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[From Dave Luddy, Bulletin Secretary, BTJA](#)

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1, Mark Hodgkinson

Mark Hodgkinson, a longtime BTJA member, sadly died last month, aged 46.

Our chairman *Tumaini Carayol writes:-* Mark was *The Telegraph* tennis correspondent between 2005-2011, a successful author and a fixture in the sport for over two decades.

In recent years Mark wrote excellent books on Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz. the latter released in November. Mark was highly respected and admired among other journalists throughout his career.



James Buddell, a BTJA member and our website editor, writing for the ATP Tour website, says:- Mark was taken ill at his home on February 4 and passed away in hospital the following day.

As his career blossomed — from securing one of the most coveted roles in British sports journalism to excelling as a writer of sport, lifestyle and finance — Hodgkinson remained forever encouraging, kind, reserved and quietly self-deprecating.

At the age of 25, Hodgkinson followed in the footsteps of the *Telegraph's* distinguished tennis correspondents Arthur Wallis Myers, John Olliff, Lance Tingay and John Parsons. He gave readers a complete picture of the events he covered — not only match analysis, but insight into the characters and personalities on and off the court, and the atmosphere in the streets, stands and galleries.



He chronicled the careers of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Serena Williams, while also working as a ghostwriter for a number of high-profile figures. He collaborated with Robbie Williams, Daniel Craig and Tom Hiddleston on fashion and fitness projects.

One of his most recent tennis books, *Searching for Novak*, published in 2024, won International Sports Book of the Year at the 2025 Charles Tyrwhitt Sports Book Awards.

A graduate of Oxford University with a degree in Modern History, Hodgkinson also wrote several Davis Cup annuals, produced features for the London 2012 Olympics

programme, and contributed to *Wimbledon* and the *WTA Tour*.

He also worked with the ATP Tour as a writer on the daily supplements at the *Nitto ATP Finals* when the tournament was held at London's O2 Arena.



Hodgkinson is survived by his wife, Amy, and their two daughters, Molly and Rosie. He fondly recalled, with a broad grin, taking Amy to Rome for the 2005 Italian Open on one of his first trips for the Telegraph. As Hodgkinson typed away on deadline in the press room, Amy watched her first live tennis match and texted him from the stands: "When will this tennis match end?" Rafael Nadal eventually defeated Guillermo Coria in five sets over five hours and 14 minutes — one of the greatest matches in ATP Tour history.



2. Wimbledon Tickets

Our treasurer Chris Bowers writes:- Apologies for the delay in information about Wimbledon tickets. There have been changes to the All England Club's administrative processes, but I have been assured that our ticket allocation will be the same as in recent years.

As soon as we get formal notification of the allocation, I will do the usual draw for tickets and ask people for their money with minimum delay (payments to include the appropriate membership fee for 2026).



All full members are entitled to two 'mirrored pairs' of Centre or No 1 Court tickets ('mirrored' in the sense of day 1 plus day 14, day 2 plus day 13, etc), after which associate members can stake a claim to at least one pair.

Having said that, the committee did say last year that it would insist on the rule in the BTJA constitution which says **those who do not attend the association's AGM, or at least send an apology for absence, will not qualify for Wimbledon tickets the following year**, so there will be a few people this year who miss out.



There are also likely to be a few single Centre Court tickets available in the sweep-up after the first rounds of allocations have taken place. If you'd like to see how much this year's tickets cost, go to

https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/atoz/ticket_prices.html (scroll down)

and work off horizontal lines 1 and 4.



3. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The next BTJA committee meeting - there are usually three a year – will be at the All-England Club this April.

There was an extra meeting on March 10.

It was confirmed (*as under Wimbledon tickets - above*) that those who did not send apologies for not attending the AGM during Wimbledon last July, will not be allocated

Wimbledon tickets for this year.

Also discussed was the social secretary vacancy, the Mike Dickson Award and also confirmed was a new associate member - Eugene Allen.



The annual pre-Wimbledon press conference will be held at the All England Club on Thursday June 11 at 10:30am. Additional Championship updates including prize money will be announced.

