

Copdock & Washbrook Tennis & Badminton Club

Report for Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council Annual Meeting 7th May 2024

Maureen Southgate our Club Secretary has now retired from her position after many years of loyal service to the club, for which we have been most grateful. Karen Watling has now taken on this role. Maureen will still be on the tennis committee and continue to organise the Badminton sessions during the winter months.

The tennis club have had a steady 2023 /24, attracting new members has been a difficult task despite having Open days and advertising locally. The majority of members wishing to join and play at their leisure, no tennis coaching sessions took place. Club nights took place but again with very low numbers.

We did open the use of our courts to allow refugees in residence at the Holiday Inn to play some tennis. Two weekly sessions with volunteer club members attending took place with varying numbers of refugees attending. This has now stopped as the refugees are now longer residing at the hotel.

Efforts will continue to attract new members during the forthcoming year. We have been in touch with the local primary schools but have not been able to engage with them in organised sessions they have a separate arrangement with an organisation who provide all their coaching needs. We will continue to maintain contact with the school to monitor the situation.

We have recently commenced maintenance works to the courts. After a very wet winter period, the courts were covered in algae, this has now been removed. Further maintenance works will continue during the year.

We are still mindful that the courts will in the not-too-distant future require substantial investment to replace the existing fencing, edgings and overlaying the playing surface.

Badminton sessions have again taken place on Wednesday evenings from September to April in the village hall. These sessions operate on a pay and play basis.

The organised another successful Annual Quiz evening in March at the village hall, sixteen teams took part with the Bowls Club 2 being victorious.