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Dear Member

Welcome to another year at our Tennis Club. After approximately 6 weeks of snow I know there are a number of members who cannot wait for some warm weather and to get their shorts on and expose those white legs to some summer sunshine! We have one of the nicest facilities for tennis in the County, and your Committee are constantly striving to maintain the courts, the wonderful trees and shrubs, and of course, the clubhouse. Please take some time to read this letter and also the monthly bulletins, we are doing our best to keep you informed of everything that is going on, from club nights to team matches, to fund raising and social events, to coaching for both children and adults.

You will of course remember that last year we decided not to increase our subscriptions in view of the economic climate. Suffice to say that our finances have caught up with us and we have no choice but to increase the fees this year. We have carefully examined our costs and are doing everything we can to keep the fees as low as possible, but as you will have seen from the monthly bulletins we are actively fundraising and there are a number of events this year where we **need your support** in order to maintain our facilities to the highest possible standard. We have compared our subscriptions against all the other clubs in the County, and there is no doubt that we are one of the least expensive.

Those of you who regularly visit the club will have seen that courts 5 & 6 have been resurfaced. We are now waiting for the tarmac to cure before they can be painted. Courts 3 & 4 will be repainted at a convenient point during the next few weeks. The conifers behind courts 5 & 6 will be taken down during the next few weeks, as the roots are beginning to interfere with the courts. The total cost of all the aforementioned is in the region of £22000.

We **need your help** on the working party on Sunday 2nd May 9.30-11.30am. As usual most of the work will be general tidying up and maintenance, both around the grounds with some gardening and also some painting of the exterior of the clubhouse. If you would like to help

please just turn up with a few tools, such as gardening implements, brooms etc. Please see if you can spare the time.

This year Arzbach Tennis Club will be visiting us 23-27th July. If you would like to be involved please contact Geoff Hedges on 07974393568.

Also a reminder to enter the Annual Club Championships - watch out for the entry forms. The entry fee is just £2.00 per tournament – why not find a partner and enter the doubles and mixed doubles!

All the league matches and organized events are listed in your membership card, so please take some time to have a look at the events that you might be interested in attending. If you know of anyone that is interested in joining please look out for the taster days (both adult and junior) taking place and please note that membership forms can be downloaded from the website. www.droitwichtennis.co.uk

Allen Benbow, our Club Coach and Dee Smith look after all our coaching for both Adults and Juniors, please see the information posted in the clubhouse, and also on our website.

Don't forget Club Nights every Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30pm commencing Thursday 1st of April.

Again a reminder to look after our courts and clubhouse and to ensure that if you are the last to leave – to turn out the lights out and lock up!

Enjoy your tennis!

Robin Jones
Chairman