

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
CLUB AGM Wednesday 27th November 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the Club members who have volunteered to give their time to the Club throughout the year, without whom a members' club would cease to run.

For any new members who may not be aware, there are three committees that meet monthly, the Tennis Committee, the Squash Committee and the main Club Committee. Additionally, there is a Junior Committee, an Entertainment Committee and an army of Team Captains who organise all of the various tennis and squash teams.

The Club has recently sent out requests for volunteers to fill vacant positions, so if you feel that you are able to help we would be delighted to hear from you! The two vacancies on the main Club Committee are for the Treasurer and Entertainment Committee Chair, and we would be happy to discuss the requirements of these roles with any interested parties.

I would like to thank the retiring Tennis Chairman, Wayne Stretch, for all of the great work that he's overseen in the last 3 years to improve our facilities and communication, and to build our tennis membership. This year, the Club has added floodlights to Courts 1&2 as well as replacing all of the old metal halide lamps with more energy efficient LED fittings. This has enabled more courts to be available in the evenings at a considerably lower running cost.

I would also like to thank our Treasurer, Peter Jordan, who kindly stepped back in to help the club 3 years ago but will now be re-retiring at the end of the year. Peter has maintained the Club's 10-year Financial Plan that enables us to monitor our performance against a projected future income and expenditure. This has allowed us to confidently make a significant investment in the clubhouse, as well as to create a healthy sinking fund for the replacement of courts as required.

Last year, a refurbishment sub-committee worked with Jerzy Stera, an architect and Club member, to produce some potential designs to refurbish the clubhouse. I am delighted to say that the Club Committee has approved these plans, and the expenditure of approximately £100k. We have appointed a local contractor who has previously refurbished Chartridge Park Golf Club, and we are looking to start work in February. A local Interior Designer has put together some 'mood boards' showing some of the potential finishes and furnishings and these will be on show at the Club AGM.

Overall, we feel that the Club is in good shape but we are acutely aware of the need to maintain our existing membership whilst ensuring that we attract new members. We would therefore like to hear members' views and as we have said, we would welcome new volunteers to make sure that we represent the wider membership.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM

Geoff Williams
Club Chairman