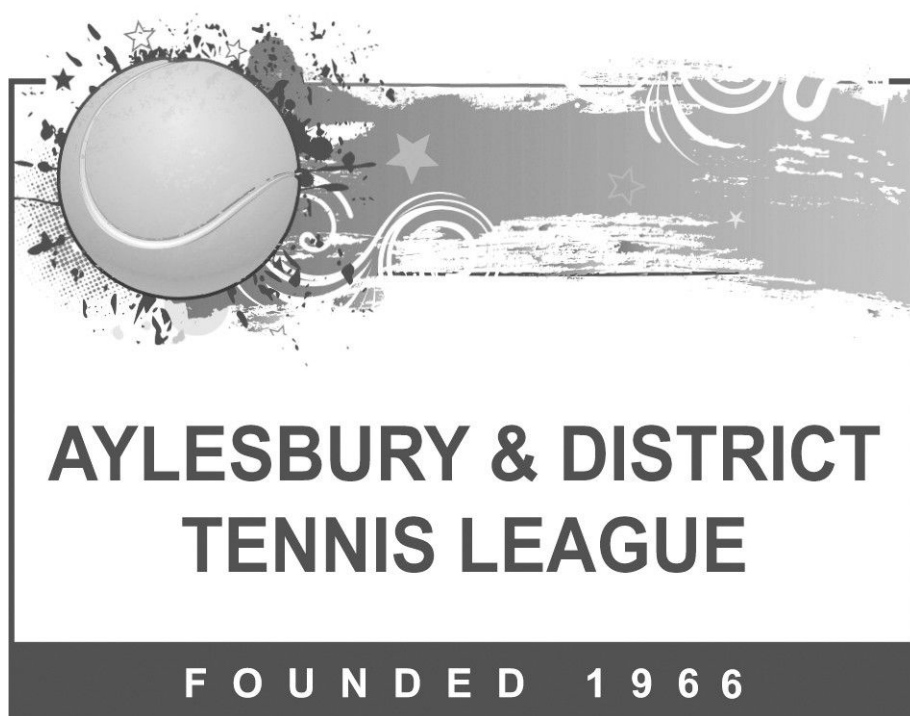


The Aylesbury and District League

**Celebrating Fifty years of Success
in local tennis**



Introduction

The story of the ADTL is one of remarkable success.

Initially started to provide midweek mixed doubles matches in the summer months for teams local to Aylesbury, it catered for 24 teams and about 100 players in its first season. Fifty years later it provides competition for around 300 teams altogether playing both on summer and winter evenings (under floodlights) and winter weekends, with players coming from four different counties.

Even more remarkable is that this has been made possible by the dedicated efforts of a relatively small number of people with the Committee comprising a maximum of half a dozen members who have stuck to the task despite setbacks over the years. Many of these have contributed considerable years of service; three have served for over 25 years and most remarkably the Chairman Keith Dewick has been on the Committee for 49 of its 50 years to date.

One of the reasons for its enduring success has been the compact nature of the matches: with two pairs playing two sets against the opposition two pairs. This is suitable in a number of ways- only two courts are needed (very appealing to smaller clubs) and not too onerous in time demands. Matches fit easily into a summer or winter evening session and either a morning or afternoon session at the weekend.

The quirky scoring system with sets played to a maximum of twelve games that was introduced after the first few years has often been debated but never changed.

This history is based on the Committee minutes over this period and it shows year on year how the league has evolved and expanded during this time. Significant changes have been highlighted with the many bumps in the road also reported.

Records are provided of the winning teams and also the league tournament winners (sadly long since abandoned) over the first fifty years.

Figures showing the growth of the league over the time span with related numbers of teams are also attached for those who enjoy quantitative information.

Significant personnel have been indicated in bold, whilst significant events, such as rule changes or innovations, are shown in italics.

Following the issue of this memorial history in the autumn of 2016, many of the original minutes and other records that have been used in its compilation will be available from the Archives Section of The Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies in Aylesbury.

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The Aylesbury and District Tennis League 1966-2015

The Beginning

The Bucks Herald of January 21st 1966 contained information of a proposed meeting at the Aylesbury Literary Institute on February 11th to consider the formation of a mixed tennis league. Twenty-eight local clubs had been notified about this meeting.

In due course twenty clubs attended this meeting and a Committee of five persons, headed by **Maurice Williams** of Aylesbury Tennis Club, was appointed, and the rules of the league were decided. *All member clubs should be no further than twelve miles from Aylesbury. Matches were to be played between May and July 1966 with teams divided into divisions of six teams. Promotion and relegation would be done on a two up and two down basis. Teams would consist of two men and two ladies, playing mixed doubles. Each pair would play two short sets against the other club's two couples. If the home club only has one court one long set will be played instead. The entry fee was to be £1 per club.*

The first AGM took place on 2nd November at the Derby Arms with Mr Williams as acting Chairman at the start of the meeting. The Committee was able to report on a successful first season with Great Missenden, Thame, Linslade and Long Marston winning their respective leagues with 24 clubs participating. The Constitution and Rules were amended and approved and the election of Officers then took place.

Mr W Firman was elected Chairman, M Williams as Secretary and **Mr D Hatcher** as Treasurer. *It was decided not to affiliate to either the Bucks LTA or the LTA.*

It was proposed to start a men's league in the summer of 1967 and men's winter league for 1967/68 under the same rules as the mixed league. Mrs E Dean and Mr A Clarke were co-opted onto the Committee.

1967

The main points of the minutes of the Committee meetings for this year follow:

At the first Committee meeting on February 15th

- Teams for the summer were placed in divisions. There were four mixed and one men's.
- An American tournament was proposed for Sunday 10th September; one pair from each club would be accepted.
- The Mayor would present trophies at the Dinner Dance of the Aylesbury Tennis Club.

At the 20th September meeting:

- Arrangements for presentation of trophies were confirmed.
- It was reported that there were four teams in the Winter league.
- The Bucks Advertiser trophy for the most improved club would go to Linslade.

The AGM was held on 25th October at the Derby Arms.

- The existing Officers were re-elected.
- **K Dewick**, A Clarke and R Hill were elected to the Committee.
- A ladies' league was proposed. The Secretary would contact clubs.
- As an experiment, clubs could enter two teams per event. The second team could not be above Division 3.
- Affiliation to the LTA should be investigated.
- A proposal to raise entry fees to 7/6 was defeated.

Thus was set in place the procedure for future years: a year-by-year summary now follows.

1968

There were two Committee meetings and an AGM in this year.

There was a slight increase in the number of leagues and the ADL affiliated to the Bucks LTA. The Dinner Dance was again held with Aylesbury Tennis Club and trophies were presented.

At the AGM **K Dewick was elected as Chairman** and it was agreed to raise the team entry fees to 7/6. The league would be allocated Wimbledon tickets and clubs could apply for these. There would be another attempt to run a ladies' league.

1969

Unusually there were four Committee meetings this year in addition to the AGM.

There were five mixed, three men's and one ladies' divisions for this year's competitions. Closed tournaments would be held with men's and ladies' at Chesham Bois and mixed at Tring in September. More trophies would be obtained in connection with the closed tournaments.

A Buffet Dance was organised for September at the Rose and Crown, Tring. Tickets 25s.

Mr J Hawkes was invited to join the Committee and an auditor was chosen.

The constitution was considered before the AGM with a new rule proposed. *Players could only represent one club during a season.*

At the AGM the Committee was re-elected en bloc. It was reported that the closed tournaments had been very successful. The Balance was reported to be £20 12s 2d.

The constitution was amended. A ballot was held for Wimbledon tickets amongst clubs that showed interest. League clubs were encouraged to affiliate to the Bucks LTA.

1970

Three meetings and an AGM were held this year.

The opening balance was £29 5s 9d. Two teams per club were allowed in each event and there was a second ladies' division.

All clubs were required to submit their fixtures to the Divisional Secretary. There would be two divisions in the winter league. Matches should commence the last weekend in September and finish on the last weekend in November.

At the AGM **J Hawkes was elected to the Committee**. Other members were re elected.

It was reported that closed tournaments would be held as in the previous year and a mixed Knockout event would be offered once again. *There would be a Fixtures secretaries meeting in February 1971.*

1971

The established pattern of three Committee meetings and an AGM operated again this year.

There were again the usual tournaments and Dinner Dance. *A draft Handbook was approved*; this was the first issue.

Certificates would be obtained to present to winners of all league divisions.

The constitution was changed so that entry fees would change from 7/6 to 50p in line with the switch to decimal currency.

At the AGM **J Hawkes was elected as Treasurer** and **R McCallum** joined the Committee. *A mixed Knockout competition was proposed for 1972 with one for teams in the top two divisions and another one for the rest.* A ladies' winter league was also offered.

The balance was £86.1s.

