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The information contained in this report comes from a diverse range of sources. We try to pull it all together as best we can, but if there are any omissions or inaccuracies, please accept our apologies. Please make us aware of any such errors.



**Chris Day – President,
Yorkshire Tennis**

It has been an interesting and enjoyable year as President of Yorkshire Tennis. One of my highlights was being asked to present trophies to winners of the Ilkley Aegon Challenger event which is a fantastic tournament and is now a firm fixture in the pre-Wimbledon grass court calendar. The 'icing on the cake' was presenting a trophy to doubles specialist Leander Paes who happens to be one of my all-time favourite players.

Sticking with the Ilkley theme I also hosted Presidents Day which I dedicated to celebrating District Tennis. For me District Tennis is the backbone of competitive team tennis in Yorkshire and I met some fantastic people who as volunteers work tirelessly on behalf of their District. I used the opportunity to update them on Yorkshire Tennis and how their Clubs could benefit from initiatives such as Advantage Yorkshire. The event went extremely well, and we now have a good network of District Volunteers.

Community tennis continues to be a priority and I was invited to the official opening of Costello Park Community Tennis facility, Hull, which has benefited from funding and now has several new courts. This is an excellent example of how partnership working can improve tennis within the community.

I got to see some fantastic tennis, having attended most days at the Yorkshire Tennis Championships, and I was delighted to present trophies to the winners. The Championships go from strength to strength and I would like to thank Dave Kitchen, who once again did a fantastic job as referee and organiser, and his team.

My one regret is not watching as many of our County teams as I would have liked and, unfortunately, I missed out on seeing our Under 12 and Under 14 County juniors winning their National titles which was a fantastic achievement.

On a sad note I attended the funerals of two distinguished volunteers in former President Gordon Lancaster and world-renowned Umpire and Vice President Malcolm Huntington MBE, who both sadly passed away earlier this year.

As President I have continued to be a member of several committees. These meetings provide an excellent insight into the excellent work going on within Yorkshire Tennis and I would like to thank our hardworking Committee Chairs – Don Stewart, Carolyn Rothwell, Karen Mitchell, Ian Hargreaves and John Ramsbottom – who do such a splendid job. Last, but certainly not least, I must thank our Chairman John Crowther who I know works tirelessly on behalf of Yorkshire Tennis and is leading us forward to what hopefully will be even greater achievements.

Over the last year I have managed to visit and play at several clubs around the county. For me it is important to keep "hitting a tennis ball" and, in doing so, I have represented my club in matches, supported the County Veterans Tournament at Chapel Allerton and was honoured to represent Yorkshire Veterans in County matches.

Thanks also go to partners at LTA Region, to our hardworking admin team, to sponsors and patrons who support Yorkshire Tennis, to all our volunteers, to district and club officials and, finally, to parents whose commitment is greatly appreciated.

Chairman's Report



John Crowther – Chairman, Yorkshire Tennis

Now in my third year as your Chairman, it is good to report that our strategy is taking hold with many of our members seizing advantage of a new comprehensive offering of support. At an away day in January, the Management Committee undertook a substantial review of tennis in Yorkshire and what we needed to do to advance our three objectives of:

1. More people playing tennis in our member clubs
2. More clubs in membership
3. Working towards Yorkshire County Cup teams being ranked in the top three in Great Britain by 2021.

It was recognised that Yorkshire Tennis has substantial resources and just keeping 'money in the bank' does not advance the achievement of our objectives. It was decided and then approved by Council to launch an ambitious programme that would see the County's

financial reserves being reduced to circa £250,000 over three years allowing for an annual spend of over £200,000 per year.

We recognise that the Management Committee, through the Council, is accountable to our members and that the Annual Report should reflect that approach along with recognition of players and volunteers who have made amazing contributions in the year.

We have also taken the opportunity to update the Annual Report to better reflect what we do across a wide range of activities by including sections from the following committees: County, Club, Community and Education committee, Talent and Performance ID committee, Competitions and the Initiative committee. Individual match reports from captains are still available and can viewed on our website or in the digital version of this report.

Our progress can be summarised as follows:

Objective 1: The measurement of the number of people playing tennis in our clubs will come in early 2018 when the results of club registration are known and we will report back to you in due course.

Objective 2: We have seven more clubs in membership (from 157 to 164)

Objective 3: Yorkshire is currently ranked 4 (was 5) in the County Cup race.

Our new and exciting programme has been named Advantage Yorkshire and has seven different elements, namely:

1. A small grants programme of £100,000 per year awarded in two six monthly tranches of £50,000.
2. An enhanced interest free loan offer of up to £25,000 sitting alongside requiring increasing contribution from the club. The loan scheme provides for the last two payments to be treated as a grant, subject to specific conditions.
3. A registration fee rebate of up to 50%, subject to the club meeting the LTA's Safeguarding Standards.
4. Work to establish a network of talented and committed coaches.
5. The establishment of the 'Tramlines' newsletter and a general enhanced focus on better communications with our members and players.
6. The introduction of an Associated Membership category to attract schools into a relationship with us.
7. The introduction of a network of Hub Clubs to underpin county training by widening the net for talent into populated areas around the County.

Progress has been good and I feel the pace of change is accelerating with more clubs coming to us for both

Chairman's Report

loans and grants. The 50% registration fee rebate scheme has seen a dramatic rise in the number of Yorkshire club personnel/volunteers undergoing the necessary LTA safeguarding training.

Our CCCE sub-committee has assessed its first round of grant and loan applications under the Advantage Yorkshire banner and we are pleased that we have had slightly more applications than available funds for the round which evidences that clubs are 'getting their act together'.

The roll out of Hub Clubs has been slower than I would have liked but we were in discussion with the LTA about a partnership in which we would use the services of John Loughton (LTA Regional Training) as Yorkshire's County Performance Manager. This came about in September and John has already made a difference in the extensive planning that is needed for the next year. We have also seen national success on court that is reported more fully in this report.

We should congratulate Ilkley LTSC on their very successful and professional management of the Aegon Men's and Ladies' Challengers. We provided £15,000 of sponsorship for their Outreach programme, run in conjunction with the tournament, which attracted over 1,700 children from schools all over the area. Their success has been rewarded by the announcement that the LTA has granted a 10 year contract to continue the

tournament. This is great news for Yorkshire Tennis and enables coaches, players and fans to watch international standard tennis every year for the foreseeable future.

Kyle Edmund, Yorkshire's highest ranked player, continued to represent Great Britain in the Davis Cup and secured a year-end ranking of 50. We wish him well for a successful 2018 season

Finally, I would like to thank many people who work and/or volunteer tirelessly for Yorkshire Tennis. From the members of the Council, the President, the Management Committee and the sub-committees.

Our sponsorship programme has been extremely successful this year and we should thank the Initiative Committee and the sponsors and patrons for their donations. With an additional £100,000 raised in this way, it gives us so much more opportunity to invest in clubs and programmes as well as support emerging talented players.

In July, we welcomed Jess Redfearn (ex-LTA) as Yorkshire Tennis's Advantage Administrator, so that we now have four part-time self-employed administrators. Alison Steel continues to act as 'Secretary', Diane Hutchinson as the County Training Administrator and Trevor Reed acts as Specific Projects Administrator. They

are important members of the team and carry out many administrative and support functions which otherwise would have to be undertaken by volunteers.

Our partnership with the LTA through the Regional Team underpins everything we do and we work jointly to deliver the needs of Yorkshire tennis. Our thanks go to Paul Bennett, Gavin Sutcliffe and Paul Sheard in particular for the way they support us and encourage our participation in their activities.

I genuinely believe that the prospects for Yorkshire Tennis are excellent and we have built the foundation for future success.



LTA North Region



Paul Bennett – Head of LTA North Region

Yorkshire Tennis has had an exceptional year. Having launched its funding initiative 'Advantage Yorkshire', the County, through its engaged network of County volunteers, is providing some very relevant support to its registered associations and venues and there are some real success stories developing.

It is an example of best practice in County governance and support and the regional team are connected to so many initiatives and projects as we both look to support more clubs, venues, local authorities, communities and coaches to grow participation and develop talent. In launching 'Transforming British Tennis Together' in June we will continue to work collaboratively so that our support helps many volunteers and professionals alike to access the funding and wider opportunities available as we look to invest together to increase the number of covered courts and floodlight facilities creating strong active networks which bring together local partnerships.

Schools Competition – Y8 Boys Winners, Bradford Grammar School



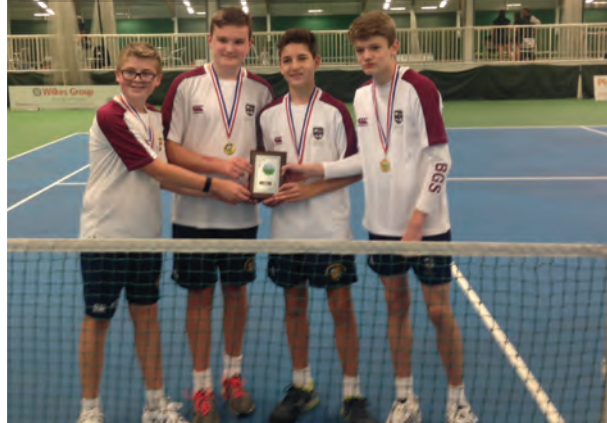
Schools Competition – Y8 Girls Winners, Sheffield Girls High School



Schools Competition – Y10 Girls Winners, Harrogate Ladies College



Schools Competition – Y10 Boys Winners, Bradford Grammar School





**Don Stewart,
Chairman**

2017 has been a busy year for the Club, Community, County and Education Committee (CCCE). With the retirement of longstanding Councillor John Forster, whose wise counsel was much valued, the committee's membership was re-jigged to include a new face from education, Charlie Linfield from Bradford Grammar School, as well as new Councillor Richard Simpson from Malton.

An evidence-based new approach

During 2016 we had experimented with new pilot approaches to club support, including support for new coaches in establishing their business, support for small clubs to attract coaches in collective arrangements as well as support under the Yorkshire Tennis Fund (YTF) to increase the links between clubs and schools. All of these had proved successful. And then, in the early part of 2017, we set about designing a whole new approach to club support which would be launched in May under the Advantage Yorkshire banner.

Key to this new package of support is putting the control back into the hands of clubs by giving them: rebates on their LTA registration fees; access to small scale grants up to £5,000; access to interest free loans with reduced requirements for match funding; and a new 'Associate' Membership category to encourage schools to become members of our association in their own right.

The importance of schools

The specific inclusion of the Associate Membership category was designed as a direct signal to clubs and schools that we want to reinforce the links between them. Our previous work through YTF and through school based competitions had shown clearly that good links between schools and clubs are a powerful driver of new members for clubs as well as

a good source of new potential for performance, helping to drive forward on two of our three key objectives.

To embed this through Advantage Yorkshire, where the small grants scheme extends the scope for the type of initiative piloted under YTF, it was then reinforced by inviting partner schools to join us in their own right. We hope that this soft introduction will entice schools to think about full membership as the relationships flourish and the advantages of access to the full range of support become apparent.

At the time of writing two schools have signed up as Associate Members with another three known to be in process. This direct inclusion of schools for the first time has strengthened our links to education on top of the continuing success of our inter-schools competitions in North and West Yorkshire. We will continue to look to expand these in the South and the East of the County as time goes on.

Loans

The interest free loans scheme continues to be popular with clubs. At 30 September 2017 we have £186,200 worth of loans out with clubs, and an additional £120,000 on offer. Some of these are part of much bigger projects which have Sport England and / or LTA funding included. Some are smaller scale but nevertheless very important to the clubs involved. Some examples are shown in the pictures opposite.



