

History

1920s The Club was built on the site of Bourne Lodge, Farnham, on land purchased from Colonel Phillips in the early 1920s at a cost of £433. Funds for building courts and premises were raised by debentures issued in the amount of £2,500. The first Committee meeting was held on 7th January 1923. Members of the Committee were duly elected, with Sir Stanley Bois becoming the first President, Major Lonsdale the Hon. Secretary and Mr Brierley the Hon. Treasurer. It was unanimously resolved that the Club be called The Bourne Club, and a total of 160 members were recorded.



Original 1st Debenture Issued

During **1923** it was agreed that four asphalt Tennis courts be constructed, as well as a hall for Badminton, a card room for Bridge, a small tearoom, dressing room facilities and a croquet lawn.

1924 A small office (in the form of a shed) was erected for the Hon. Secretary, near the (currently unused) soft drinks vending machine site. The original front door to the Club was located by the veranda and is now the entrance to the main changing rooms and gym.

An account was opened at Lloyds Bank, Farnham.

Badminton was played extensively with matches arranged against other clubs in the area.

1925 The first Tennis tournament was held.

1927 It was agreed that since the existing asphalt was not a popular surface, two of the Tennis courts would be converted to “Fernden” courts. These courts required more maintenance, and so the services of a Steward were engaged for this purpose as well as for general Club upkeep. The Steward was paid a salary of £3 per week, with a further £10 expenses for his annual two-week holiday. Later, two further courts with a shale surface were built.

1933 As the Bridge membership was increasing rapidly it was agreed to build a larger card room (now the existing Bridge room), and to increase the size of the tearooms and alter the cloakrooms to accommodate extra members. Discussions regarding serving teas to Bridge players were recorded during several Committee meetings, and eventually it was agreed to provide “tea, shortbread, biscuits and plum cake for a month at 9d per head”.

Club activities remained little changed during the next decade, although it was recorded that no Tennis tournament took place during the Second World War.

1946 Squash was becoming a fast-growing sport, and the first Squash court was constructed near the site of the Indoor Sports Hall.



Original squash court built on the current (2014) gravel car park

Unfortunately, it was built just after the war when the materials available were not of high quality, and its maintenance reflected this. In later years, leaves and debris needed to be swept from the floor before play could commence.

1950 Early in this year there was much debate about the under use of the Tennis courts, and in **1955** the Tennis tournament was cancelled due to lack of entries and the implications of a national rail strike. At the same time there were insufficient Badminton players to form a team. An EGM was called to decide whether to allow new members for the Squash and Badminton sections to pay a six-month membership. This was duly agreed, and in the following year this arrangement was extended to Tennis players. It was also agreed that hot water would be provided in the changing rooms. A further ruling decreed that no dogs would be allowed in the club house.

Scottish Dancing continued to take place every Friday and in 1964 The Scottish Country Dancing Club contributed to the cost of redecorating the Badminton Hall.

It was noted that the Club also decided to subscribe to a copy of Whitaker's Almanack (a reference yearbook).

1955–1963 There is lack of information during these years - probably due to the fact that the outgoing Hon Secretary burnt a lot of the minutes; however, it is known that in **1956** local council tax fees were increased from £88 p.a. to £200 p.a. An appeal was not successful.

