

# Hampton-In-Arden Tennis Club

## The Court Circular

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## The 2003 tennis season is drawing to a close

Welcome to the second edition of the Court Circular of 2003. For those of you who have participated in our league tennis, internal club tournaments or who have come along to our club sessions - well done! We hope that you have all had a thoroughly enjoyable and successful tennis season to date.

## Annual Tennis Club Dinner - 18 October, 2003

To be held this year at **West Midlands Golf Club**, by the lake at the end of Marsh Lane (vehicle access from Barston and from the Kenilworth Road).

Tickets (priced at **£20 / person** - £5 less than last year!) are available from

Coralie Hammond  
40 Fentham Road  
Hampton-In-Arden  
01675 442144

This is a great occasion find out what the club has been doing over the past year, to meet other members of the club (and their friends) and to enjoy good food (*Ed. And get to check out the new golf club while you're at it!*). Meet at 7:30 pm for an 8:00 pm start

## Adult Finals Day - July 12th

Congratulations to this years winners:

Mens Singles - Graham Hollway  
Ladies Singles - Jane Hodge  
Mens Singles Plate - Simon Lynn  
Ladies Singles Plate - Clare Scott  
Mens Doubles - Graham Hollway/Chris Barker  
Ladies Doubles - Kathy Hunt/Terri Mason  
Mixed Doubles - Steve Ray/Jane Hodge  
Mixed Doubles Plate - Chris Barnes/Sandy Wasse  
Mens Veterans Doubles - Graham Hollway/ Chris Barker

If you would like to see photographs of this years winners and runners up, please have a look at the clubhouse noticeboard. Alternatively, they are

## JUNIORS Finals Day - June 28th

Congratulations to this years winners:

Boys Singles - Harry Finch  
Girls Singles - Rachel Finch  
Boys Singles Plate - Oliver White  
Boys Mini Green - Declan Jones  
Boys Under 11's Singles - Oliver White  
Girls Under 11's Singles - Sophie Cable

If you would like to see the full table of results, please have a look at our website at [//hamptontennis.org.uk](http://hamptontennis.org.uk) under Juniors Tournaments.

Unfortunately our usually intrepid photographer failed to either turn up at the event (he was at a

available for viewing on our website at  
[//hamptontennis.org.uk](http://hamptontennis.org.uk)

Thanks to the Tournament Committee of John Davis, Kathy Hunt and Bert Bodfish for organising the event so well and especially for ensuring that Finals Day itself was a beautiful and sunny day.

Mini-Tennis Orange tournament instead!) or to arrange for an able substitute on the day. So, many apologies to the Juniors who took part and also to their parents who would of course like to have seen their children in the magazine!

Thank you to the Junior Tournament Committee for organising the event and particularly to Jane Hodge for her efforts on the day.

## Wimbledon Singles Finals BBQ - Sunday 6 July

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A new social event was held this year on a lovely sunny, Sunday afternoon. Adults and children gathered to watch the Wimbledon Mens Singles Finals at the Clubhouse. Everyone feasted well from the BBQ and strawberries and cream all washed down with refreshing fruit punch. Some energetic members even managed a bit of tennis themselves (*Ed. And bloomin' hot work it was too!*). Cheers to Rosalia for thinking of and organising the event - what's up your sleeve for next year, Ro?

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## More Dates for the Diary

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Please support the club for the following remaining events during the year. There should be something for all of you hidden somewhere in the list!

- Saturday October 18th - Annual Dinner at the West Midlands Golf Club
  - Saturday November 8th - Live Blues Music at the Clubhouse (US guitarist Paul Byrd)
  - Wednesday November 12th - Tennis section AGM
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## Tennis Track Suits

The club chairman (Steve Ray - Hampton 442132) has a residual supply of the club-colours track suits (club badge on left breast) available for purchase at a reduced rate of £25 for adults (small, medium, large or extra large) or £15 for juniors (suitable for 7-11 years old). *Ed. Get the extra-large ones quick - from what I am told, they will be in demand!*

## Clothing on Court

All members are welcome on court so long as you are wearing sports clothing and non-marking soled trainers or tennis shoes. Any colour is acceptable, not just 'tennis whites', but please try to look

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## Raising Funds with the Blues!

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The recent return of **Memphis in the Meantime** to the Clubhouse on 13 September was a terrific success - and, excluding increased bar takings, the event was able to donate £330 towards the Club and the Recreational Trust. Well done again to Peter Morris for spending time bringing live music back into Hampton - your efforts are very much appreciated.

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## Bar Staff/Cellar Man needed

Mike Abbott, our bar chairman, is always on the lookout for personable people over 18 years of age to work behind the bar or other paid work at the clubhouse. Please contact him if you would like to help.

## Bringing Guests to Play

As a member, you are welcome to to bring guests to play on our tennis courts. When doing so, you should sign your guest into the club Visitors Book (kept behind the clubhouse bar) and pay a £3 visitors fee per guest. Please also remember that

visitors 1cc per guest. Please also remember that your guest(s) should be properly dressed for playing tennis and that there is a limit of four occasions per season on which the same guest can be signed-in in this way.



### Mini Red Tennis Do It Again!

We are delighted to announce that the Mini Red Tennis team once again remain undefeated for the second successive season in the local league. Well done to you all again!

For many of the Mini Red Tennis team this is their last season at this level and most will move up to Mini Orange Tennis from September. We wish them all the best as they start this new league.

This season's team were (in alphabetical order of surname):

- Emily Cable
- Oliver Davies
- Ronan Jones
- Charlotte Ray
- Jordan Salmon, and
- Jamie Turpin

If anyone is interested in playing in the Mini Tennis Leagues (red, orange or green), please contact our coach, Jane Hodge (Hampton 443197) - the new season starts during September 2003!

### 6-a-Side Cricket

The friendly 6-a-side cricket tournament (held on July 13th) was a wonderful social occasion. The tennis club entered a mens, ladies and juniors team in the competition and each team acquitted themselves well. Indeed, the mens 6 were competition runners-up and the juniors team reached the final of the plate. The competition was won (unsurprisingly we feel!) by seasoned (*Ed. is that synonymous with grizzled and sizzled?*) cricket aficionados, but the tennis club gave a surprisingly good account of itself. You can find a few photos and some further information about the day on our web site by clicking on [//hamptontennis.org.uk](http://hamptontennis.org.uk) and under **News**

Many thanks to the many organisers of the event including Ninian Gough and Peter Jones. Lets hope it marks the start of a return of cricket to Hampton.



## **Car Park Danger - Children and Adults**

This is a warning and a reminder to all members and their friends and families: please remember to be vigilant and careful at all times when in the club car park. During the summer period, an (unknown) car was driven extremely recklessly into the car park at speed from Shadowbrook Lane culminating in a hand-brake turn near the Scout and Guide Hut, before racing out of the car park and away again. Any person (child or adult) who had been crossing the car park at the time would have stood no chance at all





of avoiding injury.

So, to emphasise: the club car park, as with any car park, can be a potentially very dangerous place. Please be careful there and ensure that little children (in particular) do not cross the car park unattended.

