

## Strensall & Towthorpe LTC



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### Chairman's report

Welcome everyone, to our 2021 AGM.

The past year has been difficult for everyone, most certainly away from the tennis courts, but thankfully now, it looks like we will slowly start getting back to how things were, or as close to that as possible.

For the club, it was a very quiet year. We were locked down just before the start of the new season in April, not knowing how things would unfold as the months progressed.

As a result, we took the step to drastically alter our membership program, renewing existing 2019 members for free in 2020, and significantly reducing pricing for new members, with the hope of increasing member numbers, and capitalising on the fact that tennis was gladly one of the first things to resume once the main restrictions of the first lockdown were lifted.

We enjoyed a very good influx of new members, for both adults and juniors, and we saw good court utilisation over the summer months, being able to track this using the newly implemented booking system via the website and mobile app.

I hope this membership base will continue, and hopefully grow further as the 2021 season begins in a few weeks' time.

While we still do not know the full picture ahead, I am happy that tennis can resume, and we re-open with an exciting new website, and coaching partnership with Ben Orton of ABC Tennis. Having seen Ben's plans for the year, he has a lot to offer the club and our members with various coaching opportunities, something we have lacked in recent years. This begins with an Easter holiday camp for juniors on 5<sup>th</sup> April. I encourage everyone at the club to help us get the word out, either liking and sharing our social media posts, or by word of mouth if you know someone who you think would be interested.

We look forward to the hopeful resumption of competitive tennis later in the year, with the recent news that the York leagues will not begin until after 21<sup>st</sup> June, something we were hoping would start at the usual time of end of April.

For now, though, it will be great to just be back on the courts, and I am sure we will be able to put some activities in place for our members through club tournaments and ladders, with social events to follow, depending on government COVID guidelines.