

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club Annual General Meeting 2025

Monday 23 February 2026

MWTC Clubhouse

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- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Senior Secretary
- Club Referee
- Junior Representation
- Website Co-ordinator
- Safeguarding Officer
- Committee Members

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AGM 2024 MINUTES

Minutes of the 2024 AGM of Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

held on Monday 10 February 2025 at 7.30pm at

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

Committee members present: Glen Gordon (President), Mike Miller (Vice President), Leslie Young (Treasurer), Alison Moore (Secretary), Sophie MacBrayne (Membership Secretary), Rosie Leslie (Safeguarding Officer), Gemma Ross, Lorna Hutchison, Lesley Watters, Will Grieve, Mac Brown (Senior)

Non-committee members present included: Ian Reilly (club coach), John Reid, Andrew Panter, Jenni Young, John Tucker, Angie Laidlaw

Apologies: Brenda and Brian Lumley, Jane Rimmer, Sandy Morris, John Barrow, Rachel Fourie, Rosie Leslie, Mac Brown.

Adoption of the 2023 AGM minutes was proposed by Leslie Young and seconded by Lorna Hutchison

History of the Club:

Mac Brown had to give his apologies as he was injured so his talk was read out in his absence by Alison Moore.

President's Report:

The President, Glen Gordon, welcomed everyone to the 2024 AGM and presented his President's Report, which is appended to these minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Leslie Young, presented the annual accounts to the meeting. The accounts were still subject to audit and were presented as such. Thanks were expressed to Leslie for



his preparation of the accounts. They were approved by Alison Moore and seconded by Will Grieve.

Membership Report:

Sophie MacBrayne presented her report as Membership Secretary.

Team Captains' Reports:

The individual captains presented their reports.

Juniors and Coaching Report:

Ian Reilly presented his coaching report.

Election of Committee

The election of the committee then took place and the committee for 2025 is as follows:

- President – Mike Miller

Nominated by Glen Gordon and seconded by Ian Reilly.

- Vice President – Will Grieve

Nominated by Mike Miller and seconded by Leslie Young.

- Treasurer – Kate Spark

Nominated by Leslie Young and seconded by Mike Miller.

- Secretary – Angie Laidlaw

Nominated by Alison Moore and seconded by Glen Gordon.

- Membership Secretary – Alice MacBrayne

Nominated by Sophie MacBrayne and seconded by Lorna Hutchison.

- Senior Secretary – Mac Brown

Nominated by Leslie Young and seconded by Alison Moore.



- Club Referee – Will Grieve

Nominated by Leslie Young and seconded by Gemma Ross.

- *Junior Representation – TBC*
- Website Co-ordinator – Glen Gordon

Nominated by Mike Miller and seconded by Will Grieve.

- Safeguarding Officer – Rosie Leslie

Nominated by Alison Moore and seconded by Gemma Ross.

- Committee members:
 - Lorna Hutchison

Nominated by Mike Miller and seconded by Gemma Ross.

The Club Coach (not a committee role) is Ian Reilly.

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John Tucker presented a proposal for increasing community participation in tennis in Melrose. It was agreed that this would be considered by the committee.

The President closed the meeting at 8.30pm by thanking everyone for their attendance.

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

I'd like to start by giving a huge thank you to all of the committee members, past present and future, because without them the club just wouldn't run. As President I see everything that you've done and I am very grateful, and as a keen tennis player I am very thankful that we have people in the club willing to give up their time to make sure we all have these great facilities to enjoy throughout the year. During my time as president we have had a few changes to the committee but I'm thankful for Kate & Angie who replaced Leslie and Ali last year. Since then we have lost a few more so have been looking to recruit some new members on to the committee and into those important roles and are still seeking active replacements.

We have had a few successes throughout the year, starting with the Melrose Mixed Open. As popular as ever with the players so thank you to Glen and Ali for organising this event. Our season opener which once again doubled as the Margaret Bunyan tournament was also a success. It was very well attended and a few new members came along which is what it's all about. We hosted the Borders Confined again which was another success. We are the favourite venue of most of the players around the borders. The club championships at the end of the season ran smoothly this year alongside the over 55 tournament. Another success. Congratulations to all our new champions! We had another very well attended quiz night and another very successful Xmas raffle draw. These events are great for making the club a bit of extra cash but they are also very important in giving members the opportunity to come together and enjoy the club socially. We have had success on the court too: fielding teams in the Tennis Borders competitions. - Adult and Junior. Thanks to everyone involved in organising these teams.

