

THE WYCHWOODS TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting for the Wychwoods Tennis Club was held on the 24th January to review the previous year and discuss future progress particularly with regard to the new Village Hall and its effect on the Tennis Club. There were however changes to officers and committee members due to resignations which needed to be discussed and agreed.

After resolute stewardship over 12 and 6 years respectively, Jeremy Huntingford (Chairman) and Jackie Finlay (Secretary) stood down but will remain on the committee. A vote of thanks was proposed and adopted to record the members' appreciation of their service to the club over the years. Before he resigned Jeremy thanked everyone who had helped with their time and money at the beginning of his chairmanship to build the club into its current healthy state. Archie Clark (Membership Sec) and Ivan Goodwill (Treasurer) who will continue, were also thanked for their dedicated and expert support and guidance.

The incoming Chairman Pat Edginton and Secretary Ian Carrington also recognised the work that had been done and the secure base from which further progress can be made. In addition to resignation of the officers two committee members also resigned, Maureen Brookes and Jeremy Knight who had now left the area. Sir John Graham and Rodney Rose were proposed and adopted to the committee.

It was agreed at the meeting that the single most important event affecting the Tennis Club was the building of the new village hall. Once completed in early 1998 the hall can be used by tennis players for showers, shelter, refreshment etc., all the things in fact that will engender a club atmosphere which has been missing in the past. It is also intended at this time to refurbish the courts and replace the netting and also organise a coaching programme to accommodate the expected renewed interest generated by the new hall.

During this year however while the hall is being built some inconvenience is likely to be experienced as building work tends to spread over quite a large area but it is not expected to inhibit seriously the playing of tennis.

As Tim Henman has now put British Tennis firmly on the international tennis scene the club is hoping that youngsters will be encouraged to take up tennis both at school and at home and older players will regain their enthusiasm. New members will be made very welcome whatever their level of play. Club nights will continue on Tuesday and Thursday with a Club Afternoon on the first Sunday of each month from June onwards. It is also hoped, given support, to organise some social events in the year, eg a Tennis Barbecue.

Ian Carrington (Hon Sec)