

**Hanney Tennis Club**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 21 February 2022**  
**In the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney Village Hall**

**Present:** David Corps, Jenny Corps, Trevor Russell, Oliver Cornish, Clive Fewins, Rich Lonnon, Tom Bradshaw, Jackie Simpson and Sarah Kitt.

**Apologies:** Bridget Taylor, Paul Haines, David Gahan, Sheila Powell, Helen Evans, Katie Horwell, Georgie Parish, Liz Cornish, Alex Corps, Stephen Prew, Mike Hutchings and the Glaysher family.

**Presentation of the Junior Trophy**

The Junior Trophy was awarded to Isabel Glaysher. David Corps' report is attached.

**Matters Arising from the Last AGM and matters arising**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of last year's AGM (**Proposed:** Jenny Corps and **Seconded:** Richard Lonnon). There were no matters arising apart from those due to be covered at this meeting.

**Chairman's Report**

David Corps presented his report (attached to these minutes).

**Treasurer's Report**

Jackie provided a balance sheet (attached). Court resurfacing has been the biggest expenditure but despite this the club's finances are in a healthy position. The electricity bill was low due to a big rebate from our supplier. Rates were also low because of a Covid-related rebate from the council. There was some discussion about on-going maintenance and it is felt that we should maintain a sinking fund of around £6,000 per year. Installation of LED lights was discussed. The committee will discuss whether we need to continue using tokens for the lights or whether these costs are absorbed into membership fees. We are very happy that Stephen Prew has resumed junior coaching. There is currently no adult coaching and cardio tennis and there was some discussion as to whether we should restart these sessions.

**Maintenance Report**

Richard Lonnon's report is attached.

- It was agreed that we should do our own moss treatment this year and then assess whether we need to pay for it to be done professionally in future years.
- It was agreed that we should purchase another outside clock.

**Membership Report**

Jenny Corps' report is attached to these minutes.

It was noted that ClubSpark can now only be accessed through your LTA membership. Jenny urged all members to join the LTA if they have already done so.

**Safeguarding Report**

Jackie Simpson reported that all has been very quiet recently. She has renewed her LTA training for the next two years and is happy to continue as Welfare Officer. The LTA is encouraging all club volunteers and committee members to undertake LTA welfare training. This can be accessed through the LTA login and Jackie will arrange to put a link on our website for all those who are interested.

**Team Captains' Reports**

**Men's A Team**

John Culley reported that all went well in the summer league and that he has lots of players from which to

pick a team. They played eight matches, won five, drew one, lost two, and finished fourth in the division. There are still two games to go in the winter league and the team is currently in second place. John thanked all who had played in these matches.

Reports for Men's B Team, Mixed Team and Ladies' Team are attached to these minutes.

Rich Lonnon thanked all the captains for their efforts in captaining their teams.

### **Tournament Director's Report**

Rich Lonnon's report is attached to these minutes.

### **Club Sessions**

David Gahan's report is attached to these minutes.

The committee will investigate the possibility of adding another evening club session in the summer if and when sessions get busy.

### **Social Secretary's Report**

Georgie Parish's report is attached to these minutes. Although Georgie is now living in Bristol and unable to attend the AGM, she is keen to continue as Social Secretary. There was some discussion about what the club could do as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June. It was also felt that the club should take advantage of the display for local clubs in the Hanney community shop because this would be a good way of attracting new members.

### **Trophies**

Ted Carter trophy for most improved player was awarded to Georgie Parish

Classic player trophy was awarded to Mike Hutchings.

David's report on this is attached to these minutes.

It was noted that all current committee members were happy to stand for another year.  
(**Proposed:** Trevor Russell and **Seconded:** John Culley and **Agreed**).

The committee is now comprised as follows:

- David Corps - Chairman
- Mike Hutchings - Vice Chairman
- Jackie Simpson - Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Safeguarding Officer
- Sarah Kitt - Secretary
- Richard Lonnon - Maintenance Lead and Tournament Director
- Tom Bradshaw - Clubspark Admin and Web Site
- Georgie Parish - Social Secretary
- Oliver Cornish - Publicity

It was noted that the committee would very much like to appoint a junior representative.

### **Membership Fees**

The committee has recommended a five per cent increase in fees as follows:

Single adult - £72.00 (from £68)

Family - £152 (from £147)

Senior - £36 (from £32, but from now on we will charge half the single adult rate)

Junior £25 (from £23)

Mini junior - £15 (from £13)

(**Proposed:** Clive Fewins and **Seconded:** Trevor Russell and **Agreed**).

