in the National Finals in Dudley in November by beating Essex 3-1. Other highlights include the newly-formed 70s team, ably captained by stalwart Andrew Batcup, winning division 3 with a 100% win record and the 55s, who gained promotion to Division 1, led by 'new' captain Myles Collett.

Unfortunately, our 35s were relegated but this was due to player injury on the first day and, with only four players available in Eastbourne, the team were greatly hampered. Again unfortunately, our 60s were also relegated from Division One despite winning two out of five matches which would normally be sufficient to stay up. The 60s team was greatly weakened by the very sad loss of Alan Dalton who had been a great supporter of Yorkshire tennis throughout his life and particularly active on the veterans tour. Yorkshire and the whole veterans' scene will be poorer for Alan's absence.

Team report for over 35's by Captain Andrew Hutchinson

Due to a player with a last minute injury, we went to Eastbourne with a squad of four players - Paul Ranson, Kevin Clegg, Richard and Andrew Hutchinson. On the first morning, Kevin was first on and after leading by a set and a break he went over on the slippery grass and sprained his ankle. Despite heroically playing on he just lost. This set a tone for the weekend and we lost several tight matches which could have gone either way.

On the second day we needed to beat Kent to stay up in the second division and despite another heroic effort (against the physio's best efforts and advice!) we just lost 3-2. We played the last match on Eastbourne centre court, which was a privilege. We played a strong Berkshire team including Paul Hand, an ex-Wimbledon competitor. Again, tie breaks went against our team and we just lost 2-1.

The Yorkshire team desperately needs new blood as some of our team (i.e. me!) have played for the team for 14 years.

Over 35's Results

Against	Date	Result
Hampshire / OIW	2nd August	0 - 5
Kent	3rd August	2 - 3
Berkshire	4th August	1 - 2

Relegated from Division 2

Team report for over 45's by Captain Andrew Hutchinson

We had high hopes at the beginning of the season as we had some new 'young blood' in the team but we had a huge test against Leicestershire, who had won this event two years ago. We were victorious 4-1 after I was able to select my A team. The second match was a great team effort as both my original singles players were unavailable. I must single out Gareth for playing and winning his first competitive singles match for a few years, quite stressful for him with everybody watching. Richard and John then finished off the match with a great doubles win against Mark Rowe who had won Bournemouth the week before.

The third match was against Middlesex at Queen's Club on the grass with Andrew winning the all-important rubber and Paul again showing his class demolishing their number one. The only disappointment was the fourth match, losing 3-2 to Dorset. This was played on the same weekend as the previous match and in hindsight was quite an effort. We needed a strong result against S. Wales to improve our rubber average and due to a superb team effort we won 5-0 without dropping a set. A special mention to Cord who, after being away for the previous two weeks, picked up his rackets and beat the Yorkshire renegade Mike Harpin.

At the end of the season Yorkshire and Leicestershire both had lost only one match each but, due to a superior rubber average, Yorks progressed to the national finals on 3rd November where we beat Essex 3-1 to become National County Champions for the first time for a number of years!

Players - Paul Ranson, Cord Spilker, Andrew Richard, Gareth Hutchinson, John Rowe

Over 45's Results

Against	Date	Result
Leics	19-May	4-1
Hereford	23-Jun	4-1
Mddlsex	31-Aug	3-2
Dorset	01-Sep	2-3
S Wales	08-Sep	5-0

Winners of Div 1B

Team report over 55's by Captain Myles Collett

Good team spirit built up through winter training sessions helped the squad, especially with the introduction of two new county players (Colin Campbell and Chris Day) who acquitted themselves well. The team lost the opening match at home 2-3 to Leics, who had 2 strong singles players. After that defeat we had two straightforward wins against Staffs and Durham, 5-0 and 4-1. Warwickshire (away) was a fabulous win for the side given that neither team could afford to lose on the day or else they were out of the promotion race. The team effort came to the fore in the final shoot out against Bucks with our doubles pairing of Breslin and Vann winning a tight tie break final set after the singles had ended 1-1. With Capt. Collett injured, Andrew McDougall came in for the final rubber and, along with partner Dave Brown, demolished the Bucks pair to earn promotion to Division 1 again.

High hopes for 2014 as we have a further two new faces coming into the squad whilst losing no-one, so competition for places will be intense.

Players – Myles Collett, David Brown, Mike Breslin, Peter Vann, Chris Day, Colin Campbell and Andrew McDougall.