1972

For the new season there were the usual closed tournaments and a Dinner Dance with tickets at £2.25. In addition there were the new Mixed Knockout events

The new balance was £66.25 and winter divisions were decided with three men's *and one ladies' division.*

At the AGM the Committee was re elected en bloc with an auditor. A proposed change to Rule 1 “ that clubs must have two courts of similar surface or play their matches away” was defeated unanimously.

Clubs should consider a proposed change to the scoring. Sixteen points should be available with two points for each set being played to 7-5 or 6-6.

1973

The Handbook was issued again this year.

The suggested change to the scoring system was further discussed at the Fixtures meeting. Sets could be played to 7-5 or 6-6.

For the first time a barbecue followed the mixed KO finals at Chesham Bois. The teams for the winter league were agreed. There was a second ladies’ division.

All trophies should be returned to the Divisional secretary by the end of August.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC. Mrs M Felgate joined the Committee. Other Officers were elected en bloc. Wimbledon tickets had been distributed to three clubs

The bank balance was £126.19.

1974

The usual three Committee meetings took place in this year.

Trophies were obtained for those divisions not having them and the rules for play had been amended. The usual tournaments and the Dinner Dance took place with tickets now £2.75 Both the Dinner Dance and the tournaments made a profit. There were also two new trophies for the Mixed KO events and players at finals received free tickets for the barbecue.

A proposal for the AGM was that Rule 8 be amended so two teams per each event with no restriction as to division would be introduced. Players could only represent one club.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC where **Mrs M Felgate** was elected as Secretary.

A junior competition would be held in 1975. *The proposed rule change was agreed.*

Thanks were given to the retiring Officers including Maurice Williams.

The Balance was £72.19 with £100 on deposit.

1975

The usual meetings and events took place although there was no winter fixtures’ meeting.

Mr and Mrs M Williams were guests at the Presentation Dance where a cut glass decanter was presented to **Mr Williams**.

The Junior League finals were held at Berkhamsted in July. Insport had presented a trophy but the Tring Mixed doubles had not been completed on the day, as the groups were too large. In future seven pairs would be the maximum.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC where the Committee was re elected en bloc *There was a discussion about the rules concerning incomplete matches. It was proposed that six sets should be a completed match. It was suggested that sets should be twelve games maximum.*

The bank balance was £32 on current account with £169.39 on deposit.

1976

For this new season there were eight teams in the junior league.

Matches would now be played under the new scoring system with sets having a twelve game maximum.

Tickets were now £4 for the Dinner Dance but it was again a great success and made a profit, as did all the closed tournaments including the new *Junior Closed event*. Clubs would be responsible for engraving trophies in future.

A donation was sent to the Bucks LTA for **H F Dauncey**, the retiring Secretary.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC again. **R Hill** had retired from the Committee after nine years and was presented with a silver tankard. The rest of the Committee was re elected en bloc with the addition of B Macnab. Mr Rouse would be invited to be auditor.

Rule 10 was amended to cover eligibility for the Mixed KO finals. *Players should have played a minimum of two summer league matches to be eligible.*

The League now had £237 in hand.

1977

Activities now followed a well-established procedure as the league continued to expand.

Six new teams had applied to the league necessitating a new structure and there would also be additional divisions for the winter league. *Trophies would be signed for at the Presentation Dinner.*

C Haldenby resigned as Divisional Secretary. He was thanked for his work.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC and the Committee was re-elected en bloc with the exception of **Sarah Gregory** who had deputised for C Haldenby. **Mr R Gregory** was elected as Divisional Secretary and Mr Chester was elected as auditor. It was asked that league results be submitted to the local newspapers. *The new 6-6 scoring had been a success and would be continued.* League entry fees would increase to 75p per team per event in the coming season. Halton had won the Mixed KO for the first time, beating holders Aylesbury.

The bank balance was now £259.

1978

For the New Year it was decided not to extend eligibility radius beyond twelve miles.

Twelve teams had entered the junior league. This required two divisions with finals at Tring; however, the junior tournament was cancelled due to lack of entries. *A veterans' competition would be trialled in 1979.*

Insport would continue to sponsor the leagues.

An ineligible player had played in the league (four sets were deducted) and Aylesbury had played an ineligible player in the Mixed KO final.

Two additional trophies were purchased. Halton had lost the mixed Division 2 trophy.

An amendment to the Constitution was suggested for the AGM to cover engraving of trophies and the Constitution would be amended at rules 8, 9, 10, and 11 with the agreement of the AGM.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC and the following changes to the constitution were passed: Rule 8. *"A member club may enter up to two teams in each competition. The Management Committee shall determine the entrance fee per team. No player shall play for more than one club during a season."* Existing Rules 9 and 10 merged to become 9 New 10 *"All trophies shall be returned to the Divisional Secretary by 1st August each year duly engraved. The safe custody of the trophies shall be the responsibility of the winning club. Clubs shall be liable for loss or damage to League trophies."* 11 *"The constitution can be amended only at the AGM by two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote."*

The existing Officers except for Miss G Slight were re elected en bloc.

The league continued to be on a sound financial footing with £197.80 on deposit and £35.32 in the current account.

1979

At the start of the year there was some good news with an increased entry in the summer leagues. Extra divisions were required in some competitions. The bad news was that there were a large number of unplayed winter league matches.

Halton was invited to supply a replacement trophy for the one lost

There were 21 ladies' teams and 26 men's teams entered for the winter league, another sign of development. Most events went smoothly except that the Junior Tournament was again cancelled due to lack of entries

The AGM was held at Wendover Tennis Club. The existing Committee with the exception of B Macnab were re elected en bloc. Mrs A Oudet was elected and Mr Macnab was thanked for his service. Mr Chester of Barclays Bank, Tring would be invited to be auditor.

The rules for the veterans' event would be altered for the new season to exclude any division one players. The Committee would consider extending the winter league matches to home and away.

On the financial side the deposit account was £259.80 and the current account £182.43

1980

This year expansion continued, as more divisions were needed for summer league.

All events ran smoothly with the Dinner Dance again making a profit; tickets were now £7.

No barbecue followed the Mixed KO finals this year but supper was provided for players and the league Committee.

A match was played against the Wycombe league in August at Equity and Law and was lost. One pair from each of Wendover, Tring and Chesham Bois represented the ADL. This could become an annual event.

The AGM was held at Wendover LTC where it was announced that the winter league was to be played on a home and away basis. Halton were awarded the Senior Mixed KO as Aylesbury fielded an ineligible player again. There was discussion about the Award for the Most Improved Club. The Committee was asked to consider a rule for late arrival for matches. The Committee was re elected en bloc.

Finances were healthy with £471.75 on deposit and with £65 on current account.

1981

This was again a very successful season as 185 teams had entered for the summer leagues.

There were two veterans' divisions with matches played home and away. All events had again run smoothly with over 120 people attending the Dinner Dance (cost now £8) and an excellent profit was made. Entry fees for the closed doubles were now £2.50 per pair.

The ADL team had beaten the Wycombe League in what was now an annual fixture.

The first veterans' tournament had been completed at Wendover despite poor weather.

A new rule had been proposed to cover late arrival.

"If after twenty minutes of the starting time a team is incomplete, the opponents of that team shall be entitled to one set and six games for every set missed as a result in the absence of agreement to the contrary between the playing Captains involved."

The AGM was held at Tring and the rule concerning late arrival was agreed. The home and away format for the winter league would continue. *Non-affiliated clubs would still be allowed in the league. There would be a winter fixture meeting this year.* More trophies would be purchased. The Committee was re elected en bloc

The bank balance was now £750

1982

Most events again ran smoothly this year although the junior tournament was cancelled due to lack of entries and numbers were down at the Dinner Dance (Tickets were now £8.75)

The veterans' tournament at Wendover had attracted twenty pairs with entry fees now £3 per pair. Winners of the Mixed KO were presented with medals.

The Wycombe league was again been defeated and a possible match versus MK league was under consideration.

The AGM was held at Horsenden where Mr R Gregory resigned as Divisional Secretary and was replaced by Mr R McCallum. Mrs J Gates joined the Committee. All other members were elected en bloc.

The balance was now £634.55 on deposit with the current account £123.73

1983

Broadly speaking this was another satisfactory year. The closed tournaments had run successfully although entries were low in the veterans'. An increase in entries meant that there was five ladies' divisions in the winter league The Dinner Dance had moved to the Civic Centre with tickets now £9.

A Floodlit league was planned for October. Berkhamsted had offered use of two courts on two nights a week. Clubs would pay court fees. This was then deferred for a year.

The inter league matches were successful with wins over both the Wycombe and the MK leagues.

The AGM was held at Chesham 1879 LTC. The auditor would remain the Manager of Barclays Bank, Tring. League entry fees would be increased to £1 per team for the coming season. The Committee was re elected en bloc with the exception of Mrs A Oudet who was replaced by Mrs J Gates

The deposit account was £793 with current account £80 reflecting a healthy position.

1984

The Committee welcomed a new member this year as Janet Todd joined the ranks.