This will be on the same day as the WTA women's tournament at the Queen's Club. Contact Eloise Tyson on etys@aeltc.com if you need further details.



If anyone wishes to raise any constructive points for your committee to consider and our meetings with the AELTC – then please contact me via email.

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The BTJA committee is Tumaini Carayol (chair) (*The Guardian*), Eleanor Crooks (vice-chair and secretary) (*Press Association*), Chris Bowers (treasurer)(*TV/Radio*), David Luddy (bulletins) (*TV/Radio*), Simon Briggs (*The Telegraph*), Clive Brunskill (*Getty Images*), Russell Fuller (*BBCTV/Radio*), Matthew Lambwell (*Daily Mail*), Neil McLeman and Gigi Salmon (*Sky TV/BBC Radio*). Stuart Fraser, formerly The Times tennis correspondent, has stepped down from the committee, to take on a new challenge in golf.



There are 72 members (*including the President*) of the BTJA. This includes 46 full members, 24 associate and 2 honorary vice presidents.



As reported in the October bulletin there will be a new Media Centre at Wimbledon. The target date is in time for the 2027 Championships.



4. The 2026 Early Spring Bulletin Award – Henry Patten

The unofficial February-March bulletin award goes to doubles specialist Henry Patten. The left-handed 29 year old, 6 foot 6 inch, world No.6 from Colchester, has already won three ATP titles this year with Finland's Harri Heliövaara. They were victorious in Adelaide and then back to back 500 events in Doha and Dubai before losing in the Miami final.

This follows their blistering finish to the 2025 season when they captured the ATP Finals in Turin along with the Paris Masters and China Open.

Together they won last year's 2025 Australian Open, and Wimbledon in 2024.



Patten has now won 11 career doubles titles and also 13 ATP Challenger titles – 11 with Julian Cash. Ten of those Challenger titles came in 2022 – a record for the most Challenger titles won in a season.



He played collegiate tennis for the University of North Carolina and became the No.1 ranked NCAA doubles player. He continued his postgraduate studies at Durham University.

During two of his university summer breaks he worked for IBM as a courtside statistician at Wimbledon. He is also a chess enthusiast.



And look out for 6 foot 3 inches **Toby Samuel**, from Winchester in Hampshire. He'll be 24 in September.

His ranking is 166 - an improvement of 1155 places in just 12 months. He's won six titles since last November. This year he won back to back Challengers in Greece and an ITF event in Portugal - a run of 15 matches without defeat. In November he had a run of 18 matches without losing. This included back to back Challengers in Egypt and Bahrain and also an ITF event again in Egypt.

He also won 2 ITF events in September. Overall he's won 12 of 15 finals.

Samuel is a product of the University of Carolina.



5. Top 100 Live@March 31 (am)

Britain has **17** players in the top **100**.

That includes - singles (**7**) (*3 men, 4 women*) and doubles (**10**) (*7 men, 3 women*).



6. Brits – Live Singles@March 31 (am)

Cameron Norrie is world ranked **24**. **Jack Draper** is **25**, and **Jacob Fearnley** **93**.

Jan Choinski is **116**, **Jack Pinnington-Jones** **135**, **Billy Harris** **148**, **Arthur Fery** **163**,

Toby Samuel **166**, **Jay Clarke** **188**, and **Dan Evans** **198**.

Emma Raducanu is **27**, **Sony Kartal** **53**, **Katie Boulter** **61** and **Francesca Jones** **98**.

Harriet Dart is **177**.



7. Brits – Live Doubles@March 31 (am)

Neal Skupski, having won the Australian Open, with American **Christian Harrison**, is the world No.1 among **five** British players in the **top 10** of the world rankings.

He's followed by **Lloyd Glasspool** at **4** and partner **Julian Cash** at **5**. **Henry Patten** is **6** and **Joe Salisbury** is **8**.

Then there is **Luke Johnson** **27** and **Marcus Willis** **74**, making it **seven** Brits in the top 100. **Joshua Paris** is at **102**, **David Stevenson** is **114** and **Ben Jones** is **175**.