Going forward we continue to look into the LED floodlights and hope to see what funding we can secure to help with the costs.

I'd like to finish by once again thanking our committee for all they've done and helping me over this past year!

Mike Miller

Treasurer's Report – available separately

Membership Fees Proposal 2026-27

For the past two years membership fees have increased by approximately 5% as agreed at the AGM in 2024 (a two year approach was agreed then). I suggest that membership fees increase by about 3% for 2026-27 and are reviewed again at the 2027 AGM once more information on the costs of replacing floodlights and installing solar panels are available. The following figures are proposed.

	2025-26	2026-27
Social	£15.00	£15.00
Adult (Age 21 – 59)	£100.00	£103.00
Concessions/Country	£55.00	£57.00
Young Person (Age 18 – 20)	£55.00	£57.00
Juniors (Age 11 – 18)	£37.50	£38.00
Children (10 years & under)	Free	Free
Family	£210.00	£215.00
Six month Adult	£52.00	£54.00
Six month concession	£29.00	£29.00

Kate Spark

Hon. Treasurer Date: 18 February 2026

Please note we have no social members currently. Pay by instalment membership is available on request with a slight premium to account for the added work involved. Summer memberships were not requested or offered in 2025-26.

Membership Report

Membership levels remain healthy and the club continues to receive a fairly consistent number of new membership applications/enquiries during the summer months, particularly for concession and adult members.

Overall, membership numbers remain stable when compared to the figures presented at the previous AGM. The Club currently has **303 active members** across **11 membership packages**.

This year, the Club introduced a **six-month membership package** following an influx of requests for this option in the late summer of the previous membership year.

All current membership packages expire on 31/03.

The Club continues to review its membership structure to ensure it reflects demand and provides flexibility for both new and existing members.

The club remains above the LTA recommended membership level per court (70 members per court).

New and rejoining members continue to be sent a copy of the updated Welcome Letter. Members who do not renew their memberships via Clubspark are manually sent an email confirming the membership package they have taken out.

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP FIGURES – 21 February 2026

Membership Package	Number of Members
Adult	59
Adult (Instalment)	1
Child	66



Membership Package	Number of Members
Junior	32
Concession / County	89
Family	35
6 Month Adult	5
6 Month Concession	3
6 Month Family Concession	4
Young Person	5
Total Members	299

Members who enquired after January were encouraged to engage on a pay-as-you-go basis due to the close proximity to the end of the membership year. It may be worth considering the introduction of a **6-week membership package** next year, which could be priced appropriately and made available to purchase online.

The only other matter that generated a significant number of enquiries was access to clubhouse key cards, specifically the process for requesting, collecting and receiving them.

The comments/changes column above is intended to provide a summary of trends only: some Child members may move into the Junior age category, and some members who were previously Adult members may instead take out a Concession/county membership package.

Alice MacBrayne

TEAM CAPTAINS' REPORTS AND TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Ladies Captain's Report for 2025 - Tennis Borders Ladies League

23 players took part in the 2025 Ladies League. We had three teams - one in each division - requiring 14 players each week.

Our teams played steadily and consistently throughout the League with the following results, allowing Teams 1 and 2 to remain in their respective divisions:

Team 1 finished 4th

Team 2 finished 3rd

Team 3 finished 2nd

I would like to thank all players for their commitment and availability throughout the season.

I am now standing down as Captain, and I look forward to welcoming a new Captain to lead the MWTC Ladies Team.

Lesley Watters, Feb 2026

Men's Captain's Report – Andrew Stavert/John Reid

MWTC Mens League 2025

As for many years now the club entered three teams in the Mens League. Andy Stavert ran the 1st team whilst I took care of the 2nds and 3rds.

The 1sts finished a very close second in Division 1, winning eight out of ten matches. Ten different players played in these matches.



The 2nds finished second bottom of Division 2, winning two and drawing one match out of ten on the way to retaining their second tier status. Twelve different players played in these matches.

The 3rds finished fourth of seven in Division 3, winning two and drawing two of six matches. Six different players played in these matches.

