

## Wickham Community Tennis Club AGM 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

### Chairman's Report

**Headline: a very successful year in the continuing development of WCTC, ending the year with nearly 300 members, including 100 juniors.**

Some of the highlights

- **Clubmark.** Awarded in June. This reflects a well managed club , meeting LTA standards. Good news. Supporting policies are in place and published on the website.
- **Coaching** Chris Hull has brought tremendous energy and commitment to the club. And many new members through networking and contact with local schools. There is now a fully developed coaching programme, comprising Saturday juniors @ Knowle and Wickham; a Saturday cardio session @ Knowle and an Adult improvers session @ Wickham. A Tuesday Wickham coach attended mix in. And Thursday sessions @ Wickham. Details are on the website.
- **Affordability.** The Committee is keen to ensure that nobody is kept out of tennis on our courts because of affordability. A modest increase in fees is sought this year, to help with sinking fund requirements. The general principle of affordability remains important to the Committee, the Club, and the community. AK will talk about sinking fund requirements later, and our need to bring in income over and above subscriptions.
- **Free sessions** These sessions have been successful and brought in new members. We will need to continue with them, because we think we should . The Club may well be seeking beacon status in the future, and free sessions are a pre-requisite to beacon status. .
- **A community club.** The Club is first and foremost a community club. It has targeted the local communities, particularly Wickham and Knowle, but also Meonstoke Newtown and Botley, among others. WCTC now has a real presence out there, through its coaching sessions and school visits. All of the coaching team can be proud of their success. They have been supported by the Club, and they have repaid that investment. The team comprises Chris Hull, Catherine Ewart-Smith, David MacNab, Sam Kingdom=Marston, Kim Ford and Adam Moore.
- **Competition.** It's good to see WCTC competing. The ladies have done well and the men are improving. It's an upward curve. The future is promising and there is now a nucleus of interested players.

- **Hard workers.** The Club has some very hard workers making things happen. In particular, I should like to pay tribute to Adrian Keen, who remains Mr Wickham Tennis Club – he’s so full of ideas, he wears me out – it’s exhausting trying to keep up; Chris Hull and the whole coaching team; Nicki Oliver is the most efficient and effective secretary any club could ever have, in my opinion. And I’ve been a member of many clubs. My thanks to the whole committee, team players, organisers and everyone who has contributed.