



Wickham Community Tennis Club

Annual Report 2016/17

Chairman's overview

At this time last year Simon Barry in his Chairman's overview thought it was time, having held the position for two years, to look for a replacement. With this in mind in September 2016 he stepped down, together with secretary Emma Barry and committee member Nick Watson. Around the same time coach Chris Hull advised of his resignation.

Our thanks to Simon, Emma and Nick for their time in office and to Chris Hull for his time at the club.

A new committee was quickly formed and I was delighted to welcome back Adrian Keen to oversee the coaching working with Adrian Baskerville & Sue North. Nicki Oliver returned as secretary. We also welcomed Lyse Lemieux onto the committee, who for her first job organised WCTC first Christmas Dinner. We held it at Green's Restaurant and all those who attended were well looked after by Frank, Carol and their staff.

Mike Johnson was appointed as coach and although starting out just as the evenings were drawing in everyone is very pleased with how the sessions are going. We look forward to the spring and the lighter evenings. Oh and I forgot to mention the ever present Robert Goulson on the committee! Lastly a quick mention of the new clubhouse which we are still pursuing and hopefully in the not too distant future find something within our price range

Alan Ediss Chairman

Treasurer's Report

The club has good reserves as we prepare for our sixth AGM.

The club has continued to make sinking fund payments to Wickham Parish Council of £3,600 to cover the costs of maintaining and the eventual replacement of the courts.

The courts were successfully repainted in 2016 in accordance with the maintenance plan.



Other expenses have been for coaching and club sessions, new opportunities have been welcomed by members following the changes in the club's coach.

Various options are being researched to provide club house facilities, as often happens contractors have let us down with quotes and quotes received have been higher than anticipated.

Work continues!

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 2016

Accounts January - December	2016
	£
1 st January balance	<u>13,469</u>
Income	
Subscriptions	6,157
Grants	300
Match fees	57
Pay and play	183
Hire of courts	531
	<u>7,228</u>
Expenditure	
	£
Coaching	1,843
Floodlight electricity	919
Club administration	263
Sinking fund payment to PC	3,600
Court equipment	373
	<u>6,998</u>
31 st December balance	<u><u>13,699</u></u>

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

Alan Ediss / Nicki Oliver - Treasurer

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

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

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 2016/17

Membership remains stable with 220 members to the end of December 2016

Nicki Oliver Secretary

Club News

Coaching and Club Sessions

Thank you to Chris Hull and his team who provided coaching for the club for the first half of the year. We were sorry when Chris decided to move onto pastures new.

The Committee agreed to appoint local coach Mike Johnson to head the coaching provision for the Club.

Thank you to Adrian Keen, Sue North and Adrian Baskerville who have worked hard as our Club Development and Coach Liaison Officers this year to reenergise the coaching and club sessions.



A new coaching programme has been developed which will continue to evolve to meet the needs of our members.

The new sessions began with free junior coaching on Sunday mornings and there is now a thriving new group of young players thanks to Mike's enthusiasm.

Parents are enjoying socialising during the junior sessions with our rustic café setup!

Mike is also running a Breakfast Bash for adults and experienced teens on Sunday morning which is free for members.

Other new sessions that are proving popular are Cardio Tennis with Becky Scott on

Wednesday mornings and evenings and a Thursday evening drills session with Mike.

The Club Nights need more players! At present the Friday night session is not running but if enough players are interested it can begin again.

Reports from Teams

Thank you to our team captains for leading our teams into action this year and to Robert Goulson for his work as match secretary.

Adam Moore and Sue North led the mixed teams, Nick Watson the men's and Maggie Allan the ladies.



The mixed and men's teams enjoyed their matches with varying success but great enthusiasm and an appreciation of the warm welcome and excellent teas provided by local clubs.

Thank you to Maggie for the report below from the ladies.

Wickham Ladies doubles team

We had some success this year in the Portsmouth league, winning our division in the Winter League to gain promotion and a shield. In the Summer League, there was a close race against Ryde for the top spot in the division, but the shoot-out ended with us coming second.

This is, however, enough to gain us promotion and a certificate.

I was proud to receive the trophies on behalf of the team at the annual awards ceremony in October.

Congratulations and thanks to all the dedicated players who helped towards this achievement.



Maggie Allan

Wickham Community Tennis Club - in the community



The Club funded a term of tennis lunch club sessions at Wickham Primary School as part of its work in the community which were very popular.

We are pleased that the school has asked the Club to deliver further coaching sessions in the autumn.

Taste of Wickham Sunday 10th September 2017

The Club will be represented again at the Taste of Wickham Festival providing street tennis for visitors.



Help with this event would be much appreciated.

Wickham Community Tennis Club 2016/17 Committee

Chairman Alan Ediss
Treasurer Alan Ediss / Nicki Oliver
Secretary Nicki Oliver
Match Secretary Robert Goulson
Club Development and Coach Liaison Adrian Keen, Sue North & Adrian Baskerville
Committee members:
Lyse Lemieux
Thérèse Evans (Parish Council representative)
Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council representative)

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