

Committee Report

Once again, a warm welcome to our new members who have joined since our previous (and belated) AGM at the beginning of this year. Both tennis and croquet have gained new members and overall numbers remain healthy.

An innovation introduced earlier this year and thanks to committee member Russell Jepson is the introduction of the club website (<https://wrigglevalleytcc.wordpress.com/>). The parish website under Croquet and Tennis now directs enquirers to our website and provides another means of making contact for prospective members. Club accounts, AGM Minutes and our Constitution are now published on the site and there is a link for tennis members to the new online court booking system.

Tennis.

Thanks are due again to Russell Jepson for sourcing a new online booking system when it turned out that Playtomic, our previous provider, were not prepared to honour the original agreement made when the previous provider merged with Playtomic. The new system with SuperSAAS appears straightforward to use and is very much more in keeping with the simple booking system that we needed.

Croquet.

The croquet section of the Club has welcomed a number of newcomers this season so that our current membership comprises 31 players. This has meant that we have had to double bank the two lawns with sixteen players almost every Wednesday and Friday when we meet from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. We are grateful to Andy and Julie for opening the clubhouse and bar for us when we have finished play on those afternoons.

We moved onto the new lawns at the Northern boundary mid-August and while much work still needs to be done on them our initial experience of them is promising. There is room for an extra half-lawn, which would be helpful for our growing membership and we await a decision from the Parish Council for that.

One of our members has instituted training/ coaching sessions this year which has led to a marked improvement in play. Our internal tournament, where

experienced players are partnered with the less experienced, has been of great benefit to all.

We have had three matches against other clubs this season, two against Winterbourne Valley, home and away, and one against Charleton Horethorne at home, all of which we won with ease.

Finance.

Copies of the accounts for FY2022 have been published on the club website following independent examination by Graham Nutt, for which our thanks.

Present Bank and cash balances as at 1 September 2023: Community Account £1852.55; Instant Access Saver £3021.00; 95 Day £11106.03; Cash: £73.27

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Chair