Over 55's Results

Against	Date	Result
Leics	02-Jun	2-3
Staffs	16-Jun	5-0
Durham	23-Jun	4-1
Warks	07-Jul	4-1
Bucks	28-Jul	3-2

2nd and promoted

Team report for over 60's by Captain Steve Howard

With the tragic loss of Alan Dalton and with Wilf Jessop moving up to the next age group, 2013 was always going to be difficult.

We did, however, have new blood with Steve Batte and Alan Cockman and the team started the season superbly with 5-0 wins against East of Scotland and Berkshire. Unfortunately, things took a turn for the worse with losses of 4-1 against Oxfordshire and Surrey. Due to a couple of other freak results we had to win one rubber in our last match against Cheshire but this proved to be beyond us, losing 5-0! As a result we have been relegated by virtue of losing our match to the other team on similar results.

Thanks to all who played in the team this year and we look forward to regaining our first division status next year!
Players – Steve Howard, Dave Whitelaw, Steve Batte, Alan Cockman, Dave Allerton

Over 60's Results

Against	Date	Result
E Scotland	26-May	5-0
Berks	16-Jun	5-0
Oxon	30-Jun	1-4
Surrey	25-Jul	1-4
Cheshire	03-Sep	0-5

5th and relegated

Team report for over 65's by Captain Wilf Jessop

A pretty successful season for Yorkshire 65's, winning all their group matches in Group 1B, four of them by the economical scoreline of 3-2, the other by a comparatively comprehensive 4-1.

In the regular season, John Andrews, stepping down an age-group, confirmed his legendary status with a 100% record in both singles and doubles. Not far behind in the hero stakes were doubles pair Keith Townson and Greg Pearson. Having never previously met prior to the season, they established themselves as a formidable pairing, winning vital rubbers in every match.

Reaching the Inter-County Final represented an outstanding and somewhat unexpected achievement for the team, even though Leicestershire proved just a bit too strong on the day, winning by 4 rubbers to 1.
Players – Wilf Jessop, John Andrews, Keith Townson and Greg Pearson.

Over 65's Results

Against	Date	Result
Sussex	04-Jun	3-2
Somerset	22-May	3-2
Cornwall	21-May	3-2
Cheshire	12-Jun	3-2
Herts	04-Jun	4-1

Winners of Div 1B

Team report for the over 70's by Captain Andrew Batcup

Yorkshire didn't have a team in this age group last year, so we had to start in Division 3. The long-term objective is to provide good quality, competitive county tennis for the Over 70's (the new Over 50's !!!). There is also an Over 75's competition so, God-willing, we've got another 10 years of tennis to look forward to.

Anyway, we have made a good start by winning all our matches and getting promoted to Division 2 next year. Playing in away matches particularly (ours were in Ipswich and Exeter) requires a degree of commitment and thanks are due to the six players who took part. I hope they enjoyed the matches.

Players – Andrew Batcup, Ray Ranson, Fergus Gibb, Trevor Nuttall, Mike Glover, Robin Barlow.

Over 70's Results

Against	Date	Result
Suffolk	29-May	3-1
Derby	03-Jun	4-0
Oxford	10-Jun	4-0
Wiltshire	17-Jun	4-0
Devon	27-Jun	4-0

Winners of Div 3

Ladies Over 35's – Captained by Katie Charnock & Becky Lee

Division 2B for the team this year, which included Cath Davies, Becky Lee, Jo Wright, Gillian Kilner and Lou Lister. Wins against Gloucestershire 4-1 and Kent 5-0 meant the final day against Leicestershire was going to be the decider. Despite two close singles matches which we eventually lost and a good doubles win for Jo and Gillian we were unable to draw the score level 2-2 to take it to the final rubber. Overall a good weekend finishing second and remaining in the second division.

Over 35's Team – Captains Katie Charnock / Becky Lee		Division 2B
Cath Davies	Becky Lee	Jo Wright
Gillian Kilner	Lou Lister	

Results

Yorkshire v Gloucester	4 – 1
Yorkshire v Kent	5 – 0
Yorkshire v Leicestershire	1 – 3

Remain in Division 2

Ladies Over 40's – Captained by Jo Wright

A great season for the over 40s, beating all our opponents comfortably and with winning debut appearances for Claire Johnson, Gil Smail and Jill Rounce. Members of the team included Jo Wright, Becky Lee, Karen Mitchell, Sarah Swift, Catherine Baker and Gillian Kilner. Yorkshire beat Warwickshire 4-1, Cheshire 4-1, Northumberland 5-0 and Hereford and Worcester 4-2 but were unable to field a team against Staffordshire.