Clubs supported by Advantage Yorkshire grants and loans – Doncaster Tennis Club





Clubs supported by Advantage Yorkshire grants and loans – Beauchief Tennis Club

Grants

The introduction of small scale grants has also proved popular with clubs across the spectrum of size and location. The offer to match fund every pound raised by clubs, up to a maximum of £5,000, has clearly caught the imagination of many clubs and £102,000 worth of grants have been funded since the principle of grant-funding was adopted by the Association. Many of these form part of much bigger projects revealing an exciting level of investment in tennis in Yorkshire.

Trends

Many of the projects seeking funding from Yorkshire Tennis in 2017 have centered on lighting for courts, or for court replacement and resurfacing. What the trend shows is that, for many clubs, the long running issue of putting aside enough money on an annual basis to ensure that they have the funds to replace court surfaces is still a problem. This suggests an underlying issue of the viability, or rather lack of viability, of existing funding structures. In some cases this is simply the

result of membership fees not being at the right level or that dwindling membership is putting club futures at risk. At the instigation of CCCE, the LTA developed an online tool for clubs to use which is available on the LTA website. This allows clubs to enter a few simple facts about their own clubs and then calculates the necessary sinking fund to ensure that enough funding will be available for court replacement. We strongly urge clubs to use this tool when looking at their action plans for the future.

The issue of safeguarding in sport generally has been in the news for much of the year. Whilst we are not the governing body for tennis (that is the role of the LTA), CCCE has thought it right for Yorkshire Tennis as a membership organisation to make sure that all clubs we support should be able to demonstrate that they have the appropriate policies and practices in place before either the registration rebate or new funding through grants and loans is made available. We will continue to pursue best practice in this area in 2018 and beyond.

The difficulty many clubs face in attracting a coach or coaches of the right quality and experience to their clubs to help members improve their game has also been raised this year. Clearly the funding package available through Advantage Yorkshire can be used by clubs to address particular concerns they have, but there does also appear to be a structural issue in the supply chain of coaches which needs to be addressed at a national level. CCCE will be taking this up with the LTA. We also want to explore further the level of cooperation between clubs and schools by including this on the Regional Tracker. This is work in progress.

Partners

Overall, our relationship with our communities and at County level with the LTA regional team continues to be a strong one. We have a very strong relationship with the

LTA regional team who have all shown a willingness to help as we have developed our offer this year. Particular mention should be made of Lauren Salton who did a sterling job in helping to set up our on line application processes for Advantage Yorkshire.

Whilst we do have occasional issues with some Local Authorities, these tend to be the exception rather than the rule. Many clubs are taking advantage of local authority objectives in relation to health and well being by adjusting their offer towards mixed ability sports and addressing specific disability issues. CCCE had a presentation from the Tennis Foundation during the year which has helped to strengthen our understanding in this area.

Where specific issues have arisen with Local Authorities we have worked together with the LTA regional team to address these. The most acute example of this has been the future of Batley ITC which has struggled for economic stability for many years. KAL, the arms length organisation running the centre had proposed to withdraw from tennis completely in favour of alternative leisure uses for the facility. After much hard work with the LTA and the Tennis Foundation, a decision was recently made to reduce the number of courts from four to two, and to restructure the running of tennis at the centre in the hope that the facility can be preserved. It will now be up to the local tennis playing

communities to ensure that the demand for court time ensures the viability of the reduced offer. We will continue to monitor the situation in the coming year.

Completing the circle

Last but far from least, the addition this year of Bridget Hutchinson and Jess Redfearn to the CCCE team has meant that, for the first time, we have been able to start to seriously address the issue of the monitoring and evaluation of the support that CCCE makes available to clubs. Jess and Bridget will be following up all the support awarded to clubs to see how the money has been spent; to look at the results achieved with it; and to see how the investment has helped to deliver our three objectives of more people playing tennis in Yorkshire; more clubs in membership of our association and our ambition to be at the top of the County Cup race.

Thanks

Overall, a busy but highly productive year for CCCE. I am grateful for the support off all my colleagues on the committee who give up their time to respond to the needs of our member clubs.



**Carolyn Rothwell,
Chair**

The Yorkshire Leagues season started in April with Leagues for Men and Ladies. A fixtures meeting at John Charles Centre for Sport sees captains and new league organiser Matt Tottey all in one place to sort out fixtures, issues, and gain valuable feedback about the league. The men's league has dwindled to two divisions, whilst the ladies leagues stay healthy with three divisions. Matt has some ideas for changes for the 2018 season, and would like someone to help him who can be at matches and venues to provide feedback. Doncaster won Div 1 of the men's and Huddersfield won Div 1 of the ladies.

Chapel Allerton saw the Yorkshire Veterans' event on its grass courts in August, with lovely summer weather for all days except the ladies events on the Tuesday. Matches were able to be played indoors, albeit in a reduced format, and the winners of the ladies event were presented with beautiful flowers by organiser Giles Hinchcliffe. Entries to all men's and ladies were up on previous years, but all age groups are encouraged to enter, and Giles will do his best to accommodate the work and leisure commitments of players with appropriate match start times.

The 2017 Yorkshire Tennis Championships at John Charles Centre for Sport ran from 26th August to 2nd September, with organiser Dave Kitchen and his team welcoming a record number of entrants. The fine weather meant all matches could be played in full, indoors and out, but the finals events on Saturday 2nd September were indoors. The high standard of tennis was impressive for all the spectators, and the amazing silverware and trophies on display were worthy prizes for the winners. Dave is keen to improve the event and has lots of ideas, but needs willing volunteers to expand this event to being the best County event in the country. Can you help?

Yorkshire continues to participate in the Road to Wimbledon and Aegon Team Tennis events and in local Team Challenges around the county

aimed at getting younger unranked players into friendly competition. Successful Benenden Tennis Festivals have been run at many clubs in the county celebrating specific Grand Slam tennis events.

A new adult circuit in the West Yorkshire area has been trialed and proved successful with over 89 active men and women players. Steve Batte is starting a men's 050 doubles league to run in the winter at Goole Tennis Centre on a Sunday.

All these events rely on the skills and commitment of a wide range of people from volunteers, coaches, Yorkshire Tennis and LTA staff, and others. Yorkshire Tennis is so grateful that we have such willingness and we hope, as you read this, you will offer to help with an event.

Yorkshire Tennis Championships 2017

The Championships were once again held at John Charles Tennis Centre, Leeds, during the final week of August.

The 2016 Championships won 'Regional Competition of the Year' at the LTA Awards, so 2017 had a tough act to follow and it didn't disappoint!

This year saw a large increase in participation from the previous year. This has been the trend for the last three years and we hope to see this continue for 2018. The 2017

Championships were, in terms of entries, the third largest in the country.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

2017 saw the continuation of area qualifying events for junior age groups. Many thanks to Diane Hutchinson, Steve Prime and Steve Turnbull for their help in promoting, organising and running these events. Plans are already in place to increase the number of events and to expand into

the open age category for 2018.

The Championships as always were played in a friendly yet competitive environment, with some outstanding performances. Special mention must be given to Savannah Dada-Mascoll who had a clean sweep of under 14 titles (Singles, Doubles & Mixed).

Congratulations also to our new first time open age County Champions, Jordan Reed-Thomas and Jessica Dawson.

Yorkshire Singles Champions 2017

Men	Jordan Reed-Thomas
Ladies	Jessica Dawson
Boys U18	Matthew Clegg
Girls U18	Orla Cooper
Boys U16	Adam Hillerby
Girls U16	Caitlin Ward
Boys U14	Thomas Horsley
Girls U14	Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Boys U12	Sam Loughton
Girls U12	Gabriella Lindley
Boys U10	Joe Mazingham
Girls U10	Sarah Copley
Boys U9	Zak Lloyd
Girls U9	Loretta Armane
Boys U8	Gylo Barker-Dix
Girls U8	Ffion Owen





Above (left) Matthew Clegg;
(centre) Jordan Reed-Thomas with
YLTA President Chris Day; (right) Orla
Cooper

Yorkshire Doubles Champions 2017

Men	Tom Davies & Josh Lazenby
Ladies	Rebecca Turnbull & Rebecca Hill
Boys U18	Josh Lazenby & Vishnu Pannikar
Girls U18	Jessica Dawson & Jayanne Palma
Mixed U18	Matthew Clegg & Chloe Chawner
Boys U16	Ryan Carrick & Harry Ray
Girls U16	Caitlin Ward & Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Boys U14	Sam Loughton & Asa Stanley
Girls U14	Caitlin Ward & Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Mixed U14	Thomas Horsley & Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Boys U12	Sam Loughton & Alex Tikhonov
Girls U12	Millie Skelton & Gabriella Lindley
Boys U10	Harry Abel & George Burgin
Girls U10	Lily Cliff & Sarah Copley

Yorkshire Veterans Champions 2017

2017 Singles Champions

Men's Singles Over 40	Martin Calvert
Men's Singles Over 55	Paul Layfield
Men's Singles Over 65	Wilf Jessop

2017 Doubles Champions

Men's Doubles Over 40	Martin Calvert & Stuart Pedder
Men's Doubles Over 55	Paul Layfield & Peter Vann
Men's Doubles Over 65	Wilf Jessop & Alan Cockman
Women's Doubles Over 40	Rosie Connell & Audrey Reed



**John Ramsbottom,
Chairman**

When Yorkshire Tennis Committee structure changed in 2014 we formulated the Initiative Sub-Committee and since then have currently met twice a year (January and September or October). The object of the initiative is to raise funds in order for Yorkshire Tennis to undertake the many activities detailed in this annual report.

Pages 28 and 29 of this report details the Patron and Life Patron benefits and lists the members who are currently enjoying the benefits of the schemes. Corporate members (listed in the appendix) have all contributed financially to Yorkshire Tennis in 2017 and we thank all contributors most sincerely for their generous donations and support.

In January each year we normally receive details of our ticket allowances for the forthcoming year as a County from the LTA and our January meeting decides on the breakdown of the Wimbledon ticket allocation between the various groups, ie Officials, Councillors, Team Captains, Vice Presidents, Patrons, Life Patrons Corporate Members and any other Volunteers.

The September/October meeting takes the form of a debrief on all aspects of

raising funds and distribution of the ticket allowances made available to the County from the LTA. Problems do occur on occasions and these are also dealt with by the group at the debrief meeting.

The 2018 Wimbledon Ticket opt-in process has commenced and any British Tennis Member who fails to opt-in by 23rd February 2018 would not be eligible to win tickets from any venue ballot. It should also be noted that venues would be required to be registered no later than 30th November 2017 in order to qualify for Wimbledon 2018 tickets.

Last year the donations from all sources, listed on pages 28 to 30, raised over £100,000 for the first time and our objective is to increase each year.

Marketing the schemes and any changes to the subscriptions were discussed at our September meeting but left in abeyance until the LTA have made the 2018 allowances available

We have put an administration process in place and analysis is undertaken on each of the items together with a questionnaire from the LTA which every County completes and returns to LTA by end of September 2017 in relation to the 2017 Championships,

Finally my thanks to Graham Snowden, Ian Hargreaves, Adrian Waite, John Crowther and Trevor Reed as their help is essential to the process.





