

TETTENHALL TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting 2025

Chair report

2024 was another successful year for the club, being the first full year of use of our amazing new courts. Members and visitors alike have commented on the excellent new playing surface, and I am sure the courts are a significant factor in our success in attracting new members.

Membership numbers were broadly maintained overall, albeit with a good new intake offset by some members not renewing. Our three month trial period for new members continues to work well, and special mention is due to Mary-Jane and Simon for providing a welcoming first point of contact for new enquiries and converting them into playing members.

The annual presentation evening was held in February and was well-attended and a very enjoyable evening. The annual Adult & Child tournament was, as usual, over-subscribed and has become a highlight of the club calendar. Both these events do no more than break even financially, but are important parts of the club's commitment to providing members with opportunities to enjoy their tennis within a fun and supportive community.

The club's weekly sessions – both organised and informal – continue to thrive and to provide opportunities for tennis for members of all ages and standards. The monthly Saturday afternoon club sessions continue to be very popular and welcoming to all members. As always, Simon has been tireless in his commitment to ensuring that the range and breadth of sessions and competitions available means that there is something for everyone. The design of the junior sessions, in particular, ensures that our younger members can develop their skills in an enjoyable environment and will hopefully become our adult members and team players of the future.

The club open competitions and over 30s competitions were again keenly-fought, albeit that we would like to have more entries if we can in future.

Special mention is due to our Ladies Team (see Captain's report below), which once again won promotion in the Staffordshire League. A huge achievement.

A big thanks to all our committee members who keep the club going behind the scenes, undertaking what are often unglamorous but very necessary tasks to keep us on track. Special mention in this regard is due to Andrea (see report below), who keeps us compliant on safeguarding and welfare matters, where it is essential that we remain up-to-date, but where the rules are constantly changing.

Finally, many thanks are due once again to Dom Nield, who stepped down in 2024 after 14 years as Chair. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her efforts for the club over such a long period.

Guy Kendall

Coach's report

Happy to report that it has been another enjoyable year on court with many of our players working harder than ever. Our new courts provide a surface that is safe to play on in almost all conditions and has helped enormously throughout the cold winter.

The coaching programme continues to expand and our squads are filled with amazing people to work with 12 months of the year. We continue to work in the community with a strong link to Tettenhall College and Next Step West Midlands.

Members will often not see all the work that goes on throughout the year but we are fortunate to have players that will work in all weather conditions, 7 days a week. Our junior standard is higher than ever and it is wonderful to see our ladies team doing so well with players that have come through our club!

As ever we will keep striving to improve!

Many thanks to all the coaches that work on our programme and for all their support.

Best wishes,

Simon.

Ladies Team Captain report

Another amazing season for our Ladies Team with promotion achieved for the 3rd consecutive year!

We will now be competing at our highest ever level, Premier 2.

After going unbeaten in 2023 we only lost 1 match last season, a real credit to our players!

I would like to thank all the members of our squad: Anne, Amy, Hannah, Henrietta and Charlotte for their commitment and superb attitude.

Looking forward to another successful season!

Coral.

Men's Team Captain report

A disappointing season for the men's team, having only won 1 match all season. Adjusting to a new surface and a lack of commitment to practice and matches meant the team struggled with getting the results we wanted. I'd like to thank Joe Lee and Jake Mockler who played almost every match for us this season.

We are hoping the 2025 season will bring a promotion back into division 2.

Liam

Safeguarding report

The last year has been positive from a safeguarding perspective. Key highlights include

- All committee members completed refresh training in terms of safeguarding
- We attended the October National Safeguarding conference, which added to our knowledge and also gave us credits towards our LTA training requirements
- Whilst policies and procedures are key to our continuing success in this area, so is the creation of a positive, safe environment, and all indicators would suggest that we have achieved this.
- One of our younger members has been accepted as a young persons welfare ambassador and will start their training in the near future

Andrea