**Any Other Business**

Clive Fewins noted that the social gathering after Tuesday club sessions has had to move to the Black Horse following the closure of The Plough. He wondered if anyone present had any idea of what was happening at the Plough. It was agreed that there has been little communication with the shareholders.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 20 February 2023 at 7.30 pm

## **Chairman's Report for Hanney Tennis Club AGM 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

You may remember that Sports Courts started work to resurface our courts on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 the day of our last AGM. The new porous tarmac surface was laid and rolled over 2 days on the 23/24<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Temporary lines were applied 10 days later, allowing tennis to resume whilst the new surface cured. The downside was the courts required watering during hot weather and the balls quickly discoloured. The colour coat was then applied on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and I hope that you have all enjoyed playing on our 'new' courts since then.

The committee continue to look at options to retrofit LED lights to our existing posts. Planning Permission will be required. A smart meter has been fitted to monitor electricity usage and allow for more accurate billing.

A big thank you to Rich Lonnon for all his work renovating the exterior of the clubhouse which is looking superb.

As Covid restrictions were relaxed, tennis activities were able to continue in a Covid-secure way and we were able to reopen our clubhouse. Club Sessions proved to be very popular over the summer, my thanks to David Gahan and Helen Evans for overseeing these Club Sessions. We have a report from David Gahan for later in the AGM.

Thanks again to Rich Lonnon for organising our club tournament and for chivvying players to complete their matches. We had an excellent Finals Day with some high-quality tennis on display, congratulations to all our winners. A particular mention to Jonny Cornish for winning the men's singles title for the second year in a row in an epic 3 setter against his bother Dan. Dan was consoled by winning the men's doubles title with Mike Sitch. Olivia Newman became our youngest ever winner of the ladies' singles title and with her sister Phoebe the youngest ever winners of the ladies' double title. Rich has said this is his last year as tournament director – it would be great if we could have a deputy tournament director this year who could take over as tournament director next year.

Tennis coaching was provided by Premier Tennis. Coaching was disrupted by Covid and poor weather, Matt Parry returned to Wales in the summer and Stephen Prew has resumed junior coaching in the autumn term. We welcome Stephen back to this role.

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We will be hearing reports on our club activities shortly, so I won't dwell on those in my report. But looking ahead, we have entered a Ladies Team, 2 Men's Teams and a Mixed Team in The Oxfordshire Dunlop League this summer, together with a Men's Midweek League team that play

on a Wednesday morning. If you would like to play some competitive doubles for any of these teams, please let me or the team captains know.

I would like to thank the committee for their support this year. We continue to have a vacancy for a junior representative on our committee – so if you are a junior member and would like to know more about the role, please contact Jackie Simpson or myself.

We look forward to another enjoyable tournament culminating with our Club Finals Day on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to make this another special day, so even if you are not playing in any of the finals – please keep this date free in your diaries. Hedge cutting is planned for a Sunday at the end of July. The date will be confirmed when club fixtures have been finalised. Members will be informed about the dates of other events and mini tournaments by email through ClubSpark, so please register with ClubSpark by contacting Jenny our membership secretary and please keep your contact details up to date on Club Spark. Jenny will be talking about membership fees later.

David Corps

Chairman

Hanney Tennis Club



**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB**  
**Balance Sheet from 1 Feb 2021-31 Jan 2022**

**Current date** 01/02/2022  
**Funds b/fwd 1/2/2021** £40,565

<b>INCOME</b>	
Membership Subs.	6,293
Matches	403
Premier Tennis	313
Tournament	-
Light Fees	77
Guests	2
Donations/Grants	-
Bank Interest	0
Cardio	-
Admin & Transfers	-
Misc	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,102</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Clubhouse Maintenance	107
Court & Exterior Maintenance	19,055
Electricity	100
Match Fees	20
Club Tournament	310
Rent & Rates	121
LTA Affiliation	480
Cardio Tennis	-
AGM Expenses	28
Admin Expenses	36
Tennis Balls	633
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,890</b>

Deficit for year -£13,788

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Cash 280  
 Current a/c 28005  
 Deposit a/c 42  
 Less Monies Owed -1963

**Current Funds** £26,363

# **Maintenance Report**

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Needless to say the major work done this year was the court resurfacing. Whilst this was done by specialist contractors there was still a lot of co-ordinating required by David Corps and due to un-seasonally high temperatures' we had to water the courts over several days to help cure the tarmac. I wish to thank all the members for their patience and understanding throughout this process..... I think the results were well worth the slight inconvenience.

Life expectancy is 15 years with repainting every 5 years and annual algal/moss treatment.

