



Faringdon Tennis Club

Chairman's Report 2018

As the season draws to a close, I reflect once again on how vibrant and healthy the Club has become over recent years. I often receive comments about how welcoming, safe and friendly our Club is, and this is undoubtedly thanks to the commitment of our membership.

We have enjoyed a particularly successful Summer of play, helped largely by the glorious weather. I feel there has been a good balance of Social and Competitive tennis with more teams than ever now competing for our Club. We have been able to add a Midweek Summer team and thanks to some great results, have several teams on the verge of promotion once again. Looking ahead we hope to see some compete in our midweek evening matches.

Socially the 'Pimms and Prizes' evenings have been a great success, bringing both new members and old together. Thank you to Susanna and Jules for organising these, and to Anne for the super catering. We also owe our gratitude to Steve Wright for organising The Club Championships with support from Alan and Guy. Towards the end of the Summer we welcomed a record crowd, and the standard of play for the final matches was excellent. Well done to all who competed and to those who came out to support them.

Our coaching program continues to provide excellent opportunities to improve our game, with Matt, Susanna, Alan and Guy all seen on court regularly. If you would like to take them up on coaching, their contact details can be found on our website.

It is with mixed feelings that after 4 years this will be my last as Chairman. It has been an honour and privilege to play a leading role in this dynamic and forward-thinking club. The Committee plays a strong role behind the scenes and I know it will continue to go from strength to strength. If anyone feels they would like to be involved and has some time to offer our community, please let me know. We will always be able to find a role for a willing volunteer and I can assure you that the rewards far outweigh the relatively small time commitment involved.

I feel I am stepping down at a good time in the Club's history. The membership numbers are high, the courts are in great shape, and most importantly the cohesion and community feel of the club is a joy to be associated with. Thank you and long may it continue!

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