

Wickham Community Tennis Club

Annual Report 2012/13

Chairman's overview

The Club has come a long way in a short time.

In January 2011 the Project Steering Committee met for the first time, to consider the building of new courts and the creation of a new club on Wickham Recreation Ground. Just two years later, we have a thriving tennis club, with 2 superb floodlit courts, an excellent coach, a dedicated committee, and some 230 members.

None of this could have been achieved without funding and support from Wickham Parish Council and the LTA. Equally, the commitment and dedication of a nucleus of people has enabled the Club to reach a point where it is not only ready to achieve LTA Clubmark status, but is also running a successful tennis programme, and fielding teams in local leagues.

I should like to thank everyone who has supported the Club, through the Committee, or otherwise. In particular, I should like to pay tribute to my fellow officers, Adrian Keen and Nicki Oliver, whose commitment, output and dedication, has been outstanding, throughout.

We are all hoping for better weather in 2013, so we can follow one excellent year with another. Enjoy your tennis!!

Adrian Baskerville - Chairman

Wickham Community Tennis Club

The Club was constituted in January 2012 to promote tennis locally and to increase community participation.

Club facilities and commitments



The two floodlit court club facilities were funded by the Parish Council and the Lawn Tennis Association and completed in January 2012. The LTA places certain requirements on the Parish Council and Club to ensure its own objectives are met which includes the club securing Clubmark. Requirements focus on coaching juniors and beginner adults and developing a sinking fund to maintain the courts and lights.

The Parish Council also requires the courts to be available to the wider community on a casual basis.

Communication

The Club has a notice board at the courts where information on the club and coaching programme is posted.

The screenshot shows the website for Wickham Community Tennis Club. It includes a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a welcome message and a notice board, and logos for the British Tennis LTA and Hampshire County Council.

Information is also included on the club's website
www.wickhamtennisclub.hampshire.org.uk

The Club also has a Facebook page
Wickham Warriors

Regular communication takes place with members via email. If you have not received emails please contact the Secretary as it means we don't have your details.

Membership 2012/13

At the end of February the club had 230 members of which 76 are juniors and 6 students. There is an equal split between male and female adult and junior members

Club official opening Saturday 31st March

The Club were honoured by a visit from the LTA Chief Finance Office Nick Humby and Parish Council Chairman Angela Clear who formally opened the club



The morning included free coaching and a barbeque provided by Meon Valley Lions that was very popular. Many thanks to the committee members led by Patricia Raymer who made this such a memorable occasion.

Events and competitions

The club organised open mornings on 17th and 31st March with an invitation to members and the community to take part in free coaching sessions.

Three mini-red competitions were held at Wickham Community Centre in February and March which were very well attended and helped the Club register 23 regularly competing juniors.

Juniors also enjoyed tennis camps during the Easter and summer holidays together with an Earn Your Stripes event on 9th June.



Our adult members also contributed time to help provide the Club with the skills it needs to develop.

Nine members attended a First Aid at Work course, Eason Furnell and Robert Goulson completed a Competition Organisers' course and Patricia Raymer undertook training to become the Child Protection Officer for the Club.

Pay and Play

The Club has a commitment to the Parish Council and the LTA to offer pay and play facilities. We thank Pages Newsagents for their assistance with this by offering a fee collection service. The income from pay and play for 2012 was £152

Ladies' Team win Wickham's first trophy

Wickham Ladies' Team captained by Maggie Allan won their division in the over 40s Hampshire Babolat League providing the club with its first trophy. Many congratulations!



Hampshire and IOW LTA Awards



Wickham Tennis Club has won the Hampshire and IOW LTA *Volunteer of the Year* Award to recognise the work put in by its committee.

Wimbledon Ballot



Many thanks to Heather Oswald for organising and co-ordinating the 2012 Wimbledon Ballot, the tickets and payments.

Coaching



The Club was fortunate to be able to employ Mike Privett to set up its first coaching programme. Mike was very popular with adults and children alike and his courses and holiday camps were very well supported. We were very sorry that he decided to jet off to Australia but wish him well in his new position in the sunshine!

Marie Buzzard kindly stepped in whilst the committee considered its next steps.

A recruitment process began in January and during this time an approach to the club was made by Chris Hull. Chris greatly impressed the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and it was agreed Chris should be the club's next coach.

Chris is both a tennis coach and a fitness and conditioning expert who provides Cardio Tennis guidance to the LTA at a national level.

At the time of writing the coaching programme has just begun, initially concentrating on juniors and adult beginners, this will expand as needs arise. The junior programme is running from Knowle Village Hall and Wickham Community Centre to ensure continuity and comfort for our youngest players and their parents and carers.

Nicki Oliver Secretary

Reports from Teams



Ladies' Team Report

Ladies' Over 40 Summer League team

The Wickham ladies' team had a most successful season, playing 12 matches and winning all but two of them! This resulted in the team coming top of their division in the Hampshire Babolat League which has won the club their first ever trophy and gained promotion for the team to a higher division for next season. In keeping with the community ethos of the club, all 14 ladies who offered to play matches for the club were included in the teams which played.

