



KNUTSFORD TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12 March 2018 @ 7:30pm

Present:

Helen Sawyer (Chair)	Karen Wolstencroft (Secretary)	George Brown	Andy Lynes	Julie Hunter	Guy Hill
Mark Airey	Sonia Amos	Mahmoud Elamin	Ray Dragonetti	Nicky Arnell	Louise Vernon
Debbie Jamison	Dave Hunt	Colin Hurrell	Christine Banks	Sue Jarrold	Sandie La Porta
Ruth Gallagher	Debbie Martin	Anna Righton	Morten Lindholt	Jane McKinlay	

Apologies

Moya Meredith	Lou Nanda	Stuart Arnell	Annie McPhie	Dave Bufton	Norman Jamison
Julia Thompson	Dave Meredith	Stef Swallow	Sally Norman	John Hutchison	Rob Barclay
Christine Templar	Heather Eddowes				

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members to this year's AGM.

1. Minutes from the 2017 AGM

Approval of minutes: The Chair asked for a motion to accept the previous (2017) AGM minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Motion was proposed by Louise Vernon and seconded by Jane McKinley

Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report (Presented by Helen Sawyer)

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend.
- The Chair stated that although things have appeared quiet on the surface, there has been a lot of activity carrying on behind the scenes. An immediate challenge faced is the imminent new Data Protection law and ensuring that the club has structures in place to ensure compliancy. The introduction of the LTA's club membership module Clubspark will assist with this, whilst significantly easing the workload of the Membership Secretary.
- The Chair highlighted that the improvement of the Junior Courts remains a priority and fundraising efforts must be targeted there. Fundraising will be mainly the responsibility of the club, however there may be opportunities to apply for smallish grants or to the main club Development Fund. The Chair thanked Lou Nanda and Jules Greaves for their fantastic work on the second Colour Run last year and announced that a second Tennisathon would take place on 29 and 30 June 2018. The Chair stressed that volunteers are desperately required, as well as the need for members to raise sponsorship and book courts, particularly during the early hours of the morning! Four coaching sessions from ex International Davis Cup players will also be available on the Saturday afternoon and will be advertised on the website to encourage participation from sponsors, as well as local sports and tennis clubs.
- The Chair thanked Andy Lynes, Steve Mockett and Sue Jarrold for their outstanding commitment to the running of fundraising events and to Dave Maden for going above and beyond during light-based emergencies. Nicky Arnell was thanked for not only her sterling work in the running of Monday night tennis, but for the huge time and effort she has expended on the KTC website and the new Tennisathon site.
- The Chair demonstrated the KTC website and some findings from the communication survey taken last year. The combination of newsletter, Facebook, Noticeboards and WOM work well together with internal communications and increasingly Whatsapp and text being used for likeminded groups (typically Ladies' Mondays, Men's Wednesdays).
- The Chair also thanked the Tennis Committee for all their hard work with special thanks to Moya Meredith, who is standing down as Secretary but is staying on the committee, taking on the responsibility for managing our LTA Places to Play registration and Clubmark, plus involvement in special projects such as Clubspark and the Tennisathon.

- The Chair stated that Mark's promotion of the Tennisathon in schools should raise the profile of the club, however there should be a clear programme of sessions that new members can attend. Thursday Rusty Rackets will be promoted and Sonia Amos has volunteered to run a gentler Sunday hit session. We have also started dialogue with U3A, with April being a possible start time for interested parties.
- The Chair spoke about the importance of the local working groups preparing for Knutsford's future, given the growth and the new housing planned. Debbie Jamison recently chaired a meeting of the Knutsford Town Sport and Leisure Working Group and she will keep us informed of developments and the possibilities of funding available for sport development. We have also been contacted by High Legh who are interested in setting up one of the LTA Community Tennis Networks and so we are keeping abreast of events and pushing ahead for the club's interests.
- In conclusion, The Chair assured members that in view of recent developments with websites, newsletters and subs, the club would always make exceptions to accommodate members who wish to do things with paper and pen. The club wishes to encourage members to join and to integrate but at the same time would ask members to try out the new systems as most of the changes should make the committee's job a little easier.

