

## AGM JUNIOR SECTION REPORT 2018:

2017, the club had 75 junior members with a proportion of that membership attending our weekly coaching sessions.

We try to encourage the juniors to play at all levels, so have put more effort and extra time into organising fun tennis tournaments, fun social nights, friendly matches, competitive matches, and club coaching. This season we have organised more friendly matches against other local tennis clubs like Long Crendon and Prestwood. We have had some successful junior ad hoc events. Pizza night on a couple of occasions with over 26 juniors attending – a big pizza was needed that night!!

Our organised LTA endorsed Quorn family informal tournaments was won by Matt and Freddie Jarman – the main prize was VIP guests to The Nottingham Open in June 2017 which they attended and had a great ‘tennis’ experience. Freddie who is only 7 years old has also been chosen to be part of the Bucks Boys County Under 8 Squad, and will be attending regular sessions at Halton Tennis Centre.

The club again entered the Road to Wimbledon for boys U14 – John MacGregor represented the club at the county finals. Junior Aegon Competition teams in U18, U16 and U12. This is always a great experience for our junior players, understanding tactical play and court strategy at a competitive level. We had a great year with the Boys Under 18 and Boys Under 16 teams being 2017 divisional champions. Congratulations to players Matthew Heald, Joseph Bixley, Jack Long, and Anthony Joseph.

Girls only course on Sundays is one the club’s great successes at the moment. In 2017 we had 12 girls regularly attending on a Sunday evening coaching session. With a lot of hardwork, with only 2 girls attending over 6 years ago it has now built up to this regular number, so both Mel and I are very chuffed with what has been achieved.

Mel has created special club links with local primary schools and in 2017 started visiting local preschools. With taster sessions at 6 pre-schools and taster sessions at some of the local primary schools and we have attended school summer fayres to promote the sport as well as our tennis club. As always hosting holiday tennis camps have been a great success. Thanks again to our maintenance team who make it memorable for us and for our attendees. The kids love our venue and facilities it offers to them.

We’ve struggled with numbers attending group coaching sessions from September 2017 to March 2018. Although we don’t think we have done anything different at the club from very successful previous well attended coaching sessions, we can only put it to outside influences, all beyond our control, but we are working hard to reverse this.

To finish, Mel and I are passionate about the juniors at the club and will do all we can to promote a great club atmosphere and give the best coaching and opportunities to all our juniors.