

DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB



1966  2006



40TH ANNIVERSARY

CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS 1975-1995

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| 1975 | LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Men's Division 1, Mixed Division 2 | 1989-90 | TOWNSEND FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Men's Division 2, Mixed Division 2 |
| 1976 | LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Men's Division 1 | 1990 | BEDS COUNTY LEAGUE: Men's Division 2 SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' - Men's Division 1 'A' - Ladies' Division 1 'A' - Mixed Division 1 'B' - Men's Division 2 |
| 1978 | LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Mixed Division 2 | 1991 | BEDS COUNTY LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 3 SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' - Mixed Division 1 |
| 1979 | BEDS COUNTY LEAGUE: Men's Division 4 LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Men's Division 1 | 1991-2 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE: Mixed Division 2 SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: Men's Division 2 |
| 1980 | BEDS COUNTY LEAGUE: 'B' - Men's Division 4 LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: 'A' - Men's Division 1 'B' - Men's Division 2 'C' - Mixed Division 2 | 1992 | BEDS COUNTY SUMMER LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 2 |
| 1980-1 | TOWNSEND FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Men's Division 1 | 1992-3 | TOWNSEND FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Men's Division 2 |
| 1981 | BEDS COUNTY LEAGUE: 'A' - Men's Division 2 LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: League Knockout Cup winners Men's Division 1, Ladies' Division 1 'B' - Mixed Division 2 | 1993 | BEDS COUNTY SUMMER LEAGUE: Men's Division 2 SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' - Men's Division 1 'D' - Men's Division 4 'E' - Men's Division 5 'A' - Mixed Division 1 'D' - Mixed Division 4 |
| 1983 | BEDS COUNTY LEAGUE: 'B' - Men's Division 3 | 1993-4 | TOWNSEND FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Mixed Division 2 SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: Men's Division 1 |
| 1985 | LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 1 | 1994 | BEDS COUNTY SUMMER LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 1 SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' - Men's Division 1 'A' - Ladies' Division 1 'B' - Ladies' Division 2 |
| 1986 | LUTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 1 'C' - Mixed Division 3 | 1994-5 | SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'B' - Men's Division 2 Mixed Group B |
| 1987 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 1 | 1989 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'B' - Ladies' Division 2 |
| 1988 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: Ladies' Division 1 'B' - Men's Division 2 'C' - Men's Division 4 'A' - Mixed Division 1 'B' - Mixed Division 2 'C' - Mixed Division 3 | | |
| 1989 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'B' - Ladies' Division 2 | | |

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WELCOME FROM CLUB CHAIRMAN MIKE BARTLETT



I am pleased to introduce this booklet in the club's 40th anniversary year, marking another step in the development of the club that has grown somewhat since its public hard court origins at Bennetts Recreation Ground. All the current membership owe a debt of thanks to the previous chairmen and committee members who helped the club develop over the past 40 years into what is a thriving and popular club at a time when tennis clubs in general are struggling to maintain membership.

The priority area for the committee when I took over as chairman two and a half years ago was the development and improvement of the playing facilities, which were approaching the end of their life. The club now has six first class courts, five floodlit, as well as two mini-tennis courts in the new Kidzone. The internal and external fencing has been completely renewed, not just improving the appearance of the club but providing the club with much needed extra security after a series of break-ins over the years.

One area the committee has yet to tackle to any degree is the clubhouse itself which older members will still recognise as the old wooden shack (originally built, and previously used, as a cricket pavilion) hidden beneath a new coat of paint and a laminated floor. We have the choice of raising the funds for a complete replacement or extending it on a gradual basis. What we can achieve over the next few years depends on maintaining a high level of subscription income from membership and boosting profits from the bar from an active social programme.

I believe this club stands out from others in Bedfordshire in the number and quality of the people who volunteer their time and skills to make it an attractive and popular club, and I am confident that the club will continue to grow and thrive over the years to come.

I would particularly like to thank David Bradshaw and Graham Morgan for their work editing this anniversary booklet, and Stewart Meagher for the putting it into production.

Mike Bartlett.

PAST CHAIRMEN

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| 1967-68 | Mike Fyvie-Rae | 1981-82 | John Stevens | 1994-95 | Alan Gore |
| 1968-69 | Ron Pearce | 1982-83 | John Stevens | 1995-96 | Alan Gore |
| 1969-70 | Ron Pearce | 1983-84 | Brian Pagdin | 1996-97 | Alan Gore |
| 1970-71 | Ron Pearce | 1984-85 | Brian Pagdin | 1997-98 | Alan Gore |
| 1971-72 | Dave Gosling | 1985-86 | Andrew Trigg | 1998-99 | Alan Gore |
| 1972-73 | Dave Gosling | 1986-87 | Alan Simper | 1999-00 | Alan Gore |
| 1973-74 | Terry Leith | 1987-88 | Alan Simper | 2000-01 | Alan Gore |
| 1974-75 | Terry Leith | 1988-89 | Alan Simper | 2001-02 | Alan Gore |
| 1975-76 | Neville Gray | 1989-90 | John Taylor | 2002-03 | Alan Gore |
| 1976-77 | Geoff Chalk | 1990-91 | John Taylor | 2003-04 | Alan Gore |
| 1977-78 | David Anthony | 1991-92 | John Taylor | 2004-05 | Mike Bartlett |
| 1978-79 | John Taylor | 1992-93 | Alan Gore | 2005-06 | Mike Bartlett |
| 1979-80 | Alan Ambrose | 1993-94 | Alan Gore | 2006-07 | Mike Bartlett |
| 1980-81 | John Stevens | | | | |

CLUB PRESIDENTS

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| 1986-92 | Brian Pagdin | 1992- | John Taylor |
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CLUB COMMITTEE 2006 - 2007

Officers:

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| CHAIRMAN | Mike Bartlett |
| HON SECRETARY | Claire McMenamin |
| HON TREASURER | Ron Lynch |
| MATCH SECRETARY | Udev Makwana |

Committee:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| CLUB CAPTAIN | Daniel Strange (Ret) |
| SOCIAL SECRETARY | Alan Gore |
| MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY | Lesley Howard |
| JUNIOR SECRETARY | Roy Daniels |
| BAR MANAGER | Tony McMenamin |

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| HOUSE MANAGER | Martin Peck |
| CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER | Nigel Magee |
| CONTACT / WEBSITE EDITOR | Graham Morgan |
| CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER | Jenny Morgan |



THE VOLUNTEER ARMY

Who does what to keep the club running?



All of the committee give up a great deal of their time on a voluntary basis ensuring the club keeps running and remains an attractive club to belong to whether for social or competitive tennis.

In addition to the committee, another small army of volunteers help in various areas, and if they did not, the club would have to spend much needed funds on paying for these services!

One of the biggest roles in the club is bar manager, which Tony McMenamin has now carried out for three years. Anyone who uses the bar should acknowledge the amount of time he spends driving to the wholesaler, stocking the bar, ordering from the brewery, dealing with thousands of pounds a year in cash, and cleaning the pipes.

This year's turnover will be at record levels and the bar generates significant

money for the club that keeps subscription rates low.

Of course the more popular the bar, the more empty bottles have to be removed and recycled. Thankfully, David Bradshaw quietly removes literally thousands of empty bottles a year. In addition, David organises the darts tournaments throughout the winter, was previously editor of *Contact* for 20 years as well as co-editing this anniversary booklet. He is currently co-ordinates the winter league and personally organises three of the sessions.

The other winter league organisers in 2005/2006 were Andy Riley, Claire McMenamin and Stewart Meagher, and for this year, Darren Snee as replacement for Stewart. For each session, the organiser has to make over a hundred phone calls, chase people who do not return calls, and deal

with last-minute cancellations. We also have a two-weekly Saturday afternoon winter league, organised by Marilyn Lynch who always leaves the club tidier than when she found it!

Tony's wife, Claire, is the club secretary, receiving and dealing with correspondence, keeping minutes of the committee meetings, and organising everything for the AGM. Claire organises the club's ballot for Wimbledon ticket allocation and also acts as the club's conscience, making sure cards and flowers go to the right people in times of celebration and on sadder occasions.

Alan Gore, chairman for 14 years and currently social secretary, in addition to organising our many and varied social events, runs the 49 club over the winter league season which raises money for the Porz bi-annual visit. He is also a dab-hand at rodding our drains, with many years experience thanks to our positively Victorian soakaway.

Ron Lynch, as treasurer, keeps the finances in order, paying the bills and monitoring what goes in and out the accounts. Ron is also our resident quizmaster. Nigel Magee prepares the financial report at the end of the year for the AGM, another time-consuming task.

Nigel is also the club's development officer, playing a major role in making sure the developments of the last two years happened, as well

as promoting the club through the open days, ensuring a constant supply of tennis balls and generally getting involved in anything that promotes the club

Lesley Howard has worked as membership secretary for the last few years making sure that subs are paid, and that membership forms and lists are up to date and available. Unfortunately Leslie is giving up the role at the end of the year, which will mean the last of her poetic reports to the AGM.

An active junior committee keep the junior scene going. Phil Moss plays a big role in organising the junior matches and competitions as well as being a team captain. Steve Holt regularly helps out with junior sessions, organises the junior winter league with the help of Jordan Christmas and Leah Holt, and is a team captain. Udev Makwana is a regular helper with the Monday evening sessions as well as running the junior singles ladder.

Darren Snee and Sarah Thorne also help out on Monday evenings. Mick Smitham opens the bar for soft drinks and sweets on a Monday evening as well as being a team captain.

Roy Daniels was the mainstay for Saturday mornings and now helps out when work permits. Other team captains are Mike Beeden, Julie Strange, and Alison Whitaker.

Through Stuart Iles (below) in his role within ColourCourt, we not only receive preferential discounted rates but also get the free use of his enormous tools (we'll forget he once dug up the gas main!).



An invaluable member of the volunteer army is Jenny Morgan who as Child Protection Officer has responsibility for safeguarding children and generally makes sure the juniors can play tennis in a safe environment. All adult helpers at the club are CRB checked or do not assist in a one-to-one situation.

Jenny's husband, Graham, apart from editing this book-

let, does a fantastic job editing *Contact*, with bigger, better and more colourful editions than ever. Graham also maintains our website on totaltennis.net and deals with correspondence to the tennis club email box.

Graham and Jenny also organised the club's 40th anniversary raffle draw and helped make the club's carnival entry a winner!

Dan Strange until recently acted as club captain, finding captains for the many teams. He also organised and ran the club competition, shepherding the hundreds of entrants to the finals day that took place very smoothly in September. He also helped organise the junior senior tournament.

Martin Peck, our club handyman, works behind the scenes, painting, screwing, patching, fixing and keeps the clubhouse standing.

Apart from helping with the juniors, Udev Makwana is our match secretary, along with the club captain attending the bi-annual meetings to sort out the winter and summer fixtures. Throughout the year he has to re-arrange matches and at season end chase the captains for their team match fees.

Simon Ward, previously an active committee member for many years as club captain and junior secretary, organises the DTC golf society outings.

Again, Stewart Meagher, this time in his role as club photographer and blagger of

freebies from the LTA, gives ground passes and other spare tickets to eager members. Unfortunately, this may end soon but the many members who received the benefit are grateful. Stewart also co-ordinated the printing of the leaflets for the carnival promotion as well as the design and production of this booklet.

John Taylor, the club's president, life member and long-standing activist in the club and county scene, keeps the grass cut throughout the summer.

Anne Stapleton, in previous years social secretary, took on the organisation of the 40th anniversary chairman's supper, publicising, collecting payment, arranging the venue and chasing up payment.



The coaching staff are the only non-volunteers in the club as they receive payment for their activity but Nick Boys as head coach and Andy Marriott play their part in promoting the club, attending open days to boost membership. Nick

organised the Porz visit this year, a huge job making sure there was a programme of activity, coach pickups and drop offs, events organised, hosts arranged, and finances sorted out. Other key Porz helpers include Pat and Dennis Stone and John Stevens.

Lastly, Mike Bartlett as chairman whom in between sorting out problems and making things happen, organises the club's music and TV service and numerous other activities that keep the club running.

Apologies if anyone has been missed out, but rest assured that the contributions of everyone whether from washing up or removing rubbish is greatly appreciated by the rest of the members.

THE HISTORY OF DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB

The first forty years



This year Dunstable Tennis Club celebrates its 40th Anniversary dating back to March 1966 when a small group of local tennis enthusiasts met at a house in Staveley Road, Dunstable and decided to try and form a tennis club, although previously, apparently, there were at least two clubs in the Dunstable area before the Second World War but nothing is now known about them.

