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*Welcome to our 2014 Annual Report.*

*As Yorkshire President, it gives me great pleasure to write this short foreword for the Annual Report.*

At a national level, the drive for participation in tennis at all levels has changed the structure of the Lawn Tennis Association. Regionalisation has taken place, with Yorkshire being one of seven Counties now forming the North Region. This has meant re-allocation of staff and some new faces in the professional team, which is now beginning to settle down.

In this drive for participation, many clubs in Yorkshire took part in the four designated Great British Tennis Weekends, some with remarkable results in terms of attendance and encouraging participants to become members of their clubs.

Although it has been a year of change there has been success at County level, particularly by our younger players, details of which you will read in this report and I would like to thank all of those who are responsible for these achievements.

I would also like to mention our sponsors and patrons who support the County financially and, finally, a big thank you to the unsung heroes i.e. parents, volunteers and club officials, without whose commitment to tennis none of this would be possible.

*In the second year of my term in office as Chairman of the Association it has been steady progress moving forward, with a few difficulties at times.*

*Towards the end of last year and at the beginning of this one, the YLTA Management Committee considered our operating structure and concluded that in view of the increased workload for our volunteer workforce, sub-committees or work streams should be formed to deal with the additional responsibilities being placed on Counties.*

At this point, we became aware that the LTA were undertaking a re-structure following the arrival of Michael Downey from Tennis Canada. This re-structure has now taken effect, following which the YLTA Council gave approval at its November meeting for our own sub-committee re-structure to be put into operation. This has now occurred and we move into 2015 with optimism for the future, as outlined by Paul Bennett elsewhere within this report. I must add that we were delighted to see that Paul had been appointed as Head of the LTA's North Region, which incorporates the Counties of Cheshire, Cumbria, Durham, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Northumberland and ourselves.

We have therefore put in place the following sub-committees:

- Finance
- Rules
- YLTA Initiative
- County, Club, Community and Education
- Performance
- Competition
- Awards/Social Events

A number of our Councillors appointed in the last two years have already contributed to these groups and will continue to do so, working with our LTA colleagues as part of an overall team developing tennis within Yorkshire.

We have continued the progress and growth since last year, as outlined in Gavin Sutcliffe's report and presentation to the AGM. His report caters for all of our team performances during the year.

We have closed down our County Office in Goole although the Tennis Centre continues to operate. The administration of the County's affairs continues to be provided by our officers, Trevor Reed (our Administrator) and our links with the LTA North Regional Office within the David Lloyd Tennis Centre in Leeds (Tel 01405-768888).

Last year's achievements include Angela Crossley being nominated and awarded the LTA's Coach of the Year Award, which she picked up at the LTA's Coaching Conference, in recognition of the success she has had with the development of the School/Club Link programme.

In the Junior Aegon County Cup Championships our Girls' 18 and Under team (captained by Georgina Jackson) retained their national title and our Boys' 12 and Under team (captained by Nick Fitzpatrick) won the national title. In addition, our Boys' 18 and Under team (captained by Steve McLoughlin) just failed to retain their title, finishing Runners-Up to Warwickshire. Many congratulations to all of them on their excellent achievements.

Participation will continue as one of the main themes for delivery in 2015 to 2018, building on the base created this year with the Great British Tennis Week-End. Dates for 2015 should be available shortly and with the additional benefits of registration free of charge, we look forward to expanding on the results from 2014. Club Forums in March and October were successful, with 58 clubs attending four Forums in October and we would hope to increase this further in 2015.

Two of our Councillors have decided not to seek re-election at this year's AGM and we will miss both of them:

- Ann Barker has been associated with the YLTA since the late 1970's as Councillor for the Hull and East Riding District and also became Secretary for the Yorkshire Championships & Dinner until 1995, when the County Office was opened in Leeds and the Championships moved to the John Charles Centre, South Leeds. In 1998 she received the Service to Sport Award from the East Riding Council in recognition for her 25 years' service to tennis in the local area. She served as our YLTA President for two years in 2006 and 2007.
- Peter Wilkes became a YLTA Councillor in 1970 for the Wakefield Area and has decided that after 44 years' service enough is enough! He has held many positions in the County, including being our President in 1989 and the year before that he became one of our representatives on the LTA Council. He has also held many other positions, including serving as Chairman of the LTA's Professional Tennis Advisory and Scrutiny Board. He was a Member of the LTA Main Board from 2006 to 2008 and Chairman of the Davis & Federation Cup Committee for the same period. Finally, Peter was Chairman of the Aegon Classic Pre-Wimbledon event at Birmingham for the period 2011 to 2014.

Many thanks to both of them for all the voluntary work they have undertaken for the good of British Tennis and also to all our Councillors and LTA staff for the work they have done, particularly over the last 12 months.

Finally, many thanks to Trevor Reed our Administrator, as we would not have been able to achieve the current level of administration without his skills and experience.

John Ramsbottom  
Chairman YLTA

*It gives me great pleasure to be able to give my first report as Head of Region for the North.*

*As many of you will already be aware the LTA has undergone significant change in the last year as we focus on delivering our new participation strategy and our mission to get ‘more people playing more often’.*

We have conducted insight into what the tennis landscape in Britain looks like and we are close to launching new strategies for 2015 and resources to support the network of tennis venues in the club, education and community sectors, the latter having a specific focus on parks.

Hopefully many of you will already have attended one of our recent bi-annual club forums and seen the new on-line club management software now being made available to clubs this year as a free benefit of registration. We are also receiving positive feedback with regard to the new Tennismark process now being on-line and the resources and guidance available within it.

It was great to see so many clubs, parks and community venues get involved with our Summer Great British Tennis Weekend campaign which saw over 30,000 people get involved with nearly half being new or having barely played. Hopefully you will get involved again next year.

In delivering our participation strategy we are focussing our support on enabling and working with delivery partners such as County Sports Partnerships and Local Authorities and we have piloted schemes with new organisations such as StreetGames and Premier League for Sport with a view to taking tennis into local communities. We have seen particular success in areas such as Sheffield, Hull and Leeds and we have some strong partnership agreements in place.

County Associations continue to be a fundamental partner and the work they do to deliver County tennis activities and support our work is fantastic. I would just like to thank all those that volunteer their time and contribute to our shared goals.

As you need to contact us we have moved into two new Regional offices across the North

### **Regional Offices:**

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Tel: 01204 488134 Email: North@LTA.org.uk

The LTA regional teams will continue to focus on supporting clubs, parks, schools and other venues as well as working with the local tennis workforce of volunteers, coaches, teachers etc.

Even though we have moved to Regional offices the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association will continue to be the heartbeat of county tennis and will provide support for County activities such as County Cup, Leagues and County Closed tournaments.

Whether you are a fan, volunteer, player, coach, teacher, manager, referee or parent - thank you to all those that have supported our work in the Region and in Yorkshire this last year and helped us grow our fantastic game.

Also, I would like to give particular thanks to the local team of Gavin Sutcliffe, Paul Sheard, Lauren Salton, Mia Robinson and Laura Lattimore for their particular focus on activities that have taken place in Yorkshire and the commitment, drive and passion they show every day.

*In previous annual reports I have mentioned the shift towards increasing participation now being the key focus of our work. ‘Getting more people playing tennis more often’ is at the heart of everything we do. This year has seen the organisation move a step further, re-aligning the professional LTA team and challenging us to be more focused in the areas where we work to deliver participation outcomes.*

As a result, my personal role now has a West Yorkshire focus but I am delighted to have the opportunity to feedback some of the Yorkshire highlights from the past year, which you can read below. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Paul Sheard into his role operating within the county and to thank the NE office team and all county volunteers for their contributions throughout the re-structure and going forwards.

### Community:

- Three local authorities (Leeds, Sheffield and Hull) have signed agreements and are working in partnership with us to develop city wide plans.
- Leeds has invested into upgrading its stock of park tennis courts, with Sheffield and Hull both looking to do the same in 2015.
- Leeds, Sheffield and York now have an established Disability Tennis Network and have been successful in securing continued support from the Tennis Foundation for 2015.
- Street Games is now a key partner, delivering more than 15 weekly doorstep clubs across the County.