A pleasure to captain a team of committed players who were only to be denied promotion by one conceded match. A disappointing end to a very successful campaign.

Over 40's Team – Captain Jo Wright			
Jo Wright	Becky Lee	Karen Mitchell	Sarah Swift
Catherine Baker	Gillian Kilner	Claire Johnson	Gil Smail
Jill Rounce			

Results

Yorkshire v Warwickshire	4 – 1
Yorkshire v Cheshire	4 – 1
Yorkshire v Northumberland	5 – 0
Yorkshire v Hereford & Worcestershire	4 – 2
Staffordshire match conceded	

Ladies Over 50's – Captained by Sally Bickerton

The team were undefeated and until the final match had not lost a single rubber. 4-0 wins against Staffordshire, Shropshire, West of Scotland and South Wales and a 3-1 win against Cumbria saw the team finish top of Division 3A. Players included Sally Bickerton and Belinda Turnbull (playing all five matches), Cathryn Johnson, Suzanne Rowe, Wendy Stirke, Gil Brook, Helen Brown, Rosie Connell, Caroline White and Debbie Howarth. The squad of players is looking forward to stronger competition next year in Division 2.

County Colours for Sally Bickerton (Rawdon) and Belinda Turnbull (Rawdon)

Over 50's Team – Captains Katie Charnock / Becky Lee Division 3			
Sally Bickerton	Belinda Turnbull	Catherine Johnson	Suzanne Rowe
Wendy Stirke	Gil Brook	Helen Brown	Rosie Connell
Caroline White	Debbie Howarth		

Results

Yorkshire v Staffordshire	4 – 0
Yorkshire v Shropshire	4 – 0
Yorkshire v West of Scotland	4 – 0
Yorkshire v South Wales	4 – 0
Yorkshire v Cumbria	3 – 1

Promoted to Division 2

Ladies Over 55's – Captained by Christine Dalton

The team included Janice Ashman, Susan Brass, Rosie Connell, Sue Graney and Christine Dalton (Capt). Most of the team had moved up from the 50s (belatedly) for our first year with a team in this age group, in Group 1a, unfortunately still faced with singles matches.

We started off well with a convincing 5-0 win at home against North Wales, only one of the rubbers being close. The next match was Dorset (away) against a strong team in very windy conditions and the result was reversed, though Rosie only just missed out on what would have been an excellent singles win when she lost a close match tie-break. Home against South Wales and another close match, losing both singles but winning all the doubles to secure a 3-2 win. The last match was away to Hampshire, who put out a very strong team. Sadly another 5-0 defeat for us despite some hard-fought matches, especially Janice and Sue in their doubles, which both went to match tie-breaks.

Thanks to all the players, especially for all the travel involved, and let's hope that after three away matches in Dorset over the last few years, they'll eventually have to travel to Yorkshire!

Over 55's Team – Captain Christine Dalton Group 1A		
Christine Dalton	Janice Ashman	Susan Brass
Rosie Connell	Sue Graney	

Results

Yorkshire v North Wales	5 – 0
Yorkshire v Dorset	0 – 5
Yorkshire v South Wales	3 – 2
Yorkshire v Hampshire	0 – 5

Ladies Over 65's – Captained by Rosemary Carter

The team this year was Rosemary Carter, Pauline Knight, Charlotte Lindsay and Sandy Atkinson. At the last minute, Sandy had to have a small operation on her leg so we called upon two of the Over 70s (Margaret Berrington and Jackie McBurney) and they certainly didn't disappoint. The team eventually came out on top of Division 2A and we are already looking forward to playing in Division 1 next year.

Over 65's Team – Captain Rosemary Carter		Division 2
Rosemary Carter	Pauline Knight	Charlotte Lindsay
Sandy Atkinson	Margaret Berrington	Jackie McBurney

Results

Yorkshire v Sussex	4-0
Yorkshire v Hertfordshire	3-1
Yorkshire v Lincolnshire	3-1
Yorkshire v Lancashire	3-1

Promoted to Division 1

Ladies Over 70's – Captained by Mary Durrans

We have had a very successful first year in the over 70s, winning all of our matches so we will be promoted to Division 1. Our first match against Warwickshire away was a 4-0 win. Then we played Buckinghamshire at home and after a 2-2 draw came out winners by only three games. At Shropshire we managed another 4-0 victory. The match against Sussex was extremely close. After all rounds had been played we were equal on rubbers, sets and games. We won by two games on the result of the first round match. Our last match against Suffolk saw another 4-0 win.

