



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING February 2025

Windsor Lawn Tennis Club Committee

Chairman: Mark Player

Treasurer: David Stephens

Secretary: Sandra Parkinson

Club Manager: Beci Lee

Club Coach, Juniors, Active Tennis and Grounds: Andy Mustill

Committee Members: Bikram Chopra, Ian Fletcher, Stephanie Fernandez, Ajey Kaushal

Welcome from the Chairman Mark Player

'Have Your Say' is the theme of this year's AGM so please come along and do just that

We are very keen to hear from members, what you want, and to help us keep moving the club forward, not that your wonderful committee have stood still - just look around you!

I was delighted to welcome Beci as the new club manager in June, being associated with the club for so long as a member and coach it was a seamless transition. Beci is a dedicated professional doing a wonderful job.

This year has seen so much good stuff going on, not least the improvements around the site like the glass balcony which means we are no longer looking through iron bars at play! Also the bar refurb, with the now permanent home of our famous old trophies, some with names going back to 1936. All this and more are detailed in the regular newsletters and Beci's report.



My highlight, and let's face it we all love a bit of star dust, was having the legend Pat Cash on the premises. For the benefit of the younger members, in 1987 Pat defeated the world No. 1, Ivan Lendl, in the Wimbledon final in straight sets. Cash sealed the victory by climbing into the stands and up to the player's box at Centre Court, where he celebrated with his family, girlfriend, and coach, Ian Barclay. He thus started a Wimbledon tradition

that has been followed by many other champions at Wimbledon and other Grand Slam tournaments since. He only dropped one set during the entire tournament. Pat said he had never been to our club before and was really impressed with the set up and feel of it – so much so that he will be back later this year! Seeing Pat raise the roof with some club members jamming with his band was pretty cool.



Winning the Berkshire LTA Competition of the Year 2024 is a testament to the club's commitment to youth development and the future of tennis. A massive thank you to everyone involved and to you, the members, for giving up your court time for that week.

The club has many different groups that enjoy the facilities and friendly atmosphere that we have nurtured. The waiting list is currently closed at over 200 and we have healthy funds to maintain the high standards we have come to expect. Being part of a good club is much more than just turning up and playing, to some extent you can do that at any pay and play court. It is being part of a social club too of like-minded people. So, I encourage everyone to support all our playing and social events and suggest a few more **Have Your Say.**

So, tell us what you think improves the whole club in every way. I very much look forward to hearing from you all while enjoying some cheese and wine together at the AGM on 13th February 7 p.m.

Until then,
Yours, Mark Player

Club Manager Report

Beci Lee

Year in Review:

As ever WLTC has had another busy year, making improvements to the club to make it as special as possible for all our wonderful members.

Our ladies 1st team had a fantastic result last year, winning the Regional Division of the Nationals League and were promoted to the National Tier this year! A special thanks to those who competed: Tatiana, Sofie, Ilona, Kerry, Alisa, Inge and Karen.



In June we held our annual club championships finals day which was another great success, with lots of fantastic matches, and huge support from so many members. Congratulations to everyone who made it through to the final last year, and good luck to everyone trying to do so this year.





In August we were very proud of our very own Jack Slaughter, who captained the men's Over 35 GB team to an impressive 2nd place in the World Team Championships in Lisbon. The guys fought incredibly hard over a gruelling 8 days against 24 other nations and managed to battle their way to a very impressive silver medal,

narrowly missing out to France 2-1 in the Final.

August also saw the start of construction for the transformative glass balcony along the terrace, to make for easier viewing across all courts and a much smarter appearance all round. We had such positive feedback that we decided to do the whole lot, which was finally completed in October 2024.



In September the brilliant Rolling Stoics performed at WLTC, with a wonderful performance from our very own Charlie Hawker, and the legendary Pat Cash! A sold-out event that we hope to repeat this coming June.

A new pathway was built round the back of courts 7-9 and along the side to court 4. This was to help members get to courts 7 & 4 without disturbing members on the adjoining courts, and to help prevent muddy feet when looking for lost balls!

October (although originally scheduled for September), we finally had our bar refurbishment completed and the new trophy cabinet installed.

We held our annual Christmas Party at Castle Hotel in Windsor for the second year in a row. With mixed reviews about the last-minute DJ, overall, the feedback was positive and we have provisionally booked in again for next year, but we will explore other options to see if anything more appropriate is on offer.

