

COPDOCK AND WASHBROOK TENNIS AND BADMINTON CLUB
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Dear Members

Last Year indicated an insufficient number of people seeking to play traditional tennis. The committee therefore gave permission for a second Padel Tennis court to be built on the tennis court area.

In line with the Playing Field Charity Committee we are incredibly positive about the progress made by Padel Utopia Ltd in the last 12 months, this managed by Mark Cracknell. Mark has improved the facilities with seating and a sheltered hospitality area for players along with improvements to the cabin and provision of snacks and drinks. Required conditions , planning permission and building regulations have been obtained by Padel Utopia Ltd for all of these. We are extremely pleased with these successes and a third Padel Tennis court is proposed.

The Tennis and Badminton Club committee remain as Landlord to Padel Utopia Ltd and our funds are ring fenced in order for there to be provision of funding should Padel Utopia cease. We have an agreement with Padel Utopia Ltd that in such a case the court area is re-instated for potential provision of tennis or other desired sports.

Our interests are to ensure that the provision of a sports and games area on the site is protected for future generations and the local communities.

The Badminton section of the club continues to attract sufficient membership and continues to be held in the village hall, We thank all who organise and support this.

On Thursday 9th April we organised and held our 36th Annual Village Quiz in the Village Hall. There where 8 teams this Year and everyone who came along enjoyed a fantastic evening of fun and friendly competition.

The winners where Utopia Padel, 2nd place : Age Concern, 3rd place Copdock and Washbrook Church Heritage Trust.

A huge thank you to all teams who took part, and our volunteer Question Master and Scorer for making the quiz run so smoothly.

The quiz raised £106 for club funds, but more importantly , it brought our community together for an enjoyable evening.

I wish to thank Mike Watling our Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer, and Karen Watling our Secretary for all their hard work , and our other committee members for keeping our interests on going.

Along with the Playing Field Charity Committee we seek to enable access to the provision of sports, general health, recreational activities and well being, together with social facilities, to the benefit of all local communities.

Adrian Basham

Chairman