The closed tournaments had again been a success but men's entries had been low. Entry fees were now £4 per pair. The new venue in Tring had proved an excellent choice for the Dinner Dance that had proved to be a most successful evening.

The inter league matches again proved popular.

The AGM was held at Wendover LTC. *An additional rule would be added to cover the postponement of a match and clubs would be asked to provide some refreshment after evening matches.* The Floodlit league had commenced at Berkhamsted. Play was from 7.30pm to 10.00pm on two evenings a week. All revenue went to Berkhamsted. It was suggested that 6-6 was untidy and that tie breaks should be used. A vote would be taken at the Fixtures meeting. The Committee was re elected en bloc and the auditor would remain unchanged.

Finances were reported to be healthy with £794.51 on deposit and £172 in entrance fees to come.

1985

There had been teething problems with the Floodlit league and two clubs had withdrawn. It was reorganised for the second half of the season where inclement weather had caused the cancellation of some matches. The league would continue and Berkhamsted were willing to continue as hosts. It was agreed that the league would subsidise the loss made.

Over 100 attended the Dinner Dance and this was another great success. Tickets were now £11.

All competitions ran smoothly and Wycombe were beaten in the inter league match.

The AGM was held at Leighton Buzzard and reports were made. A loss to the Milton Keynes league was the only disappointment in a year of success. *The meeting was advised of the new rule concerning the requirement for three new balls per court in matches.* The scoring system would remain unchanged as agreed at a Fixtures meeting.

With the exception of Mrs J Gates, the Committee was re-elected en bloc and the manager of Barclays Bank, Tring would remain as auditor.

Finances were sound with £847 was on deposit and £455.71 in the current account

1986

For the New Year Haddenham had now joined the league. The Floodlit league had not been completed. This was due to bad weather and a lack of teams.

The Dinner Dance was again a great success at Tring. Special thanks were given to John Hawkes. Entries were again low in the closed tournaments so a possible change in dates was considered. Entry fees were now £5 per couple.

The AGM was held at Great Missenden where it was reported that the number of clubs had increased to 25. The meeting was informed of the plans for the 21st Anniversary of the league that included a barbecue following the mixed KO finals at Chesham 1879.

The Committee was re-elected en bloc and the auditor would remain unchanged.

The deposit balance was now £1025 and current account £447.

1987

This year marked the 21st Anniversary of the league and £300 was donated for the celebration to Chesham 1879. Free tickets were given to the Mixed KO finalists and one free ticket to each club in the league. Each club was given a commemorative pennant.

The Dinner Dance at Tring included champagne and birthday cake (cost now £13.50 per ticket). Both events were extremely successful.

It was agreed that the courts at Berkhamsted were no longer satisfactory for the Floodlit league and Aylesbury were approached as an alternative venue. *Aylesbury confirmed that two courts could be available for the floodlit league on two evenings per week.* Outstanding floodlit fees to Berkhamsted were paid from league funds and gathered back from the relevant clubs.

Entries had been low in the closed tournaments with fees at £6 per pair. Dates would revert back next year.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC where **Janet Todd** resigned from the Committee and received a vote of thanks for all her work on the Anniversary celebrations.

The Wycombe league had been defeated. Other members were re elected with the addition of **Mr B Wilson** and Mrs J Webley.

The Deposit balance was now £1046 and £211 was in the current account

1988

Bev Wilson and Jenny Webley were welcomed at the first meeting of the year.

The Floodlit league was running smoothly and the first payment had been made to Aylesbury. There was a trophy check to see which were missing.

There had been an increase in entries in some leagues and there were now three divisions for the junior league. Fees for the season were £7 per couple for closed tournaments, £2 per pair for juniors and Dinner Dance tickets £14.50 each.

The ADL beat the Wycombe league but had lost against the MK league. There had been difficulty getting a team

The Dinner Dance was very successful and a presentation had been made to Margaret Felgate, the retiring Secretary.

The AGM was held at Haddenham and it was reported that it had been a successful year with more teams competing. Most events had been well supported except for the closed tournaments. *A vote of thanks was given for Margaret Felgate who retired as Secretary.*

Mrs Ann Lockyer took her place and the rest of the Committee was re elected en bloc

It was agreed that the draw for Wimbledon tickets would be done at the AGM

The men's doubles trophy had been lost and Halton were suspected to be at fault.

The Deposit account stood at £1047.76 and there was £233 on current account.

1989

This was a year of ups and downs. Both the closed tournaments and the Dinner Dance were a financial success although there was another poor entry for the men's doubles at Halton.

Sadly there were some problems in the junior league with poor arrangements and bad behaviour. Another negative was that the match versus Wycombe league had been cancelled, as they could not raise a team. On the positive front the barbecue following the Mixed KO finals had been a tremendous success. Thanks were expressed to Great Missenden and Ann Lockyer. The Floodlit league would continue and clubs would make payment directly to the bar at Aylesbury in the future. Winslow had left the league so now there were 25 clubs once again

The Chairman suggested that the league take out an insurance policy on all trophies. This was a result of the loss of the men's doubles trophy. At the last presentation there had been fifteen trophies missing. As there were some "missing" trophies some more were purchased to replace these.

As the previous AGM had been poorly attended, it was hoped that holding the Wimbledon draw might prove to be an attraction. *It was reported that Veterans would like to play home and away in the league.* John Hawkes gave notice of his intention to retire in twelve months.

The AGM was held at Halton .*The issue of non-return of trophies was discussed. In future, the recipient would sign for and be responsible for the trophy.* It had been a successful season but the league would like to see more support from men. It was suggested that clubs submitting their own efforts could address the lack of press reports. In the absence of any other nominations, the Committee was re elected en bloc with no replacement for **Ann Lockyer** who resigned as Secretary: Mr David Fear of Barclays Bank, Tring was elected as auditor. *The draw for Wimbledon tickets was made.*

Finances were in a very healthy state. On deposit was £1093.65 and the current balance was £221.7

The Chairman thanked everyone for his gift for 21 years service.

1990

Attendance at the previous AGM had been much improved; perhaps due to the Wimbledon tickets draw. There were 25 clubs in the league again this year. Team entry fees were £2.50 per team for the new season and Dinner Dance tickets would cost £15. Nine trophies were still missing. These would cost £500 to replace; seven new trophies had been purchased.

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were given. Most things had gone well with the exception of the men's and ladies' doubles tournaments. Only eight clubs had attended the Dinner Dance. The matches versus Wycombe league and MK league were won. John Hawkes expressed thanks for the silver tray to mark his retirement The following were elected, Keith Dewick as Chairman, **Clive Bean** as Treasurer, Mr McCallum would continue to act as Secretary, as there had been no volunteer during the season. The draw for Wimbledon tickets was made.

Finances were strong with £1358.66 on deposit and £152.16 on current account

1991

This year was the 25th anniversary of the league. There would be a 25th Anniversary cover for the Handbook and 25th Anniversary mementoes would be available. Dinner Dance tickets would be £17.50 for this year.

There were now only two trophies missing: *the men's and ladies' tournaments were cancelled again.* On a more positive note, there were 26 couples at the Tring Mixed doubles and the junior event had sixteen couples There were thirteen teams again for the Floodlit league. Haddenham offered to be hosts for the new season. In the inter league matches Wycombe had been beaten but MK had won: clubs were asked to support the inter league matches.

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were made. Ten clubs had attended the Dinner Dance where there had been a loss, as it had been subsidised. Mr McCallum's company had sponsored the Handbook and his expenses. *The way ahead for the League tournaments would be discussed at a future meeting.* The existing Committee was elected en bloc and Mr J Mullins was appointed auditor. The draw for the Wimbledon tickets was made.

1992

This was a most depressing year for the league. *Only the mixed doubles tournament had been held and the Dinner Dance had been cancelled.* In the Intermediate cup final Haddenham fielded an ineligible player. The trophy was awarded to Princes Risborough. Committee members were still required.

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were made. Sponsorship from Mr McCallum's company had ensured a profit for the year. The existing Committee was re-elected en bloc with Mr M Farquharson also elected to serve. *The maximum number of teams in a league would be increased to seven in the summer league 1993.*

The draw for the Wimbledon tickets was made.

1993

Things were a little better this year, although *there was still no application for the post of Secretary*. Tournaments were organised as per the previous year with entry fees £10 per pair. *There would be a maximum of eight teams per league in the summer*. Clubs were not happy with the Floodlit league at Aylesbury. Other venues would be approached or there could be a league for clubs with floodlights. The Dinner Dance was booked at the Spread Eagle, Thame with organisation by the Long Crendon club. There were more negatives during the season as the junior finals were cancelled. Aylesbury were given a walk over. *All veterans' tournaments were abandoned due to lack of entries and there were 36 missing results cards*. On the positive side, the ADL beat the MK league and there were twelve entries for the Floodlit league. Aylesbury would be approached again.

