



# Wivenhoe Tennis Club

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## AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We have a small committee that meets throughout the year to keep the club running and find ways of improving what we offer. Once a year we have a general meeting that everyone is invited to, and this year it is on **Thursday 22 February at 7.30pm** in the **Football Clubhouse**. Do please come along and let us know your views and ideas, whether about tennis, pickleball, social events, or other things we might offer. At the meeting we will elect committee members for next year and agree subscriptions. After many years of dedicated contribution, Chris Pettman is stepping down from the committee. If you are able to replace her, please speak to one of the committee.

### Staying Safe

Our Club takes Safeguarding very seriously. The LTA monitors what we do in this regard. Our Policy and other information is on our website and we recently send all members a short survey linked to this. Please complete it if you haven't yet. Caroline is our Welfare Officer: further information is on the left and displayed in the clubhouse.



## YOUR WELFARE OFFICER

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**About Me** I am here to help you if you have any concerns about the way you or others are being treated.

Pickleball is fast becoming a very popular sport. It is quick and easy to pick up and is already played by several of our club members, one of whom managed to persuade the University to introduce a social session on a Monday morning: you may have seen this on Facebook.

During the winter Pickleball can only reasonably be played indoors but in summer it is an excellent outdoor sport. To extend what we offer at the club we have decided to have four pickleball courts marked out on one of the tennis courts. This will still allow us to use four courts for tennis – with up to 16 players – but also allow us to use three courts for tennis and four more for pickleball – potentially 28 players.

We will be providing equipment for anyone that would like to try this newish sport and will launch a club session via email after Easter. A short explanation of pickleball is [here](#).

This will be an exciting new addition to what we offer at the club and to the community. We believe we will be the first club in the area to offer Pickleball, and certainly the first with proper courts & nets. We are hoping that it will lead to local tournaments for those who would like to play it more competitively.

### Maintenance Update

Delivery of our new floodlights is expected in late March with installation soon afterwards. We are very grateful to Bacon & Associates for a donation of £500 towards this work.

We have arranged for the courts to be pressure-washed and treated for moss prior to lines being added for pickleball.

The next job is to replace the felt on the shed roof and we are hoping we can do this ourselves: if you could help please let Mark Wallington know.

We do get small jobs that need doing from time to time – if you can help with any DIY please speak to one of the committee.