3. **Treasurers Report** (Presented by George Brown)

George Brown reflected on the following points:

- 2017 surplus was £14,173 (2016 deficit £5,715).
- No major projects during 2017. The focus for 2018 is the refurbishment of courts 6 & 7. We have just over £20k in the sinking fund. We are still awaiting formal quotes, but the project cost is currently estimated at around £70k, so we will need to find significant funding from other sources, in addition to the fund-raising events that are planned for 2018.
- NetSubscription income is down by almost £1.4K. Membership numbers have decreased slightly across most membership categories and in particular we have seen a switch from full to day-time memberships.
(Full details are in Appendix I)

The treasurer thanked Karen Jones for verifying the accounts this year.

Motion: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed by Nikki Arnell and seconded by Sonia Amos.

Motion carried.

4. **Membership Report** (Presented by Julie Hunter)

- The Membership Secretary reported that membership numbers total 288, 24 less than this time last year. The split between Adult and Juniors is quite even, 140 adults and 148 Juniors. We had a number of families not renew this year, plus we did not run an Open Day this year.
- The committee has decided to make key changes to membership administration with effect from this year's renewals and will be adopting the online LTA ClubSpark membership module. All documentation will be available on the KTC website and not posted to home addresses, unless specifically requested.
- Membership payments will remain as by bank transfer or cheque.

Note : A transcript of the full statement is in Appendix II.

2018 Subscriptions

- The Membership Secretary's statement went on to say:
- This year the main club have voted to revert back to the 2016 fees (an increase of 2%) and so the Tennis Club subscription will increase broadly in line with the main club. Taking into account the

significant decrease in Junior members, the committee would like to keep the Junior subscriptions at levels which are not a deterrent.

- The proposed KTC subscriptions show that the full senior membership will increase to £225, the daytime membership to £175, the family membership to £450 & the junior rate stays at £80.
- There was a brief discussion following Mahmoud Elamin's request to elongate the daytime members' playing hours from 06.00 to allow morning play. It was agreed to keep the restricted daytime playing hours as they stand, however the Chair agreed to hold a survey on court usage during the Tennisathon.
- The Wimbledon draw will take place on 8 May. Members will be eligible for the draw if they meet the following criteria: have opted in with the LTA, registered their membership on Clubspark, paid subscriptions by the end of April and indicated their interest for tickets with the Membership Secretary.
- Chairman proposed the following new subscriptions with amendments as indicated :

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Junior U8	Playing	Under 8	Mini	Under 8	£0.00	£15.00	£15.00	£0.00	£0.00	Same to encourage new members
Honorary	Ordinary	Elected By Main Club Committee	Life		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Social	Social	Over 18, Non Playing, Elected by Main Club Committee	Social		£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	£0.00	£0.00	

Motion: Motion to accept the suggested membership increases was proposed by Helen Sawyer and seconded by Karen Wolstencroft.

Motion carried.

5. Ladies Team Report (Statement prepared by Lou Nanda and read by The Chair)

- Nicky Arnell led a formal vote of thanks to Lou Nanda for liaising with the league, leading to the implementation of all ladies teams now playing 12 sets, unless 18 sets by prior agreement.
- Please See Appendix III

6. Elections of New Committee and Honorary Auditor

The Chairman thanked all of the current committee for their hard work in keeping our club well managed and for their support in the past year. She encouraged Members to put themselves forward for either Committee positions or one off event helping (Volunteer sign up forms were made available).

Motion : Motion to agree the following members as KTC Committee Members for 2018/2019, individuals nominated and seconded as shown.

Motion Carried.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
CHAIR	Helen Sawyer	Nicky Arnell	Andy Lynes
VICE CHAIR	Anne McPhie	Karen Wolstencroft	Louise Vernon
TREASURER	Georgina Brown	Debbie Jamison	Nicky Arnell
SECRETARY	Karen Wolstencroft	Andy Lynes	Helen Sawyer
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Julie Hunter	Nicky Arnell	Karen Wolstencroft
PUBLICITY OFFICER			
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	Guy Hill	Helen Sawyer	Karen Wolstencroft
FIXTURES SECRETARY	Dave Bufton	Karen Wolstencroft	Andy Lynes
LADIES CAPTAIN	Lou Nanda	Debbie Jamison	Nicky Arnell
MENS CAPTAIN	Mahmoud Elamin	Andy Lynes	George Brown
JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE			
CHILD WELFARE OFFICER	Sonia Amos	Louise Vernon	Mahmoud Elamin
FUNDING OFFICER			
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Andy Lynes	Mahmoud Elamin	Julie Hunter
COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER (Special Projects)	Jane McKinlay	George Brown	Julie Hunter
COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER (TennisMark, Club Registration)	Moya Meredith	George Brown	Julie Hunter

Motion : Subject to her agreement, Karen Jones was nominated by Georgina Brown for the position of KTC Honorary Auditor for 2018/2019, this motion was seconded by Karen Wolstencroft.

