

**Wolverhampton  
Lawn Tennis and Squash Club  
2014 – 2015**

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MARILYN GOODWIN

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Notice is hereby given that

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Will be held at the Club on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 8:00 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 the Chairman of the Club
5. Election of the Honorary Secretary
6. Election of the Honorary Treasurer
7. Election of the Chairman of the Tennis Sub-Committee and the Tennis Sub-Committee
8. Election of the Chairman of the Squash Sub-Committee and the Squash Sub-Committee
9. Election of the Chairman of the Fitness Sub-Committee
10. Election of the Chairman of the Bar, Restaurant and Social Sub-Committee
11. 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
12. The Report of the Hon. Treasurer and presentation of Accounts.
13. Election of Auditors
14. 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 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	357,528	350,104
Bar and restaurant profit/(loss)	2,072	4,279
Shop profit/(loss)	790	-
Indoor tennis	24,472	25,002
Squash courts	2,313	2,875
Visitors fees	1,807	1,725
Social activities (net)	(12)	153
Floodlights	676	724
Advertising	613	1,802
Sponsorship income	12,117	10,480
Key fobs and shoe tags (net)	(349)	(2,115)
Dance studio	18,933	21,885
Rental of office space	24,792	26,089
Tennis coaching programme	20,308	10,704
Commission from sweets machine	93	126
Bank interest receivable	382	630
	<u>466,535</u>	<u>454,463</u>
<b>Less: Expenditure</b>	<b>443,241</b>	<b>435,558</b>
<b>Surplus before taxation</b>	<u><b>23,294</b></u>	<u><b>18,905</b></u>
<b>Less: Taxation</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>6,773</b>
	<u><b>16,640</b></u>	<u><b>12,132</b></u>
VAT claim on charges to visitors	-	3,162
<b>Net surplus for the period</b>	<u><u><b>16,640</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>15,294</b></u></u>

**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**  
**Administrative Expenses**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rent	20	10
Rates	35,341	34,549
Water	8,745	8,445
Insurance	3,978	3,966
Electricity	31,414	30,551
Gas	16,702	15,440
Cleaning		
Wages	19,913	17,265
Materials	7,251	7,421
Repairs	4,050	6,868
Security		
Wages	5,267	5,718
Other	1,816	1,549
Marketing	1,598	1,476
Groundstaff		
Wages	41,774	43,625
Pension fund	1,476	1,424
Maintenance of grounds	13,225	14,764
Office		
Wages and pension	59,039	57,778
Gym		
Wages (includes Professionals' retainer)	16,000	14,675
Maintenance	2,785	3,454
Sundries	502	808
Reception wages	26,550	19,281
Stationery and postages	4,321	5,344
Telephone	4,160	4,593
Bank charges	1,195	1,451
Professional charges	4,820	4,006
Auditors' remuneration	2,085	1,985
Hire purchase interest	3,526	3,526
Computer expenses	3,108	3,992
Office expenses	1,484	1,455
Squash professional's retainer	4,209	1,550
Affiliation fees, match expenses, trophies, etc		
Tennis	(2,691)	2,223
Squash	2,795	1,346
Depreciation	97,020	95,614
(Profit)/loss on disposal of assets	-	(764)
Irrecoverable VAT	19,763	20,170
	<u>443,241</u>	<u>435,558</u>

**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**  
**Bar and Restaurant Trading Account**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

	2015	2014
£	£	£
<b>BAR</b>		
Sales	76,593	79,891
Less: Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(31,667)	(32,478)
	<u>44,926</u>	<u>47,413</u>
<b>Less:</b>		
Wages & pension	26,059	26,320
Stocktakers fees	890	845
Sundry purchases	1,808	1,633
	<u>28,757</u>	<u>28,798</u>
Net profit for the year	<u>16,169</u>	<u>18,615</u>
 <b>RESTAURANT</b>		
Sales	66,239	59,391
Less: Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(29,818)	(26,086)
	<u>36,421</u>	<u>33,305</u>
Less:		
Wages & pension	48,627	45,926
Cleaning	720	720
Gas and electricity	204	204
Stocktakers fees	180	175
Sundry purchases	787	616
	<u>50,518</u>	<u>47,641</u>
Net loss for the year	<u>(14,097)</u>	<u>(14,336)</u>
 <b>Overall profit/(loss) for the year</b>	<u>2,072</u>	<u>4,279</u>