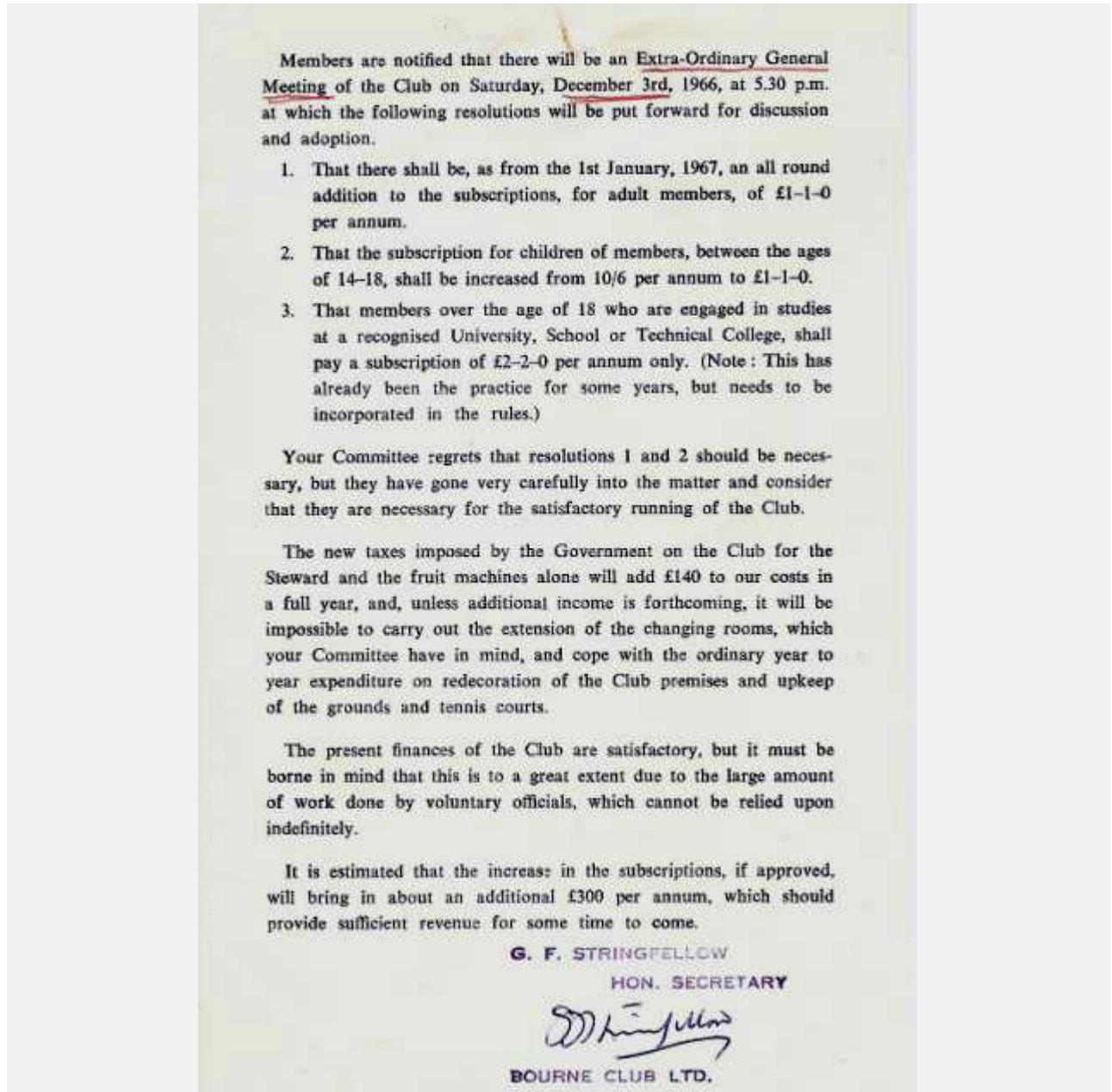
1963 The Club was offered a sum of £150 for the purchase of land fronting the club to facilitate a road improvement scheme by the Farnham UDC and a close boarded fence was to be erected in place of the existing wall. Frustratingly, it took more than 2 years to complete as the contractors went into Liquidation.

This year saw a winter of extreme conditions which caused the demise of the Club's central heating system. A new oil powered system was purchased at a cost of £650. It was hoped this would reduce the Club's electricity bills as the Bridge Room had been reliant on electric heaters during this time. Sadly, however, about 5 years later the entire system again ceased to function and after lengthy discussions several new parts for the boiler were replaced at a considerable cost to the Club.

Complaints were received by the Management Committee that many members appeared to think they "could play in any sort of garb they liked". As this was considered to create a bad impression of the Club, the Hon. Secretary was instructed to put up a notice urging members to play in correct Tennis clothing.

Fearing a possible Capital Gains Tax in the 1965 Budget, the Management Committee recorded a present day valuation in the region of £40000.

In 1966 an EGM was called for an increase to subscriptions –



Notice of EGM to increase subscriptions

Although the Fruit Machine was a considerable help in boosting Club finances it was noted that when a new Government Tax (50%) would be introduced this would significantly reduce that income. However, the Club decided to retain the machine for a while longer.

Later in 1966 the Club accepted a proposal of a project, under the auspices of the LTA, to form a Tennis coaching school in line with others being set up over parts of the country.

