



Hello Everyone,

My name is Roz Wallis, I come from Binbrook and at the Tennis Section AGM I was privileged to accept the role of Chairman. Liz Emmerson has done and continues to do; a fantastic job and I am delighted that she remains on the Committee.

I have been a playing member of Tealby Tennis Club since the 1980's and continue to play for the Ladies' Vets now. When I first started playing there were two courts and a portacabin. Pegs and boards played a big part and I always got there early to ensure I had a game. Competition was fierce; organisation was tight and games were often a little less than friendly!

Whilst the adult section thrived, the junior section needed work and Joy and John Purkiss stepped in to coach, cajole and teach. Soon, the junior membership was flourishing. Juniors with the skill and metal to face adult club nights were invited.

The Club had teams participating in several leagues, both on weekday evenings and weekends, winter and summer and these created the opportunity to put into practise the skills mastered on club nights.



**ROZ WALLIS
CHAIRPERSON**

Sadly, that level of playing has diminished not just at our club but at clubs elsewhere. Obviously Covid has played a considerable part in the recent demise – again, contacts from other clubs tell me they are struggling to get players to enter leagues and to return to court.

My main ambition as Chairman is to try to regain some of that playing fervour and increase usage of our wonderful courts. I'm starting by introducing a

Ladies' Doubles League – hopefully ready to take off at the start of December. I hope competent juniors will feel able to join in later. Of course, we also held the Charity tournament which was enjoyed by some 25 players and raised a fantastic amount of money. We'll be doing that again, but we should be also looking at other types of tournaments that can happen throughout the year.

Social events to help raise money for the club have largely petered out during Covid but we must start thinking of these again: in the past quizzes, ceilidhs and barn dances have all formed part of the calendar.

I heartily welcome any suggestions for either social events or tennis competitions. I will visit other clubs and contact their respective secretaries in order to gain information to expand on what we already do.

I want to say a big thank you to the Committee members who work so hard. What I have learned is amongst the Committee we all have very different types of expertise, be it practical, in IT, finance, marketing or tennis playing and coaching and together I hope we can continue to make the club a success.

Here's to a busy, lively, tennis playing 2022!

If you have anything you'd like to discuss, please email me on:
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