Motion Carried

7. **Grounds Report and Development Plan Update** (Statement presented by Guy Hill)

- The Grounds Officer reported that Courts 6 & 7 were jet washed in December and will be sanded in the summer.
- He went on to say that, further to consultation with Platts and Labosport, the replacement of the carpets on 6 & 7 would be best achieved by building on top of the existing surface.
- The blowing of floodlight bulbs has been a particular problem this year but thanks to Dave Maden's fine head for heights, they were changed by means of a cherry picker.
- The Grounds Officer officially thanked Paul Adshead, the gardener, for his great efforts throughout the year.

Note : A transcript of the full statement is in Appendix IV.

8. **Junior and Coaches Report** (Presented by Mark Airey)

Please see Appendix V

9. **Close of Meeting**

The Chairman asked the meeting if anyone wanted to raise any AOB, when no one indicated they did, she closed the meeting and thanked members for attending.

Karen Wolstencroft
KTC Honorary Secretary
March 26 2018
CC: Dave Hunt - KSC

Appendices:

- I. Transcript of Treasurer's Statement and Signed Accounts
- II. Transcript of Membership Secretary's statement and Proposed Subscriptions
- III. Ladies Team Report
- IV. Transcript of Grounds Officer Statement
- V. Junior and Coaches Report

Appendix I

KNUTSFORD TENNIS CLUB

Commentary on the 2017 Accounts

Income and Expenditure Account

- 2017 surplus was £14,173 (2016 deficit £5,715).
- There have been no major projects during 2017.
- Net subscription income is down by almost £1.4k. We banked £38.3k (2016 £39.8k) before deducting subscription levies due to KSC of £14.5k (2016 £14.7k).

Subs £k	2015	2016	2017
Receipts	36.8	39.8	38.3
KSC	14.7	14.7	14.5
KTC	<u>22.1</u>	<u>25.1</u>	<u>23.8</u>

Membership numbers have decreased slightly across most membership categories, and in particular we have seen a switch from full to day-time membership.

- Income from other sources
 - Floodlights – we banked £2.5k from token sales, Tuesday and Thursday club nights and coaching sessions, up from 2016, in part due to regular Monday and Wednesday night court usage. This income, together with an element of match fees collected, is offset by the cost of electricity and any floodlight repairs required during the year. Any surplus generated goes into the sinking fund for future repairs (£387 in 2017), any deficit in the year is funded from the sinking fund (£889 in 2016).
 - Social events – the summer ladies lunch raised £583, the quiz night in December raised £885, total £1.5k.
 - Colour Run No 2 raised a fantastic £4.6k.
 - Sundry income is down on 2016 largely due to the fact that Mark's holiday camps have been quieter than in previous years.
- Coaching costs in total are in line with 2016.
- Ground/Court Expenditure
 - We have made significant savings in gardening and tree cutting costs this year by switching gardeners. The current arrangement appears to be working well.
 - A new court sweeper was purchased early in 2017 – cost £650.
 - We did a full jet wash on courts 6&7 at the end of the year - cost £1,500.
 - As part of the project to refurbish courts 6&7, we incurred costs of just over £2k on soil samples and an initial site visit by the court consultant Labosport.
 - In view of the major floodlight issues in the autumn, we were lucky only to incur £872 on light maintenance.
- Expenditure on balls, nets and brushes is high due to the purchase of 2 new drag nets early in the year which cost almost £400 each.