The AGM was held at Halton and reports were given with some positive news. The Dinner Dance had taken place and the summer leagues had run successfully with no complaints about the new size of divisions. Only two tournaments had taken place. There was a slight profit, largely due to the sponsorship by Mr McCallum's company. *The existing Committee was re-elected. The Chairman appealed for more help as Mr McCallum was running the league almost single-handedly. As from summer 1994 both clubs would be required to return a scorecard*. The Wimbledon draw was made.

Finances remained healthy, as there was a £1378.76 bank balance plus £671 in entry fees.

1994

Dinner Dance tickets would cost £16 in the New Year.

A proposed new event was *men's and ladies' doubles at the County tennis centre in April*. *Free lunches would be provided at tournaments to stimulate interest. A Floodlit league played under club's own lights would be discussed*. Positives during the season included a successful mixed doubles tournament with 24 entries and the ADL beating the MK league.

The AGM was held at Halton where it was reported that only one of three tournaments was held. The leagues were running well but the two score card rule was not successful. The Dinner Dance had been successful *with 88 attendees and a profit £146*. The Committee was re elected. *There was still no Secretary*. Mr Derek Collins was appointed auditor. The draw was made for the Wimbledon tickets.

1995

Following events of the previous year it was decided that only the junior and mixed tournaments would go ahead as planned. *The veterans' indoor event would be in September and be limited to sixteen pairs. Cost would be £7.50 per person. A junior winter league on Saturday mornings was to be offered*. Five clubs withdrew teams at the start of the summer league and the two-scorecard rule was still not being followed. *Bev Wilson put the Handbook on computer disc*.

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were given. The Dinner Dance had been excellent and thanks were given once again to Long Crendon. *Five new clubs had joined the league*. Walkovers and nine unplayed matches were reported in the summer league. *A junior winter league had attracted seventeen teams. There were 15&U and 18&U divisions. The indoor vets' event had taken place with ten pairs*. The bank balance was healthy; there would be no increase in entry fees. Mr Collins would continue as auditor and the existing Committee was re elected. *There was still no Secretary*. There would be a maximum of three teams per event per club for the winter league. The Wimbledon draw was made.

1996

Neville Pimm was in charge of the Dinner Dance once again this year.

A further disappointment was the cancellation of the inter league match versus MK. They could not raise a team. Halton juniors had been excluded from the leagues, as they were unable to fulfil fixtures. *The junior tournament was cancelled* but there were fourteen couples for the mixed at Tring. The Dinner Dance was a success. However, there were only 73

attendees meaning a loss of £103. Despite other problems there was plenty of interest in winter tennis as entries were healthy in all events. More good news was that **Stephen Biggs** would stand for Divisional Secretary at the AGM. There would be separate entry forms for summer and winter in 1997.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC where reports were given. Only the mixed tournament had taken place this year. It was proposed to hold an Indoor veterans' tournament at Cressex but this did not take place due to lack of interest. *Entry fees would remain the same for the new season, but the Committee would look for sponsors.* 86 teams had entered for the winter league with nine in the floodlit league. Results would be published regularly in the local press. With the addition of Stephen Biggs the Committee was elected en bloc and Mr Derek Collins would be the auditor. The draw for Wimbledon tickets was made.

1997

The rule on cancelled matches would be unchanged for this season

There was further decline in some areas during this year although there was still plenty of interest in the regular league competitions and the Knockout events. After a tricky period interest was reviving in the Dinner Dance once again. Four teams withdrew from the summer league during the season. *An eligibility rule would be needed for third teams.* Entry fees for teams would remain at £3.

The AGM was held at Halton where the reports were mixed. *No tournaments were played and the inter league match was cancelled due to lack of interest.* The Dinner Dance was a great success with attendance of 90, although there was a small loss. There were a record number of 183 teams in the summer league. There were some proposed rule changes that were agreed: Rule 5. A player who has played twice for a higher team may no longer play for a lower team (Para 5) Delete "unless 48 hours is given" from rule regarding match reorganisation. Constitution changes were agreed. The Committee would try again to organise tournaments and was re-elected en bloc. *A proposed sponsorship deal with Wilson Sporting Goods was to be considered by the Committee.* The draw for Wimbledon tickets was made.

Finances were strong with a bank balance of £2145.84.

1998

This year contained the now usual mixture of good and bad reports. Seven teams withdrew from the league during the summer. There was a complaint about poor attitude from Halton in a match. Both the inter league match and the Vets' tournament were cancelled due to lack of interest. Wilson agreed to sponsor the scorecards and there would be a £150 retainer fee. There would be no refunds for teams withdrawing. The rule about number of teams would remain unchanged but be kept under review. A playing format would be added to the junior rules.

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were made. A sponsorship had been agreed with Wilson Sporting Goods for three years. Halton were spoken to about poor behaviour. The Dinner Dance had been excellent but there were no tournaments. There had been a profit on the year so entry fees would remain unchanged. *There was an increase in entries in both summer and winter leagues.* The Committee was re-elected en bloc. The draw was made for Wimbledon tickets.

There was a bank balance of £2194.

1999

At the fixtures meeting a majority had voted to retain the current scoring system in preference to the tiebreak. Winter leagues were completed with fourteen matches unplayed.

A big difference in standards between the two leagues in the Floodlit competition was reported. *The 18&U Junior league was abandoned. The proposed Millennium event would be linked to the Mixed Knockout finals; there would be a jazz band, barbecue and a pennant for all clubs.*

The AGM was held at Halton. Thanks were given again to Neville Pimm for organising the Dinner Dance. There were lower numbers but it had been a successful evening. Tournaments were again cancelled despite the best efforts of the Committee. *However, there were 188 teams in the summer league and 119 in the winter competition.* There would be no 18&U league in 2000. Information was given about the proposed Millennium event in 2000. The Committee was re elected en bloc with no additions once again. The draw was made for Wimbledon tickets.

The bank balance was £3263.

2000

The year started with positive news, as there were four new teams in the summer league and one new club. Much attention was given to the Millennium event that would be held in conjunction with the mixed KO finals at Aylesbury.

The pattern of the few previous years was repeated again this year. Generally the leagues and the knock out competitions were very well supported although some clubs had withdrawn from the winter league, but there was no longer any interest in the “extras” such as league tournaments and the inter league matches. There continued to be a lack of volunteers for the Committee. *Provision of refreshments following matches was declining.* All these seemed to suggest that time was at a premium and most people had little to spare. The Dinner Dance continued to be well supported and attracted 123 people and made a good profit. Neville Pimm and his supporters continued to make an excellent contribution. *Clive Bean would be leaving the district and a new treasurer would be needed.* He was presented with a tankard at the Dinner Dance.

The AGM was held at Halton where the usual reports were made. The Millennium event at Aylesbury had been successful; thirteen clubs had attended and memorial pennants had been presented. *There were no tournaments or inter league matches again this year.* The Wilson sponsorship would continue until 2003. The Committee was re-elected en bloc. There was no Treasurer: Mac would take on this role temporarily: Mr Don Gill was the new auditor. *Rule 7 would be changed.* This would be confirmed at the next Committee meeting. Bev Wilson was proposing to set up a web site for the league. A draw was made for the Wimbledon tickets. The bank balance was £4128.80.

2001

As promised some early attention was given to some rules and the following amended rules came into operation: *Rule 7 would now become “Fixtures to be arranged and confirmed prior to the commencement date of the season. After that date no fixture shall be re arranged unless weather or state of courts prevents the match from taking place. In case of walkover matches a result card should still be completed by both clubs and sent to the Divisional Secretary”* *Rule 15 “Score cards should be submitted by both teams.”* Results not received by the end of the appropriate season would be considered null and void. Thanks to Bev Wilson, the ADL web site was up and running. There were no offers to take on the role of Treasurer. This meant that Mac McCallum was again bearing a heavy load of administration. There would only be a 15&U junior league in the new season. *League tables and results were now posted on the website.*

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC where reports were made as usual. One Committee meeting was cancelled this year. *Bev Wilson had set up a league web site.* There had been another successful Dinner Dance organised by Neville Pimm and helpers. The Wilson sponsorship would continue until 2003 and the bank balance was £3262.88, so the league was in a healthy position financially. *There were 37 walkovers in the summer league and nine void matches.* In the absence of volunteers the existing Committee was re elected and Mr Don Gill was re- elected as auditor. The draw was made for Wimbledon tickets.

2002

Business was back to normal this year and there were some promising signs at last on the personnel front. Early in the year Richard Chapman offered to assist as Treasurer and then later **Di Procter** was welcomed on to the Committee.

There was more positive news on participation as there were 191 teams in the summer league with nine 15&U teams. There would be three groups in the winter league next year as numbers had increased. *There was a concern about a number of clubs playing only one pair in a match. This would be kept under review.* As the financial situation was healthy it was decided that entry fees would remain at £3 for the new season. An item concerning rules was placed on the agenda for the AGM.

