

Welcome to this newsletter, tasked with keeping you in the picture about events past, current, and yet to come. Celebrate and enjoy the game you love by joining in as much as you can.

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Summer Programme 2021 Update

Start date and Fixture distribution

As of March, we plan to commence a half season from 5 May 2021.

Instead of home and away fixtures there will be one fixture. This has been determined using the LTA distribution system.

If your team is in a division of 5 or 7, the number of home and away fixtures will be even, if 6 or 8 half the teams will get 1 more home fixture than away and the other half 1 more away fixture.

Using League Planner

This will be as we used it in 2019. IE Each captain and club main contact will receive a link to the lists of fixtures plus access to contacts, either as updated by clubs or as supplied. Please check they are up to date. Clubs will be asked to supply this, but if you need to update them later, you'll be able to update them yourself online.

Changing fixture dates should be agreed before 4 May. Please update on league planner, as before.

If you would like a reminder of how to use League Planner see link below [LP Help pages](#)

Club Login

Each club will have its own club login, as before. If you are a new captain, please contact the previous captain or your club secretary for this information.

Wimbledon 2021

Latest News

As of the latest announcement by Wimbledon (22 February) there is still caution around what kind of event can be run. The 3 plans are either full, reduced or no public capacity. Click [here](#) for latest news.

Wimbledon Ballot

This is also affected by covid planning. To ensure you have a chance of attending, make sure you are an Advantage member & are linked to your club.

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ARC Tournament

29 May to 6 June

A weeklong Tournament for all ages and all standards from 6 to 60 plus. Junior events are played during the day on set days whilst adult play is daytime at weekends and Bank Holiday Monday then 6pm onwards during the week. There are Open and Vet's events in both singles and doubles.

Dear Diary, 2021

5	May	Summer Programme Commences
29	May to 6 June	ARC Tournament
24	July to 1 August	Ilfracombe Tournament
TBC	September	North Devon Tournament

Junior Events

ARC

All Summer County Tour – Grade 4 – All boys	
Sat 24 th April 11 & U	Sat 8 th May 14 & U
Sun 25 th April 18 & U	Sun 9 th May 9 & U
Sat 1 st May 16 & U	Sat 19 th June 12 & U
Sun 2 nd May 12 & U	Sun 20 th June 9 & U

Tarka

All Whirlwind Winter Series	
Sat 24 th April 10 & U - Green	
Sat 8 th May 9 & U	- Orange

Feedback



We are evolving

[We'd love to hear from you](#)

North Devon Tournament

September - TBC

As previously reported, it was decided to postpone the tournament until September. If you'd like to be informed when entries are open please let us have your contact details [here](#)

About the tournament

By Sue Doncaster

This annual Tournament normally takes place indoors at Tarka Centre, either February/March, or September/October. This year, we have abandoned any attempt to play it in the spring, but we are hoping that scheduling for the autumn will be possible. Enquiries have been made to Tarka for the availability of their courts, but as it is currently shut and all staff furloughed, we have not yet had a response.

It isn't a ratings tournament, and the format may appear less formal than a conventional KO event, but nevertheless it is still highly competitive.

Events are played on dedicated time slots over 3 weeks: on Friday evenings and during the day at weekends, with exception of the over 60's mixed doubles which is played on a weekday. All events are played in a round robin format, using a sudden death deuce, with the result being decided on games scored, (not on a conventional set). The number of games to be played isn't always the same for each event – this can vary according to the number of entries and court time available.

On the last weekend, the semi-finals are played Friday night or Saturday, and all Finals on the Sunday.

Events: Men's and Ladies' singles. Men's and Ladies' doubles. Open mixed doubles. Over 50's mixed doubles. Over 60's mixed doubles.

Grand Slam Talk

Did you watch any tennis at the Australian Open? Still looks a little strange watching tennis without spectators, but glad players could at least get out there, even though it meant tough restrictions before and during tournament. Spectators were allowed in to watch at the beginning plus from semi-finals onwards.

Naomi Osaka won her 4th Grand Slam and now has 2 Australian Open and 2 US Open. Titles. Can she make headway at this year's French Open and Wimbledon?

Novak Djokovic won his 18th Grand Slam, 9 Australian Open, French Open 1, Wimbledon 5 and US Open 3. Novak's 9 titles at one event sounds amazing doesn't it? However, when compared with Rafa's 13 at the French (20 overall) it is testament to the impression Novak, Rafa and Roger (also 20 overall) have left on the game.