I would like to thank Liz Cousins, Jackie McBurney, Margaret Berrington, Margaret French and Jenny Crosby for supporting me throughout the year.

Over 70's Team – Captain Mary Durrans			
Sally Bickerton	Belinda Turnbull	Catherine Johnson	Suzanne Rowe
Wendy Stirke	Gil Brook	Helen Brown	Rosie Connell
Caroline White	Debbie Howarth		

Results

Yorkshire v Warwickshire	4 – 0
Yorkshire v Buckinghamshire	2 – 2 (count up)
Yorkshire v Shropshire	4 – 0
Yorkshire v Sussex	2 – 2 (count up)
Yorkshire v Suffolk	4 – 0

Promoted to Division 1

This year we lost four teams from the Ladies' League and three from the Men's. This took the total number of entries to 28 in the Men's league and 24 in the Ladies' League.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of attendance at the fixture meeting and the late withdrawal of a team, the Men's Division 3 collapsed, with no matches being played. The number of conceded matches (9 in the Men's and 6 in the Ladies leagues) is still very worrying, as is one team withdrawing during the season.

In the Men's league, Beverley remained unbeaten and were once again champions with Ilkley being runners-up. Chapel Allerton and Mexborough were relegated. Barnsley returned to the top division, remaining unbeaten in Division 2A. Roundhay A were also promoted, winning Division 2B by three rubbers.

In the Ladies' League, Huddersfield regained the title from Rawdon. Heaton and Whitkirk were relegated. In Division 2, Roundhay remained unbeaten and are promoted to Division 1 along with David Lloyd Leeds. Batley and Huddersfield A were relegated and will be replaced by Division 3 winners Harlow and runners-up Thongsbridge A.

Men's Results

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	Rubbers Won	Sets Won	Pts
Beverley	8	8	0	62	130	16
Ilkley	8	7	1	52	106	14
Roundhay	8	4	4	33	81	8
Thongsbridge	8	5	3	33	59	8
Doncaster	8	3	5	34	54	6
York	8	3	5	30	26	6
Huddersfield	8	3	5	28	48	6
Chapel allerton	8	2	6	28	37	4
Mexborough	8	1	7	23	25	2
DIVISION 2A						
Barnsley	6	6	0	42	87	12
Scarborough	6	4	2	39	79	8
Sandal	6	3	3	33	69	6
Doncaster A	6	4	2	27	37	6
Thongsbridge A	5	1	4	10	26	0
Halifax Queens	5	1	4	13	19	-2
Chapel Allerton A	4	0	4	7	12	-4
matches not played: Chapel Allerton A v Halifax Queens Thongsbridge A v Chapel Allerton A						

DIVISION 2B	P	W	L	Rubbers Won	Sets Won	Pts
Roundhay A	5	3	2	29		6
Harworth & Bircotes	5	3	2	26		6
Thorncliffe	5	3	2	25		6
Cottingham	4	3	1	18		4
Horsforth	4	1	3	15		2
Wheatley Hills	5	1	4	13		0
Heaton - record deleted matches not played: Horsforth v Cottingham						

Ladies Results

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	Rubbers Won	Sets Won	Pts
Huddersfield	8	8	0	62	128	16
Rawdon	8	6	2	47	100	12
York	8	5	3	43	69	10
Thongsbridge	8	5	3	38	80	10
Chapel allerton	8	4	4	34	70	8
Rastrick	8	4	4	33	77	8
Harrogate Racquets	8	2	5	30	71	5
Heaton	8	1	6	27	53	3
* Whitkirk	8	0	8	12	32	-2

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	Rubbers Won	Sets Won	Pts
Roundhay	7	7	0	53	108	14
David Lloyd	7	5	2	43	96	10
Rawdon A	7	5	2	38	78	10
Doncaster	7	5	2	35	78	10
Ilkley	7	3	4	26	64	6
Wheatley Hills	7	2	5	28	62	4
Batley	7	1	6	20	48	2
Huddersfield A	7	0	7	9	27	0