My thanks to David Corps for hedge cutting and removal this year which he did largely by himself. As a result, the hedge is looking tidy and healthy. Thanks also to Georgie Parish for strimming under the hedge. We have also weeded and refreshed the gravel surround. Cutting for this year will be late July again, date to be confirmed.

I am grateful to those of you who have helped keep the courts tidy and safe and to Tom for changing the gate codes, repairing the dripping kitchen tap and getting the ball machine functioning though sadly has recently malfunctioned again.

I have replaced the rotten areas of the front windows and door sill then repainted the front and side of the clubhouse along with the benches, pillars and fascia boards. I also installed an external clock which has sadly been blown off in recent gales.

We are looking at options to replace the current floodlights utilising the existing poles with LED ones which we have budgeted for. Plans to re-vitalise the inside of the clubhouse did not come to fruition last year but hopefully will soon.

Rich Lonnon

21 February 2202

## **Membership Report**

Our membership for the 2021/22 season stands at 146. Of these, 99 are adults and 47 juniors or mini-juniors. Membership fees raised a total of £6,295.

We have had quite a lot of churn in the membership this year and a number of families and individuals have not renewed their membership. Some have moved away and others have just got other priorities. Thankfully we have a good number of new members so numbers are only a little lower than last year (106 adults & 58 juniors). It does show that we need to continually push to recruit new members.

Jenny Corps  
21 February 2022

## **Team Reports for Hanney Tennis Club AGM 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

### **Men's B Team – Summer League Division 10 2021**

8 players played in 7 matches, winning just 1 and losing 7. On occasion we struggled to find a team fielding just a pair in June and had to concede a match in August not being permitted to field another pair. We finished in last place with just 7 points and have been relegated to Division 11 this summer.

### **Men's B Team – Winter League Division 6 2021/2022**

So far 6 players have played in 7 matches with 2 matches left to play. We have not won any matches, drawn 1 and lost 6. On occasion we struggled to find a team fielding a pair in October and had to concede a match in December not being permitted to field another pair. Unfortunately, we are sitting in last place with minus 1 point and will be relegated to Division 7 next winter.

### **Mixed Team Division 8 Summer 2021**

In contrast to the Men's B Team the mixed team enjoyed considerable success. We played 8 matches, winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 3. We finished with 39 points, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place just missing out on promotion. 8 men and 5 ladies played for the mixed team.

### **Men's Midweek Summer League 2021**

We played 5 matches, winning just 1 and losing 4. We ending in last position with 8 points.

### **Men's Midweek Winter League 2021/2022**

We have played 5 matches, won 2 and lost 3, with one match left to play. We are currently in first place with 19 points, but the other 3 teams have only played 3 matches.

David Corps

21 February 2022

### **Ladies Team Report**

Last summer we played in Division 8, having been promoted the previous season. We had a couple of good games but for the main part we struggled so will be heading back to Div 9 this summer.

The winter league has been better for us. We got off to a flying start. We have one more match to go and expect to finish comfortably mid-table.

It's been particularly exciting to have Olivia Newman start to play regularly and also Georgie Parish was a great addition to the team. My thanks to everyone who has turned out for the ladies team this year.

Jenny Corps

21 February 2022

## **Tournament Report**

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Thanks firstly to all who entered the tournament

Aside from having to do a bit more chasing than last year we just about managed to get all the rounds completed by finals day!!

Thanks to all who helped out on the day especially the umpires plus Tom and Georgie for capturing the day on film – please see the web page for the photos. With covid less of a risk this year there were a lot more spectators and a great atmosphere, helped by the glorious weather and Georgies infectious enthusiasm and spectacular cake! Congratulations to the following winners of 2021.....

Ladies Singles – Olivia Newman

Mens Singles – Jonny Cornish

Ladies Doubles – Olivia Newman & Phoebe Newman

Mens Doubles – Danny Cornish & Mike Sitch

Mixed Doubles – Charanya Venkatesan Crome & John Culley

Mens Plate – Alistair Thomas

The plan for this year's tournament will be the same with free entry by the 17<sup>th</sup> April and finals day 4th September 2022.

After 4 years organising the event I am planning to stand down next year so if you fancy giving it a try please let me know, perhaps I could show you the ropes in readiness for 2023.

