

# Banbury Tennis Leagues

Secretary's Report

27th February 2024

Dear Members and Club Representatives

Thank you everyone for attending our AGM

Another year is behind us and what a busy year it was!

In our Summer league we have played 146 very competitive matches across 4 divisions plus we are currently playing another 174 matches in our Floodlit and the Winter leagues. That is 320 matches a year!

I would like to congratulate our 2023 Champions and runners-up:

- Byfield A won Div1 Summer League with Banbury finishing second.
- BWE A won Div2 without losing a match (!), Harbury finished second.
- Byfield C won Div3 with BWE B runners-up.
- Tysoe A won Div4 with Banbury B finishing second.

Other notable things which happened since the last AGM include:

Further Playwaze update driven by our feedback allowed for the new layout of scorecards. I have received some positive feedback on these from the captains.

I updated banburytennisleagues.com underlying CRM to Joomla 4 and also requested our hosting company IONOS to upgrade their server's MySQL version to allow a further upgrade to Joomla 5 before October 2025.

I have finished (provisionally) an almost 2 years work (on and off) on a BTL Fixtures Generator which is here to replace manual scheduling but entering fixtures into Playwaze will remain manual for the time being.

As discussed last year we have an obvious problem with the Summer Weekend leagues.

Every year only Byfield and may be only one or two other clubs entering.

For summer 2024 only two clubs - Byfield and Hook Norton entered 1 team each in the mixed.

Only Byfield entered a mens team.

And again only Byfield entered a ladies team.

My understanding is that the clubs prefer to play in other summer weekend leagues like Oxfordshire Babolat, Northants etc. so there is no real demand for the BTL weekend leagues in the summer.

There is simply not enough interest from the clubs so probably it makes sense for me to even stop sending the entry forms for these.

Fingers crossed for a long and warm summer of tennis!

Best Regards



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