

**2017/18 AGM COACHING REPORT  
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**OPEN DAY**

I was pleased to attend our very successful open day which was held on the Saturday of the first of the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekends.

On securing funding we were able to offer a subsidised 6 week "follow on beginners/improvers course." As expected, this offer proved very popular and the class was fully subscribed within hours. We held our Quorn Family cup during the proceedings. I believe this event really enhances the day. It was won by Jason Humphries and his daughter Freya aged 8. This year the Ita have decided to bring the event forward but are allowing us to hold it again in May for 2018

**ADULT INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMME**

Between April and October 4 week courses were run on Monday evenings and on Saturday afternoons. These sessions have been run at times that have a minimal to zero impact on other club activities. They are open to non-members and work well for us as the guest fees accumulated over the season produce considerable additional revenue.

**TEAM PLAYERS DRILLS SESSIONS**

At the back end of last year Chris Tribe picked up the team players doubles drills sessions on Wednesday evenings. I am personally really pleased to see Chris become further involved in our club's coaching programme and thank Alison Wade for all the drive she exhibits in selflessly promoting these sessions

**JUNIOR PROGRAMME**

As all clubs have a responsibility to encourage young people to play the game, we can be justifiably proud of our active junior membership. We ran the Road to Wimbledon tournament through April and May and once again entered 10 teams in the LTA Aegon Junior Leagues. The level of commitment required to organise this number of teams is very considerable however, it's more than made up for when I see how much our players benefit from the competitive experience and how proud they are to represent our club.

Throughout the summer we ran our Boys Open and Girls Open club championships.

Congratulations go to new and worthy girls champion Eleanor Raven and to Jack Gurney who successfully defended his Boys title.

**HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS**

As in previous years holiday tennis camps were run at Easter, during the half terms and in the summer holidays. These are always popular and are often over-subscribed.

**SCHOOL LINKS**

As part of our outreach programme I continue to run an after school mini-tennis club to pupils of the Manby lodge Infants school. Over the last 2 years the school has been completely rebuilt and has seen a substantial increase in the number of pupils. For logistical reasons we are no longer able to access the school hall however I'm pleased however to report that we will be resuming after the Easter holidays and that I already have 20 new players signed up

**THANKS**

I would once again like to thank our chairman Patrick Gibbon and his committee for their support throughout the year. As always I will be happy to look at any suggestions and very much look forward to seeing what successes 2018 will bring.