

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 Update

Tennis is back! Whilst it feels a little strange it's good to be back on court again. Whilst some of us still feel a little wary we hope that the longer we are out there, the more we hope you'll want to step out and play, your way.

We are six weeks into the summer league. Even though it is half season the usual thrills and spills can be found. You can follow the results [here](#). Hopefully we've left the recent wet weather behind and will enjoy a longer, dryer spell. Can't see your latest result. Ask your captain to enter it online. Have a match to rearrange? It's better to sort it sooner than later.

Cups 2021

This year's competition is running roughly when we would normally do so. The draws and round dates can be viewed [here](#). Please note, the round dates are the last dates matches should be played. If both captains agree, matches can be played earlier (Weekends or mid-week evenings).

FYI: If your team is in a knockout draw the matches are scored as per KO rules and for round robin draws, using the amended RR rules. They can be viewed [here](#)

Dave Vinall

We were sorry to hear about ARC's Dave Vinall's heart attack, two days before he was due to referee the ARC Summer Open. Everyone at NDFTA sends their best wishes

North Devon Tournament

It's time to think about entering the rescheduled North Devon Tournament. Taking place on various dates between 10 and 26 September at the Tarka Tennis Centre.

For more info and Entry forms click [here](#)

The full range of events are being offered. Men's & Ladies singles, doubles and mixed plus o50 and o60 mixed.

The event formats are normally a set number of games in a round robin with semis and finals as best of three + match tie-break on finals weekend. See dates of events and finals [here](#).

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Devon Tennis

You can now follow Devon Tennis on their new website [here](#) as well as their Facebook page [here](#).

ARC Summer Open

Unfortunately the adult competition could not go-ahead this year, however, it was possible to run the junior events.

See the draws [here](#) and pictures [here](#)

Dear Diary, 2021

July to September	Cups Tournament
September	North Devon Tournament

Ilfracombe Tournament

Unfortunately, the Ilfracombe Tournament, originally planned for the end of July, will not be taking place this year.

***NB Additional dates now available for matches
24 July to 1 August**

Junior Events

ARC

- * Whirlwind Green 10 &U - 4-7-2021
- * Whirlwind Red 8 & U - 4-7-2021

Tarka

- * July 3rd Nexus 12's 13:00
- * July 17th Green whirlwind 14:00

Feedback



We are evolving

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

Player Back Stories

On the world stage we only see the finished product or the work in progress. Have you ever wondered how they even made it onto the main tour?

Barbora Krejčíková is a Czech professional tennis player. She has a career-high singles ranking of world No. 15, reached on 14 June 2021, and on 22 October 2018, she became world No. 1 in the WTA doubles rankings. [\[Wikipedia\]](#)

Barbora has just won first grand slam singles. The first Czech winner since 1981 plus part of first singles & doubles win since 2000. Her partner is long-time friend Katerina Siniakova. They won 3 junior slams and continued this success with 2 senior slams and Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2018.

She was influenced by Jana Novotna. At 18 Barbora discovered that Novotna had moved into her town. She went to her house to ask for help. Novotna coached her for 3 years before cancer took her in 2017.

Less than a year ago Barbora was playing second tier events, managing to get into the French draw in 2020 where she reached the fourth round. This helped her get into the top 100 and has led to what has happened since. A final in Dubai on March plus winning her first title in Strasbourg just before the French Open. She is on a 12-match run. What's next?

When Barbora is not on tour you'll find her at her local club, with her family, sewing or doing a spot of gardening.

Roland Garros Summary

What did we learn from this year's tournament?

Ladies Events

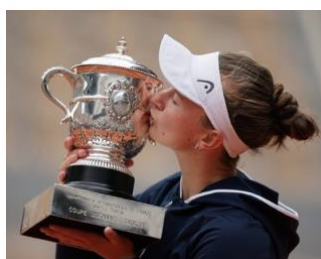
We have two new names to remember. The unseeded Barbora Krejckikova (Czech) beat Anastasia Pavluchenkova (Russia). Not new to the game but proving yet again the depth of the women's game. The final score 6-1,2-6,6-4. Dedicating her win to the late Jana Novotna, much missed, and the first Czech winner since Hana Mandlikova in 1981. Up to now Krejckikova has primarily been known as a double's specialist, having already won doubles and mixed at grand slams. She backed up her singles win with another doubles win with partner Katrina Sinakova.

Why did she win? Lots of laughing, giggling and excitement. An undeniably great strategy.

