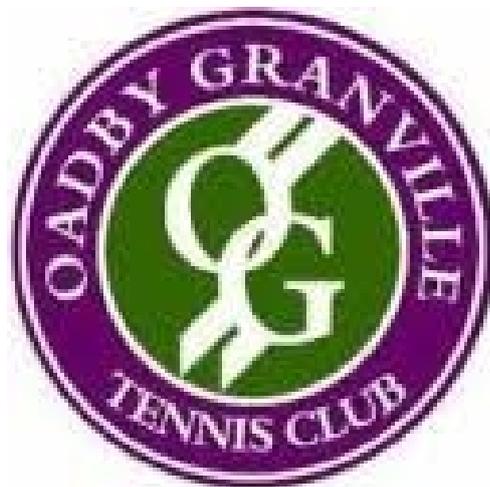


# **Oadby Granville Tennis Club**

**Committee Reports  
2019-20**



## Treasurer (Paul Handford)

As usual the figures below only show cash flow i.e. income/expense.

To include depreciation costs and therefore our profit and loss please see the full accounts however our nett profit for the year was £8,016.

Energy costs for the year were again negative after allowing for floodlight contribution.

Some income streams were reduced as a result of Covid but equally some of our regular expenditure was reduced accordingly. Nett coaching costs are artificially high due to us supporting our coaching team through three months when they were unable to earn a living but this was more than offset by the Government Grant. The LTA refunded our affiliation fee of £660 for 2020.

Cash at end of year	£69,614
Cash at start of year	£39,709
Increase in cash therefore	£29,905

	19'20	18'19	17'18	16'17	15'16
<b>Income</b>					
Subs & entrance fees	£33,237	£31,293	£30,972	£29,467	£26,574
Visitors fees	£65	£95	£90	£171	£92
Hire of courts	£3,016	£3,338	£5,996	£6,153	£7,609
Hire of clubhouse	£1,901	£3,652	incl	incl	incl
Tennis income (incl Ratings tmt)	£1,736	£2,669	£776	£2,225	£1,377
Coaching (nett expense)	£0	£0	£0	£390	£0
Bar	£433	£597	£896	£1,344	£1,197
Floodlights	£1,037	£757	£970	£971	£1,012
Fund raising	£1,228	£415	£2,315	£1,448	£1,069
Donations	£25	£0	£10	£0	£0
Interest less corp tax		£-171	£-211	£40	£710
COVID Grant	£10,000				
Feed in tariff	£2,323	£2,600	£1,887	£2,152	£2,602
	£55,001	£45,245	£43,701	£44,361	£42,242
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Rates	£2,472	£2,688	£3,049	£2,602	£2,624
Tennis Leics	£1,075	£1,783	£1,723	£1,605	£1,665
Insurance	£2,273	£2,223	£2,166	£2,119	£2,162
Light and heat	£2,723	£3,164	£2,569	£2,386	£1,771
Coaching (net)	£6,035	£1,884	£497	£0	£171
Grounds	£1,789	£599	£881	£776	£1,794
Cleaning	£903	£1,371	£1,152	£1,119	£1,522
Repairs and renewals	£3,840	£5,247	£5,748	£2,035	£2,866
Phone	£637	£595	£595	£657	£680
Post & stationery	£15	£0	£59	£256	£220
Advertising		£0	£0	£67	£67

Sundry expenses	£16	£605	£0	£13	£13
Court replacement (final)			£2,292		
Loan repayment	£2,250	£4,500	£4,500	£0	£0
Accountancy	£1,068	£1,020	£972	£972	£948
	£25,096	£25,679	£26,203	£14,607	£16,503
Surplus income/expenditure	£29,905				

Coaching: Expense £23,006, Income £16,971

Light & heat: Electricity £2,216, Gas £507

Repairs: Biffa £982, Fencing £1744, Ground mtce and sundry expense £1,114

### **Secretary (Sue Lester)**

Although usual tennis activity has been very different for much of the year, it has still been very busy on the secretarial side. Over the last 12 months we have sent out approximately 50 news updates/newsletters. Sometimes these are short updates (for example to report local break ins or a floodlight failure) but at other times they are longer items providing club news, information etc. Since March, of course, much of our communication has been linked to Covid restrictions and LTA guidance for tennis venues.

The committee has continued to meet throughout both national and local extended lockdown, now using zoom as we are unable to use the clubhouse.

Facebook posts during lockdown featured tennis fitness activities (thanks to Ben and Zaheed) and generated lots of positive interest. The club's website helps to provide information and to promote the club to potential new members. Thank you to Simon Leavy for his help with maintaining this. We also continue to post items via Twitter.

