



Tennis Section Report for LRC AGM on 12th May 2022 (covering period from July 21 to May 22)

Walled Garden Programme

David Simpson will report on progress and plans for the above.

Tennis Playing at Manor Road

The **2021 summer season** attracted 63 members (43 adults, 10 junior girls and 10 junior boys). **Coaching** was provided by Martin Gleave for 5 adults, 11 junior girls and 17 junior boys.

During the 2021 season, MRTC competed in the **Warrington & District Tennis League**. Our ladies team came joint top of their division with 10 wins and 2 losses, our men's 1st team came third with 7 wins, 2 draws and 5 defeats, the 2nd team finished 5th winning 5, drawing one and losing 7, partly due to struggling for players some weeks. The mixed 1st team won their division with a 100% record, the 2nd team came 5th, with 2 wins, a draw and 3 defeats.

The **2021 MRTC AGM** took place in November. The following were the principal outcomes:

- The club made a **profit** of approximately **£4,600** for the **20/21 year**, ending 30th September.
- **Subscriptions** for 2022 season were mostly left unchanged.
- Increased **Coaching plans** for 2022 were announced, to be supported by an Open Day and local school **Road Show** early in the season (now postponed until next season to coincide with the new courts).
- All **Officer & Committee posts** were renewed except for Julie Freeman becoming Welfare Officer and Ralph Chambers, who is finally stepping down at the age of 90. Ladies, Men's and Mixed captains remain the same too.
- Two Men's, one Ladies (subsequently increased to two) and two Mixed teams to be entered in the Warrington & District League for the 2022 season.
- New members will be made more welcome by sending a friendly WhatsApp message from the Secretary.

The **2022 tennis season**, which we confidently expect to be the last played at Manor Road, is now well underway. **Social tennis** sessions take place on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Existing and new members are welcome to attend. **Coaching** will be commencing for adults and juniors this month. See website for details.

The **Warrington & District League** started last month. Unfortunately, all our 4 teams have struggled in the first month of matches, partly due to unavailability of players. We are keen to recruit league standard players for ladies and men's teams, as well as other players of all standards, ages and gender. **Anyone interested in joining** should follow this link: [Manor Road Tennis Club / Membership \(Ita.org.uk\)](#) LRC website along with MRTC Facebook page & website have been updated to encourage last year's members to renew and invite others to join.

All existing members received an email inviting them to renew their membership, using the MRTC ClubSpark website (see above link). 10 family (with 2 adults & 2 juniors), 27 adults, 4 country (> 15 miles), 9 juniors have so far joined in 2022. Therefore, we have already exceeded last season's membership.

Our plans for **2023 membership fees**, with the new courts installed in the Walled Garden at LRC, include a **loyalty discount for all 2022 members**. All LRC members are asked to please promote tennis to friends, families and anyone else who might be interested to join at this year's rates, which have remained unchanged for several years.

In addition, any **Ukrainian families** now residing in the area are offered free membership for this season.