1971-72 The forward thinking of member John Alywin, an architect by profession, was instrumental in helping to take the Club forward at this time. Serious consideration was given to building a swimming pool, saunas, new Squash courts, a flat for a Caretaker and also for increasing the bar area. In order to obtain a mortgage for these improvements, all the debentures were redeemed. However, it was decided not to build the swimming pool and saunas due to their cost, although the building of a new flat for the Caretaker/Steward over the Bridge room (at a cost of £6,000) was agreed. Two new Squash courts were also to be built, and improvements were planned to the bar area.

REVISED SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1972

In spite of increased subscriptions approved by you in April 1970, the finances of the Club have continued to deteriorate. The Budget you adopted last May forecast a deficit of £332 - an improvement of £138 on the 1970 shortfall of £470. On current figures, it seems we were too optimistic by £347 - day-to-day expenses are up by £146 and we have already had to spend £201 on unexpected maintenance - and the prospective deficit is now £679. Even this still omits another £624 we ought to have spent on other overdue maintenance items had we had the money. Our 'realistic shortfall' for 1971 has gone up, therefore, from £1,157 to £1,303 with four months yet to go. Against this, it is planned to raise an additional £1,200 with the rates now recommended. They mean a rise of slightly over £3 a head for most adult Members or, say, some 6p a week.

Provided the new rates bring in their target yield, inflation slows down and further unexpected maintenance expense can be avoided, £1,500 might be available in 1972 to make good the 1971 shortfall (probably, about £700) and to start on the backlog of maintenance and renewals. The remaining £800 is at least £400 short of planned requirements for the latter but the end of 1972 should see the books balanced and capital assets being properly maintained.

The increases are savage but the Committee of Management consider anything lower would be merely tinkering with the basic insolvency of the Club on present rates. The revised subscriptions are needed simply to put our house in order and not just to finance grandiose schemes of capital improvement. Nevertheless, if the Club is made viable and subsequently kept so, its income from other sources should improve and it should become possible to service some loan capital secured on its assets. A full-time groundsman/steward is a high priority and, if housing is necessary to attract one, this may involve renting, buying or building. Larger membership is vital but depends to an extent on more games facilities - a second squash court seems the only practicable expansion.

When faced with this latest rise in their subscription, some Members may well consider resigning. Earnest regard has been had to this threat and the increases have been spread as fairly as possible over the various categories. If Members want a Club such as the Bourne Club, it has got to be paid for and properly managed: the only alternative is to cut down on staff, get Member volunteers to take on the necessary work and skimp on maintenance. Indeed, if you want improvements quickly, you will certainly have to pay even more than is now asked. However, it is hoped you will value the retention of your membership higher than the cost of a mere five cigarettes a week. For some time you have been paying less than its worth for what you have been getting - now you are being asked to pay a realistic price, no more.

The facilities the Club provides are in increasing local demand and resignation vacancies should soon be filled by new entrants. Inevitably, the character of the Club will change and the particularly friendly atmosphere generated by like-minded families, to which you are used, may become less evident. However hard you may be hit, try to hang on through 1972: solvency should be achieved next year and the return for your subscription should steadily improve thereafter.

If you wish to submit a formal counter-proposal, it will have to be a complete alternative scheme in itself because the officially recommended plan is unlikely to prove susceptible to major amendment in detail without destruction of its general balance and equity. The target for subscription yield after the increases, but allowing for probable wastage, is £4,000 and any alternative should aim to raise a comparable amount.

C.L. OSBURN

1st September 1971

Chairman, Committee of Management

C.L.O.
31/7/71

Letter explaining the need for revised subscription level

It is interesting to note that at this time payment for beer and drinks by means of an “honesty saucer” was withdrawn and a secure bar was built instead, manned by the Club Steward.

Reinforced columns were installed for a snooker table to be erected in what had previously been the main bar lounge.

1972 This year marks a milestone in the history of the Club and is the 50th anniversary of its incorporation. President, John Aylwin, recorded “*We look back gratefully to a long list of distinguished men and women who have given selflessly over the years and left us with an exceptional asset. To those people we say ‘thank you and congratulations. Your efforts were not in vain’. To keep faith with our Founders, and with ourselves, we must look forward. At the end of this review, it is hoped this can be done with some confidence and satisfaction in what we are now attempting to do.*” In celebration of 50 years, an oak sapling, now a mature tree was planted by Maj Schwabe near the corner of the indoor sports hall.

