



## **Chairman's Newsletter October 2018**

### **Coaching**

Saturday morning sessions have continued to be popular with numbers gradually increasing in the younger age group. In addition, on Saturday mornings we have rusty rackets to attract adults who would like a gentle introduction to the club. For those of us keen to be fitter, myself included, there is now Cardio-tennis on Friday evenings. I am delighted with this breadth of coaching activities and I know Colin and Sam have more ideas to attract new players at all levels.

### **Thanks to Kath Lees**

Kath Lees stepped in as soon as we needed to search for a new coach and has been instrumental in getting us to the position we are in today. Kath has spent a lot of her time liaising with our coaches Sam and Colin, supporting Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning sessions, facilitating our relationships with schools and working with the Committee to develop our coaching relationship and activities. Kath will now be spending less of her time on this. Our thanks to Kath for working so hard on behalf of the club.

### **Coaching Facilities**

The Committee have agreed that the current facilities we provide for the coaches, is completely unsatisfactory. We have agreed a site for an office/shop/equipment storage facility on a new base adjacent to the bicycle stand.

### **Friday evenings**

Sheila Bennett has used the club house on Friday evenings for her dance class and this has been a valuable source of income. The Committee have been discussing the attraction of providing tennis activities for youngsters and families on Friday evenings. As a result, Sheila has moved her dance class to another location which better fits their needs. We wish them well in their new venue.

### **New Developments**

The Development Group have been discussing and exploring the practicalities of installing floodlights for all the courts and the possibility of Padel tennis on the Kidzone courts. Our experience over the last year has been that pushing new projects along has been difficult. As volunteers, we can't devote the necessary time and expertise. I would like us to explore the possibility of using a professional Project Manager to run the evaluation and if agreed, the delivery of one or both of these projects.

### **Volunteers**

The club relies on a small number of volunteers to run tennis activities, the club bar, social evenings, maintain the grounds and promote the club. We really need more of our members to share this load. Nothing happens by magic. Please have a chat with myself or a Committee member if you feel able to help us. Many thanks.

*Martin, Chairman*