### Clubs

- Over 60 Clubs (100 volunteers attending in total) were represented at club forums in Autumn 2014.
- Sport England has continued to be a key investment partner, supporting Improvement Fund projects at Hallamshire, Ilkley and Chapel Allerton along with a number of smaller projects through the Inspired Facilities pot.
- Yorkshire Clubs continue to provide over 2,200 regularly-competing Juniors.

### Education:

- Leeds University, Leeds Beckett University and York University continue to be supported by the Tennis Foundation and have a University Tennis Co-ordinator role.
- In addition, they receive a development award to grow their recreational tennis offer along with the Universities at Huddersfield, Bradford, Hull and Sheffield Hallam.
- Sheffield College, Greenhead College and Leeds City College have received the Tennis Foundation Enhanced Offer, with a further 20 colleges receiving their core offer.
- Over 1300 schoolchildren competed in the Yorkshire Y3/4 Schools competitions, culminating in the School Games events in West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and the Humber area.
- Over 75 schools had teams represented in the Y8/Y10 leagues, local leagues and festivals, culminating in the Yorkshire Secondary schools finals at John Charles Centre in Leeds.
- We now have 11 Satellite Clubs operating out of secondary schools and a further four linked to Leeds United and Sheffield Wednesday Football Clubs.

### Great British Tennis Weekend

- Over 3,500 new participants attended ‘Free Coaching’ sessions at 61 Yorkshire venues across Club, Community and Education. A key focus was in Leeds (1,500) and also in Sheffield (1,100).
- Dates for the 2015 GBTW have been set as 16-17 May, 13-14 June and 1-2 August 2015.

Gavin Sutcliffe  
Regional Tennis Participation Manager - West Yorkshire

## REGISTERED PLACES TO PLAY

|                                              |                                             |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Abbeydale Tennis Club Ltd*                   | Ackworth Tennis Club                        | Adel Tennis Club ( A Section of Adel WMA) |
| Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club             | Alne Parish Leisure Association Tennis Club | Alwoodley Tennis Club                     |
| Appleton Roebuck Tennis Club                 | Austwick Tennis Club                        | Bardsey Tennis Club                       |
| Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club                    | Batley ITI Tennis Club*                     | Beauchief Tennis Club*                    |
| Bedale Tennis Club                           | Beeford Lawn Tennis Club                    | Beverley & East Riding LTC*               |
| 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 & Squash Club |
| Cherry Burton Tennis Club*                   | Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club*               | Cliffe Tennis Club                        |
| Collingham Lawn Tennis Club                  | Copmanthorpe Tennis Club                    | Cottingham Lawn Tennis Club               |
| Cragg Vale Tennis Club                       | Craven LTC                                  | Crosshills Tennis Club                    |
| Cundall Manor Tennis Club                    | Dacre Tennis Club                           | Danby Tennis Club                         |
| 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                              | Goole Tennis Centre*                      |
| Graves Tennis & Leisure Centre*              | Gregory Fields Tennis Club                  | Grove Hill Otley Tennis Club              |
| Grove Lawn Tennis Club                       | Hackness Tennis Club*                       | Hallam Grange*                            |
| Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club Limited*    | Harlow Tennis Club                          | Harrogate Racquets Club*                  |
| Harworth and Bircotes Tennis Club            | Heaton Tennis & Squash Club*                | Hessle Lawn Tennis Club*                  |
| Heworth Tennis Club                          | Holmfirth Parish Church 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 Univ (Carnegie) Tennis Club*       | Leeds University Student Unions             | Leyburn Tennis Club                       |
| Linton Tennis Club                           | Longley Community Sports 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 Tennis Club                  |
| Pickering TC/Ryedale LC/Lady Lumley's School | 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*                   |
| Rowntree Park CYC                            | Roundhay Tennis Club Ltd                    | Rustlings Lawn Tennis Club                |
| Salts Tennis Club*                           | Sandal Lawn Tennis Club*                    | Scalby Tennis Club                        |

## REGISTERED PLACES TO PLAY

|                                  |                             |                                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Scarborough Pindar 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*     | Sowerby Tennis Club            |
| Spa Lawn Tennis Club             | 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 and 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 | Thornhill TC                | Tockwith Tennis Club           |
| Todmorden Lawn Tennis Club       | Tollerton Tennis Club       | Undercliffe Lawn Tennis Club   |
| Upper Armley Tennis Club         | Wakefield Tennis Club       | Walton Tennis Club             |
| West Tanfield Memorial TC        | Westfields Tennis Club      | Wetherby Castlegarth LTC*      |
| Wheatley Hills Tennis Club*      | Wheldrake 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.

*Within the Performance Network we have four Performance Centres in the County and one High Performance Centre. These clubs form the backbone of the approach to high performance tennis and support the majority of performance players in Yorkshire. They are the hub for the better players and work with feeder clubs, thereby increasing the number of identified talented players. The Clubs are as follows:*

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Nuffield, Hull</b> | (High Performance Centre) |
| <b>Ilkley</b>         | (Performance Centre)      |
| <b>Thongsbridge</b>   | (Performance Centre)      |
| <b>Graves</b>         | (Performance Centre)      |
| <b>Heaton</b>         | (Performance Centre)      |

### **Matrix Players 2014/2015**

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday, Johannus    | Nuffield Tennis Academy       |
| Dawson, Jessica     | Nuffield Tennis Academy       |
| Scott, Lleyton      | Nuffield Tennis Academy       |
| Batchelor, Jack     | Nuffield Tennis Academy       |
| Fitzpatrick, Barney | Thongsbridge Tennis Club      |
| Moore, Tara Gosling | Tennis Club                   |
| Palma, Jayanne      | Heaton Tennis and Squash Club |
| Thane, Alice        | Nottingham                    |
| Edmund, Kyle        | NTC                           |
| Jones, Francesca    | Spain                         |

### **Identified Players Under 9**

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Vesely, Dominic | Thongsbridge Tennis Club |
| Tikhonov, Alex  | Thongsbridge Tennis Club |
| Loughton, Sam   | Nuffield Tennis Academy  |
| Skelton, Millie | Nuffield Tennis Academy  |

### **Players to have attended National Camps**

Batchelor, Jack  
Monday, Johannus  
Fitzpatrick, Barney  
Dawson, Jessica

### **GB Representation Under 12**

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Fitzpatrick, Barney | Thongsbridge Tennis Club |
| Monday, Johannus    | Nuffield Tennis Academy  |

### **Grade 1 Under 9 Winner**

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Skelton, Millie | Nuffield Tennis Academy |
|-----------------|-------------------------|

### **Grade 2 Under 12 Winner**

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Fitzpatrick, Barney | Thongsbridge Tennis Club |
|---------------------|--------------------------|

## West Yorkshire School Games

### Y3/4

- |                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Kirkroyds Infant School (Kirklees) | 2. The Froebelian School (Leeds) |
| 3. Beech Hill (Calderdale)            |                                  |

### Y5

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Honley (Kirklees) | 2. All Saints (Calderdale) |
| 3. Horsforth (Leeds) |                            |

## Humber School Games

### Y3/4

- |                  |
|------------------|
| 1. North Ferriby |
|------------------|

### Y5

- |                          |
|--------------------------|
| 1. Victoria Dock Primary |
|--------------------------|

## South Yorkshire School Games

### Y3/4 Primary

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Hallam (Sheffield)       | 2. Nethergreen (Sheffield) |
| 3. Kirk Sandall (Doncaster) |                            |

### Y8 Boys

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Wickersley (Rotherham) | 2. Hayfield (Doncaster) |
| 3. Danum (Doncaster)      |                         |

### Y8 Girls

- |                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Danum (Doncaster) | 2. Thrybergh (Rotherham) |
| 3. Wath (Rotherham)  |                          |

### Y10 Boys

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. (Joint Winners)        | Horizon A (Barnsley), |
| Hall Cross B (Doncaster), | Wingfield (Rotherham) |

## Y10 Girls

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Danum A (Doncaster)   | 2. Dinnington (Rotherham) |
| 3. Thrybergh (Rotherham) |                           |

## North Yorkshire School Games

### Y3/4

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Poppleton Ousebank (York) | 2. Riccal Primary school |
| 3. Stokesley Primary         |                          |

## Yorkshire Secondary Schools Competition Results

Shown below are the results of the Yorkshire Secondary Schools event held at the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds on Thursday 25th September. This event is the culmination of local competitions across North, South, East and West Yorkshire, including the AEGON Schools Team Tennis Division 2 / Area School Games finals and local leagues/festivals.