The overall number of members had increased to more than 1,000.

In **1973** Members of the Management Committee discussed membership and what the primary reasons were for the existence of the Club and an analysis was to be carried out on the following lines: (not too dissimilar to the 2014 survey carried out 40 years later.)

- 1. A breakdown of membership and why people joined the Club
- 2. Was it to be considered primarily a family and social club with sport as a second consideration
- 3. Should the sports be the main consideration
- 4. At what stage was membership saturation to be reached. If too big it became impersonal
- 5. Should all playing members be encouraged to play games irrespective of standard
- 6. Were the wishes of the majority of the members being carried out and did the views of various Committees represent the views of the members, and were the Committee in touch with members and their ideas

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1978 This year saw the building of two more Squash courts. Plans for both courts were drawn up by Michael Buckingham on a voluntary basis. Lighting for the courts was via meters at a cost of 10p for 45 minutes.

The annual firework display continued to be a huge success.

In the early **1980s**, the vexed issue of a new ladies’ changing room began to cause controversy and financial dilemma – a state of affairs that was to rumble on for a number of years. The existing ladies’ facilities in the club house were unsuitable due to their cramped size (only one shower

cubicle), insufficient hot water and frequent incursions by Bridge players keen to share the same facilities. It was reported: “Beware any lady trying to shower during a Bridge session – the charge of the walking stick brigade during the interval was more dangerous than a battalion of Panzers.” Also in the early 1980s consideration was given to building an indoor Tennis court in place of one of the shale courts and to building a new bar lounge and office alongside the old Badminton hall. After much research it was found that the original, single Badminton court was the most utilised facility in the Club. Therefore any new indoor facility needed to cater for both Badminton and Tennis. Further research was carried out to decide on the ideal court surface, and to this end Richard Potter and Rob Barber spent a happy weekend touring the Netherlands and Belgium visiting various clubs. Badminton requires a smooth surface, while Tennis needs a rougher surface in order to slow the ball down. Eventually a compromise was reached which, although not absolutely perfect for either sport, did allow the indoor facility to be fully utilised.





View of Old Hall, Bridge room and Steward's flat



Construction of sports hall and new lounge, office and entrance



Construction of the new sports hall



Construction of the new sports hall



Insulation going into the floor of the new lounge

The creation of the indoor court (or Indoor Sports Hall as it is now known), new bar lounge and office involved unstinting input by Michael Buckingham, who volunteered to draw up the plans and project manage the entire scheme. He was helped in this endeavour by Ian Rae and a team of volunteers.

This project was completed in **1983** with the aid of a grant of £6,000 from the Sports Council and a smaller amount from Farnham Sports Council, with plaques displayed recognising these contributions.



**This facility has been
grant - aided by The Sports Council**

Bourne
CLUB

**The Sports Hall and Club Room
were completed in December 1983.
The management of this project
was undertaken by a Building
Committee under the direction
of Michael Buckingham.**

The increased facilities helped the membership grow to 1,600. Demand for social activities also grew. These included a Sports & Leisure Wear Fashion Show, a visit to Hascombe Vineyard, Beaujolais Nouveau Evenings, Burns Nights and Race Nights, Brain of the Bourne, and Christmas Eve Carols with music provided by our own Bourne Buskers and a traditional visit from Father Christmas. The '100' club continued to flourish. New Year's Eve Dances usually sold out within hours of release of tickets. Nearly all these events were organised by Nicol Beard, Carol May or Malcolm Kerry.

The annual 4Sports competition continued to be a popular event. The club also formed a Hockey team, whose fixtures included one against Bordon Officers Club, and a Bourne Cricket X1 with matches played against Tilford X1.



Masked Ball



Burns Night

1984 In his annual report Geoff Ball, President, wrote that The Club had a reputation for being somewhat aloof and unfriendly, and maybe such criticism had been justified in the past. However, he could now report with the confidence of first-hand experience that over the last few years it had provided good, varied facilities at reasonable prices in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

1985 The Club entered the computer era, purchasing an Apricot operating system computer to record the membership and, later, the accounts. It now no longer required a Ready Reckoner for its business! However, after a few years this operating system was superseded by the more popular Microsoft operating system. The Club's computer systems were maintained voluntarily by club member Brian Sexton.

