



# Wickham Community Tennis Club

## Annual Report 2015/16

### Chairman's overview

Once again we are fast approaching the AGM and I wonder where the time has gone!

2015 has been a year of consolidation for the club, with membership settling below last year's peak; however our membership remains significantly above the average for a club of our size and facilities, with a programme of activities catering for a broad spread of the membership. We continue to attract youngsters to the club through our ever-expanding junior programme, and for that we owe a thank you to Chris Hull and his coaching team.

With 2015 behind us we look forward to the coming year - our juniors are getting the opportunity to experience tournament tennis, our adult teams are finalising their fixtures for the upcoming summer season, we are working with Chris and his team to deliver a programme meeting our members' needs, and we shall be exploring the options for a new clubhouse, so exciting times ahead.

I must once again thank my fellow committee members who continue to support me in our goal to grow the best possible two court club in Hampshire - together with their efforts and yours we are putting Wickham Community Tennis Club on the map, ensuring a welcoming environment for those who wish to experience tennis.

After 2 years as Chairman I believe it is time to stand aside and let someone else take the reins and progress the club to the next step, however I will remain on hand to facilitate a smooth handover to my successor. We shall be seeking nominations for all committee positions. This is a great opportunity to shape the future of our club, so please don't be shy in volunteering.

Wishing all a healthy and successful season, and hope to meet some of you on the tennis courts!

**Simon Barry - Chairman**

### Treasurer's Report

The Club has a healthy bank balance as it enters its fourth year.

At the last AGM it was agreed to refund Bishops Waltham Tennis Club £350 as the link between the two clubs ceased.

£3,600 was paid to Wickham Parish Council as a contribution towards the sinking fund for the courts. This is part of the agreement with the council to ensure there is sufficient funding to maintain and replace the courts when necessary.

Some of the spending proposals made last year were not taken up: £600 to fund/subsidise coaching at Wickham CE Primary. It has proved very difficult to engage with parents and children. Children were selected to take part in an academy style training programme but unfortunately acceptances were too low to proceed.

Funds of £800 were set aside for adult and junior competitions and sessions which remain unspent. Active Academy arranged a number of competition opportunities for juniors but adult competition opportunities were only through team tennis in the last year.

Volunteers to help organise events such as club championships and informal club competitions would be welcome!

## 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.

## Club accounts for 2015

Accounts January - December	2015 £
1 <sup>st</sup> January balance	<u>11,410</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Subscriptions	6,951
Pay and Play	152
Hire of courts	946
Match fees	<u>23</u>
	<b>8,072</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Coaching	158
Knowle hall hire	398
Club administration	155
Court equipment	390
Accountancy	270
Bishops Waltham Club closing payment	350
Junior Christmas party	391
Places to Play registration	220
Sinking fund payment to PC	3,600
Misc	<u>80</u>
	<b>6,012</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> December balance	<u><u>13,470</u></u>

Independently inspected accounts will be available on the Club's website when complete.

**Nicki Oliver - Secretary**

## Secretary's Report

### Wickham Community Tennis Club history

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 Wickham Parish Council and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and completed in January 2012. The LTA placed certain requirements on the Parish Council and Club to ensure its own objectives are met which includes the club securing Clubmark - now Tennismark. 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 displayed.

Information is also included on the club's website [www.wickhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.wickhamtennisclub.co.uk)

The Club also has a Facebook Group **Wickham Community Tennis Club - Members** where members can meet and chat online.

Active Academy also run a page called **Wickham Tennis Club** where useful information is posted.

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 2015/16

At the end of January membership totalled 240 members of which 137 are juniors.

## Club News

### Coaching and Club Sessions

Active Academy continues to run our junior and adult coaching sessions.

The main focus is on the juniors and also adult beginners and returners.

Head Coach Chris Hull also runs very successful Cardio Tennis sessions.

The club has run informal sessions during the year with varying degrees of success.

We need our members to let us know what they want in the way of formal coaching and social & competitive tennis.

Our youngest juniors begin their tennis careers at Knowle on Saturday mornings where sessions take place inside if the weather is unkind and outside if the rain has stopped!

Older juniors graduate to the courts in Wickham. As the juniors progress more sessions are offered and this will involve four weeks team training and match play during the spring ready for this year's Ageon Team Challenge.

This proved very successful last year with lots of children enjoying the opportunity to play competitive tennis.



Active Academy organised a club entry in the Quorn Challenge - a family event held at Swanmore College giving the opportunity for parents and children to play together.



Fun events for the juniors (and parents) were also arranged by Active Academy: a barbeque and water play to celebrate the end of term, Halloween activities, a Christmas tournament and a Christmas party which the club funded.



## Wickham Community Tennis Club - in the community

### Taste of Wickham Festival

The Club was again flying the flag at the 2015 Taste of Wickham Festival. Thank you to Chris Hull, Simon and Emma Barry, Helen Moore, Adam Moore, Nick and Claire Watson, Robert Goulson, Alan Ediss, Sue North and Maggie Allan for promoting our club with some street tennis fun.



### Reports from Teams

Thank you to our team captains for leading our teams into action this year.

Adam Moore led the mixed team, Nick Watson the men's and Maggie Allen the ladies.

The mixed and men's teams appear to be too shy to share their successes! Thank you to Maggie for this report from the ladies.



The ladies' team played in division three of the Portsmouth and District league this summer and performed well, ending up in the middle of the division. We were the only team to win against the division winners, though!

During the season, Wickham developed its team to include more players who play solely for Wickham as well as those also eligible to play for other clubs and the combination of enthusiasm and experience has been most successful.

## Wickham Community Tennis Club 2015/16 Committee

**Chairman** Simon Barry

**Treasurer** Alan Ediss

**Secretary** Nicki Oliver

**Committee members:**

Thérèse Evans (Parish Council representative)

Robert Goulson

Sue North

Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council representative)

Nick Watson

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