**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**  
**Shop Trading Account**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

	£	2015 £
<b>Sales</b>		2,631
<b>Less: Cost of sales</b>		
Purchases	2,753	
Closing stock	(912)	1,841
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Profit/(loss) for the period		790
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£	2014 £
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**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 September 2015**

	2015	2014
£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Per note 2	393,986	330,089
<b>Investments at cost</b>		
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
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	7,240	5,868
Debtors and prepayments	6,339	9,633
Active savings account	100,987	100,605
Cash at bank	262,421	224,368
Cash in hand	1,337	1,234
	<u>378,324</u>	<u>341,708</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>776,253</u>	<u>675,740</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Creditors and accrued charges	99,537	60,594
Corporation tax	6,078	6,773
Subscriptions received in advance	115,469	121,643
VAT	2,630	2,843
<b>Other</b>		
LTA loan	63,000	-
Hire purchase	5,494	16,482
	<u>292,208</u>	<u>208,335</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>484,045</u>	<u>467,405</u>
<b>Accumulated reserves</b>		
Per note 3	484,045	467,405

The financial statements were approved by the Committee on 7 December 2015 and signed on its behalf by

**Committee member**

**Committee member**

**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

**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 independent stocktaker.

**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

**2. Fixed assets**

	<b>Develop -ment</b>	<b>Premises</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 October 2014	1,630,254	498,633	567,704	2,696,591	2,612,689
Additions	148,173	-	12,744	160,917	86,202
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(2,300)
At 30 September 2015	<u>1,778,427</u>	<u>498,633</u>	<u>580,448</u>	<u>2,857,508</u>	<u>2,696,591</u>
Less:					
Grants received				963,609	963,609
Depreciation				1,499,913	1,405,193
On disposals				-	(2,300)
				<u>393,986</u>	<u>330,089</u>

**3. Movement on reserves**

	<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>Develop -ment fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 October 2014	407,405	60,000	467,405
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure for the period	16,640	-	16,640
At 30 September 2015	<u>424,045</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>484,045</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 2015 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.

### **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 2015 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**

**7 December 2015**

**Regent House**  
**Bath Avenue**  
**Wolverhampton**  
**WV1 4EG**

## Finance Report

This year saw the continued progress from last year with a surplus of income over expenditure. There was also another good improvement in the cash balances at the club. This excess income of over expenditure of £16,640 compared to £15,294 last year. This represents a year on year improvement of £1,346 and also an improvement in the cash balances of £38,538. This excess of income over expenditure is after charging depreciation (a non-cash item) of £97,020. Hence the cash income generated from the business was £113,660 compared to £110,908 in 2014.

At the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 there was an overall bank balance of £363,408. This balance included subscriptions paid in advance of £115,469 which was £6,174 less than last year's record. It is also after paying a net £85,173 for the new tennis courts and lights. 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 2.7% at the start of the year and it was extremely pleasing that actual subscription revenue increased by £7,424 (2.1%). However this did unfortunately represent a decrease in real terms of £2,029 or the equivalent of 4 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.

The bar and restaurant combined results showed a year on year reduction of £2,207 taking it back to the 2013 level. This year the combined result for the bar and restaurant was a surplus of £2,072 compared to £4,279 last year. It is concerning that sales decreased in the bar by 4.0% (£3,298) with the margin remaining the same at 59%. Overall the bar made a profit of £16,169. The income in the restaurant increased by 12% (£6,848) compared to the previous year due to the additional functions. The gross margin in the restaurant decreased from 56% to 55% as there were a number of special deals offered to members to increase the footfall through the restaurant.

The overall wages have increased by £2,440 in the bar and restaurant in line with the annual pay award. 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. The rental income from the office space has decreased by £1,297. During the year some of the office space was vacant but I am pleased to report that all offices are now fully occupied. The tennis coaching programme had a wonderful year. The amount of net income generated was £20,308 compared to last year of £10,704, an increase of 90%. There were more people enjoying the coaching and we changed the process for cash collecting.

Our sponsorship increased by £1,637 to £12,117 which is very much appreciated and greatly assists the financial performance of the club. Overall income has increased by £12,072 (3%) to £466,535.

