

## **Chairman's Report**

I would like to thank all members of the committee for working so hard during the past year. We managed to co-opt a social secretary during the year: thank you Toni for stepping in. There are a number of committee members who are not standing for re-election and I wanted to acknowledge their contributions: Simon Brittain, Clive Hogan, and Suzanne Hamid. I would also like to thank Karen, who supports the committee in so many ways. The club would not function without her. I would also like to thank Di for her years of working at the club (30 as of this year!), the bar would be severely lacking without her smiling presence.

### **Facilities -**

Courts 1-3 will be resurfaced in July 2018 at no cost to the club. Following investigation by independent experts, engagement with the LTA and the wider Contracting Associations it transpired that the problems we encountered were common to other resurfacing projects at that time and were traced to batches of soft stone which had been mixed into the aggregate supplied to the Contractor who did the work for us.

In the coming months we are also expecting the Council to start clearing back some of the overgrown vegetation and shrubs which have self-seeded and grown along the boundary with the cemetery on Courts 1 to 3. Following this work we will install a new fence along the boundary and replace all the fencing around these courts.

The courts at Oaken Grove have been resurfaced and repainted; a new Lease Agreement has been signed with RBWM and formally registered with the Land Registry.

We plan to resurface courts 7-9 and the Mini Zone in July 2019 and have set up a subcommittee to progress this project.

The clubhouse subcommittee has been meeting regularly to progress plans. We hope to present options to the members this spring with estimated costs for the different options, including potential subscription implications.

The LTA have launched a substantial 10 year infrastructure fund to encourage clubs/councils/schools to work together to grow participation in the sport. The club will look to put in a bid to floodlight courts 7-9 and the Mini Zone, as well as potentially adding to the Oaken Grove courts and providing floodlights and covered courts there. We have a good working relationship with the council for the Oaken Grove courts and would look to develop it further with this bid.

### **Coaching -**

I would like to thank Nigel and the excellent coaching team. By supporting rusty racquets to help transition new members, running various adult group coaching sessions and adult individual lessons, all members have an opportunity to improve their standard of play. Perhaps most noteworthy, is the strength of the junior coaching programme which represents the future of our sport. Sadly for us, we have lost Jess to the LTA. She will be a hard act to follow for anyone Nigel recruits!