The AGM was held at Aylesbury LTC where it was reported that three Committee meetings had been held again during the year: Di Procter had joined the Committee. The Dinner Dance continued to be a success; thanks again to Neville Pimm and helpers. *Two new clubs had joined the summer league, Chinnor and Wingrave but twelve match results had not been received.* The 2001 Mixed Knockout finals had been postponed due to bad weather but had subsequently been played; Halton and Haddenham were the winners. There had been no nomination for Treasurer so the Committee was re-elected en bloc. *The rule "A team should consist of four players" should remain.* This was in response to clubs only playing one pair. LTA rules for Junior and Veteran eligibility would apply to league competitions. A draw was made for Wimbledon tickets.

The balance was very healthy at £4547.59, but no one wanted to look after the money.

2003

The year opened with some good news from Wilson; their sponsorship money was received with a year's supply of scorecards. *The sponsorship would continue until 2006 with some slight amendments.* Numbers participating decreased this year, as there were seven fewer entries for the summer league and *the veterans' league reduced from three to two divisions.* A free laptop had been obtained for Stephen Biggs and a printer that the League paid for, in order that he might efficiently carry out his role as Divisional Secretary. It was decided that *seeding would be introduced in the Knockout competitions and the rules for the league and the Knockout would be merged.* There were Floodlit league problems at Haddenham.

The AGM was moved to Halton as Aylesbury had introduced a booking fee. The Dinner Dance had again been successful but there had been a greater loss due to increased costs. *47 matches were claimed or conceded in the summer league. A new rule would be introduced that two pairs must be fielded. No ladies should play in men's matches and vice versa.* The Committee was re-elected en bloc. Don McGill was reappointed auditor. **Ron McCallum** had been awarded the LTA's Meritorious Service Award 2003. *This would be presented at the County AGM.* The Tennisland website had finished. A draw was made for Wimbledon tickets.

The balance was £4764.34, but there was still no new Treasurer.

2004

For this new season the Wilson sponsorship would include prizes. Team entries remained high again this year at the senior level but there were only four 15&U entries and later in the year the latter league was abandoned. An age-old problem reappeared, as there were trophies missing and two leagues without trophies. Replacement and new trophies were purchased for £362. *Trophies would now be signed for at the Dinner Dance.* League results were made available on the Total Tennis website. A proposal would be put to the AGM that "one pair of Wimbledon tickets be allocated to a Committee member each year from the allocation of five pairs received from the Bucks LTA unless the allocation falls below this number". There were now 129 teams in the winter league. A penalty system for conceding matches would be considered at a future Committee meeting. *There had been complaints about the behaviour of a Tring player*

The AGM was held at Halton and Neville Pimm was thanked for organising another successful Dinner Dance. 118 attended the latter event; the loss of £266 was due to high costs. *There were 47 walkovers in the summer league; this was becoming a worrying feature.*

Winter leagues were unchanged, but there two new teams in the Floodlit league. The proposal concerning Wimbledon tickets for the Committee was accepted. The Committee was re-elected en bloc with no volunteers for unfilled positions. Although the balance was healthy at £4782.92, *new entry fees would be £5 per team. In future no under fourteen players would be allowed in senior teams.* There was a draw for Wimbledon tickets.

2005

Tring had apologised for the behaviour of two of their players. One had been suspended and one censured. Dinner Dance tickets would remain at £22.50 and the event would continue to be subsidised. With regard to the agreement concerning Wimbledon tickets made at the AGM, it was further proposed that there would be a £20 subsidy per Wimbledon ticket for those allocated to the Committee from the Bucks LTA. The league now entered the digital age as winter league tables were now on the website and summer leagues now on Bucks LTA Competition Manager. *Penalties for concession would be discussed further during the year. The decision relating to weather should be up to the home team.* Summer league numbers were similar to the previous year but no fixtures had been arranged for the 15&U league. Wilson double core tennis balls had been tried and approved by Haddenham.

The AGM was held at Halton. There had been five Committee meetings this year. The Committee had taken up the offer of two Wimbledon tickets. Members of clubs must use all tickets received from Bucks LTA. Two clubs had put tickets up for sale on eBay. With Stephen Biggs standing down as Divisional Secretary, it was proposed that **Jean Barnett** would take on this role with Di Procter as Secretary: Stephen Biggs would remain on the Committee. With the above changes the Committee was re-elected. The balance was £5343.82 and remained healthy: Entry fees would remain at £5 per team per event. There were no rule changes. A draw was made for Wimbledon tickets

2006

Early news was that Dinner Dance tickets would be £23.50 for this year. Aylesbury had withdrawn their men's teams from the winter league and had not entered the men's summer events. Later in the season *Haddenham had withdrawn a ladies' team. Players were leaving and going to Performance clubs.* There were nine teams for Senior Mixed KO and six for the Intermediate; *it was agreed that the winners of the event should be placed at the bottom of next year's draw. Only the winning team would need to return a results card in the winter leagues. There could be an ADL website; Jean Barnett and Bev Wilson would investigate.*

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were given: E-mail addresses were now included in the Handbook. The Dinner Dance was once again a success. The year's leagues had run without major problems except with the juniors. *Stephen Biggs stood down from the Committee, but the other members were re-elected en bloc. There was a Committee vacancy.* The rules about concession were discussed. Men were conceding three times more than women: no change would be made at present. There was a draw for Wimbledon tickets.

The balance was £6489 with the final sponsorship contribution of £150 from Wilson.

2007

This year it was required that trophies be returned at the Fixtures meeting. It was decided that the 15&U league would continue despite last year's problems. *A change in the concession rules would not have altered the results for last year; therefore there would be no change. Wilson had renewed the sponsorship for another three years.* The Knockout draw was done with last year's winner at the bottom. *A celebration to mark 40 years of the league was to be investigated. A mixed tournament and a barbecue were proposed. Child Protection information and LTA affiliation benefits had been given out at the Fixtures meeting.* As the financial situation was healthy, some funds might be transferred to a Community account with the Alliance and Leicester. Winning teams would again be required to send in the results card: in future no card, no points.

The AGM was held at Halton following the usual three meetings: reports were given. The Dinner Dance had again been a success but the Celebration event had been cancelled. Tring had been excellent hosts for the Mixed Knock out finals. Entry forms would be sent out by e-mail. There had been no match results for juniors. The Committee was re-elected en bloc; there was still one vacancy. Don Gill was reappointed as auditor and thanked for his work. The question of refreshments following matches was discussed. These should still be provided. *If a player retired in one rubber, they should not continue later in another.* There was a draw for Wimbledon tickets.

The balance was £7624.27, but no action had been taken yet on a Community account

2008

Dinner Dance tickets would now be £25 for the event at the Spread Eagle. *The league would now only receive two pairs of Wimbledon tickets. One would go to the Committee.* There were two more entries for the Knockout cup. A list of trophies to be returned would be sent to clubs before the Fixtures meeting. Changes were underway with the Bucks website. *Bev Wilson had set up a new website for ADTL; clubs would be notified shortly.*

The AGM was held at Halton with the usual reports. The Knockout finals had gone well: the Dinner Dance was good, but numbers were down. The trophies had been brought up to date including new shields for the Mixed KO. There was some confusion in results, as captains had not completed the card correctly. There was no junior winter league this year. Jean Barnett would continue as Divisional Secretary for one more year. The Committee was re-elected en bloc; there was still one vacancy; Don Gill would continue as auditor. The website was not used much and there were some issues with privacy. *A box would be included on all new entry forms so that members could indicate if they did not wish information to be available on the website.* British Tennis Membership would be free until March 2012. *There was no Wimbledon draw, as the allocation of tickets was not known.*

The bank balance was now £8880: *small loans would be available to clubs.*

2009

The digital age was providing both advantages and problems. *Postal addresses had been removed from the website because of privacy issues. The web site had been moved to Multiply. All team captains information would be available in the Handbook and on the website. Total Tennis was not in use, League Planner was not accessible, so enquiries were to be made to resolve league table issues.* Winter entries were similar to last year with an increase in the Floodlit league. There would be a new division 5. The new website was adtl.org.uk; updated results were published here.

The AGM was held at Halton where reports were made. The Dinner Dance was again successful and had made a small profit; thanks once more to Neville Pimm. The Handbook had been distributed at the Dinner Dance. Horsenden had proved excellent hosts for the Mixed Knockout finals. The Wilson sponsorship had been lost; a new sponsor would be needed, as 3500 cards were required for each year. *A new "social division" which offered mixed matches for players with little experience would be offered.* The Committee was re-elected en bloc; there was still a vacancy; Don Gill was reappointed auditor. *There was no Wimbledon draw.*

The balance was £9461.