There are **three** British women in their top 100. **Olivia Nicholls** is at **29**, **Maia**

Lumsden **67** and **Emily Appleton** is **98**.

Madeleine Brooks is at **117**, **Alicia Barnett** **122**, **Harriet Dart** **127**, **Amelia Rajecki**

151, **Sony Kartal** **168**, **Emily Webley-Smith** **181**, and **Ella McDonald** **189**.



8. Did you know - Brits (chasing ranking points)@March 31

(Progression over 6 years)

2026 have won **50** titles with **44** beaten finalists **+1** finalist (*cancelled-weather*)

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2025 won **218** titles with **194** beaten finalists

2024 won **182** titles with **149** beaten finalists

2023 won **149** titles with **148** beaten finalists

2022 won **147** titles with **118** beaten finalists

2021 won **108** titles with **104** beaten finalists

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2026 so far (in brackets 2025 titles/finalists)

Grand Slams

Won **1** (2)

(1) MD-Neal Skupski (with American Christian Harrison) (**Australian**)

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Final **0** (3)



ATP Finals (end of season)

Won **0** (1)

Final **0** (1)



ATP

Men's Singles

Won **0** (1)

Final **0** (3)



Challenger

Won **2** (15)

(2) Samuel

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Final **5** (12)

(1) Crawford

(1) Gill

(1) Monday

(1) Pinnington-Jones

(1) Wendelken



ITF

Won **12** (61)

(2) Basing

(2) Matusevich

- (1) Broom
- (1) Gill
- (1) Hudd
- (1) Hurrion
- (1) Jubb
- (1) Samuel
- (1) Searle
- (1) Wendelken

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Final 7 (37)

- (2) Maxted
- (1) Broom
- (1) Hudd
- (1) Hussey
- (1) Jubb
- (1) Wendelken



Men's Doubles

ATP

Won 3 (11) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one title*)

- (3) Patten (Heliovaara) (**Adelaide, Doha, Dubai**)

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Final 3 (10) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one finalist*)

- (2) Cash/Glasspool (**Brisbane, Doha**)
- (1) Patten (Heliovaara) (**Miami**)

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Challenger Doubles

Won 4 (12) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one title*)

- (3) Stevenson (**Broom/Cleeve Harper 2**)

- (1) Broom (**Stevenson**)

- (1) Clarke (Houkes)

N.B. Broom/Stevenson – won same title;

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Final 3 (9) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one finalist*)

- (2) Ben Jones (**Broom/Duncan**)

- (1) Broom (**Ben Jones**)

- (1) Clarke (Sasikumar)

- (1) Duncan (**Ben Jones**)

- (1) Paris (Sanchez)

N.B. Broom/Ben Jones, Duncan/Ben Jones - all-British finalists;

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ITF Doubles

Won 13 (57) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one title*) (*Brit partners - in brackets*)

- (2) Broom (*Hussey*)
- (2) Murgett (*Maxted*)
- (2) Okonkwo
- (1) Beaven
- (1) Hudd (*Matusevich*)
- (1) Hussey (*Broom*)
- (1) Adam Jones (*Martin*)
- (1) Markiewicz
- (1) Martin (*Adam Jones*)
- (1) Matusevich (*Hudd*)
- (1) Maxted (*Murgett*)
- (1) Mischker
- (1) Stuart
- (1) Walters

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Final 9 (52) (*Brits partnering Brits - count as one finalist*) (*Brit partners - in brackets*)

- (3) Hands (*Wendelken 3*)
- (3) Wendelken (*Hands 3*)
- (2) Maxted (*Murgett 2*)
- (2) Murgett (*Maxted 2*)
- (1) Hopper
- (1) Leather
- (1) Ewen Lumsden
- (1) Markiewicz
- +1 final Ewen Lumsden (*cancelled-weather*)



Women singles (*in brackets 2025 titles/finalists*)

WTA

Won 1 (0)

- (1) Boulter (*Ostrava, Czech Republic*)

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Final 1 (0)

