



AGENDA

TENNIS SECTION AGM on THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER 2020 at 7.30 PM

1. Apologies for absence.
 2. Minutes of Tennis Section AGM held on Thursday 17th October 2019 and matters arising.
 3. Matters for discussion:
 - (a) Court availability.
 4. Ground's Report – *Neil Crawford*.
 5. Coach's Report – *Ashley Neaves*.
 6. Captains' Reports – *Andy Gilliatt (Men's)*.
Natalie Denby (Ladies).
 7. Social Tennis Report – *Lynda Pine*.
 8. Major events for next year:
 9.
 - (a) The Avenue Open Seniors' Tournament - from Monday 14th to Saturday 19th June 2021 (to be confirmed).
 - (b) LTA Summer County Cup - from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd July 2021.
 - (c) Junior Tournament grade 4/5?
 - (d) Touch Tennis Tournament?
 9. Re-election of Officers – ***current post holders:***
 - Honorary Tennis Secretary: ***Mike Colbourne***
 - Honorary Match Secretary: ***Rob Mort***
 - Men's Captain: ***Andy Gilliatt***
 - Ladies' Captain: ***Natalie Denby***
 - Grounds Chair: ***Neil Crawford****
 - Junior Secretary: ***James Green***
 - Mix-In Representative: ***Lynda Pine***
 - Member: ***Joe McVay***
- *Not for re-election.
10. Any Other Business.

ELECTION OF TENNIS COMMITTEE OFFICERS 2020.21

Due to the current coronavirus situation, access to the clubhouse is still restricted so we have moved away from the traditional sign up nominations sheet to an online nominations form. (Many thanks to Ian Marks for his help with this)

The link to the nominations form is below, if you are putting yourself forward for a post on the tennis committee please ensure that you have done so by the end of day, Thursday 8th October making sure that your nomination has been proposed and seconded by a member of the club with voting rights.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sNz10F4tHHg2Ez2beWeJg2kFgVd8mBBGAHUGCt55ik/edit?usp=sharing>

Please Note:

Nominations only to be made with the assent of the Nominee, do not nominate a member without their permission.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020.21

OFFICE	HOLDER	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
TENNIS SECRETARY	Mike Colbourne			
MATCH SECRETARY	Rob Mort			
MENS CAPTAIN	Andy Gilliatt			
LADIES' CAPTAIN	Natalie Denby			
JUNIOR SECRETARY	James Green			
GROUND'S COMM CHAIRMAN	Neil Crawford*			
MIX-IN REP	Lynda Pine			
MEMBERS REP	Joe McVay			

Please print your name clearly

*Not for re-election

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TENNIS SECTION OF
THE AVENUE LAWN TENNIS, SQUASH AND FITNESS CLUB - held on Thursday 17th
October 2019**

Present: Binky Hallett (Club Chairman), Mike Colbourne (Tennis Secretary) and 50 other tennis members: David Baggott, Julia Baker, Sally Barwood, Ros Bartlett, George Bentley, Alex Berrill, Philip Broad, Angie Brown, Nick Castle, Yim Cheung, Nigel Cote, Colin Cox, Neil Crawford, Natalie Denby, Adrian Drummond, Sheila Drummond, Jackie Edny, Ian Farley, Mark Fullstone, Andy Gilliatt, Richard Hallett, Mike Hodgetts, Russell Howarth, Vince Ibbs, Imogen Karas, Sue Kent, Chris Knight, Celia Lynch, Ian Marks, Joe McVay, Richard Mead, David Moakes, Rob Mort, Ashley Neaves, Frances Palmer, Helen Piper, Lynda Pine, Sara Robson, Sally Rose, Denise Simper, Irene Smalley, Ros Sotnick, Emma Smith, Lucy Smith, Susan Smith, Sue Sparshatt, Geoff Tarvin, Linda Wainwright, Doug Yelland and Michael Young.

Binky Hallett chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies were received from Richard Ainscow, Pat Chalmers, Jane Dalton, Jackie Gauntlett, James Green, Jenny Morris, Betty Patterson, David Perks, Robin Reucroft, Sue Reucroft, Jenny Ward, Morris Young and David Younghusband.

2. MINUTES OF LAST TENNIS SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (held Thursday 18th October 2018)

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Proposed by: Nigel Cote;

Seconded by: Lynda Pine.

