

**Wolverhampton
Lawn Tennis and Squash Club
2013 – 2014**

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(Chairman Fitness Sub-Committee)

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(Minutes Secretary)

DAVID TILLEY

MARILYN GOODWIN

JOYCE CULLEN

Notice is hereby given that

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at the Club on Monday 19th January 2015 at 8:15 pm

1. Opening and Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and Matters arising there from.
3. Election of the President of the Club.
4. Election of Vice Presidents.
5. Election of the Chairman of the Club.
6. Election of the Honorary Secretary.
7. Election of the Honorary Treasurer.
8. Election of the Chairman of the Tennis Sub-Committee and the Tennis Sub-Committee.
9. Election of the Chairman of the Squash Sub-Committee and the Squash Sub-Committee.
10. Election of the Chairman of the Fitness Sub-Committee.
11. Election of the Chairman of the Bar, Restaurant and Social Sub-Committee.
12. Election of the three further members of the General Committee of whom at least one person shall be a man and at least one person a woman.
13. The Report of the Hon. Treasurer and presentation of Accounts.
14. Election of Auditors.
15. Any other Business.

NB

(1) All nominations should be duly proposed and seconded on the forms provided in the Club Office or Shop six days prior to the meeting.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 30 September 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions	350,104	327,841
Bar and restaurant profit/(loss)	4,279	2,016
Indoor tennis	25,002	26,334
Squash courts	2,875	2,838
Visitors fees	1,725	2,496
Social activities (net)	153	258
Floodlights	724	863
Advertising	1,802	74
Sponsorship income	10,480	8,442
Key fobs and shoe tags (net)	(2,115)	781
Dance studio	21,885	19,552
Rental of office space	26,089	25,130
Tennis coaching programme	10,704	13,142
Commission from sweets machine	126	103
Bank interest receivable	630	229
	<u>454,463</u>	<u>430,099</u>
Less: Expenditure	<u>435,558</u>	<u>435,483</u>
Surplus before taxation	18,905	(5,384)
Less: Taxation	<u>6,773</u>	<u>5,549</u>
	12,132	(10,933)
VAT claim on charges to visitors	<u>3,162</u>	<u>-</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	<u><u>15,294</u></u>	<u><u>(10,933)</u></u>

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Administrative expenses

For the year ended 30 September 2014

	2014	2013
	£	£
Rent	10	510
Rates	34,549	33,674
Water	8,445	10,807
Insurance	3,966	4,128
Electricity	30,551	31,804
Gas	15,440	21,427
Cleaning		
Wages	17,265	23,529
Materials	7,421	7,683
Repairs	6,868	3,472
Security		
Wages	5,718	5,189
Other	1,549	752
Marketing	1,476	1,020
Groundstaff		
Wages	43,625	43,082
Pension fund	1,424	948
Maintenance of grounds	14,764	9,253
Office		
Wages and pension	57,778	55,383
Gym		
Wages (includes Professionals' retainer)	14,675	18,506
Maintenance	3,454	2,774
Sundries	808	341
Reception wages	19,281	18,923
Stationery and postages	5,344	3,748
Telephone	4,593	3,313
Bank charges	1,451	1,254
Professional charges	4,006	4,763
Auditors' remuneration	1,985	1,890
Hire purchase interest	3,526	3,526
Computer expenses	3,992	3,662
Office expenses	1,455	2,006
Bad debts	-	1,700
Squash professional's retainer	1,550	4,844
Affiliation fees, match expenses, trophies, etc		
Tennis	2,223	819
Squash	1,346	1,470
Pro tournament squash	-	4
Depreciation	95,614	93,724
(Profit)/loss on disposal of assets	(764)	-
Irrecoverable VAT	20,170	15,555
	<u>435,558</u>	<u>435,483</u>

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Bar and restaurant trading account