- (1) Raducanu (*Cluj-Napoca, Rumania*)



WTA 125

Won 0 (3)

Final 0 (0)

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ITF

Won 5 (20)

(2) Dudeney

(1) Adeshina

(1) Johnson

(1) Spink

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Final 3 (20)

(2) Dart

(1) Rajecki



Women's Doubles

WTA

Won 0 (0) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one title*)

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Final 2 (2) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one finalist*)

(1) Nicholls (*Mihalikova*) (**Abu Dhabi**)

(1) Maia Lumsden (*Haverlag*) (**Merida in Mexico**)



WTA 125

Won 0 (2) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one title*)

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Final 1 (7) (*Brits partnering Brits in **bold** - count as one finalist*)

(1) Appleton



ITF Doubles

Won 9 (31) (*Brits partnering Brits in brackets - count as one title*)

(3) Rajecki (*Brooks, John-Baptiste*)

(2) Adeshina

(2) Dudeney

(1) Brooks (*Rajecki*)

(1) Dart (*Maia Lumsden*)

(1) John-Baptiste (*Rajecki*)

(1) Maia Lumsden (*Dart*)

(1) Stojsavljevic

N.B. Brooks/Rajecki, Dart/Lumsden, John-Baptiste/Rajecki - all won same titles

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Final 10 (36) (*Brits partnering Brits in brackets - count as one finalist*)

(2) Appleton

(2) Brooks (*Rajecki 2*)

(2) Dudeney

(2) Rajecki (*Brooks 2*)

(1) Adeshina

(1) John-Baptiste (*Maloney*)

(1) Johnson

(1) Maloney (*John-Baptiste*)

(1) Stojsavljevic

N.B. Brooks/Rajecki twice, John-Baptiste/Maloney - all-British finalists



9. LIVE WORLD RANKINGS (minimum top 500)@March 31 (am)

▲ ▼ **Ranking changes since Jan 1 2026**

Men's singles		Age
24 ▲ 03 Cameron Norrie	(27)	30 (23/08/95)
25 ▼ 15 Jack Draper	(10)	24 (22/12/01)
93 ▼ 22 Jacob Fearnley	(71)	24 (15/07/01)
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116 ▲ 09 Jan Choinski	(125)	29 (10/06/96)
135 ▲ 68 Jack Pinnington-Jones (203)		23 (30/03/03)
148 ▼ 20 Billy Harris	(128)	31 (25/01/95)
163 ▲ 26 Arthur Fery	(189)	23 (12/07/02)
166 ▲ 96 Toby Samuel	(262)	23 (06/09/02)
188 ▼ 13 Jay Clarke	(175)	27 (27/07/98)
198 ▼ 13 Dan Evans	(185)	35 (23/05/90)
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212 ▼ 12 Oliver Crawford	(200)	26 (30/04/99)
236 ▲ 141 Felix Gill	(377)	23 (01/06/02)
243 ▼ 32 George Loffhagen	(211)	24 (19/04/01)
244 ▲ 74 Charles Broom	(318)	27 (24/04/98)
253 ▲ 62 Harry Wendelken	(315)	24 (18/12/01)
267 ▼ 33 Johannus Monday	(234)	24 (22/01/02)
276 ▲ 106 Paul Jubb	(382)	26 (31/10/99)
280 ▼ 61 Ryan Peniston	(219)	30 (10/11/95)
286 ▲ 20 Liam Broady	(306)	32 (04/01/94)
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305 ▲ 118 Max Basing	(423)	23 (02/10/02)
315 ▲ 17 Giles Hussey	(332)	28 (26/05/97)
332 ▲ 01 Oliver Tarvet	(333)	22 (29/10/03)
374 ▼ 90 Alastair Gray	(284)	27 (22/06/98)
382 ▼ 44 Hamish Stewart	(338)	26 (30/07/99)
397 ▲ 98 Lui Maxted	(495)	22 (02/12/03)
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432 ▼ 75 Henry Searle	(357)	20 (29/03/06)
438 ▼ 46 Aidan McHugh	(392)	25 (09/07/00)