### Year 10 Girls

- |                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Hull Collegiate (East Yorkshire) | 2. Bradford Grammar (West Yorkshire) |
| 3. Leeds Grammar (West Yorkshire)   |                                      |

### Year 10 Boys

- |                                         |                            |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Horizon (Barnsley) (South Yorkshire) | 2. Hymers (East Yorkshire) |
| 3. Beckfoot (Bradford - West Yorkshire) |                            |

### Year 8 Girls

- |                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ryedale (North Yorkshire)        | 2. Hymers (East Yorkshire) |
| 3. Woodhouse Grove (West Yorkshire) |                            |

### Year 8 Boys

- |                                     |                                                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Hull Collegiate (East Yorkshire) | 2. Danum Academy (Doncaster - South Yorkshire) |
| 3. Newsome High (West Yorkshire)    |                                                |

The 2014 Yorkshire Championships were once again held at the John Charles Tennis Centre, Leeds, during the last week of August. For the large part, the weather was fantastic, which enabled us to play many matches on the outdoor courts. The entry levels were almost identical to those of previous years and, as a County, we will be looking at ways to increase participation moving forwards.

The standard of tennis was high and a special mention must be made regarding the standard of behaviour of our junior players, which was exemplary.

| Seniors        | Winner       |
|----------------|--------------|
| Mens Singles   | Tom Haslam   |
| Ladies Singles | Olivia Noble |

| Boys Singles | Winner           |
|--------------|------------------|
| 18 & Under   | Lewis Cox        |
| 16 & Under   | Conor Tordoff    |
| 14 & Under   | Euan Wilson-Baig |
| 12 & Under   | Jack Batchelor   |
| 10 & Under   | Lleyton Scott    |
| 9 & Under    | Alex Tikhonov    |
| 8 & Under    | Owen Lodge       |

| Girls Singles | Winner                |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 16 & Under    | Sofie Woon            |
| 14 & Under    | Victoria Lapthorne    |
| 12 & Under    | Jayanne Palma         |
| 10 & Under    | Savannah Dada-Mascoll |
| 9 & Under     | Gabriella Lindley     |
| 8 & Under     | Cadence Simpson       |

| Doubles    | Winners                                      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Mixed 18&U | Jacob Dunworth<br>Sofie Woon                 |
| Boys 16&U  | Max Galins<br>Conor Tordoff                  |
| Girls 16&U | Sofie Woon<br>Victoria Lapthorne             |
| Boys 14&U  | Joshua Lazenby<br>Vishnu Panikkar            |
| Girls 14&U | Chloe Chawner<br>Ellie Chawner               |
| Mixed 14&U | Oliver Boyes-Park<br>Naomi Tooke             |
| Boys 12&U  | Jack Batchelor<br>Barney Fitzpatrick         |
| Girls 12&U | Jessica Dawson<br>Jayanne Palma              |
| Boys 10&U  | Lleyton Scott<br>Tom Jacobs                  |
| Girls 10&U | Savannah Dada-Mascoll<br>Charlotte Margetson |

This highlight of the tennis sporting calendar of ageing Yorkshire tennis super-stars was played in August on the excellent grass courts at Chapel Allerton.

As in recent years, the over-55 singles was an exceptionally strong event although all other age groups were well supported with play, as expected, to a high standard.

After a lovely sunny week the heavens opened and, on finals day, all matches were played indoors.

All the matches were played competitively and in a fair spirit except that, maybe the older you get, the more you foot-fault to shorten your route to the net!

Chapel Allerton is a great venue for this event. Club members and fellow competitors watch the outdoor games from the balcony, fuelled by an atmosphere of alcohol and misplaced advice. It is a friendly club with excellent viewing facilities and well-kept traditional grass courts. As always, the winners were those players who enjoyed the most favourable bounces and who coincidentally also played the best tennis. Two finals went well into final set tie-break territory. Ancient hearts certainly fluttered and old oaths were muttered (zounds!). But this is an excellent event with stories of times gone by always being exaggerated at the post tennis bar get-togethers. We all seem to have improved our CVs every year. Did Gianfranco really play Davis Cup for Italy? Was Andy Batcup the forerunner to Gareth Bale? It's a secret!

Giles Hinchcliffe

### Results for 2014

|               |                     |      |                   |                  |
|---------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>MS 045</b> | Glen Coburn         | beat | Ashley Cope       | 4-6 7-6 (5) 10-7 |
| <b>MD 045</b> | Ashley Cope         | beat | Peter Vann        |                  |
|               | Steve Spaven        |      | Stuart Gill       | 7-5 6-4          |
| <b>MS 055</b> | David Brown         | beat | Myles Collett     | 6-2 6-3          |
| <b>MD 055</b> | David Brown         | beat | Peter Vann        |                  |
|               | Mike Breslin        |      | Dave Cole         | 6-4 5-7 10-7     |
| <b>MS 065</b> | Gianfranco Cavestro | beat | Simon Ruijsenaars | 6-3 6-2          |
| <b>MD 055</b> | Bryan Butler        | beat | Giles Hinchcliffe | w/o              |
|               | Ted Furness         |      | Andrew Batcup     |                  |

### Boys 10 and Under Aegon County Cup Report

#### Qualifying Event – Graves Tennis Centre

**Team: (Captain: Adam de Vries)**

Lleyton Scott, Michael McDougall, Alexander Sadeghi, Jacob Thompson.

#### Saturday 31/05/14 v Cheshire

With short sets the order of the day, the boys knew that they needed to hit the ground running against Cheshire in their first match. Scott was beaten by a very strong opponent at 1, however, strong performances from McDougall and Sadeghi left Yorkshire 2-1 up after the singles. In a high quality doubles match, Cheshire edged the third set tiebreak. Two rubbers each resulted in a tiebreak shootout to decide the winner. With tensions high it was Cheshire who edged it after a strong performance. A tough loss in the first match but encouragement was taken from the determination shown by the Yorkshire team.

#### Saturday 31/05/14 v Derbyshire

With a strong team of four, Thompson came in for a singles match at 3 and showed great concentration to win without dropping a single game. Two more dominant wins by Sadeghi and Scott gave Yorkshire a commanding lead after the singles. McDougall and Thompson finished the day off in style by winning their doubles match 4-0, 4-0 and sending the team home knowing that they still had a chance of making the National Finals.

#### Sunday 01/06/14 v Cumbria

Due to the defeat by Cheshire the day before, Yorkshire would have to defeat a strong Cumbrian team to progress to the final playoff. A brilliant display from Scott saw him come out with a 4-2, 4-1 victory over a quality opponent. McDougall also played well but lost in a 3rd set tiebreak at number 2. Alex Sadeghi carried on where he left off the day before and won comfortably, again putting Yorkshire 2-1 up after singles play. Cumbria fielded a strong doubles team and played well to beat Scott and Thompson in a match that was closer than the scoreline suggested. Once again, a tiebreak was needed to decide the match. Scott and Thompson showed real courage to step up and play again, however, it did not look to be enough as Cumbria cruised to a 9-3 lead. With no more room for error, the Yorkshire pair began to play remarkable tennis and were fighting incredibly hard to close the gap. Facing such dogged determination, the Cumbrian pair showed some frailty as the match began to slip from their fingers. Scott and Thompson completed the remarkable turnaround on their first match point to break Cumbrian hearts and send Yorkshire through to face Cheshire (once more) in the final.