For the year ended 30 September 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
BAR		
Sales	79,891	78,323
Less: Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(32,478)	(30,477)
	<u>47,413</u>	<u>47,846</u>
Less:		
Wages & pension	26,320	29,875
Stocktakers fees	845	840
Sundry purchases	1,633	2,250
	<u>28,798</u>	<u>32,965</u>
	18,615	14,881
Add: Discount on brewery loan	-	126
Net profit/(loss) for the year	<u><u>18,615</u></u>	<u><u>15,007</u></u>
 RESTAURANT		
Sales	59,391	51,717
Less: Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(26,086)	(20,472)
	<u>33,305</u>	<u>31,245</u>
Less:		
Wages & pension	45,926	42,672
Cleaning	720	720
Gas and electricity	204	204
Stocktakers fees	175	180
Sundry purchases	616	460
	<u>47,641</u>	<u>44,236</u>
Net profit/(loss) for the year	<u><u>(14,336)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,991)</u></u>
 Overall profit/(loss) for the year	<u><u>4,279</u></u>	<u><u>2,016</u></u>

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Balance sheet

As at 30 September 2014

	2014		2013	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Per note 2		330,089		352,001
Investments at cost				
Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis Club Ltd				
2,898 Ordinary shares of £1 each, fully paid		2,761		2,761
£1,182 4% Debentures		1,182		1,182
Current assets				
Stocks	5,868		5,094	
Debtors and prepayments	9,633		5,363	
Active savings account	100,605		100,224	
Cash at bank	224,368		163,804	
Cash in hand	1,234		1,237	
		341,708		275,722
Total assets		675,740		631,666
Liabilities				
Current				
Creditors and accrued charges	60,594		45,635	
Corporation tax	6,773		5,549	
Subscriptions received in advance	121,643		92,313	
VAT	2,843		6,230	
Other				
Hire purchase	16,482		29,828	
		208,335		179,555
Net assets		467,405		452,111
Accumulated reserves				
Per note 3		467,405		452,111

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 30 September 2014

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

In common with many other clubs of our size and nature, we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total income receivable for the year exclusive of value added tax.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Development	- 4% straight line
Premises	- 5% reducing balance basis
Bar fittings and computers	- 25% straight line
Other equipment	- 10% straight line

Stocks

Bar and restaurant stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value by an independant stocktaker.

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For the year ended 30 September 2014

2. Fixed assets

	2014				2013
	Develop -ment	Premises	Equipment		
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 October 2013	1,578,077	498,633	535,979	2,612,689	2,589,356
Additions	52,177	-	34,025	86,202	23,333
Disposals	-	-	(2,300)	(2,300)	-
At 30 September 2014	<u>1,630,254</u>	<u>498,633</u>	<u>567,704</u>	2,696,591	<u>2,612,689</u>
Less:					
Grants received				963,609	951,109
Depreciation				1,405,193	1,309,579
On disposals				(2,300)	-
				<u>330,089</u>	<u>352,001</u>

3. Movement on reserves

	General Reserve	Develop -ment fund	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 October 2013	392,111	60,000	452,111
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure for the period	15,294	-	15,294
At 30 September 2014	<u>407,405</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>467,405</u>

Independent auditor's report to the members of Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

We have audited the annexed financial statements of Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club for the year ended 30 September 2014 comprising the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the club's members, as a body, in accordance with the club rules. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the club and the club's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the committee members and auditors

The club rules require the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club and of income and expenditure of the club for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the club will continue to operate.

The committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the club and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the club rules. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the club and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors, including "APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small Entities (Revised)", in the circumstances set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. We also report to you if, in our opinion, a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained, the club has not kept proper books of account or if we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

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Basis of audit opinion

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the club's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Finance Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the club's affairs as at 30 September 2014 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities.

Muras Baker Jones Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

8th December 2014

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Finance Report

This year has seen a return to a surplus of income over expenditure for the first time since 2011. There was also another good improvement in the cash balances at the club.

There was an excess income of over expenditure of £15,294 compared to an excess of expenditure over income of £10,933 last year. This represents a year on year improvement of £26,227 and also an improvement in the cash balances of £60,942. This excess of income over expenditure is after charging depreciation (a non-cash item) of £95,614. Hence the cash income generated from the business was £110,908 compared to £82,791 in 2013.