475 ▼07 James Story (468) 25 (05/03/01)



Selected Others

Age

518 ▲59 Anton Matusevich	(577)	24 (30/05/01)
569 ▲244 Emile Hudd	(813)	25 (27/05/00)
587 ▲14 Millen Hurrion	(601)	26 (22/06/99)
775 ▲30 Oscar Weightman	(805)	24 (19/11/01)
871 ▲85 Luca Pow	(956)	21 (01/02/05)
882 ▲31 Finn Murgett	(913)	24 (17/09/01)
889 ▲115 Patrick Brady	(1004)	21 (14/11/04)
892 ▼26 Charlie Robertson	(866)	19 (07/10/06)



LIVE WORLD RANKINGS (minimum top 300)@March 31 (am)

▲ ▼ Ranking changes since Jan 1 2026

Women's singles

Age

27 ▲02 Emma Raducanu	(29)	23 (13/11/02)
53 ▲18 Sonay Kartal	(71)	24 (28/10/01)
61 ▲39 Katie Boulter	(100)	29 (01/08/96)
98 ▼21 Francesca Jones	(77)	25 (19/09/00)
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177 ▼01 Harriet Dart	(176)	29 (28/07/96)
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249 ▲08 Mingge Xu	(257)	18 (02/10/07)
262 ▲55 Katie Swan	(317)	27 (24/03/99)
274 ▲73 Mika Stojsavljevic	(347)	17 (15/12/08)
286 ▼21 Heather Watson	(265)	33 (19/05/92)



Selected Others

Age

315 ▼59 Yuriko Miyazaki	(256)	30 (11/11/95)
355 ▲83 Alicia Dudeney	(438)	22 (28/05/03)
359 ▼54 Amarni Banks	(305)	23 (08/10/02)
375 ▲34 Naiktha Bains	(409)	27 (17/12/97)
423 ▲24 Amelia Rajecki	(447)	23 (03/06/02)
431 ▲03 Victoria Allen	(434)	25 (26/02/01)
456 ▲72 Ella McDonald	(528)	20 (04/08/05)
457 ▲17 Ranah Stoiber	(474)	20 (25/05/05)
477 ▼98 Emily Appleton	(379)	26 (01/09/99)
489 ▼329 Jodie Burrage	(160)	26 (24/05/99)
537 ▲66 Esther Adeshina	(603)	24 (04/10/01)
553 ▲41 Hannah Klugman	(594)	17 (18/02/09)
760 ▼45 Brooke Black	(715)	18 (20/11/07)

784 ▲ 149 Indianna Spink (933) 23 (07/10/02)
897 ▲ --- Sofia Johnson (No ranking) 21 (16/06/04)
930 ▲ 411 Allegra Korpanec Davies (1341) 18 (18/10/07)
976 ▲ 108 Ruby Cooling (1084) 18 (03/11/07)



[LIVE Men's doubles \(minimum top 400\)@March 31 \(am\)](#)

▲ ▼ [Ranking changes since Jan 1 2026](#)



01 ▲ 08 Neal Skupski (09) (with American Christian Harrison)
04 ▼ 03 Lloyd Glasspool (01) (with Julian Cash)
05 ▼ 03 Julian Cash (02) (with Lloyd Glasspool)
06 ▼ 03 Henry Patten (03) (with Finland's Harri Heliouvaara)
08 ▲ 02 Joe Salisbury (10) (taking break until April 2026)
27 ▲ 10 Luke Johnson (37) (with Poland's Jan Zielinski)
74 ▲ 04 Marcus Willis (78) (sometimes with Joshua Paris)
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102 ▼ 05 Joshua Paris (97) (sometimes with Marcus Willis)
114 ▲ 27 David Stevenson (141)
175 ▲ 30 Ben Jones (205)
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201 ▲ 17 James Mackinlay (218)
221 ▲ 79 Charles Broom (300)
224 ▼ 17 Mark Whitehouse (207)
226 ▲ 53 Scott Duncan (279)
228 ▲ 08 Johannus Monday (236)
240 ▲ 173 Jay Clarke (413)
241 ▲ 08 Cameron Norrie (249)
243 ▼ 10 Jacob Fearnley (233)
248 ▼ 01 Harry Wendelken (247)
263 ▲ 70 Finn Bass (333)
277 ▲ 12 Tom Hands (289)
280 ▼ 195 Jamie Murray (85)
289 ▲ 35 Connor Thomson (324)
291 ▼ 39 Hamish Stewart (252)
300 ▲ 88 Finn Murgett (388)
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313 ▲ 83 Lui Maxted (396)
350 ▲ 76 Emile Hudd (426)