3. MATTERS DISCUSSED:

3.1 Proposal to convert two grass courts to all-weather floodlit courts.

Presentation by Neil Crawford Grounds Chair:

Context and process this evening

- Tennis committee discussed increasing court pressures.
- Development Committee have created 5-year vision.
- 2 Grass court conversion is part (potentially) of this vision.
- Requires a view of support (or not) from the tennis members.

Process this evening

- Present proposal.
- Discussion.
- Do the tennis members support the conversion of 2 grass courts to all-weather courts?

A majority "Yes" is:

- One step in a process.
- It means the proposal will remain in the Vision Document.
- Next steps - full membership vote on support for club to borrow / raise funds.

Why?

- Tennis membership historically flat.
- BUT activity has risen dramatically in recent years

- New coach early 2018 having big impact both member numbers and activity.
- Projections suggest growth likely to continue year on year.
- Imbalance in resources - Insufficient all-weather courts for 7 months of the year (Sept to May) to meet both current and future needs - whilst we have 10 courts sitting unused.

What's caused this growth in activity?

- Excellent new courts installed in 2016.
- Daytime social mix-ins.
- Wednesday evening match practice.
- Free floodlights.
- Tournaments (club / seniors / charity etc).
- Impact of new coach on coaching and new members.
- Better club management (Tennis and Management Committees).
- This growth is projected to continue year on year.
 - Junior & Successful adult learning programmes.
 - Increasing local population.

Grass courts are a top quality but expensive product with unpredictable availability

10 grass courts open for 16 weeks per year.

- Late April until early Sept.
- Opening time limited each day (late am, earlier evening close) - max 10 hours/day.
- 2 weeks significant time lost to tournaments.
- Availability weather dependent (2018 availability 95%, wet years 50/60%).
- Any rain stops play for a reasonable length of time.

7 all-weather courts open 52 weeks per year.

- Usable from sunrise until 9.30pm each day - 13/14 hours per day.
- Usage much less affected by weather - can be used in rain/wet and play resumed immediately after rainfall.

Benefit of the proposed change?

- Court availability all year to meet all club needs - coaching, social, teams, free play, tournaments etc.
- Continued growth of coaching programme.

Leading to:

- Growing income from current and new members income/coaching programme.
- Using other areas of club - bar, fitness etc.

Other options:

- Relationship with Warblington School / use of their facilities?
- Indoor courts in Havant?

Business Case / Funding possibilities

- Costs to install 2 new Synthetic Clay (or Synthetic Grass) courts with fencing and floodlights = £150K.
- Utilising sinking funds.
- Commercial Loan.
- LTA/Sport England Loan / grant.
- Members' loans.
- Others.

View of Bookings (October 2018)