Ladies' Winter League Team

The 12 ladies in this team are also doing well in the Portsmouth League at the moment. 6 of the 7 matches played so far have been won. Some dedicated volunteers have travelled to the IOW to play matches, which basically takes up a whole day and is quite costly, so they are to be specially commended!

Considerable improvements to the pavilion which is used for match teas have been made over the year, notably improvements in lighting and decoration, but we have requested a couple more improvements which we hope can be carried out in the near future.

Maggie Allan, Ladies' Captain

Report from the Men's over 45 summer season

We were scheduled to play against five clubs in our league, making a total of

ten matches, home and away. Finding a pool of players of the right vintage who were able and willing to join the team was not easy, but we managed to put together a nucleus of a dozen. In this respect I should like to record my thanks to Stuart Doherty and Graham Allan, who together shouldered the responsibility of captaining the teams.

Our results could hardly be described as impressive: we were drawn to play ten matches but conceded two (unable to raise a team) with the result: played 8; won 0; lost 8, but it has to be said that we were up against some very strong opposition. We take comfort from the adage that 'it's not the winning but the playing that matters', and the fact that everyone enjoyed both the matches and the 'après-match' social.

Robert Goulson Men's Captain

Mixed winter team

We have played four matches won two and lost two so far. Weather has stopped a match on the Isle of Wight. All is going well we have three more matches to play.

Lyn Pilcher Team Captain

Team members wanted!



Do you want to play in a Wickham team?

There are opportunities to play matches at all levels, contact the Club Secretary or Treasurer for more information.

Club Business Plan

Report on key objectives for 2012/13

Last year we allocated £2,700 for school visits and community tennis provision. Due to changes in the coach this wasn't all spent but well received visits were made to Wickham Primary School and Droxford Junior School. It is proposed to continue this work in 2013/14 possibly targeting pre-schools rather than infant and junior schools.

A robust programme of junior and adult coaching was delivered with regular reviews to ensure provision was meeting demand. **Actual expenditure £1,850**

£600 was allocated to promotion days and two open days were held offering free coaching and also an '*Earn your stripes day*' for juniors. **Actual expenditure £46**

£500 was allocated for competitions, three junior competitions were held. **Actual cost £412**

£700 was allocated for training for volunteers. Two members qualified as competition organisers, one as a child protection officer and 9 secured First Aid at Work certification. Thank you to our volunteers for their time!
Actual cost £220

Club accounts for 2012

Income	
Subscriptions	£6,097
Grants	£5,500
Match fees	£126
Balls	£54
First aid course	£175
Open day	£60
Pay and play	£152
Other income:	£28
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Wimbledon tickets	£1,274
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	£13,466

Expenditure

Community tennis/school visits - coaching	
Promotion/taster days	£106
First aid course	£395
Competitions	£412
Hall hire	£122
Floodlight electricity	£800
Accountant	£300
Contingencies:	
balls	
club racquets	
printing	
advertising	
Bookit - online booking	
court equipment	
subs and fees	£934
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Wimbledon tickets	£1,274
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	£6,193

Note

Sinking fund of £3,600 for 2012 is being funded by Wickham Parish Council through remaining grants for the tennis courts.

Proposed Business Plan for 2013/14

Income	Budget	
Bal c/f		£7,273
Pay and play	£200	
Subscriptions	<u>£6,000</u>	<u>£6,200</u>
Total		£13,473
Expenditure		
Hall hire		
Underwrite coach		
School visits		
Competitions	£3,000	£3,000
Long term fixed outgoings		
Sinking fund	£3,600	
Electricity	£1,200	
Miscellaneous	<u>£1,200</u>	<u>£6,000</u>
Total		£9,000

The business plan is to offer up to £3,000 of support to Club activities over 2013 and 2014 while the new program is rolled out.

If the programme grows and sessions are well attended this support will not be needed and cash reserves will improve.

The cash flow assumptions are prudent and assume zero growth in subscriptions, and an average attendance of 5 players(2013) and 6 players in each group (2014).

The programme is designed to follow the school term patterns and simplistically runs for 40 weeks a year indoors and 24 weeks outdoors.

Chris Hull our new coach has already attracted a following of 23 juniors and 5 adults.

Attendees typically pay £5 a session and sessions are filling up; whilst there is currently a deficit to deliver the programme there is a likely return to profitable groups once the groups exceed 6.

The intention has never been to make a profit but to run a sustainable long term

programme. We therefore need to break even as soon as possible and my forecast is that this will be achievable before the end of 2013

Chris will be visiting local schools , building links with juniors and adults and making local tennis opportunities accessible and affordable to all.

It is with confidence I offer these accounts to the membership. Your Club funds are in surplus and whilst keeping tight control of your money we intend to grow the programme and membership to keep subscription costs low in the future.

Adrian Keen Treasurer

Wickham Community Tennis Club 2012/13 Committee

Chairman Adrian Baskerville

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Thérèse Evans (Parish Council representative)

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