At the 30th September 2014 there was an overall bank balance of £324,973. This balance included subscriptions paid in advance of £121,643 which was £29,330 greater than last year. During the year part of this money was invested in an interest bearing account. This coming year we are looking to place part of the bank balance on the money market for a limited period to obtain a higher rate of interest.

Subscription rates were increased by 2.8% at the start of the year and it was extremely pleasing that actual subscription revenue increased by £22,263 (6.8%). This represented an increase in real terms of £13,083 or the equivalent of 24 full playing members. Clearly it is vital to continue the focus on membership retention in order to maintain the financial stability of the club. This is one of the club's main priorities. Of the overall increase in the surplus of £26,227, £22,263 came from the increase in subscription income.

The bar and restaurant combined results showed a year on year improvement of £2,263. This year the combined result for the bar and restaurant was a surplus of £4,279 compared to £2,016 last year. Sales increased in the bar by 2.0% (£1,568) but the margin was down by 1.8% at 59.3%. It is a little concerning that the bar gross profit margin is down but this was due to absorbing the budgeted price increase rather than pass it on to members for a longer period than last year. Overall the bar made a profit of £18,615. The income in the restaurant increased by 14.8% (£7,674) compared to the previous year due to the additional functions. The gross margin in the restaurant decreased from 60% to 56% as there were a number of special deals offered to members to increase the footfall through the restaurant. The bar and restaurant departments are now under the control of one manager (Allan Wright) so in future we will be publishing a consolidated position as there is a considerable overlap between the bar and restaurant in both income and expenditure. The overall wages have decreased by £301 (0.4%) in the bar and restaurant. This is an area that has received a lot of focus this year and will be closely monitored by the General Committee on a monthly basis in the current year.

Following the change in the Gym management in April 2013 the club now take all the income from the Dance Studio. This explains the increase from £19,552 to £21,885.

The tennis coaching programme decreased by £2,438 to £10,704 due to the payment of coaches increasing by £5,456 year on year. This is another area that will be monitored on a monthly basis. The rental of office space has increased by £959, as all available rooms are now occupied.

Total club expenditure in the year was very well controlled and showed an overall increase of 0.02% (£75). If depreciation is excluded the cash costs have decreased by 0.5%. This is particularly pleasing as there was a wage increase during the year of 2%.

At the start of the current year we set out to monitor and reduce our utility costs. I am pleased to report that there have been reductions in all areas, gas (£5,987), water (£2,362) and electricity (£1,253). The rates bill was £34,549 and HMRC are currently revising the conditions of the CASC rules to make it easier for a club to conform. Once these revised rules are clarified by HMRC then the club will further investigate whether to be registered as a CASC organisation in the future. This would mean that the club would see a saving in the rates charge of 80% (£27,639).

The level of depreciation in the year increased by £1,890 compared to last year reflecting the full year effect of depreciation on the additions made last year.

This year has seen significant expenditure (£86,202) on improving the facilities at the club, most notably the new squash court and the secondary gym. There was also the servicing of the hire purchase account of £13,346.

Cash flow during the year was good with the overdraft facility not being used. On the Balance Sheet the total capital employed is now £467,405, an increase of £15,294. Details of the increases in the cash balances (£60,942) and the main areas of expenditure are detailed on the attached cash statement.

The gearing of the balance sheet is strong with only the hire purchase on the gym equipment outstanding. The balance on this account was £16,482 and there is a further 15 months to write off this balance.

The General Committee decided to increase the level of subscriptions by 2.7% for this current year. The membership take up for this year has been very encouraging and we are currently ahead of the previous year.

We are projecting a budgeted surplus of income over expenditure of £15,000 for the financial year in 2014 / 2015, which equates to cash generated of £115,000 before charging for depreciation. This will represent a significant challenge and there will continue to be strict cost control in place. This additional cash will help to fund future projects in the club improvement plan.

I would like to thank June and Claire at the Club, Jean and Chris at Muras Baker Jones and our printers Bridgnorth Print for their help in publishing these accounts.