Hard Court Bookings - October 2018		8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5	17	17.5	18	18.5	19	19.5	20	20.5	21	21.5		
Day	Row Labels																														
Mon	01/10/2018			4	5	4	4	2	2					1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	1				
Tue	02/10/2018					2	2	2							1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3			4	4					
Wed	03/10/2018			5	5	7	7	6	4							1	3	3	2	3	1	6	6	6	7		1	1			
Thu	04/10/2018			5	5	5	4	4	3	3									2	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	5				
Fri	05/10/2018			1	6	5	5	6	6	5	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	3	1		1				
Sat	06/10/2018			3	4	5	2	2	3	2	2	2	6	4	7	7	7	7	3												
Sun	07/10/2018			1	4	4	6	5	4	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	4														
Mon	08/10/2018			4	4	4	4	2	2								1	3	4	3	4	7	7	7	7	4	3	3			
Tue	09/10/2018			1	1	4	5	6	3				2	2	2		1	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	6	6	1				
Wed	10/10/2018			4	5	7	7	6	4							1	1	5	4	4	6	4	6	6	6	6	1	1			
Thu	11/10/2018			6	6	6	5	3	3	4	1	4	5	5	5	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	5	5						
Fri	12/10/2018			5	6	6	6	6	6	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	1		1	2	1	1	1					
Sat	13/10/2018			4	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	5	4	5	5	4	4		4	4	3	3	3	3					
Sun	14/10/2018			1	6	6	6	7	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4															
Mon	15/10/2018			4	4	4	4	2	2			1	2	2	3	1	1	4	6	6	5	7	7	7	6	3	3	3			
Tue	16/10/2018			1	1	4	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	1	4	4					
Wed	17/10/2018		1	1	5	5	6	7	7	5						1	1	4	4	5	6	5	7	7	7	7	2	2			
Thu	18/10/2018			6	6	6	5	3	3	3			4	6	5	6	5	3	3	3	3	1	2	2	4	4					
Fri	19/10/2018			5	5	5	5	5	6	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	3	3	4	5	3	1						
Sat	20/10/2018			4	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	7	6	6	6	6	6	4												
Sun	21/10/2018			5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	5		1	1	1	1										
Mon	22/10/2018			4	4	4	4	3	3	1	4	3	3	3	1	1	6	6	5	5	7	7	6	5	2	2	2				
Tue	23/10/2018			2	4	4	5	2	2	1	2	3	3	3			1	1	3	3	3	3	3	7	7	2					
Wed	24/10/2018			4	4	7	7	7	5			2	2	2	1	2	4	4	3	4	4	7	7	6	6						
Thu	25/10/2018			6	6	6	5	3	3	3			4	6	6	7	7	4	3	2	2	3	3	7	5	1	1	1			
Fri	26/10/2018			5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	5	5	3	3	1	1	1						
Sat	27/10/2018			4	5	4	4	6	7	6	4	4	6	6	7	7	6	6	1												
Sun	28/10/2018			1	1	5	4	3	2	2	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	1	1	1	1										
Mon	29/10/2018			4	4	7	7	5	5	2	2	2	3	1	1			2	3	5	5	7	6	7	6	3	3	3			
Tue	30/10/2018			1	1	3	7	7	6	2	2	2						2	2	3	3	3	3	1	5	4					
Wed	31/10/2018			4	4	6	7	7	5	1				1	1	1	1	2	3	5	6	5	7	7	7	6					

Business Case

Additional Revenue as a result of coaching	New members from coaching in 2018	Additional Revenue in 2018	Future new members PA	Future Revenue PA	Total Revenue over 5 years
New adult members due to coaching (£250)	20	£5,000	20	£5,000	£25,000
New child members due to coaching (£42)	60	£2,520	40	£1,680	£9,240
Potential members due to new courts (£250)	40*	10,000	40	£10,000	£50,000
Revenue from coaching	-	£6,750		£7,500	£36,750
Total				£23,180	£120,990

*The LTA suggest that a club needs 1 court for every 60 members - plus coaching courts. The Avenue has 450 tennis members and 7 courts, suggesting that we need 7 to 8 courts. With an active coaching program and a large number of teams we would need 2 extra courts to cover for busy periods.

3.2 After the presentation questions / comments were taken from the floor.

Q1. What surface for new courts? A. Artificial Grass or Synthetic Clay.

Q2. Where would new courts be laid? A. On middle row at either end (i.e. courts 6&7 or courts 9&10). Pros and cons:

Courts	Pros	Cons
6&7	Easy access for works from Warblington Avenue.	Planning permission for lights more difficult.
9&10	Will enable wintertime matches / coaching to be viewed from balcony.	Car park would need to be closed for at least a week and protection laid on other courts.

Q3. Many of our tennis players only play in the summer (on the grass) - 8 courts would not be enough. A. The all-weather courts are a very good substitute for the grass.

Q4. Will sinking funds need to be increased to cover the extra cost of renewing two extra all-weather courts? A. To be investigated.

Q5. Can we identify 'pinch points' on all-weather courts? A. Yes, data is being collected by Harry Thuillier.

Q6. What about data on unavailability of courts when trying to book online? A. Don't know how such data could be collected.

Q7. Can more effort be made to encourage play in afternoons when many courts are empty? This is already being done - Mark Fullstone organizes games on Thursday afternoons.

Q8. Can we establish a link with Warblington School to use their hardcourts? Yes, a link has been established by Ashley but they do not have floodlights needed for busy weekday evenings.

Q9. Would getting rid of 2 grass courts reduce the workload of the two groundsmen? A. This is unlikely because of the extra work required on the new courts.

3.3 After general discussion on the proposal, the Chairman invited members for an indicative vote either in favour of, or against, proceeding to a full membership vote on support for the club to borrow / raise funds to convert two grass courts to all-weather surfaces complete with floodlights as part of the Vision Document. Out of the 52 members present 29 were in favour, 12 against and 11 abstained. The high number of abstentions were possibly due to the lack of financial information available - no treasurer or assistant treasurer present.

