

TENNIS

Clifton Tennis Club has had a moderately good year and, given the size of the Club, the men's team enjoyed a relatively successful season. Having completed all ten fixtures the team achieved a mid-table position in the league. This year the Club will be running a men's team captained by James Waghorn of South Road and a mixed doubles team captained by Sue Robinson of North Road. We would also like to enter a ladies team in the league.

The Club works closely with Clifton school and Sue Robinson provided the coaching for our junior members. This was very successful with twelve juniors taking part, and several of the parents have now taken out family membership enabling them to play tennis with their children. Sue will be running the coaching again this year which will start on 16th April.

The numbers attending the social tennis sessions on Tuesdays and Thursday evening increased. Thursday evening social tennis is open to teenagers and adults of all standards from complete beginners upwards. Tuesday evenings are normally attended by members of a higher standard and those wishing to be considered for our teams. During the dark evenings social tennis continues on Saturday mornings, when weather permits. I encourage everyone to take part in social tennis, not only is it friendly and enjoyable, but it is a great way to lose weight and get fit. Currently we have members playing social tennis from 15 years of age to some in their sixties and seventies.

The tennis club finances are in the black, but the time will come within perhaps three or four years when the courts will need resurfacing again so the Club does need to attract more members and/or obtain significant funding from elsewhere otherwise the club will become insolvent, the courts will become derelict and the village will lose a valuable facility.

On a more positive note if you are interested in playing in the teams, junior coaching, playing tennis with your family or having a go at social tennis please let me know.