

MELBURY OSMOND TENNIS CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2022

Following the year of closures and disruptions caused by the pandemic, 2021-2022 has been a stable and productive year for MOTC. We slightly reduced the annual subscription to compensate our members for the enforced Court closures resulting from Covid restrictions.

Much has been achieved during the past year in terms of court improvement: a new (very solid) bench, a new court broom, a new net and tape have all been provided and in recent weeks the court has been professionally treated with moss-killing, power-washing, and re-painting. Every possible effort has been made to stabilise the surface where holes had been caused by weeds. We have been advised that the next time the court requires professional attention it will be necessary to totally re-surface, as there is a limit to patching-up. This is likely to be in 4-5 years time @ £11,000 (current cost - but likely to increase)

The Village Hall have kindly met our request to enable MOTC players to gain access to their WCs. The back door now has a coded lock which gives access to the back lobby, but no access to the hall itself. We warmly thank them for their cooperation.

A new MOTC notice board is now situated in the Village Hall porch.

Our membership has gone up very slightly and members are finding that the on-line Court booking works well.

Henry Field, an accredited LTA coach, has been available for coaching sessions throughout the year. Sadly for us, he is going to work in the USA in September, but we will endeavour to find another available tennis-coach, if required.

MOTC finances are quite healthy at present, but we need to continue to set aside funds towards the substantial sum which will be required to resurface the court in a few years' time.

As always the committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their support for the Tennis Club and for covering our insurance. This is greatly appreciated.

Further thanks are extended to the many people who have helped us with the web-site, weed-killing, grass-cutting, unlocking and turning on the water for court maintenance and other cooperation and kindnesses throughout the year.