

CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

At Craven District Council we're very supportive of community sports, and the plans to expand Skipton Tennis Club are great news for the whole of the district.

The club has now been granted planning permission for the extension at Sandylands, which, as you probably know, will provide four new indoor tennis courts, including facilities for gymnastics and netball. We'll continue to work closely with the club to help find ways of implementing and funding this ambitious project.

As a council we also have exciting plans for the future and these tie in closely to the Sandylands site. Our £5 million Skipton Employment and Housing Growth project includes upgrading Engine Shed Lane and Ings Lane, reducing flood risk in the area, and connecting Ings Lane to the bypass. We'll also be improving pedestrian routes from Skipton Railway Station to key destinations, and supporting the redevelopment of the area around the station.

We're also currently undergoing a

major refurbishment of Skipton Town Hall, transforming the historic building into a cultural hub for the whole of Craven. You may have noticed the work going on by the canal - we're renovating the towpaths and landscapes around the town centre waterfront. We've also worked with the Canal & River Trust on a scheme now underway to improve the towpaths all the way through the district. In the last few years we have started developing our own affordable housing schemes and more of these are in the pipeline.



It's crucial that we work with our communities on these proposals. It's our residents who make Craven a great place to live, and this is demonstrated perfectly by our Craven Community Champions Awards, which we have just launched again.

Adam Cox was one of our very worthy winners back in 2016, and that seemed to set the club on a winning streak, as it went on to become the LTA Yorkshire, North of England and National Club of the Year 2017-18. We like to think we got in first!

Our Community Champions Awards provide a fantastic opportunity for us to recognise and thank those amazing people from around the district who go above and beyond to make their communities better. So if you do know of anyone who tirelessly volunteers their time and effort, or a group which brightens the lives of residents, please do consider nominating them. All the details are available on our website at www.cravendc.gov.uk/communitychampions

IN THE COMMUNITY



From the 4th - 6th October Skipton will see the return of the fantastic annual puppet festival. This is the 14th year the festival has been held in our home town.

With a packed weekend of ticketed and free performances, workshops, exhibitions and a parade, Skipton presents a puppet experience for all ages.

The festival venues consist of the Canal Basin, The Judi Dench Studio, Skipton Girls High School and St Stephen's School.

Head to www.skiptonpuppetfestival.co.uk to plan your visit!

2019 TEAM ROUND UP

Team Tennis has been a thriving part of the weekly calendar during the summer of 2019. Approximately 80 players have played for the club teams.

As always a big thank you goes out to team captains. Without the team captains who help organise players and fixtures team tennis would not be possible for all who enjoy this. Lynette Brammah (Mixed A team), Ueli Lempen (Mixed B Team), a joint effort from the players of the mixed C team, Jeandelle Preston + Andy Haley (Mixed D Team), Jonny Moore (men's 1st team), Dave Howe (men's 2nd team), Gary Calam (men's 3rd team), Matt Tancock (men's 4th team), Alison Hanson (ladies 1st team), Louise Hourigan (ladies 2nd team) Jaqui Fenwick (ladies 3rd team), Jonny Moore (Junior U15 + U18) and Adam Cox (friendly league).

It was a massive season for STC with the mixed A team winning division 1 and the C team winning division 2. Both the B and D mixed teams had amazing results consolidating them as firm players within their respective divisions. For the ladies it was another awesome season with the 1st team defending the title as division 1 champions and running away league winners again.

The ladies 2nd team also had an amazing season finishing 3rd in division 1. Both the 1st and 2nd team really do work closely together and it is very much a team ethic to support each other. The ladies 3rd team had a great season and everyone involved can be extremely proud, a 3rd place finish in division 2 is fantastic.

The men's 1st team had an amazing season and finished 2nd place in division 1. The 2nd team and 4th team retained their places in division 2 and 3 and this was the goal achieved, whilst a real stand out result was our men's 3rd team gaining promotion to division 2.

The juniors had a great season competing again with many feeding into senior tennis. The friendly league saw 18 different players have the opportunity to play some competitive tennis.

Looking ahead to 2020 we will be able to continue to offer all our current and new players an outlet of team tennis at a level that challenges them and that they enjoy.

We are also looking at the options regarding men's and ladies competing in the Yorkshire league.

COACH TIP OF THE MONTH



This months tip is from Coach Jonny...

After every ball recover three things:

1) Feet - back to an effective court position and stay on your toes... getting stuck on your heels will make your first step slower/late for the next ball

2) Hands/racket - ensure they are up in front of the centre of your body - Forehand or backhand grip at the baseline, volley grip with non dominant hand supporting the throat of the racket at the net

3) Eyes - follow the ball off your racket and onto the opponents racket as you recover trying to anticipate how or where they might hit the ball

REACT as soon as they strike.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Qasim Hussian

Qasim might as well live at the tennis club. No matter the weather you can guarantee he will be playing.

He has contributed to the high performance of most of the mens and mixed teams throughout the 2019 season. Most recently he has obtained is LTA Level 1 and has helped assist on holiday clubs.

AWESOME QASIM!

Come and collect a voucher to spend in the club shop!

SPONSORED PLAYER INITIATIVE

In the very first issue of the Grand Slam newsletter we featured a section about a new initiative STC were launching for juniors who for whatever reason may never get the chance to play tennis.

7 months on and it has been a fantastic success. There are 8 players all involved in weekly coaching, all have a junior membership and all have tennis equipment. The LTA have worked together with STC to organise a trip to the National Tennis Centre to give the juniors a tour of the home of British Tennis and a chance to play on the courts where Andy Murray and Johanna Konta train. This will be happening on the 1st November.

The players have all wrote thank you letters to

their sponsors and we will be sharing these with everyone involved at STC, they are brilliant.

A huge **thank you** again to the local sponsors for supporting this initiative, without you this wouldn't have happened. **Walker Foster, Keelham Farm Shop, White Rose Laundry, Snaygill Boats, Kate Issac - Legal Records, Councillor - Chris Rose, Alexanders & The Westwood Family.**



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