**Karen Mitchell,
Chair**

What a fantastic year for Yorkshire Tennis winning National titles, players gaining ATP points as full time players and our very own junior teams winning County Cup Championships. Again the juniors came 1st at the Hildon Corby 12 Counties competition played during October – March at U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, where the scores from all age groups are combined together to gain the overall result. Our U9s competing in the Orange Festival at Corby was in preparation for their county cup held in Sunderland in August.

A special mention to the U14 Girls Team: Caitlin Ward, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Jayanne Palma, Jessica Dawson, Orla Cooper and Phoebe Suthers won through qualifying to take their place in the national finals to become Champions. Then the U12 Girls – Millie Skelton, Gabriella Lindley, Mia Sibley, Zara Man and Isabella Gibson – followed the same route again to become National Champions.

The Boy's U10s and U12s both had fantastic runs qualifying for the national finals and gaining 3rd (bronze position).

The Ladies and Men's teams at Winter and Summer County Cup fighting for promotion in their divisions and then looking at other counties results during the competition ensuring that we were not relegated. Also our Senior teams where the 035s Men's gained promotion to Division One our Ladies 050s Ladies Champions of Div 1a going to the play off and 060s Ladies winning promotion to Div 1. More details of all our County successes follow on with the individual captain's reports on the digital version and tables of our results, so please take time to read all about our teams.

Of course all the above could not happen without our County Captains and Senior Co-ordinators who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make Yorkshire Tennis successful at all our age groups and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and time. Also a huge thank you to Georgina Jackson for organising a County tracksuit, available to everyone who attends County training and competes.

A player support framework has been set up for Yorkshire players who are embarking on full time playing careers and it has been fantastic to reward Luke Johnson who has broken into the top 1000 ATP rankings in September and Paul Jubb who gained his first ATP point in the summer. Our

congratulations go to both players and the best of luck in upcoming tournaments. The framework can be found on the Yorkshire Tennis website.

County Training

From 2016 County training has had funds set aside to grow training sessions through all age groups and to increase the amount of players at County level. The sessions have been reduced in price to give all players the same support.

As of September 2017, I am pleased to introduce John Loughton as Yorkshire County Performance Manager. After negotiating with the LTA, John has taken responsibility for county training, County captains, selection and the implementation of the Hub Club Policy. This has been added to his role as RPC with the LTA North Region, dedicating a day a week to the County. Yorkshire Tennis understands the importance of growing and building on our current county training programme at all age groups and to prepare for the National Performance Strategy announcement in 2018. Already our county has seen John grow county training and introduce more County matches so that more players can represent Yorkshire, to help our ambition to gain a top place in the County Cup race.

A busy year for the Performance, County Cup, Talent ID committee and I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their continued support to Yorkshire Tennis.

RESULTS

County Cup

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Aegon Winter Cup – Men 2016, Group 1	Steve McLoughlin	Clay Crawford, Peter Ashley, Elliot Chang, Richard Crabtree, Paul Jubb, Andrew Atkinson, Josh Gledden, Luke Johnson	Beat: Berks, Lost: Essex, Lancs	Finished 3rd, relegated to Division 2a
Aegon Winter Cup – Ladies 2016, Group 2a	Nicola Mooney	Kim Atkinson, Izzy Hearnshaw, Megan Hopton, Laura Oldham, Serena Nash, Bronte Murgett, Sofie Woon, Georgia Craven, Chloe Chawner, Rebecca Hill	Beat: South Wales Lost: Essex, Warwicks.	Remained in Division 2b
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – Men, Group 2	Steve McLoughlin	Peter Ashley, Clay Crawford, Elliot Chang, Josh Gledden, Paul Johnson, Jordan Reed Thomas, Andrew Atkinson, Joe Gill, Richard Crabtree	Beat: South Wales, Cheshire, Hants. Lost: Derbyshire, Cambs.	Finished 3rd, remained in Division 2
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – Ladies, Group 2	Nicola Mooney	Kim Atkinson, Izzy Hearnshaw, Megan Hopton, Laura Oldham, Serena Nash, Bronte Murgett, Holly Horsfall, Olivia Noble, Molly Reed	Beat: Essex, Norfolk Lost: Hants and IOW, Bucks, Cheshire	Finished 3rd, remained in Division 2
Aegon U9 County Cup	Jonny Mumby	Boys: Louis Hull, James Wilson, Zak Lloyd. Girls: Rose O'Donovan-McCann, Holly Hull, Ava Moss	Beat: Durham & Cleveland, Cumbria Lost: Northumberland	Runners up in Regional Final
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U10 Boys	Tom Davies	Joe Mazingham, Harry Abel, George Burgin, Tommy Vale	Beat (Q): Lancs, Cheshire, North of Scotland and East of Scotland. In Finals beat Northumberland, Middlesex and Warwickshire, lost to Hertfordshire	Bronze Medal finish in Finals
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U10 Girls	Georgina Jackson	Daniela Piani, Sarah Copley, Cheyenne Fee, Lilly Cliff	Beat: Cheshire, North of Scotland, West of Scotland Lost: Lancs	
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U12 Boys	Tom Loughton	Alex Tikhonov, Sam Loughton, Scott Hillerby, Joe Conaghan	Beat in Qualifying V East of Scotland, North of Scotland, Lancs and Cheshire. In the finals lost V Avon, beat Middlesex, West of Scotland and Lincs	Bronze Medal finish in finals
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U12 Girls	Carrie Wagstaff	Millie Skelton, Gabriella Lindley, Mia Sibley, Zara Man, Isabella Gibson	Beat (Q): North of Scotland, East of Scotland, Cheshire, Lancs. Beat (F): Kent, West of Scotland, Notts, Middlesex	National U12 Champions!
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U14 Boys	Kyle Brassington	Jack Batchelor, Joseph, Fletcher, Lleyton Scot, JB Pickard, Alexander Tikhonov	Beat (Q): Staffs, Bucks, Lost (Q): Sussex	
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U14 Girls	Georgina Jackson	Caitlin Ward, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Jayanne Palma, Jessica Dawson, Orla Cooper, Phoebe Suthers	Beat (Q): West of Scotland, Berks, Northumberland Beat (F): Hants and IOW, Sussex, Herts, Surrey in final	National U14 Champions!
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U18 Boys Division 2b	Jason Torpey	Joseph Newman-Billington, Matthew Clegg, Finn Murgett, Lewis Cox, Vishnu Pannikar, Ronan Sahni, Seth Hooker	Beat: Dorset Lost: Lincs, Suffolk	Runners up of Division 2b
Aegon Summer County Cup 2017 – U18 Girls, Division 1	Calvin Betton	Bronte Murgett, Sofie Woon, Megan Hopton, Zoe Judkowski, Victoria Lapthorne, Caitlin Ward, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Alice Thane	Lost: Middlesex, Herts, Surrey	Relegated to Group 2

RESULTS

County Cup

Summer County Cup, U12
Girls National Champions



Summer County Cup, U14 Girls National Champions



RESULTS

Yorkshire County Seniors

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Men's Over 35s Division 2a	Ben Gudzelak	Ben Gudzelak, Jason Torpey, Paul Ranson, Martin Calvert, Tom Sanders	Beat: Surrey, Berks, Leics	Promoted to Division 1
Men's Over 45s Division 1b	Andrew Hutchinson	Paul Ranson, Andrew Hutchinson, Richard Hutchinson, Steve Shipley, Dave Mangham, Gareth Hutchinson	Beat: Suffolk Lost: Bucks, Devon, Staffs Walkover: Berks	Remained in Division 1
Men's Over 55s Division 1a	David Brown	David Brown, Paul Layfield, Tim Taylor, Peter Vann, Dave Cole, Gareth Hutchinson	Wins: Devon, Herts, Durham, Oxford Loss: Lancs	Remained in Division 1
Men's Over 60s Division 2a	Steve Batte	Steve Batte, Myles Collett, Mike Breslin, Chris Day, Brian Barrowman, Andy Clipson	Beat: Northants, Somerset, Berks, Lost: Lancs, Bucks	Remained in Division 2A
Men's Over 65s Division 1b	Wilf Jessop	Wilf Jessop, Dave Whitelaw, Alan Cockman, Greg Pearson, Dave Allerton, John Andrews, Mike Butterworth	Lost: Sussex, Oxfordshire, Cheshire, Hants Beat: Essex	Relegated to Division 2
Men's Over 70s Division 1b	John Andrews	John Andrews, Ray Ranson, Keith Townson, Bob McIlvenny, Mike Glover	Beat: Herts, Suffolk Lost: Kent, Warks, Beds	Remained in Division 1
Ladies Over 35s Division 2b	Becky Lee	Helen Myles, Becky Lee, Louise Marshman, Natalie Gill. Reserve – Lou Lister	Beat: Herts, Lancs Lost: South Wales	Remained in Division 2a
Ladies Over 40s Division 2a	Becky Lee	Becky Lee, Gil Kilner, Louise Marshman, Catherine Baker, Jil Le Pla, Jo Wright	Beat: Warwicks, Norfolk, Kent. Essex withdrew and Dorset conceded	Champions of Division 2a & promoted to Division 1
Ladies Over 50s Division 1	Belinda Turnbull	Gill Brook, Karen Mitchell, Belinda Turnbull, Sally Bickerton, Wendy Stirke, Lou Lister and Cath Johnson.	Beat: Northumberland, Essex, Sussex, Hampshire & IOW, Avon	Champions of Division 1a with final against Division 1b in December 2017
Ladies Over 60s Division 2a	Janice Ashman	Rosie Connell, Susan Brass, Sue Graney, Christine Dalton, Margaret Bottomley and Janice Ashman	Beat: Lancs, Kent, Middlesex, Somerset & Avon Lost: South Wales	Champions of Division 2a & promoted to Division 1
Ladies Over 65s Division 1a	Rosemary Carter	Pauline Knight, Rosemary Carter, Sue Welch, Audrey Reed. Christine Place, Anne Titchmarch and Margaret French all played one match)	Beat: Essex, Derbyshire & Northumberland Lost: West of Scotland, Surrey	Remained in Division 1a
Ladies Over 70s Division 2b	Mary Durrans	Mary Durrans, Jackie McBurney, Margaret French, Nola Hughes, Margaret Berrington	Beat: Dorset, Bucks, Cheshire Lost: Warwicks	Finished runners up in Division 1a

RESULTS

Yorkshire County Seniors



Ladies Over 65s



Ladies Over 35s



Men's Over 35s

RESULTS

Matthew Tottey, Yorkshire Doubles League Organiser

The league progressed fairly smoothly with a special thanks to all the women captains who were excellent at uploading fixture results. The men were fairly good on the whole but a number of fixtures took a bit of chasing for results from many weeks previous.

Whilst the District Leagues are going from strength to strength, the Yorkshire men's leagues are finding it tougher going and a proposal has been made to reduce the number of pairs in the Yorkshire League men's teams from three to two. Consultation is ongoing as we write.

Therefore if any clubs have enough players they will be able to enter additional teams and it may also encourage new clubs to enter the Yorkshire league if they only have to commit four players to

matches rather than six. We hope this will see the numbers improve and build the league back up again towards its former number. Otherwise the fear is that the continual decline will result in the men being down to one league.

The women's will be kept at six players per team next year as their numbers have stayed constant and there was not as much interest expressed in four player teams. If the men's trial proves successful then this can be revisited in the future.