Graham Loader
Honorary Treasurer

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

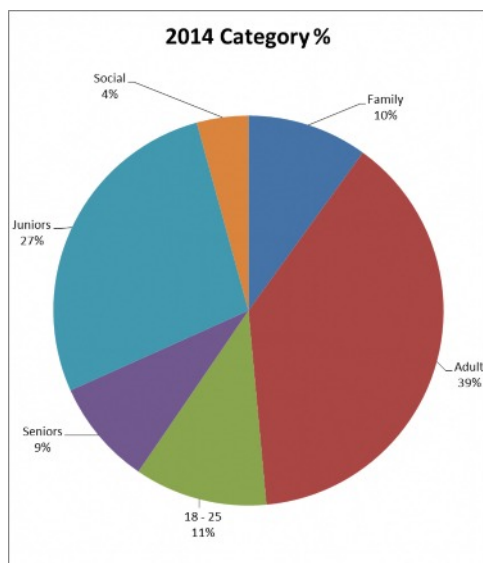
Cash Flow Statement For the Year Ended 30th September 2014

	£	£
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		15,294
Depreciation		95,614
Cash Generated		110,908
Working Capital Movements		
(Decrease) in Stocks	(774)	
(Increase) in Debtors	(4,270)	
Creditor Movements		
Increase in creditors and accrued charges	14,959	
Increase in Corporation Tax	1,224	
Increase in subscriptions in advance	29,330	
Net (decrease) in VAT	(3,387)	
Total Working Capital Movements		37,082
Grant from England Squash		12,500
Total Cash generated		160,490
Application of Funds		
Reduction in brewery loan		
Decrease in Hire Purchase	(13,346)	
Fixed additions	(86,202)	
Total Application of Funds		(99,548)
Increase in Cash		60,942
Reconciliation of Cash Movement		£
Increase in Active Savings Bank Account		381
Increase in Cash at Bank		60,564
Decrease in Cash in Hand		(3)
Total Increase in Cash		60,942

MEMBERSHIP

We have had a good year and are now seeing our overall membership base increase. We had a significant increase in Corporate members this year. We have a well-balanced membership with the next generation (Students, 18 to 25) slightly increasing and our juniors account for nearly 1/3rd of our membership. Our senior members continue to increase as more qualify (15yrs continuous Full Playing membership by the age of 65). We have had an excellent start to the new membership year and we look forward to increasing membership levels. Our strategy is to increase the benefits of being a member of the club, continue to target new 18 to 25 members and maximise the other income streams at the club.

As of September:	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Full Playing & Family	511	512	534	540	653	705	755	790	901
22-25	31	25	33	33	25	49	38	56	33
18-21	12	19	8	18	20	61	67	71	58
Student	73	64	73	64	62	75	74	89	103
Country	14	16	11	14	17	15	12	23	17
Senior Playing	92	83	73	74	69	61	64	54	44
Juniors	203	202	200	192	171	132	120	135	147
Social	45	59	75	81	97	102	116	120	118
Temp	2	9	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Corporate	17	1	4	10	11	20	19	18	31
Sub Total (paying)	1000	990	1014	1028	1127	1222	1267	1358	1454
Life & Hon.Life	22	23	25	25	25	23	23	24	24
Junior Family & others	133	132	128	104	100	94	129	134	172
TOTAL	1155	1145	1167	1157	1252	1339	1419	1516	1650



OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Summary

It has been a challenging year keeping the club operational whilst delivering the largest investment since the indoor tennis courts were built. It has also been another year of continuous improvement and staff development. The Functional Fitness Gym has fulfilled the demand for fitness inspired by our Energize team ably led by Paul Fothergill, Head of Fitness. The Bar and Catering team led by Allan Wright continue to deliver excellent functions which are consistently fully booked. Daily sales, updating menus and improving customer service are a strong focus for the coming year. Our Admin and Finance team have improved the accuracy of our membership databases and continue to manage the booking of our many events. Our Admin & Finance Manager June Wood is in her last year before retiring. Our House & Grounds team have been keeping the club clean, tidy and functional, ensuring all the court surfaces are at a premier standard. The every point coaching team under the leadership of Paul Hodgetts, who is undertaking a Master Club Coach qualification, continue to grow the rackets programme, player participation and enhancing the every point coaching brand. Gregg Spooner completed his Tennis Apprenticeship and Nick Morris has increased our Tournaments programme whilst Jo Webb has expanded community tennis whilst also receiving the Aegon Coach of the Month award.

