

Bishopthorpe Tennis Club AGM

17th November 2025 7pm

1) Attendees: Andrew Richardson, Joe Scoot, Sam Watson, Andrene Watson, Sharron Fletcher, Sue Hanley, Stuart Hanley, Craig Hirst, Will Rice, Jane Parkin, Paul Lewis, Katie Lewis, David Moore, John Chandler, Ollie Wright, David Wright, Chris Weeks, Anne Weeks, Sasha Taylor, Andrew.

Apologies: Sarah Mawby, Paul Walker, Georgina McKenzie, Katie Harvey, Brenda Pooleman, John Coop, Linda Moore

2) Minutes from the 2024 AGM previously sent out with the agenda and were accepted.

3) Matters rising from last year including replacing the clubhouse roof and coaching - both completed

4) Chair's report and thanks

2025 has been a good year and thanks to many members including:

Team captains - for all their efforts throughout the seasons

Sam and Andrene for organising tournaments

Thanks to Andrene for all the safe guarding work

David for being Treasurer and David and Linda for coaching the fabulous Rusty Racquets sessions

Sam for fixing the hole where the rain gets in on court one

Thanks for Andy R for his help with the clubhouse roof

Thanks to John C for all the gardening work and maintenance

Thanks for Sue for the Quiz Night

Thanks for Stuart for looking in to the insurance, the maintenance & planting of the flower tub and painting the shed.

Thanks to all the committee members for their help throughout the year.

Call out for volunteers for the committee or people with specialist knowledge who can help with specific tasks.

Volunteers to help with sponsorship will be gratefully received

BTC and the Bishopthorpe Bowling Club will be 100 in 2027 and we are joining forces to have some celebrations, if you wish to come along to the initial meetings please let us know.

5) Treasurer's Report

Thanks to Paul for his work as Chair and to Sharron for auditing the accounts

Main source of income is subs - very close to last year.

The tournaments and pub quiz all contributed to the finances, thanks Sam, Andrene and Sue

In 2025 we had to pay for the Clubhouse roof to be replaced and the fees for the lease have increased.

In order to afford new courts in a few years time we still need to raise money.

Thanks to Andrene for negotiating the renewal of the lease and to Stuart for saving on our insurance.

(full report attached within this email)

6) Captain's Reports

For full reports please contact captains individually

Thanks to all the captains this year

X1 - Well done won the division this year - thanks to all the team members and other team captains

X2 - Enjoyable season and stayed up

X3 - Stayed up and consolidated the position, thanks to new members coming in to the team.

Enjoyable season

L1 - Good season, stayed up. Last game of the season was nail-biting stuff

L2 - Pleasure to captain the team, welcomed many first time players and thanks to the whole team

M1 - Competitive season, had to take a lot of players from M2. Looking forward to next season

M2 - Second season, had a good year. Good improvement from previous season. Great team effort thanks to Stuart for playing every match.

7) Tournament Winners

Some great tournaments this year, all well attended and fun.

The winners were

Spring Cup - Chris Weeks and Sandra Burley

Ladies Doubles - Sue Wilson, Sue Clayton, Liz Carney, Julia Sykes

Mens Doubles - Ollie Wright and Craig Hirst

Senior/Junior - Paul Walker and Darcey Walker

Fukaya - Sam and Andrene Watson

Sad news that Paul didn't win a trophy this year but there is one still to play for so watch this space

8) Proposals for Teams

Last year there was a concern about L2 having enough players however in 2025 this has been a great turnaround and all credit to the captains and team members.

Current Proposals are:

M1, M2 (M2 will need a new captain for 2026)

X1, X2, X3

L1, L2

Question for the committee to discuss - is an X4 possible ? This will be kept under review especially with juniors and rusty racquet members becoming more interested in playing in matches in the future.

The committee send an email out each year to ask if members want to be in the teams - it is important that members respond, even if they have been playing for the club for many years. These responses are the basis of selection and members receiving the availability doodle.

Please help us to help you 

Suggestion to re-structure the WhatsApp groups in to Committee form - KL to look in to this and discuss with the committee. It will require all members to re-join a new WhatsApp group.

Will Rice commented on how good the Sunday club sessions have been and how well attended they are.

Saturday and Sunday sessions, (Ladies and Men's respectively), have been received well.

9) Membership Fees

The proposal from the committee was to raise current fees. This was discussed and some members felt the adult fee could be higher than the proposal. There was also a discussion about Family membership versus one adult and junior membership.

The committee will discuss all suggestions and consider fees at other sportsclubs before making a final decision.

10) Coaching

Thanks to Sasha and Andy for their input and level of coaching this year.

Sasha reported that they have coached 41 members from December 2024

15 members are having 1:1 sessions

Family interactive sessions are becoming popular

There will be more festive sessions for juniors in December.

In addition Sasha and Andy are now offering racquet restringing - poster will be up on the club noticeboard soon

Some fun certificates were given out

Best Dressed & Fashion Icon - Liz Carney

Ace Machine - Sue Hanley

Spin Doctor - Paul Lewis

Most Improved - Stuart Hanley

Net Ninja - Katie Lewis

11) Election of Officials

Paul Lewis - re-elected as Chair

David Moore - re-elected as Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Sam Watson - re-elected as Match Secretary

Andrene Watson - re-elected as Welfare Officer

Sue Hanley - re-elected as Committee member

Katie Lewis - re-elected as Committee member

Georgina McKenzie - re-elected as Committee Member

Katie Harvey and Angela Edwards have stepped down - thanks to you both for your help with the committee.

Another call out for people who would like to join the committee was made.

12) Safeguarding

AW stated it has been a busy year writing and collating policies in line with LTA guidelines. Thanks to all the members of the committee who helped with these. Most can be found on the website but we still have some new ones to go through and upload including:

Diversity and Inclusion

Film & Photography

Bullying

Complaints

Use of Changing Rooms

All current DBS certificates are up to date for the Safeguarding officer and coaches

Committee members will need to update their safeguarding training in 2026.

13) AOB

The next fantastic quiz night is 7pm Sunday 11th January

Date for next committee meeting tba

Festive club sessions will be announced shortly

Replenishment of club balls for club sessions to be discussed by the committee as soon as possible.