They arranged to play on the public tennis courts at Bennetts Memorial Recreation Ground in Bull Pond Lane on Sundays and Wednesdays and over at Houghton Regis on Fridays.

After organising themselves into a group, the search then got under way to find a more suitable location resulting in the Club eventually arriving on its present site. In the early 1970s Beds County Council took over the running of the

sports field from Cross Paperware whose Sports and Social Club members had ceased to make regular use of the facility which included a cricket table, soccer pitch (laid in the opposite direction to the current one), a single tennis court which was in the far corner (near court three) and a small wooden pavilion.

At this time, the pavilion extended no further out than the beam that now goes across the centre of the room with the front section being added at a later date in place of the original veranda. The original 'bar area' was just a 'straight line' continuation from the kitchen area.

The last 20 years or so have brought about many changes - so much so that previous members who were here in the 1970s or early 1980s would probably hardly recognise the Club as it is today. It is hard now to

recollect the scene of just over 20 years ago when the boundary of the Club was the fence running along the 'field' end of courts 3, 2 and 1 from which it turned in at a slight angle passing the original practice wall until reaching the back gardens of Downs Road at a position roughly where the path bends around the corner of court 4.

The following is an attempt to condense 40 years of developments and achievements by the Club to show how it has grown into one of the foremost clubs in the area today.

Unfortunately, the early history cannot be traced as many of the early records are missing and none of the original members are still actively involved except for our Club President John Taylor who joined shortly after its formation.

This introduction, although now slightly amended, and the history up to 1990 was included in the Silver Jubilee handbook produced in 1991 but, again, there are few members remaining who were here at that time either.

1966 The beginning:

A few tennis enthusiasts including the Bosworths, Fyvie-Raes and Hudsons, met at Staveley Road to try to form a tennis club in Dunstable. Courts were booked at Bennetts Recreation Ground on Sundays and Wednesdays

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and eventually at Houghton Regis on Fridays.

1967

At the end of September, the newly formed Club held its first finals day at Bennetts Rec but as there was only time for two events on the public courts, consisted of the ladies' singles and the men's doubles. This explains why there were no tournaments for the men's singles, ladies' doubles or mixed doubles that year.

A General Meeting was held in Kirby Road where P Smith gave a talk and showed a film. A Committee was formed which decided to enter a men's and a mixed team into the Beds League and a men's and mixed team into the Luton and District League the following summer.

1968

May 10th was the date the Club played its first ever competitive league match when they took on Electrolux in the Luton and District men's division. Home advantage was forfeited because of the lack of facili-

ties at the then home of the Club, Bennetts Rec. Jumble sales were run to raise funds, brief coaching sessions were held and a junior section playing on Sunday evenings under Pam Williams was formed. Men's singles and mixed doubles tournaments were held for the first time.

1969

Making its debut during this year was the last of the five 'principal' Club tournaments - the ladies' doubles competition. The future site of the Dunstable Tennis Club was 'discovered' when former members Neville Gray and Peter Partridge - desperate to complete their tournament singles match after time had run out on their hired public court - decided to 'trespass' over a fence to play on 'a dilapidated old court in the corner of a playing field in Downs Road'. From this fateful moment was born the current home of Dunstable Tennis Club.

1970

The Beds League mixed team was promoted from the fourth division to the third.

Funds continued to be raised by a ticket scheme and with the aid of grants and loans from the LTA and the National Playing Fields Association. Negotiations took place with the County Council on an area of land within the former Cross Paperware sports ground covering the pavilion and a dilapidated tennis court.

An agreement was reached on a lease for 28 years at one shilling a year - paid in advance! At that time the field was used as an extra playing field for Dunstable Grammar School and the courts and pavilion would have to be shared with the school.

1971

Three new courts were successfully completed by early May. Membership had risen from a dozen to over 40, plus a junior membership of over 30. Four teams were now entered into the Luton and District League as well as the two in the Beds League where the mixed team eventually finished third in division three.

Saturday June 5th saw the new courts opened by former Wimbledon finalist and Wightman Cup player Christine Truman (Janes). Following a reception in the pavilion at noon there followed lunch at the Old Palace Lodge before the



opening ceremony at 2pm. Other principal guests were the newly elected Mayor and Mayoress of Dunstable Alderman and Mrs Eric Royce. An opening round robin tournament took place

League. The first visit took place of members of the Porz 'Rot Weiss' Tennis Club near Cologne, Germany to Dunstable, which was thereafter to become a regular exchange visit.



with two mixed doubles teams from Dunstable, Flint, Vauxhall, Kents, Electrolux and Linslade and won by the latter who received the Hunt Cup (which was an old Dunstable Tennis League trophy from the 1940s and 50s and given by Mr Hunt who was the former League Secretary). It was retrieved the following year and became the men's doubles trophy for the Club.

The end of the opening day was marked by a dinner and dance in the Vernon Room at the former Queensway Hall. The courts had cost £3,000 plus £300 for surfacing of the car park.

1972

A '100' Club was set up to assist with fund raising.

1973

Two men's and two mixed teams played in the Luton and District League and a men's and mixed in the Beds

December 11th was the date when the Club was issued with its first bar licence. The bar was to be built the following year.

1974

Junior sessions re-started on Sunday evenings. One men's team was dropped from the Luton and District League. Shutters were added to the windows after several break-ins were experienced and a vagrant was found sleeping inside the clubhouse!

1975

The gent's toilet was made accessible from inside the pavilion and sealed off from possible outside vandalism. Both teams were withdrawn from the Beds League for the summer so as to concentrate on the Luton and District League and the end of that season saw the Club win its first two league titles, the men's division one and the mixed division two.

1976

The men's team retained the Luton and District League division one title.

1977

The club bar suffered four break-ins during the year. The clubhouse was extended out to where the original veranda stood.

1978

Practice wall built (Later removed to make room for the new hard courts, courts 4 and 5). Won Luton and District League mixed division two title again. In the first year of its existence, according to the engraving on the trophy, Dunstable reached the final of the inaugural Luton and District League Knockout Cup only to lose to Luton Co-op.

1979

In order to make full use of the practice wall a concrete surface was built in front of it and mesh netting added to the top. A telephone was installed in the clubhouse. Men's team re-entered the Beds League and won division four. In the Luton and District League, the men's team won division one again and the Club finished second in the knockout cup.

1980

Negotiations commenced with Beds County Council with a view to obtaining more land on which to eventually construct two new courts. After a period out of circulation, the Club's newsletter Contact was resurrected. Two men's teams were entered into the



1983

Beds Men's League division three was won by the 'B' team. The clubhouse roof was re-felted before the onset of winter. Floodlit evenings started up during the winter. After one winter of competition the mixed team was dropped from the Townsend League because of difficulties in fielding teams the previous winter.

1984

A new era of expansion was heralded when a new 36-year lease was negotiated to give extra land for the eventual provision of additional courts. The long lease was a prerequisite for any future loans the Club might require from the LTA for those court development plans.

Another outcome from the negotiations was also the sole use of the pavilion for the Club. The outer fence was erected during the summer at a cost of £2,000. The Club had to provide three guarantors for two years' rent in the event of the Club ceasing to exist. The Trustees were John Stevens, David Gosling and Terry Leith.

After disappearing earlier in the year the Club's newsletter Contact reappeared again in September with a new editor (who went on to produce 220 editions over nearly 20 years and it is still appearing regularly every month now under a new editor). At the end of the year Friday night social evenings were restarted in an attempt to rekindle the atmosphere of Friday evenings a few years before.

Beds League with the 'A' team finishing runners up in division three and gaining promotion whilst the 'B' team took the fourth division championship undefeated and winning promotion to the third division.

The men retained the first division title in the Luton and District League whilst the men's 'B' team won division two and the mixed 'C' won the mixed second division.

For the third successive year, the Club lost in the final of the knockout cup - once again to Luton Co-op.

At the end of the year they entered, and eventually won, the newly-formed Townsend Winter Floodlit League based in St Albans by winning all six matches.

1981

Bar area was improved by extending out from the corner into the room to give more space behind the bar for bar staff and stock.

In the Beds League the men's 'A' team won division two thus making it three consecutive years of promotion. Luton and District

League successes for the men's 'A' team who retained the first division title, the ladies who won the newly formed ladies' division and the mixed 'B' team who won their second division.

After three years of being runners up Dunstable won the League's knockout cup for the first time by beating Luton Co-op in the final. At the end of the year, another men's team was entered into the Townsend Floodlit League to play in the newly-formed second division.

1982

Floodlights were eventually erected on court one following many problems and appeals before getting planning permission.

A marquee was hired for the annual summer barbecue, which accounted for an unexpected financial loss on the event. For the first time since 1977, no league titles of any sort were won.

One men's team and, for the first time, a mixed team were entered into the Townsend Floodlit League at the end of the year.

1985

In attempt to attract new members two 'open days' were held in the early summer. Only title won this year was in the Luton and District ladies' division.

Plans for a real grass court were finally abandoned although the nets and posts had already arrived. Membership in August stood at 41 senior and nine intermediate.

The 'bar' celebrated turning over £2,000 between April and September thus equalling the previous record, which had been over a longer period. About 50 members and guests attended a memorable 'Chinese Evening' in the clubhouse in September.

Many improvements were made to the décor inside the clubhouse during the year, which included the provision of curtains.

1986

Two 'firsts' were created at the AGM in order to recognise two members who had served the Club well over

many years. Brian Pagdin became the Club's Honorary President and Megan Taylor became the Club's first Honorary Life Member.

The ladies' team retained the Luton and District League title whilst the mixed 'C' team won the division three championship.

One of the highlights of the social year was a 'Hawaiian Evening' held on a pouring wet Saturday evening in September whilst it was 'tropical' inside the clubhouse!

Two teams were entered into the Dunstable and District Table Tennis League for the first time. Enquiries commenced into following up several leads in the quest for grants towards the cost of providing two new courts.

The annual Bonfire Night Party that had always been a successful fund raiser for the Club was hit by bad weather with the consequent loss of revenue. It was decided to make this the last occasion as it was too reliant on the weather. Boxing Day saw the

debut of the 'après-Christmas' tournament, which has since become an annual feature at the Club.

1987

Bar suppliers changed from William Youngers to Charles Wells in an attempt to bring the rapidly rising costs down.

At the end of their one and only season the two table tennis teams finished second from bottom of their respective divisions. The section was wound up because of a lack of a suitable venue for their 'home' matches.

The ladies retained their league title for a third year in what was the Luton and District League but which had now been renamed the South Beds League. No other titles were won.

A car boot sale was held at the Club in an attempt to raise additional funds.

A new event for the Taylor Shield made its debut at the end of September and was to become a regular end-of-season tournament involving seniors and juniors.

54 members took part in a special tournament on November 29th to mark the opening of the two new courts. Also built at the same time were the short tennis court and the practice wall all of which cost £21,000 made up of £10,000 in grants and a £5,500 loan with the Club raising the balance. The juniors held their own disco for the first time in December.

Another first for the Club was a New Year's Eve Party, which attracted a good attendance and has been

Hawaiian Evening pic in here please

held each New Year since. It helped the bar to achieve a record turnover for the year in excess of £6,000.

1988

Because of the late start in the construction of the new courts the previous autumn the landscaping around the main entrance could not get under way until the spring, as a result of which the area between the main gate and the clubhouse resembled a First World War battlefield all winter. With the addition of the two new courts, the winter league reached 12 divisions involving 48 players at the beginning of January.

A singles ladder made its debut although it disappeared shortly afterwards. Following a special meeting to decide the colour scheme the new courts were painted red and green during the spring. The Club made its debut in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup – a nationwide competition in which players who have represented the county are not allowed to take part.

For the first time the Club played host to a Volkswagen Ratings tournament which was spread out across a week during May.

Early summer saw one of the largest influxes of new members at the Club with at least 20 newcomers joining.

After several lean summers the Club enjoyed perhaps its most successful season in the South Beds League when it won seven out of the eight divisions in which it was competing.

Once again, the ladies retained their title, the men

won divisions two and four whilst the mixed teams won divisions one, two and three and for good measure the junior boys won a junior title for the first time. The odd team out were the men's team in division one who 'only' finished runners-up!

Reflecting this success 43

debut at the Club with 24 entries contesting the singles event spread out over several Fridays.

With the popularity of this event it was decided to follow up with a 'doubles' tournament.

A junior winter league following broadly the format



members and guests represented the Club at the League's Presentation Evening.

In the autumn the 'landscaping' of the grounds was completed with the provision of a paved pathway from the main gate to the clubhouse. Before winter set in the clubhouse was completely rewired, outside security lights fitted along with an additional bulkhead light and an internal safety light.

Format of the winter league was changed to a 'double ladder' system below division one to enable a greater mix of players. 13 divisions involving 52 players were reached – a new record.