Yorkshire Doubles League 2017

Event	Winner	Runner up	Relegated
Men's Division 1	Doncaster A	Beverley	Huddersfield & Doncaster B
Men's Division 2	Cottingham	Thongsbridge	
Ladies Division 1	Huddersfield	Rawdon	Rawdon A & Doncaster
Ladies Division 2	David Lloyd Leeds	Roundhay	Heaton & Thirsk
Ladies Division 3	Wheatley Hills	Batley	

The Aegon British Tennis Awards 2016

Category	County Winner
Club	Fulwood Sheffield
Coach	Angela Crossley
Disability	Leeds Beckett University (for the second year in a row)
Volunteer	Peter Johnson (from Wetherby)
Education	King James School Knaresborough
Outstanding Achievement	John Illingworth (for services to Sandal Tennis Club)
Community & Young Volunteer	No nominations

Fulwood Tennis Club and Leeds Beckett University were Regional winners. Dave Kitchen received the Regional Competition of the Year award.

Yorkshire County Tennis Awards 2017

Yorkshire Tennis is pleased to confirm that its 'Best Performance' Award Winners are as follows:

Award	Category	Award winner
Headingley Trophy	Ladies Indoor Winter Tennis	Izzy Hearnshaw
Howden Trophy	Men's Winter Tennis	Luke Johnson
Harry Smedley Salver	Ladies County Week	Holly Horsfall
Bernard Austin Trophy	Men's County Week	Richard Crabtree
Mallen Trophy	Girls 18 & U	Sofie Woon
YLTA Trophy	Boys 18 & U	Seth Hooker
YLTA Trophy	Most Improved Player - Girls	Caitlin Ward
Brain Mitchell Trophy	Most Improved Player - Boys	Matt Clegg

Team Awards

Team	Achievement
Girls 12 and Under	National Champions
Girls 14 and Under	National Champions
Over 35s Men	Won promotion to division 1
Over 40s Ladies	Won promotion to division 1
Over 50s Ladies	Champions of division 1a (play off with 1B winners on Dec 3rd)
Over 60s Ladies	Won promotion to Division 1

County Colours

Category	County Winner
Men's Tennis	Clay Crawford
Ladies Tennis	Megan Hopton, Georgina Craven
Men's Seniors – Over 70s	Bob McIlvenny
Ladies Seniors – Over 65s	Christine Place, Margaret Bottomley
Boys 18 and Under	Joseph Newman-Billington, Matthew Clegg, Finn Murgett, Vishnu Panikkar
Girls 18 and Under	Zoe Judkowski, Bronte Murgett, Alice Thane, Victoria Lapthorne



**Ian Hargreaves,
Treasurer**

I can report another satisfactory financial year for the Association, with initiatives to use the Association's ample reserves for the benefit of member clubs beginning to bear fruit.

The balance sheet shows a balance at the end of the year of £661,501, a small increase over the year of £2,673.

£186,000 of the balance is out on loan to 17 clubs, an increase of £84,000 over the year, and a further £120,000 has been approved for additional loans to a further five clubs.

£254,000 of the balance is held in two-year Business Savings Bonds at two separate banks. These are due for repayment during the forthcoming year.

£216,000 is available to manage the day-to-day business.

Major items of income were:

Venue registration fees £73,000, with eight new venues registered. There were 164 registered venues in the County.

A welcome donation of £10,000 from Age Partnership to support our Junior County Cup teams. Sponsors' and patrons' membership fees and donations totalled £113,000 (an 8.6% increase on the previous year).

Bank interest of £4,500 from our two term deposits.

Key items of expenditure were:

The Yorkshire Tennis Fund and the new Advantage Yorkshire scheme made grants to 25 clubs totalling £74,000.

The initiative to refund 50% of registration fees to clubs with DBS-qualified Welfare Officers cost £8,600 to 27 clubs.

Net expenditure on competitions was £6,200.

Participation in County Cups cost £44,000 for 23 teams at ages from 9 to 70.

County training was extended and subsidised by £3,600.

A contribution of £15,000 was made to the Ilkley Outreach Programme.

The four part-time Administrators cost £17,000.

It is anticipated that financial assistance to clubs under the Advantage Yorkshire scheme will continue for at least a further two years.

Financial Statement

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2017

		2016-17	2015-16
	Income	£	£
CCCE	Venue Registrations	72784	68425
	TF Grants - Disability funding	4144	6260
Competitions	Aegon Team Tennis	2667	2747
	Road to Wimbledon	735	719
	County Championships - main event	5350	5254
	County Championships - masters event	660	432
	Yorkshire League	405	630
Performance	Age Partnership support - juniors U9-U14	10000	0
	County training	10596	5785
	County clothing	5395	1245
	Regional training	5841	1225
Initiative	Yorkshire Initiative membership fees	4500	3500
	Yorkshire Initiative donations	101550	93300
	Patrons membership fees	4540	5130
	Patrons donations	2485	2180
	Wimbledon ticket sales	72010	65852
	Wimbledon ticket handling fee	1000	1000
	Wimbledon Initiative lunches	5237	4138
Marketing	Annual Report advertisement	350	500
Finance	Bank interest	4450	1955
	Recovery of misappropriated funds	0	75211
Total income		314699	345488
	Expenditure		
CCCE	LTA Registration	200	167
	Yorkshire Tennis Fund	7600	1500
	Advantage Yorkshire - Registration rebates	8580	0
	Advantage Yorkshire - Club grants	66500	7500
	Coaching grants	991	870
	Loan written off	328	0
	Community	0	1355
	Education	2084	5536
Competitions	Aegon Team Tennis	4103	4036
	Road to Wimbledon	750	1275
	County Championships - main event	9322	7483
	County Championships - masters event	1478	1340
	Huddersfield Open Tournament	0	300
	League support	411	476
Performance	Junior U9 - U14	11484	8631
	Junior U16 - U18	5830	6177
	12 Counties Corby Championships	997	1044
	County Cups - adult	16992	14458
	County Cups - veteran	9393	11865
	County training	14205	5763
	County clothing	8531	1696
	Regional training	5776	1258
	Thongsbridge minibus	400	400

		2016-17	2015-16
	Expenditure (continued)	£	£
	Player support	1808	1545
	Tennis balls	326	0
Initiative	Yorkshire Initiative costs	6842	6496
	Wimbledon ticket purchases	72036	65522
	Wimbledon Initiative lunches	5237	4066
Marketing	Annual Report	1163	1033
	Awards evening	2646	1958
	Newsletter	1143	0
	Other programmes	1143	0
	Ilkley Outreach Programme	15000	15000
	Davis Cup Legacy tour	0	4410
Administration	Administrators	17080	18466
	Professional fees	500	2580
	Meeting costs	2419	2618
	Volunteer/Administrator expenses	6400	8655
	Office costs	1854	1773
Finance	Bank charges	473	461
Total expenditure		312026	217713
Total surplus income over expenditure		2673	127774

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2017			
		As at 30/9/17	As at 30/9/16
		£	£
Current Assets	Debtors	0	15
	VAT owed by HMRC	4388	3308
	Loans to clubs - outstanding	186200	102028
	Cash at banks:		
	Cambridge & Counties Bank, 2.0% to June 2018	101989	100000
	Hampshire Trust Bank, 1.65% to August 2018	152461	150000
	NatWest current account	28350	14841
	Paypal account	1669	11609
	Yorkshire Bank current account	235501	282759
		519971	559209
Total Current Assets		710560	664560
Current Liabilities	Creditors	2559	5733
	VAT owing to HMRC	0	0
	Approved grants on offer to clubs	46500	0
Total current Liabilities		49059	5733
Total Net Assets		661501	658827
Represented by:	Balance at start of year	658827	531053
	Surplus for the year	2673	127774
		661501	658827
Note: Approved future loans on offer to clubs £120000			

Registered Venues 2016-17

- Abbeydale Tennis Club Ltd
- Academy Harrogate Ltd
- Ackworth Tennis Club
- Adel Tennis Club
- Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club
- Alne Parish Leisure Association Tennis Club
- Alwoodley Tennis Club
- Ampleforth Tennis Club
- Appleton Roebuck Tennis Club
- Armley Tennis Club
- Austwick Tennis Club
- Bardsey Tennis Club
- Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club
- Batley ITI Tennis Club
- Beauchief Tennis Club
- Bedale Tennis Club
- Beeford Tennis Club
- Beverley & East Riding Lawn Tennis Club
- Bishopthorpe Tennis Club
- Boroughbridge Tennis Club
- Boston Spa School Tennis Club
- Boston Spa Tennis Club
- Bradfield Village Fellowship Tennis Club
- Bramhope Tennis Club
- Brentwood Lawn Tennis Club
- Bubwith Tennis Club
- Cawood Tennis Club
- Chapel Allerton Lawn Tennis and 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 Lawn Tennis Club
- Crosshills Tennis Club
- Cundall Manor Tennis Club
- Dacre Tennis Club
- Danby Tennis Club
- David Lloyd Hull
- David Lloyd Leeds
- David Lloyd York
- Denby Dale Tennis Club
- Doncaster Lawn Tennis Club
- Dore & Totley Tennis Club
- Dunnington Tennis Club
- Easingwold Lawn Tennis Club
- Ecclesall Lawn Tennis Club
- Eldwick Lawn Tennis Club
- Elland Tennis Club
- Escrick Tennis Club
- Eskdale School Tennis Club
- Fulford Tennis Club
- Fulwood Tennis Club
- Galtres Centre
- Goole Tennis Centre
- Graves Tennis Club
- Great Ayton Tennis Club
- Gregory Fields Tennis Club
- Grove Hill Otley Tennis Club
- Grove Lawn Tennis Club
- Hackness Tennis Club
- Hallam Grange Tennis Club
- Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club Limited
- Harlow Tennis Club
- Harrogate Racquets Club
- Harrogate Spa Tennis Centre
- Haxby Road Sports Park
- Heaton Tennis & Squash Club
- Hesse 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
- Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club
- John Charles Centre for Sport
- Kirkbymoorside Tennis Club
- Kirkstall Abbey Tennis Club
- Knaresborough King James's Tennis Club
- Leake Tennis Club
- Leeds Beckett University Tennis Club
- Leeds University Union Tennis Club
- Leyburn Tennis Club
- Linton Tennis Club
- Liversedge Tennis Club
- Longley Community Sports Club
- Lythe & Sandsend Tennis Club
- Malton Tennis, Bowls & Squash Club
- Market Weighton Tennis Club
- Marsden Tennis Club
- Marton-cum-Grafton Tennis Club
- Mashamshire Tennis Club
- Mexborough Athletic Tennis Club
- Mirfield Tennis Club
- Mytholmroyd St Michael's Church Tennis Club
- New Earswick Tennis Club
- Northallerton Tennis Club
- Nuffield Hull Tennis Academy
- Oakfield Tennis & Bowling Club Ltd
- Park Tennis Club
- Pelican Park TC
- Pocklington Tennis Club
- Pool-in-Wharfedale Lawn Tennis Club
- Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club
- Pudsey Lawn Tennis Club
- Queens Halifax Sports Club

- Raskelf Tennis Club
- Rastrick Private Tennis Club
- Ravenfield Tennis Club
- Rawdon Golf & Lawn Tennis Club
- Riccall Tennis Club
- Ripon Tennis Centre
- Rotherham Moorgate Lawn Tennis Club
- 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
- 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
- Sproatley Tennis Club
- St Chads (Leeds) Tennis Club
- St John Fisher Tennis Club
- Stamford Bridge Tennis Club
- Starbeck Tennis Club
- Stocksbridge Tennis Club

- Stokesley Tennis Club
- Strensall and Towthorpe Lawn Tennis Club
- Sutton-upon-Derwent Tennis Club
- Swanland Lawn Tennis Club
- Tadcaster Lawn Tennis Club
- Thirsk Tennis Club
- Thongsbridge Tennis Club
- Thorncliffe City Tennis Club
- Thorner Victory Hall Tennis Club
- Thornhill Tennis Club
- Todmorden Lawn Tennis Club
- Tollerton Tennis Club
- Undercliffe Lawn Tennis Club
- Wakefield Tennis Club
- Walton Tennis Club
- Wellholme Park Lawn Tennis Club
- West Tanfield Memorial Tennis Club
- Westfields Tennis Club
- Wetherby Castlegarth Lawn Tennis Club
- Wheatley Hills Tennis Club
- Wheldrake Tennis Club
- Whitby Tennis Club
- Whitkirk Lawn Tennis Club
- Wigginton Tennis Centre
- Wistow Tennis Club
- York Sport Tennis Centre
- York Tennis Club



Paul Jubb at Pelican Park, Hull East

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Graham Snowden, Jan Hornby (Co-opted in July 2017), Sue Stent (Co-opted in April 2017).
(Jan Hornby has been acting as a District Councillor for Hull and will seek election at the 2017 AGM).

