

## **Willand Tennis Club Annual Report to Parish Meeting March 2025**

I'm pleased to report that Willand Tennis Club continues to thrive as a central part of our local community, providing accessible social and competitive tennis opportunities for both members and non-members. As of February 2025, our total membership stands at 118 (72 adults and 46 juniors), compared to 114 (64 adults and 50 juniors) in the previous year.

Throughout the year, the club hosted a variety of well-attended activities, including our popular Monday and Thursday evening Club Nights, Club Championships for adults and juniors with a Finals Day in September, and two enjoyable social events on 20th July and 26th October.

During the summer, we entered four teams (2 men's and 2 ladies') into the Exeter and District Tennis League, and one mixed team into the East Devon League. In the winter season, we increased our participation to three teams (2 men's and 1 ladies') in the Exeter and District League and one mixed team in the East Devon League.

Junior coaching remained a priority, with Nigel leading three 12-week courses during term time. Adult and beginner courses were also offered throughout the year and were well-attended. Additionally, Iain Winstanley organised several successful LTA junior tennis tournaments.

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Fundraising efforts continued for the replacement of courts 1 & 2. Through various events, club clothing sales, the Willand lottery, and grant applications, we are working towards our goal of replacing the courts with a top-of-the-range synthetic grass surface in 2025. This upgrade will significantly enhance the club's facilities and playing experience. The estimated cost for the court replacement is approximately £50,000. In the meantime, we have taken steps to maintain our existing courts.