In order to give a boost to social Friday evenings competitive darts made its

of the old style adult league proved to be a popular event for around 30 youngsters every other Saturday. Bar turnover at the end of the year exceeded £7,500.

1989

A storage heater was installed to help in the annual battle to avoid the clubhouse from freezing up during the winter. Contact moved into 'colour' (paper!) to help brighten up its image, commencing with the May issue. The clubhouse roof was completely rebuilt in a final attempt to remove, once and for all, the continual problem of leaks. A veteran's singles trophy was donated by former members Marie and George Blackwell.

Mid-summer senior membership stood at 80

plus 14 intermediate and 11 social members. Record numbers entered the various Club tournaments, for example, the men's singles up to 44 from 33 and the ladies' up to 16 from 11. The County Council presented the Club with a 500% plus rent increase demand rising from £475 to £2,500 due to be paid by the following January. Eventually an offer of £600 was accepted.

After last year's success stories in the South Beds League the only title to come Dunstable's way this summer was the ladies' 'B' team making their debut in the newly-formed division two and winning it.

A token meter was installed to operate the floodlights replacing a version that accepted pound coins but had encouraged the use of kitchen knives!

Another demand arrived unexpectedly out of the blue to surprise the Club, this time a rate demand for £1,200 – surprising because the Club had never had to pay rates before. This problem was eventually settled with agreement to defer any payment until 1991.

At the end of the year a maximum of 15 divisions involving 60 players was a regular feature of the winter league. End-of-year bar turnover figure showed yet another record of £9,049.

1990

Bridge evenings involving both experienced players and beginners were another new social activity to commence during the winter and built up a steady follow-

Nancy Tibbet cup pic here?

ing. A new floor was put down in the bar area which was easier to keep clean. An old established local tennis trophy, the Nancy Tibbett Cup, was presented to the Club for competition and it was decided to use it in connection with the popular winter league.

Dunstable won both the second divisions of the men's and mixed leagues in the Townsend Floodlit League. Another row of conifers was planted along the end of the new courts to improve the landscaping.

The Club made a short-lived debut in another competition, for the Puma Cup. All the Club tournaments received a record number of entries. A change was made in the format of the singles competitions whereby the seeds did not appear until the later stages of the competition.

A Junior Volkswagen Ratings tournament took place at the Club for the first time during August.

The interior of the clubhouse was repainted during the summer and a replacement kitchen sink unit installed. At the end of August the old courts, one, two and three, were cleared

ready for the laying of the artificial grass courts which had received the go ahead from a special EGM of the members and for which an interest-free loan had been received from the LTA.

Dunstable won all three first divisions in the South Beds League, the men's, ladies' and mixed whilst the men's 'B' team took the second division title. In the Beds County League, the men's team won the second division title for the second time.

80 members turned up during the day on Sunday October 21st to take part in the special tournament run to mark the opening of the new artificial grass courts.

This project had cost £37,000 which included a £25,000 loan from the LTA and represented the largest investment yet for the Club.

Because of the ever-increasing number of members wishing to take part, a fourth session was begun in the winter league for 1990-91. This meant that a maximum of 19 divisions involving 76 players was regularly being turned out towards the end of the year with starting times at 9.30, 11.15, 1.00 and 2.30.

For the first time ever the turnover for the bar during the year surpassed £10,000 and represented a gradual increase of £6,000 over a five-year period. At the end of the year membership stood at 99 senior, 2 senior citizens, 2 off-peak, 1 country, 16 intermediates, 38 juniors, 34 junior beginners and 19 social making a total of 211 in all categories which

shows how much the Club had grown over the 25 year period. It should also be taken into account that a similar number have also been members and left during that period of time.

1991

Ladies entered the Beds County League for the first time. Over 60 members attended the Annual General Meeting. Senior membership passed 100 for the first time at 106 with a total of 216 in all categories. Over 100 entries were received for the two week LTA/Volkswagen Ratings tournament held at the Club during May. Karen Nicholson retained her Beds County Closed Senior Ladies' title whilst still only 14.

July 7th was a sad day at the Club when member Brian Garside collapsed on court and died shortly after.

The South Beds League championship finals were played at Dunstable for the first time. 118 members, former members and guests attended the Club's Silver Jubilee Presentation Evening at the Strathmore Hotel in Luton where everybody received a copy of the special Silver Jubilee handbook.

Nine former Chairmen, along with the incumbent were assembled for a photocall. 50 matching stacking chairs were purchased from the Rugby Club to replace the motley selection that existed in the clubhouse.

1992

Dunstable entered a men's and ladies' team into the new National Club League



pyramid organised by the LTA. Conifers were planted around the recently-built hard courts (4 & 5). Long serving member John Taylor became President of the Club. Problems loomed with the County Council over being assessed 'commercially' for the rent.

Club members won four of the seven LTA Ratings events held at the Club. The ladies followed last year's unbeaten run when they won the County League third division title by repeating the process this year to win the second division title undefeated.

First appearance in the South Beds League Knockout Cup final for eleven years ended in disappointment when old rivals Luton & Vauxhall who had defeated Dunstable in each of the last six years came back from two down to win the match 3-2 and take the Cup. There was a satisfactory conclusion to the 'rent' problem with the County Council.

1993

'A year in the Life of Dunstable Tennis Club' was shown in the clubhouse when a packed audience enjoyed revisiting all the events of 1992 videoed by Julian Wellings.

Record entries were received for the Club's men's singles (57), men's doubles (30) and ladies' doubles (13).

36 members gathered at the GX Superbowl followed by a fish 'n' chip supper back at the clubhouse. The Club received a letter from the Town Council regarding car-parking problems on the field, which was mainly caused by the footballers.

Another case of vandalism at the Club saw the old wooden shed by the entrance to court one and its contents destroyed by fire.

Five titles were won and six teams promoted in the South Beds League.

1994

Nick Cumbers and Lyn Dorman were the first members to receive the

newly created '100 appearances' award. 'A Year in the Life of Dunstable Tennis Club - 1993' - another Julian Wellings blockbuster (!) - was played to another packed clubhouse audience.

The Golf Society had its inaugural day out when 14 members and three guests went to Royston Golf Club. 54 members returned to the GX Superbowl followed once again by supper at the clubhouse.

Club given the go-ahead to resurface courts 4 and 5 with artificial grass and install floodlighting along with the construction of a sixth (hard) court all costing in the region of £40,000.

The ladies' team won the first division of the Beds County Summer League for the first (and only) time - the highest placing a Dunstable team has ever reached.

The recently arrived storage container replacing the vandalised shed had been renovated and painted.

As a result of a new sixth court a record 92 players spread over 23 divisions started off the 1993-94 winter league season.

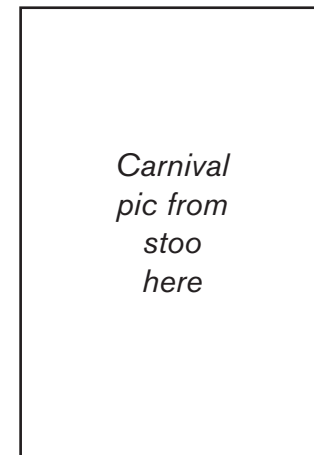
An historic landmark for the Club took place on Saturday 26th November when the new courts and floodlights were officially opened by the local MP Sir David Madel. The occasion received full back page coverage in the local press.

1995

For the first time a maximum of 24 divisions were organised for the winter league. The AGM attracted 60

members. 16 members and six guests attended the Golf Society's day out at Batchwood. Dunstable hosted a county match for the first time when Bedfordshire ladies entertained their Hertfordshire counterparts in June.

A record 58 entries were received for the Club's men's singles tournament. Another record entry of 135 took part in the eighth annual LTA Ratings tournament at the Club, which was run as usual by Brian Clare.



After a 14-year wait Dunstable won the South Beds League Knock-out Cup for only the second time. Nick Boys won the Club's men's singles for a record seventh time.

1996

The Town Council gave the Club permission to complete laying the pathway from the car park to the entrance gate. County Council wanted to increase the annual rent from £750 to £4,600; a compromise figure of £900 was eventually reached.

Senior membership stood at a record 129 out of a total in all categories of 290.

An unfortunate occurrence when the ladies forgot to turn up for the deciding match at Biggleswade in the Beds County League resulted in them having to forfeit the match and the first division title whilst ending up in third place with the same number of points as champions Biggleswade.

The men's team also finished up in third position in the Beds County League first division - their highest ever placing up to that time.

Senior membership ended the year at a record number in excess of 130.

1997

Senior membership now totalled a record 134 by the time of the AGM. John Taylor now joined wife Megan as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. A decision had to be made shortly on whether to purchase the freehold of the land or lease at a peppercorn rent for 50 years, which would help in any Lottery funding in the future.

The County Council later withdrew the freehold purchase option but were happy to grant a 50 year lease to assist with any Lottery funding request.

For only the second time in the Club's history the men's, ladies' and mixed 'A' squads all won their respective first division titles in the South Beds Summer League.

For the first time the Club's newsletter *Contact* ran to four pages to celebrate the then Editor's 150th edition in October.

1998

Two items of interest emerged from the AGM – bar turnover exceeded £20,000 for the first time and the plans for the new clubhouse were unveiled. The under 40s at the Club challenged the over 40s to a football match on the field which was won by the 'youngsters'.

Neighbours backing on to the Club grounds were invited to the Club to discuss future developments. The 25th year of exchange visits with Porz Rot-Weis Tennis Club culminated in a celebratory dinner at the Highwayman in August.

Fire at a nearby industrial unit resulted in a helicopter flying overhead warning everybody within the vicinity, including our winter league players, to remain indoors to avoid the poisonous smoke.

1999

For the first time the Chairman's Supper was held in January. An insight into the Match Secretary's workload was shown with the revelation that she had to arrange 116 matches for the 14 senior and seven junior teams in the various summer leagues of which 61 had to be fitted in at 'home'.

A new bench was presented to the Club by Betty Bradshaw and placed on court four. After eight years of participation the ladies' team withdrew from the Beds County Summer League.

The Club received planning permission for the redevelopment of the clubhouse and new floodlighting on courts one and two but a

potential problem connected to it surrounded the expansion of the car park.

For the first time in one season Dunstable won the South Beds League Knockout Cup (for only the third time) and the first divisions of the men's, ladies' and mixed leagues. The men recorded their best ever season in the Beds County Summer League when finishing runners-up in division one just one point behind champions Riverside 1.

A 'Safari Supper' evening was held for the first time and has since become an annual event.

2000

An unexpected proposal at the end of Any Other Business at the AGM resulted in a smoking ban being adopted within the clubhouse. Three break-ins in four days nearly brought the Club to its knees just before Easter making it five for the year so far. As a result Bar Manager Mike Bartlett made the inside of the bar area like Fort Knox and anti-vandal paint was applied to the rear of the clubhouse following the extensive repairs.

Our visitors from Porz were taken up to London where a trip on the London Eye was included in the itinerary.

Courts one and two were 'lit up' with the new floodlights. Padlocks were regularly being lost as a result of members failing to lock up the courts before leaving the Club. Dunstable again won all three first division titles in the South Beds Summer League but lost in the final

of the Knockout Cup to old rivals Vauxhall.

2001

County Council agreed to a 40-year lease on the grounds which would assist the Club in planning new developments. The men won the South Beds Winter League first division title for the fifth consecutive year.

16 volunteers gave the clubhouse a makeover inside and new flooring and curtains followed a few weeks later. During the summer Nick Cumbers recorded his 200th team appearance for the Club.

For the second time in three years Dunstable won the quartet of the South Beds League Knockout Cup along with the three first division titles.

2002

All six teams that had been entered into the winter leagues of the County and South Beds Leagues won their respective divisions.

The '49 Club' was formed with the intention of raising funds for entertaining our German friends from Porz when they visit every other year. Drawn out on winter league Sundays it has proved to be a very successful form of fund raising.

The ladies won the South Beds Summer League first division title for the sixth consecutive year. Installation of new electric shutters for the front windows of the clubhouse proved to be a relief for all those with bad backs who found lifting the old hinged heavy wooden shutters back up into place

so difficult!

The hard court, court six, had to be removed from the winter league schedule because of its dangerous condition.

2003

Thanks to the efforts of 53 senior and junior members Dunstable won the inaugural Bedfordshire Festival of Tennis event held at Bedford School over two days in April during which 17 different events were contested.

It was announced that after many years of waiting a reasonable compromise had been reached between the Club and the County Council on the lease of the land.

Dunstable reached their fifth consecutive South Beds League Knockout Cup final which they won to maintain the sequence of winning it every other year making it three successes in the five years and five in total across 26 years!