[Selected Others](#)

412 ▲ 63 Giles Hussey (475)

436 ▼15	Liam Hignett	(421)
473 ▲69	James Hopper	(542)
484 ▼104	James Story	(380)
527 ▲153	Marcus Walters	(680)
571 ▲02	Harry Rock	(573)
606 ▲75	Ewen Lumsden	(681)
615 ▲74	Jeremy Gschwendtner	(689)
619 ▼70	Joe Tyler	(549)
625 ▲188	Anton Matusевич	(813)
665 ▲79	Luca Pow	(744)
680 ▲410	Oliver Okonkwo	(1090)
723 ▼23	Charlie Robertson	(700)
745 ▲32	Luc Koenig	(777)
746 ▲30	Max Basing	(776)
893 ▲736	James Beaven	(1629)



[LIVE Women's doubles \(minimum top 300\)@March 31 \(am\)](#)

▲ ▼ [Ranking changes since Jan 1 2026](#)



29 ▼03	Olivia Nicholls	(26) <i>(with Slovakian Tereza Mihalikova)</i>
67 ▲09	Maia Lumsden	(76) <i>(sometimes with Harriet Dart)</i>
98 ▼09	Emily Appleton	(89) <i>(sometimes with Holland's Isabelle Haverlag)</i>
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117 ▲08	Madeleine Brooks	(125)
122 ▲01	Alicia Barnett	(123) <i>(sometimes with France's Elixane Lechemia)</i>
127 ▼14	Harriet Dart	(113) <i>(sometimes with Maia Lumsden)</i>
151 ▲73	Amelia Rajecki	(224)
168 ▲15	Sony Kartal	(183)
181 ▲14	Emily Webley-Smith	(195)
190 ▼25	Ella McDonald	(165)
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202 ▼32	Jodie Burrage	(170)
219 ▲156	Alicia Dudeney	(375)
227 ▼48	Eden Silva	(179)
230 ▼36	Freya Christie	(194)
255 ▼10	Mingge Xu	(245)
259 ▲07	Emma Raducanu	(266)
287 ▼47	Naiktha Bains	(240)



[10. Podcasts](#)

On our website www.btja.co.uk are some amazing stories from our more

'experienced' members. The initial idea came from Mike Dickson.

The podcasts include top photographer Clive Brunskill, current President April Tod, organiser of our annual lunches for over two decades, recollections from Nigel Clarke, who reveals all on the infamous nine-man brawl in the Wimbledon press room, plus from John Barrett, Ron Atkin, Richard Evans and Barry Flatman. Chris Jones is the presenter and producer of our podcasts.



11. Website editor/social media duties/BTJA articles request

The website editor is James Buddell.

The website address is www.btja.co.uk

We would be delighted to receive old or new articles for our website that you would like published.

Please contact me by email.



12. Contact Details

You are welcome to send any updated information ASAP (email, postal address and mobile number) to our secretary Eleanor Crooks.

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Also do copy me in so you can receive the bulletins.

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13. BTJA development

We would like to hear from you re: the future development of the Association.



14. Bulletins

There are six bulletins a year.

The next official bulletin will be at the end of May (42), then July (43), September (44) early December (45) and early February (46) 2027.

If you want anything included do email me.

Distribution is going to honorary members.



15. Finally

Hope to see some of you on the ATP Tour during Spring.

I can be contacted anytime by email.

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Best wishes



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