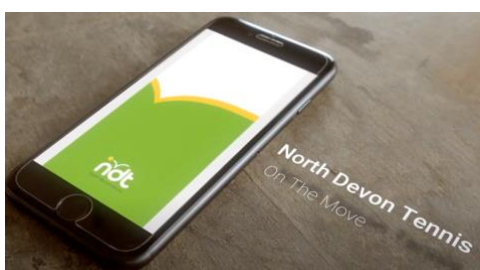
They have been referred to as the three knights of tennis. How many more can they achieve? Will Novak become the top knight during 2021?

Let us know what you think via the feedback link on page 2.

Mobile 1st Website

Did you know we are creating content specifically for Mobile?

Watch out for notifications as we adapt our existing content and add new pages.



North Devon Tennis is going Social!



Yes, we have created our own online presence. It is part of our strategy to reach more players and everyone who loves supporting tennis.

Please like, follow, and subscribe to the following channels.



During the up-and-coming season we will be posting regular content plus some gentle reminders to join in as much as you can, in the game we love.

The Interview

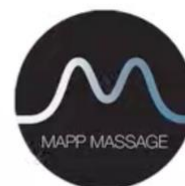
The first of a series of interviews with notable people in North Devon.

My first interview is with Dan Mapp from Mapp Massage.

Available on our YouTube Channel [here](#)



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The Interview

Alex Wingent talks to Dan Mapp from MAPP MASSAGE



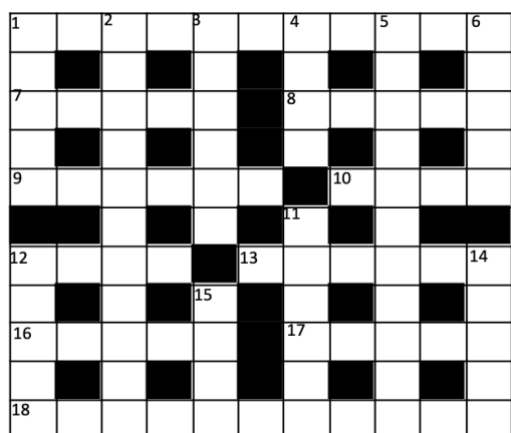
Tennis Cat has retired

What are your memories of surely the most famous Cat in North Devon?

Read the full report by Tom Vinall [here](#)



Quiz



Down

- 1 Romps : To the high-school dances (5).
- 2 See, I'll dream : Of this poetic land (7,4).
- 3 Send to : This Belgian city (6).
- 4 Maid : In the middle (4).
- 5 Oh! Creatures : Are extremely dangerous! (11).
- 6 Relit : A unit of liquid capacity (5).
- 11 A lass i : Challenge forcefully (6).
- 12 Scope : Deals with a problem successfully (5).
- 14 I'd set : Limited amounts of food (5).
- 15 Dial : To find this Spanish painter (4).

Across

- 1 Led to a crypt : To see this extinct flying reptile (11).
- 7 Voter : Is open to view (5).
- 8 I rent : But am lacking the power to move (5).
- 9 P.S.swan : Produces offspring in large numbers (6).
- 10 Care : For this expanse of land (4).
- 12 Dice : May be exchanged for this African monetary unit (4).
- 13 Dances : To rise to a higher point (6).
- 16 Tapas? : No, it's Italian food not Spanish! (5).
- 17 No ale! : And without friends (5).
- 18 List epics as : Experts? (11).

ITF World Tennis Number

What are the key facts?

Starting in April 2021, the ITF World Tennis Number, a common method of measuring ability (replacing the LTA Ratings), has been setup by the ITF, LTA, FTF and the USTA. When fully rolled out 49 tennis nations will be taking part.

How will ability be measured?

There will be a single scale from 40 to 1, one being the highest. For the first time, there will be a list for singles and for doubles. WTN is going to be updated once a week.

Note: WTN is not a ranking list. Existing ranking systems will remain in use.

What will count towards your WTN?

Every set you play will count towards your WTN. The following are examples of where you may see them used: -

1. LTA sanctioned tournaments, county, or area leagues
2. Club competition and box leagues. (Ask your club about this)
3. Friendly matches or games you play in your club or public park courts. Results are entered using the LTA Results Manager. (More details to come)

How are changes to your WTN calculated?

It based on a mathematical algorithm. Up to four years of playing data will be held which will contribute to the confidence of your WTN. Another element will include result predictions

Note: In all cases you need to be an LTA Advantage Member.

There are two free versions, Play and Play+ (Registered Clubs), which include WTN. Compare them [here](#)

More info about WTN can be found [here](#)