

The Hovingham League Brotherton Cup 2018

18 pairs descended on Wigginton on what was supposed to be a rainy evening but it stayed dry for four-and-a-half hours of exciting tennis. The pairs were split into two groups and each pair played four games against each of the other eight. After 32 games for every pair, the standings were:

Round-Robin 1:

Sandra Jennings & Ben Drummond	23
Suzi Scott-Rix & Steve Broughton	22

Round-Robin 2:

Wendy Jackson & Dominic Carter	24
Teena Gallon & Rob Proudley	21

It was now 10:40pm so semi-finals were dispensed with and a 4-game final followed by a tie-break was agreed between the top pair in each Round-Robin.

But the automatic time limits imposed by local planners had been forgotten. With Ben about to serve at 1-2 just before 11:00pm, all the lights went out except just one. The players gamely agreed to carry on in the gloom. Ben held his serve and the tie-break was just about to start when the final light went out and total darkness descended.

The Brotherton Cup was shared – for the first time in its history – between:

Sandra Jennings & Ben Drummond and Wendy Jackson & Dominic Carter

Congratulations to all participants and thanks to Tony Howat and Wigginton for the organisation and tasty refreshments.