

## **STEWKLEY TENNIS CLUB – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – AGM 2018**

Good evening and welcome to our 35<sup>th</sup> AGM,

2018 has been another successful year on the court for Stewkley Tennis Club.

The first main event on the court this year was our annual doubles event – held over the Bank Holiday weekend in early May. Due to late injuries we ended up with an uneven number of male and female players – the winners were Steve Morris and Paul Smith.

Our Great British tennis weekend event in May proved successful as a way of promoting the club and we once again welcomed some new members on board as a result.

Alongside opening the courts, the club held a junior tournament as part of the tennis weekend. The two finalists in the event, open to children under nine, were Sam Smith and Angus Dewar and they were both presented with trophies for their efforts.

On the team front Stewkley’s two teams in the Aylesbury and District Tennis League have enjoyed a solid start to their current campaign.

The men’s team are proving to be draw specialists at the moment with four draws from their first five matches while the women’s team, who got promoted at the end of the last campaign, have one win from their first two matches.

Off the court I am pleased to be able to say that the Stewkley tennis club ball returns next year (Saturday February 2) after a break.

The committee are very grateful to Vicki Hull, Lynsey Ford and Alison Gibbs who stepped forward and agreed to organise this event.

Preparations are at an advanced stage and tickets go on sale tonight so if you are interested in coming or getting together a table of up to eight people please let us know later on.

I would like to thank the committee – Jeremy, Phil, Kris, George and Rob for all their help and support over the past year.

Thank you to our coach Matt Evans and his team for all their work for Stewkley Tennis Club – be it junior and adult coaching or helping us run the Great British Tennis weekend and associated events – your efforts are appreciated by all of us.

Finally, thank you to all the members and everyone who supports the club – be it through attending club sessions, playing in matches or supporting us with maintenance tasks and by coming along to our off-the-court events.

With the ball coming up and plans to run a mixed team next summer, I am confident Stewkley Tennis Club will continue to go from strength to strength in 2019. Thank you.