We have been in regular contact with Tennis Leicestershire again this year and three of us attended a club forum before lockdown - it is always useful to share ideas and initiatives with local clubs.

I'm pleased to report that Jackie Rossa's extensive Safeguarding qualifications have now finally been LTA approved and she can now continue with her work as the club's Safeguarding Officer. Thanks to Jackie for this.

### **Membership Report (Gary van der Byl)**

Membership numbers continue to be very strong, the second highest in the club's history, and we welcome all the new members who have joined this year. We have a record amount of Juniors and very buoyant Primary section, down to the hard work of George, Ben, Zaheed and the Junior Sub Committee. I know our Junior programme is the envy of a lot of clubs in the county. The adult Senior helper category has declined the most this year which could be a concern if it continues to decline in the future given that the club relies on members giving time to help the running of the club.

## Membership breakdown for 2020 – 2015

Category	2020 AGM	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Senior	63	51	49	51	60	69
Senior Helper	58	73	73	75	71	66
Senior Daytime	53	50	52	50	45	50
Student	4	7	7	12	6	4
Junior	109	100	82	72	74	55
Primary	94	115	94	98	92	80
Social	10	10	11	11	13	13
Parent Player	20	21	17	19	15	11
Coaching	16	14	7	6	7	6
Wheelchair	1	0	1	1	N/A	N/A
Life	8	8	8	9	9	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>364</b>

Clubspark continues to be a great help in the administration of Membership, as well as providing our court booking system which has been invaluable this year, and details are held securely to comply with GDPR.

We weren't able to hold our usual Open Day which normally attracts some additional members but we will re-introduce it when it is safe to do so.

Gary

## **Match Secretary (Niall Bruce)**

What a year! However, looking back to the summer of 2019, 5 of our teams won their respective divisions, so congratulations to our Men's 4ths (Div. Ladies' 2 (Div.2), Ladies' 3 (Div. 4b), Men's Vets 1 (Div. 1 for the 6<sup>th</sup> time), Men's Vets 2s (Div.4) and Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> (winter league). Trophies and certificates were presented back in February at the Tennis Leicestershire Awards Night. In the absence of all summer league matches in 2020, all teams will maintain their league positions going in to 2021.

Next, good luck to our winter league teams who start their campaigns during October. I know people have been looking forward to getting back to competitive tennis, and I hope the winter league provides that.

Looking ahead to 2021, we will assess the demand for team tennis and enter teams accordingly. I know a lot of members have enjoyed the social element of "fixed 4s" at the club and have not missed competitive tennis.

When we have a better picture of how the land lies early next year, I'm sure we will be on the hunt for captains, without who our teams would not exist. If you have missed competitive tennis this year, please consider volunteering to be a captain next year.

Lastly, for information, Tennis Leicestershire league entry fees for 2020 have been moved forward into 2021.

## **Projects/Grants (Alex Brown)**

There has not been much to report on in terms of projects/grants this year as it has been a very difficult period with a lot of the usual grant funding opportunities being withdrawn with the focus being on Covid 19 recovery. The tennis club received a grant of £10k from OWBC to support the club during the lockdown period and this funding has been identified to be spent on supporting the coaches, refunds for members as well as other club projects such as improving club security. The club will soon be putting together a club development plan and are always keen on listening to ideas from club members on any ways to improve the club, and if you have any suggestions however big or small please pass them on to the committee. I believe the club is in a really strong place at the moment, but we are always looking to improve the member experience at the club.

I am also in the process of updating the club constitution which is a legal document that needs some amendments and all suggested amendments will need to be voted on by the members before they can be legally changed. All club members will be kept informed on when this process will move to the next stage.

## **Coaching Report (Ben Minski)**

Although this has obviously been a very difficult year off the court for everybody, since the return of tennis after the 'stay at home' lockdown, individual and group coaching has been extremely popular and well received. Possibly more than ever! It's been really nice to see a lot of new faces attending and seeing familiar faces enjoying playing tennis and seeing the courts so busy and being put to full use. It's a time that has made us, as coaches, realise how much we need and enjoy our jobs, not only from a financial point of view but mentally and physically. A couple of months off can make us really miss just being on court and around other people. We are very grateful and lucky to have such an enjoyable and rewarding job and also for the support both the members, our coaching clients and most importantly the club and its committee for its support to myself and Zaheed through such a difficult time. Without this support, like many coaches I know, we would have suffered hugely and may still have been now without all of this support. We consider ourselves very lucky to be part of such a brilliant club.

