



Hampton-In-Arden Sports Club (Tennis Section) The Court Circular - Issue 7



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Welcome to Our New Coach: Richard Perkins



Richard joined the Club in April and shares the professional coaching duties with Jane Hodge.

General Background Information

Age: 28

Qualification: DCA (Development Coach Award)

Lives in Leamington Spa

Hobbies: Playing football, supporting West Brom, working out in the gym and, believe it or not, playing tennis!

The Junior Committee have interviewed Richard recently - check out what he has to say on our web site [//hamptontennis.org.uk](http://hamptontennis.org.uk) or at the end of this magazine.

Committee

Tournament draws

The draws now been posted on the club notice board and will also be available on the web site. Good luck to all who have entered. Telephone numbers are available in the members section of the website.

John Davis

Singles League

Do you want to participate in a competitive singles league which works on the same principles as squash leagues? If you have not entered this time why not add your name to the list on the notice board so that you can be included in the next league when it begins. Currently the competition consist of four leagues each of four players with promotion and relegation when the leagues have been completed. Only two sets are played so draws are possible while tie breaks are played at 6 games all. More information is available on the club notice board.

Jane Hodge

Good Experience

One of our junior members, **Andy Williamson**, is taking the **Duke of Edinburgh Award**. As part of it, he is assisting our coach Richard with the Mini Tennis 2 and the Introduction Tennis courses on a Friday afternoon. Andy is proving a great help to Richard and very popular with the children - how cool to have a local teenager helping them!!!! This is definitely a scheme with mutual benefit.

We thank Andy for his support and enthusiasm and wish him luck with the Award.



Chris Barnes

Free coaching on Friday nights.

During May Richard is providing free coaching between 7pm and 8pm on Friday nights. Why not come down and improve your game? For some members (names and addresses withheld!!!) this could prove to be an ideal opportunity for you to talk and play at the same time rather than just talk! Reliable sources tell me that Richard is a master in the art of playing while at the same time carrying on a conversation!

League players

Have you noticed that you can access directions to other clubs plus check out results from other club teams and the up to date league tables through the web site? Why not pay us a visit at <http://hamptontennis.org.uk/>

Chris Barnes

<p style="text-align: center;">Chris Barnes</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Jubilee Tennis - 4/5 June, 2002</p> <p>Calling all children - fed up with the Jubilee celebrations, want some fun and exercise? Come and join the tennis sessions that have been specially arranged for:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 4 June and Wednesday 5 June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.30->10.155 years and under £2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.15 -> 11.15...6 and 7 years £2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.15 -> 12.15 8 to 12 years BEGINNERS £2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.15 -> 1.15 8 to 12 years INTERMEDIATE £2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2.00 -> 4.00...10 to16 years ADVANCED £3.50</p> <p>Please let Richard or Jane know if you are interested by May 30 at the latest and return the form, which can be printed from junior section of the website at www.hamptontennis.org.uk. Telephone enquiries to Jane on 01675 443197 or mobile 07900 025718.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jane Hodge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Junior Tennis Tournament, Saturday 15 June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 am Year 6 and Under</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 noon Year 7 and Above</p> <p>Juniors, the time is drawing near for your very own Club Tournament! You have been working hard to improve your tennis, now is your chance to play the game in a friendly environment. The competition is open to members of Introduction Tennis standard and above. (Children who have group coaching on Fridays from 6.15 to 7.00 and all those who have coaching on Saturdays). The entry fee is just £1 and includes a hot dog. So don't delay, complete the form which can be printed from junior section of the website at www.hamptontennis.org.uk. Telephone enquiries to Jane on 01675 443197 or mobile 07900 025718.</p> <p>Please return the form to Jane by 10 June. Thank you and good luck!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jane Hodge</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ACE Magazine</p> <p>Malcolm Brumwell has kindly volunteered to put his copy in the clubhouse on a regular basis so please look out for it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chris Barnes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wimbledon Ticket draw</p> <p>The ticket draw was made on Play Tennis day and the results have been posted on the web site at www.hamptontennis.org.uk. Click here for details</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Malcolm Brumwell</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Watching tennis this summer?</p> <p>If you would like to watch any tennis over the summer months here are some of the attractions which you can book for:</p> <p>-Dow Classic at Edgbaston Priory - Pre Wimbledon warm up for the ladies 10th to 16th June. Booking hotline 0870 909 3015</p> <p>-Samsung Open at the City Of Nottingham Tennis Centre - Pre Wimbledon Warm up for the men 17th to 22nd June. Booking hotline: 0870 909 3015</p> <p>-Brittanic Asset Management International Championships at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne. Another pre Wimbledon Warm up for the ladies 15th to 22nd June. Booking hotline 01323 412000</p> <p>-Wimbledon. Further information on the Wimbledon website. Link provided in the links section of our website.</p> <p>-Davis Cup tennis. Great Britain v Thailand at The NIA Birmingham 20th to 22nd September. Booking hotline 0870 908 3040 or online at www.necgroup.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chris Barnes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Members</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined this season:</p> <p>Adults (9) - Rob Armstrong, Chris Barker, Dave Fearon, Carol Grant, Christine Harris, Mike Harrison, John Holden, Mathew Hunt, Julia Stevenson.</p> <p>Juniors (12) - Maria Barnes, Stuart Bradley, Christopher Bransbury, Sally Farrant, Emily Harris, Emily Hodge, Simon Lynn, Bethan Martin, Sasha Mascord, Ben, Caitlan and Samuel Stevenson.</p> <p>As part of our drive to improve communication with all members we are currently working on a new members welcome pack to be issued to all new members once we have received your application form. I hope that you will forgive the slight tardiness in issuing it this season as we have been focusing on getting the web site functional first. Needless to say the welcome pack will contain selected pages from our website, so in the meantime I would encourage you to visit the site at www.hamptontennis.org.uk and explore it for yourselves. In terms of adult tennis please come down to the club between 8pm and 10pm on Tuesdays or Fridays or between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. I am sure you will be made to feel welcome either on the court or in the bar afterwards. For junior tennis if you need any information which you cannot find on the website please call Jane Hodge on 01675 443197 or Rosalia Eccleston on 01675 442913.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chris Barnes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Email addresses</p> <p>The club database now contains email addresses for 82% of members or 80% of households. This number should rise over the next few months as some of the gaps are filled in; hopefully beyond 90% as a target. Because of the ease of communication it is inevitable that those with email addresses will be better informed about what is going on at the club than those without. If you do not have an email address please continue to look at the notice board as in previous years or let me have a work email address if you have one.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chris Barnes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Day 6th July</p> <p>We intend to run an event on Saturday 6th July to coincide with Ladies Finals Day at Wimbledon. More information will be distributed when available.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Wells</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">www.hamptontennis.org.uk - Members section</p> <p>Have you visited the members section of the site yet? You will need a user name and a password to get in which can be requested directly from the site.</p> <p>The club database is now complete for the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all members who have submitted their forms. I am still waiting for forms from 6 of you as follows: Bert Bodfish, John Davis, Carol Dawkes, Carolyn Furby, Mathew Hunt and Dave Teasdale. You can</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wine Tasting - Saturday 8th June</p> <p>Jennie Roberts and Karen Finch invite you all to a</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wine Tasting Evening</u></p> <p>It starts at 8pm on Saturday 8th June at the clubhouse. Tickets can be purchased for £7.50 and are available from behind the bar or from Jennie or Karen direct. Your correspondent was assured by Jennie that this is one</p>