1986 The first lady President, Sally Hall, was elected.

1987 The first set of Tennis floodlights were installed on Court 5.

1988 The new ladies' changing rooms were eventually completed on a site alongside the Squash courts affectionately known as the Bramble Patch.

Late 1980s–mid 1990s The economy was in recession, which caused serious financial difficulties for the Club. Bank interest rates soared to 17% (plus 3% over base rate for the mortgage). Due to the requirement for deeper than planned excavations for the Indoor Sports Hall, the costs were a crippling £25,000 over budget. By 1995 membership numbers had fallen to under 1,000. It can be noted that without the wise financial stewardship of Gordon Mitchell, Financial Director, the Club may not have survived this period.

The Club cut back on a number of proposed projects and was managed by a host of dedicated volunteers who helped with ground maintenance, club house decoration and other requirements. Subscriptions were even paid in advance to facilitate cash flow. The Club then received some good news: Customs and Excise, under a European directive, resolved that membership for playing sport should not be VAT rated. As a result the Club received a very welcome rebate of around £80,000. However, Customs and Excise could not be convinced that Bridge was a “sport of the mind” and should also be zero rated.

1990 After much debate, Tennis courts fees were introduced at 40p per hour. A fitness room was installed in place of the old sports bar. Two more Tennis courts were floodlit, with the remaining two Tennis courts floodlit in 1993. To ease the congestion of the car park, Tennis court timings were staggered, and court numbers were switched - i.e. Tennis courts 1 and 2 became known as courts 3 and 4. These and court 5 were the artificial grass surface and could be booked on the hour, the remaining courts 1 and 2 on the half hour.

1993–1994 Around **1993**, Bridge, which had been played at the Club for many years, was in decline. In **1994** Bill Friggens introduced Duplicate Bridge, and over the next few years numbers increased again. Duplicate, Rubber and Chicago Bridge were all played at the Club.

1995 Around this time the Bridge section became affiliated to the English Bridge Union (and therefore also to the Surrey County Bridge Association) and took part in various national and county Bridge events and competitions.

1996 Various high-level players came to the Club to give Bridge seminars, and were impressed by the Club facilities and hospitality. For example:

“Recently, I had the honour of opening new premises for a bridge club. The Bourne Club, in Farnham, Surrey, treated my wife and myself as celebrities, and made it a wonderful day. We stayed on after the ribbon-cutting ceremony ...”

Tony Forrester, The Daily Telegraph, 3 February 1996

“My visit to The Bourne Club was one of the highlights of this world tour ...”

Ron Klinger, July 1996

1997 Following the refurbishment of the Old Hall, and investment by the Club in more furniture, the Bridge Section adopted it as their venue, increasing available space and numbers. The members' list was reopened, but soon afterwards was closed again due to oversubscription.

1998 A Friday evening Off Peak Bridge Section was formed. Also in this year a Bridge charity lunch, organised by members across all the sections in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, was introduced and has been run most years since.

1999 Nancy Beament, a Tennis and Bridge playing member for many years, died and bequeathed some money to the Club. The Bridge section used its share to buy a silver salver and started the annual Nancy Beament Champion Pairs Competition, the winners of which appear on the honours board in the Bridge room. The Tennis section purchased a garden seat in her memory. Duplicate Bridge sessions currently (2014) attract up to 72 players.

2000 After a bumpy ride during the previous decade, the Club entered the 21st Century: financial confidence returned and the Club climbed back rapidly to the flourishing position it had enjoyed during earlier times.

2011 In the first part of 2011 the Club embarked on an ambitious and extensive redecoration of the entrance lobby, offices, bar and lounge. As one might imagine, this caused considerable upheaval while the work was being carried out. The office was relocated temporarily to the snooker room, and at times short-term diversions and changes to access were necessary for members. However, the work was finished on schedule, and celebrated with a grand reopening party and barbecue. This was attended by many Club members, as well as by the local MP Jeremy Hunt (then Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport) and the sports presenter Garry Richardson.

2016 In April of this year the Club opened its new, purpose built air-conditioned Gym, utilizing the space occupied by the old gym/fitness room and the snooker room. Losing the snooker room was not universally welcome, and a petition was raised to object to the loss, but to no avail. However, the Gym has proved to be a popular asset and has done much to boost membership, especially among younger members. The Club also offers specialist one-to-one training and fitness in the Gym, as well as members working through their own regimes on a variety of state of the art equipment.