Balance Sheet

- The debtor balance reflects the usual pre-payment on the LTA affiliation fee, a prepaid amount on charges for the new website plus other smaller adjustments.
- Creditors reflects accruals for electricity and gardening expenses for October to December 2017 and Labosport's site visit in October relating to the bottom courts project.
- The amount outstanding on the £6k loan received from KSC at the end of 2016 is now £4,700.
- We have transferred £13k to the courts sinking fund this year, being £6k fund-raising during the year plus an additional £7k. This time last year we forecast that we would be in a position to put away between £5k and £8k, depending on membership numbers. The sinking fund now stands at £15,675, compared to £2,675 last year.
- The total accumulated fund was £21,386 at 31 December 2017, with a cash reserve excluding sinking fund amounting to £5,711.

2018 Plans & Beyond

- The focus for 2018 is the refurbishment of courts 6 & 7. We have just over £20k in the sinking fund. We are still awaiting formal quotes, but the project cost is currently estimated at around £70k, so we will need to find significant funding from other sources, in addition to the fund-raising events that are planned for 2018. It is also critical that we keep a drive on to maintain, or better, increase our membership numbers as this income enables us to meet ongoing items of expenditure and put funds towards capital projects. If membership numbers remain at their current levels, we will have between £7k and £10k to put towards the capital project at the end of 2018, plus any fund-raising achieved during the year. After the bottom court project, work will need to begin to re-build the sinking fund for future court maintenance and refurbishment.

My thanks to Karen Jones for auditing the accounts.

George Brown, Treasurer

March 2018


**KNUTSFORD TENNIS CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

	2017	2016	Change	%Change
Net Assets				
Debtors	727.73	640.99		
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00		
Current account	2,726.31	4,317.38		
Savings account	24,710.54	11,700.47		
KSC protected fund	0.00	0.00		
KSC loan	-4,700.00	-5,900.00		
Less: Creditors	-2,078.24	-3,544.93		
Less: Provisions	0.00	0.00		
	21,386.34	7,213.91		
Financed by				
Balance at 1 January	4,538.91	5,254.37		
Excess Income over Expenditure 2017	14,172.43	-5,715.46	19,887.89	-348%
Trf (to)/from courts improvement fund	-13,000.00	5,000.00		
	5,711.34	4,538.91		
Available cash reserves	5,711.34	4,538.91		
Courts improvement sinking fund	15,675.00	2,675.00	13,000.00	486%
	21,386.34	7,213.91		


Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 December 2017

	note	2017	2016	Change	%Change
Income					
Subscriptions (net KSC element)		23,679.47	25,065.35	-1,385.88	-5%
Court hire income		195.00	0.00	195.00	n/a
Floodlights		2,512.56	1,735.25	777.31	45%
Match fees		1,042.00	894.00	148.00	17%
Net income from Social events		1,505.01	1,713.61	-208.60	-12%
Colour Run		4,646.41	4,618.88	27.53	1%
Sponsorship & Donations		0.00	5.00	-5.00	-100%
Grants	1	0.00	3,542.52	-3,542.52	-100%
Sundry	2	942.15	1,395.74	-453.59	-32%
		34,522.60	38,970.35	-4,447.75	-11%
Expenditure					
Coaching	3	8,629.50	8,471.50	158.00	2%
Grounds/Courts	4	6,354.63	31,669.36	-25,314.73	-80%
Electricity		1,774.00	1,637.12	136.88	8%
League admin	5	1,071.00	1,078.00	-7.00	-1%
Sundry admin	6	553.13	638.28	-85.15	-13%
Balls, nets, brushes etc		1,501.50	580.55	920.95	159%
Sundry	7	466.41	611.00	-144.59	-24%
		20,350.17	44,685.81	-24,335.64	-54%
Excess Income over Expenditure		14,172.43	-5,715.46	19,887.89	-348%

G Brown 
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Knutsford Tennis Club and certify that they are in accordance with the books and documents produced to me.

 Auditor

Appendix II

Transcript of Membership Secretary's Statement



KNUTSFORD TENNIS AGM REPORT

Name	Julie Hunter
Section	Membership Secretary
Date	12 March 2018

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First year as Membership Secretary! On the plus side it has been great getting to know more of the members, on the other hand I hadn't realised how manual and onerous the current membership process is. More of that in a minute.

From a membership perspective, we are currently running at a total of 288 members, 24 less than this time last year. The split between Adult and Juniors is quite even, 140 adults and 148 juniors. We had a number of families not renew this year, which takes out 4 or more members each time. Also, we didn't run an Open Day that may be one of the reasons that we had fewer new members joining.