We have been working through our Club Improvement Plan and have managed to convert one of the squash courts into a gym, studio and junior room whilst creating a sixth squash court and viewing area near the other courts. All this was completed on time whilst also keeping the other courts open for play. The lights on squash court 2, 3 and 4 benefitted from upgraded electrics and lights operated by a motion sensor. Court floors have been sanded and ceilings and walls painted. The heating system has been replaced thanks to our Corporate members, Northern Gas Heating. The alarm system has been upgraded by Amron and our Server and computers were upgraded by Centro. The Wellington Restaurant and Terrace Bar benefitted from some painting and a new floor courtesy of Virgo Carpets. They also fitted the new floor in the gent's toilets and the squash court viewing area. Mark Williams (Wellington Joinery) very kindly donated a double glazed unit for our new Physio room. We also welcome Patrick, Claire and Delphine of Postural Health Ltd.

Dannielle has completed her Business/Admin Apprenticeship and now plays a key part as our Marketing Coordinator. Our Facebook Group has 443 members and our Twitter account has over 200 followers. Our website regularly has over 200 hits per day with peaks of 1500 following our Wolverhampton Community Radio interviews. Thank you to Kailash Bains and Dannielle for refreshing our website.

It's been an honour to be your Operations Manager for a third year and the team and I very much look forward to joining you on the courts, in the gym and at the bar as we all strive to make the club your second home.

Marc Hughes CMgr, MAPM, RAF
Operations Manager

SQUASH AND RACKETBALL REPORT

My first year as Chairman has coincided with some of the biggest infrastructure changes for many years to the squash courts.

The year commenced with the installation of glass doors on three of the courts.

Following careful examination of a proposal to lose one of the seven squash courts to aid the general development of fitness within the club and to in return alter one of the existing courts to create a new and third glassed backed court, soundings from squash and racket ball players were positive and with the Committee in favour the project proceeded with the new glass backed and underfloor heated court being officially opened in September 2014. Lights have also continued to be upgraded. The net result is a significantly improved and locally unmatched squash and racket ball playing environment from that which existed 12 months ago.

Squash and racketball leagues have continued to operate throughout the last 12 months. The racketball league in particular has grown with a regular stream of new players entering.

A variety of teams have been run over the last 12 months. The philosophy has been to encourage wide participation in the teams rather than continually fielding strong teams with the same players. Currently we are running a squash ladies team in the Warwickshire League and squash teams in the Central Staffordshire League and Shropshire League as well as a racketball team in the Shropshire league.

My thanks to all of the current team captains (Rie Brentnall, Kate Fuller, Ian Dinwiddy and Pete Sandhur) for the invaluable job that they do. I would also like to formally acknowledge the role of Marilyn Goodwin who retired as ladies team captain this year having captained that team for over 20 years.

On the coaching side, Darren has continued to provide a high standard of private evening coaching at the club which has seen a regular stream of members and non-members being coached. Darren has also over seen the squash mix in and (assisted latterly by James Treble following Greg Spooner's departure) the other program events including regular junior coaching.

The usual tournaments have been run over the year the results being;

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
Mens Championship	Darren Lewis	Barry Talbot
Ladies Championship	Kate Fuller	Alysonn Rogers
Vintage	Alan Griffiths	Robin Chipperfield
Veterans	Alan Griffiths	Robin Chipperfield
Carver Cup	Simon Hodson	Marc Hughes
Dave Smart (Racketball)	Robin Chipperfield	Steve Giddings

Finally, I would like to thank all those members that have given of their time to serve on the committee, those people being Simon Logan, Simon Booth, Kate Fuller, Steve Chilvers and Ryan Hart. My thanks also to Paul Hodgetts, Darren Lewis and James Treble on the coaching side and of course Marc Hughes who has continued to work tirelessly to improve and enhance the club's squash and racketball offering.

