



Wickham Community Tennis Club

Annual Report 2017/18

Chairman's overview

Who would have dreamed this time last year we would be in the wonderful position we find ourselves today and a fine new clubhouse as well.

It was only mid-March when Adrian Keen, Nicki Oliver and myself drove up to Newbury to look at a building Nicki had found on the internet. We liked it discussed the pros and cons while we were there and on the return journey, arriving at the unanimous decision it was just right for our club.

On the 17th July, many of you were present to see it officially opened. We thank the Parish Council for providing the funds and Nicki for arranging all the services we required and the electric shutters.

But our biggest thanks must surely go to Adrian Keen and the wonderful coaching team he has assembled, hopefully, I don't miss out any names! Aply led by our Head Coach Mike Johnson who has so much enthusiasm it radiates around the courts when he is doing what he does so well- coaching!

To be watching on a Sunday morning when Mike, James Mack, Bash Kara and Becky Scott have lots of young members hitting dozens of balls makes you very proud of our club. Well done to all of you and of course Harvey Ford who helps out as well. Not forgetting his mum Kim who takes the seniors Tuesday mornings.

All the other sessions are going well too and I only wish I was twenty years

younger to take part in matches and other evenings but advancing years and tennis elbow, unfortunately, precludes me, but I can still enjoy watching and helping to make our club a good club where everyone gets exactly what they want from it. Especially the social side!

Alan Ediss Chairman

Treasurer's Report

The end of year reserves are a very reasonable £8,657.

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.

It has been agreed to increase this to £3,800 from 2018 to take account of the new clubhouse.



Other expenses have been for coaching and club sessions as well as fitting out costs for the new clubhouse.

The club was fortunate that the Parish Council was able to fund the new clubhouse from developer funding earmarked for improvements to sports facilities.

The clubhouse has provided a fantastic facility and gives the club a focal point increasing its sense of place in the village.

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 2017

Accounts January - December	2017
	£
1 st January balance	<u>13,699</u>
Income	
Subscriptions	7,134
Grants	650
Match fees	40
Session fees	1,633
Pay and play	25
	<u>9,482</u>
Expenditure	£
Coaching	9,302
Court equipment	156
Club administration	1,176
Sinking fund payment to PC	3,600
Clubhouse equipment	290
	<u>14,524</u>
31 st December balance	<u><u>8,657</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.

During 2018 the club worked with Wickham Parish Council to build a clubhouse which has been very well received. The club will fund the running costs for the building and contribute towards a sinking fund for its long term maintenance.

Communication

The club is moving with the times and taking advantage of the LTA online communications systems.

All communication with members is via Clubspark email. Please register with Clubspark if you have not done so already.

The club has a presence on Clubspark with a dedicated website.

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<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WickhamCommunityTennisClub>

This runs alongside our club website



www.wickhamtennisclub.co.uk

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

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

Membership 2017/18

Membership remains stable with 220 members to the end of December 2017

Club News

Coaching and Club Sessions

Thank you to Adrian Keen and Sue North who have worked hard as our Club Development and Coach Liaison Officers this year to continue to develop the club coaching programme.

Thanks to our coaches who have provided a varied selection of inspiring sessions throughout the year.

Mike Johnson has worked tirelessly as our Head Coach overseeing the junior and adult programmes.



Members have enjoyed the Breakfast Bash with Mike on a Sunday morning and also Cardio sessions with Becky Scott on Wednesdays. These have been funded by the club during 2017.

The juniors have been working hard on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday after school and are all making good progress. Thanks to Mike J, Bash Kara, Becky Scott, Kim Ford, Harvey Ford and James Mack for their dedication to our youngsters.

We said goodbye to James Mack at the end of the year and wish him well as he moves on to new challenges.

Kim Ford continues to run a successful Tennis for Seniors session on Tuesday mornings. This is a gentle session open to all, fitness and fun!

The club held an open day on 7th May where everyone was able to enjoy the facilities for free.

Thank you to Adrian K who organised a fun Christmas event in December with medals and chocolate galore. It was a fitting and enjoyable end to our club year.

Congratulations to Adrian was shortlisted for Winchester District Sports Volunteer of the Year.

We were delighted to invite Parish Council Chairman Angela Clear and Vice-Chairman Sue Roger-Jones to officially open the clubhouse and a very enjoyable celebration was held complete with bouncy castle and lots of cake.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes!

Reports from Teams

The club has three teams and new players are always welcome.

This year thanks are due to Linda Warren who led the Mixed Team, Jonathan Sharp the Men's and Maggie Allan the Ladies.

Thanks also to Jonathan who ran the Tuesday evening mix in.

Particular thanks to Robert Goulson for his sterling work as match secretary.

Wickham Ladies doubles team

Wickham ladies have had a very enjoyable year and have welcomed quite a few new members to the team. We were bang in the middle of the league table last summer, but our team was proud to be awarded an endurance trophy for having to play the most games per match out of every team who played in the area! The wet weather has been disruptive this winter season, but we are second in our league with two matches to play, which is positive.



Ladies Captain
Maggie Allan

Wickham Community Tennis Club - in the community



The club provided coaching to Wickham C of E Primary School again this year delivering a 12 week course of lunch club and curriculum time sessions. Thanks to Bash Kara and Becky Scott for their work enthusing the children.

Extra thanks to Bash who coached all the children at the school during Wimbledon fortnight. The children walked from the school to the courts for a fun session.

Thank you to Becky for assisting Bash and to the school staff who made time for the children to enjoy an outside activity.

None of this would happen without the organisation skills and enthusiasm of Adrian Keen.



Another successful project organised by Adrian K was the Tennis 4 Kids scheme which saw 60 children graduate from a six week coaching course. Thanks to Bash and James for coaching and to Adrian for all the time it took to co-ordinate and organise the scheme.



Help with the 2018 event would be much appreciated.

Nicki Oliver Secretary



Annual Assembly & Taste of Wickham September 2017

The club was represented at the Annual Parish Assembly with a display stand manned by committee members promoting the club to all who attended!

The club was out in force at the 2017 Taste of Wickham Festival providing street tennis for visitors and an eye catching entrance to the festival. Thank you to Adrian K & Alan and everyone who helped during the day.

Wickham Community Tennis Club 2017/18 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
Committee members:
Adrian Baskerville
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Sue Roger-Jones (Parish Council representative)

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