REAL TENNIS CLUB 2016/2017

The University of St. Andrews Real Tennis Club enjoyed an extremely successful inaugural year, taking on numerous universities, as well as a trip to Sussex to challenge Petworth House. The year started with our give-it-a-go sessions, which introduced the students of St. Andrews to the game. Training was determined by the weather, but we managed to get in one training session a week, and real improvements began.

The club saw its first competitive fixture against Newcastle at Jesmond Dene when 8 Fifemen travelled south to compete. Unfortunately, Newcastle came out on top but the games were competitive and as six of the eight had never played a full match before, the performance was admirable.

However, as the Scottish weather turned the training opportunities became limited, and on one session the receiver returned the serve whilst standing on a patch of ice. This did not stop five club members from heading to Cambridge for the Inter-Universities competition, in which we thoroughly held our own, with three out of the five making into the knock-out stage and Angus Giddins charging to the Quarter Final, where a change of handicap was his downfall.
In the second half of the year the club again made the trip to Jesmond for a thoroughly enjoyable double header against Newcastle and Durham. Of course, none of this could have been possible without the support of the Dedanists’ Foundation and Falkland Palace, both of whom we thank profusely. We look forward to another year with plans to take on more of the country and a potential tour to France.