In January we received notice that we have been awarded 'Berkshire Competition of the year Award 2024' by the Berkshire LTA, for the Windsor Open grade 3 tournament which ran from 21st July – 28th July. We would like to thank all of you for your support of this event over the years, we know that a lot of court time is sacrificed to ensure this tournament can run smoothly, and we appreciate everyone who makes the Windsor Open so special.

Excites for the year ahead,
Beci Lee



Financial Report 2023/24

David Stephens

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT		1000'S		
		23/24 Actual	23/24 Budget	22/23 Actual
Tennis Income	Membership subs	£259	£265	£267
	Court hire	£76	£60	£63
	Active Tennis	£53	£54	£53
External income	Carter & George rent	£21	£21	£22
	Mast	£8	£8	£8
	Other - rent, parking, events, interest	£27	£24	£23
Bar net margin		£26	£25	£26
TOTAL INCOME		£470	£457	£462
Admin/Staff	Salary cost	£124	£125	£115
	Office costs, credit card, accounting	£44	£47	£48
Maintenance	Courts	£33	£30	£42
	General	£78	£88	£72
	Utilities	£52	£60	£32
	Projects - balcony glass 18, path 15, bar refurb 10, umb	£53	£20	£28
TOTAL COSTS		£384	£370	£337
SURPLUS BEFORE DEPRECIATION		£86	£88	£125
Depreciation		£92	£96	£90
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		-£6	-£8	£35

The surplus before depreciation was £86k, close to the forecast budget.

£16K additional income came from court hire, including higher guest fees and £7k interest. This was partly offset by subs which were £6k lower as membership numbers were reduced.

Costs were £14k above budget with £33k more spent on projects offset by savings elsewhere. The increase in electricity costs was less than expected, helped by some reduction in usage.

The net deficit was close to budget at £6k for the year. Cash generation for the year was £56k, of which £30k was transferred to the Sinking Fund.

FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET		£1000's	
		31/10/2024	31/10/2023
Fixed Assets		965	1043
Debtors and Prepayments		18	14
Cash - operating		224	198
Cash - Sinking Fund		194	164
Stock		5	4
Creditors		-6	-6
Accruals		-61	-65
LTA Loan		-20	-27
Net Assets		1319	1325
Reserves - P&L		1125	1161
- Sinking Fund		194	164
Total reserves		1319	1325
Capex			
Manager Office Conversion		9	
Airconditioning Unit		5	
Total Capex			

Whilst negligible, we expect some variation in the budget lines next year.

2024/2025 BUDGET	
Main changes from 2023/24 anticipated:	£1000's
Subs down as membership falls	-9
Higher interest	6
4% inflation	-13
Projects allowance reduction	18
Other	-2
Total	0
Budgeted deficit (as of 23/24)	6

Kind Regards,
David Stephens

Active Tennis and Coaching Andy Mustill



It has been another very enjoyable year coaching WLTC members!

We have a very busy coaching programme delivered by the Active Tennis coaching team: Andy, Stu, Richard, Max, Matt, Luke and Milan.

During 2024 we had to say goodbye to coach Beci. Beci joined the coaching team in 2014 and was very popular with our members. In the end, the long cold winters and work getting in the way of her holidays proved too much. I would like to say we miss Beci, but luckily for us all, she became our club manager. Thank you Beci for all your amazing coaching with the WLTC junior and adult members. Yes, we miss you as a coach!

Sept 24 we appointed new coach Milan Sevic. Milan works all day on a Saturday with the junior and adult groups. Milan has settled in well and we are lucky to have him.

We hope the coaching programme we offer caters for all your needs but please let me know if there is anything else we can add, see our website for our full coaching programme. www.active-tennis.co.uk

On the courts, Cardio Tennis is still very popular. It's a great way to meet other members, practice your shots and build up your fitness.

Tuesday Club Night goes from strength to strength with Matt at the helm, and Sunday Club Morning provides another opportunity for members of all abilities to get together for some social tennis.

The Grand Slams have become a regular and popular series of tournaments that sit alongside the annual Club Championships. For competitive play, members can enter the structured Box Leagues or interclub; we have 16 teams competing in the Adult Berkshire League and 11 Junior teams, our top talent competes in the NPL.