print the application out from the website (or copies are kept on the club noticeboard). No form means no e-mail communication to you unfortunately while for Data Protection Act reasons your contact details will be unavailable to other members.

Also in the members section you will find the club accounts to April 2001 and the minutes and accounts from the last tennis club AGM held in November. By the end of the summer we hope to be able to display the revamped rules of the club.

Chris Barnes

of those wine tasting evenings when you will be allowed to do more than swill the stuff round your taste buds and then spit it out. Swallowing apparently is to be allowed. So get your tickets now! By the way, food in the guise of a cheese and pate supper is included in the price if you want a short break from your wine tasting activities.

Jennie Roberts

Court Maintenance

I would like to thank the following people for their excellent hard work in clearing the court surroundings of weed etc recently. The workers were: Sarah Wells, Mo Matthews, Steve Ray, Chester Barnes, Sandy and Ian Wasse, Wayman and Janet Morris. Thanks also to Paul Harris for his preliminary work spraying around the courts and to Phil McCracken for the excellent and most welcome bacon butties!

Malcolm Brumwell

Sssshhh!!!!

Friday 12th July is another good night in Hampton. Reserve this in your diary. Don't tell too many people about it - just let your best friends know! Keep your eyes and ears open in the near future if you want to know more.

Peter Morris

Interview with Richard Perkins

How old were you when you started playing tennis and how did you become interested in the sport?

I was seven when I started to play. My parents met at a tennis club and encouraged me to play.

Who has been your biggest sporting inspiration ?

Bryan Robson - I watched him play football when I was just four years old. He's whole heartedly behind his sport, totally committed and a real character. My tennis heroes are McEnroe and Aggassi because they show the same characteristics and passion.

Why did you decide to become a tennis coach?

To give other people the opportunities I never had. When I was a child juniors weren't encouraged. Most clubs didn't have structured junior coaching programmes. Now I am a tennis coach I can help to develop juniors and motivate them to make the most of their tennis.

Have you ever lost your temper on court?

Yes, plenty of times during matches, but never whilst I was coaching.

Would you recommend tennis coaching as a career ?

Yes, but you have to work really hard and be extremely patient.

Should only naturally good tennis players bother with the sport?

Definitely not. Anyone who is willing to try hard should play tennis and have fun.

What are your ambitions for Hampton juniors?

To give them as many opportunities as possible and to help them enjoy their tennis.

The Committee

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