

**Notification of Hatton Sports Club AGM
Friday 25th March 2011 at 7pm in the Clubhouse**

The Committee hopes you will be able to attend this year's AGM. This is your opportunity to hear how the Club is faring financially, to vote for new committee members and to discuss plans for the future. All adult members are entitled to vote at the AGM. The bar will be open and there will be nibbles afterwards. If you would like anything raised at the AGM or have any suggestions, please contact a committee member before the AGM.

As you will be aware the Committee has struggled through the past year without a formal Secretary and in the hope of attracting volunteers there is scope to split the role somewhat to make it less onerous; the President will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in helping out in some way. This role **must** be covered if the Club is to function properly and we are delighted that we have been able to persuade Liz Brown to take on at least part of the role. Formal nominations will be made at the AGM.

Subscriptions

I enclose a renewal form, showing this year's subscriptions. The committee is proposing to increase the adult sub by £5 a year. Adult members can pay in 5 instalments; if you want to use this option please complete the enclosed Standing Order form and send it to your bank in time for the first payment on 15 April. If you wish to use electronic payment transfer it is essential that a renewal form is completed, otherwise we will not be able to track your payment and record you as a fully paid up member.

Subs are due on 1 **April** (not end April and not in May, June July or whenever else takes your fancy!) Please help the volunteers who manage the Club by making your payment promptly and ensure it is accompanied by the relevant forms.

Team Captains will be required to check that players have paid their subscription before selecting them to represent the Club. Playing ineligible players will result in points being deducted by the League Secretary.

Club Development

We hope to be able to renovate tennis court one this season and Members can help us to make the decision as to the viability of the project and minimise our borrowing by paying their subs promptly. If you would like the opportunity to discuss this further, you can do so at the AGM.

Wimbledon Tickets

We expect to receive details of our allocation of Wimbledon tickets soon. These will be distributed to eligible members by means of a ballot, to be held at 7pm on 25 March. Only members who have joined British Tennis are eligible to enter to win a pair of tickets. It's a condition of entry that your 2010/11 Hatton subs are received before tickets are handed over.

Please keep an eye on the website and the notice board for further details.

British Tennis

The LTA is still offering FREE membership to British Tennis, as part of its new membership programme. **All** members, junior and senior who wish to play in League matches **must** join British Tennis, There are application forms in the clubhouse and you can join online. More details on our website or the Lawn Tennis Association site www.lta.org.uk.

Tennis Coaching

We have several qualified coaches among our members. A programme of coaching is being planned, so keep an eye on the website, or get in touch for more information. Individual coaching for adults or juniors can also be arranged.

Stay in touch

If you are not already receiving emails from the club, please let me have your email address by writing it clearly on your renewal form. You can contact Sharon at headsec@merchiston.co.uk. Email is the preferred form of communication, allowing the Club to minimise expenditure on administration.

Committee 2010/11

Mike Newton – President

Malcolm Wright - Treasurer

Carol Blamire – Membership Secretary

Ian Evans – Bar and Clubhouse Convenor

Caroline Newton – Junior Convenor

Lynn Brown – Tennis Convenor

Heather Hughes – Events Convenor

Fred Ainslie – Squash and Clubhouse Convenor

Sharon Dow – Committee Member