A team was entered into the local darts league with home matches played on Thursdays which proved to be good business for the bar even if the team were not very successful!

Longest serving member and Club President John Taylor was presented with a Long Service to Tennis Award by the LTA at the annual County/South Beds Leagues Presentation Evening. A new storage shed was erected at the side of the clubhouse.

2004

Two long-serving Committee members stood down at the AGM. After a 12 year stint as

Chairman Alan Gore decided to hand over the reins whilst, because of a change in his circumstances, Contact Editor David Bradshaw relinquished his post after producing 220 issues in 20 years.

New Editor Graham Morgan had plans to bring the newsletter into the 21st century by making it available on the Internet and via e-mail, and incorporating photographs. He would also be looking after the Club's new web site.



New tables arrived in the clubhouse to replace the old wobbly ones. Quotes were sought for court improvements. Two benches were obtained for the 'outside' drinkers and smokers.

2005

Surface replacement of courts one, two and three got under way which would not require regular brushing. Included in the project was the replacement of court perimeter fencing and the improvement of the banking behind the courts with further work planned for the following year.

The former much vandalised footballers' portakabin was removed from the grounds as a result of discussions over the lease with the Council. In an effort

to improve security the main gate was now being kept locked. A canopy was erected outside the clubhouse door to help keep the smokers dry in wet weather! A container for them to get rid of their dog ends was also supplied!

2006

(To the end of summer)

Planning permission was granted for a new secure external boundary fence.

As part of the Club's 40th anniversary celebrations a float was entered into the Dunstable Carnival in May and won the trophy for the 'sports and social clubs' category. The second phase of the court redevelopment programme took place during the early summer with the digging up of the old hard court mini tennis courts and the removal of the practice wall which were replaced with a new floodlit Claytex court and two mini courts. Also the side netting on court four was reduced in height so as to improve spectators viewing. The new boundary fence was erected.

All the work of the last two years was performed by ColourCourt under the watchful eye of Stuart Iles who has devoted a lot of his own time to the project.

As a memento of this year's visit Porz Tennis Club presented a bench that is now in place on court four.

Just one senior title was won this summer with the Men's 'D' team winning division three of the South Beds League, whilst both the boys' and girls' under 16 teams won their divisions.

CLUB CHAMPIONS 1967 - 2006

| YEAR | MEN'S SINGLES | LADIES' SINGLES | MEN'S DOUBLES | LADIES' DOUBLES | MIXED DOUBLES |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1967 | No comp | Mrs M Taylor | N Thason/J Levett | No comp | No comp |
| 1968 | A Ambrose | Mrs S Munro | B Inns/M Fyvie-Rae | No comp | Mrs M Taylor/J Taylor |
| 1969 | A Ambrose | Mrs M Thorogood | A Ambrose/M Fyvie-Rae | Mrs M Taylor/Mrs J Gray | Mrs M Thorogood/N Gray |
| 1970 | D Coath | Mrs M Taylor | A Ambrose/M Fyvie-Rae | Mrs M Taylor/Mrs J Gray | Mrs V Richards/D Richards |
| 1971 | A Ambrose | Mrs M Taylor | D Coath/D Richards | Mrs V Richards/Mrs M Thorogood | Mrs V Richards/D Richards |
| 1972 | A Ambrose | Mrs M Taylor | D Coath/D Richards | Mrs V Richards/Mrs M Thorogood | Mrs S Munro/R Hogbin |
| 1973 | N Chadwick | Mrs M Taylor | P Lambert/N Chadwick | Mrs V Richards/Mrs M Thorogood | Mrs S Munro/R Hogbin |
| 1974 | A Ambrose | Mrs M Thorogood | R Hogbin/D Richards | Mrs V Richards/Mrs M Thorogood | Mrs S Munro/R Hogbin |
| 1975 | A Ambrose | Mrs E Smith | A Ambrose/M Fyvie-Rae | Mrs V Richards/Mrs M Thorogood | Mrs S Munro/R Hogbin |
| 1976 | P Lambert | Mrs G Broadway | N Church/I Moore | Mrs M Taylor/Mrs J Gray | Mrs J Gray/P Lambert |
| 1977 | P Lambert | Mrs M Taylor | P Lambert/C Appleby | Mrs M Taylor/Mrs V Richards | Mrs V Richards/D Richards |
| 1978 | P Lambert | Mrs M Taylor | P Lambert/B Pagdin | Mrs M Taylor/Mrs V Richards | Mrs S Munro/B Pagdin |
| 1979 | P Lambert | Mrs M Taylor | S Powell/J Fry | Mrs M Taylor/Mrs V Richards | Miss K Powell/S Powell |
| 1980 | S Powell | Mrs G Broadway | P Lambert/B Pagdin | Miss K Powell/Mrs V Richards | Miss K Powell/S Powell |
| 1981 | S Powell | Mrs V Richards | P Lambert/B Pagdin | Mrs M Blackwell/Mrs L Dorman | Mrs S Munro/S Powell |
| 1982 | S Powell | Miss K Lawrence | S Powell/B Pagdin | Miss K Powell/Mrs V Richards | Miss K Powell/S Powell |
| 1983 | M Taylor | Mrs L Dorman | M Taylor/R Gray | Mrs M Blackwell/Mrs L Dorman | Mrs V Richards/A Ambrose |
| 1984 | M Taylor | Mrs G Broadway | P Herriott/N Jones | Mrs M Blackwell/Mrs G Broadway | Miss M Green/B Pagdin |
| 1985 | B Pagdin | Mrs L Dorman | P Herriott/N Jones | Mrs M Barlow/Mrs S Trigg | Miss S Taylor/M Taylor |
| 1986 | M Taylor | Miss M Green | I Rollason/B Pagdin | Mrs L Dorman/Mrs G Broadway | Miss M Green/I Rollason |
| 1987 | N Boys | Miss M Green | M Taylor/N Boys | Mrs M Blackwell/Mrs S Parry | Miss L Dorman/N Boys |
| 1988 | N Boys | Miss K Nicholson | M Taylor/N Boys | Miss C Nicholson/Miss K Nicholson | Miss K Nicholson/N Boys |
| 1989 | N Boys | Miss K Nicholson | M Taylor/N Boys | Mrs S Parry/Mrs C Simons | Miss C Nicholson/M Taylor |
| 1990 | N Boys | Miss K Nicholson | M Taylor/N Boys | Miss C Nicholson/Miss K Nicholson | Miss K Nicholson/N Boys |
| 1991 | N Boys | Miss K Nicholson | M Taylor/N Boys | Miss C Nicholson/Miss K Nicholson | Miss K Nicholson/N Boys |
| 1992 | P Ford | Miss C Nicholson | N Cumbers/S Powell | Mrs L Dorman/Miss C Nicholson | Miss C Nicholson/N Croft |
| 1993 | N Boys | Miss L Harnden | N Boys/M Church | Miss C Nicholson/Mrs C Simons | Mrs C Simons/N Cumbers |
| 1994 | P Ford | Mrs J Sutton | N Boys/P Rollason | Mrs C Hildreth/Mrs C Simons | Miss L Harnden/N Boys |
| 1995 | N Boys | Mrs L McGarry | N Boys/P Rollason | Mrs L McGarry/Miss J Osleger | Mrs L McGarry/N Boys |
| 1996 | N Boys | Mrs C Hildreth | D Clare/T Palma | Mrs L McGarry/Miss J Osleger | Mrs L McGarry/N Boys |
| 1997 | P Ford | Mrs J Sutton | D Clare/T Palma | Mrs C Hildreth/Mrs J Sutton | Mrs J Sutton/P Ford |
| 1998 | C Winslet | Miss A Magee | A Kitcher/M Osleger | Miss A Magee/Mrs J Strange | Mrs C Hildreth/C Winslet |
| 1999 | M Robert | Miss A Magee | N Boys/J Gosbell | Miss A Magee/Mrs J Strange | Miss L Barry/N Boys |
| 2000 | N Boys | Miss J Osleger | N Boys/J Gosbell | Miss A Magee/Mrs J Strange | Miss L Barry/N Boys |
| 2001 | N Boys | Miss A Magee | N Boys/J Gosbell | Miss A Magee/Mrs J Strange | Miss J Osleger/C Winslet |
| 2002 | M Moitas | Miss M Dodd | M Moitas/R Hillman | Miss M Dodd/Miss J Osleger | Miss M Dodd/M Moitas |
| 2003 | C Winslet | Miss J Osleger | C Winslet/G Winslet | Mrs C Hildreth/Miss J Osleger | Miss J Osleger/C Winslet |
| 2004 | N Boys | Mrs C Hildreth | M Tatham/C Winslet | Mrs C Hildreth/Miss J Osleger | Miss J Osleger/C Winslet |
| 2005 | N Boys | Mrs C Hildreth | N Boys/R Sutton | Mrs C Hildreth/Miss A Magee | Mrs J Sutton/R Sutton |
| 2006 | M O'Keefe | Mrs C Hildreth | A Cornick/M O'Keefe | Mrs C Hildreth/Miss A Magee | Mrs C Hildreth/M O'Keefe |

Please note: Mrs C Hildreth (ex-Miss C Nicholson) and Mrs L McGarry (ex-Miss L Harnden).

THE COUNTY AND LOCAL LEAGUE SCENE

Representing the club in the wider world



Being located in the bottom corner of Bedfordshire means that Dunstable Tennis Club is inconveniently situated when it comes to taking part in county league fixtures which, in the summer, are invariably played in mid week.

With matches commencing at 6.30pm and sometimes involving journeys of up to 30 miles, the difficulties of being able to field a team on occasions can be imagined. The highest position ever attained by a Dunstable team in the County Summer League was in 1994 when the ladies won the first division for the one and only time. This was the last time any Dunstable team won a county summer league title, although both the men and women had won eight lower division titles before then.

Teams also appear in the County Winter leagues – both outdoors and indoors

with a small amount of success.

The bulk of the summer league action for the Club takes place within the confines of the South Beds League (formerly known as the Luton and District League) and a glance at the inside front and back covers will show the degree of success enjoyed over the years at the various levels. Of particular note was the run of first division titles won by the ladies who won it five times in six years between 1985 and 1990 (the other year finishing second!) and seven consecutive years between 1997 and 2003. In all they have won it fifteen times, which makes them the strongest ladies' team in the League. Other notable achievements were in 1988 when the Club won seven out of the eight divisions it was competing in (the odd team out 'only' finishing runners up in its division!) whilst on five occasions the three 'A' teams (men's, ladies' and mixed) all won their first divisions in the same year – 1990, 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Surprisingly, the one area of competition in the South Beds League the Club has not enjoyed much success in is the League Knockout Cup, which is a good test of the depth of strength in a club. For a club of its size and standard when compared with other clubs in the area the one cup winning year of 1981 until winning it for a

second time in 1995 would hardly seem to be a fair reflection. Since then further success has come in 1999, 2001 and 2003 although they have never yet managed to retain the trophy.

This year they fielded one men's team in the County Summer League along with five men's, two ladies' and three mixed in the South Beds Summer League. Last winter in the County Winter League one men's and one mixed team took part whilst two men's, one ladies' and



CLUB SUMMER LEAGUE APPEARANCE AWARDS

200 Nick Cumbers
100 Mike Bartlett
Nick Boys
Lyn Dorman
Alan Gore
Christine Hildreth
Jenny Mullany
Bea Osleger
Jill Osleger
Julie Strange
Simon Ward

one mixed played in the South Beds Winter League.

Since 1988, records have been kept of players' appearances in the summer County and South Beds Leagues along with the South Beds Knockout Cup and any national competitions in which the Club have entered a team.

Any player reaching 100 appearances is presented with a memento, which has been received by eleven

players so far whilst one has surpassed 200 appearances!

Other competitions the Club has been involved with over the years include The National Club League Pyramid, the Townsend Winter Floodlit League based at the Townsend club in St Albans, The Silk Cup, The Puma Cup and various floodlit leagues based at the Vauxhall club in Luton.

'Home' match evenings during the season are

Tuesdays or Thursdays with occasional matches played at the weekend.

The junior section also takes part in the South Beds League in boys, girls and mixed divisions and various County competitions.

At the end of the summer season the South Beds League holds its own championship finals, which the Dunstable Tennis Club has hosted on numerous occasions including this year.

OUR FRIENDS ABROAD

Rot Weiss Tennis Club Exchange visits



In the summer of 1973 a group of members from Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Porz, Nr Cologne, Germany visited DTC. From that first visit a twinning bond was born which has lasted for 33 years.

On alternate years members from DTC have visited Porz and vice versa. Hosted over a long weekend the visits are a mix of tennis and social gatherings with each year a trophy

played for with the usual England vs Germany rivalry that, to date, has never been won by the home team! Many lasting friendships have evolved from the visits and have continued long after tennis playing days have gone.