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Yorkshire Tennis Initiative

What is it?

- A fund supported by corporated bodies and individual patron or life patrons by subscription fees and voluntary donation
- The fund is used to subsidise all Yorkshire Tennis activities, where necessary and not specific events, although this can be discussed if more favourable to the interested party
- The fund assists in development activities, performance, competition and the promotion of tennis throughout Yorkshire
- The fund helps to make the sport more accessible to a wider community and ultimately helps to raise standards

Why should corporate bodies and individuals support the Initiative?

- Supporters can be seen to be contributing to tennis activities in Yorkshire and local communities
- Supporters can use their contribution to Yorkshire Tennis activities in advertising, public relations, marketing and sales promotions
- Supporters can be associated with established events and/or development initiatives in their specific area of Yorkshire
- Supporters can enjoy a range of specific benefits following their association with Yorkshire Tennis, which includes the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Wimbledon Championships and other major events i.e. Queens, Fed and Davis Cup matches, County Championship and District Tournaments around the County

Details of the LTA's Membership scheme are available and can be forwarded upon request.

Proposed subscriptions for 2018:

1. Individual Patron Membership £45 per annum
2. Individual Life Patron Membership £450 per person
3. Corporate Initiative Membership £300 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 funds can be seen through our website

Further information from:

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Malcolm Huntington MBE

Tributes were paid to former York Press Sports Editor Malcolm Huntington MBE, who became an international and Wimbledon tennis umpire, at his funeral service on 10th May 2017, which celebrated “a life so well lived.”

Malcolm, who covered the fortunes of York City FC for the York Press newspaper for 45 years, was twice named Yorkshire Sports Writer of the Year and ultimately awarded the MBE for his service to local journalism.

Derek Boorman (YLTA patron and a friend for many years) told a number of stories of Malcolm’s involvement with tennis and how he became a top international tennis umpire. Malcolm recalled that he became an umpire by accident in 1959 when he played in the annual tournament at Ilkley Tennis Club.

Struggling to find officials for the tournament matches, the club introduced a rule that each competitor who lost would be expected to umpire one match. When it was his turn he became aware of a gentleman watching and after the match this gentleman told him that Great Britain were short of umpires. If he was interested in joining up, would he fill in a couple of forms?

And so he became a member of what is now known as the Association of British Tennis Officials (ABTO).

Within two years he found himself at the All England Club Wimbledon and in the years ahead he juggled his life as a top tennis umpire and his day job as chief sports writer for the York Press during which he oversaw six Wimbledon finals as well as officiating at the Olympic Games in 1984 and 1988 and countless Davis Cup ties.

He was chief umpire when tennis was first trialled at the 1984 Los Angeles Games and he officiated the Ladies Singles final won by Steffi Graf and also umpired the German’s first Wimbledon final victory four years later against Martina Navratilova.

He had infamous clashes with the most controversial player of the era John McEnroe. On one occasion, after being foot-faulted by Malcolm at Wimbledon, McEnroe said, “For a guy who can’t add two plus two you’re doing a wonderful job.” With typical good humour Malcolm later said, “He was right actually as Maths was my worse subject at school.”

Malcolm remained active as a journalist up until four years ago when his health started to deteriorate.

Our thoughts are with his widow Gina (Member of YLTA Ladies Team for many years in the 1980s) children Alex Jane and John and four grandchildren.

Geoff Durrans

It was with regret that we received the news that Geoff Durrans had died earlier in the year. Geoff had been a long standing member of Longley Tennis Club, now Longley Community Sports Club, Huddersfield. Between 1986 to 1999 he served as Club Secretary at the club and was responsible for them becoming affiliated to YLTA.

A former LTA Coach Examiner, he devoted much of his spare time to coaching and encouraging others to take up the sport. He was an active member of the Yorkshire Tennis Coaches Association and the British Tennis Coaches Association – Yorkshire, and a very valuable member of the committees. We are sure many people will remember him for his dedication to the sport and to coaching, and for helping them on their journey to become players.

Gordon Lancaster

It is sad to report that our sole surviving Life Vice President passed away peacefully on the 14th January 2017 at Martin House Hospice Leeds.

Gordon's contribution to Yorkshire and British Tennis was considerable over 50 years and recognised by many of the over 250 people who attended his funeral.

Having played Football, Rugby, Cricket, Squash and Badminton at club level, Gordon started playing tennis in 1947 when a friend asked him to accompany him to courts in the original St Cyprian's Vicarage Grounds as he was interested in a "girl".

From this visit at 16 years of age, tennis became Gordon's main sport and he played for Harehills Park in the Leeds Park's League until the club folded and he joined Templenewsam Tennis Club in 1955 (now Whitkirk Tennis Club). He played over 300 matches for them and served as a committee member for over 25 years during which he was President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a Vice President of the club for various periods of time.

Gordon played in many Yorkshire tournaments but Ilkley's annual event had a very fond place in Gordon's heart and he played over 200

matches in the tournament and only managed to reach the quarter finals but he recalled that it was the friendships created with people who regularly played at the event which made it most enjoyable. He visited the club in 2016 during the Aegon Challenger Ilkley event and marvelled at the changes within the club in recent times.

His contribution to Yorkshire Tennis commenced in 1985 when he was persuaded to become YLTA's auditor and in 1986 he took up the role of acting treasurer and a year later Treasurer until 1994 following which he became President Elect in 1995 and President in 1996 for three years and worked very hard during this period.

Whilst Treasurer he was an integral part of many sub-committees and this was recognised by the County when he was appointed an Honorary Life Vice President after he stepped down in 1999 as our President.

In 2002 the LTA rewarded Gordon for his work as a volunteer by presenting him with the LTA's Meritorious Award for his contribution to the game of tennis within the County and British Tennis. These awards are not given out lightly and Gordon was delighted with this well deserved recognition.

Condolences to the family were received through Yorkshire Tennis from Philip Brook, Chairman All England Lawn Tennis Club, and his

wife Gill, Geoffrey Newton, Chief Executive Officer Tennis Foundation, Michael Hann, ex-Chapel Allerton member and retired from AELTC and LTA Boards of Management, and finally John Crowther, Yorkshire Tennis Chairman, who first met Gordon when he was CEO of the LTA.

John said that Gordon represented the County with dignity and purpose and, although he had a commanding air about him, was always kind and considerate. Yorkshire Tennis thrived under his leadership and his contribution to the County will not be forgotten.

Gordon had many other interests outside tennis and other sports – St Cyprian with St James Church, a number of Choirs and Musical Show groups as well as consultant to members of a large pension scheme and, last but not least, he was a family man.

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Men's Winter County Cup

Team: Clay Crawford / Peter Ashley / Luke Johnson / Elliot Chang / Richard Crabtree / Paul Jubb / Andrew Atkinson / Josh Gledden

Day 1 vs Berkshire: Won 7-2

A fantastic win with many fine performances, to win the first 5 singles was incredible, the majority of chances the team made they took and really turned the group upside down with this win against the favourites to win the event.

Day 2 vs Essex: 4-5 Loss

Again terrific match, we were 3-3 after the singles, had good chances to maybe steal another rubber. The first double went our way, so a 4-3 lead, Essex won the next and unfortunately we were pipped 10-8 in the final set breaker to go down 5-4 which was tough, everyone fought hard and were so close.

Day 3 vs Lancashire

Well this would be a day of drama, there were many permutations, we could finish in any of four positions!!!

We started very well going into a 3-1 lead by this time the other matches were well on their way and it appeared if we won, we could be champions.

The next two matches went to Lancs making it 3-3. We took the first doubles with Gledden and Crabtree remaining

unbeaten over the 3 days, lost the second doubles, so it is now 4-4 and the group is such that if we win, Yorkshire are Champions; lose and we will be relegated having finished 3rd?

Sadly, it was the latter. The Yorkshire Men really gave it a go and certainly were not fancied at all but the team scrapped and created the chances...we had the most sets and games won percentage but literally a point here or there on the Saturday or Sunday would have won it!

After having the title snatched away from the team, they conducted themselves so well...in 30 plus years I have never seen so much anguish on a group of player's faces.

No Colours awarded

Best Performance:
Luke Johnson

now facing the stronger team of Essex. Although we were neck and neck in the singles, the doubles ran away from us and we were unable to convert a doubles rubber against some strong pairs.

27th Nov vs Warwickshire: 2-5 Loss

We were moved from the indoor courts and facilities into the fast paced indoor bubble today due to a water leak affecting the lighting in the centre and changing facilities. The result of promotion and group standings were determined close after our singles matches had been completed. We managed to stay secure in group 2 and would once again like to thank the team for all their hard fought efforts in keeping us in the group!

Ladies Winter County Cup

25th Nov vs South Wales: Won 9-0

A great achievement holding onto all nine rubbers from Yorkshire. South Wales weren't the strongest team by a long way, but never the less, not dropping a rubber is job well done.

26th Nov vs Essex: 3-6 Loss

Off the back of a relatively straight forward day, left us

Men's Summer County Cup

Squad: Peter Ashley / Clay Crawford / Elliot Chang / Josh Gledden / Paul Johnson / Jordan Reed Thomas / Andrew Atkinson / Joe Gill / Richard Crabtree

Day 1 vs South Wales Won 7-2

Fantastic win. All pairs played well so we were set up to challenge for promotion.

Day 2 vs Derbyshire Lost 2-7

Tough day, we created chances but to be fair Debys just played too well when it mattered.

Day 3 vs Cheshire Won 6-3

A seriously rain delayed match that has to be finished the following day, it was a hard fought win, Cheshire gave it a good go but great fight saw us get through @ 0.30 pm with the last rubber being won the following day.

Day 4 vs Cambridge lost 6-3

A very tough day, Joe Gill was ill overnight so out for the day. Clay Crawford came in for him and played an outstanding match with Andrew Atkinson to beat their firsts, so 2-1 up, but Elliot hurt his shoulder. In came Paul Johnson to play with Jordan Reed Thomas. We had chances, two rubbers lost in final set breakers were our downfall but again all the players fought but our chance of promotion had slipped with now only a mathematical chance.

Day 5 vs Hants Won 4-2

Event stopped due to bad weather and a result being achieved in the Group

The squad was stretched, injuries but dug in and we finished 3rd. So close once more, the positive is for this group of players is the spirit was excellent and created chances to be promoted, so as experience grows this group will compete and challenge for promotion next year.

