

## **Brenchley and Matfield Tennis Club**

## Chairman's Report 2022

For my 2022 report I am very pleased to not be starting with the C19 word and can confirm that it was back to business as usual for the full year at our club.

With some large upgrades and improvements (clubhouse revamp and LED lighting to name a couple) completed in 2020 and 2021, we did settle for a quiet year in 2022, with no major upgrades to report. We remained focused on maintenance tasks throughout the year, keeping the courts, clubhouse and grounds up to the high standards we are used to.

This regular maintenance will remain our focus going forward as we look to extend the life of the courts and clubhouse and continue to build and maintain a sufficient sinking fund.

With high inflation causing cost increases this year, specifically energy, extra effort is being taken to ensure all services, supplies and maintenance tasks are price checked and alternatives are being considered wherever available.

We are thankful for the decision to move to LED lighting and this energy saving has contributed to us being able to apply only a modest membership fee increase for 2023.

We hope this keeps us competitive in the area and continues to maintain our healthy membership numbers.

Club sessions have continued to thrive this year and as we see the social element of the club grow we look forward to being able to offer more social gatherings, events and tournaments which are essential in attracting new members and maintaining an active club for our current members.

We were very happy to see the return of finals day in 2022 and hope to see the numbers increase in 2023.

To confirm this year's committee movements, we were very sad to lose Rob Kenney from our committee and as a coach at our club this year.

Rob was a much loved coach and character and will be hugely missed by all. Unable to compete with his change of career and the lure of Southampton, we wish Rob all the best, thank him for all his amazing hard work over the years and hope to see him again at our club soon for a catch-up when he is next in the area. After all his efforts over the years it was a perfect end to his time with us when he won our annual Men's Singles tournament, proving just how much he learned and progressed over the years and he now leaves



us with not just memories, but some winners photos on our website and his name on our honours board which will remain indefinitely.

We are very pleased to confirm the latest signing to our committee, Rona Hogan.

Rona is a very active member of both our tennis club and the local community so I know will be a great additional to our team. We look forward to working together and taking full advantage of one of Rona's many specialities which is social events and functions.

One already proved out as we ended the year perfectly with a very well run, well catered and well attended Christmas get together in December.

We do have more slots available on our committee so if anyone would like to volunteer to fill the spaces please let me know. Whilst we have a good team in place, it is important to always take on new members who bring new ideas and initiatives to the table and help keep the club moving forward.

Moving onto membership, I have highlighted the key numbers for 2022 below:

Clubspark Statistics	2019 Packages	2020 Packages	2021 Packages	2022 Packages	2022 Total Members
Adults Individual	48	63	56	57	57
Family	41	34	33	40	126
Juniors (including under 5)	117	120	132	125	125
Seniors	14	12	15	13	13
Students	5	6	3	2	2
Total	225	235	239	237	323

The above statistics are provided by our Clubspark venue management system which handles membership renewals, statistics and revenue forecasts allowing numbers to be monitored closely and compared year on year with ease.

The above figures confirm that we are in a good and stable place with membership numbers and we will look to maintain or grow these membership numbers in 2023, with a push on social sessions and events as well as expecting local property developments in the area to push prospective members our way over the coming months and years.



Please find below the proposed committee for 2023 pending approval this evening:

## Officers:

Chair & Membership Secretary – Carl Allcorn Club Secretary – Trevor Hogan Treasurer – Will Izzard

## **Committee:**

Graeme Dalton (Safeguarding Officer)

**Aaron Carr** 

Ali Pettitt

David Izzard

**Keely Carter** 

Mike Hughes

Rona Hogan

Tara Bromley

Carl Allcorn Chairman Brenchley and Matfield LTC