

## **BoveyTracey Lawn Tennis Club AGM - 2026**

**30/03/2026 19:05 The chairman officially opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was in attendance.**

### **1: Apologies:**

Ryan Bougourd, Merlin Davies, Josie Debham, David McGahey & Jane Loder, Rosie Luscombe, Judy Marshall, Maggie Thompson, Alistair Grieve, Anna Whych, Jeanette Leitch, Jill Shaylor, Michelle Phillips, Linda Griesell,

### **2: Matters arising from 2025 AGM:**

Courts 1&2 resurfaced last year after 5 years as planned. 4th court to be painted tomorrow.

### **3: Election of officers**

Steve Arnold - President

Chris Laycock - Chairman

Josie Debnam - Adult rep

Dawn Presland - Membership Secretary

Merlin Davies - Treasurer

Dan Pitts – Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

Becky Heathman – Junior Rep & Safeguarding officer

Existing members are willing to stand again and Anna Wych has also agreed to join the Committee - role TBC. Proposed by Terry Nickells, seconded by Jonathan Aylett.

Chris to carry on for 1 further year to see through the 4<sup>th</sup> court project to completion but will need someone to come forward before the next AGM.

### **4: Chairman's report (Full version below in appendices):**

Highlights:

After 3 years of battling the 4th court has progressed well and will be available for play within the coming weeks. As a result of its construction the relationship with the cricket club has developed positively. Total cost all in c.£95k, part funded by c.£50k grants (inc Alms House Trust, Sport England & Teignbridge DC S106)

2025 was the most successful year for club teams in the various Divisions with numerous promotions and Ladies A winning Division 1 for the first time in the clubs history.

Teams have now grown to 7 - Katherine Mellor to captain new Ladies C team.

Another success has been Pete Brown being awarded the Anne Kelleher Trophy for good sportsmanship in recognition of his fine conduct both on and off the court in relation to his Mixed B captaincy.

Special thanks to all match captains for everything they do:

Ladies A Team Captain – Victoria Goss

Ladies B Team Captain – Alison Janzen

Ladies C Team Captain – Katherine Mellor

Mens A Team Captain – Ryan Bougourd

Mens B Team Captain – David Blanchard

Mixed A Team Captain – Jacqui Warrender  
Mixed B Team Captain – Pete Brown

The Chairman thanked all volunteers, especially Committee members and others who are working hard behind the scenes to make the club the success it is today.

**5: Treasurers Report (Full version below in appendices):**  
**[read by Chris Laycock in Merlin's Absence]**

Highlights – bank reserves have accumulated over the last few years and so with the c.£50k grants received we have managed to pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> court and still have c.£10k in the bank.

**6: Approval of subscription rates for 2026/27:**

Proposed Annual Subscription Rates 2026-2027

\*Senior Citizen (65yrs +) £150

\*Adult (18yrs +) £155

Student (16 - 18yrs) £80

Junior 1 (6 years and under on 1st April) £25

Junior 2 (12 yrs and under on 1st April) £50

Junior 3 (16 yrs and under on 1st April) £75

\*Family Membership (2 adults & 2 children 18yrs and below) £350

\*Single Parent Membership (1 adult & 2 children 18yrs and below) £220

Cardio only members £40

Proposed: Jacqui Warrender Seconded: Doug Dunn

**7: Coaches Report (Full version below in appendices):**  
**[read by Chris in Ryan's Absence]**

**8: Outlook for 4th Court:**

The Chairman mentioned 4th court to have not only tennis markings but also netball as it is a community asset. Pickleball markings likely to be added at a later date. Tweener lights to be added at low level in order to avoid complications with conservation / bats / ecology, hopefully before next winter. The court will be available for booking by the general public on Pay and Play basis, details of costs and allocations still to be decided.

Mel Kempson raised questions around increasing community usage to better benefit those who cannot afford.

**9: AOB**

Alan Walker raised the state of cleanliness of the marquee and that it could use improvement. Discussion had around ownership and responsibility – there was general agreement that it could do with a clean inside and out. To be discussed with Ryan.

Alan Walker also raised the issue of "ghost bookings" where marquee block booked out but not utilised making it not possible to be booked / used by club members. This had been a particular problem during the very wet winter. Again, to be discussed with Ryan.

## Appendices:

### 1. Chairmans Report 2025/26

Another successful year for Bovey Tracey Tennis Club comes to an end and we look forward again to some decent weather and good tennis fun and enjoyment to come over the next year.