Colours Clay Crawford / Joe Gill

Performer of the week:
Richard Crabtree

Ladies Winter County Cup 2016

Team: Kim Atkinson / Izzy Hearnshaw / Megan Hopton / Laura Oldham / Serena Nash / Bronte Murgett / Holly Horsfall / Olivia Noble / Molly Reed

Day 1 vs Essex: Won 6-3

Very good start to the week against Essex. We were determined to get off the starting blocks strong especially after playing them at winter too!

Day 2 vs Hampshire & IOW: 5-4 Loss

Tough day for us losing to Hants after the exhilaration of taking the win from Essex. Turning to short sets with the weather not on our side, we

had four matches go to the championship tie break, and after some strong starts in the matches, momentum shifted toward Hampshire and the conversion was tight.

Day 3 vs Buckinghamshire: 5-4 Loss

Another day, where we were up against the weather forecast! This match was closely fought battle, and it came down to the wire. The pairs battled as hard as they could, match points both ways and the result not falling in our favour in the end.

Day 4 vs Norfolk: Win 5-4

Starting the day in the sun, we came out of the blocks very well. With tables turning at any opportunity, we held on where we could and looked positive- taking it point by point and realising opportunities. Great to clinch a much needed win here as our standing in group two was uncertain now, with a varied selection of results from all teams- there was no given for promotion or relegation!

Day 5 vs Cheshire: Loss 5-4

Once again with rain looming, we needed to get started early and beat the weather. The result of the week's tennis for Yorkshire became clear were we certain to stay in group 2, so although another close match to finish the week off, we kept on with banking as many rubbers as we could, and held onto our spot in the group. Thank you team!

Under 9s

Captain: Jonny Mumby

Players: Boys – Louis Hull /

James Wilson / Zak Lloyd;

Girls – Rose O'Donovan-

McCann / Holly Hull / Ava

Moss

Northumberland 10 - 8 Yorkshire

Yorkshire started off their county cup against a strong Northumberland side, particularly on the girls side. The boys started off with two wins from Louis Hull and Zak Lloyd playing at seed one and three respectively. James Wilson lost a very close and hard-fought match at 2, losing 6-8, 7-4, 6-8. After the boys the girls then went on of which Holly Hull won comfortably 7-3, 7-5 at number two seed. Rose O'Donovan-McCann fought hard but lost eventually to a very strong number one player from Northumberland. Ava Moss lost in another very close singles match 4-7, 7-5, 6-8. It was a very spirited performance from Ava against a girl two ratings higher than her. After the singles the matches the score was level at 6-6 with the doubles to be played to decide. Louis Hull and James Wilson fought hard to win in the boys doubles whilst Ava Moss and Zak Lloyd put in a brave performance but only to eventually lose a 4-7 third set in the mixed doubles. The match came down to the girls doubles team of Rose O'Donovan-McCann and Holly



Hull which Yorkshire just came out the wrong side of, losing 7-9 in the third set.

Yorkshire 8 - 1 Durham and Cleveland

It would have been easy for the team to feel down following a very close loss to Northumberland. The message going into the second match was to put the Northumberland match behind them, settle the nerves and come out fighting for the match against Durham. That is what the team did. The boys came out strong again with wins for Louis and Zak. James was unfortunate once again losing a tight match 9-11, 3-7. The girls came back very strong in the singles with wins for all three. Rose, Holly and Ava putting the Northumberland game behind them and battling hard to win. With the match already wrapped up with 5 wins it would have been easy to relax in the doubles but the team were ruthless in winning all three doubles matches. Pairings of James Wilson and Zak Lloyd, Ava Moss and Rose O'Donovan McCann and Holly and Louis Hull.

Yorkshire 9 - 0 Cumbria

It was important that Yorkshire kept the energy and focus high in the final match and not get complacent against a weaker Cumbria side. The message was to raise the energy levels and keep up the continued support of each other. The boys came out and were off very quickly with three wins for Louis, James and Zak in straight sets. This was followed by more wins by the girl trio of Rose, Holly and Ava. It was great to see all the players raising the energy levels after already playing quite a lot of tennis. The Yorkshire team finished on a high with some great doubles in the final matches especially from Louis and Zak who worked well as a team with Louis being solid from the baseline and Zak causing problems in and around the net. A great positive team attitude could be seen from scanning across all three doubles matches.

All in all, it was a great day for the Yorkshire team. Unfortunately, the narrow loss to Northumberland in their first match decided the day but

Under 10 Boys

Captain: Tom Davies

Team: Joe Mazingham (Hull), Harry Abel (Ilkley), George Burgin (Ilkley), Tommy Vale (Thongsbridge)

2017 was a great year for the U10 boys team, with a great bunch of lads all pulling together for the County. The Qualifying event saw the boys defeat Lancashire, Cheshire, North of Scotland and East of Scotland, to take them through to the National Finals in Sunderland. In the finals, once again all the boys contributed greatly, with only a defeat against Hertfordshire meaning the team just missed out on a place in the final. However a win against Middlesex on the last day secured a third place Bronze Medal finish for the team!



Under 10 Girls

Captain: Georgina Jackson

Team: Daniela Piani / Sarah Copley / Cheyenne Fee / Lilly Cliff

This county cup was a great experience for the players. They were met with some challenging conditions including squally showers, thunder and lightning! The first three matches of the weekend were against Cheshire, North of Scotland and West of Scotland,



and the team were very efficient winning these fixtures with ease with some great doubles and some tactical singles play learning to use the wind to their advantage. The toughest match was always going to be against enemies Lancashire and this

proved to be the case! Lilly put in a stunning performance at number 3 beating Abigail Belibi in a match tiebreak working incredibly hard for every point and having a great workmanlike attitude coping with some loud and often distracting support from the

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opposing teams spectators! Sarah was ruthless against Hima Fernando and gave very little away winning comfortably. Daniela had a tough game to play v Jadesola but we were 2-1 up going into the doubles. Sarah and Daniela played well but lost in 2 sets forcing a shoot out. The same pairing played each other again in a match tiebreak and we narrowly lost but the attitude of all four players was remarkable all weekend and you could see how much playing for the county meant to them – a credit to Yorkshire Tennis - well done girls!

Lancashire were eventually crowned National Champions at the finals and we had given them their toughest match – it was just a pity we were drawn in the same group as them!

Under 12 Boys

The boys U12 team 2017 for the Summer county cup comprised of Alex Tikhonov (Nuffield Hull/Thongsbridge), Sam Loughton (Nuffield Hull), Scott Hillerby (David Lloyd Leeds) and Joe Conaghan (David Lloyd Leeds). Our qualifying event was held at Widnes, and we were placed in a tough group with North of Scotland, East of Scotland and local rivals Lancashire and Cheshire. With each fixture being made up of 3 singles and 1 doubles, and with only the



winners reaching the finals the margins were very small! After beating East of Scotland 4-0, the other 3 remaining fixtures were all very close, with each of the boys contributing big wins to ensure we won all said fixtures 3-1, booking our spot at the finals at Bolton.

A fortnight later, the team congregated at Bolton for the finals. The 8 teams were placed in 2 boxes of four, with 1st from each group eventually playing 1st, 2nd playing 2nd etc. Our first match placed us against 2nd seeds Avon. An impressive performance from Alex almost resulted in a big win at 1, eventually being pipped in a 3rd set tie break, Sam and Joe both played well against strong opponents narrowly losing in two sets, and to sum up 'one of those days' Alex and Sam narrowly lost a 3rd set tie break in the doubles, so despite having performed well, we had lost 4-0, and our chances of reaching the final were now slim. Never the less, the boys were back at it the next day

against Essex and West of Scotland.

Good wins for Alex and Scott against Essex ensured the match was drawn 2-2, in this scenario 1 tie break to 10 is played to decide the match. Sam and Alex rose to the occasion to claim a convincing 10-6 victory. Unbelievably the match against Scotland also finished 2-2, with Alex and Joe getting the wins, once again though Sam and Alex cleaned up in the deciding tie break 10-4, meaning we had finished 2nd in our group, and the next day would play off for 3rd place against Lincolnshire! Solid performances from Alex and Scott put us 2-1 up, and the reliable doubles team of Sam and Alex got the job done in 2 sets, clinching the bronze medals for the boys!

Overall, finishing third in the country was a fantastic achievement from the boys, whose behaviour, attitude and overall tennis level was a credit to themselves throughout the whole event!

Under 12 Girls

Captain: Carrie Wagstaff

Team: Millie Skelton / Gabriella Lindley, Mia Sibley / Zara Man, Isabella Gibson

Qualifying at Holcombe Brook Tennis Club, 1st & 2nd July 2017; Finals at Bolton Arena, 14th, 15th, 16th July 2017

The girls had a great qualifying weekend in Bury, beating the north of Scotland, East of Scotland and Cheshire all 4-0. They then finished the weekend with a great win against a strong Lancashire team 4-1, which saw some great doubles being played despite a big Lancashire crowd being very loud and off putting throughout.

The finals in Bolton were always going to be tough, we were losing Gabriella after the first day due to a prior holiday booking but had Isabella Gibson there as a reserve. The girls had a tough first day beating Kent 3-1 who put up a strong fight in every match. Gabriella did herself proud winning both her singles and doubles in this match before she had to leave.

The second day saw a long day on the court, firstly the girls beat the West of Scotland 4-0. Millie, Mia and Zara all played great tennis in their singles and won them comfortable. Finishing with Mia and Zara playing some great doubles, showing great teamwork and communication throughout.



Our second match of the day was not so stress free against Nottinghamshire, we ended up going 2-2 due to some very intense singles matches were the girls had some tough competition including questionable line calls throughout from the opposition. All the girls handled this situation very professionally and represented Yorkshire very well in doing so. The tie break shootout was won by Millie and Mia who kept the nerves at bay and won 12-10. I however nearly had a heart attack courtside but the girls thought I was very calm so thankfully I hid it well.

The final day saw a solid win against a slightly weaker Middlesex 3-1 due to some of their players having to leave to check into a Tennis Europe Event. The girls still had some work to do as Millie and Zara won their singles and unfortunately Mia lost hers leaving it all to play for in the doubles. Millie and Mia once again had the pressure of the

win on their shoulders and played some fantastic doubles to close it out.

The girls won and became U12 National Champions!!

Across the whole weekend the girls did the county proud. They bonded as a team and fought hard on the court. I'd like to mention Isabella Gibson, she had come to the finals knowing she would only get a match in the case of an injury and therefore did not play at all in the whole three days. She dealt with this very well and was a massive support to the girls during their matches including cheering when the girls needed it. It was a great experience for her and fingers crossed if she plays next year for the county, she will be more confident having been a part of the team this year.

Under 14 Boys

Captain: Kyle Brassington

Team: Jack Batchelor / Joseph Fletcher / Lleyton Scott / JB Pickard / Alexander Tikhonov

Saturday 29/4/17 vs Staffordshire

The boys started confidently against a young Staffordshire team. JB and Lleyton got Yorkshire underway with solid performances at 3 and 4. This was JB's first ever county cup. He showed real spirit and fight to come from a break down in the second set to take the victory in the second set tiebreak. Jack and Joe polished off their opponents only losing one game between them meaning we were in a commanding 4-0 lead. Jack and Joe partnered up and demolished their opponents 6-0 6-1. Alex replaced JB in the doubles and paired up with Lleyton. Alex being the youngest in the group showed real maturity and helped the team to a 6-0 win. A great start to the weekend.