#### Sunday 01/06/14 v Cheshire

After a close match with Cheshire to start the weekend it was fitting that we would finish with the same match up to decide which county progressed to the finals in Bolton. Scott was again undone against the Cheshire number 1 and with McDougall losing the second singles to put Yorkshire 2-0 down it was looking increasingly bleak, especially considering the strength of the Cheshire doubles pair. Thompson pulled a rubber back for Yorkshire with a convincing straight sets victory to keep the tie alive going into the doubles. After such an inspired display in the previous round, the doubles pair of Scott and Thompson entered the must-win match high on confidence and needed every bit of it to sneak a tense first set 5-4. Once that set was in the bag they played with more freedom to take the second set 4-2. Just as the weekend started with a tiebreak against Cheshire, that is how we were going to finish. Cheshire showed good composure to regroup from the earlier doubles and began strongly but Yorkshire refused to go out quietly and played some good tennis considering the circumstances. Ultimately, Yorkshire could not quite manage to get across the finish line and Cheshire took the tiebreak with a few points to spare. Cheshire progressed to the finals, taking the match 5-4 for the second time.

Getting so close and not reaching the finals was tough for the players, however, a great level of commitment was shown over the two days and I was incredibly proud of their efforts.

### Boys 12 and Under Aegon County Cup Report (Qualifying Event)

This year's qualifying event was held at Graves in Sheffield with the following teams in our group: Northumberland, Derbyshire, Cumbria and Cheshire.

The team was selected after a three-hour camp to determine the best singles and doubles formations and consisted of the following players:

Johannus Monday, Barney Fitzpatrick, Finn Murgett, Ronan Sahni.

Reserves were Jack Batchelor and Oliver Vesely.

Johannus had retired ill in his last match for GB the day before the event began but he showed up looking ready to play. The goal for the weekend was to give all players as much game time as was tactically possible.

#### Yorkshire v Northumberland Team:

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| 1. Johannus Monday | 2. Finn Murgett |
| 3. Ronan Sahni     |                 |

Ronan went on first against Ronan Lunn and played a very solid first set with only two unforced errors and raced into a 4-0 2-0 lead before a little tactical slump where Northumberland pulled it back to 2-2. This was quickly and positively addressed by Ronan to take the match 4-0 4-2.

Finn was next up against Benjamin Kelliher. Finn produced a solid performance to win 4-1 4-2 with some big mid-court forehands doing most of the damage.

Johannus was to take on Will Gray in the final singles rubber. Will put up some stubborn resistance in both sets and played some excellent tennis but Johannus's ability to vary the pace and spin was too much for Will in the end.

Johannus won 4-1 4-1.

Rain interrupted the match at 3-0 with doubles planned later even though Yorkshire had won the tie already.

#### Yorkshire v Derbyshire Team:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Barney Fitzpatrick | 2. Finn Murgett |
| 3. Ronan Sahni        |                 |

A change in line up to rest Johannus who had some stomach discomfort.

Again Ronan got us under way. He was against Ned Smith, a plucky left-hander who chased everything down. This caused some frustration for Ronan initially as he struggled to work out a strategy to win. Once the plan was in place though he took the first set 4-2.

After faltering a little in the second set (Ned winning that 4-2 with some incredible retrieving and sheer determination) Ronan executed the initial plan perfectly to win the match tie break 10-3!

As dry courts became available, Barney went on against an unknown newcomer to British tennis (Felipe Costa) a solid ball-striker with ability and an attitude and workrate to match. After two tough first games it was 1-1 with Barney going 30-0 down on serve in game 3.

This game had a pivotal feel to it as he battled back to take it and then the set 4-1. Barney was encouraged to keep his opponent back by using more height rather than feeding his opponent's natural strike with power. This was the key tactic that helped him win 4-1 4-1 despite a very impressive performance from Felipe.

Finn was now on against Ethan Watson. Finn's key strategy was to remain calm and focused and to get into position to execute his big forehand. After some early poor decisions where he was trying to hit too big from too far back, he took the first set and never looked back, eventually winning 4-2 4-1.

Yorkshire were 3-0 up and at this stage. Doubles were postponed until Sunday due to rain delays on the Saturday.

### Day 2 - (doubles only to be played if matches are 2-1 after singles)

#### Yorkshire v Cumbria Team:

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| 1. Johannus Monday | 2. Barney Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Finn Murgett    |                       |

The top three were picked to try to dismantle a strong Cumbrian team who had played very well so far.

All three singles matches were due on together, with Finn playing Matthew Davidson and coming through with a confident display 4-1 4-0.

Barney had a tough time with up and coming James Hale, who played without fear and hit some great winners before Barney dug in and unleashed his big forehand more effectively to win 4-1 4-2.

Johannus was on with Ali Hassan. Ali battled as we all know he can but Johannus found a way (as we know he can!) using his ability to vary pace, spin and length to win 4-1 4-1.

Yorkshire were 3-0 up and therefore no doubles were played.

#### Yorkshire v Cheshire Team:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Johannus Monday | 2. Barney Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Finn Murgett    |                       |

The group decider!

Finn started first and produced a dominant display to beat Adam Bolchover 4-1 4-0. Next up was Barney against Ben Nicol, who played very well before going down 4-1 4-2 to Barney. Johannus lost the first game to a very positive and dominant Tom Owen but as he unleashed his solid ground strokes from side to side with a drop shot thrown in for good measure he gradually deflated Tom to clinch the final match 4-1 4-1 and end the tie with the win we needed to qualify for the national finals in Bolton 11-13th July.

A very good weekend for all four boys, who have all done their bit to qualify for the national finals. It's not easy being the captain with all this talent to choose from!

### National Finals, Bolton Team:

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| 1. Johannus Monday | 2. Barney Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Finn Murgett    | 4. Ronan Sahni        |

### Friday: Yorkshire v Shropshire

Johannus was up first and produced a dominant display to beat Dominic Robinson 4-0 4-0. Barney had Thomas Loxley to play, who is a little younger. Thomas put up a good fight with some tremendously hard and consistent ground strokes before being beaten 4-1 4-1. Finn was in fine form to beat William Abbatt 4-0 4-0.

The doubles partnership of Ronan Sahni and Finn Murgett was to make its debut against Zac Carradine and Thomas Loxley. After taking a couple of games to get to know each other they produced a strong performance to win 5-3 4-1. Yorkshire 4-0 winners.

### Saturday morning: Yorkshire v Lancashire

An eagerly-awaited tie saw Johannus take on Peter Alam. Peter, clearly inspired by his team, was difficult to break down but with Johannus's relentless pressure he finally succumbed to a 4-2 4-1 defeat.

Barney against old rival Ben Davies was a captain's concern because Ben has already come back from the brink of defeat to beat Barney this year. However, Barney executed his game plan perfectly to win a (tougher than the score suggests) match 4-1 4-0.

Finn was next up against Josh Banks, a gutsy competitor to say the least, who is always dangerous. After some really good early exchanges, Finn gained the momentum to go on to win 4-1 4-0.

Ronan and Finn, the now well-established partnership after one win, dismantled Robert Crowley and Alex Moore 4-1 5-3 with a solid display of trading from the back and intercepting at the net. Great team work!

Yorkshire 4 Lancashire 0

### Saturday pm: Yorkshire v Middlesex

With two wins apiece this was the group decider for a place in the final. It was a must-win match for our boys but we were prepared and ready to go.

Johannus started slowly against Oscar Weightman, who has a knack of making every ball and frustrating his opponents. Johannus was trying his hardest but clearly struggling with the combination of his new racket and the stringing. Johannus made several uncharacteristic errors and ended up losing 5-3 4-2. A solid, competitive display from Oscar.

Middlesex had a strong support group and Giacomo Revelli was clearly fired up and ready for business as he pushed Barney all the way in the first set, Barney winning it 5-3. Our support team had disappeared for food and a lonely Yorkshire lad fighting against Giacomo and ten supporters soon found himself 3-0 down. We rallied the crowd and pumped Barney full of positivity and explained again the importance of this match. He took five games straight to win 5-3 5-3. Lesson learned, the whole team and parents were now instructed to stay as a unit and get behind the team - no going to the toilet together!

Finn against Tom Skinner was another good performance from Finn. He got the job done quickly and efficiently, winning 4-0 4-1 and making very few errors.