The twinning has been supported over time by the Dunstable International Twin Town Association, whose vision is to promote, facilitate and maintain the

friendship that links our twin towns by regular exchange visits for cultural/sporting groups/council, education establishments, schools and colleges and this year we were privileged to receive a cheque for £550 from the association to aid our club in the continuation of the twinning link.

Long may our friendship with Rot-Weiss TC continue.

CLUB TROPHIES

MEN'S SINGLES

(Founders' Shield)

Presented by Hilary and Martin Hudson who were one of the couples who originally started the Club when it was based at Bennett's Recreation Ground. First competed for in 1968 it has been won the most times by Nick Boys who has won it 12 times between 1987 and 2005 followed by former member Alan Ambrose who won it on six occasions between 1968 and 1975.

LADIES' SINGLES

(Thompson Trophy)

Presented by former member Rita Fyvie-Rae's parents, Mr and Mrs Thompson, and first competed for in 1967. Current Honorary Member Megan Taylor was its first winner and won the title on no less than eight occasions between 1967 and 1979, still three ahead of nearest rival Christine Hildreth.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(Ex Dunstable League Trophy)

This trophy belonged to the old Dunstable Tennis League which went out of existence during the late forties/early fifties. It was presented to the Club by the late Mr Hunt of Downs Road who was the last League Secretary. First competed for at the Club in 1967 and Nick Boys again has his name on the trophy twelve times between 1987 and 2005.

LADIES' DOUBLES

No particular background as it was obtained by the Club to complement the men's doubles and was first played for in 1969. Two have reached double figures on it - Christine Hildreth (Nicholson), eleven times between 1988 and 2006 and Val Richards, ten times between 1971 and 1982.

MIXED DOUBLES

(Carling Lager Trophy)

Presented by the Youngers Brewery Company who were the suppliers for the Club when the bar first opened. First played for in 1968.

VETERAN'S MEN'S SINGLES

(Blackwell Trophy)

Presented by Marie and George Blackwell on leaving the Club and the town in 1988. First contested for the following year when won by Nick Cumbers and although he won it again two years later six-time winner Alan Nicholl can claim the most appearances on the trophy.

VETERAN LADIES' SINGLES

Commenced two years after the men's event when some ladies finally admitted to being old enough to take part! Just six names have appeared on the trophy since then with Julie Strange's five consecutive victories being the highest number.

VETERAN MEN'S DOUBLES

First took place in 1998 with Martin Strange out in front with four appearances on

the trophy out of the eight contested so far.

VETERAN LADIES' DOUBLES

The last of the main senior events to come into being with the first year of competition in 1999. It has been dominated by Julie Strange and former member Lyn Moxon who have won it on five of the seven occasions it has been contested.

VETERAN MIXED DOUBLES

First of the veteran doubles events to appear with the number of 'older' members increasing year by year which lead to its appearance in 1997. Apart from Bea Osleger and Alan Nicholl who won it for three years early on nobody has dominated the event although Bea's name has appeared on the trophy four times in all.

MEN'S PLATE

Although there had been a consolation tournament for the men's singles first round losers for several years it was not until 1981 that a trophy was presented for the event by Angela and John Stevens.

John claimed to be a fairly regular participant in this event in his youth so hoped to win something! He never has won it! Nick Cumbers was also the first winner of this trophy and has won it a further three times.

The list of winners includes an assortment of names through the years and even includes a certain Nick Boys in 1985!

LADIES' PLATE

Donated by Jane Sutton it made its first appearance in 1996 when won by Jenny Mullany which was her first of three consecutive titles. The trophy was only contested for a further three years when the shortage of entries in the main ladies' event meant that it has not been contested for since.

WINTER LEAGUE

(Nancy Tibbett Cup)

After the closure of Ben Johnson Ltd of Dunstable in 1989 the Tibbett family donated this trophy to the Club as it had previously been the tennis singles trophy of their sports and social club. A points system was devised for the Club's own winter league which gave all participants a chance of winning it regardless of standard. Bill Barlow was its first winner in 1990 and has been won by eleven different contestants since.

WINTER LEAGUE

(Ladies' Trophy)

Presented by Megan and John Taylor for the ladies competing in the winter league as it was felt that by being in with the men they might not have much of a chance of winning the Nancy Tibbett Cup. Won for the first two years after its introduction in 1991-92 by Lynda Gore it has boasted twelve different winners although Jacqui Crossley's is the name which appears the most with three.

TAYLOR SHIELD

Also presented by Megan and John for the winners of a senior/junior tournament held at the end of the summer season. First played for in 1987.

JUNIOR CLUB TROPHIES

NORMAN TROPHY

The shield was purchased by the Club but funded by Mr Harold Norman who was at the time the oldest member of the Old Dunstablians Rugby Club and a sincere friend of the Tennis Club.

It is presented annually at the Annual General Meeting to the most improved junior boy member decided by the Club Committee on the advice of the Junior Secretary. From 1971 until 1995 it was presented to either the most improved boy or girl. Many past holders of this trophy have gone on to play representative tennis of a high standard as well as winning senior trophies at the Club.

MICK SHANLEY SHIELD

Following the death of member Mick Shanley in 1995 a shield was donated to the junior section which is presented to the most improved junior girl at the Annual General Meeting.

BOY'S UNDER 16

Presented by Terry Mabbitt who used to be involved with junior coaching at the Club.

GIRL'S UNDER 16

Presented by Haydn Day, the father of one of the then junior members Laura Day.

BOY'S UNDER 12, GIRL'S UNDER 12 (AWD Shields)

AWD gave a donation to the Club for use in connection with the junior section. It was decided to purchase shields for competition amongst the under 12's and these commenced in 1989, although a boy's under 12's competition had, in fact, taken place between 1978 and 1984.

WINTER LEAGUE TROPHIES

Following on the lines of the popular and successful senior version the juniors have their own winter league on Saturdays every other week. The first winner from the winter of 1990-91 was Patrick Ford who also won it the following year. As with the seniors a trophy for the highest girl was added in 1994.

OTHER TROPHIES

Over the years since the above trophies were given the number of junior competitions has expanded by a further nine events which all have their own trophies.

CLUB CHAMPIONS 1967 - 2006 (cont)

MEN'S 1981 - N Cumbers, 1982 - J Taylor, 1983 - R Shaw, 1984 - C Jacklin, 1985 - N Boys, 1986 - P Heaphy, 1987 - P Heaphy,
PLATE: 1988 - M Church, 1989 - D Barry, 1990 - A Harris, 1991 - J Taylor, 1992 - D Stafford, 1993 - D Stafford, 1994 - P Rollason,
 1995 - N Cumbers, 1996 - V Fildes, 1997 - A White, 1998 - L Barton, 1999 - M Peck, 2000 - N Cumbers, 2001 - A Riley,
 2002 - M Bartlett, 2003 - N Cumbers, 2004 - T Strange, 2005 - U Makwana, 2006 - C Sarti.

LADIES' 1996 - Mrs J Mullany, 1997 - Mrs J Mullany, 1998 - Mrs J Mullany, 1999 - Mrs B Osleger, 2000 - Mrs J Crossley,
PLATE: 2001 - Mrs C Green, 2002-2006 - No comp.

VETERAN CLUB CHAMPIONS:

| YEAR | MEN'S SINGLES | LADIES' SINGLES | MEN'S DOUBLES | LADIES' DOUBLES | MIXED DOUBLES |
|------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1989 | N Cumbers | - | - | - | - |
| 1990 | I Rollason | - | - | - | - |
| 1991 | N Cumbers | Mrs J Jenkin | - | - | - |
| 1992 | A Nicholl | Mrs M Taylor | - | - | - |
| 1993 | A Nicholl | Mrs J Jenkin | - | - | - |
| 1994 | A Nicholl | Mrs M Taylor | - | - | - |
| 1995 | T Palma | Mrs M Taylor | - | - | - |
| 1996 | T Palma | Mrs J Mullany | - | - | - |
| 1997 | T Palma | Mrs J Jenkin | - | - | Mrs J Sutton/A Gore |
| 1998 | A Nicholl | Mrs B Osleger | T Palma/M Strange | - | Mrs B Osleger/A Nicholl |
| 1999 | A Nicholl | Mrs B Osleger | A Gore/A Nicholl | Mrs L Benali/Mrs B Osleger | Mrs B Osleger/A Nicholl |
| 2000 | A Nicholl | Mrs J Strange | D Barry/N Cumbers | Mrs L Moxon/Mrs J Strange | Mrs B Osleger/A Nicholl |
| 2001 | M Strange | Mrs J Strange | M Strange/S Ward | Mrs L Moxon/Mrs J Strange | Mrs J Strange/N Cumbers |
| 2002 | M Bartlett | Mrs J Strange | M Strange/S Ward | Mrs L Moxon/Mrs J Strange | Mrs B Osleger/N Cumbers |
| 2003 | M Bartlett | Mrs J Strange | D Barry/V Fildes | Mrs L Moxon/Mrs J Strange | Mrs J Crossley/D Barden |
| 2004 | M Strange | Mrs J Strange | M Strange/S Ward | Mrs L Moxon/Mrs J Strange | Mrs J Strange/M Strange |
| 2005 | M Bartlett | Mrs J Crossley | D Barry/V Fildes | Mrs J Crossley/Mrs L Howard | Mrs J Sutton/P Sutton |
| 2006 | M Bartlett | Mrs S Thorne | T Ambrose/M Bartlett | Mrs J Crossley/Mrs S Thorne | Mrs S Thorne/A Gore |

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS - 1971-2006

| BOY'S U16 | GIRL'S U16 | BOY'S U16 DOUBLES | GIRL'S U16 DOUBLES | MIXED DOUBLES | BOY'S U12 | GIRL'S U12 |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1978 | S Powell | N Cooper | - | - | R Gray | - |
| 1979 | S Powell | K Lawrence | - | - | D Bennison | - |
| 1980 | R Gray | K Lawrence | - | - | S Ambrose | - |
| 1981 | R Gray | M Green | - | - | S Ambrose | - |
| 1982 | P Terry | M Green | - | - | J Morris | - |
| 1983 | D Bennison | M Green | - | - | J Morris | - |
| 1984 | N Boys | M Green | - | - | D Lampit | - |
| 1985 | P Heaphy | C Nicholson | - | - | No comp | - |
| 1986 | No comp | No comp | - | - | No comp | - |
| 1987 | No comp | No comp | - | - | No comp | - |
| 1988 | J Wilde | G Nicholson | - | - | No comp | - |
| 1989 | M Osleger | A Spoor | - | - | P Rollason | J Osleger |
| 1990 | P Rollason | Z Nicholson | - | - | G Sterry | J Osleger |
| 1991 | P Rollason | J Osleger | - | - | G Sterry | M Sterry |
| 1992 | S Warner | J Osleger | - | - | J White | M Sterry |
| 1993 | G Sterry | D Chandler | G Sterry/J White | D Chandler/S Hobbs | J White | No comp. |
| 1994 | J White | M Sterry | No comp | No comp | J White | L Barry |
| 1995 | G Sterry | M Sterry | D Brown/C Winslet | P Ward/L Wildman | A White | L Barry |
| 1996 | A White | A Magee | M O'Keefe/A White | A Magee/P Ward | M O'Keefe | L Barry |
| 1997 | Adrian Jones | A Magee | M O'Keefe/A White | L Barry/K McCarthy | A White | L Barry |
| 1998 | M O'Keefe | A Magee | A Jones/L Partridge | J Riddy/S Strange | Andrew Jones | S Strange |
| 1999 | D Strange | S Strange | P Hegley/C Wildman | J Riddy/S Strange | M Beckles | S Jones |
| 2000 | P Magee | C Riddell | A Barden/P Magee | C Hornsey/C Riddell | R Sutton | K Ward |
| 2001 | P Magee | K Ward | A Barden/P Magee | J Riddy/K Ward | R Sutton | A Ingram |
| 2002 | M Sutton | K Ward | A Barden/P Magee | K Ward/H Winslet | T Sutton | E Fleming |
| 2003 | T Strange | K Ward | T Strange/R Sutton | K Ward/E Seeley | M Smith | C Moss |
| 2004 | T Strange | K Ward | T Strange/R Sutton | K Ward/L Christmas | K Beeden | No comp. |
| 2005 | T Strange | C Moss | T Strange/B Ward | C Moss/L Christmas | M Smitham | No comp. |
| 2006 | T Strange | C Moss | T Strange/B Ward | No comp | M Smitham | A Thorne |

BOY'S U14 2002 - M Obourne, 2003 - T Strange, 2004 - R Sutton, 2005 - No comp, 2006 - K Beeden.