3.4 In addition, it was agreed to investigate with members those who felt that their groups did not have enough court time available, clearly identify numbers and hot spots to add to the data we already have to make sure that this proposal meets a clearly identified need and is based on fact. This will ensure that evidence is not purely anecdotal/hearsay/gossip.

4. GROUNDS REPORT:

4.1 Neil Crawford presented the following report:

Recent history

- 2016 - New artificial courts opened
- 2017 - Replaced grass court anchors, net posts and nets
- 2017 - Mike Brooks retired, Ben started

General

- Renewed car park gate, reinforced fencing alongside court 6
- Filled in gap in Fence and outside hedging by court 5
- Coaching retainer built to stop balls running into adjacent court
- Furniture - new tables, plastic chairs
- New screens
- Plants on side of building

Synthetic clay and grass courts

- Floodlight bulbs replaced on all courts
- Minimized loss of sand from Courts 11-14 (sweeping, repositioning drag mats and bath)
- Better line sweeping brushes
- Deep cleansing of clay courts in June
- Line staining from sand - Unresolved. Replace lines? Chichester experience

Grass courts

- Complimentary LTA report (baseline dishing)
- Courts opened slightly early due to very dry spring
- Little court time lost due to weather
- Management board in use
- Slippery conditions post feed application - notification next year
- Graham / Ben attended 2-day Grass court seminar at Wimbledon in August
- Closure of grass courts in September

Thanks to

- David Spink, Ian Marks, Harry Thuillier, Mike Colbourne, Neil Connah

Looking forwards

- Reduce the baseline dishing
- Floodlight renewal - 2023....?
- Fencing around Courts 11-17

- Neil Crawford Grounds Chair

4.2 There was some criticism from members of the decision by the groundsmen to take out the grass courts earlier than expected. For the record the comments made by the Grounds Chair at the time are repeated below:

"This timing is based on biology. Grass seed germination, root development and sward thickness take many months to ensure the courts will be in top condition for the following Spring opening. It is a premium product which involves a significant amount of time, effort & money to maintain.

A golden rule of grass reseeding is to have the seed in the ground by the end of September. Leaving the courts open until later in the year increases the risk of being caught in a wet/cold spell when it is difficult to scarify, repair the ground properly and for seed to germinate.

Later seeding gives the grass less time to establish as air and soil temperatures drop. The impact of this will be seen in the Spring. The grass must be carefully managed in Spring as it is encouraged to thicken and toughen to withstand the wear and tear of the Summer season. Hence why individual courts are rested on an as-needed basis early in the season (May / June).

*It is through this detailed and expert management by Graham and Ben (our groundsmen) that the STRI, in this year's LTA report, described our courts as **some of the best grass courts in the UK.**"*

5. COACHES' REPORT

5.1 Ashley Neaves presented the following report:

- We now have 101 adults and 188 juniors on the coaching programme.
- James Green is now a full-time coach having given up his job as a coffee shop manager.
- Four junior tournaments are now being held per year based on the four Grand Slams i.e. US, Australian, French and UK. These are played on the same type of surface (as near as possible) at the same time as the real tournaments. These are proving to be very popular.
- Junior Avenue teams have been formed for four age groups.
- Amongst the adults lots of players have progressed from the coaching classes to the teams - maybe some will become future club champions?
- New beginners class started on Thursday evenings in addition to Monday night class.
- Cardio tennis class also introduced on Thursday evenings.
- Working hard to develop new coaches utilising Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.
- National shortage of female coaches but we have managed to get one.

Ashley Neaves
Head Coach

6. CAPTAINS' REPORTS

6.1 Men's Report

Andy Gilliatt presented the following report:

Avenue Tournaments

Since the last AGM we have completed both the winter and the summer avenue closed tournaments, and we have two new names on the summer singles honours board, Ashley and Natalie, congratulations to both. We are always looking for ways to enhance the club tournaments, so if anyone has any suggestions or ideas then please feel free to contact either Natalie or myself.