Guy Birkett

Squash and Racketball Chairman

TENNIS CHAIR STATEMENT

As the year draws to a close it is time to reflect on another busy tennis year at the club which has seen a range of many small projects and changes delivered albeit that we are still striving to bring major projects to fruition which are dependent on external funding.

Committee

We are fortunate to have many long-serving members of your tennis committee who every month give up time to debate a huge range of issues and make difficult decisions based on the greater good of the club as a whole. I have appreciated their support and views throughout the year.

Coaching

Paul Hodgetts has been the engineer of our evolving tennis programme as well as leading our fine team of coaching staff. The club's tennis future will further benefit as Paul completes his degree level course in Master Club Coaching and I know we all wish him well in obtaining this qualification.

A wide-ranging offering is available to members from beginners/returners to the game through to team and performance level players so your tennis can be as varied as you wish to make it.

The coaching team continue vitally to contribute to the wider community through schools and parks programmes under the banner of the LTA Outreach scheme as a result of which we were delighted that Jo Webb was awarded the LTA August Coach of the month for her outstanding work in this area.

Teams

Although pride of place rightly goes to the members of our Ladies and Mens first teams who both won their respective County titles I want to salute every player who has been selected and then represented the club in such fine fashion throughout the course of the season. Our teams would not operate without our long-suffering and hard working captains who have brought so much success to the club in the last year and in particular my thanks go to Amber Quick and Dave Tilley in their roles as Ladies and Mens captains in recent years.

Juniors

This year I especially wanted to mention our outstanding crop of current junior players who continue to impress us all with their performances both on and off the court. As well as participating at a high level they contribute much to the club and frequently assist Nick Morris in running his extremely successful Mini Tennis tournaments on Sundays. The junior year was completed by the fantastic achievement of Megan Davies in becoming the nationally ranked No.1 Under 16 girl player.

Pete Brown

I cannot let this review pass without mention of the passing of Brownie a club legend and tennis giant as tennis was his main sport. My favourite day of this past year was the

memorial Saturday when the sun shone to order, the grass courts were pristine and the volleys and the banter kept flying all afternoon and I can think of no more fitting tribute to a great man.

Grounds

Another year has passed with many modest improvements albeit the committee recognise there are issues with significant aspects of some court surfaces and especially outside floodlights. These are all projects that require significant capital investment and despite recent unsuccessful Sport England grant applications we will continue to pursue this and LTA avenues on funding to enable the club to deliver the best solution for its players. The complexity and nature of these decisions may involve a period of time and we can only ask for your patience during this process.

Future

The tennis calendar has been finalised for 2015 and the major item of change is that the main Club Championships will now finish the Saturday before Wimbledon due to its later scheduling. There will be the usual range of events and I hope to see as many of you as possible on court in the next year.

Enjoy your tennis.

Mark Brown Tennis Chair

Roll of Honour 2014

	Champion		Finalist	
Open				
Mens Singles	Henry Parocki		James Henderson	
Ladies Singles	Cathy Lea		Liz Allan	
Mens Doubles	James Henderson	Marc Hughes	Paul Hodgetts	Nick Morris
Ladies Doubles	Jane Hampson	Stef Walczak	Jo Webb	Cathy Lea
Mixed Doubles	Nick Morris	Amber Quick	Marc Hughes	Cathy Lea
Senior				
Mens Singles	Marc Hughes		Robin Chipperfield	
Ladies Singles	Pippa Barlow		Jane Hatton	
Mens Doubles	Mark Brown	Marc Hughes	Dave Tilley	Robin Chipperfield
Ladies Doubles	Liz Allan	Jo Webb	Cath Grinsell	Pippa Barlow
Mixed Doubles	Robin Chipperfield	Liz Allan	Marc Hughes	Sally Dawes