Total club expenditure in the year was very well controlled and showed an overall increase of 1.8% (£7,683). This is particularly pleasing as there was a wage increase during the year of 2%.

The rates bill was £35,341, an increase of 2.3%. HMRC have recently revised the conditions of the CASC rules. Advice is now being taken to see if the club meets the revised conditions. If successful this would mean that the club would see a saving in the rates charge of 80% (£28,272).

Other areas of notable increases are in the reception wages of 37% where there was additional person in 2015, who was covered by a grant in 2014.

The reason for the negative tennis affiliation fees was due to the profit on junior tennis tournaments of £4,713.

The level of depreciation in the year increased by £1,406 compared to last year reflecting the full year effect of depreciation on the additions made in the prior period.

This year has seen significant expenditure (£160,917) on improving the facilities at the club, most notably the new tennis courts and lights. This was made possible by securing an interest free loan from the L.T.A of £70,000 of which 90% was received in this financial year. There was also the servicing of the hire purchase account of £10,988. The lease on the gym equipment is due to expire in January. A further lease will be taken out to cover the new cardio vascular equipment which is being delivered in December.

Cash flow during the year was good with the overdraft facility not being used. On the Balance Sheet the total capital employed is now £484,045, an increase of £16,640. Details of the increases in the cash balances (£38,538) 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 General Committee decided to increase the level of subscriptions by 1.8% 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 2015 / 2016, 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, Lee and Chris at Muras Baker Jones and our printers Bridgnorth Print for their help in publishing these accounts.

**Graham Loader**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

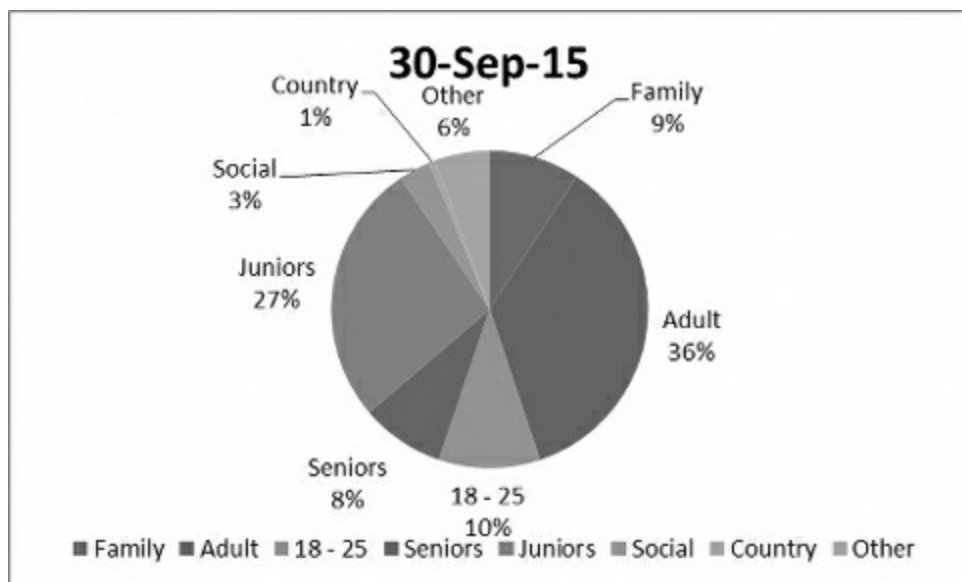
**Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club**  
**Cash flow statement**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2015**

	£	£
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		16,640
Depreciation		97,020
<b>Cash Generated</b>		<b>113,660</b>
Working Capital Movements		
(Increase) in Stocks	(1,372)	
Decrease in Debtors	3,294	
Creditor Movements		
Increase in creditors and accrued charges	38,943	
(Decrease) in Corporation Tax	(695)	
(Decrease) in subscriptions in advance	(6,174)	
Net (decrease) in VAT	(213)	
Total Working Capital Movements		33,783
Grant from L.T.A.		63,000
Total Cash generated		210,443
<b>Application of Funds</b>		
Reduction in brewery loan		
Decrease in Hire Purchase	(10,988)	
Fixed additions	(160,917)	
<b>Total Application of Funds</b>		<b>(171,905)</b>
Increase in Cash		38,538
Reconciliation of Cash Movement		£
Increase in Active Savings Bank Account		382
Increase in Cash at Bank		38,053
Increase in Cash in Hand		103
Total Increase in Cash		38,538