After working on the development of the 4<sup>th</sup> court for over 3 years the greatest achievement of this past year has been the virtual completion of it! A lot of time and effort has been put into this by the Chairman, the Committee and in particular our Membership Secretary (and Chartered Architect) Dawn Presland, without whom this would not have happened.

The project has involved close coordination and cooperation with the Cricket Club (who have also completed the installation of 2 fully enclosed cricket nets) and the Town Council who have responsibility for the Recreation Ground overall and for the provision of parking in particular. Numerous issues have had to be dealt with along the way, including planning questions and the handling of objections, tree surveys, bat surveys, drainage surveys, etc. Then the site had to be excavated and levelled, with 3-400 tonnes of clay/soil removed from site. Then drainage was installed (which falls into the leat which runs alongside the Recreation Ground) before the site has been built up with rolled stone base layers and finally Courtstall came to finalise the base layers, lay the tarmac, install the net posts and outer fencing.

At the time of writing we are working on the options for lights and light screening for the bats plus how the court can be accessed on a pay and play basis by non club members. The court will be painted at some point in the spring with tennis and netball lines added and will then be open for use. The Town Council will be paying for the remainder of the ground left of the entrance road to be made into a proper all weather car park. Bike racks will also be installed at the Cricket and Tennis clubs so that members will be encouraged to cycle to the clubs.

The total costs, inc. VAT, for the 4<sup>th</sup> court are c.£30k for drainage, groundworks, etc. plus £42k for court construction plus c.£17k for lights, etc plus c.£6k for surveys, sundries, etc = c.£95k.

We have pursued grants from various sources and have secured c.£24k from the Tracey Alms House Trust, c.£12k from Sport England and c.£14k from Teignbridge DC Section 106 fund = c.£50k. We hope to be able to get some funding for the lights once we know exactly what we are doing with these but without this we will have to pay for the remainder out of club funds. Fortunately we have managed to accumulate sufficient funds to be able to do this over the last few years whilst this project has been progressing.

Away from all this the club teams in the leagues have continued to perform exceptionally well. Please see the Captains reports for all the details but just a special mention for the Ladies A team which won Division 1 in the Exeter District Summer League – a first for

Bovey Tracey Tennis Club! Thanks to all the match Captains who put in the effort to organise the teams and the fixtures plus thanks to everyone who represents the club in these matches.

Adult membership numbers held up well last year but Junior numbers are down a little as this programme goes through a reset and we are hopeful that with the excellent coaching team numbers will grow again as the year progresses.

Thanks to all the Committee members, the Social Committee and everyone else who contributes to making our club a great club to be part of!

Chris Laycock, Chairman, BTLTC

## **2 Captains Reports**

### **Ladies A - Victoria Goss**

Another successful ladies summer season managing to win the 1st Div by 3 points totalling 87 points for 12 matches. This was done by not losing a match and drawing just the one with the other close competitors David Lloyd.

Some excellent competitive tennis enjoyed by all.

The winter league is going well so far but the worst in the last ten years for rain and rearranging matches. At the time of writing won 7 and drawn one averaging 7 points a match. needing 4 points out of the last two matches to secure the top position .

A very strong position after some challenging winter conditions demonstrates the resilience and dedication of the ladies who have played.

Bovey Ladies A team 2025 have been supported by a high standard of ladies players with a full range of ages from 17 to 60 plus. Strong competitive team spirit and committed players has resulted in continued success to top div 1.

### **Ladies B - Alison Janzen**

A very enjoyable year of great tennis.

In the Summer league '25 we won 11 of our 12 matches and were pipped to 1st place in division 4 by 1 point! Still, promoted to division 3 for Summer '26. Winter season going well with one match left to play. Won 5 of our 9 matches and with 51 points so far we reckon a win of our final match should get us 2nd place.

### **Mixed A - Jacqui Warrender**

Summer

East Devon Division 4:

The Mixed A team had another very successful season, finishing in top position, losing only 1 match (David Lloyd away) and dropping only 12 points throughout the season.

This is the 3rd consecutive year we have earned promotion.

We are all looking forward to playing in Division 3 in the 2026 summer season.

Team members were:

Ladies: Jacqui, Victoria, Josie, Nat, Anna, Rachel and Alison Janzen.

Men: Dan Pitts, Merlin Jason, David Blanchard, Josh and Will .

Winter

East Devon Division 3:

We were demoted to Division 3 this season (last year we were asked to accept an early promotion to Division 2).

We are definitely finding the matches less challenging this winter. There have been good, competitive games but so far as at 6 th February, with only 3 matches to play, we haven't lost a match and dropped only 3 points and are at the top of the league. It is a bit early to say but promotion back to Division 2 is a real possibility. Ladies: Jacqui, Victoria, Catherine, Anna, Rachel and Alison Janzen. Men: Dan Pitts, Josh, David Blanchard, Merlin, Joe and Pete

Thank you again to all for being such a great team.