2010

The year started with some good news: *JJB would sponsor for 2011.* The summer leagues had been sorted, but *there would be no juniors.* The winter season had been extended and results were almost all in. *Two hard copies of the Handbook were supplied to each club.*

At a later meeting it was reported that *Affiliation fees and Wimbledon ticket allocation would be similar next year.* There had been no takers for a Super vets' event but winter entries were similar to previous years. *A possible sub Committee might be set up to help with results.* *The Chairman suggested a Committee lunch/dinner as a reward for the committed helpers.*

The AGM was held at Halton once again and reports were given. There had been three meetings; the web site was doing well and was being used more. There were now more teams in the winter leagues. The Dinner Dance had again been a success, as had the Mixed Knockout finals at Chesham 1879. The Committee was re-elected en bloc with one vacancy remaining; Don Gill was re appointed as auditor. *Clubs could now enter a maximum of three teams in any league.*

The financial situation was healthy with the Balance at £9129.55; small loans were available for clubs.

2011

The Cost of Dinner Dance tickets were £26.50 for this year and the new LTA registration fee was £100 per court; ADL affiliation fee was £30. *Berkhamsted Sports was the new sponsor for the league in this season.* There had been a similar number of entries for the summer league and this would necessitate two Vets' leagues of five teams and one Junior league of four teams. The Mixed KO draw was held with nine Senior and five Intermediate entries. In the previous season Berkhamsted had used ineligible players for the KO final, so the trophy had been awarded to Great Missenden; in future ineligible players would mean sets forfeited and there would need to be some rule changes for the Handbook. The end of the winter season would be April 17th and there would be two cards needed again for the Winter league. There were 139 teams for the winter league – a slight fall. The number of Wimbledon tickets would be similar to last year. During the year it was reported that *Mac would retire as Treasurer at the AGM.* No progress had been made with League Planner and here would be a meeting with the LTA to discuss its use. Winter entries were similar to last year. New blood was required to replace Mac as Treasurer. A request had been made to make the website more user friendly.

The AGM was held at Halton once again. The Dinner Dance had again been a success and made a profit. Thanks went once again to Neville Pimm. The Mixed KO had been a great success at Aylesbury. Congratulations were offered to the Dewicks for their Golden Wedding anniversary.. A sub Committee had been formed to help with results. *The existing Committee was re-elected en bloc with the exception of Mac McCallum who was thanked for his exceptional service;* Don Gill would remain as auditor. There would be a survey regarding the scoring rules to stay with 6-6 or go to a tiebreak. There was a reminder that matches needed to start promptly

The Balance was now £9789.02.

2012

At the first meeting **Angela Walker** was welcomed as the new Treasurer. Dinner Dance tickets were £27 this year. *A survey had revealed that a majority wished to stay with 6-6 sets.* Play dates had been adjusted to avoid clashes with Olympics. There would be three pairs of Wimbledon tickets this year with one pair for the Committee. Jakeman Sports would offer 10% discount on production of ADTL card. The LTA wanted all leagues to use League Planner. Jean Barnett would trial League Planner on Ladies Division 1: it might be necessary to enter players BTM numbers with results in future. During the season it was reported that the Dinner Dance was enjoyed, but the band was not so good. A different venue would be considered for this event.

The AGM was held at Halton and the following was reported: The Dinner Dance would be at the Holiday Inn in 2013. *A presentation had been made to Mac McCallum.* Keith Dewick was nominated for an LTA Meritorious award for services to tennis. He had been Chairman of the ADTL for 45 years. Team entries remained constant this year. The league would try to use League Planner in Summer 2013. The Committee was re-elected en bloc with one vacancy; a new auditor had been found. Berkhamsted had proved excellent hosts for the Mixed KO Finals but there had been too many walkovers in this event. It was proposed to have a separate organiser for this event in future. There was a proposed rule change to encourage more entries for the Mixed KO. *A second team could enter if the players were from below*

Division two. A new website would be set up as the other one had folded. There were comments about slippery courts at some clubs; injury was the responsibility of the home club. The balance was now £10475.51.

2013

At the early meeting it was reported that there were still problems with League Planner. There were only two entries for the Under 15 team, so there was no event.

Keith, Di, Bev and Jean representing the ADTL had attended the funeral of Mac McCallum, who died on January 25, 2013. A donation of £50 had been made to the Florence Nightingale Hospice. During the season it was reported that the Dinner Dance had lost £300. It was felt that a bigger room would have improved the event. Trophies should be presented per club in future. *Berkhamsted Sports would continue to sponsor the scorecards.*

There was a new logo for the website which would be www.adtl.org.uk. The League Organiser Forum had proved of interest. It was felt that the LTA were too focused on juniors and that organisers and volunteers received little recognition. Numbers were fairly constant for the Winter leagues.

The AGM was held at Halton; three meetings had been held during the year. Changes had been made to the Mixed KO event. Results would now be updated on the website, not sent out. A Junior U12 league would be offered for the new season. **Ann Green** was elected as Treasurer; the other Officers were re elected en bloc. Angela Walker was thanked for her work.

Balance was £11044. Chris Ellis to be the auditor

2014

The year started with good news on the IT front as *problems with League Planner had been solved*. This was then used for Summer 2014 and was deemed to have gone “reasonably well”. Also Bev Wilson put links to many clubs on the restored website, which he would be taking over from Jean Barnett and carrying out further modifications. The food was disappointing at the Dinner Dance and a different venue was sought for the next year. A modification to the rules was introduced; *three new dates must be offered for rearranged fixtures and the match should be organised within three weeks of the original date.*

There needed to be a change regarding the distance from Aylesbury eligibility rule for participation in the league.

The AGM was held again at Halton who were thanked for their continued hospitality. Ellesborough Golf Club had been chosen as the venue for the Dinner Dance for the coming year. **Neville Pimm** was thanked again for the organisation of the event. The Mixed KO finals went well at Halton. It was agreed that September was better for this event: Halton and Great Missenden 2 were the winners. **Jean Barnett** had received flowers at the winter fixtures meeting in thanks for her many years service. **Sarah Tricks**, who had played a key role in running the leagues through the year, was elected as the new Divisional Secretary: other Committee members were re-elected en bloc; a vacancy still existed. The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £10,741 despite increased expenses due to on line fees and a loss by the Dinner Dance. Entry fees had been raised to £7 per team. After discussion it was agreed that it was the home team’s prerogative to decide if courts were fit to play and whether matches should be postponed.

2015

Three Committee meetings were held during this year. In addition Halton and Aylesbury hosted fixtures meetings. Bev Wilson had not been able to address the problems with the website early in the year but at the AGM was able to report that a new site was operational. *This was adtl.clubeo.com.* There were no junior events during the summer. New events may be tried again in the future. Sarah and Di updated the rules. These were circulated to clubs. The balance was £11,917. The Dinner Dance made a profit and the rise in entry fees had helped to cover online costs. The former would be at Ellesborough next year with an 8.00pm

for 8.30 pm start. The Trophy Presentation would be simplified. Mike Joy had been thanked for making the booking. Keith Dewick would again decide the Most Improved Club Award.

Sarah requested online entries for the winter competitions. Cost was £22 and could be paid using online banking. Everything was now fully on line, saving hours of time. Team Captains details were available on the Competition website. Instructions were posted on the ADL website to help those seeking information. Entries remained at the same level as previously. Bierton asked for a grant towards a new mini tennis court and practice wall. They were referred to the Bucks LTA as the ADL only offered loans.

At the October AGM the Committee was re elected en bloc with one vacancy remaining unfilled. David Currie would be asked to act as auditor once again. Thame hosted the KO Cup finals in combination with the opening of their new courts. Halton and Princes Risborough were Senior and Intermediate winners respectively. There was a slight reduction in the allocated number of pairs of Wimbledon tickets from five to four.

2016

The year started with positive news that a new website was a success and links to other clubs were included on it. The winter season was extended to allow more matches to be completed *but a new rule would be drafted to penalise those who do not attempt to rearrange matches.*

The current balance was £12,418 and an interest yielding account would be looked for.

The Dinner Dance would be held at Ellesborough on March 11th with ticket prices unchanged. Rule 5 of the Knockout Cup had been revised. *Players must have represented their club twice prior to the final.* This now becomes Rule 4. Aylesbury would be asked to host the KO Cup final in recognition of their role in starting the ADL. The winter fixtures meeting was fixed for September 7th at Halton

Afterword

As the first matches held in the ADTL took place in May 1966, the information reported above covers the activity that took place in the Committee meetings during the first fifty-year period. Together with the data published in the following section all the main results of the league during this period have been recorded.

ADTL Records 1966-2015

A table of League Officials is shown here. The Committee of the League has a very simple structure consisting of four main Officers together with other Committee members. For many of its years it has not had a full complement of Officers and only continued to operate because of the sterling efforts of Ron McCallum who took on extra responsibility.