## Membership Report 2014/15

We have had a good year with a small increase in our overall membership and especially in our Full Playing, Family and Under 25s. Our senior members continue to increase as more qualify (15yrs continuous Full Playing membership at the age of 65). We have had a good start to the new membership year and we look forward to increasing membership levels. Our strategy is to encourage current members to recommend us to their friends whilst exploring a good mix of marketing opportunities now that Sophie has joined the team. We will continue to maximise membership benefits and continue to target new 18 to 25 year old members and maximise the other income streams at the club.

As of September:	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<i>Full Playing &amp; Family</i>	515	511	512	534	540	653	705	755	790
22-25	39	31	25	33	33	25	49	38	56
18-21	13	12	19	8	18	20	61	67	71
Student	69	73	64	73	64	62	75	74	89
Country	7	14	16	11	14	17	15	12	23
Senior Playing	100	92	83	73	74	69	61	64	54
Juniors	218	203	202	200	192	171	132	120	135
Social	39	45	59	75	81	97	102	116	120
Temp	6	2	9	3	2	2	2	2	2
Corporate	10	17	1	4	10	11	20	19	18
Sub Total (paying)	1016	1000	990	1014	1028	1127	1222	1267	1351
Life & Hon.Life	19	22	23	25	25	25	23	23	24
Junior Family & others	135	133	132	128	104	100	94	129	134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1170</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>1167</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>1252</b>	<b>1339</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>1509</b>



## **Operations Manager's Report 2014/15**

### **Summary**

It has been an excellent year at the club. Highlights include the upgrade of 5 tennis courts and floodlights and hosting the Staffs County Tennis Champs whilst continuing to keep the club operational. It has also been another year of continuous improvement and staff development. Our Energize team ably led by Paul Fothergill, Head of Fitness have continued to deliver exceptional service and making the gym a superb and fun place to meet and get fitter. The Bar and Catering team led by Allan Wright continue to deliver excellent functions which are consistently fully booked. Daily sales, refreshing menus and improving customer service have been a strong focus this year and we have seen a significant increase in catering sales although the daily sales in the bar continue to be a challenge. Our Admin and Finance team have made some excellent improvements this year, reducing overheads by changing to our MyCourts system for all membership and subscription information and member tracking. Our Office Manager June Wood is retiring at the end of the year and I would just like to record my personal thanks for her support, humour and professionalism during my time here. Our House & Grounds team have had a new sit on multi-purpose lawn mower which has helped to keep the grounds clean, tidy and functional, at the same time ensuring all the court surfaces are at a premier standard. The every point coaching team under the leadership of Paul Hodgetts continue to grow the rackets programme and player participation. James Treble and Darren Lewis continue to deliver high quality group and individual coaching however squash and racketball participation is not increasing as we would like and is a priority for the coming year.

We have been working through our Club Improvement Plan and have managed to install a new drinks machine at the indoor courts and install some LED lights and motion sensors around the club plus install a new drinks fridge in the shop. Some of the squash court floors have been sanded and mobile seating is being researched at the moment to enhance our league and tournament viewing.

Our Facebook Group has 560 members and our Twitter account has over 900 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 for continuing to provide website support.

It's been an honour to be your Operations Manager for a fourth 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. Keep healthy, play sport and make friends.

*Marc Hughes*

**M. HUGHES CMgr, MAPM, RAF**  
**Operations Manager**

## **Squash and Racketball Committee**

### **Chairman's Report - 2014/2015**

Following the Club's investment last year in a new glass backed court, squash and racket ball has continued to be active at the club through the last 12 months. Locating all six of our courts in a single space brought the expected logistical improvements. Those have outweighed the loss of the two rather distant (and cold) stand and wait courts.

Team squash has continued to be active through the last year notwithstanding the rather disappointing disintegration of the Midland League. Finding a forum for our elite players to play worthwhile opponents has been a challenge. With the Warwickshire Squash League being the strongest (and only) viable alternative an application was successfully made for our men's first team to enter that League, albeit in a division lower than we would have liked. Otherwise, squash teams were run in the Central Staffordshire League, Warwickshire ladies league and the Shropshire League. For the second year running we also ran a racketball team in the Shropshire League. Congratulations to the ladies team who finished top of their Warwickshire League.