So, at 2-1 with doubles to play, it was time for Barney and Johannus to prove their worth. After a great first game for us, Oscar Weightman was instrumental in controlling the next two games to lead 2-1. We needed a plan to take him out of the game and the boys executed it well to lead 3-2. The next game was a cliff-hanger, poised at sudden-death deuce for 3-3 or set to us. The boys converted. First set to Yorkshire!

Middlesex's crowd was now thinning somewhat. We sensed an opportunity to up the support and never looked back. Johannus and Barney, into their stride, took the second set 4-2 with a more clinical performance. Yorkshire 3 Middlesex 1.

8pm finish - It was going to be a late night. How would the boys be in the morning?

### **Sunday: Yorkshire v Hampshire & IOW**

Looking tired and a little drained, the boys were briefed and as ready as they could be. It was a long weekend and hopefully the strategy to spread the workload throughout the team would pay off.

Johannus was up against Ryan Golesworthy, who was on good form and dominated the first set with Johannus still trying to get to grips with his new racket and strings. We changed the game plan for the next set and this suited Johannus more and with better execution and finishing Johannus took the second set and went on to win the match tie break.

Barney was next against a fired-up Outek Dinapala. Early swings in the score saw Barney get to set point at 3-2 and then again at 4-3 but Outek stayed focused and took the set on a tie break. Barney was clearly struggling to implement his strategy despite constant reminders and was always behind in the second set. I asked him for one massive effort for his County with us needing to break to stay in the match. We were going to take some risks and really attack the 2nd serve. After saving a match point, Barney secured the break to get to the second set tie break. I was now confident in the strategy we had in managing the first serve and more aggression on 2nd serve return, Barney taking the 2nd set and third set tie breaks in the end.

Now it was Finn's turn to step up against Cameron Clarke. His goal was just to play tennis. The best tennis we know that he can play would be required to prevent the tie going to doubles. Finn started well but lost focus when he was warned for foot faulting. We had a big job on to regain his composure and for him to understand that he could control this match, as he was either hitting a winner or an error. Once this was understood Finn won the match in clinical fashion.

The journey was over five long days but the trophy has come 'home'. An almighty team performance. The team acquitted themselves incredibly well and played each match in a sporting manner I am very proud to say.

Nick Fitzpatrick

## Boys 14 and Under Aegon County Cup Report

| Team              |                    |                    |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Joshua Lazenby | 2. Paul Jubb       | 3. Ying Hou        | 4. EuanWilson-Baig |
| 5. Aaron Yang     | 6. Vishnu Panikkar | 7. Johannus Monday |                    |

After a comprehensive weekend in Lincoln, where only two sets and no matches were dropped, the team was in high spirits heading to the finals in Nottingham.

After a very long and tough round the boys were narrowly pushed aside by the eventual champions, the West of Scotland. Each team member gave their all but on the day we were second best. Straight after the first round finished the boys were on again to start their second match against Kent. The match was tied 1-1 and play would resume in the morning.

After a good rest the boys went out to battle once again but unfortunately came up just short, losing on a tie-break shoot out when the match was level at 3-3. It could have gone either way, with our number 1 losing 7-5 in the 3rd set after 3.5 hours. The team had to shake off the close loss and get going again as we had our final group game against South Wales next. Everyone pulled together and the team triumphed convincingly against a very strong Wales side. We arrived back at the team hotel at 23:00 after an extremely long day competing.

The final day and match was now upon us and all the team wanted to finish on a high. After some great tennis the team came through against Derbyshire thanks to a three set victory in the last doubles match. It's fair to say that the boys gave it everything and were unfortunate to come away with a 5th place finish. Nevertheless, it was a great experience for everyone involved, with each player giving it their all.

## Boys 18 and Under Aegon County Cup Report

### Group 1, Bath

| Team                          |                |                 |              |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Peter Ashley (Player Captain) | Harry Simpson  | Liam Earnshaw   | Will Spencer |
| Jono Grey                     | Angus Bradshaw | Andrew Atkinson | Calum Hayes. |

### Day 1

This was going to be a very tough group with Surrey / Warwickshire being heavy favourites to win. First up a very confident Essex. The match was very tight initially but strong performances through the singles and doubles enabled a comfortable win with great resilience under pressure displayed when the match could have turned against us.

### Day 2

Warwickshire had overturned Surrey the previous day and therefore the two winners from day 1 played the second day. This match was a classic County Cup match as most singles went to three sets. The boys fought so well. There is no doubt we created chances to turn them over but the standard of play from both teams was excellent. Warwickshire ran out the winners of this battle. Revenge next year?

### Day 3

Surrey up next to remain in Group 1. A little tactical switch was made here, which paid off. The boys fired into Surrey and showed immense determination to win this fixture. Without doubt, Surrey were the bookies' favourites, but we were 6-0 up after the singles which was incredible. This is one of the best performances I have seen under pressure of relegation for many years.

Result: finished 2nd. Won 2 lost 1. Rubbers: for 17, against 10.

Finally, to name individual performances would be difficult as every team member fought so hard and gave everything. The boys were a credit to themselves and the County they represented. I can report that to remain in Group 1 for four successive years is an achievement in itself. A special mention for Calum Hayes who did not play but was the perfect team member. The spirit was excellent and Peter Ashley led his team well. Thank you to Joe Hall and Joe Abram for their support too!!

Best Performance Peter Ashley - won 6/6.

### Girls Under 10 Aegon County Cup Report

#### Team - Captain: Daniel Sinclair

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Savannah Dada Mascoll | Charlotte Margetson | Natasha Appleton-Power | Daniela Deighton |
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The Under 10 Girls County Cup qualifying event was held over the weekend of 31st May / 1st June 2014 at Graves Tennis Centre. The Yorkshire team consisting of the above players and captained by Thongsbridge Coach Daniel Sinclair battled it out against other Counties for a place in the Finals, to be held at the Bolton Arena.

Yorkshire got off to a flying start with a strong performance from all four players, winning both matches against Cumbria and Northumberland 8-0 and storming their way into the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals they faced Derbyshire and once again the team produced some high quality tennis, beating them 6-2 to progress to the qualifying event final against Cheshire.

In this final, Yorkshire were 4-2 ahead after all three singles matches, needing only to win the doubles match to progress to the national Finals at Bolton. The doubles was a hard-fought match and unfortunately Yorkshire lost it in the third set tie break 10-8, resulting in a play-off tie-break to decide the tie. Charlotte and Savannah were selected to play this and it went down to the final few points to decide the match. Yorkshire were edged out 10-8 against Cheshire and finished runners up.

After a fantastic weekend of tennis at Graves it was a great achievement and all players, including Captain Daniel Sinclair, were proud of themselves for putting in a worthy and positive performance.

Well done to all involved!!!

### Girls 12 and Under Aegon County Cup Report

#### Team: (Captain: Adam de Vries)

Amber Woffindin

Jayanne Palma

Leona Clarkson

Caitlin Ward

#### Qualifying Event : Graves Tennis Centre Sat 28/06/14 – 29/06/14

Arriving at a wet Graves Tennis Centre in Sheffield, the team was looking strong and raring to go. In the first fixture against Northumberland, all three Yorkshire players (Woffindin, Palma and Clarkson) powered through without losing a game. Due to the poor weather and the fact that the outcome of the match was already decided no doubles were played.

Match number two saw a reshuffle and Ward came in to play an excellent match and win at 3 for the loss of just one game. Palma and Woffindin carried on their good form by winning in straight sets to wrap up the match after the singles.

After a positive first day the players were confident but knew that we had yet to play the toughest opposition (Cheshire). Before that match, the team beat Cumbria 8-0, including the first doubles of the weekend, a three set win by Woffindin and Ward.

Cheshire were, as expected, the opposition Yorkshire had to get past to reach the finals at Bolton Arena. Getting the first points on the board for Yorkshire was Palma at number two, winning comfortably. At number one, Woffindin was involved in a tough encounter with a familiar opponent. After taking a long first set 5-3, Woffindin was able to get on top and took the second set comfortably. 2-0 up and looking good, Yorkshire carried on their good form through Clarkson, who powered through her singles in record time. Finally, Clarkson and Palma wrapped up the match with a high quality doubles, which they won with two tiebreaks. A conclusive 8-0 win and the team was going to Bolton!

