

## 2021 Tennis Report

In terms of Tennis, I think it's safe to say that 2021 has been a very good year. The very busy regular club-play sessions are great to see. It's lovely to see newer members getting involved with matches. The Ladies team did extremely well winning Division 3 and the Mixed won promotion from their division 3, elsewhere the Men's A came close to gaining promotion into the top flight that "failure" was met with a collective sigh of relief as they love playing Div 2. It was nice to see new captains for the men's 3 sides this season. Some of the home games drew in the crowds which was a great boost for the players and reminds me of what a great club this is. Thank you to all of you that organise these matches.

This year the courts were repainted, which was quite an operation – thank you to Chris Dodd for organising and overseeing this, and thanks to everyone who helped in preparing the courts. The club has a wonderful collection of volunteers who always turn out. If you are not one of them then keep your eyes open for the next maintenance call to action.

The committee do quite a lot behind the scenes, and amongst those that I would like to mention is Ann Parker, special thanks to Ann who not only has been our tireless safeguarding officer for years now but she religiously and gladly took on the task of disinfecting the shared surfaces every day during the pandemic. Ann has now stepped down from the committee Thank you Ann for all your hard work.

Two cricket matches with Milton Lilbourne were well supported and a lot of fun – there have been match reports for both, so I won't repeat them here.

Ignition, our Tennis Coaching partner have done a good job this year getting lots of usback on court and to the impressive Girls Academy who are playing really good tennis – at our Members Day in the summer the Girls put on a showcase match.

Thanks goes to the generous members of the club as a whole who raised money for a defibrillator which should be with the club by the end of this month.

The Tennis Section's sinking fund is in a good state (details in the accounts).

In the near future I would like to see more younger players on court, the overdue rebuild of court 1 and to improve the lighting on court.

What a great crowd you lot are that make up the Hungerford Tennis Section.

Philip Brown