**Report by the Squash Secretary, Charlie Logan**

I am pleased to report that after 2 years of turmoil, when it felt that squash was in a terminal decline, Coolhurst squash is once again beginning to flourish. We have been closed for 11 of the last 24 months but as of now our membership and court utilisation is approaching 90% of pre pandemic levels.

In 2021 despite all of the adverse conditions we managed to achieve the following;

-A full internal club tournament( albeit in October rather than April).
-A 64 entry handicap tournament.
-10 Coolhurst teams across various categories.
-Our second England Squash (ES) junior tournament.
-Relaunching of all our coaching programs from junior beginners through to elite adults.
-Two club nights a week from last July onwards.
-The return of our internal box leagues with over 120 members participating.
-A complete refurbishment of the 7 courts over Christmas.

Our ambitions for 2022/3 which I am happy to lead on if the members wish me to, include;

-The successful conclusion of our current club tournament with its record entry.
-Coolhurst participating in its first ever ES gold event this July.
-Taking advantage of squash in the commonwealth games and relaunching our adult coaching from beginners to elite.
-Exploring ways of showcasing professional squash as a successor to the PSL.
-Have an overview of our courts to see what and how they can be further improved.
-Encourage some of our excellent members to take coaching badges to support our current team.
-To once again have a full and committed group of Coolhurst teams in competitive squash.

As ever with a members club Coolhurst Squash is lucky to have a cohort of really dedicated members who contribute hugely to the success of the club. I would like to thank all those members who have volunteered over the last year, but particularly the following who have gone beyond in helping the squash section; Peter Hilton, James Wilson, Giles Clawson, Simon Millman, Wendy Levin, Mark Singleton, Paul Harris (now in Edinburgh), Lucy Horncastle, Lucas Cannistraci, Brent Compton and Lucy Whatling.

Unfortunately, we lost two of our long term and most popular squash members with Andris Berzins and Fay Miller passing away. Andris and Fay both contributed significantly to life at Coolhurst in different ways and will be much missed.

I am happy to remain secretary for the coming year, if someone else wishes to stand I would be more than willing to support them.  I have said before my aim is to get more people, playing more squash, more often. But also to enjoy the game and to make lasting friendships whilst staying fit and active.