It's always a pleasure. We have a fab Club and some great players.

### **Mixed B - Pete Brown**

Summer:

East Devon Division 5:

The mixed B team played 12 matches over the summer season winning 11 and losing 1 match. We gained promotions as champions of the division and only dropped 10 points.

This was particularly impressive as we had a large squad who played. The playing team was;

Ladies: Jane, Anna, Michelle, Sam, Rachael, Becky, Katie and Vicky.

Men: Joe, Terry, Andy, Oliver, Pete, Matt, Jamie, Chris, Dan K and Ian.

Winter:

East Devon Division 4:

So far the mixed B team have played 7 of their 8 fixtures (unfortunately a team dropped out of our league). We have won 3, drawn 1 and lost 3. Which at the moment places us in the middle of the division. Again we have been able to play a lot of players over the 8 games.

The playing teams were;

Ladies: Rachael, Katie, Sam, Anna, Michelle, Brenda, Debbie and Vicky.

Men: Chris, Jamie, Dan K, Pete, Matt, Ian, Andy and Terry.

The mixed B squad has a great atmosphere and allows a good numbers of players to play competitive matches at the club. Which is a great asset to a club that wants to be inclusive and build a broad player base. They are a brilliant team, who it is a pleasure to captain

### **Mens A – Ryan Bougord/Merlin Davies**

First season in Division 1 meant a real challenge for summer tennis. However, our superb squad managed a third place finish, proving the hard work over the past few years to climb the divisions was worth it. It shows that across our club we have excellent strength in depth to compete at the top.

## **Mens B - David Blanchard**

### Winter

Exeter and District Men's winter league elected to have 2 divisions rather than 3 meaning that Bovey A narrowly sneaked into Winter A division so it was always going to be tough with the mainstay of our team coming from Division 3 Summer league. The thwack of damp heavy tennis balls against tight strings under misty floodlights is all too familiar!

However, amongst amber rain warnings, flooding and storms we have had a great season!

Highlights being Joe, Josh, Dan and Merlin home win v Exwick A and Merlin and Joe, Josh and Andy beating Exwick at home, two draws and some great matches where the opponents have been a tad too strong.

We have more to play for with a few postponed matches still to be played, big thanks to super subs Andy, Pete and Jamie and the regulars. Hope we can get Sunday practice going again as the days are getting lighter.

### Summer

Newly promoted to Men's Division 3 Bovey Bs had a fine Summer season with a rich variety of players and styles on show. Our season started with a very respectable draw against Willand A, the eventual league winners. However, our next match away against Lympstone we suffered a whitewash, down to being rusty and minor injury, but from then onwards once we settled into regular Sunday practice all our matches were tight and hotly contested. They were also always played in the right spirit and we enjoyed good matches with friendly opponents it was a good division to be part of. Josh and Joe were ever consistent for Bs, Joe reliable and sweet timing, Josh with his fearsome forehand drive and delicate drop shot, Dan P, Will, JP, Peter B, Neil and I made up the rest. Not forgetting the impressive Juniors Josh B and Ned who brought quality and balance to the team and will hopefully feature again this Summer. Before the last game of the season we were lying in 3<sup>rd</sup> place but with no chance of promotion our Season ended with a few celebratory Beers in the Bell having stayed in Division 3, there will be plenty of competition for places in the Bs this Summer, bring on the Sunshine