#### Finals : Bolton Arena 11/07/14-13/07/14

##### 11/07/14 v Warwickshire

It was a tough start for the Yorkshire team against a strong looking Warwickshire outfit. Woffindin played against the number one player in the country and although she fought hard, her opponent ultimately had too many big shots. Palma also played a strong, formidable opponent (Mould) and lost in straight sets. 2-0 down and it was Clarkson who showed that Yorkshire were not at Bolton to make up the numbers. In a fantastic first set performance, with very few errors, Clarkson drove her opponent to frustration and took the set 4-0. The second set was a slightly different story and was a much tighter affair, with Warwickshire taking it 4-2 with some big hitting. A 3rd set tiebreak was tense and extremely competitive. Unfortunately Clarkson just missed out, losing 10-6. With the result already decided, Palma and Ward paired up to take on the Warwickshire 1 and 2 and at times had them rattled, however, it wasn't enough and they lost 4-2, 4-1.

### 12/07/14 v Essex

The team was ready to go on Saturday morning, and with two matches in prospect, everyone was looking forward to battling hard. It was difficult for Woffindin and Palma to get any points on the board for Yorkshire. They both played well at times, but needed to play more aggressively if they were going to trouble such strong opposition. 2-0 down after the first two singles and Clarkson, who played extremely well on Friday, stepped up once more. Using a strong forehand and hitting a number of aces, Clarkson completed a resounding 4-1, 4-1 victory and Yorkshire had their first rubber. With the match still alive, Clarkson and Palma teamed up for the doubles and were unlucky to lose a nail-biting first set 7-4 in the tiebreak.

Unable to put the disappointment behind them, Yorkshire struggled in the second set and lost the match 3 rubbers to 1 overall.

### 12/07/14 v Avon

After getting the first rubber on the board this Yorkshire team gained confidence and started to believe they could compete at this level. Woffindin got the first rubber, winning 13-11 in the third set against an unorthodox opponent. Clarkson, moving to number 2, also had a marathon match and needed all her steely determination to come through 10-8 in the third. It was fantastic to see such determination and desire from the Yorkshire team. The effort shown by Woffindin and Clarkson seemed to inspire Ward, who came in for her first singles of the weekend. Understandably raring to go, Ward came flying out of the traps and played a sensational first set, which she took 4-1. After withstanding a strong response from her opponent Ward finished the match by taking the second set 5-3. Yorkshire had won the tie and finished it by capturing their third tiebreak win in the doubles (Palma and Ward).

### 13/07/14 v North Wales (Play Off 5th/6th)

After the hard fought victory the day before, the team had a chance to finish 5th overall if they could get past North Wales. After a long couple of days and some hard-fought matches, the team changed around for the final match of the competition. Palma moved up to number one and had a tough opponent (Cross), as expected. After a great start, dominating with her big forehand, Palma took the first set 4-2. Cross was not going to go away quietly and improved her level in the second set with some inspired tennis of her own. The second set was decided with a tiebreak, which Cross took 7-3 with some good, aggressive tennis. Yet another third set tiebreak for the Yorkshire team and unfortunately North Wales squeezed through 10-6.

Clarkson retained her position at number 2 and although the efforts of the last couple of days were beginning to take their toll she came through 4-1, 4-1 with a clinical display. After her performance yesterday, Ward was flying once more and got past a difficult opponent with some excellent defending and some aggressive returns, winning 5-3, 4-2. Clarkson and Palma teamed up for the doubles and after losing a tight first set 5-3 they recovered well to take the second 4-0. Yet another tiebreak for the Yorkshire team and it was one of the most dramatic. North Wales competed well to clinch the tiebreak 11-9. With all the other matches finished, and the Yorkshire boys having already been presented with their trophy, the girls had to remain focused to finish the tie with one final tiebreak. It was impressive that both teams could play such quality tennis at the end of a long weekend and I think Yorkshire got the win they deserved when they took the final point to finish 5th overall.

Terrific effort from the team and a pleasure to captain them.

## Girls 14 and Under Aegon County Cup Report

| Team - Captain: Laura Fisher |                    |               |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Megan Hopton                 | Victoria Lapthorne | Rebecca Hill  |
| Elizabeth Daley              | Chloe Chawner      | Esther Jones. |

The girls breezed through the qualifying stages in Sheffield, only losing one rubber. We knew the finals would be a lot tougher and the girls were prepared for this.

On the first day the girls got off to a flying start, beating Hertfordshire 4-2 with some great tennis. The next day proved to be a lot tougher against Sussex. The girls fought very hard but unfortunately lost out 2-4.

On the last day we were up against Warwickshire. Again, this was going to be a tough day and all the games were very close. The girls battled it out to get to 3-3 and to a tiebreak shoot-out. Megan and Rebecca played the tiebreak shoot-out and did us all proud but unfortunately Warwickshire went on to take the win.

## Girls 18 and Under Aegon County Cup Report

| Team - Captain: Georgina Jackson |              |               |                |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Laura Hopton                     | Serena Nash  | Lidia Burrows | Holly Horsfall |
| Olivia Noble                     | Megan Hopton | Sofie Woon    | Molly Reed     |
| Sophie Doods                     |              |               |                |

Our first match was against Sussex. Sussex had a stronger team out than we expected but we were 5-1 up after the singles, winning two tight three-setters. We won the match 6-3 to get ourselves off to a strong start to the weekend.

Our second match was against Middlesex, who had an unchanged team from last year. We went 4-2 up after the singles with some outstanding singles play from Serena, Holly, Molly and Laura and then we took two doubles rubbers to again win 6-3. This was a huge performance against our biggest rivals.

Our final match was against Warwickshire, knowing a win would crown us U18 County Cup Champions. We won all 6 singles rubbers to take the title!

Well done Under 18 Yorkshire Girls - National Champions for a second year running!

## Ladies Event Aegon County Cup Report

| Team            |              |             |               |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Nicole Peterson | Kaite Jessop | Kate Lucy   | Laura Oldham, |
| Molly Reed      | Kim Atkinson | Serena Nash | Laura Hopton  |
| Nicola Mooney   |              |             |               |

This year the Ladies competed in Group 2 of the Aegon Summer County Cup in Havant but, after five hard days and some close battles, we were relegated to Group 3 for 2015.

On day 1 we met Hampshire and IOW and narrowly lost 5-4 in the blistering sun. There were some hard-fought matches on the following days against Lancashire, Norfolk and Surrey but unfortunately we were unable to prevail. Yorkshire Ladies showed their true grit and determination throughout, and morale and fighting spirit certainly wasn't lacking going into Day 5 with the aim of holding on to our place in Division 2.

Sadly, it wasn't to be against Berkshire, especially since luck didn't go our way from other match results and, after a long hard day on the grass with the only rain break of the week, we went down 5-4.

### Overall summary by Men's Veterans Coordinator, David Brown

We competed in six age categories again this year, involving 28 different players from across the County. Congratulations to the over 35's who gained promotion by winning their Division and also to Myles Collett's over 55's, who were one rubber away from taking the Div 1 title and defeating last year's National Champions, Lancashire, eventually going down two rubbers to three.

Two Captains stand down after this year's campaigns. We thank Andrew Hutchinson, who hands over the reins to Ben Gudzelak but stays on to captain the 45's, and Steve Howard hands over the 60's to Steve Batte as he moves up an age category. We thank both outgoing Captains for their hard work and efforts and wish the new guys all the best for 2015.

#### 35+ Age Group

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| Captain Andrew Hutchinson | Winners Div 3 |
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The over 35's team: Ben Gudzelak, Paul Ranson, Andrew Hutchinson, Richard Hutchinson, and Kevin Clegg. The team was strengthened by Ben Gudzelak, who had just come into the age bracket.

We started the campaign with a 3-2 win against Hereford and Worcester, who had the world-ranked player Colin Bennett in their team. The second day was cancelled due to rain and therefore we needed a win against Bedfordshire to win our group. The team played great tennis throughout the day to win the match 4-1 and take the Division 3 title. Andrew has resigned as captain after 15 years and Ben has taken over the mantle of captaincy. The team is in a good position to carry on this year's success with some new players entering the age bracket next year.