Summer Season League Results

The summer season is now over, and winter matches are already being played. This summer Newly appointed captain Doug Galley did a great job in keeping Men's 1 in Division 1. Congratulations to Colin Airtton and his Men's 2 squad in winning Division 2, we can look forward to some interesting local derbies in Division 1 next summer. Mixed 2 won their division and gain promotion to Division 1, Mixed Masters 1 were runners up in Division 1, and Mixed Masters 2 won Division 2, so again more local derbies to be had next season. Neil Crawford did a great job with the O45B team in gaining promotion to Division 1. I would like to thank all team players who represented the Avenue over the summer, and an even bigger thank you to all the captains who organised their teams, their fixtures, match fees, match teas, and transportation. It's a tough job and their hard work is appreciated.

Teams

We have worked hard on inter team communication over the last few seasons, this has included posting squad lists on the tennis notice board to assist captains and players with visibility of who plays where, and to assist in ensuring captains are always able to field a team by bringing in players from other squads where necessary. This has resulted in only 1 match being conceded over the summer season. I still think for a club of The Avenue's size this is one concession too many but is a great improvement on some previous seasons. We will continue to work with the captains and players moving forward. For the upcoming winter season, we have asked that all

match fees are paid into the club electronically, either by card in the office or by online banking. This is to assist with the club's overall approach in reducing the amount of cash that has to go through the office, and also to give both the payee and the office an audit of every single payment. All winter captains have agreed to follow this new process.

Match Practice

The Wednesday match practice session continues to provide team players with invaluable drilling, tactics and a sense of club comradery. I think attendance peaked in the summer at just short of 50, this will inevitably reduce over the winter but last winter's weekly average was 34, so still a resource that is hugely popular. There is a definite sense of being part of the Avenue at these sessions, and the league results over the last few seasons show that practice is being taken into matches. Ashley and I have discussed the ongoing approach to the practice session, and we have come up with a couple of tweaks that we think the players will find both helpful and interesting. We will be introducing these in the next couple of weeks.

Finally as Sara steps down as Ladies Captain I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the help and support she has given me over the last five years, and to congratulate her on the inclusivity initiatives she has introduced to the team setup. Happy retirement.

Andy Gilliatt

Men's Captain

6.2 Ladies Report

As most of you will be aware, I am standing down as Ladies Club Captain after 5 years in the post. I feel it is time to hand over to a younger, fresher and more talented tennis player and probably more organised model.

In summing up this last year, the ladies have achieved some success.

The Ladies A team are now competing back in the 2nd division in the Hampshire and I.O.W League and have held their own during the summer. In the winter months they were comfortable and achieved mid-table in Division One of the Portsmouth League.

Our Ladies 2s have earned their way back into Division 2 after having withdrawn from the Portsmouth League 3 years ago, due to a lack of ladies playing at a higher standard in the club.

Ladies 3s have battled hard to maintain a position in Division 4 and hopefully now with a growing squad may find it easier.

Ladies 4s came 2nd in Division 5 and will be promoted back up to Division 4 in the summer. Anne Treagust has done a champion job with this. Due to the promotion of players to the 3rds, the 4th team have invited new players into their squad from Ashley's groups, so exciting times are ahead.

Our Ladies vets, or masters' teams have had great success. Jenny Ward's Masters' 2nd team won both the winter and summer divisions in the Portsmouth League. The East Hants team came 2nd in Division 3. Jenny certainly has the 'Midas Touch' - well done.

Jackie Edney and Bobbie Cozens have run the Masters' 1s and equalled Jenny's achievement by winning their winter and summer divisions.

The mixed teams have had their own successes with the 2nd team being promoted in the summer to Division One. The mixed 3s won an award for endurance, apparently, they played an

average of 80 games per match last winter, as well as coming 2nd in their division. Having said this, the gold star must go to Mark Fullstone's Mixed Masters' team who matched the Ladies 2 Masters' with a double header winning both their winter and summer divisions.

I would like to thank all the ladies and mixed team captains who I've work alongside, not only this last season but in previous years. I am aware my vision of 'opening up more opportunities for ladies of all standards to play competitively' has been challenging at times. I feel without exception I have had deep and meaningful discussions with all captains on how to be inclusive, yet competitive. Stew Wiles and Jenny Ward will testify I have continued this right up to the end.

I am proud of the concept of the blind date event, which facilitated team players from the top teams playing with more social players from mix-in, in a tournament setting. One of the most heart-warming moment of the last 5 years, was seeing Andrew Clegg with Alice Robson in the blind date finals, with the crowd cheering them on. I have a clear image of Andrew geeing up his adoring fans. I understand it enabled him to tick off an item on his bucket list.