2017 This year saw the arrival of the Bubble – an all-weather cover that is erected over courts 1 and 2 in the autumn and then taken down again the following spring. The presence of the Bubble means that Tennis can be played on these two courts whatever the weather.

Ongoing Improvements

The Club has a policy of constant improvement and renewal, as funds allow. This has seen for example, a refurbishment of the lounge in 2018; improvements to the squash courts; new, bigger dehumidifiers in the Indoor Sports Hall; laminate flooring in the Bridge Room.

Tennis court surfaces have changed constantly with the demand for newer and improved coverings. Asphalt and shale changed to sand-filled artificial grass and sand-filled carpet, which in turn was replaced by an acrylic surface.

Other Activities at the Club

Over 90 years we have witnessed the rise and demise of different sections within the Club (reflecting national trends), yet as a multisport club we have successfully carried each other through the difficult times and survive as a thriving and unique sports venue in the area. Currently (2019), membership stands at about 1400 members.

The year 2011 saw the formation of the Wine Society, now a regular and popular event at which members have an opportunity to sample excellent wines from all over the world, with expert knowledge imparted by “Wine Educator”, Nina Cerullo.

Other activities at the Club now include regular sessions of Pilates, Yoga and fitness classes such as Zumba. These are available to both members and non members.

Pickleball, a sort of cross between tennis and table tennis, is a newly introduced sport at the Club.

In addition to the sports facilities, the Club continues to provide social events, including Quiz Nights, Comedy Nights, Christmas Parties and Open Days, which are always well attended.

Members' Achievements

A brief history of the Club would be incomplete without a mention of some of the many members who have enjoyed considerable success at their chosen sport over the years. These include:

Badminton

Tom Potter, a stalwart of the section during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, was a Hampshire county player. The Bourne Club trophy board has three generations of the Potter family in the Men's Doubles: Tom, his son Richard and grandson Philip.

Paul Matthews was a Club member and Surrey county player in the late 1960s and ranked in the England Top Ten.

The Bourne Club Badminton Team won the inaugural Guildford Tournament in the early 1980s.

Bridge

The Club's most successful player is Wendy Miller, who is a Premier Life Master (EBU).

Squash

Allan Davison was Surrey County Closed Over 55s Champion 2010. He represented Surrey in the Inter Counties Tournament in the Over 55s and Over 60s age groups.

John Hayman took up Squash refereeing in about 1988, progressing to a tournament grade official in 1991. He was selected as one of the Referees/Markers for the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002, his highlight being picked as Marker for the Ladies Doubles final. He continued active refereeing in the South of England until 2013.

Steve Jackson's achievements include being captain of Surrey over 35s, Over 45s, Over 55s and Over 60s, several Individual Surrey Closed Titles and being a World Squash Championship 2012 Over 60s quarter finalist. He won the Farnham Sports Personality Award in 2001 and represented England in Home International's Over 50s in 2003.

Trevor Wilkinson has excelled at Squash, Racketball and Tennis. His extensive Squash achievements include:

Being Captain and player in various Over 45 and Over 55 teams, along the way winning titles such as the SRA National County Championship from 1994–99, The Vets Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain Inter Club Tournament from 1992–96, and the England Squash national County Championships in 2003–04, 2004–05 and 2007–08.

On the international stage, Trevor was winner of the Pringle World Masters Men's Doubles Squash Championships (partnered by John Perrot) in 1993. He also represented England in the Men's Over 50s Home Internationals from 1997–99, gaining nine caps for England. He won the Men's Over 55 British Open Championships in 2002 and was England captain of the victorious Men's Over 55 Home International Team in 2003. Other achievements include being selected for England in the Men's Over 60s Home Internationals in 2008. Trevor has also played competitive international Squash in South Africa and the USA.

He was joint winner of the Farnham Sports Advisory Council Sports Personality of the Year 1996-7 (along with a young Jonny Wilkinson) and was awarded the Borough of Waverley Sports Personality of the Year 1997-8.

Table Tennis

The team was formed around 2003 by Colin Briars. In the second year of entering, the team won Division 4 of the Aldershot League, and followed that by winning Division 3. By now the section also had a second team, which won Division 4 League and Cup in 2006–7. They went on to win the Division 3 Cup in 2007–8 and 2009–10, finishing second in the league. The first team meanwhile

remained mid-table in Division 2. The teams dropped out of the leagues in 2010–11, due to lack of players.