#### 45+ Age Group

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| Captain Andrew Hutchinson | 2nd Div 1B |
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As defending champions, we were determined to not give up the championship without a fight. After walkovers against Northumberland and Cambridge we travelled to Devon, who had ex-national champions Daniel Ahl and Linden Hardisty playing. We lost 4-1 but all rubbers were tight. We then travelled to Hampshire and came away with a 3-2 win against strong opposition. We needed a win against Essex to achieve second place in the league and thrashed them 5-0 without dropping a set. Thanks go to the team of Paul Ranson, Richard and Gareth Hutchinson not only for playing but for their banter during nearly a thousand miles of travelling!

### 55+ Age Group

Captain Myles Collett

2nd Div 1B

The 55's first year in Division 1 began with the captain establishing a group of players good enough to stay in the top Division. Our results of four wins and one loss surpassed all expectations and we were within a hair's breadth of winning the group!

A 5-0 victory over a strong Oxfordshire team which included a GB International (soundly beaten by Dave Brown in the singles) set the tone for the season. Our next match away at Surrey was always going to be a hard encounter. Their team included a player recently returned from a last-16 place in the world championships and a Danish International. To win 4-1 was testament to the belief of the team. The wins by Peter Vann and Dave Cole in both doubles were most impressive and Dave Brown secured another fine win at number 2 singles, 10-8 in the third.

Kent brought a New Zealand international into their team in round three but we held them off 3-2 with Chris Day coming into the team and forming a solid partnership with Cole. Berks were despatched comfortably.

Our final match against Lancs was the Division decider. Lancs, County champions for the past two years, brought five players to Hull and were mighty relieved at the end of a bruising encounter to come away with a 3-2 win. The Yorkshire doubles pairs won two out of three rubbers, beating ex-GB Davis Cup player Martin Robinson and his partner on both occasions.

Next year the team have decided to stay together to go one step further but this was a fine effort for 2014.

### 60+ Age Group

Captain Steve Howard

3rd Div 2A

The men's 60's team competed in Division 2A of the counties league following relegation in 2013. The squad consisted of Dave Whitelaw, Steve Howard, Alan Cockman, Steve Batte, Ian Taylor and Dave Allerton, with John Andrews also stepping into the team at short notice.

The season started well with a 5-0 win over Cumbria at Hallamshire, which was followed by a 2-3 loss to West of Scotland, also at Hallamshire. The away fixtures followed and despite wins at Derbyshire 3-2 and North Wales 4-1 the defeat at Herefordshire by 4-1 meant we could finish no higher than third in the division, missing promotion by two points. Special mentions go to Dave Whitelaw and Steve Batte, who won all of their doubles rubbers, and to Steve Howard who captained the team and next year will move into the next age group.

### 65+ Age Group

Captain Wilf Jessop

4th Div 1B

2013 was always going to be a pretty hard act to follow for Yorkshire Men's 65s. Last season's heroics of reaching the National Final in Dudley were never likely to be repeated, even with the same nucleus of players. An opening victory over Hertfordshire was quickly followed by successive defeats at The Queens Club, firstly by Surrey and then, even more emphatically, by Middlesex. Some relief was gained, however, thanks to a solid home success against West of Scotland. By the time we faced Essex, survival in the top flight was assured. This match - against the ultimate league winners - proved a close encounter with all three doubles rubbers going to a deciding tie-break. The resulting 4-1 score-line flattered our opponents.

Top performer for the team once again was the evergreen John Andrews, closely followed by Wilf Jessop. Doubles specialists Keith Townson, Greg Pearson and David Allerton completed the squad.

### 70+ Age Group

Captain Andrew Batcup

3rd Div 2A

Our record was won two, lost two, so we stay in Division 2 again next year. When we were able to field our best players we won our matches easily but, when missing some of these players, we lost. I'm sure the captains of other teams have had similar experiences.

Next year, we will hopefully be able to field John Andrews as he steps up from the Over 65's group. We will also give trials to two players from the Sheffield area, so we should be able to choose a stronger team from a larger group of players.

Results: Warwickshire (h) 2-2 (lost 5-4 on sets count back); Hereford & Worcestershire (h) 4-0; Suffolk (a) 0-4; Nottinghamshire (a) 4-0.

Players: Robin Barlow, Andrew Batcup, Fergus Gibb, Mike Glover, David Purchon, Ray Ranson.

### Cromer, Group 2 (Finished 3rd)

| Team              |              |                  |              |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Joe Gill          | Peter Ashley | Clay Crawford    | Sam Sutton   |
| Mike Tolman       | Doug Keen    | Kyle Brassington | Elliot Chang |
| Richard Crabtree. |              |                  |              |

### Results:

|          |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| Monday   | lost 1-8 vs Suffolk         |
| Tuesday  | won 6-3 vs East of Scotland |
| Weds     | won 7-2 vs Berkshire        |
| Thursday | lost 4-5 vs Derbyshire      |
| Friday   | won 5-4 vs Norfolk          |

It was a tough week. We overcame an awful start on the Monday against a very competent Suffolk, with their first pair going on to win 13 rubbers and 12 seconds. We recovered after a very honest review.

Tuesday and Wednesday showed good spirit and determination to overcome teams with excellent first pairs. The big match was Thursday vs Derbyshire. Unfortunately we could not quite get the win. We were so close; there were chances but we were edged out. A win would have put us in a great position to bounce back to Group 1. I was pleased with our recovery after Monday and we showed great effort.

It was pleasing to be able to introduce three young players into the Summer County Cup (Peter, Clay and Sam). Also, it was fantastic to have so many players wanting to play for their county. Thanks go to all the team for their commitment.

### Rubbers won/lost:

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Doug Keen        | 5/4 |
| Joe Gill         | 8/6 |
| Elliot Chang     | 8/7 |
| Peter Ashley     | 7/8 |
| Doug Keen        | 6/6 |
| Kyle Brassington | 5/7 |
| Richard Crabtree | 3/3 |
| Sam Sutton       | 2/3 |
| Clay Crawford    | 2/4 |

**The following teams were entered this year: 35s, 40s, 50s, 55s, 65s and 70s.**

### **Over 35s (Captained by Becky Lee and Jo Wright)**

After a hard-fought weekend in Eastbourne, the team of Becky, Jo, Katy Fairweather and Lou Lister were relegated to Division 3. Some very close matches were played against strong teams including Essex, Surrey and South Wales.

### **Over 40s (Captained by Becky Lee)**

The aim was to win the division and get promoted and that's exactly what they did, winning all five matches against Northumberland, North Wales, Lancashire, East of Scotland and Cumbria. The squad of players were Gil Kilner, Karen Mitchell, Jo Wright, Louise Marshman, Catherine Baker, Louise Lister, Jill Rounce and Karen Retief.

### **Over 50s (Captained by Belinda Turnbull)**

The team were promoted to Division 1 following promotion to Division 2 the year before. Had they been able to get their strongest team out for their final game away to Leicestershire they would have been crowned Champions but alas they finished 2nd. The squad included Gil Brook, Sally Bickerton, Catherine Johnson, Sue Stothard, Suzanne Rowe and Belinda.

### **Over 55s (Captained by Christine Dalton)**

Won 2, lost 3. As last year, we started off well with a convincing 5-0 win at home against North Wales.

The next match was away to Kent at Canterbury, memorable for several reasons. Sue Graney was ill during the night before the match but valiantly travelled down. Although not fit to go on court, she struggled through both doubles rubbers, very well supported by Susan Brass, and they were unlucky to lose two close matches. Thanks for a great effort, especially in the heat! Under normal circumstances, at least one of these would have been a win. This meant that, for the first time any of us could remember, we won both singles and lost all the doubles.

Home matches against Middlesex and Surrey followed, a 4-1 win and 1-4 loss but with some excellent matches. The outcome of the final match in South Wales was a bit of a disappointment as every rubber was closely fought, all going to match tie-breaks, but only one of those resulted in a win for us.