Saturday & Sunday 29-30/4/17 vs Buckinghamshire

After a convincing victory against Staffordshire in the opening match we started with doubles against Bucks straight after our first-round matches. There was only one change to the doubles team with JB playing instead of Lleyton after his strong singles display. JB partnered Alex with Jack and Joe forming the

No1 team. Bucks were a much stronger team than we had faced in the morning so the boys had to start strong. Two tight wins meant we went into tomorrow's singles matches 2-0 up. After a night's sleep, a good breakfast and a solid warm up Alex and Lleyton got us underway in the 3RD and 4th singles. Some very good tennis and some excellent support from the boys helped us into a 4-0 lead meaning we had secured victory before Jack and Joe had played. Our No1 and No2 went on court and although they put in a good shift came out second best. Spirits were still high as we had won 4-2 and we were in good form going into tomorrow's decider.

Sunday 01/05/17 v Sussex

The boys knew we had to perform well today against a very strong and experienced Sussex team. Alex at 4 and JB a 3 got the team underway. Both played well but came undone against strong opposition. It was then the turn of our number 1 and 2, Jack and Joe. Jack struggled to find his form losing to a strong GBR top 10 player while Joe kept Yorkshire in it with a 6-4 6-2 victory.

Needing both doubles wins to take the match to a tie-break shoot-out Joe and Alex paired up alongside JB and Lleyton. Both teams started excellently winning their first sets. It was looking like time for a shoot-out! Sussex, however, had different plans. They fought back hard and took both matches into a deciding

10-point tiebreak. The boys dug deep but couldn't quite get over the finishing line losing both matches in close deciding sets. A tough way to end the weekend after some excellent performances.

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

Under 14 Girls

Captain: Georgina Jackson

Team: Caitlin Ward / Savannah Dada-Mascoll / Jayanne Palma / Jessica Dawson / Orla Cooper / Phoebe Suthers

Qualifying at Lincoln (29th April - 1st May 2017); Finals = Nottingham (12th - 14th May 2017)

The girls headed to Lincoln full of confidence and were rarely troubled all weekend, not even losing a set beating West of Scotland, Berkshire and Northumberland 6 rubbers to 0. It was good to experiment with some doubles partnerships and to prepare for the finals.

The finals in Nottingham were going to be a far tougher prospect and we were seeded 1 so knew we had to live up to our expectations. Our first match was v Hampshire and Isle of Wight and due to bad weather we were restricted

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to short sets. However we worked hard and won 2 of the 6 matches in 3 sets to win 6 rubbers to 0 so a great start!

Our next match was v Sussex and this proved tougher. Caitlin and Savannah both lost in 3 sets and we took 1 doubles rubber each. However we had planned tactically ahead and knew in the shoot out that we could then pair our strongest partnership back together as we had to take 1 player from each pairing and convincingly won the match tiebreak.

Our final group match was v Hertfordshire. Caitlin lost her match in 3 sets but Jayanne, Jess and Savannah all won so meaning we required just 1 doubles rubber to win. Jess and Jayanne won this match convincingly meaning we were through to the final!

In the final we were up against Surrey. We went 3-1 up after the singles thanks to great performances by Caitlin and Savannah. Jess also got a good win against tactically a very awkward opponent, so we needed just 1 doubles match to win – in the end we won both

and so the girls were crowned national champions 2017! Well done, this was a great achievement – the team stayed strong under pressure and met all expectations!!!

Under 18 Boys

**Division 2B - 24th-26th
February- Gosling Sports Park**

Captain: Jason Torpey

**Team: Joseph Newman-
Billington, Matthew Clegg, Finn
Murgett, Lewis Cox, Vishnu
Pannikar, Seth Hooker, Ronan
Sahni**

Friday 24th Feb v Lincolnshire

The boys were looking to make a strong start to the event and gain promotion back to division 1 at the first attempt, and on paper it looked like it was going to be a tight group where any team could go up but also, any team could be relegated. Lincolnshire had a strong number 1&2 so it was going to be key to try and get off to a strong start lower down

the order. Seth Hooker, with a late call up after performing so well at the Thongsbridge event the week before, continued his good form by comfortably dispatching the Lincolnshire number 6, and showed no signs of nerves on his Yorkshire debut. From early on in proceedings you felt as though Vishnu's match at number 5 could be the crucial match of the tie, and although he had chances, unfortunately he couldn't quite get over the line, going down in three sets.

Lewis and Finn then got things back on track winning comfortably to put Yorkshire 3-1 up but as expected the Lincolnshire 1&2 proved just a little too strong and experienced for Matt and Joe, so after the singles the tie was evenly poised at 3 all. Lewis and Seth then stopped the rot by winning comfortably at 3rd pair doubles to put us 4-3 up with two doubles matches to play. Knowing they needed to win both matches Lincolnshire split their number 1&2, and this extra bit of quality and experience proved the difference, as despite some great fighting qualities, Lincolnshire won the remaining 2 matches to secure a 5-4 win.

**Saturday 25th Feb v
Suffolk**

Looking to bounce back from yesterday's disappointment, we freshened things up lower down the order by bringing Ronan in for Vish at 5, and although Seth kept his good form going to win at 6, Ronan's opponent was just too strong for him, so again we were

1-1 after the first round of matches. Unfortunately from there, despite a good first set from Matt at number 2 singles, we lost the next 4 matches to put us 5-1 down after the singles matches. Some strong and honest words were said by the captain before the doubles matches, as the team knew they hadn't shown the Yorkshire grit that is normally a given within a Yorkshire team. I'm pleased to say the team responded by "winning" the doubles 2-1 so that we finished the match 6-3. Although it was a second straight loss, hopefully we gained some good momentum to take into the final day relegation battle!

Sunday 26th Feb v Dorset

The team knew the importance of today, and we're certainly up for the fight. After winning his first 4 matches, Seth just fell short in his 5th but Vish showed all of the fighting qualities needed at this stage of things to come through his singles in 2 tie break sets. Lewis unfortunately lost at 4 but Finn put us back level with a convincing win at 3 against a good opponent and Matt kept things going with a very professional performance at 2. Joe as usual gave it his all, and had chances to take it into a 3rd set in his singles but after the singles matches we were again level at 3 matches each. With Suffolk beating Lincolnshire, it was now possible that any of us, Dorset and Lincolnshire could go down, so again the team had a good team talk and got themselves ready for one final

effort. On paper it looked like we were going to win at 2nd pair and potentially struggle at 1st pair which meant that the first doubles match of Lewis and Seth could be the match that kept us up.

Seth was going for 5 out of 6 wins on debut and Lewis was playing his last county match before moving out of the age group, so you could tell the boys wanted to make sure they finished on a high. The match turned into an epic- and had indeed been going on for so long that Matt and Finn actually finished their match at 2nd pair with a very good display winning comfortably to put us into a 4-3 lead in the tie- so Lewis and Seth knew that if they won we would be save. Having said that, if they lost it would need an incredible effort from Joe and Vish to beat Dorset's first pair so there was a lot riding on this doubles!

The boys saved two match points in the 2nd set and then almost squandered a 9-4 lead in the 3rd set tie break before a thunderous forehand return winner from man of the weekend Seth Hooker won us the match 10-8 and with it safety. In the end, we didn't need to worry, as even if we had lost that one Joe and Vish won at 1st pair meaning we'd taken all 3 doubles to win the tie 6-3 and actually take the runners up spot in the group!

It was a great end to the weekend, and was fantastic to have won 5 out of the last 6 doubles matches, and who knows what might have been had we gotten the win on the

first day! Well done to all the team, and with pretty much the same team available for next year with some others to come in and strengthen, I really believe we can get back up to division 1 where Yorkshire belong!

Player of the weekend: Seth Hooker

Under 18 Girls

Division 1 – Bath

Squad: Bronte Murgett / Sofie Woon / Megan Hopton / Victoria Lapthorne / Zoe Judkowski / Caitlin Ward / Savannah Dada-Mascoll / Alice Thane.

The girls headed to Bath knowing we were in for a tough contest, taking into account the international experience of the other three teams and also aware that we had a young squad, with only Sofie unable to play after this year. We were however determined to give it a go!

Day 1 – Yorkshire v Middlesex

Debuts were given to Caitlin and Savannah at 5 and 6, and they kicked off proceedings. Caitlin came across an opponent in form and went down 6-2, 6-1. Savannah, aged just 13, played against a girl aged 18 and with plenty of ITF international experience. Sav put in an amazing battling effort, just running out of steam at the end in her first ever full 3 set match, going

down 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. Victoria lost at number 4, Sofie then put in an excellent battling performance despite not playing great, coming from a set and a break down to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, at number three.

Megan playing at number 2, played some excellent tennis to get to serve for the match at 5-3 up in the third, eventually coming up short losing 7-3 in the third. Bronte at number one came up against a player in serious form, gave her a rough ride but eventually fell short 7-5, 6-3. This left us 5-1 down after the singles. Zoe and Alice teamed up to get a good win at third pair, playing some lovely doubles. Sofie and Victoria teamed up at second pair to continue their excellent doubles form, and winning in straight sets. Megan and Bronte paired up at first pair, played a very tight match, eventually going down 6-7, 7-5, 10-7.

A very close affair in the end, and if a couple of points could have been swung the other way in Megan's singles and Bronte and Megan's doubles, we could easily have had a 5-4 win as oppose to a 6-3 defeat. The girls gave everything they had, though.

Day 2 – Yorkshire v Hertfordshire

With Sav feeling slightly off colour and Caitlin having beaten their number 6 previously, we made the decision to bring Zoe in for singles on Day 2, pushing Caitlin down to 6. Caitlin proved this a solid decision by

kicking things off at number 6 and getting a win, 6-2 in the third. Things were looking excellent at this stage as Zoe was already 6-1 up at number 5, but couldn't maintain that form and eventually lost 6-3 in the third. 1-1 after the first two singles. Vic then lost in three sets at number 4 and Sof went down in the match of the weekend 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. 3-1 down after four singles matches. Megan and Bronte then leveled things up by both winning in straight sets at 1 and 2. 3-3 after singles with all to play for. As always, Sof and Vic came good with some sensational doubles play to win in straights and put us 4-3 up. Zoe and Alice couldn't quite bring their form from the previous day and went down in straight sets. 4-4 with the last doubles to play. Megan and Bronte struggled to find their rhythm though and lost the decider. A devastating 5-4 loss, in which we lost three very close three setters.

Day 3 – Yorkshire v Surrey

We knew this would be tough, against a Surrey team with two players ranked inside the top 100 in the world and full of national champions and British Tour winners. Sav and Caitlin kicked us off at 5 and 6, both playing older, experienced girls, doing themselves very proud but both marginally falling short and going down both 6-4 in the third sets. Tough to take after almost 3 hours of tennis. Vic lost at 4 so we were 3-0 down and things weren't looking great. Sof went on at 4 against Gemma Heath, who

she had beaten in a thriller two years ago at this same stage. Heath was current national champion and ranked 85 in the world junior, she took the first set 6-4. Sof then fired back to take the second set 6-0, and immediately take a 2-0 lead in the third.

Her opponent rather strangely then retired, but immediately made herself available for the doubles. Megan then put in an outstanding performance of skill and heart, taking down their number 2, winning 7-6 in the third, to make it 2-3 in rubbers. Bronte had a tough task on her hands, eventually going down in straight sets to Jodie Burrage, currently the world's number 22 ranked junior. 2-4 after the singles with still a sliver of hope. Because they had formed such a strong bond over the weekend I decided to pair Sof with Savannah at third pair, and they put in a brilliant doubles display to get the win. Zoe and Alice though couldn't find the required form and went down at second pair. This gave Surrey an unassailable 5-3 lead so the last rubber was not played.