### 3 Treasurer's Report

BTLTC Accounts Dec 2025			BTLTC Accounts Dec 2024		
<b>Subscriptions</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>Subscriptions</b>		<b>Totals</b>
Membership	£16,453.50	<b>£16,453.50</b>	Membership	£18,006.50	<b>£18,006.50</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			<b>Other Income</b>		
Visitors Fees	£85.00		Visitors Fees	£15.00	
Match Fees	£544.00		Match Fees	£1,000.00	
DPFA refund	£15.00		DPFA refund	£15.00	
Advertising	£2,250.00		Advertising	£2,350.00	
Grants	£11,609.00		Grants	£0.00	
Donations	£0.00		Donations	£0.00	
Easy Fund Raising	£84.41		Easy Fund Raising	£122.36	
Sundry	£0.00		Sundry	£300.00	
Recycled Tennis Balls	£72.60		Recycled Tennis Balls	£119.91	
Bank Interest	£223.24		Bank Interest	£242.64	
Electricity Rebate	£0.00		Electricity Rebate	£453.00	
4th Court Cricket Club recharge	£1,042.50		4th Court Cricket Club recharge	£1,761.00	
		<b>£15,925.75</b>			<b>£6,378.91</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ 32,379.25</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ 24,385.41</b>
<b>Annual or monthly payments</b>			<b>Annual or monthly payments</b>		
NPFA	£1.05		NPFA	£1.05	
DPFA	£15.00		DPFA	£15.00	
LTA Registration	£435.00		Devon LTA Registration	£825.00	
Insurance	£1,716.46		Insurance	£1,646.65	
Water Rates	£848.00		Water Rates	£451.90	
Waste collection (Devon Contract)	£456.95		Waste collection (Devon Contract)	£483.34	
Electricity	£1,455.65		Electricity	£1,621.75	
League Subs	£27.49		League Subs	£45.00	
Toilets - Sanitary bin collection	£97.79		Toilets - Sanitary bin collection	£92.26	
Club House Cleaner	£633.84		Club House Cleaner	£931.20	
		<b>£5,687.23</b>			<b>£6,113.15</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>			<b>Maintenance</b>		
Fire extinguisher checks	£39.00		Fire extinguisher checks	39.00	
Signs - updates to Honours Board	£74.40		Signs - updates to Honours Board	£102.00	
Grounds Maintenance	£1,413.23		Grounds Maintenance	£193.78	
Health, Safety and Security	£0.00		Health, Safety and Security	£1,167.94	
Electrics - PAT testing, emergency lighting	£390.00		Electrics - PAT testing, emergency lighting	£312.00	
Fire Sign replacement/security signs	£0.00		Fire Sign replacement/security signs	£37.77	
Bovey Town Council Rent	£10.00		Bovey Town Council Rent	£10.00	
New shelving unit	£128.83		Gate Repair - new bar etc	£92	
Shower room repairs	£0.00		Shower room repairs	£162	
		<b>£2,055.46</b>			<b>£2,116.49</b>
<b>Other</b>			<b>Other</b>		
Young player funding	£0.00		Young player funding	£0.00	
Membership Refunds	£60.00		Membership Refunds	£230.00	
4th Court Development	£56,842.40		4th Court Development	£1,658.50	
LTA Loan Repayment	£1,000.00		LTA Loan Repayment	£1,000.00	
Clubhouse plumbed in water filter	£129.00		Face painting for kids tennis day + Family fun day	£0.00	
Trophies	£165.00		Trophies	£247.85	
Tennis Equipment	£0.00		Tennis Equipment	£0.00	
Tennis Balls	£625.60		Tennis Balls	£765.48	
Coach Retainer	£2,500.00		Coach Retainer	£2,500.00	
DBS check	£0.00		DBS check	£70.00	
Sundry	£154.83		Sundry	£528.27	
Business account fees	£92.25				
		<b>£61,569.08</b>			<b>£7,000.10</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>£69,311.77</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>£15,229.74</b>
<b>Cashflow Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>-£36,932.52</b>	<b>Cashflow Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>£ 9,155.67</b>
<b>Reserves at Bank (Net of Liabilities)</b>		<b>£10,221.41</b>	<b>Reserves at Bank (Net of Liabilities)</b>		<b>£46,153.93</b>

#### 4 Coaches Summary

- Massive apologies for not making it tonight this is the first agm i have missed in 17 years at the club.
- Thank Everyone for attending and committee for their continued support and hard work, also the social committee for the excellent events.
- A huge thanks to Chris for being a massive driving force for the 4th court which i hear is being painted tomorrow which is great news.
- I would also like to thanks Lesley and Merlin who have been amazing again this year in keeping the programme running 6 days a week.
- I would like to wish Dan all the best for future as he has decided to move on.
- Coaching programme is at the start of a small rebuild which will start in September , bringing in some young academy players to start competing and to represent the club at all levels once again.
- Academy is going well as normal , many players competing for Devon and in Regional to national grade tournaments. 4 players representing Devon this year soon to be 5, Heidi Longbottom , Jacob Blackler Rose , Ethan Hancock , Jaxon O'Connor , Ruby Watson.
- Jaxon has made it through all the regional camp sessions and made some great progressions so i look forward to seeing his development over the next few years.
- Well done to the ladies A for winning the summer and the winter league , the men's a finished a respectful 3rd after being top and 2nd for most of the year.
- It's great to introduce a ladies 3rd team for the summer , this shows great depth in the club.
- Mixed and ladies and men's b teams are all very healthy with players so the future looks very bright.
- Please remember to sign up for the club tournament , its pick your own partners for the doubles so i look forward to the doubles , more singles players please .