ADL Officials 1966- 2003

Year	Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Div Sec	Other		Clubs
1966	W Firman	M Williams	D Hatcher				24
1967	W Firman	M Williams	D Hatcher		K Dewick		
1968	W Firman	M Williams	D Hatcher	A Clarke	K Dewick	R Hill	
1969	K Dewick	M Williams	E Broad	A Clarke			24
1970	K Dewick	M Williams	E Broad	A Clarke	J Hawkes		
1971	K Dewick	M Williams	R Herbert	G Loran	J Hawkes		
1972	K Dewick	M Williams	J Hawkes	G Loran	R McCallum		
1973	K Dewick	M Williams	J Hawkes	G Loran	R McCallum		20
1974	K Dewick	M Williams	J Hawkes	G Loran	M Felgate		20
1975	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	C Haldenby	G Slight	R Hill	19
1976	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	C Haldenby	G Slight	R Hill	20
1977	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	C Haldenby	G Slight	B Macnab	
1978	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R Gregory	G Slight	B Macnab	21
1979	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R Gregory	R McCallum	B Macnab	
1980	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R Gregory	R McCallum	A Oudot	
1981	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R Gregory	R McCallum	A Oudot	
1982	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R Gregory	R McCallum	A Oudot	23
1983	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R McCallum	J Gates	A Oudot	24
1984	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R McCallum	J Gates	J Todd	
1985	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R McCallum	J Gates	J Todd	25
1986	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R McCallum		J Todd	25
1987	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R McCallum		J Todd	25
1988	K Dewick	M Felgate	J Hawkes	R McCallum	J Webley	B Wilson	
1989	K Dewick	A Lockyear	J Hawkes	R McCallum	J Webley	B Wilson	
1990	K Dewick	R McCallum	J Hawkes	R McCallum	J Webley	B Wilson	25
1991	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	R McCallum		B Wilson	
1992	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	R McCallum		B Wilson	
1993	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	R McCallum	M Farquarson	B Wilson	28
1994	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	R McCallum	M Farquarson	B Wilson	26
1995	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	R McCallum	D Orchard	B Wilson	
1996	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	R McCallum	D Orchard	B Wilson	S Biggs 27
1997	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	S Biggs	D Orchard	B Wilson	
1998	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	S Biggs	D Orchard	B Wilson	
1999	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	S Biggs	D Orchard	B Wilson	
2000	K Dewick	R McCallum	C Bean	S Biggs	D Orchard	B Wilson	
2001	K Dewick	R McCallum	R McCallum	S Biggs	D Orchard	B Wilson	28
2002	K Dewick	R McCallum	R McCallum	S Biggs	D Procter	B Wilson	
2003	K Dewick	R McCallum	R McCallum	S Biggs	D Procter	B Wilson	

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2006	K Dewick	D Procter	R McCallum	J Barnett	S Biggs	B Wilson	27
2007	K Dewick	D Procter	R McCallum	J Barnett		B Wilson	
2008	K Dewick	D Procter	R McCallum	J Barnett		B Wilson	
2009	K Dewick	D Procter	R McCallum	J Barnett		B Wilson	
2010	K Dewick	D Procter	R McCallum	J Barnett		B Wilson	27
2011	K Dewick	D Procter	R McCallum	J Barnett		B Wilson	28
2012	K Dewick	D Procter		J Barnett		B Wilson	
2013	K Dewick	D Procter	A Walker	J Barnett		B Wilson	30
2014	K Dewick	D Procter	A Green	J Barnett		B Wilson	
2015	K Dewick	D Procter	A Green	S Tricks		B Wilson	

Years served

K Dewick 49	Chairman 47
M Felgate 14	
J Hawkes 19	
R McCallum 35	
B Wilson 27	
D Procter 14	
S Biggs 10	
J Barnett 9	
N Pimm	Dinner Dance since 1993

In the following sections the records of the successful teams and individuals in the competitions held by the league are shown. The most successful clubs in all the league competitions are listed immediately below; these tables could look very different after another fifty years.

In the case of team events, only the winners of the top divisions are displayed. Those wishing to find winners of other divisions should consult either the ADL Handbook or the website. In a beautiful act of symmetry Great Missenden are both the first and last winners in the summer mixed doubles.

The winners of all the Closed Tournaments follow these. These events were very successful in the early days. A table of the Mixed Knockout winners comes next.

Finally statistics relating to the number of clubs affiliated to the league and the number of entries to different events, both summer and winter, are given; a brief analysis is included.

Summer Mixed	Summer Men's	Summer Ladies'	Veterans'	Summer Overall
Chesham Bois 16	Aylesbury 14	Aylesbury 25	Aylesbury 9	Aylesbury 58
Halton 11	Chesham Bois 10	Halton 10	Berkhamsted 9	Halton 29
Aylesbury 10	Halton 8	Chesham Bois 7	Chesham Bois 7	Chesham Bois 24
Winter Men's	Winter Ladies'	Floodlit	Winter Overall	
Aylesbury 10	Aylesbury 17	Haddenham 8	Aylesbury 27	
Chesham Bois 14	Berkhamsted 12	Halton 7	Berkhamsted 22	
Berkhamsted 10	Chesham Bois 6	Leighton Buzzard 3	Chesham Bois 20	
Halton 6	Halton 4			

Year	Summer Mixed	Summer Men's	Summer Ladies'	Summer Veterans'
1966	Great Missenden	N/C		
1967	Great Missenden	Aylesbury	Summer	
1968	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury		
1969	Chesham Bois	Linslade	Aylesbury	
1970	Chesham Bois	Linslade	Aylesbury	
1971	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1972	Tring	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1973	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1974	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1975	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Tring	
1976	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1977	Aylesbury	Berkhamsted	Aylesbury	
1978	Aylesbury	Tring	Aylesbury	
1979	Aylesbury	Halton	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
1980	Chesham Bois	Chesham 1879	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury
1981	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Chesham Bois	Tring
1982	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
1983	Chesham Bois I	Aylesbury	Aylesbury I	Aylesbury
1984	Chesham Bois	Chesham 1879 II	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
1985	Aylesbury	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury
1986	Halton	Halton	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
1987	Berkhamsted	Halton	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
1988	Berkhamsted	Halton	Aylesbury	Chesham Bois
1989	Berkhamsted	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
1990	Berkhamsted	Halton	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois
1991	Aylesbury	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Leighton Buzzard
1992	Halton	Chesham 1879	Aylesbury	Leighton Buzzard
1993	Aylesbury	Halton	Aylesbury	Great Missenden
1994	Halton	Chesham Bois	Halton	Great Missenden
1995	Halton	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Great Missenden
1996	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Halton	Chesham Bois
1997	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois
1998	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Halton	Chesham Bois
1999	Halton	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois
2000	Great Missenden	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Chesham Bois
2001	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Halton	Berkhamsted
2002	Berkhamsted	Thame	Aylesbury	Berkhamsted
2003	Halton	Leighton Buzzard	Halton	Leighton Buzzard
2004	Halton	Halton	Berkhamsted	Leighton Buzzard
2005	Great Missenden	Chesham 1879	Haddenham	Great Missenden
2006	Chesham Bois	Chesham 1879	Chesham Bois	Halton
2007	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Halton	Berkhamsted
2008	Chesham Bois	Thame	Halton	Berkhamsted
2009	Halton	Thame	Berkhamsted	Chesham 1879
2010	Halton	Great Missenden	Halton	Berkhamsted
2011	Halton	Thame	Berkhamsted	Chesham 1879
2012	Great Missenden	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Berkhamsted
2013	Great Missenden	Berkhamsted	Halton	Berkhamsted II
2014	Halton	Berkhamsted	Aylesbury	Berkhamsted
2015	Great Missenden	Halton	Halton	Berkhamsted

Year	Winter Men's	Winter Ladies'	Winter Floodlit
1968	Aylesbury I		
1969	Aylesbury I		
1970	Aylesbury I		
1971	Chesham Bois		
1972	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	
1973	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	
1974	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	
1975	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	
1976	Berkhamsted	Chesham Bois	
1977	Halton	Berkhamsted	
1978	Halton	Berkhamsted	
1979	Halton	Berkhamsted	
1980	Aylesbury I	Chesham Bois	
1981	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1982	Aylesbury I	Chesham Bois	
1983	Aylesbury I	Chesham Bois	
1984	Aylesbury I	Chesham Bois	
1985	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	
1986	Halton	Halton	
1987	Halton	Aylesbury	
1988	Halton	Aylesbury	
1989	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	
1990	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	
1991	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	
1992	Chesham 1879	Aylesbury	
1993	Aylesbury	Halton	
1994	Berkhamsted	Aylesbury	
1995	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Haddenham
1996	Chesham Bois	Berkhamsted	Halton I
1997	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Halton I
1998	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Tring
1999	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Chesham 1879
2000	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	Halton
2001	Chesham Bois	Aylesbury	Haddenham
2002	Great Missenden	Linslade	Haddenham
2003	Great Missenden	Haddenham	Haddenham
2004	Leighton Buzzard	Linslade	Haddenham
2005	Halton	Berkhamsted	Haddenham
2006	Chesham Bois	Chesham Bois	Haddenham
2007	Chesham Bois	Halton	Halton
2008	Chesham Bois	Berkhamsted	Leighton Buzzard
2009	Halton	Aylesbury	Halton
2010	Halton	Aylesbury	Leighton Buzzard
2011	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	Haddenham
2012	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	Leighton Buzzard
2013	Berkhamsted	Great Missenden	Halton
2014	Tring	Halton	Halton
2015	Berkhamsted	Great Missenden	Tring