John Reid, Tuesday 17th February 2026

Mixed League captains' report – Trudi and John Reid

MWTC Mixed League 2025

The club entered three teams in this event. Trudi and I ran all three teams.

The 1sts finished fifth of eight in Division 1, just missing out on the top four finish required to qualify for the Mixed Knock Out event. Fourteen players represented the 1sts.

The 2nds finished bottom of Division 1, losing all seven matches. Eighteen players represented the 2nds

The 3rds finished bottom of Division 2, winning one of their six matches. Twelve players represented the 3rds.

John & Trudi Reid, Tuesday 117th February 2026

2025 Winter League

2025 got off to the usual freezing cold and wet start with the Winter League running from February into March. It was also a very slow start in terms of results. We entered 2 teams into the league and finished bottom and 2nd bottom with only one win coming from either team. We used 5 men and 5 women during the campaign, not a big enough squad to mount a decent challenge.

Melrose Mixed Open 2025

We had a change of date for the MMO, moving it to May in an attempt to encourage more players to enter. It was another successful tournament, however, for the first time we had



more non-Melrose members entering than Melrose members. Although it is an open tournament we've always tried to have at least a 50/50 split but had to work hard this year to fill up all the places. Thanks must go to Ali Moore for the work put in to keep this tournament as a favourite amongst a lot of players.

The tournament was won by Lara Abdrabbo and Andrew Milligan, and the plate event won by Jenell and Keith.

2025 40+ Mixed League

The year ended with the 40+ mixed league. We entered 2 teams and used a much bigger squad of players. 9 ladies and 8 men were used during the campaign which seen the 1s winning the title. Congratulations to everyone who played. The 2s didn't fair too well, finishing 8th but it was encouraging to see a few new faces in our line ups. All good experience for next season's matches.

Club Championships and 55+ Championships

The club championships ran through the summer along with the 55+ championships. Both tournaments were completed with no real issues. Thank you to Glen and Will for organising the main draw and to John Reid for the 55+ draw. All trophies have been brought up to date with engraving.

The 2025 champions are:

Mens singles - Fraser Rout

Ladies singles - Britta Kalkreuter

Men's doubles - Glen Gordon/John Melrose

Ladies doubles - Hilary Jackson/Naomi McGowan

Mixed doubles - Angie Laidlaw/Andy Stavert



55+ champions are:

Men's singles - John Melrose

Ladies singles - Britta Kalkreuter

Men's doubles - Iain Laidlaw/John Reid

Ladies doubles - Jenell Arnott/Lesley Watters

Mixed doubles - Hilary Jackson/John Reid

This was Glen's last year organising the championships so we will be looking for someone to take over this year.

Coaching Report

Tennis Coaching Summary for Children and Adults

I continue to enjoy coaching for the club at now 62 years old. Obviously I missed sometime out last year due a knee replacement but I am now feeling much better but it has had a limited impact on coaching for the club.

We have a number of young players who attend District Coaching and those that continue to demonstrate the correct skills and aptitude will be proposed to this opportunity as well club coaching.

Coaching for Children

Children's tennis sessions focus on building confidence, coordination, and a genuine love of the game. Young players learn the fundamentals—grip, footwork, rallying, and basic tactics—through fast-paced games, creative drills, and age-appropriate equipment. The goal is to help them develop athletic skills, good sportsmanship, and the excitement of mastering something new, all in a fun, positive environment.

I coach around 100 children per week from Monday to Friday mainly on the courts but I also use the primary school hall for younger children when the weather is poor. I have one



Coaching Assistant at present assisting with two new recruits starting in the New Year who are both 5th year at High School. This will be beneficial to build self-confidence and gain valuable work experience.

The adult group continues in Thursdays 6-7pm with around 8-10 attending. This merges with Club Night to encourage participants to mix in socially.

My plan is to continue with the same regime in the New Year but I welcome any feedback or suggestions from the Committee.

I organised the Junior Club Championships in October which went well with some excellent matches and a high standard of play. I would be grateful if the Committee could organise a trophy presentation for 2025 winners. Also I am not aware of a presentation for 2024.

I continue to enjoy coaching at the club and look forward to 2026!

