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The Dedanists' Foundation



*Merry
Christmas!*

Our good work continues

The Dedanists' Foundation are currently involved in a number of very worthwhile projects. Now that the UK courts are open once again we will press on with these initiatives .

Our latest projects....



British Under 18 HANDICAP tournament to go ahead!

Following the success of the recent Junior Championship's (Level), The Dedanists' Foundation has made a decision to go ahead with The British Under 18 **HANDICAP** Singles Tournament. This event will be played at Wellington Real Tennis Club over the weekend of 19th/20th December.

To comply with COVID restrictions the number of entries will be capped at 24, but this will certainly leave us with enough young players to enjoy this rare opportunity to play some competitive tennis.

The Dedanists' Foundation sponsors this event as being a handicap tournament it gives every young player, girl or boy, the same possibility of winning.



Last year's 'A' Category winner, Toby, holding the trophy



Trophies at Wellington

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Some of the competitors from last year's British Under 18 Handicap tournament.

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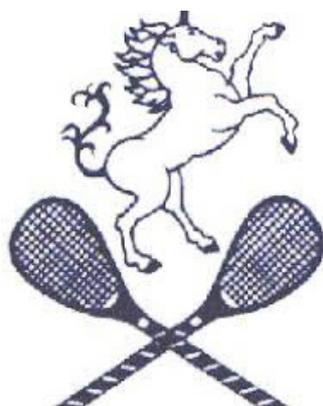
Peter Luck-Hille Cup 2020

Completed Against All the Odds!

The remaining four junior club teams, Seacourt, Petworth, Oxford and RTC are now due to complete this year's competition at Wellington on 13th December. This competition, sponsored by The Dedanists' Foundation is run on a handicap basis designed predominantly for youngsters aged 12 -15 with handicaps 60 - 90. This inter-club junior team competition is aimed at giving juniors who are relatively new to the game a chance to take part in team matches and meet their junior counterparts from other clubs.

Oxford

Over recent years, we have granted £500 per year to the Oxford club in support of their grassroots junior and schools real tennis programme. We are delighted to confirm our continued support and payment of their grant for the 2020/2021 season.



Oxford are particularly pleased to have reached the final stages of the PLH Cup , having entered it for the first time just two years ago.

Support for Universities

This season we have already made grants to university real tennis clubs at Newcastle, Exeter, St Andrews and Durham. We are in the process of adding Bristol and Coventry universities to this list.

As a result, more students now play real tennis than ever before.



Top: The RTC & Petworth teams

Middle: Oxford & Seacourt teams

Bottom: Seacourt, proud winners of the wonderful trophy





The Hyde



The Hyde building, the successful purchase was completed in September.

The Dedanists' Foundation has awarded The Hyde Real Tennis Club a £500 cash grant for recruiting and coaching juniors. Many of these juniors will be state school pupils. This grant money may be used for almost anything that would help to recruit and coach more juniors. The Dedanists' Foundation wants the club to be properly paid for the work that is done by Stephen Grier who is coaching juniors at the club. Our objective is that he should be able to develop and maintain a thriving and self-perpetuating junior club with up to 20 or so members and a strong sense of identity. We hope and expect to increase our grant

funding over future years to help the club to achieve this goal.

The Dedanists' Foundation has also donated £5000 to The Hyde Real Tennis Club's fund for purchasing the court from their landlord, the West Dorset Sports Trust. Our position is "No court – No junior tennis!". The club's purchase of the court secures its long term future and therefore its long term capacity to recruit new young players from the local community, especially state schools. The successful purchase was completed in September 2020.



On court at The Hyde Real Tennis Club



British Junior Singles Championships 2020

Against all the odds, the 2020 Junior Championships took place over the weekend of October 31st/November 1st. With the Queens Club being unavailable this year, this prestigious event took place simultaneously at 2 courts Radley and Wellington. The tournament is sponsored by the T&RA but we were delighted to support by providing a tennis shirt to every person who entered, a great souvenir of this difficult year!



U14 finalists, with Henry (right) the U14 British Champion



U12 competitors, with Max (2nd from left) the U12 British Champion



U18 British Champion, Will (left) and U16 British Champion, Max.



Investing in Professionals

The Dedanists' Foundation has agreed to make a £4000 grant towards the funding of the liP programme . This programme offers new trainees and existing young professionals a highly professional educational environment in order to develop a meaningful career in Real Tennis. In tandem with court training and court-related skills, the programme offers learning and training in the business skills relevant to becoming an accredited Real Tennis professional and/or to manage a sports facility.

Emphasising the inclusive objectives of liP the programme encourages all new trainees to join the liP as Apprentices. Access to the programme can be made through a number of entry paths depending on the age and training already undertaken by the individual trainee.

Existing trainee professionals are also encouraged to join the programme to in-fill any skills they require to achieve accreditation. Josh Farrall and Paul Weaver have been asked to act as mentors to the successful applicants.

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Dedanists' Foundation Honours Board Installed at The Queen's Club

The names of all our Diamond and Founder Patrons appear on the new Dedanists' Foundation Honours Board, which has been erected at The Queen's Club. It has taken pride of place on the West Court dedans wall. Our sincere thanks go out to all Patrons without whom we would not be able to carry out the important work we do for junior Real Tennis.

Many thanks to our excellent signwriter, Chris Taylor, together with Andrew Lowenthal, Ross Niland, Gary Neal and Simon Mansfield from The Queen's Club.



The Patron's Board on display at The Queen's Club

Support for Young Professionals

The Dedanists' Foundation has agreed to commit to a one-year package of financial support for Levi Gale at The Oratory and Zak Eadle at Jesmond Dene Real Tennis clubs. We have awarded £1500 to each club to enhance the remuneration package of their young professionals and for the development of their junior Real Tennis sections. This will be done in partnership with the T&RA and The Dedanists' Society. Paul Weaver has been given the responsibility of conducting 3 monthly assessments to monitor their progress. A date has already been set in December for Levi to attend the Dedanists' Foundation Train the Trainer Course at Wellington. This one day course is run by Dan Jones and Paul Weaver who will pass on their considerable knowledge on the best method of coaching junior players.



Young pros in the classroom

Young pros on court with Dan Jones



HOW DO I BECOME A PATRON OR MAKE A DONATION?

If you would like to become a Founder Patron or a Diamond Patron and help us continue this good work please email one of the following:-

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