Men's Events

The big 4 have dominated the men's game for so long very few have managed to interrupt them. When it has happened their efforts have been monumental. At Roland Garros it has never been more difficult with the arrival of Rafa Nadal in 2005. Despite a less than ideal early clay court season, Nadal won in Barcelona and Rome. He looked formidable over five sets. It would take something extraordinary to alter the status quo and that's what we got. Nadal v Djokovic in the semi-final. The display they put on will be remembered for a long time. The 92-minute third set was intense. Was there any part of the court that was not used? But let's not forget the rest of the field. The nexgen are getting more experienced and stronger. Their results are improving. The leading players were Alexander Zverev and Stefanos Tsitsipas. Their semi-final was tense with Tsitsipas prevailing in five sets. ->

.....In the final versus Djokovic, it didn't seem like there was an expectation of a Tsitsipas victory, but he played self-assuredly to a 7-6 6-2 lead. However, you can never count Djokovic out. From the moment he broke in third he stormed back 6-3 6-2 6-4. More than 7 hours on court in two days. Now 19 grand slam wins. A titan of the tennis court. Will anyone bet against Djokovic exceeding Federer and Nadal's record 20, plus a potential calendar slam in 2021?



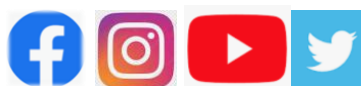
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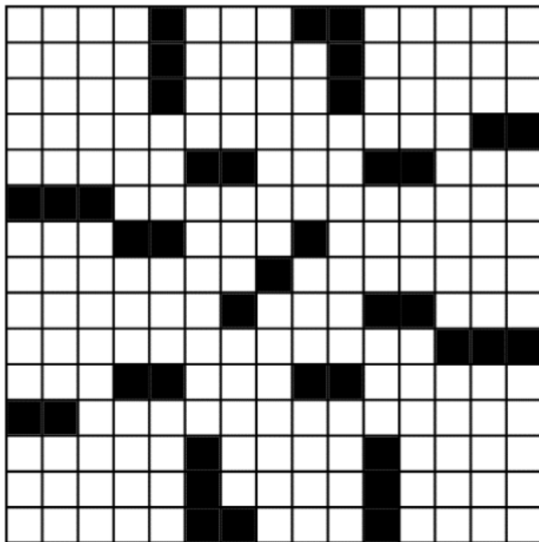


Quiz

Crossword Fill In #01

3 LETTER WORDS

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REV
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TIS
TNT
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4 LETTER WORDS

A LOT
AGOG
COAX
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EPOS
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NAGA
NAPE
OLLA
OPAH
REST
ROUÉ
RUSH

SAYS
VINO

5 LETTER WORDS

ADYTA
ANTSY
ARÊTE
CREEK
DAVIT
ENACT
ENEMA
EPOXY
ITALY
OVERS
PIXEL
PULSE
SET ON

SHALE
SOBER
TAIGA
TESTA
TEXAS
VAPID
VIOLA

6 LETTER WORDS

ATRIAL
LIAISE
NARCOS
RESETS

7 LETTER WORDS

EHRlich
GAROTTE

NEUTERS
ONSTAGE
PAHLAVI
RUMMAGE

9 LETTER WORDS

EXTREMITY
TURNTABLE

12 LETTER WORDS

CONSTITUTION
SLEDGEHAMMER

13 LETTER WORDS

ARCHIMANDRITE
MIXED METAPHOR

Wimbledon 2021

It's good to see Wimbledon back on the calendar. The good news from a capacity perspective is that the tournament has joined the pilot: Government Events Research Programme. This will mean that 50% capacity will be allowed on the main show courts and 75% on outside show courts with the finals weekend being 100%. For latest updates and covid entry requirements read [here](#)

Wimbledon Wild cards

This is always an interesting list. All British players on ladies list. Carlos Alcaraz for Spain is an up-and-coming prospect. Jack Draper, who had a good run at Queens Club, Andy Murray who just loves competing. Let's hope his hips agree! And a player called Stuart Parker, from Jersey. I admit I did look at the list twice in case it was a Parker I know closer to home...

Predictions for the tournament.

It feels different this time, not just because its two years since the tournament was last played, but because a whole range of players have improved. The ladies are as hard to pick as ever. Literally any player who gets on a run has a chance.

Novak Djokovic is a hot favourite this time and has a chance for a golden slam. Will it be a help or a hinderance, only Novak knows. It's a shame Rafa Nadel will not be playing. Perhaps not a surprise given the gap between Roland Garros was reduced by a week.

It will be great to see Serena Williams, Andy Murray and Roger Federer playing, but with so many hungry younger players in attendance, the mountain could be steeper.

The weather is meant to be hot in week one, expect it to be hot on court too.