With myself and Zaheed having over 2 months off court, we both worked hard on creating some daily drills for people to enjoy via our social media pages. We also did some planning for the return to tennis and looking to improve the current coaching programme further. Once the ever changing guidelines allowed us to, we COVID securely resumed our junior and adult group coaching sessions. Our Monday night ladies' beginners session has really hit the ground running with great turnouts each week and lots of new players which is really nice to see. Our junior Friday night girls' session (which first started with 4 players) is now split over 3 separate hours on a Friday night with around 35 players in total. It's not only rewarding to see so many girls playing (given that statistically a lot of girls tend to drop out of tennis in their teens) but to see the speed of improvement in a lot of these players and to see their willingness to continue to improve and want to play more is even better to see. Big thanks to assistant coach Jen who is also key to running and growing these sessions.

Finally, once again on the admin side, a huge thanks to George for helping to prepare the registers for all of the junior sessions, all of the regular email updates he gives to the parents and for organising our junior winter league teams – a job I simply would not be able to do to the ability that

he does with my busy coaching schedule. Also, huge thanks to Zaheed for continuing to help improve and grow the club and its players with his great knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment in doing so. A big thanks to assistants Jen and Lucas for all the work and hours they take on to help me and Zaheed. Finally, thank you to chairman Martin for continuing to support new initiatives and to back me as head coach and to all the other work that the rest of the committee who volunteer their own time to make this club the best it can be.

## **Grounds (Paul Heighton Towers)**

It's fair to say that Covid 19 has had a significant impact over the past 8 months for both the club and the members. Despite this, thankfully tennis has continued to be played in an LTA approved Covid secure way and we have even managed to complete our summer tournament. Unfortunately, we were not able to have a finals weekend and BBQ due to the local lockdown restrictions, but some good competitive tennis was enjoyed by all. Thanks Martin and Simon for organising the tournament.

Despite Covid 19 we have continued to make improvements around the club, mainly related to safety and security. We have installed additional lighting in the car park, around the garage area and on the patio. We have lowered the hedge near to court 1 for better visibility and removed the bushes to the side of the club house to open up the space.

We are currently considering several ideas for installing a gated one way entry and exit system which will further improve both security and safety, especially for all our junior members. In the meantime, we are in the process of sorting out Covid safe signage that will include setting up an interim one way entry and exit system. Members and visitors will be asked to enter the courtside area and clubhouse via the patio area and to exit by court 1.

Despite everything we managed to arrange 2 working parties in late August and early September. With a lot of hard work and thankfully some good weather we got lots of jobs completed helping the club look its best for both members and visitors. Thanks to all those who took part. For those who were unable to join us there will be a further working party in November to prepare the courts and grounds for the winter!

In addition, we have made safe the fence between courts 4 and 5. The cladding for the garage has been made and will soon be fitted.

There still remains the matter of "to paint or not to paint" the front fence that was put up last August and, if we paint it, what colour? We are still open to members views and suggestions about this! The speed bump at the entrance was put down to help slow down cars when entering and exiting the club. Please remain vigilant of cyclists and pedestrians when leaving the club.

Just a reminder to please use the hooks for the court sweeping mats which helps to keep the courts tidy and safer. Please continue to sweep the clay courts after using them using a circular motion from out to in and then picking up the mat rather than dragging it to the side which leads to a build-up of sand at the side and so less sand on the courts.

It would be helpful (especially in these COVID times) if members could take all their rubbish off the courts including ball tins, water bottles and food. There have been times when face masks and

disposable gloves have been discarded. People shouldn't be having to pick up this kind of rubbish. Please put all rubbish in the main bin by the entrance or take it home with you. If you see a stone or twigs etc on the courts, please pick them up. It all helps to keep our courts well maintained and hence improves their life span.

Angela continues to do a great job in keeping the grassed area cut, many thanks for that. Thanks also to Gordon for continuing to maintain the lovely flower boxes outside the club house and for replanting the area at the side of the club house.

I continue to enjoy my role as 'grounds person' and, if re-elected, there will be lots to do over the coming months including the gated one way system, additional fencing for the parking area behind court 3/the parking area itself, a new club sign and hopefully a small tiered viewing area behind court 4.

As always if you have ideas/suggestions on how to improve the club or feedback on anything please let me know. Thank you.

### **Clubhouse (Derek Buchanon)**

My first full year looking after the premises and what a year! 2020 has been an interesting, strange, and challenging year, with many uncertainties and unknowns due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. The past 8 months have seen the main clubhouse facilities closed, although cleaning and maintenance works have been ongoing as required.