GIRL'S U14 2002 - E Fleming, 2003 - C Moss, 2004 - No comp, 2005 - No comp, 2006 - L Holt.

GIRL'S U14 D'IBLES 2003 - J Christmas/A Webley, 2004 - J Christmas/A Webley, 2005 - L Christmas/H Whittaker, 2006 - No comp

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS – 1971-2006 - CONTINUED

NORMAN TROPHY

(Most Improved Junior) 1971 – P Lambert, 1972 – T Puddicombe, 1973 – N Griffiths, 1974 – V Fildes, 1975 – M Taylor, 1976 – R Gray, 1977 – L Day, 1978 – P Terry, 1979 – K Lawrence, 1980 – S Ambrose, 1981 – M Green, 1982 – S Taylor, 1983 – A Gray, 1984 – P Heaphy, 1985 – C Nicholson, 1986 – K Nicholson, 1987 – G Nicholson, 1988 – M Clare, 1989 – P Rollason, 1990 – J White, 1991 – S Warner, 1992 – S Jenkin, 1993 – A White, 1994 – C Winslet, 1995 – M O’Keefe, 1996 – P McCarthy, 1997 – R Cove, 1998 – M Beckles, 1999 – D Strange, 2000 – M Sutton, 2001 – M Stapleton, 2002 – S Hawk, 2003 – J Keane, 2004 – M Smitham, 2005 – K Beeden, 2006 – TBA

(From 1996 Most Improved Junior Boy)

MICK SHANLEY SHIELD

(Most Improved Junior Girl) 1996 – A Magee, 1997 – A Magee, 1998 – J Riddy, 1999 – D Peck, 2000 – K Ward, 2001 – J Christmas, 2002 – E Fleming, 2003 – K Ward, 2004 – L Holt, 2005 – C Moss, 2006 – Not yet known.

| YEAR | BOY'S U12 DOUBLES | GIRL'S U12 DOUBLES | OPENU12 DOUBLES | BOY'S 10 and U | GIRL'S 10 and U | OPEN U8 |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1993 | - | - | - | S Jenkin | L Astell | - |
| 1994 | - | - | - | A White | L Barry | - |
| 1995 | - | - | - | P McCarthy | M Marinova | T McCarthy |
| 1996 | - | - | - | P McCarthy | S Strange | Andrew Jones |
| 1997 | - | - | - | Andrew Jones | S Jones | No comp |
| 1998 | - | - | - | Andrew Jones | S Jones | S Jones |
| 1999 | - | S Jones/D Peck | M Beckles/Andrew Jones | R Sutton | S Jones | R Stokley |
| 2000 | T Strange/R Sutton | D Peck/K Ward | No comp | R Sutton | S Barden | A Baker |
| 2001 | No comp | No comp | T Strange/R Sutton | R Ensten | C Moss | E Fleming |
| 2002 | T Strange/R Sutton | No comp | T Strange/R Sutton | I Williams | C Moss | R Keane |
| 2003 | No comp | No comp | No comp | R McDonnagh | R Norman | No comp |
| 2004 | K Beeden/R McDonnagh | L Christmas/H Whittaker | No comp | No comp | No comp | No comp |
| 2005 | M Smitham/J Parker | No comp | No comp | No comp | No comp | No comp |
| 2006 | M Smitham/J Parker | No comp | No comp | No comp | No comp | No comp |

THE FUTURE OF DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB

Mini-tennis, junior, and intermediate scene



There are three levels of junior tennis at the club. The under 10's and beginners usually start with mini-tennis which itself has three levels, green, orange and red.

As their ball skills and co-ordination develop, the young children move up through the levels. When they are capable of holding a rally on a normal size court, they progress to junior status.

At junior level, normally in the age range 11 - 15, the children play on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm and on Monday evenings between 6.30pm and 9.00pm.

When the junior committee consider that a junior has achieved the playing ability to play with adults as well as having sufficient maturity to mix socially, they nominate the junior to the main committee to move onto intermediate status. As intermediates, they can join in with adult social tennis on

Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Sunday mornings. They can also play in winter league sessions and adult league matches.

ORGANISATION

A team of volunteers run the Junior section in conjunction with the professional coaching set-up. Anyone involved in the junior programme is either CRB checked or should not be allowed in any one-to-one situation until so checked. The club has a member appointed as Child Protection Officer who ensures that the club has a child protection policy, ensures that it is adhered to, co-ordinates CRB checks, and deals with any issues that involve the safeguarding of children.

SATURDAYS

There are two, one-hour, sessions of professional coaching, run by Andy Marriott, with support from a group of intermediates.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TITLES WON 1988-2005

SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE:

1988: Junior Boys;
1991: Boys' 'A' – Junior Boys, Junior Mixed;
1992: Boys 'A' – Junior Boys, Junior Mixed;
1998: Boys 'A' – Junior Boys – Division 1, Junior Mixed;
1999: Junior Girls, 2003: Boys' Under 13, Girls' Under 13;
2004: Girls' Under 16;
2005: Girls' Under 16;
2006: Boys' 'A' Under 16 – Division 1, Girls' Under 16.

SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE:

1991-92: Junior Boys;
1992-93: Boys 'A' – Junior Boys;
1993-94: Boys 'A' – Junior Boys;
1996-97: Junior Mixed;
1997-98: Boys 'A' – Junior Boys – Division 1, Junior Mixed;
2003-04: Girls 13 and Under;
2004-05: Girls Under 16;
2005-06: Junior Mixed Under 16, Boys Under 13 – Division 1.

COUNTY JUNIOR WINTER LEAGUE

:1999-2000: Junior Boys '7' – Boys '7' – Division 1.

COUNTY WINTER INDOOR:

1996-97: Junior Singles Division.

The sessions take place from 10.00am –12.00pm after which there are then courts free from 12.00pm – 1.00pm for junior social play whilst Andy runs private coaching.

MONDAY EVENINGS

The current program is very busy with the emphasis on social play. A mini tennis group runs from 6.00pm –7.00pm (usually by Darren Snee and Sarah Thorne) but also Udev runs his pay and play session for those younger juniors at the end of the mini tennis age and just starting full tennis.

This group now has a steady following and was set up to offer something for this age who needed to be encouraged as they were being overshadowed by the older juniors. From 7.00pm – 9.00pm the singles ladder takes place, run by Steve and Udev. Normally, the bar is opened by Mick Smitham for the juniors to buy sweets and drinks.

OTHER EVENINGS

There are a mix of coaching squads and individual lessons run by Andy Marriott and to a lesser degree Nick Boys. During school holidays, the coaches arrange a number of tennis camps.

JUNIOR MATCHES

There are matches mostly on Saturdays typically from 1.00pm and the club is in a winter season where we have entered the largest number of teams (8) ever in 2006/2007.

Many of the juniors at the club play in the various county squads (P) or have represented the county (R) including:

Charlotte Moss (PR)
Ollie Thorne (PR)
Rob Sutton (PR)
Tim Strange (PR)
Leah Holt (PR)
Jamie Holt (PR)
Mac Smitham (PR)
Karl Beeden (P)
Jordan Christmas (PR)

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Dunstable Tennis Club is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children and young people to practise the sport of Lawn Tennis.

We do this by:

- Recognising that all children have the right to freedom from abuse.
- Ensuring that our volunteers are carefully selected and accept the responsibility for helping to prevent the abuse of children in their care.
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse and providing parents and children the opportunity to voice concerns they may have.
- Appointing a Child Protection Officer who will take specific responsibility for child safety and act as the point of contact for parents, children and any outside agencies.
- Ensuring access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Protection Officer or appropriate agencies.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our child protection policy and activities each year immediately before the annual general meeting.

The club's Child Protection Officer is: Jenny Morgan (01582) 861434



OFF THE COURT

It's not all about tennis

Much of the current success of the Club stems from the friendly atmosphere partly generated by numerous off-court activities which help to create a pleasant social side to the Club.

The most important part of the Club 'off-court' is the support of the 'bar' which, along with the membership fees, represents the most important source of revenue. Originally built and licenced in 1974 after an initial successful first year the facility was then underused for almost ten years when it was only opened on odd occasions. However since the mid eighties it has seen a rapid growth in its use to the point where it is now a central feature of club life being open during licence hours on social play days for the sale of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages along with confectionery. The juniors also make good use of it during their sessions when it becomes a 'tuck shop'!

Turnover increases year on year and yields good profits for the club. The bar was partly responsible for enabling the repayment of loans acquired when the courts were refurbished some years ago before the most recent upgrades.

Regular social events take place including the annual Chairman's Supper in the autumn for the presentation of trophies, annual summer barbecue, Christmas party with the Club's own popular band Jim Balls and The

Rackets, New Year's Eve party, fun quizzes, theme evenings, pub games, whist drives etc. Other popular activities include the annual knockout darts tournaments for the men's and ladies' singles and the open doubles which are spread out on Fridays during the autumn. They were originally created to help keep Friday night social evenings going into the winter but nineteen years later are now an essential feature of the Club's social life. Such was the popularity of the darts tournaments that four years later in 1993 it was decided to run our own internal darts

leagues on Fridays from January to March with promotion and relegation year on year. All these competitions guarantee that the bar will be well used on Friday evenings. A couple of years ago the Club entered into the local district darts league, when the Thursday evening home matches generated a healthy income for the bar. Unfortunately after two seasons they withdrew. For a number of years the Club has had a Golf Society which arranges one day out a year to golf clubs around the area with a singles and team competitions.

DARTS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONS

| YEAR | Men's Singles | Ladies' Singles | Open Doubles |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1988 | Anthony Smith | - | Nick Boys/Alan Foster |
| 1989 | Alan Simper | - | Alan Gore/Dave Nicholson |
| 1990 | Dennis Martin | - | Alan Gore/Dave Nicholson |
| 1991 | Dennis Martin | - | Alan Gore/Dave Nicholson |
| 1992 | Dave Nicholson | Wendy O'Keefe | Dennis Martin/Mike Osleger |
| 1993 | Dave Stafford | Joy Jenkin | David Bradshaw/Simon Ward |
| 1994 | Dave Stafford | Claire Simons | Alan Gore/Dave Stafford |
| 1995 | Steve Winslet | Joy Jenkin | David Bradshaw/Simon Ward |
| 1996 | Steve Winslet | Pat Stone | Steve and Chris Winslet |
| 1997 | Ron Lynch | Joy Jenkin | Steve and Chris Winslet |
| 1998 | Steve Winslet | Joy Jenkin | David Bradshaw/Clive Tilcock |
| 1999 | Ron Lynch | Claire Simons | Jim Chandler/Alan Harris |
| 2000 | Ron Lynch | Claire Simons | Steve Crossley/Clive Tilcock |
| 2001 | Russell Hillman | Cath Turner | Mike Bartlett/Liam Barton |
| 2002 | Steve Winslet | Bea Osleger | Dennis Stone/Clive Tilcock |
| 2003 | Alan Harris | Di Riddy | Claire McMenamin/Ron Lynch |
| 2004 | Ron Lynch | Mary Comb | David Bradshaw/Clive Tilcock |
| 2005 | Darren Snee | Di Riddy | Jim Chandler/Alan Gore |

DARTS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

| YEAR | DIVISION 1 | DIVISION 2 | DIVISION 3 | DIVISION 4 |
|------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1993 | Dave Stafford | Simon Ward | Pete Sims | Claire Simons |
| 1994 | Dave Stafford | Liam Barton | Gary Young | Dave Simons |
| 1995 | Gary Young | Ian Fourmy | Dave Simons | Ron Lynch |
| 1996 | Steve Winslet | Mike Bartlett | David Bradshaw | Pat Stone |
| 1997 | Steve Winslet | Ron Lynch | Pete Sims | Joy Jenkin |
| 1998 | Steve Winslet | David Bradshaw | Jim Chandler | Chris Fourmy |
| 1999 | Steve Winslet | Jim Chandler | Alan Harris | Malcolm Peck |
| 2000 | Ron Lynch | Mike Mullany | Claire Simons | Russell Hillman |
| 2001 | Clive Tilcock | Alan Harris | Chris Fourmy | Linda Smart |
| 2002 | Clive Tilcock | Chris Fourmy | Russell Hillman | Pat Stone |
| 2003 | Clive Tilcock | Simon Ward | Linda Smart | Dennis Stone |
| 2004 | Ron Lynch | Mike Mullany | Jenny Mullany | Graham Morgan |
| 2005 | Clive Tilcock | Ian Fourmy | Graham Morgan | Stuart Iles |
| 2006 | Ron Lynch | Graham Morgan | Stuart Iles | Steve Cowley |

DTC WINTER LEAGUE

Keeping tennis alive throughout the year



Probably the most generally popular of all the tennis activities within the Club is its own winter league, which takes place, on a Sunday, every fortnight between the beginning of October, and the end of March.