My thanks to all of the team captains for the sterling work that they did through the year fielding teams to represent the Club. My particular thanks to Pete Sandhur who retired at the end of the year as team captain of the Shropshire League team which he had organised and run for a number of years.

Racketball at the Club has continued to grow through the last 12 months. There have been regular new entrants to the League with some 30 league players now registered. That compares with 26 players currently playing in the Squash Leagues.

Mix-ins have continued to be put on throughout the year. The regular Friday night squash mix-in is well attended every week. Three racketball mix-ins are now run which regularly attract between 6 and 15 members for each session. Those mix-ins in particular have seen a number of members who would not ordinarily frequent a squash court come along to give it a try. My thanks to Darren Lewis, James Treble and Greg Spooner for the work that they have done running those mix-ins and encouraging members old and new to have a go.

In terms of tournaments, we hosted the Carver Cup, Club Championships and Dave Smart Racketball Tournament. All were well attended with the entry of 46 players into the Racketball Tournament deserving particular mention. That was a number which has been recently exceeded by an entry of 52 into the 2015/2016 Carver Cup.

My thanks to all of the Committee for their hard work through the year. Many of the Committee hold down other roles either captaining or playing for teams and their attendance at Committee meetings has not always been possible. I was particularly pleased to welcome Roy Cashmore and Cathy Grinsell as new members to the Committee towards the end of the year. My thanks also to Kate Fuller, Simon Booth, Ryan Hart, Steve Chilvers and the coaching staff who have attended and otherwise made up the Committee through the year.

Congratulations to Darren Lewis who not only won the men's over-35 British Open but also represented his country (successfully) in the year.

The tournament winners in the 2014/2015 season were as follows:

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Men's Championship	Darren Lewis	James Treble
Ladies' Championship	Roxanna Kershavarz	Kate Fuller
Vintage	Alan Griffiths	Robin Chipperfield
Veterans	Alan Griffiths	Robin Chipperfield
Carver Cup	Raj Sohi	Anja Stojanovic
Dave Smart (Racket Ball)	Robin Chipperfield	Andrew Hepworth

The mantra for the coming 12 months is participation, participation, participation. The Committee and coaching staff remain focused on exploring opportunities to increase participation within tournaments, teams, leagues and generally. The high numbers in the recent Carver Cup event together with the five teams that we are running this year show that we have made a good start.

Finally my thanks as ever to Marc Hughes for providing such able and attentive support to me as Chairman.

**Guy Birkett**

## **Tennis Chair Statement – 2014 - 2015**

This year has seen many major developments and events in the tennis life of the club that I am spoiled for choice in writing this year's annual review.

### **Grounds**

I must start by paying tribute to everyone who played a part in the project for our new outside courts and lights with particular thanks to Ron Stevenson and Marc Hughes who by directly approaching the highest levels in the LTA enabled us to secure the precious funding to finance this ambitious and much needed upgrade to our facilities. The vastly improved playing surfaces and quality of lights will undoubtedly provide for a better all-year round outdoor tennis experience for members in both a social and competitive environment.

### **Coaching**

Congratulations are due to our head coach Paul Hodgetts who has now completed his BSc degree in tennis management and earned the Master Club qualification which is a magnificent achievement. These skills are already being translated into tangible benefits for the club in that Paul and his team of Amber, Jo, Simon, Nick and Gregg are delivering an ever expanding adult tennis programme so that members can enjoy their tennis in a variety of ways.

In addition to the internal development of the club the coaching team have continued to promote tennis to the wider community through schools projects and parks tennis as part of the Outreach project of the LTA all of which was beneficial to our funding negotiations.

### **Teams**

It has been a year of great success on the court with our Ladies and Men's teams retaining their Staffordshire County Club titles but it is only fitting that I also thank all members who have represented the club throughout the tennis season in such a fine manner.

We are privileged to have many players who represent the club at County level and this year has seen members earn call-ups to national teams such as Marc Hughes for England in the Home Internationals.

