

THE ROYAL TENNIS COURT

Hampton Court Palace



HATCHETT JOB

NICK HATCHETT BECOMES CLUB CHAMPION AS
THE COURT REOPENS IN STYLE

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Chairman's Chat



If you have not heard already, the court has reopened after three and a half months of major works to the roof supporting posts, followed by works to the court itself. A big thank you to all at Ward & Co (the main building contractors), Historic Royal Palaces' surveyors, consultant architects and engineers managing the project, and to HRP for funding the project at a cost of about £1 million. Hopefully these repairs will last another 200 years before requiring renewal.

Other external works to the court building, including reinstatement of the west walkway, should be finished and the scaffolding cleared away by Christmas. In the meantime, please accept the Board's apologies if your game is disturbed by the building works.

While the internal scaffolding was erected on the court, we took the opportunity to install a new LED lighting system. The general impression from those who have played on the court so far is that the new indirect lights are unobtrusive and provide a very good lighting level which appears to be similar to natural daylight. At present the lights are being run at less than the maximum power. We are experimenting with the lighting level, choosing the correct level and at the same time achieving real energy savings. We have also undertaken repainting of the court floor, as well as repainting the court lines and numbers and the William III monogram on the main wall above the net.

Following on from the recent Club Dinner and Prizegiving at the Palace (see page 6), our next major event will be the annual carol service at the Chapel Royal on Wednesday 16 December. I hope that you can support this evening by coming along (see page 7).

On 24 October the club held an Open Day for juniors (see page 8). The principal objective of these is to tell young boys and girls about real tennis and to give them a chance to come and play. There is no joining fee or subs, and court charges are reduced. It would be really good to increase the number of junior members.

Congratulations to Nick Hatchett, who won the Barker Camm Cup final against David Watson to become the new club champion (see opposite). Congratulations also go meanwhile to David for being elected as the new chairman of the Tennis & Rackets Association from November this year. I wish him the best of luck in this important role. The T&RA assists the real tennis clubs in this country by overseeing the rules, supporting initiatives such as new courts, encouraging juniors and other minority represented groups to play real tennis. It also works hard in supporting the club professionals by providing CPD (Club Professional Development) courses designed to raise the standards of the pros in this country. Our own Nick Wood spends much of his time, as one of the senior professionals in the game, assisting the T&RA to set and achieve its objectives.

Finally, the club Board have thought hard about the underlying principles we should embrace as a club and have formulated a strategy paper to help encapsulate those. We have included this in the newsletter on page 6 and would welcome your feedback, as well as your active support for these principles.

Julian Sheraton-Davis

DATES FOR THE DIARY

British Open

☛ Chris Chapman (see page 5) will need to have a strong showing at Queen's (**15-24 November**). His matches are scheduled for 10am on Wednesday 18th, then 12 noon on Thursday 19th, followed by the semis on Saturday 21st and final on Monday 23rd.

Harris Watson Trophy

☛ The later rounds of the club doubles championship will take place on **Sunday 6 December**. This is always worth watching – even if only to be thankful you're not out there in the way of some of the fierce forcing.

Annual Carol Service

☛ The Christmas Carol Service will again take place in the Chapel Royal, at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 16 December**. (See page 7 for more details.)

COMING UP

RTC

7-8 Nov: Harris Watson Trophy (doubles, early rounds)
20 Nov: RTC v Bordeaux (social match)
5-6 Dec: Harris Watson Trophy (final rounds)
13 Dec: Brodie Cup 3rd round (national inter-club event)
16 Dec: Christmas Carol Service
19-20 Dec: Barker Camm Cup Grade E (50-60 hcp)
2-3 Jan: Junior (ie under 25) club tournaments weekend
7 Jan: Winter Night Pennant starts (55-70 handicap)

ELSEWHERE

6-8 Nov: Ladies' US Open (Boston)
13-15 Nov: British Ladies Handicap (M Morrell/Leam'ton)
15-24 Nov: British Open (Queen's)
22 Nov: Brodie Cup: Hatfield or Newmarket v RTC
27-29 Nov: Over-50 Amateur Singles (Lord's)
4-6 Dec: Leamington Open Handicap Doubles
13 Dec: Pol Roger Trophy QF: Manchester v RTC
5-13 Jan: Australian Open (men's & ladies, Melbourne)
5-10 Jan: U21 & U24 Open Championships (Middlesex U)
8-10 Jan: National Fathers & Sons (Leamington)
15-17 Jan: Chetwood Trophy (Hyde)