Thanks to all the players: Janice Ashman, Susan Brass, Rosie Connell, Sue Graney, Christine Dalton

### **Over 65s (Captained by Rosemary Carter)**

The team enjoyed travelling the countryside and managing four wins out of five after having been newly promoted to Division 1, only losing to a strong Surrey team! We finished runners-up so the team were very pleased with their performances!

### **Over 70s (Captained by Mary Durrans)**

The team managed to stay in Division 1. Avon pulled out at the beginning of the season so there were only four matches. Yorkshire beat Kent and Northumberland and lost to Cheshire and Middlesex. Mary would like to thank Margaret Berrington, Jackie McBurney, Margaret French and Liz Cousins for their support and friendship.

The total number of entries to the leagues this year was 25 in the Men's League and 24 in the Ladies League. Again, for the second year in a row, the lack of attendance at the fixture meeting by the teams involved and the late withdrawal of a team resulted in the collapse of the Men's Division 3 with only six matches being played out of 28.

There was an improvement in the number of conceded matches, two in the Men's and three in the Ladies.

In the Men's Division 1, Ilkley are our champions. They beat the runners-up, Beverley in an excellent match. Barnsley and Roundhay A are relegated. Having been relegated last year, Chapel Allerton and Mexborough return to Division 1 for another go, having finished first and second in Division 2.

In the Ladies League Division 1, Rawdon regained the title from Huddersfield despite losing a match. Roundhay and Rastrick are relegated.

Doncaster remained unbeaten in Division 2 and return to the top Division after a two year absence. Ilkley finished runners-up after an excellent season. Batley are relegated after only one year along with Harlow. They are replaced by Division 3 winners Huddersfield A along with runners-up Thirsk.

## Men's Results

| DIVISION 1             | P | W | L | Rubbers Won | Sets Won | Pts |
|------------------------|---|---|---|-------------|----------|-----|
| Ilkley                 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 57          | 121      | 16  |
| Beverley & East Riding | 8 | 7 | 1 | 55          | 119      | 14  |
| Doncaster              | 8 | 6 | 2 | 48          | 101      | 12  |
| York                   | 8 | 5 | 3 | 42          | 89       | 10  |
| Roundhay               | 8 | 3 | 5 | 38          | 81       | 6   |
| Thongsbridge           | 8 | 3 | 5 | 26          | 58       | 6   |
| Huddersfield           | 8 | 2 | 6 | 30          | 66       | 4   |
| Barnsley               | 8 | 2 | 6 | 21          | 49       | 4   |
| Roundhay A             | 8 | 0 | 8 | 7           | 17       | 0   |

| DIVISION 2          | P | W | L | Rubbers Won | Sets Won | Pts |
|---------------------|---|---|---|-------------|----------|-----|
| Chapel Allerton     | 7 | 6 | 1 | 47          | 101      | 12  |
| Mexborough          | 7 | 5 | 2 | 36          | 65       | 10  |
| Cottingham          | 7 | 5 | 2 | 34          | 71       | 10  |
| Scarborough         | 7 | 4 | 3 | 36          | 74       | 8   |
| Doncaster A         | 7 | 3 | 4 | 36          | 76       | 6   |
| Thorncliffe         | 7 | 3 | 4 | 31          | 70       | 6   |
| Harworth & Bircotes | 7 | 0 | 7 | 17          | 46       | 0   |
| **Sandal            | 7 | 2 | 5 | 15          | 48       | 0   |
| *Conceded Matches   |   |   |   |             |          |     |

**Division 3: Not enough matches played to constitute a League table**

## Ladies Results

| DIVISION 1         | P | W | L | Rubbers Won | Sets Won | Pts |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-------------|----------|-----|
| Rawdon             | 8 | 7 | 1 | 51          | 110      | 14  |
| Huddersfield       | 8 | 6 | 2 | 44          | 90       | 12  |
| York               | 8 | 6 | 2 | 44          | 90       | 12  |
| Thongsbridge       | 8 | 5 | 3 | 41          | 93       | 10  |
| David Lloyd Leeds  | 8 | 4 | 4 | 36          | 76       | 8   |
| Harrogate Racquets | 8 | 3 | 5 | 35          | 78       | 6   |
| Chapel Allerton    | 8 | 2 | 6 | 30          | 67       | 4   |
| * Roundhay         | 8 | 3 | 5 | 29          | 63       | 4   |
| * Rastrick         | 8 | 0 | 8 | 16          | 35       | 2-  |

  

| DIVISION 2     | P | W | L | Rubbers Won | Sets Won | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|-------------|----------|-----|
| Doncaster      | 7 | 7 | 0 | 51          | 106      | 14  |
| Ilkley         | 7 | 6 | 1 | 36          | 79       | 12  |
| Thongsbridge   | 7 | 4 | 3 | 29          | 64       | 8   |
| Wheatley Hills | 7 | 3 | 4 | 34          | 73       | 6   |
| Rawdon A       | 7 | 3 | 4 | 32          | 66       | 6   |
| Heaton         | 7 | 3 | 4 | 31          | 70       | 6   |
| Batley         | 7 | 2 | 5 | 17          | 39       | 4   |
| Harlow         | 7 | 0 | 7 | 21          | 50       | 0   |

| DIVISION 3               | P | W | L | Rubbers Won | Sets Won | Pts |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-------------|----------|-----|
| Huddersfield A           | 6 | 6 | 0 | 45          | 61       | 12  |
| Thirsk                   | 6 | 4 | 2 | 38          | 83       | 8   |
| Rawdon B                 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 28          | 55       | 6   |
| Huddersfield B           | 6 | 2 | 4 | 25          | 54       | 4   |
| Heaton                   | 6 | 2 | 4 | 21          | 53       | 4   |
| * Barnsley               |   |   |   |             |          |     |
| * Conceded matches       |   |   |   |             |          |     |
| Halifax Queens withdrawn |   |   |   |             |          |     |

## YLTA County Officials 2014

### Executive Council

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| President     | Mr Robert Lamb     |
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| Administrator | Mr Trevor Reed     |

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### Co-opted Members of Executive Council

|                                         |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr John Crowther (from 13 January 2014) | Mr Chris Day (from 7 April 2014) |
| Mr Graham Snowden                       | Mr Peter Wilkes                  |

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|                                    |                   |                |                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
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|--------------------|---------------------|
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## YLTA County Personnel

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
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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 three 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](http://www.lta.org.uk/in-yourarea/Yorkshire)).
3. Opportunity through application to the Chair of the Initiative Group 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 Chair of the Initiative Group 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, provided that tickets have not been acquired from other sources. A ballot will take place if demand is too great on any day during the event.

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1. Individual Membership - £35 per annum.
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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 details of the programmes supported by these additional funds will be included on our website in due course.

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Hard copies are available on request.

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

These can be accessed on [www.lta-insurance-centre.com](http://www.lta-insurance-centre.com)

Any queries please contact the Regional Office.

## OBITUARIES

### Shirley Brace

It is with regret that we report the sad loss of Shirley Brace on 17th March 2014 after a long illness and we have conveyed our condolences to Reg Brace, our President in 2004. Shirley and Reg were married for over 50 years and, whilst not a tennis player herself, Shirley graciously tolerated Reg's obsession with the game for many years and supported the County on many trips to Eastbourne and other County Week venues.

### Gordon Tuffs

Colin Tuffs has advised us that his brother Gordon (aged 81) passed away on 8th August 2014. In recent times, Gordon had experienced heart problems and passed away in his sleep. He was a member of the well-known Linthorpe Tennis Club in Middlesbrough and represented Yorkshire on a number of occasions in the early 1960's.

### Philip Barker

It is sad to report the passing of Phil Barker quite suddenly on 3rd April 2014 after a short illness. Phil was the husband of our Past President and YLTA Councillor for Hull and East Riding District, Ann Barker. Phil and Ann met at Anlaby Tennis Club and were married in 1960. Phil assisted Ann regularly, particularly with tournaments and in her two years as our President. Latterly, he looked after the County's archive material, keeping it up to date.

All three of the above will be sadly missed and our condolences have been passed to all of their families.

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