The quality of tennis at our club continues to improve year on year and I would like to take this opportunity to applaud 2024's Players of the Year, all well-deserved accolades:

Girls	Phoebe Mustill
Boys	Piers Davis
Ladies	Gillian Horrocks-Taylor
Mens	Zachary Munday
Mixed	Karen Morean

In the junior category, awards have been made to the most improved players, congratulations Hadley Sewell and Savannah Tabares

In closing, I would like to thank the coaching team for their service to the club and the members of WLTC who support us and make our jobs such fun!

Looking forward to the year ahead,
Andy Mustill

Club Social Scene

Ian Fletcher

This year has been a whirlwind for the social team. We started with a sell-out Quiz Evening in the spring, which has now become a regular event. Thanks to Attila for being our quiz master again!

In June, we had our summer party with a Caribbean theme. The weather wasn't cooperating, so we set up our big screen TVs to show beach scenes and sunsets. We had great food, lots of rum punch, a live steel band, and even a limbo competition.





In September, we tried something new. One of our members, Charlie Hawker, told us he had formed a rock band called THE ROLLING STOICS. It's made up of eight professional and amateur musicians, including former world number three and Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, who now plays the guitar. 120 tickets sold out in just two weeks, and we had a waiting list!! The evening was a huge success and we have some great news: The Rolling Stoics will be back at the club on Saturday, 21st June this year for our MIDSUMMER PARTY! So put the date in your diaries now.

Last year's Christmas Party was, for a second time, held at the Castle Hotel in the center of town. 132 members and guests were treated to a welcome drink, a four-course meal with wine, tea or coffee and mince pies, followed by dancing until 12.30 a.m. We are nearing our capacity so put Saturday, 6th December 2025 in your diaries now and join in with the festive fun.

All these events take a lot of planning, and we couldn't have done it without help. We want to thank Laura, Donna and Sarah for selling the tickets and keeping the drinks flowing for all our events.



Our appreciation goes out to each and every one of you for gracing us with your presence. Your support makes this club truly special, and we're incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing community with over 800 members and more people eager to join.

We really look forward to seeing you at some of our events during the year.

Best Wishes from the Social Team - Kathy, Tricia and Ian

WLTC Looking Ahead

We would like the Windsor Lawn Tennis Club to be one of, if not the, best tennis club in the area. To this end we continually work to improve the club. Here are the projects currently in the pipeline; we would love to hear your thoughts and any other suggestions you may have.

Court Drainage

We appreciate that the flooding issue on the clay courts has been an issue for some time now, the past few months we have been in discussions with experts to try and understand what we can do to minimise the issue and damage it imposes on the courts. We have had a new pump installed as well as a small soakaway to try and prevent the water from building and pooling, but if anyone has any other ideas, we would very much like to hear them!

Club Entrance

We have a few projects that have already begun – the restoration of the bin cupboard and the welcome fence at the front to help create a more prominent and secure entrance to the club.

Solar Panel Battery

As we aim to be more sustainable and to minimise our electricity bills, we plan to install a solar panel battery to help us use the electricity we collect from our solar panels.

Disabled Toilet Refurbishment

After the full refurbishment of the men's and ladies changing rooms, the committee feel that the disabled toilet is also in need of a revamp, so we intend to smarten it up to align with the rest of the modernisations of the club.

Indoor Tennis Curtains

We also propose that the curtains on the indoor courts are replaced for some new ones, with perhaps the addition of them coming all the way round the sides, to help prevent balls landing in the gutters and the accumulation of rubbish that gets left there. As well as create a warmer, more inviting atmosphere indoors (especially during the cold winter months!)

WLTC Constitution Amendments

Every few years, the constitution is brought up to date. A marked-up version from the old to new is attached for reference. This is a summary of the significant amendments:

- B.11 Committee members to have been club members for a minimum of one year.
- D.17 Clarification that any project, capital or revenue, above £20,000 (excluding VAT) requires member approval.
- Confirmation that the Sinking Fund must be maintained in line with LTA guidelines.
- F.35 Overall men's, ladies', mixed captains to be decided by the Tennis Forum unless a member's vote is required.
- I.1 Membership categories updated.
- I.18-22 Updated to reflect current booking system and court reservation rules.

Have Your say

We would like to hear any ideas and requests that you, as members, would like to see changing and happening around the club. It would be great if you could share them with us so we can discuss them at the AGM.