Overall a disappointing weekend, losing out by such small margins each day. Our three set record eventually let us down. If we could have won 3 or 4 of those close matches that went the distance, that we lost, we could have won the whole thing, rather than coming 4th. The experience was great for the younger girls though, who will benefit from it for years to come.

Men's County Seniors

We competed in six age groups again this year using 33 different players (34 last year, 32 in 2015 and 28 in 2014). Congratulations go to the 35s team, led by Ben Gudzelak, who gained promotion to Division 1 for next year and the 55s who came a close 2nd, again, in Division 1. Commiserations go to the 65s team who were badly weakened with key injuries and have been relegated to Division 2. Saturday & Sunday 29-30/4/17 vs Buckinghamshire.

Over 35s, Div 2

Captain: Ben Gudzelak

Team: Ben Gudzelak / Jason Torpey / Paul Ranson / Martin Calvert / Tom Sanders

We played against Surrey on Friday in very tough blustery conditions. Jason Torpey debuted for the men's over 35s at #2 singles, he lost the 1st set 6-1 but turned the match around, won the 2nd set and took the match tie-break comfortably. Tom Sanders and Martin Calvert won their debut match for the Yorkshire over 35s and for Tom it was his debut for any Yorkshire team, to clinch the tie. I played #1 singles and won 6-2, 7-5 (from 5-3 down in the 2nd set) to seal a 3-0 win.

On Saturday we played Berkshire. I changed the team around and put Martin Calvert at No.2 singles. He won 6-3, 6-0. Paul Ranson played with

Jason Torpey. They got off to a slow start and dropped their 1st service game. That proved decisive in the 1st set and they lost it 6-4. In the 2nd set they gelled and won it 6-1, and then took the match tie-break 10-8 to clinch the tie. I played at #1 singles and won 6-3, 6-2 to seal another 3-0 win.

We had a late start on the Sunday and needed just 1 rubber to guarantee promotion against Leicestershire. Jason played at #2 singles again and won 6-1, 6-2 to gain promotion to Division 1. Tom Sanders and Paul Ranson teamed up and won 6-1, 7-6 and I played #1 singles and won 6-4, 6-4 for another 3-0 win without dropping a set this time!

We had the biggest support, was most vocal around the whole venue, had matching outfits that looked quite smart, and did the job on the courts. A real team effort with everyone contributing on and off court. 3 making their debuts and Tom representing Yorkshire for the 1st time.

Over 45s, Div 1b

Captain: Andrew Hutchinson

Team: Paul Ranson / Andrew Hutchinson / Richard Hutchinson / Steve Shipley / Dave Mangham / Gareth Hutchinson

The season started off well with a good solid 4-1 win against Suffolk. However, the

omens were there when David came off court with a groin injury that never recovered through the season. Buckinghamshire and Devon were at full strength for the only time in the year against us and we narrowly lost both these matches.

Richard and Paul were both injured in the match against Staffordshire and again lost 3-2. Fortunately Berkshire gave us a walkover in the last match of the season and therefore we managed to stay in Div1 by the skin of our teeth.

This was an unlucky year for our team, and we feel that with a few more players coming into the age group next year, we have a good chance of doing well in the league, injuries willing.

Over 55s, Div 1a

Captain: David Brown

Team: David Brown / Paul Layfield / Tim Taylor / Peter Vann / Dave Cole / Gareth Hutchinson

With a much more settled team this year, with a lack of injuries and good availability, only six players were used compared to nine last year. The team welcomed Paul Layfield from David Lloyd Hull in his 1st year in the age group and completed a 100% win record in all his singles matches and also formed an impressive partnership with Peter Vann

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from Huddersfield in the 2nd round doubles matches. Gareth Hutchinson from Ilkley, also new to the age group, formed a very solid doubles pairing with Dave Cole (Doncaster), both players featuring in all 5 matches. Thanks go to squad members Paul Blackett and Czes Wegrzynski who were not called on this year but remained on standby and played their part in pre-season practise sessions. David Brown steps down as captain as he moves up to the 60's next year and we wish new captain, Paul Layfield, every success in 2018

Over 60s, Div 2a

Captain: Steve Batte

Team: Steve Batte / Myles Collett / Mike Breslin / Christopher Day / Brian Barrowman / Andy Clipson

The men's 60s team had a fairly settled squad this year with nobody coming up from the 55s and no one moving to the 65s. This gave a squad of six players with ratings ranging from 4.2 to 8.1. Following the relegation in 2016 the focus was firmly on gaining promotion back to the first division. We started the season with a home tie against Northamptonshire which we won comfortably. The second home tie was against a very strong Lancashire team who have dominated the league this year, and resulted in a 1-4 loss. The next three fixtures

were all away and started with a trip to Somerset which resulted in a comfortable win. This left three teams all competing for the runners up slot and promotion to Division one. We travelled to Windsor to take on Berkshire and some tremendous performances in the singles and doubles rubbers gave Yorkshire a 3-2 win. The final and deciding fixture was at Buckinghamshire and both teams were aware that the winners were promoted. Unfortunately, Buckinghamshire proved just too strong and won the tie 3-2 to gain promotion on a count up of rubbers. These results confirmed that we would stay in division two for the 2018 season. The tennis in division two was of a higher standard than previous years and every match was contested through to the final rubbers, some being decided by championship tiebreaks. The squad will continue to play together at the South Leeds Centre through the winter and new players are encouraged to attend.

Over 65s, Div 1b

Captain: Wilf Jessop

Team: Wilf Jessop / Dave Whitelaw / Alan Cockman / Greg Pearson / Dave Allerton / John Andrews / Mike Butterworth

The first three matches against Sussex, Oxfordshire and Cheshire all came in the space

of a week in which one of our key singles players, Dave Whitelaw, was unavailable through injury. All 3 matches were lost, with only a couple of rubbers to show for our efforts. Dave returned for our long trip to Hampshire, but a 1-4 defeat only served to confirm the team's fate. Ironically, the season actually finished on a high note with a 3-2 defeat of already-safe Essex. One highlight of the season was Alan Cockman's return to the team after his ankle operation. The player stats show that Alan was our top rubber scorer with his four doubles wins. Finally, thanks to all the players who have turned out in what proved to be a difficult season for the team.

Over 70s, Div 1b

Captain: John Andrews

Team: John Andrews / Ray Ranson / Keith Townsend / Bob McIlvenny / Mike Glover

This year we used only five players and not six as in 2016 but finished 4th once again, this time with fifteen rubbers won compared with ten, not so close a call as last year. We played Herts and Kent (again!) away on consecutive days with only four players for the Canterbury match, maybe a little risky at our age but the earlier Herts match had in fact g'teed our survival; if we'd lost that we were doomed. Having lost 5-0 to Kent away last

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year the team was rejigged providing a strong doubles pair, the 3-2 loss I consider a very satisfactory outcome against a team who look like coming second in the group. Wins of 5-0 and 4-1 were good but the three losses of only 3-2 were of equal significance

My thanks to Ray Ranson, Keith Townson, and Bob McIlvenny (all matches), and Mike Glover (four matches). Thanks to Ray and Bob for being the 'sacrificial lambs' in Canterbury, and to the latter, a reserve in 2016, congratulations on a 6-0, 6-0 doubles win in his first year actually playing.

Bob McIlvenny I recommend for County colours, reserve all last year and played all matches in 2017.



Over 35s, Div 2a

Captain: Becky Lee

Team: Helen Myles / Becky Lee / Louise Marshman / Natalie Gill / reserve Lou Lister

The team finished 2nd in Division 2a and will remain in the same division for next year. The singles players were Helen Myles and Becky Lee and Louise Marshman and Natalie Gill played the doubles.

Yorkshire got off to a great start on the Friday beating Hertfordshire 2-1. Wins coming from Becky's singles and Lou and Natalie's doubles. The doubles pair were match point down in the deciding match tie-break, but went on to win it 12-10.

Then it was the war of the roses clash with Lancashire on the Saturday, where once again the team fought hard to win 2-1. Another singles win for Becky and another match tie break 3rd set win in the

doubles for Lou and Natalie meant there was a chance of promotion to Division 1 going into the final day. However South Wales proved too strong, and despite a valiant effort from all the team we ended up losing 2-1.

Overall a very satisfying campaign finishing runners up in a very strong division. A special mention to Helen who played at number 1 singles and played very strong opponents but gave her best.

Over 40s, Div 1b

Captain: Becky Lee

Team: Becky Lee / Gil Kilner / Jo Wright / Louise Marshman / Catherine Baker / Jil Le Pla

The team finished Champions of Division 2a and were promoted back to Division 1.

Convincing 10-0 wins against all teams saw the team go back to where they belong. Warwickshire, Norfolk and

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Kent were blown away by the Yorkshire Ladies and with Essex withdrawing and Dorset conceding, the players will be looking forward to stronger competition next year.

A special mention to Jil le Pla who played her first county match away at Bromley Kent. Playing number 2 in the singles, Jil went a set down to come back and win the 2nd set and a deciding 3rd set tie break 10-7, awesome effort.

Over 50s, Div 1a

Captain: Belinda Turnbull

Team: Gill Brook / Karen Mitchell / Belinda Turnbull / Sally Bickerton / Wendy Stirke / Lou Lister / Cath Johnson

Champions of Division 1a and a play off with the winners of Division 1b to be played in December. Wins against Avon 10-0 Northumberland 10-0 Essex 8-2 Sussex 8-2 and Hampshire and the Isle of White 8-2 means the Yorkshire Ladies have had a great season. Fingers are crossed for a play off win!!

Over 60s, Div 2a

Captain: Janice Ashman

Team: Rosie Connell / Susan Brass / Sue Graney / Christine Dalton / Margaret Bottomley / Janice Ashman

Finished Champions of Division

2a and promoted to Division 1. Yorkshire Women's 60s team were in the second division this year, having gained promotion last year. Despite being beset by injuries ruling out some players, the team had a fantastic season winning four of the five matches and winning the league. Even the defeat against South Wales (1-3) was very close, with the three lost rubbers being lost on match tie breaks.

Elsewhere there were some very good results, the most notable being the home win against Lancashire (4-0) and the away win against Kent which was also 4-0. The other wins were against Middlesex and Somerset and Avon.

Susan Brass and Sue Graney played exceptionally well this year, playing in all the matches and losing only one rubber against South Wales. So very well done to them. All players had an excellent attitude and there was a really good team spirit. This was clearly a good season. However, we know life will be much tougher next year in division 1 when we have to play singles.

Over 65s, Div 2a

Captain: Rosemary Carter

Team: Pauline Knight / Rosemary Carter / Sue Welch / Audrey Reed

We had an enjoyable season even though we lost to West of Scotland and Surrey. We

beat the other three Counties in our division. The team members were Pauline Knight, Rosemary Carter, Sue Welch and Audrey Reed. We were helped out by Christine Place, Anne Titchmarsh and Margaret French who played one match each.

Over 70s, Div 1a

Captain: Mary Durrans

Team: Pauline Knight / Rosemary Carter / Sue Welch / Audrey Reed

Finished Runners Up in Division 1a. Three teams were tied on 6 points but we narrowly lost out to Cheshire on sets and games (%). This year again I have had great support from Jackie McBurney, Margaret French, Nola Hughes and Margaret Berrington. We travelled to Devon and drew 4-4 but won on sets. Then to Warwickshire and drew 4-4 again this time losing on sets. We had home matches against Buckinghamshire which we won 8-0 and another 4-4 draw against Cheshire but winning on sets again. A very tight season which could have gone either way Thank you to everyone

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