Rich Lonnon

21 February 2022

## CLUB SESSIONS

Club Session tennis started up immediately after court refurbishment with onus for Covid measures being personal responsibility. There was clearly a pent-up demand and sessions were popular over summer, building to very high numbers in late summer. This led to some frustrations, particularly when numbers exceeded 16 players, necessitating 'sitting-off' for extended periods. Ad-hoc efforts to speed things up, on a progressive basis, are usually used, with suggestions (usually by me DG or the Chairman) to reduce waiting times, on a suggested/voluntary basis and not enshrined by anything very official. These start with golden deuces (13-16 players), then 'fifth game only if 2:2 reached' for over 16. This isn't universally liked but keeps things moving. If attendances regularly exceed 16 players (eg more than four occasions) then a second club night or box league should be tried.

It was splendid to see the return over the last few weeks of Mike Hutchings, following his latest technical upgrade. His hand-to-eye coordination is still a tribute to ophthalmic science! We're hoping for the return of Georgie Parish following her absence.

For the first year since I joined the club (2001), there has been no loss of any play time on Sunday mornings due to a hard frost (and no curtailment of Tuesday evening play). This is extraordinary. In every other year we have had several instances of a hard white frost and play has started around 10.45 if melted by the Sun. I understand that some weekday play has been affected by frost but this is the first time we've totally escaped *thus far*. Note, the use of salt is no longer approved and was never particularly effective on the courts, but members should be careful of freezing on the lines and stop play if this poses a risk.

No social events took place during the year (eg Pancakes). Post Club refreshment has moved to the Black Horse after the Plough unfortunately shut its doors to Tuesday trade in early June. We missed the spectacular sight of swallows wheeling above St James' Church on a fine mid-summer's evening.

David Gahan  
21 February 2022

## **Social Secretary's Report**

It's been a joy to join the club and get to know all the wonderful members over the last year, and so great to become the club social secretary.

Great summer party at philberds, thank you to all who made it.

It was lovely to get to know some of you, such a shame about covid restrictions at the time, but it was great weather, delicious food brought by the club members and fun games. I think the kids enjoyed themselves too.

Finals day was a great turn out, I've sent over a video of the day, the matches, the chats and all the laughs we had, I hope you all enjoy it.

I was rather hoping to add some tennis themed music over some clips, to drown out my giggles but unfortunately technical difficulties didn't allow..

I've set up an Instagram page, if you'd like to follow us and tag any pics you put up that would be fab! Hopefully it will encourage more people to join the club, and for those of you who like social media it's a great way to see what other members are up too.

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The club logo is the page picture.

Future social events:-

4-5th June there is a village event, the tennis club is hoping to take part, do come and say hi or even better get involved.

Hopefully covid restrictions will continue to be eased off allowing us to have a great summer social this year. Very much looking forward to it, dates and info to follow.

Georgie Parish

21 February 2022

## **Presentation of Trophies at the Hanney Tennis Club AGM 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**The Hanney Tennis Club Junior Player of the Year** is nominated by our Head Coach, Stephen Prew, who sends his apologies for not being able to attend this evening.

Stephen writes; I have only been teaching her since September but over the past 3 months I have really seen her gain so much confidence with her tennis. In her first few lessons she was very quiet and shy but week on week she has grown in confidence. She will answer questions and follows instructions extremely well and her progress just over the past few months has been brilliant – I am really excited to see how she continues to improve over the coming term.

I'm delighted to announce the Hanney Tennis Club Junior Player of the Year is **Isabel Glaysher**.

**The Classic Player of the Year Trophy** is awarded to a "senior" player who has contributed to the club either from playing or other significant contribution.

Mike Hutchings has been a stalwart supporter of Hanney Tennis Club for many years. He has held numerous positions on the committee including; Treasurer, Chairman and Vice Chairman. He has organised friendly matches, been the most "senior" player to have played for the Men's B Team, produced the club newsletter and helped with numerous maintenance tasks. Mike was a "senior" player when he was first awarded the Classic Player of the Year Trophy, 23 years ago, in 1999, and it is a tribute to his competitive spirit, his vigour and his determination that he is still playing tennis today.

I'm delighted to be able to award the Classic Player of the Year Trophy for a second time to our dear friend **Mike Hutchings**.

**The Ted Carter Trophy** is in memory of Lynn Carter's uncle who was a prominent figure in The Hanneys. It is awarded to the most improved player in the club.

The recipient of The Ted Carter Trophy has markedly improved her tennis over the course of the year, so much so that she quickly became an established member of the Ladies Team. She has even volunteered to play in the men's doubles midweek league when we have been short of men. She is extremely energetic around the court, chasing every ball and has a bouncy exuberant nature both on and off the court.

So, as you may have guessed, I'm delighted to announce this year the Ted Carter Trophy has been awarded to **Georgie Parish**.

Georgie sadly cannot be with us this evening, but she was absolutely delighted when I presented the trophy to her.