ADL Tournament Winners

Year	Men's	Ladies'	Mixed
1968	J Sutton/J Savidge		J Selby/Miss C Hopper
1969	M Palmer/A Salter	C Hopper/M Pearce	M Palmer/Miss J Griffiths
1970	J Selby/J Salway	D Sanderson/J Winterbottom	J Selby/Mrs J Butler
1971	K Dewick/ B Sutton	Mrs R Wood/ Mrs I Cooper	J Selby/ Miss C Hopper
1972	I Geddes/M Bezzant	Mrs A Wingrove/ Miss C Hopper	J Selby/ Miss C Hopper
1973	J Jackson/ M Bezzant	Miss C Hopper/ Mrs L Worrall	J Hawkes/ Miss M Lawson
1974	G Loran/T McGrath	Mrs J Midgley/ Mrs L Worrall	M Bezzant/ Mrs A Dewick
1975	J Selby / S Delaney	Mrs B Horton/ Miss M Lawson	G Loran/ Mrs J Midgley
1976	J Selby/G Tallyn	Miss J Fox/ Miss K Thompson	K McNab/Miss K Thompson
1977	E Lewis/ D Rees	Miss C Hopper/ Mrs M Horner	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1978	M Francis/ J Salway	Mrs L Francis/ Mrs I Cooper	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1979	D Short / B Locke	Mrs A Dewick/ Miss D Cantrell	L Kovacs/ Miss I Thomson
1980	G Goode/G Talmer	Mrs A Dewick/ Miss N Macnab	M Lane/ Mrs G Roe
1981	D Orchard/ G Tallyn	Mrs M Wood/ Mrs E Silove	D Orchard/ Mrs M Horner
1982	D Orchard/ B Wilson	Mrs M Wood/ Mrs E Silove	D Orchard/ Mrs M Horner
1983	D Orchard/ B Wilson	Mrs I Cooper/ Miss B Wadsworth	P Lambert/ Mrs S Crawley
1984	I Tobin/J O'Meara	R Sambrook Smith/ J Ebbles	P Lambert/ Miss C Talbert
1985	A Bryant/S Williams	Mrs A Dewick/ Mrs C Drew	Kevin Dewick/ Miss M Lucas
1986	P Lambert/ J O'Meara	Mrs A Dewick/ Mrs C Drew	Kevin Dewick/ Miss M Lucas
1987	D Short / M Grive	Mrs J Leach/ Miss K Leach	N Proud/ Mrs B Davies
1988			P Lambert/Mrs J Fairbank
1989	M Pemberton/ N Dufficy	Miss K Brown/ Mrs M Arthur	N Proud/ Miss D Proud
1990	Cancelled	Cancelled	A Geddes/ Mrs S Butcher
1991	Cancelled	Cancelled	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1992	Cancelled	Cancelled	G Collins/ J Curtis
1993			N Proud/ Miss D Proud
1994			N Proud/ Miss D Proud
1995			Cancelled
1996			N Proud/ S Lawton

Year Vets

1981	M Smith/ A Cottrell
1982	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1983	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1984	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1985	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1986	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1987	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick
1988	No event
1989	No event
1990	K Dewick/ Mrs A Dewick

Year	Senior KO Cup	Intermediate KO Cup
1972	Chesham Bois	Leighton Buzzard
1973	Aylesbury	Halton
1974	Aylesbury	Leighton Buzzard
1975	Aylesbury	Winslow
1976	Aylesbury	Berkhamsted 2
1977	RAF Halton	Berkhamsted
1978	Berkhamsted	Long Marston
1979	RAF Halton	Leighton Buzzard
1980	RAF Halton	Leighton Buzzard
1981	Aylesbury	Wendover
1982	Aylesbury	Thame
1983	Chesham Bois	Long Crendon
1984	Aylesbury	Long Crendon
1985	Halton	Waddesdon
1986	Aylesbury	Wendover
1987	Halton	Marsh Gibbon
1988	Aylesbury	Chesham 1879
1989	Aylesbury	Chesham Bois
1990	Aylesbury	Haddenham
1991	Halton	Great Missenden
1992	Aylesbury	Princes Risborough
1993	Halton	Great Missenden
1994	Halton	Leighton Buzzard
1995	Halton	Thame
1996	Halton	Great Missenden
1997	Halton	Leighton Buzzard
1998	Halton	Wendover
1999	Halton	Leighton Buzzard
2000	Great Missenden	Long Crendon
2001	Halton	Haddenham
2002	Haddenham	Long Crendon
2003	Chesham Bois	Wendover
2004	Halton	Marsh Gibbon
2005	Halton	Wendover
2006	Halton	Leighton Buzzard
2007	Halton	Princes Risborough
2008	Halton	Long Marston
2009	Halton	Long Marston
2010	Great Missenden	Long Marston
2011	Halton	Cublington
2012	Berkhamsted	Long Crendon
2013	Halton	Wendover
2014	Halton	Great Missenden
2015	Halton	Princes Risborough

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ADL Summer Teams Analysis

Year	Men's	Ladies'	Mixed	Year	Men's	Ladies'	Mixed
1966			24	1991	40	37	36
1967	6		24	1992	42	38	36
1968	12			1993	43	38	
1969	18	6		1994	42	39	37
1970	18	10	29	1995	42	39	37
1971	20	11	25	1996	43	44	36
1972	25	14	25	1997	46	44	39
1973	25	14	25	1998	46	52	39
1974	25	17	28	1999	41	49	43
1975	25	19	27	2000	46	49	43
1976	27	21	27	2001	44	51	43
1977				2002	47	50	45
1978	30	26	28	2003	47	50	47
1979				2004	45	52	45
1980				2005	47	50	47
1981				2006		49	47
1982				2007	47	49	46
1983	36	30	34	2008	46	49	47
1984	38	36	38	2009	47	47	50
1985	38	36	38	2010	50	47	51
1986	39	36	38	2011	50	48	51
1987	39	36	37	2012	47	51	53
1988	40	36	36	2013	51	50	56
1989	39	36	36	2014	49	50	53
1990	39	35	37	2015	50	50	67

Year	Juniors	Vets	Year	Juniors	Vets
1983	12	8	2000	11	20
1984	14	10	2001	7	18
1985		9	2002	6	
1986		12	2003	5	16
1987		11	2004	4	16
1988		11	2005	4	17
1989	17	11	2006	6	15
1990		14	2007	6	13
1991	13	17	2008	4	12
1992		18	2009		11
1993		22	2010		11
1994		22	2011	4	10
1995	9	23	2012		10
1996		22	2013		10
1997	16	23	2014		10
1998	12	22	2015		10
1999	16	21			

This table indicates the number of teams playing in any given event.

ADL Winter Team Analysis

Year	Mens	Ladies	Year	Mens	Ladies
1967	4		1992	39	31
1968	12		1993	40	33
1969			1994	40	35
1970	13		1995	40	38
1971	13		1996	45	42
1972	16	6	1997	47	45
1973	18	11	1998	48	48
1974	19	12	1999	48	46
1975	21	14	2000	48	47
1976	21	14	2001	48	47
1977			2002	50	49
1978			2003	51	48
1979	26	21	2004		50
1980	30		2005		
1981			2006	52	50
1982	30	25	2007	50	48
1983	36	30	2008	54	48
1984	36	30	2009	54	48
1985	35	29	2010	56	49
1986	37	29	2011	52	49
1987	37	28	2012	54	48
1988	38	28	2013	55	47
1989	38	28	2014	56	49
1990	39	29	2015	53	48
1991	40	30			

Year	Floodlit	Juniors	Year	Floodlit	Juniors
1986	7		2001	16	8
1987	10		2002	19	5
1988	13		2003	20	6
1989	11		2004	22	5
1990	13		2005		
1991	13		2006	18	4
1992	12		2007	25	4
1993	11		2008	25	
1994	11		2009	32	
1995	8	15	2010	35	
1996	9	9	2011	33	5
1997	10	15	2012	33	4
1998	12		2013	35	
1999	14	13	2014	37	4
2000	16	8	2015	40	

Inspection of this data shows a steady upward rise in the number of teams during the period of this history for the main events. This is not true for the juniors where the interest seemed to be at its peak in the 1990s and has steadily declined ever since. The number of veterans' teams has steadily declined from the start of this millennium, not, I believe, for any lack of interest but because so many veterans now play in mainstream teams. As with the summer teams there has been a steady rise in the number of winter teams over this period.