



CHIPPENHAM TENNIS CLUB: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018/19

1. This has been another very busy year and we are extremely grateful for the support of both our dedicated committee members and the many members who volunteer to help.

Key achievements include:

- a. Remedial repainting of all courts has been carried out as part of the original contract with Chiltern Sports. The courts are now in very good condition.
- b. Obtaining detailed planning permission to install trifold doors to the clubroom which will improve viewing and access. A builder has been appointed and work should commence later this month.
- c. Recruiting our new Head Coach, Ben Elliott, who started in January 2019. He has worked hard to promote the coaching programme through school visits, running various LTA initiatives and setting up a new dedicated coaching website. Coaching numbers have grown substantially (see the Head Coach report for details). And Ben is a valuable addition to our management team.
- d. Holding promotional events as part of the Sports Club Open Day and the Nature Valley Great British Tennis Weekend, together with the entrance banner and our attractive and up to date website, have all helped to attract new members.
- e. Supporting club sessions and a variety of social events: curry evenings, Christmas dinner, Christmas Crackerjack competition, winter indoor tournament, quiz night, skittles teams, lawn bowls match and tennis weekend at Okehampton.
- f. Our many teams who compete in both the Chippenham and Swindon leagues. Please refer to the Captains' reports for full details of their achievements. Extremely well done to all our teams and many thanks also to the Team captains for organising their teams to take part.
- g. The Club championships and BBQ
- h. The Club Open which had 32 pairs of ladies and men, many from other clubs, and raised over £1,800 for Wiltshire Search & Rescue.
- i. Adult memberships which have increased slightly. We are grateful to Linda Roberts, our Membership Secretary, who administers all the adult and family memberships.

- j. Our finances which are in a very healthy state, with sufficient funds for the clubroom patio door project (c £10k), whilst meeting the LTA guidelines for a Sinking Fund towards the next major facilities upgrade. Many thanks to Jake Williams, who took on the role of Treasurer this year.
 - k. In Oct 2018 we achieved LTA “British Tennis Registered Venue” status. In July 2019 we underwent a Safeguarding audit which concluded that “Every aspect of the minimum standards has been achieved or exceeded. There is an evident and continuing willingness to maintain safeguarding standards.” Thanks go to our Welfare Officer, Linda Opie, for setting policies and promoting safeguarding.
2. The tennis club is part of the **Chippenham Sports Club** and we enjoy meeting in the bar for drinks or post- match teas.
- In the past year the Sports Club have:
- a. bought and installed a defibrillator (adjacent to our tennis patio); and
 - b. installed gates across the Hardenhuish Lane access Road, which have improved the safety of our site.
- Future potential developments include:
- c. installing an easily accessible disabled toilet; and
 - d. when funds permit, extending the balcony around to face out onto the tennis courts (medium term) and replacing the dome with a Fixed Structure which will include 2 indoor tennis courts as part of the multi-sport complex (long term).
3. This year several **committee members** are standing down including:
- June Rowson (Secretary),
 - John O’Meara (Mens captain),
 - Linda Opie (Welfare Officer) and
 - myself (Chairman).

All have contributed massively to the club, and it is time for others to step in.

Nominations for new committee roles and members include:

- Charles Gordon as chairman,
- Andy Smith as secretary,
- Mike Roberts as Mens captain,
- Kim Stuckey as Mixed captain,
- Sarah Armitage as Welfare Officer; and
- Dean Cook and Alun Robinson as “other” committee members.

I hope you will vote for all of them later in this meeting.

Helen Stuckey
Chairman, October 2019