In November our Men's 45 team captained by Steve Giddings won the National Club championship for the first time and thus secured entry for WLTSC as the GB representative in Turkey in the European club championships in 2016.

### **Juniors**

Our junior section continues to thrive and is getting younger as a Tots Tennis for 2-4 year olds is now in the tennis programme. Many of our juniors are breaking into club teams at all levels which was duly recognised on our annual Awards night in October. The dedication of these players was summed up by a six month programme (CC15) focussed on achieving their best performance at the 2015 County Championships in August. On an individual note I must congratulate Megan Davies who won the National Doubles title in the summer and is now on a Tennis scholarship at Bath University as well as Henry Trump who has been selected to represent the England Under 10s in 2016.

## Tournaments

This year saw the County Championships return to WLTSC after a period of many years absence. It was a week of magnificent tennis at the end of August which was expertly run by our own Nick Morris and his team of helpers which showcased the club at its best and saw many of our members reach finals with the wonderful support of our barmy army. The LTA recognised the event as the most improved county event for 2015 and we will be holding it again next year and aim to make it even more successful.

There was tremendous participation in the Club Open and Seniors events once more this year and at weekends the junior tournaments run by Nick continue to be extremely successful in promoting the club to an expanding range of visitors.

## Committee

So many wide-ranging and difficult decisions have been made this year that it would be remiss not to thank the hard working tennis committee who have deliberated and shaped many of these events conscious of the overall balance of the club and its members.

## Future

It has been a privilege to serve as tennis chair but after four years in the role I am stepping down at the AGM and handing the reins over to Nigel Eastwood. I know you will continue to support him and the committee in the challenges that lie ahead. Enjoy your tennis.

## Mark Brown – Tennis Chair

## Roll of Honour 2015

	Champion		Finalist	
<b>Open</b>				
Mens Singles	Henry Parocki		Alex Dmitrewski	
Ladies Singles	Amber Quick		Cathy Lea	
Mens Doubles	Alex Dmitrewski	Marc Hughes	Paul Hodgetts	James Henderson
Ladies Doubles	Jane Hampson	Stef Walczak	Jo Webb	Cathy Lea
Mixed Doubles	Marc Hughes	Cathy Lea	Robin Chipperfield	Stef Walczak
<b>Senior</b>				
Mens Singles	Robin Chipperfield		Steve Giddings	
Ladies Singles	Jane Hampson		Jane Hatton	
Mens Doubles	Tony Brachmanski	Robin Chipperfield	Nigel Eastwood	Marc Hughes
Ladies Doubles	Cynthia Jackson	Jane Hampson	Gerry Davies	Jo Webb
Mixed Doubles	Robin Chipperfield	Liz Allan	Marc Hughes	Tracy Hook

## **Gym & Fitness Chairman Report**

May I say how happy I was to take over the role as Gym Chairman earlier on this year following all the hard work that Peter Cashmore had contributed to the club from 2013 to 2015. I know we all wish Peter, Dawn & Charlie all the very best for the future.

Having been a full playing member for so many years now, and a very active gym attendee I felt it was time I put some endeavour back into supporting the club as a whole and the General Committee - which I am enjoying very much indeed.

The Energize team, lead by Paul Fothergill, is going from strength to strength and each member of the team has matured brilliantly into their role, stamping their own personalities on all the classes. External/Internal activities continue to grow in numbers too; the Detox group interestingly generates amazing camaraderie throughout the club even after paying for the pain and starving for a week! Very well done to you all and I know we will be delivered a very exciting year of programmes.

I look forward to some exciting, uplifting times during my appointment and assure the General Committee, Energize and the full membership of my total commitment.

**Nigel Mynott**  
**Gym Chairman**

## **Head of Fitness Report**

2015 is our third year at the club and it has been another good one. The gym is doing well and we continue to get new members involved in the gym and classes. The gym has proved to be a busy part of the club strengthened by our links with the other departments. There are more tennis and squash players using the gym and making use of the classes on offer, this in turn, I am reliably informed by the coaches, is leading to increased performance on the courts. On the tennis side the coaching programme is being ably assisted by Billy Hughes with his Tennis specific fitness sessions going from strength to strength.