Going into the new tennis year, we will be looking for opportunities to introduce new members to the Club, from events such as the Tennisathon, more organised and publicised Tennis Thursdays and 'coach and play' sessions for U3A.

We organised a successful members' tennis holiday to La Manga in Spain in November and were blessed with excellent weather, great company and lots of tennis. Hoping to organise it again same time next year.

Looking ahead to 2018/19

The committee has decided to make key changes to membership administration with effect from this year's renewals. This will improve the renewal experience considerably – no need to complete a form every year, simple online renewal process, no stamped addressed envelopes, posting and automatic confirmation of membership.

The plans include:-

- Adoption of the online LTA ClubSpark Membership Module for membership renewals for the coming year and any new members going forward.
- All documentation will be available on the Knutsford Tennis Club website and not posted out to home addresses.
- The use of shoe tags will be discontinued.
- Membership payments will be made by bank transfer or cheque.
- The normal method of communication will be via email (it is important that we have the best active email address for you).
- If you need to change your email address, tell me before the end of April.

ClubSpark is free to clubs who are members of the LTA, which we are. Therefore, moving to this new simplified administration process will also save the Club a considerable amount of money and improve the accuracy and management of membership data:-

- No costs incurred from printing services for hundreds of forms, documents and the annual Handbook, stationery and postage
- Annual purchase of shoe tags no longer required

In addition to cost saving, one of the key factors influencing this decision is the new legislation regarding data protection – GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) coming into effect for EU citizens in May 2018. Utilising the ClubSpark membership module will make it easier to comply with the regulation relating to members’ data.

With regard to the discontinuation of shoe tags, after consultation it was felt that this hasn’t worked effectively for several years.

I recognise that these are significant changes that may impact some members more than others. We will be setting up sessions at the Club if required to assist members with their logins to the new system and the renewal process. It is a change for everyone, but bear with us, this will be a much better system in the long run.

Subscriptions

The proposed subscriptions for next year are outlined in the document available around the room.

The key point to note is that last year the Main Club Fees were reduced resulting in a 2% increase in revenue for the Tennis Club. However, the Main Club has announced that this year they are reverting back to the 2016 fees. Therefore, to ensure our income per member does not decrease this year, the Committee has decided to increase the Tennis Club annual subscription broadly in line with the Main Club increase. Taking into account the significant decrease in junior members, mainly to the enormous choice of junior sporting activities available in the area, the Committee would like to keep the junior subscriptions at levels which are not a deterrent.

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Appendix III

Transcript of Ladies Captain's Report

Firstly let me thank Dave Buffers our fixtures secretary who has sorted so much with the fixtures for both the winter and summer leagues, especially given the weather this winter!

Winter 2017 - 2018

This year we again fielded four teams. Thank you to the captains for their great team management, not always an easy task with unprecedented amounts of rain and battling availability with the Aussie Flu. So thanks to..

Brendan Hunter who sadly has now moved away with work, and Helen for the first team, Gill and Cliff for the seconds, Norman for the thirds and Helen Mountney and Noel for the fourths.

So, How have we done? well, when I wrote this, it looks like the teams will be staying in their divisions, of 2, 5, 7 and 10 out of 12 divisions. (this may need changing nearer the time)

Summer 2017

The summer season of 2017 has been in the main a very enjoyable season, with all teams having great fun tennis and everyone has maintained their divisions of 3, 4 and 6. Thanks to Jan G and Jo M for captaining those teams.

The frustrations of some opposition insisting we play 18 sets prompted me to 'complain to the league' and I'm delighted to say following the league quickly doing a survey of other clubs they revised the rules and following a vote we have new rules going in to 2018.

The new rules entail all the teams in ladies playing 12 sets (unless 18 is specifically agreed)

Matches can start at 7 or 6.30 which helps travelling teams.

The 12 set format will entail all pairings playing each other which should stop tactical play and create a more competitive and enjoyable match.

As Ladies captain I'd like to also thank Nicki Arnell for her organisation of the Monday night tennis...and Mark, who helps keep me sane when things (my spreadsheet amongst other things) goes array!

And finally, if you fancy having a go in a team, get in touch to see if you enjoy the different competitive edge.. you don't have to commit to lots of matches... even one can be a big help.