Tennis

In 2012 Barbara Awbery represented Wales Over 55s and played the Home International tournament. In 2013 she was ranked number 5 in the UK over 60s and reached number 65 in world rankings. She won the Woking Singles Over 60s and reached the semi-finals in the Doubles at Wimbledon. Barbara also played hockey for Wales, represented her country at athletics [800 metres] and played soccer for Sussex.

Daniel Cochrane started playing Tennis at three years of age. He represented Hampshire from the age of nine and won many of the County Championships between 2002 and 2010. He represented Great Britain at the age of 10, when he was taken to the Cirque C'Ete, France, by the LTA. Interestingly, British player Heather Watson was on the same circuit. He has represented England in the Home Nations Championships against Wales, Scotland and Ireland. At the age of 18 he played in the Junior Wimbledon Championships and gained his first ATP ranking point in September 2010. He represented Great Britain twice in the World University Games (the second biggest multisport event in the world) and carried the Union Flag at the opening ceremony in Kazan 2013. Currently (2014), Daniel plays for the Men's Hampshire County team.

Veronica Ferguson, who introduced Short Tennis to the Bourne Club, was elected to Surrey LTA Council, and is now Hon. Vice President of Surrey LTA; she was awarded the Farnham Sports Personality Award in 1992.

Alex Hughes has played county, regional and national tennis.

Trevor Wilkinson was Winchester Boys singles under 16s winner in 1963. In the same year he also won the Under 16s Mixed Doubles and the Eastbourne (on grass) Under 16s for Boys

Among Rosemary Wilson's many triumphs are inclusion in both England's and Great Britain's Over 60s teams and reaching the quarter finals in the World Individual Championships in 2011. In 2012 she both captained the England Ladies Over 60s team in the Four Nations competition and won the Farnham Sports Personality Award.

Bourne Club Presidents

1920-24	Sir Stanley Bois
1924–26	Brig. Gen. F. Baylay
1926–28	Col. G. Phillips
1928–30	F. C. Potter
1930–	L. E. Dollman

– 1949	Sir Arthur Boyce
1949–56	G. W. Hatch
1956–63	C. T. Gooch
1963–70	Maj. A. G. Schwabe
1970–72	Lt. Col. C. Ommanney
1972–74	J. M. Aylwin
1974–76	M. H. G. Holmes
1976–80	D. R. Reeves
1980–82	L. W. Pownall
1982–84	C. R. Brighton
1984–86	G. D. Ball
1986–88	Mrs S. J. Hall
1988- 91	C. H. Mansell
1991–95	R. A. Barber
1995–99	D. J. Coker
1999–2001	J. C. Mitchell
2001–03	Mrs J. Macland
2003–07	P. Hornsby
2007–11	A. Walker
2011–13	Anne Browne
2013–15	Kiki Bosi
2015-17	D. Carew-Jones
2017-19	M. Browne
2019-	Jane Elliott

Bourne Club Coaches

Badminton

The most noticeable Badminton junior coaches during 1960s, 70s and 80s were Tom and Marjorie Potter. Marjorie was known as “Mum”. She and Tom travelled to all the venues with the junior team onboard in their camper van. Tony, their Bedlington Terrier, always accompanied them, sitting in prime position on the dashboard.

When the Potters retired, Alan Maybe and Angela Grannell continued their sterling work.

More recently, Adam Sturt has been carrying out the coaching.

Squash

The organisation and coaching of the junior teams was initially carried out by volunteers John Jeffery and Ken Hounsham.

The first paid coach was Martin Sterio. Gary Hales is our current coach.

Tennis

The first paid tennis coach was John Marlow (who on his first day arrived on crutches as he had sliced his toe in an accident with a lawn mower), followed by Brian Barnett and Paul Davey, all of whom, at the time, were the sole coach for the section. Andy Warry was then head coach for many years until 2016.

Now our coaches are under the guidance of head coach Alex Fricker.

Longest standing member – Mary Greville

Information Request and Acknowledgements

This is just a précis of collated information about the Club from limited and, sadly in some cases, incomplete sources. If you have any recollections or anecdotes that may be of interest for inclusion in the History of the Bourne Club, or members' achievements, please forward them to me via the Club office.

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Marianne Marti

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