

Tennis section report 2025

We've had a very productive year. Membership is up - we're at nearly 200 members with a massive increase in under 18s, thanks to JK. Court 1 is up and running offering Pay and Play the proceeds of which go to paying for coaching for community groups- currently JK is working with MENCAP but we hope to offer coaching to other groups in the future.

Club Play

Hugely popular and perhaps a bit **too** busy at times (victims of our own success). We now have 4 regular club play sessions to try and ease congestion. Sunday 10 am. Wednesday 5.30. Friday afternoon 2.30 and Friday Nights from 5.30. An additional one has just been added to Saturday mornings from 10- 12. We will monitor uptake on this session and may cancel if not popular.

Coaching

We are incredibly lucky to have a coach who only works with our club. Since January, JK has taken over the coaching needs of the club. He has listened to members feedback and introduced a varied and inclusive programme. He has recently added cardio and even walking tennis to the options. Anyone wishing to know more about coaching opportunities please contact JK direct at jkilpatrick@jktennis.com

League teams

This year we had a total of 9 teams in the summer leagues as well as running another two teams during both last winter and again this winter.

Over the summer there were 3 Mens, 3 Ladies and 2 Mixed in the Newbury & District league along with a further mixed team in the Berkshire League. This is an increase on last year, with an additional Ladies team now entered, (we only had 1 two years ago.)

In total 118 players were involved in 77 matches, 38 of which were played at home making for a busy season. 7 of the league players were under 18- the youngest being 14. Great for the club to have so many juniors at this level

Club competitions

As with last year Michael Hradill has run 2 very successful competitions, **The Road to Wimbledon** mixed doubles competition and **The Hradill Cup**- Mens and Ladies doubles. Both competitions were well received and over subscribed. These raised £730 for the tennis sinking fund. Michael also runs a singles ladder. Anyone interested in joining please message Michael direct on 07490 253687

Social Events/Fundraising

We've had several fundraising events this year. We also took part in the Hungerford Carnival for the first time this year winning best float and Matthew winning Carnival King! We raised £121. Thanks to the Lardners and the Barnetts for making this happen. See below for other events and money raised. Thanks to everyone who helped make these happen.



£528.35



£884.05



£539.49



£280



£450

Easy fundraising- run by Caroline Walker has raised £1537.13 so far. Thank to everyone who has signed up...every little helps!

Beer Festival

This year, some of the tennis members created a Pimm's and Prosecco stall raising around 3k for main club funds. Big thanks again to SJ and Richard Lardner and Zuzi Barnett. I know it was a load of work but hugely popular and very successful. And thanks to all the tennis members who helped over that weekend. It just couldn't run without your support and hard work.

I think we have had a great year and look forward to doing even more next year. Thanks to every member for making this such a lovely club to be part of.

Claire Ward
Chair- Tennis Section