



Chair's Report 2018

I would like to welcome all members both new and old here at today's meeting and to start by giving a really big thank you to all committee members, team captains and club event organisers as without you the club would not be able to function as well as it does. Cringleford tennis club is completely run by volunteers for the benefit of members and the fact that we have as many activities as we do is a testament to the huge amount of effort put in throughout the year by all.

Quiz Evening Once again our main annual fund raising event was the quiz run by the Henery families at the new Cringleford School venue. Total income for the event was £849 with a profit of £600 being raised for tennis club funds. A superb evening was had so a really big thank you to all who helped but particularly to Catherine, Neil, Paul and Lesley for organising the event and making it so successful.

Social Tennis Event Sadly we said goodbye to Tony Gammage this year following his unexpected death whilst on a family holiday. A long standing and very active member of the club; a committee member, team captain, regular at club tennis and organiser of the Waitrose Cup. The club held a social evening in August organised by Gini and Jenny in his honour and we were delighted with how many members attended and raised a glass to Tony. Tony would I am sure have been delighted with the evening which also had the benefit of Ryan from Top Spin Tennis attending with a great selection of demonstration rackets that members were able to try out, which proved successful for Top Spin as a number of members purchased rackets.

Sponsorship We were delighted that Smith & Pinching agreed to sponsor our summer knockout tournament as their contribution allows us to enjoy a great finals day with first rate refreshments available to all attending. Waitrose continue to provide strawberries and cream for the Waitrose Cup event so a very big thank you to them for doing so.

Wimbledon ticket draw and Smith & Pinching Knockout Tournament Jenny Hall organises both the Wimbledon draw and the Smith & Pinching knockout tournament which is played over the summer. 90 members took the trouble to 'opt in' to the Wimbledon Ballot giving us an allocation of 14 pairs of tickets at The All England Club in July. In the Smith & Pinching tournament, 62 entrants competed in six events, with 75 matches played including the new over 60's mixed doubles where lots were drawn for partners; this resulted in a number of members playing who had not traditionally entered the summer tournaments. A big thank you to Jenny for this and for also organising a great finals day that was attended by over 50 members, friends and family.

Smith & Pinching Knockout Tournament Roll of Honour 2018		
Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s)Up
Men's Open Singles	Ollie Henery	Rob Hall
Ladies' Doubles	Alison Gilmour/Mandy Bailey	Nicki Mitchell/Sally Hardwick

Mixed Doubles	Holly Reding/Paul Henery	Lauren Henery/Ollie Henery
Men's Doubles	Rob Hall/ Oli Palmer	Mark Reeves/Neil Henery
Men's Doubles Plate	Tom Dymoke/ David Burton	Troy Linton/ Jonathan Skoulding
Mixed Over 60s Doubles	Jenny Hall/ Hugh Gilmour	David Stephenson/Monny Roffey

Compliance We continue to develop our policies and procedures in the light of increasingly stringent requirements and to ensure they are 'fit for purpose'. These can all be found on our website and members are recommended to review these on a regular basis.

Coaching Lucy Brooks and her team continue to run coaching sessions for juniors both at Cringleford School and on our courts. They also offer individual coaching to those juniors who are looking for one to one support to improve their skills. Mandy Bailey has recently joined the committee to take on a Coaching Liaison role and looking at ways to develop both junior and adult coaching further.

Anna Linton continues to run the Friday morning Ladies group which is well supported and gives both members and non-members the opportunity to improve their skills in a friendly atmosphere.

Sunday Club Tournaments Nicki stepped in to run a successful Waitrose Cup with the winners being Juliet Chambers and David Burton. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Challenge Cup as a result of inclement weather, a rare day of rain in what has otherwise been a glorious summer for tennis.

Club Sessions We have a range of well supported club sessions that run throughout the year and attract a good level of support. The Saturday morning event is organised by Margaret Robins and attracts around fifty different members over the course of a year. Mid-week club nights are run by David Stephenson on Tuesdays and Thursdays all year round; in summer up to six courts can be in use allowing 24 members to play at any one time. During the winter these evenings are managed through a 'Doodle Poll' with members signing up online for use of the two floodlit courts. The numbers playing have increased with most evenings booked up in advance to the extent that David is now trialling a system where up to 12 players sign up rather than 8, accommodated through an on-court rota system. Nick Brewin runs Monday morning club sessions which are very popular attracting up to 12 members on a regular basis.

Membership Ann Starky took over from Rosanna as membership secretary at the beginning of the year and reports numbers for the year as 138 Adults and 39 Juniors resulting in £10,965 year to date. Numbers are down on the previous year however we are seeing new members joining and we continue to promote the club via the website and parish magazine to ensure we keep the club visible.

Facilities The biggest step forward for the facility this year was undoubtedly the renaissance of the grass courts; an enlarged Parish Council grounds maintenance team put in a great deal of work early in the season which paid off with the courts having more use than for many years, with the weather also being ideal for grass court play. A big thank you to Chris Meeson and his colleagues for their efforts.

Finances Rob Hall will present the Club's annual Income and Expenditure Report as a separate item on the agenda.

Club Development A separate report relating to a possible capital project has been circulated and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Team Tennis Match Secretary Stuart Malone will present a summary of his Match Report which this year contains an overview from each Team Captain of their team's performance. It makes for a very enjoyable read! Click [Match Report 17/18](#) to read the report on the Team Tennis page on our website.

Tennis Leagues A recent development has been the start of a singles league organised by one of our members Stephen Jeffs. It is hoped that a mixed doubles ladder will also commence in the near future.

Committee Hon Secretary Stuart Malone, Hon Treasurer Rob Hall, Gini Anderson, Mandy Bailey, Jenny Chambers, Nathan Dickinson, Gill Ellis, Jenny Hall, Jane Hendriks, Fraser MacMillan, Nicki Mitchell, Monica Roffey and David Stephenson.

We have one retiring member this year, Gill Ellis. Gill is a long standing member of club who has contributed much over many years as a player, team member, coach, committee member and the club's representative on local tennis committees. Many members will know Gill from her popular 'Rusty Rackets' sessions, which were very successful in helping players who were taking up the game for the first time or looking to regain their former skills. She will also be greatly missed by the junior coaching team where she has been heavily involved in junior coaching sessions and holiday camps.