The main work taking to the clubhouse this year have mainly consisted of maintenance work and has included several heating, plumbing (including a new outside tap for watering the clay courts) and electrical repairs. Improvement work has included new fascia work and improved/ new lighting fitted for the carpark and 'pergola' area. Planned painting work (by members) has unfortunately not yet been done, due to the lockdown restrictions/constraints, but are looking at ways to get this progressed asap.

Further possible options of work to the clubhouse have/are being considered (excluding the normal required maintenance), with the main project proposals including a 'make-over' to enhance/ encourage social use of the clubhouse and improve disability access facilities. Unfortunately, this review and commitment to further work delayed due to the impact of Covid-19, namely assessing changed need, the financial status of the club moving forwards and constraints on arranging/ delivering work.

The clubhouse proposals will form part of a further review of other project proposals, which will be prioritised in line with updated club needs, risk and available funds. The date for this will be arranged and communicated asap.

Not much further news unfortunately but let us hope we get back to normality soon!

## **Social (Louise Mehmet)**

Not very much to report on social activities at the club for this year and we all know why! We did though squeeze in a quiz night in early March and little we know that would be the last time we were able to be “social” at the club. Huge thanks though to Anthony and Eileen for putting this on.

Thank goodness we are all still able to enjoy our tennis and let’s hope that at some point in 2021 we will be able to get things going again on the social side.

With that in mind we are in need of a new social secretary, as after many years in this role, I will not be continuing next year. If you are interested in this role and want to chat through, please don’t hesitate to contact me and I will be very happy to give you more information on what it entails.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given up their precious time to help me over the years on the social side and big thanks to past and present fellow committee members for all of their support.

## **Bar (Sue Platt)**

I took over the bar from John Welsford in March of this year. Two weeks following this, the club house was closed because of the Covid 19. Therefore, there has been no activity relating report on from this point.

From July 2019 to March 2020 the bar made a small amount. There were no external events to boost takings and some consumption from last year’s club tournament.

Unfortunately, we have had to dispose of a certain amount of stock due to expiry dates. For the future when we are in a position to reopen the clubhouse the bar will be restocked. I will be looking to stock a broader range of drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, to more reflect current drinking trends.

## **Juniors and Coaching Committee (George Milne)**

This has been a different year for Junior Tennis at Oadby (Granville) as we had to stop our junior coaching programme in mid-March and could not fully restart it until the end of August. The numbers attending group coaching sessions both before and after the lockdown break have remained constant with over 120 children regularly attending. Thanks go to coaches Ben O’Connor Minski and Zaheed Essof, together with their assistant coaches, for all their hard work. The “girls’ only” yellow ball coaching group which was successfully introduced last year has continued to thrive. It now has 20 girls regularly attending so we have had to split it into two separate groups.

The coaching committee (myself, Martin, Ben, Zaheed and Sue) has met over the year, reviewing and planning activities. We hosted an LTA Ratings Tournaments at Grade 4 level

in February half-term. This event was extremely successful and, apart from providing vital competitive tennis, also provided valuable income to the Club.

The Coaching Committee regularly reviews income versus expenditure for coaching, also taking into account fees for court hire paid by the coaches. We aim to break even, rather than make a profit but this year of course, the loss of coaching time meant a loss of income from coaching fees. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report regarding information on income/expenditure for 2019/20.

We entered thirteen teams in the 2020 County Junior Winter League. Five of those teams were winners in their leagues: 8&u“A” div 1 (first equal), 8&u”B” div2, 10&u “B” div 3B, Girls 12&u “B” div 2B and Girls 14&u” div2. Well done to everyone who took part.

These matches have provided valuable competition in terms of the development of the players and giving them the opportunity to play competitive tennis. We now have 56 junior players, with ages from 7 to 18, who have LTA membership and a Player Rating which is necessary for them to be able to compete in LTA leagues or tournaments. We have also encouraged our players to enter Ratings Tournaments around the County. Thanks go to all parents who have supported these events especially those who kindly provided transport to away matches.

We had planned to enter nine teams in the 2020 summer junior leagues, but those leagues were all cancelled.

We currently have seven teams participating in the 2020/21 junior winter league which started in September. Sadly, we have not been able to enter teams at 8 and under or 9 and under due to the change of competition age limits and the six month break in coaching.

As always, I am pleased to see that some of the older juniors have now become established players in the senior teams.

Thanks go to all the parents for encouraging their children to play tennis here at Oadby (Granville) Tennis Club.