

## Chair's Report

It has been another busy year at the tennis club. Hopefully the dark times of lockdown 2 and 3 already are far behind us and we are now in the full swing of the normal tennis calendar. The US Open is going strong – the Brits are giving a good show – as we are being stunned by Emma Raducanu! The Faringdon Tournament is edging towards it's finals day – guided by the steady hand of Steve Wright. Pimms and Prizes have successfully come and gone in 'fairly dry' weather and the Summer Social of a Tea Party at Sudbury House Hotel was really popular and had almost half of the adult membership drinking, chatting and soaking up some surprising sunshine.

The number of Teams the Club enters into competitions continues to expand and there have been lots of opportunities and successes for our more competitive members. Thank you to all our team captains who sort the squads out and organise them, but most of all to Adrian Noke who puts the whole complicated programme together.

The coaching team are expanding their programmes and offering more Junior sessions as well as introducing some targeted coaching for our teams and adult sessions. Please encourage anyone who is interested to get in contact with them.

Membership continues to grow and following our various 'post-lockdown deals' we have retained many of these new members. Alan Elbourn has done a great job of supporting these newcomers with Tuesday and Friday evening tennis and Sunday mornings seem to swing in popularity with the wind/sun/temp and people's social calendars!

This is my last season as Chair – 3 years now – I hope the new coaching team, expanding teams and social calendar all continue to thrive as the club goes forward. I know there are plans under way for more floodlights, picnic tables and keeping our courts and Clubhouse beautiful. If anyone has any ideas for improvements then the committee is always keen to hear them.

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