GYM AND FITNESS

2014 has been a good year in the gym and studio, building on the success from 2013. In terms of the gym, the usage has gone up further and hundreds more inductions and programs have been set up by the Energize team. The increased usage and demand for personal training has allowed the gym to support a fourth, full time personal trainer. This in turn helps with consistent manning of the gym. We talked about setting up an 'outside workout area' last year but adapted that idea to make better use of the facilities we have got as a club with the introduction of 'The Pit' (second gym). This has been turned into a functional training area with extra free weights, kettlebells, TRX, battle ropes, boxing bag and most importantly space. This is used frequently and has become a real asset to the club. It is used by members who want a less populated area to work out or stretch in, trainers and their clients needing a little more space for functional exercises, an overflow space for everyone in the busy periods and a separate class venue(Tabata) when the studio is already in use.

The studio timetable is even healthier than last year. The Energize classes have had record numbers in the last few weeks. We have introduced 'Core Fusion' and 'Tabata' with the excellent Reece Smith and along with the now established circuits and Boxercise classes the timetable has evolved well. This stands us in very good stead for the future, busy classes in November and December is unusual, and will only be built upon in the New Year. The work done with the 'every point' team by Billy Hughes, training our elite youngsters, has proven very popular and should start to bear fruit on court.

In 2015 we hope to help push the 'Fill The Gap Project' as we feel this is vital in terms of maintaining the momentum built up over the last few years. Apart from this, on our wish list for 2015 are spin bikes to allow us to put spinning on the studio timetable. Towards the end of the year we will be looking at changing the machines in the main gym as the lease is due for renewal in April 2016.

The team will continue to take part in local running events, a number of gym members competed in the Pattingham Bells and the Banks's 10k in 2014. February 2015 will see twenty plus members take part in the gruelling 'Tough Guy' and three other events including a more civilised hill walk in the summer for all interested?

Kind Regards

Paul Fothergill
Head of Fitness

SOCIAL

The bar and catering team have once again improved on last year. Profit is slightly up and sales in the Restaurant have substantially increased. Following member feedback we are now open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm and from 4pm onwards. We have taken on an apprentice, Amber, and she has settled well into the team.

Our functions continue to be very popular with many fully booked well in advance. Highlights for the year include the Wimbledon Finals Day and the Club Summer Party plus the Club Christmas Party and especially the Energize Party (including bucking bronco). Our monthly Fish on Friday Socials have gone down well, all well attended.

My sincere thanks also go to all the staff, Barry, Maria, Sonia, Debbie, Amber, Ryan and Christine Harper for doing their utmost to provide excellent customer service. Mia Wright, Emma Hudson and James Treble have also all helped at our larger functions.

We have hosted many charity events this year raising awareness and funds for many worthwhile charities such as MacMillan Cancer Research, Breast Cancer Research, Men's Health and Compton Hospice.

We are in the process of organising an Energize verses Everypoint Party for 28th March so watch out for the email to book your place.

Allan Wright
Bar and Catering Manager

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It is very heartening to continue to receive donations, sponsorship and advertising revenue from members and local organisations. Our thanks go to all of them, in no particular order:

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Marc Hughes CMgr MAPM RAF
Operations Manager

LAST WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It has been a very good year at the club with many achievements over the year in all areas which have all been extremely well documented this year in the AGM report. This success would not have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of all our excellent staff and General Committee who have worked tirelessly to ensure the club is professional, efficient and welcoming at all times.

My sincere thanks and that of the General Committee, who also have had an excellent year, are extended to all the Coaches, Paul, Amber, Nick, Jo, Simon, Gregg, Darren and James, Office Staff, June, Claire, Dee, Dannielle and Christine, House & Grounds staff, Dave, Steve, Rob, Debbie and Nelson, Fitness Trainers, Paul, Brendon, Reece and Bill, Bar and Catering Staff, Allan, Maria, Barry, Amber, Debbie, Ryan and Sonia who have worked at the club over the last year.

It is my intention, with all your assistance, to build on this success with an even better 2015.

Yours in Sport

Ron Stevenson
Chairman