

HENLEY TENNIS CLUB

Report for Annual Town meeting

I regretfully report, a worrying decline in membership undoubtedly due to continued uncertainty on our future, a lack of basic facilities and competition from better equipped clubs in the area. In an attempt to improve the situation the committee decided to abolish the Joining Fee for this year. The results of this move are awaited with interest.

The determination of the committee to protect and develop the Junior section is well illustrated by the appointment of new coaches who are already offering Easter programmes while maintaining existing competitive team fixtures with local clubs. The club welcomed the fact that it was a Junior member who participated in the Olympic Torch Relay opening the Our Sporting Life exhibition in association with The River and Rowing Museum.

At Senior level the Club has continued to involve Mens, and Ladies teams in the Thames Valley Winter League, Mens Ladies and Mixed teams in the Wilson Summer League and a Mixed team in the Cholsey Floodlit League. It is pleasing to report that the Ladies were successful in their bid for promotion and are now holding their own in a higher division.

Socially we have continued to organise for all members, American Tournaments, Quiz evenings and Club dinners.

All members view the possible future developments at the Henley College site with interest in the hope that Henley Tennis Club can face a settled future with adequate facilities, while striving to provide social and competitive tennis for all local residents.

Eric Davies
Secretary of Henley Tennis Club
6th March 2010