Appendix IV

Transcript of Ground's Officer's Statement

Overall it has been a quiet year after the resurfaces of the last few years.

Courts 1,2 do have the odd bounce as the underneath surface was not perfect but all within a 5mm tolerance.

These can be emphasised when the surface is wet or carpet taut when it contracts in the cold.

Court 3,4,5 are playing well . There is a currently inexplicable bump on the green carpet on court 3 . We have asked Platts to look at it. They continue to drain well , court 5 is still getting runoff from the cricket field in a downpour and takes longer to clear . The plan is to add sand to the courts once they dry out .

Courts 6,7 were last cleaned and sanded in Feb 2015 and the dirt had accumulated to dangerous levels especially on court 7 which gets very little use . So they were jet washed in December . Currently we have not replaced the sand but that will have to happen in the summer as the carpet tends to ripple in the heat if there is no weight in the carpet.

Re replacement of the carpet . we have taken core samples around the courts and the results have confirmed the poor fill is at least 2m deep throughout and there is no stable ground to dig down to. It has been agreed by both Platts and consultants Labosport that building on top of the existing surface is the best option . This could be as much as adding 300mm of stone which is OK on the basis that the courts are below court block above but does mean that we potentially have to change the fencing , adding £7k to the budget , which still hovers around £60k.-70k

This year's hassle has been floodlight bulbs blowing , with 3 bulbs changed last year . One was by renting a 4x4 cherry picker which took a very nervous Dave Maden to 10m. We also used it to trim the branch line between us and the boys club to reduce leaf litter on the courts.

The other 2 were when the main fuse board had a melt down on one of the phases on the tennis circuit. Reason why is mysterious but thanks to Dave again for sorting it out . We do not retain a maintenance contract with the Lighting company as it would have been ridiculously expensive over 6 years since their erection.

Accessing the bulbs at 10m remains a challenge and it is not possible to predict when the bulbs will blow. What ever method we use it is £500ish to get a person to that height. So some delay in replacing them will always be inevitable. We have heard that Marple damaged their carpet putting a 3t cherry picker on the courts.

We changed back to our own Gardener this year and Paul Adshead has done a great job throughout the year , just getting on with it, doing grass cutting , hedge clipping etc each week . I would like to thank him for his efforts.

The winds in oct seemed to blow leaves on to the courts not off as the previous year, so there was a lot of work leaf cleaning in Autumn. Generally the extra use of the courts in the day time means they got cleaned by considerate day time players , thank you. It all helps to Mark's and my sanity during this autumn period.

Appendix V

Junior and Coaches Report

TENNIS ACES LTD

The tennis club has had another successful year from the coaching and development side of things. We continue to thrive in all junior ages and we've had a rise in participation at an adult level. We had success in many areas from the junior and adult in house tournaments to the mini tennis cluster primary school tournament. Our annual junior presentation was well attended again with over 40 trophies awarded on the night and as a club, we've remained in the top 10 out of all North West clubs for regular competing juniors. With participation growing the tennis club has managed to bring in an assistant coach Katie Hobbs who is now helping me develop areas mainly linked to the beginner level of the game for both adults and juniors. We have just secured a more positive link with Knutsford Academy that started today where Katie and I are providing opportunities for girls to try out tennis. This is specifically targeted at school year 7 & 8. My normal Primary school links will start as normal after the Easter holidays.

JNR RESULTS :

- Boys u 13 finished 4th
- Boys u 15 finished 4th
- Boys u 18 finished 4th
- Girls u 18 finished 1st
- Boys u 10 finished 1st
- Mixed u 9 finished 1st

Road 2 Wimbledon winner was Robert Read

Over all Junior of the year was Oliver Turner

Recognition goes to Tony Smith who steps down as our clubs overall junior manager and our thanks go out to him for his dedication and help over the past few years. We welcome Justine Read into the position as of the 2017 season.

Personally, I'd like to thank all members for supporting me in my role here at the club. I'd like to thank all the committee in particular for their invaluable support and volunteering dedication to helping make this club the success it is. I urge us all to keep pushing and supporting the many events myself and the club are holding this year and in years to come – one obviously being the main event coming, the colour run. We have 5 fantastic tennis courts and we need to keep pushing to get that up to 7.