

## THE WYCHWOODS TENNIS CLUB

In his article in your August/September issue, Gordon Halliday recorded the "fantastic" success of the New Beaconsfield Hall and Sports Centre and paid a well-earned tribute to those whose foresight and energy have produced this splendid result. Among the achievements, he mentioned the growing popularity of tennis and the part in this played by our coach Chris Hampton.

As tenants of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground, the Wychwoods Tennis Club is proud to be associated with this success. Our three new courts whose opening was noted by the Club Secretary in the same issue of the Wychwood magazine, play an essential part in what is a joint endeavour, where the Tennis Club under the terms of the Lease, offer 60 free court hours to the Hall for coaching and tuition usually taken up by special Easter and Summer coaching sessions organised by Chris Hampton.

The indoor activity of mini-tennis organised by the Hall and Chris Hampton is a natural early training ground for the very young to eventually join the Wychwoods Tennis Club and enjoy the facilities and comprehensive junior coaching offered by the club which now boasts a membership of c. 250, half of whom are juniors.

The £100,000 new court facility has been financed by the Tennis Club (£34k), Sport England (£54k) and the W.O.D.C. (£12k) and has without doubt made a very significant contribution to the success of the New Beaconsfield Hall. New members are very welcome and can take part in regular coaching sessions and club nights for juniors and adults throughout the season.

For the competitive, the club plays in the Men's 3 Pair Oxfordshire League (promoted this year!) and the Wychwood Mixed Doubles Friendly League plus tournaments and barbecues organised by the club.

Patrick Edginton (Chairman), Ian Carrington (Club Sec.)

## \*\*\*\*\* West Oxfordshire Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Markets in Witney and Chipping Norton take place every 3rd Thursday and 4th Friday respectively. They have been running for over a year and are still popular with both producers and customers. The variety of goods sold at the market has increased to include fruit and vegetables, fresh meat, plants and herbs, cakes and fresh bread, local wine and apple juice, local pottery and crafts and much more.

The stall holders all come from within a 30 mile radius to the market. Some producers local to Witney and Chipping Norton include Callow Farm in Stonesfield who produce local pork products and free range eggs. Herbs and Plants can be bought from Heath House Nursery based in Ramsden Heath, and honey from Halcon Honey Farm, located in Charlbury. Fresh meat produce can also be bought from Foxbury Farm which is based locally in Brize Norton, and fresh vegetables from Sarsden Organics in Chipping Norton. The next markets take place in Witney on 20th December, 17th January and Chipping Norton on the 21st December and the 25th January. Charlbury (The Playing Close) on December 1st. For further details of other markets in the district, contact Louise Taylor at West Oxfordshire District Council on: 01993 770282.