**Chairman’s Report - AGM May 2022**

The last season was one of transition out of Covid restrictions to relative normality, some changes on the committee and a shiny new court. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank former chair, Phil Hughes, for everything he has done for the club. It is only when you take over someone’s role that you realise how much they do. Gill Pettman, stood down from the committee at the end of last year, so I’d also like to thank her for the work she has done over the years. She was a key part helping with many social events, particularly the club suppers and the legendary dishes she would produce. Both made meetings fun and really understood the spirit of this club. I am pleased to announce that Tanya Williams has agreed to join the committee, subject to ratification at the AGM, and we look forward to her joining us. If anyone else is interested in getting involved, please let me know. We are particularly looking for someone to help with the juniors.

The significant achievement of last year was resurfacing the court, giving us less opportunity to blame poor shots on dodgy bounces. Thanks to Mark Wallace for overseeing this with Chiltern Sports. The roll ups continue to be well attended, particularly the weekday ones and it is good to see so many members taking part. Details of when they are, is on the website. Membership numbers are strong, and it is a sign of how more active the club is that when I joined it was easy to get a court now you must plan it in advance. We are lucky to have Nick Wood as our coach, particularly for a club of our size. I would recommend for those who want to improve booking a session with him, although he is already fairly booked up. Thanks to Tom Drummond for his efforts over the last year in keeping the court leaf free.

We plan to hold the usual events this year including the John Rootes Trophy (provisionally booked for Sunday 11th September) and the Club Supper on Saturday 13th November. We are also looking at a date to hold Pimms on the Green and hope to run the free junior coaching sessions on a Saturday afternoon, commencing later in May.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the committee for everything they do to keep the club running smoothly.