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	Rubbers Won	Sets Won	Pts
Harlow	6	6	0	45	61	12
Thongsbridge A	6	4	2	38	83	8
Thirsk	5	3	2	28	55	6
Heaton A	6	2	4	25	54	4
Ilkley A	6	2	4	21	53	4
* Huddersfield B	6	3	3	20	44	4
**** Halifax Queens	5	0	5	2	5	-8

Matches not played: Thirsk v Halifax Queens
 * Conceded matches

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Benefits of YLTA Patrons and Life Patrons from 2013

1. Copy of the YLTA Annual Report and invitation through agenda to YLTA's AGM each year – normally held on the 2nd Monday in December and has in the last 2 years included our Awards evening.
2. Admission to all events in Yorkshire including the County Championships. See YLTA website for calendar of events (access through www.lta.org.uk/in-yourarea/Yorkshire).
3. Opportunity through application to the YLTA Secretary for tickets to Davis/Federation Cup competitions by dates quoted on the LTA website.
4. We propose developing a Patrons sections on the website which will hopefully cater for feedback from Patrons.
5. We would encourage all Patrons to become British Tennis Members by application to the YLTA Secretary and enjoy the further benefits provided by membership as detailed on the LTA website.
6. Opportunity to apply directly to the YLTA Patrons Association for Wimbledon Championship tickets for personal use with a guest and you have not acquired tickets from other sources. A ballot will take place if demand is too great on any day during the event.

Proposed subscriptions for 2014:

1. Individual Membership - £35 per annum.
2. Individual Life Membership - £350 per person with court selection as available.
3. Corporate Initiative Membership - £250 per annum.
4. Donations in addition to the annual subscription to support our local activities continue to be welcome and our report details the programmes derived from these additional funds.

YLTA Rules, Insurance and Incorporation

Rules of the Association can be found on the Internet at:

[http://www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area/Yorkshire/about us/Rules-of-the-Association/](http://www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area/Yorkshire/about%20us/Rules-of-the-Association/) Hard copies are available on request.

From the 1st October 2012 some revisions were made to the LTA's insurance arrangements for Places to Play.

These can be accessed on www.lta-insurance-centre.com

Any queries please contact the County Office

Concerns have been expressed regarding Places to Play position following the LTA becoming an Incorporated Body from the 1st October 2011. The enclosed link may answer those concerns:

[http://www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area/Yorkshire/Resources/resource-category/?Sub-Folder Path=Incorporation](http://www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area/Yorkshire/Resources/resource-category/?Sub-Folder%20Path=Incorporation). If you have any further queries if your Place to Play has not implemented any changes to your rules/constitution, please contact our County Office.

OBITUARIES

ALAN DALTON

We regret to have to report the death of Alan Dalton at the age of 63 following illness over a period of more than two years. A native of Sheffield, Alan had played in local tennis for over 50 years and won honours at junior level, at senior level including winning the Sheffield & District singles title, at County, and at International level where he represented a winning England side in the annual Four Nations Veterans LTA competition. Many of us regard him as the most naturally gifted local player of his generation, enhanced no doubt by early coaching from his father Bill, an erstwhile Wimbledon umpire and well-known local player. He was a member of many clubs in that period starting with Firth Park and finishing with Dore & Totley.

STEWART MOSES

Sadly, we recently lost Stewart Moses (nee Fluck) through prostate cancer. Stewart was aged mid-seventies and living in Kent after moving back from Portugal, where he moved to in the 1980's.

Born in Hull and a member of the Hull YPI Club, Stewart represented the County from 1955 and won the Boys' Under 18 County Singles and Boys' Doubles titles in 1955 and 1956. In 1957 and 1958 he was Runner-Up with David Hart in the Men's Doubles County Championship and won the event with Dickie Dillon in 1968. In 1957 he reached the Final of the Boys' Singles at Junior Wimbledon, losing to Jim Tattersall (Lancashire) and had the distinction of beating Roger Taylor and Mike Sangster in tournaments. Before moving to Portugal he was a stalwart in the Men's County team and also represented the County at Squash.

Our condolences to his wife Sally and their son James (now living in Houston).

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The information and content in this report comes from diverse sources of tennis. We try and pull it all together as best we can, but if there are any omissions or inaccuracies, we can only apologise, and if you let us know, we will try and make amends accordingly.

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