Coaching for Adults

Adult coaching blends technique, strategy, and fitness to elevate every player's game, no matter their starting level. Sessions emphasise stroke refinement, consistency, point construction, and match-specific tactics, while also delivering a great workout. Adults benefit from personalised feedback, purposeful drills, and opportunities for match play to strengthen both skill and confidence on court.

Overall Approach

Whether for children or adults, the program aims to:

- Build solid technical foundations
- Improve movement and game awareness
- Encourage healthy competition and teamwork
- Provide a motivating, supportive atmosphere
- Help every player enjoy the sport and grow at their own pace

Ian Reilly, LTA Accredited Coach. February 2026

Juniors' Report

Tennis Borders is now accepting entries for the upcoming Junior Spring Leagues, which will run from mid-April until the end of June.

The leagues are open to all junior players aged 11+, with teams playing in divisions suitable for their ability, ranging from experienced to beginner.

Matches will be on Friday or Sunday evenings at various locations tbc.

10 players have signed up for the Junior Spring League so far...out of the 19 players that were invited.

Many of the older players have not responded to the invitation yet. Hopefully they will with some more encouragement so we can have a strong 1st team.

I will discuss with Ian R about how to communicate the Junior Spring League tennis playing opportunity to the young players he has for coaching.

Hopefully it will simply be a case of Ian sharing contact details to add them to the existing junior player's WhatsApp group.

There was some interest in getting MWTC T-shirts made up by Border Embroideries. I will look into this further.

Ali Wood, February 2026

Welfare Officer (Safeguarding) Report

The Safeguarding Officer is usually the first point of contact for welfare concerns within the club. These concerns may relate to any incident or behaviour which can be sexual, physical, emotional (including humiliation and coercion), as well as concerns about neglect (including self-neglect).

I am Safeguarding trained and PVG checked with Tennis Scotland.

I am an active member of the tennis community and play competitively in the Borders leagues. Outside of tennis, my job involves working closely with children and their families. If any member of the club has a concern relating to safeguarding and welfare, they can make contact with myself. At present, my PVG registration covers child protection. Concerns about adults, however, can also be raised with me and I will redirect these or seek advice as necessary. My email address is rleslie11@hotmail.co.uk. Urgent indecencies need to be reported to emergency services. Members may also choose to contact LTA directly to complete an online form.

My activities to date include:

- Making contact with the Regional Safeguarding Officer regarding updates to policies. He is due to complete a routine inspection of MWTC towards the end of this month.
- The President and I met recently to implement policy updates. These include anti-bullying, online safety and communications, photography and filming, safe recruitment, supervision, and use of changing facilities.
- Basic LTA safeguarding training was delivered to those present at our committee meeting in January this year. This has been shared with the committee, including all captains, club coach, and coach assistants via email.



- Our recently recruited Junior Captain, has completed her PVG check so I have added this to our records. In addition to this, I have received a PVG renewal from coaching assistant.
- Three teenagers from MWTC have achieved their Level 1 Coaching certificate. One has completed a PVG through Tennis Scotland which enables him to work as an assistant, helping our Club Coach with group lessons. This is something we wish to encourage because it allows older children at our club to take on a role and responsibility around the same time that they transition into the adult categories. We also value the commitment from these individuals and hope that they continue to act as a positive role model for our junior players. I have been liaising with Club Coach and parents about this opportunity.

Rosie Leslie, February 2026

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Committee Members (Trustees) Year ended 31 December 2025

Michael Miller – President (From 10 February 2025)

Will Grieve – Vice President (From 10 February 2025)

Angela Laidlaw – Secretary (From 10 February 2025)

Kate Spark – Hon. Treasurer (From 10 February 2025)

Mac Brown

Lorna Hutchison

Rosie Leslie

Alice MacBrayne - (From 10 February 2025, resigned February 2026)

Alison Wood - (From 10 February 2025)

Glen Gordon – President (Resigned 10 February 2025)

Mike Miller – Vice-President (Resigned 10 February 2025)

Alison Moore – Hon. Secretary (Resigned 10 February 2025)

Leslie Young – Hon. Treasurer (Resigned 10 February 2025)

Rachel Fourie - (Resigned 10 February 2025)

Gemma Ross - (Resigned 10 February 2025)

Sophie MacBrayne - (Resigned 10 February 2025)