The studio timetable has continued to evolve and although this is a challenging equation to get right, I feel we are getting there. The established classes run by our four trainers are doing well and there are many new faces in the studio, which is always our aim. The timetable has two notable additions to last year, 'Dynamic Fusion' on Saturdays with Brendon or Billy and 'Body Blitz' on a Wednesday morning with Billy. On Friday mornings there is a new Yoga class and in January there will be another Yoga session on Monday evenings.

There have been a number of events led by the Energize team in 2015, the Winter ToughGuy, Banks's 10k and Carvers half marathon and Patteringham Bells to name a few. Possibly the most successful outing of the year was in the summer, where we organised a walk in the Welsh mountains and raised some money for Compton

Hospice. This brought many different members of the club together and was good fun in a healthy environment.

2016 will be another good year, there are six events scheduled in and the aim is as ever to get as many members as possible involved. January 9th will see the return of System Energize Detox . Advance bookings indicating that it will be busier than ever. Later in January the team will be running the winter Toughguy again with a few hardy souls. We plan another walk for Compton Hospice in May; the summer detox in July; we hope to have a large number of members taking part in the Carvers half marathon and Banks's 10k in September; we shall attend the Pattingham Bells run in October and finish off with a Wolf Run in Leicestershire in November.

Excitingly, we also have the installation of the New Matrix Cardio Equipment in the gym, so January will be a busy month as we help everybody get the most out of these state of the art machines. The new Matrix gym equipment is a superb brand and the perfect choice for the club. The company is the fastest growing fitness equipment manufacturer in the world with exceptional quality including some detailed innovation. We are confident that Matrix will become a strong, strategic partner for the club; we have investigated the market extensively before making this choice. We also have a very experienced account manager supported by national service engineer's network. The general aesthetics of the gym will also improve after installation.

**Paul Fothergill**  
**Head of Fitness**

## **Social**

The bar sales are slightly down this year however catering sales have seen an increase from last year. We have increased our opening hours and are now open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm and from 4pm onwards and this is proving successful.

Our functions continue to be very popular with many fully booked well in advance. Highlights for the year include the Club Summer Party the Club Christmas Party and especially the every point/Energize Party.

Our monthly Fish on Friday socials continue to do well although it can be challenging trying to estimate how many of you might be dining with us. We are trying to extend our healthy choices and vegetarian options and would welcome your feedback as always.

Participants of the internal Tennis, Squash and Racketball tournaments appear to have enjoyed the bar and restaurant hospitality after the events which continue to prove very popular. We have also throughout the year held outside Tennis and Squash tournaments with the after tournament party celebrations all going down very well.

I would personally like to thank all the coaches for their continued support and especially the Energize team for excellent sales of the Energize Breakfast. My sincere thanks also go to all the staff; Barry, Maria, Sonia, Debbie, Ryan, Mica, Ashley, Mia and Christine Harper for doing their utmost to provide excellent customer service.

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 19th March, keep an eye on your emails to ensure you reserve your place.

**Allan Wright**  
**Bar and Catering Manager**

## **Sponsors**

It is very encouraging 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**

Another tremendous year at the top tennis and rackets club in the county and probably nationally.

The achievements have been well documented in the various reports.

It has been a tremendous honour and pleasure to chair this exceptional club and I will miss the daily interaction with all the staff and committees. Principally, I will miss my almost daily meetings with Marc, whose time at the club almost replicates my 4 years as chairman. How time flies. Together, Marc and Treasurer Graham have made a massive contribution to the last 4 successful years.

I would like to give a special thanks to Mark Brown and Guy Birkett, the Tennis and Squash/Racketball chairmen and their dedicated committees that have been the engine room of all the organised tennis and squash/racket ball played at the club.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff and coaches who have been the cornerstone in keeping the club functioning in such a successful manner. Special thanks to June Wood in the office who retired at Christmas.

My thanks again to:-

Coaches – Paul, Amber, Nick, Jo, Simon, Gregg, Darren and James

Fitness Trainers – Paul, Brendon, Reece and Bill

Office Staff – June, Claire, Dee, Christine and Danielle

House and Grounds – Dave, Steve, Debbie and Rob

Bar and Catering – Allan, Maria, Barry, Sonia, Debbie, Ashley and Ryan

I am absolutely certain that the forthcoming year will be equally successful with this team.

Yours in Sport

**Ron Stevenson**  
**Chairman**

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