It was very satisfying to see the blind date being run this year under the supervision of Rob Mort. I am hopeful that the competition will run on long after I have been forgotten.

On Saturday 19th October the 3rd Annual Avenue Awards evening will be held, which with the help of Jordan Goff and Andy Gilliatt, I introduced in 2017 as a way of celebrating our teams' achievements and the hard work of many individuals in the club. I believe those that have attended the first 2 events have enjoyed themselves and it has certainly gone a long way to breaking down any barriers between teams. I have really enjoyed organising it, although it has been scary at times, handling large sums of money - this event is still developing. Last year we introduced an award for mix-in player of the year, as a way of including social members in the event. This year they have been given the opportunity to vote for their winner. The deadline line for voting has been extended until midnight Friday to allow more members to vote. So mix-in players please take the opportunity to use your vote. Finally on this subject, it is still possible to buy tickets for the award evening from myself, the bar or the office.

I would like to thank those who have bought raffle tickets over the last two summers and have helped raise money to fund our trophies. I believe there is a substantial amount of money left going forward to fund further needs for trophies. I am sure most of you will be grateful to know I shall no longer be haranguing you for money.

I want to give a big thumbs up to Imogen Karas, Richard Marsden, Lynn Wade and the office staff, whom I have relayed on to proof-read my letters, emails and reports.

I can't finish without thanking Andy G, for his support, I feel we made a good team and sung from the same hymn sheet most of the time. At least he was very patience and was prepared to allow me to explore some of my 'inventive ideas'.

In conclusion, it been an interesting experience, although it has felt more like an additional job rather than a hobby at times. I look forward to being able to play my tennis without the club politics!

So over to you Natalie!

*Sara Robson
Ladies Captains*

A Vote of Thanks was awarded to Sara Robson for her exemplary contribution to Tennis at The Avenue.

7. SOCIAL TENNIS REPORT

7.1 Lynda Pine presented the following report:

Recent play has been of a good standard, mainly thanks to Ashley for introducing and coaching new members.

Many mix-in players have been impressed with the improvements to the grounds, and this is all down to Neil and his hard work with the groundsmen.

The locked gate between the astro courts and court 14 continues to irritate mix-in players but they are getting used to the trek around the fencing in between games.

We have all enjoyed a good summer's play on the grass courts, often using 7 courts when available, but the speed with which they were closed upset many players. It would be good if they could be in use until the end of September.

I have agreed 4 courts on Tuesday evenings, 3 courts Thursday evenings, 4 on Saturday afternoons and 3 on Sunday afternoons. When our booked courts are not in use, other players are welcome to use them. In the evenings play starts at 5.30 and by 8pm most players have finished.

The back door of the club now being kept open is most welcome and has made access to the toilets so much easier.

I have been able to contact some mix-in players by email when there are changes to the courts being used so that players can be warned. If anyone would like to join my list, please see me.

Some players need to be reminded to drag the courts when they are the last to use a court. If rain is due, however, this is not necessary.

Those members who have not yet joined in with the mix-in nights/afternoons are most welcome to come along and join in.

*Lynda Pine
Social Tennis Representative*

8. MAJOR EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

8.1 The following tournaments are planned to be held at the Club next year.

- The Avenue Open Seniors' Tournament - from Monday 15th to Saturday 20th June 2020.
- LTA Summer County Cup - from Monday 20th to Friday 24th July 2020.
- Touch Tennis Tournament - date to be confirmed. Likely to be in early June at Emsworth Recreation Ground.

There were no objections to the events taking place.

9. ELECTION OF TENNIS COMMITTEE OFFICERS

9.1 The following officers were appointed:

Honorary Tennis Secretary: *Mike Colbourne*

Men's Captain: *Andy Gilliatt*

Ladies' Captain: *Natalie Denby*

Honorary Junior Secretary: *James Green*

Grounds Committee Chair: *Neil Crawford*

Social Tennis Representative: *Lynda Pine*

Proposed: *Vince Ibbs*
Seconded: *Mike Young*

In addition:

Honorary Match Secretary: *Rob Mort*

Proposed: *Imogen Karas*

Seconded: *Joe McVay*

Members' Representative: *Joe McVay*

Proposed: *Nick Castle*

Seconded: *Mike Young*

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Nil.

10.2 Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Mike Colbourne

10 November 2019

Honorary Tennis Secretary