Not only does it help to keep the Club alive during the winter months but also for the majority of the participants provides the only regular competitive tennis they can partake in.

The format is based on four players constituting a 'division' each playing nine games with the other three players in turn. At the end of the session the player with

the most games won moves up to the next band in the following session whilst the bottom placed player drops down a band.

This ensures that everybody eventually reaches their own level - and tries to stay there or improve!

It commenced from small beginnings many years ago, certainly according to the records in 1972, long before practically all the current membership had joined the Club. As a three-court club the original version consisted of three divisions at 9.30, three at 11.30 and perhaps the odd one or two divisions at 2.00.

NEW COURTS

The addition of two new courts in 1987 suddenly heralded an increase in the size of the winter league to the point where during the winter of 1989-90 at least eighteen divisions involving 72 players, occasionally rising to 19 with 76 players, were regularly turning out every two weeks. The arrival of the hard court gave further capacity but was abandoned after a few years as it became dangerous to play on during the winter months. However with the new clay court in place the winter league can now revert to six divisions in each session - 9.15, 11.00, 12.30 and 2.00 - giving a potential of 24 divisions and 96 players - a figure that has never actually yet been reached.

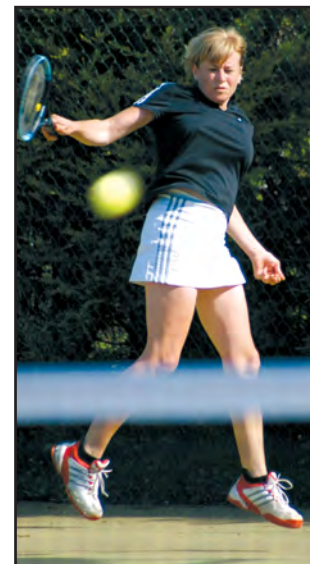
During the winter of 1989-90 a local 'tennis' cup, the Nancy Tibbett Cup, was presented by the Tibbett family to the Club for competition. The Tibbetts are an old established Dunstable family some of whom were the founders of Index Publishers (later Index Printers) before the Second

World War and this trophy was given to the Index Sports and Social Club for competition as the Index Printers tennis singles cup.

Index was eventually taken over and became known as Ben Johnson Limited and was then closed down completely at the end of 1989. The Cup was presented to the Tennis Club and, in fact, two of the current members already had their name engraved on it from those days!

THE TROPHY ARRIVES

On receiving the trophy the Club decided to use it in connection with the winter league which, although always very competitive, had no trophy or format for competition. In order to give all competitors a chance regardless of standard a points system was devised which encourages players to



donated to be awarded to the highest placed lady within the winter league. In the fifteen years it has been competed for it has been won by twelve different ladies. With promotion and relegation involved it has proved to be an extremely popular activity with players thinking twice before 'not being available' for any reason as it can be difficult at times to get back in to the place where they went out!

For those who prefer less competitive organised tennis in the winter then there are also sessions arranged on the alternate Saturdays which fall in between the winter league Sunday dates.

perform well within their own standard and to attend regularly. With so many players taking part it can claim to be the most difficult trophy to win in the Club. Two years later a trophy was

The juniors have their own version of the winter league, which has been running since 1989-90 and likewise have a trophy for the highest placed girl. Below are all the winners:

NANCY TIBBETT CUP

WINTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1989 - 2006

| | WINNER | HIGHEST LADY | JNR WINTER LEAGUE | HIGHEST GIRL/*BOY |
|---------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| To 1989 | No trophies | - | - | - |
| 1989-90 | Bill Barlow | - | Patrick Ford | - |
| 1990-91 | John O'Keefe | - | Patrick Ford | - |
| 1991-92 | Danny Clare | Lynda Gore | Richard Hull | - |
| 1992-93 | Danny Clare | Lynda Gore | K Lander | - |
| 1993-94 | Nigel Magee | Jill Osleger | Lee Cain | S Hobbs |
| 1994-95 | Chris Winslet | Jane Sutton | No comp | No comp |
| 1995-96 | Alan Nicholl | Chris Green | No comp | No comp |
| 1996-97 | Bill Barlow | Liz Benali | Russell Hillman | Anna Magee |
| 1997-98 | Chris Winslet | Jenny Mullany | Mark O'Keefe | Katy Ward |
| 1998-99 | Chris Winslet | Bea Osleger | Andrew Ingram | Natale Beckles |
| 1999-00 | Vinnie Fildes | Jacqui Crossley | Andrew Ingram | Sophie Barden |
| 2000-01 | Nick Boys | Jenny Wright | No comp | No comp |
| 2001-02 | Chris Winslet | Jacqui Crossley | Jordan Christmas | *(Matt Smith) |
| 2002-03 | Nick Boys | Katy Ward | Tim Strange | Evelyn Seeley |
| 2003-04 | Leon Leenders | Jacqui Crossley | Ben Ward | Lauren Christmas |
| 2004-05 | Jeremy Tatham | Anne Stapleton | Lee Holden | Jordan Christmas |
| 2005-06 | Graham Winslet | Jordan Christmas | Lee Holden | Jordan Christmas |

Contact

Newsletter of the
Dunstable Tennis Club
Editor: Graham Morgan

Members are kept in regular touch with what is happening in and around the Club by its own monthly newsletter entitled Contact which maintains a constant flow of results, news, activities, committee decisions, personal items and forthcoming events. It can be found either the 'old fashioned' way as a news sheet in the box by the kitchen or can be accessed by e-mail or Internet.

COACHING

Nick Boys, of Elite Management, is the appointed head coach for Dunstable Tennis Club. He will be working with other DCA qualified coaches to deliver a range of programmes and individual sessions during which they will be covering all levels of coaching.

Nick has been involved at Dunstable Tennis Club since the age of 14 when he took up tennis. He has represented the county at all levels and his country in the Dubai World Tennis Cup.

His tennis knowledge was fine tuned at the famed Bollettieri Tennis Academy where he worked with complete beginners to Davis Cup players and ITF world ranked players. He is DCA and USPTA trained and looks forward to helping the club move forward and finding the stars of the future. Nick also holds a current LTA license.

To book individual or group lessons, please contact Nick Boys through the club.



FINANCES

In the period 1996-2004, the only significant project undertaken or necessary was the flood lighting on courts 1 and 2, allowing significant reserves to be built up. Although plans were developed to replace the clubhouse, the deterioration of the court surfaces and fencing required significant reinvestment in the club infrastructure and any plans to replace the clubhouse have been postponed, possibly indefinitely.

Completion of the new lease in 2005 provided the security of tenure to proceed with improvement works during the current and preceding financial year that have depleted club reserves to a large degree but made the club more attractive as a playing venue. The improvements have included: Replacing the worn out surface of courts 1, 2 and 3. Improving the drainage behind courts 1, 2 and 3. Replacing all the internal fences. Replacing the external fence that was in such a poor condition, the club had no real security. Moving and replacing court 6 with a Claytex surface, adding floodlighting. Removal of the practice wall as part of court 6 redevelopment, adding a Kidzone with two mini tennis courts.

Running costs are typically around £15,000 each year in the following areas:

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Heat, light, water | £1,500 |
| Telephone | £400 |
| Insurance | £1,300 |
| Rent | £1,150 |
| Building maintenance | £2,000 |
| Court maintenance | £600 |
| Grounds maintenance | £500 |
| Coaching | £2,300 |
| Junior equipment | £750 |
| Tennis balls | £1,500 |
| LTA affiliation | £1,600 |
| League fees | £500 |
| Trophies | £500 |
| Miscellaneous | £200 |

The club's income is mainly from subscriptions and profit from the bar, and typically around £25k:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Subscriptions | £16,500 |
| Match fees | £1,000 |
| Floodlights | £500 |
| Bar profit | £ 6,500 |
| Social events | £200 |
| Miscellaneous | £200 |

When the treasurer and committee plan use of the club's income and accumulated reserves, it is important to make provision for future renewal of any capital asset e.g. a court playing surface or floodlights. A typical lifespan for a court surface may be 10 years so a club should 'reserve' one tenth of the capital cost of the court over that ten-year period so that funds are available for renewal.

If sufficient reserves are not available when needed, the club either has to borrow the money needed or wait until it is affordable. The cost of membership subscription has to be high enough to keep the club viable but not put people off joining.

Surplus income is not profit as it is allocated to reserves, a proportion of which may be ring-fenced for specific purposes as a sinking fund. The capital items that will be subject to depreciation within the next 10 years and for which reserves will be maintained are mainly for resurfacing.

In the normal course of events, courts 1, 2, 3 and 6 will not need to be replaced until at least 2015. Courts 4 and 5, however, are now in their 11th year and will need to be replaced in 2008-2010 depending on how quickly they deteriorate. The development works in 2005-6 have 'borrowed' from the reserves set aside for resurfacing courts 4 and 5 so it will be necessary to replace these reserves in the next 2 years. The amount needed to be put into reserves for resurfacing alone is approx £7,500 each year.

Now the playing and other infrastructure is complete, the next target for improvement is the clubhouse. The committee expect to be able to refurbish the kitchen by the end of 2006, and then the ladies' changing area in 2007. A small increase in subs may be necessary to ensure we have the reserves and can fund these improvements.

In general it should be noted that, as a social club run purely by volunteers, the emphasis is always on using the resources of the members where possible to avoid the higher cost of employing outside professional help. If all members helped out, whether for minor maintenance or for more substantial projects, subscription rates will stay reasonable and facilities will continue to improve.

COURT BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Winter 2006 / Spring 2007

PRIORITY USE OF COURTS

Club coaching staff have priority use:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9.00am to 6.30pm:

any 2 courts

TUESDAYS

6.30pm to 9.30pm:

court 6 only

WEDNESDAY

6.30pm to 9.30pm

court 6 only

THURSDAY

6.30pm to 9.30pm

court 6 or, if two needed, 4&5

FRIDAY

6.30pm to 9.30pm

court 6 only

WEEKEND COACHING USE

Junior play takes priority on Saturday mornings (to 1pm). Winter League takes all courts on alternate Sundays the whole day.

Social play takes priority on non-winter league Sunday mornings (to 1pm).

Generally, there is no contention for court usage outside of this usage but please check booking sheets for availability.

Matches

Courts 1 & 2 may be in use for Beds and South Beds matches on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If there is no match (check match schedule on the wall and booking sheets), the courts can be booked.

Social Play

All except one floodlit courts are reserved for social play on Wednesday and Friday evenings between 6.30 and 9.30 pm (see note above for coaching on Wednesdays and Fridays). On alternate Sundays, priority use for social play on courts 1 - 5.

Winter leagues

All courts are used for winter league every other Sunday between October and March - check booking sheets for court availability. Courts are also reserved for the fortnightly Saturday winter league - check booking sheets.

Tournaments, etc.

Occasionally the committee will authorise use of courts by schools or other tournaments. Such use takes priority over normal book-

ing arrangements - check booking sheets.

General court booking The court booking sheets must be used to reserve courts (subject to priority use as above). Courts can be booked up to two weeks in advance. If coaches have not reserved courts for the Tuesday or Thursday by Monday of the same week, members can assume that the courts are available. If you no longer need to use a court that has already been booked, please erase the booking so others can use the court.

FLOODLIGHTS

The floodlight payment system is operated on trust. Cost of lights £1 per 30 minutes. Payment for floodlights must be put in the red cashbox in the bar on the night of play or as soon as access to the bar is possible. Floodlights must not be used at weekends other than with the permission of the committee because of planning and use restrictions.



DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB

Revised Constitution 2005

1. NAMES AND OBJECTS

The Club, founded in 1966, shall be named the Dunstable Tennis Club and shall have for its objects the provision of lawn tennis, social and other activities for its Members.

2. CONSTITUTION

The club is constituted by these rules as a non-profit making Member's Club. In no circumstances during the continuance of the Club nor at nor after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any Member or other person nor to any organisation that is not itself either constituted as non-profit making or a charity.

3. AFFILIATION

The Club shall seek affiliation to the Lawn Tennis Association through the appropriate County Lawn Tennis Association and shall adopt and conform to the Rules of these organisations in so far as they apply.

4. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES

There shall be the following Classes of Member at the rates of subscription shown:

| Type of member | Annual Subscription |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Senior | £000 |
| Senior Citizen | £000 |
| Country | £000 |
| Off-peak | £000 |
| Intermediate | (See Notice Board for current rates) |
| Junior | £000 |
| Junior Beginner | £000 |
| Social | £000 |

Notes to the Subscription Scale

- For every full Playing Member aged 18 or over, the subscription is deemed to include the "Player's contribution" which the Club passes to the Lawn Tennis Association.
- In the event of the club being liable for Value Added (or any other) Tax on Members' subscriptions, the figures shown above shall be inclusive thereof.
- The subscription year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
- A Member whose subscription is not paid by the due date will not be entitled to the privileges of membership until he has paid, and if not paid by 1st May they will cease to be a Member (and any re-election shall then be subject to the normal procedure).
- The subscription and entrance fee if applicable of a new Member shall be due on notification of election or within 14 days. Alternatively it may be paid with the membership application, in which case (i) it will be repaid if election to membership does not take place, (ii) at the discretion of a Committee Member, the candidate may be allowed to use the Club pending the Committee's consideration of their application.
- The Committee may at their discretion accept a proportionately reduced or discounted subscription in the following circumstances:
 - for new membership applications made after August, October or December.
 - for new membership applications made as part of a promotional event such as an LTA Play Tennis day
- The Committee may make a refund to a Member who becomes unable to use the club for a substantial part of the year on account of injury, illness, or departure from the district. The amount and timing of the refund is at the discretion of the Committee.
- The Committee will propose a resolution to the annual general meeting on annual subscription rates to apply for each class of membership together with discounts to apply for multiple application membership from members of a family in the same permanent principle residence, from a family unit, and for payment of renewal subscriptions to an Officer of the Club before 1st April. At least two thirds of those present must vote in favour of any revised subscription rate.
- The Committee will set the conditions for eligibility for any discounted membership category i.e. not a full senior Member, and display these on the Notice Board.

5. ACCOUNTANCY YEAR

Except for the purposes of subscriptions (see Rule 4 note c), the Club's Financial Year shall run from 1st January to 31st December and the accounts submitted to the Annual General Meeting shall be prepared accordingly.

6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Honorary Membership (other than temporary in accordance with Rule 10), including Honorary Life Membership, shall be strictly limited and at the discretion of the Committee, by way of reward for special services to the Club.

7. RESIGNATION AND TRANSFER BETWEEN CLASSES

A Member who wishes to withdraw from membership or to transfer to a Class at a lower rate of subscription shall notify the Honorary Secretary by 31st March in writing and otherwise shall be liable for the full subscription.

8. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

The Committee shall have power to terminate or suspend the membership of any Member or to exclude any Member or visitor whom it considers guilty of a breach of these Rules or of misconduct or offensive behaviour to any other Member, Visitor or Employee whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere.

9. INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY, ETC.

Members or Visitors leaving unattended vehicles, rackets, clothing or other property at the Club do so at their own risk and the Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.

10. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Visitors may be introduced by the Honorary Secretary or other Member. Before a Visitor plays, the Member introducing him must make an appropriate entry in the Visitor's Book and shall pay the fee set by the Committee (see Notice Board).

A Non-Playing Member may play, at the same fee as a Visitor, but neither a Visitor nor a Non-Playing Member may play more than five times in any year except with the special permission of the Committee.

Each member of a visiting match team shall be an Honorary Member for the day and every competitor in a tournament at the Club (and in the case of a competitor under age 18, his parent or guardian) shall be an Honorary Member for the period of the tournament.

Temporary Members, not permanently resident nor working within twenty-five miles of the Club, may be admitted at the discretion of the Honorary Secretary and one other Committee Member for a period not exceeding one calendar month.

11. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Club shall be in the entire control of a Committee of a minimum of six Members in addition to the Officers, (who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee), and shall be Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Match Secretary (but if more than one of these offices is held by a single person, no extra Committee vacancy shall be thereby created). All shall be elected for the year at the Annual General Meeting except that the elected Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy.

The Committee shall elect Members in accordance with Rule 6 and shall from time to time make and revise the Club's Regulations and shall have the power to decide any matter unprovided for by these Rules and the current Regulations. They shall meet at least four times in any year and additionally as circumstances may require. The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be five (including two officers) and in the event of equality of voting, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The Committee may delegate any part of its duties (except the election of Members) to one or more sub-committees which may be composed of any Members of the Club, but any sub-committee to control a bar supplying intoxicating liquor shall be appointed in accordance with the Licensing requirements.

12. GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year between 15th February and 31st March inclusive.

The Committee shall call an Exceptional General Meeting at their discretion or within one month of receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members or if the total membership is less than

one-hundred, by one-fifth of the Members, stating the business proposed to be transacted.

Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting must send a copy thereof to the Honorary Secretary fourteen days before the meeting, so that provision may be made on the Agenda. The Honorary Secretary shall send to every Member (other than Temporary Members) at least seven days' notice of any general meeting together with a copy of the agenda.

At any general meeting, the quorum shall be twenty Members entitled to vote.

A Social Member may attend and speak at any general meeting but is not entitled to vote on resolutions.

13. RULE AND REGULATIONS

A copy of these Rules and of the Regulations made by the Committee under Rule 11 shall be prominently displayed at all times on the Club notice board and all Members shall be deemed conversant therewith. The Rules shall not be altered except at a general meeting after due notice, and then only provided that two-thirds of those present and voting are in favour.

14. DISSOLUTION

The Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a general meeting after due notice, by at least two-thirds of those present and voting. Such a meeting shall appoint a committee to wind up the affairs of the Club and shall give general directions as to the disposal of any assets within the scope of Rule 2.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

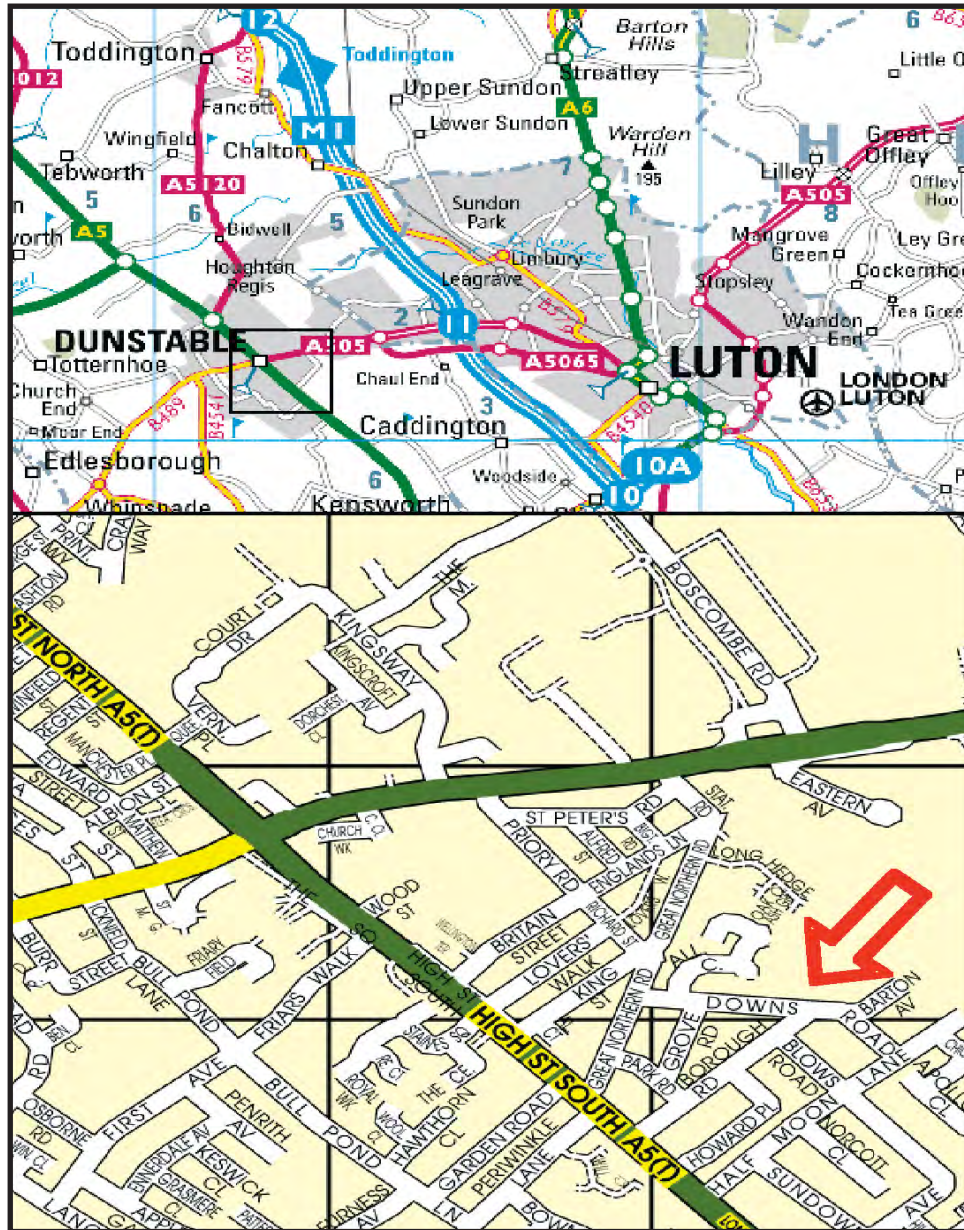
The Committee may from time to time make, vary and revoke bye-laws (not inconsistent with the Rules of the Club) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of Members. These bye-laws for the time being in force shall be binding on all Members. The attention of each Member is drawn to the bye-laws and regulations displayed which generally embrace the following:

- Opening hours of courts, clubhouse and bar.
- Power of Committee to close courts to Members, for maintenance, coaching or for special reasons such as hire to local schools or other outside bodies.
- Procedure for reserving courts, or alternatively the prohibition of reserving courts. In framing this regulation, the needs of club matches, club tournaments, and players taking part in outside competitions where one player has to provide a court, should be borne in mind.
- Procedure for making up games, "club days", and the relinquishment of courts when others are waiting.
- Any restrictions on particular classes of members.
- Procedure for drawing, safeguarding, and returning balls.
- Dress e.g. that "recognised coloured tennis clothing may be worn". Shoes to be worn on court must have non-marking rubber soles and without raised heels, spikes, studs or cleats.
- Any restrictions on the admission of children, dogs, bicycles, or perambulators to the ground, pavilion, bar, changing rooms, or to specified areas of these.
- Any requirements of the "last to leave", e.g. lowering of nets, putting away of balls, switching off lights and heating, and checking water taps are turned off, locking up pavilion or ground.
- Conditions for eligibility to discounted membership categories and entry to tournaments or competitions held at the Club.

CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS 1995-2006

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| 1995 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: League Knockout Cup winners 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'A' – Mixed Division 1 'B' – Men's Division 2 'D' – Men's Division 3 | 2000 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'B' – Ladies' Division 2 'A' – Mixed Division 1 'C' – Mixed Division 1 |
| 1995-6 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER INDOOR: 'A' – Men's Division A 'B' – Men's Division B 'A' – Mixed Division A | 2000-1 | SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 |
| 1996 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 'A' – Mixed Division 1 'C' – Ladies' Division 3 | 2001 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: League Knockout Cup winners, 'A' – Men's Division 1 'E' – Men's Division 4 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'C' – Ladies' Division 3 'A' – Mixed Division 1 'B' – Mixed Division 2 |
| 1996-7 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER INDOOR: Men's Division, Ladies' Division SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 | 2001-2 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE: Men's Division 1, Ladies' Division 2 SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 'B' – Men's Division 2 Ladies' Division 1, Mixed Division 1 |
| 1997 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'A' – Mixed Division 1 'C' – Mixed Division 2 | 2002 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 |
| 1997-8 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE: Mixed Division 1 COUNTY WINTER INDOOR: Ladies' Division SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 'B' – Men's Division 2 | 2002-3 | SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 |
| 1998 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'D' – Men's Division 3 'B' – Mixed Division 2 | 2003 | BEDS FESTIVAL OF TENNIS: Seniors and Juniors SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: League Knockout Cup winners 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'A' – Mixed Division 1 |
| 1998-9 | SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 | 2003-4 | BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: Mixed Division 2 |
| 1999 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: League Knockout Cup winners, 'A' – Men's Division 1 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'A' – Mixed Division 1 | 2004 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'A' – Ladies' Division 1 'A' – Mixed Division 1 |
| 1999-00 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER INDOOR: Men's Division SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 1 Mixed Division | 2005 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'B' – Men's Division 2 'D' – Men's Division 3 |
| | | 2005-6 | BEDS COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE: Mixed Division 2 SOUTH BEDS WINTER LEAGUE: 'A' – Men's Division 2 |
| | | 2006 | SOUTH BEDS SUMMER LEAGUE: 'D' – Men's Division 3 |

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