Your new champion

Nick Hatchett has (belatedly) capped a memorable season by claiming the Barker Camm Cup

After the summer break, the two finalists generously agreed to conclude the 2014-15 Barker Camm Cup by playing the final in conjunction with the club's reopening drinks on Saturday 14 September.

With a glass of Pol Roger champagne in hand and after some nibbles, more than 70 members and guests squeezed in to watch two Pol Roger Trophy-winning teammates, David Watson and Nick Hatchett, battle it out for the club championship. The occasion appealed to many members – not only was there an intriguing final to watch, but also it meant an opportunity to check out the newly repainted court area under what has proven to be a fantastic new LED lighting system. (Thankfully neither player complained that the lights no longer flick on and off sporadically as they had before!) The removal of the lights in the upper viewing galleries, together with the higher position of the new lights along both sides, made spectating much easier.

The size of the crowd ensured that David and Nick were soon aware of the significance of the occasion and took to the court with slight apprehension, rightly concerned about their lack of practice and court time over the summer months. Despite this, both players took to the challenge to entertain the appreciative crowd under the watchful gaze of a new-look Henry in the grille.

Prior to the match there had been plenty of theories over just how it might unfold. Was Nick going to dominate by imposing his volleying prowess, or would David deny him the opportunity by finding his length with carved floor shots to the corners?



The champion collects the trophy on court from honorary secretary Paul Newton

In a tense first set, both players took time to find their range, with David eventually getting into his cutting game. Nick persisted with his railroad serve but was struggling to pressurise David's return of serve. After several long games and with the match looking well balanced, Nick pulled away to take the first set 6-3.

The second set was less close, as Nick got his powerful winning volleys in order. He pulled away to win the set 6-1 and take his first Barker Camm Cup.

Fitness was the factor that ultimately decided the title. Nick, the younger of the two by some 28 years, retrieved his opponent's quality shots and converted them into winning opportunities, while David was unable to dance toe-to-toe

for long enough and allowed errors to creep into his game.

Both players gave it their all and played beautifully to give the crowd a night to remember. But there can only be one winner, and Nick's victory made him the fifth different club champion in the space of six years (after Simon Barker, David himself, Peter Wright and Charlie Crossley).

Congratulations to Nick and David, and thanks to them for agreeing to play despite lack of practice under the new lights. Both agreed that playing in front of such a crowd elevated the occasion, and the board are keen to ensure that the blue-riband matches at the club are supported in a similar way in future.

Nick Wood and Owen Saunders

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Lathom Browne Cup final

There was much anticipation of a keenly fought final in October between defending champion Fred Satow (28 handicap) and the improving Doug Sheperdigian (50). However, a slight injury to Fred the day before the match meant an unfortunate postponement. The final will now be played at 2pm on Sunday 29 November.

T&RA AGM

Our own David Watson will be confirmed as the new chairman of the Tennis & Rackets Association at its annual general

meeting. RTC's Fred Satow is also expected to be elected to the T&RA board unopposed. The AGM will take place in the Queen's Club's Centenary House Boardroom at 5pm on Thursday 19 November.

Claire Fahey

At the conclusion of the IRTPA Championships at Holyport (won by Rob Fahey and run by home pro Claire), the two world champions announced another Fahey was on the way. Bookies refuse to offer any odds on Fahey Jr also becoming a world champion. Congratulations to both.

RONALD SWASH (31/07/30–13/10/15)

RTC treasurer 1976-80 and chairman 1980-88

Ronnie Swash was a pivotal figure soon after the 'Palace Revolution' of 1973. He was a fully qualified senior accountant and had spent his working life in industry, commerce, professional institutions and charities, so he made an excellent treasurer for the RTC. It was through his influence that Chris Ronaldson was employed in 1979.

Succeeding Henry Wollaston as chairman in 1980, he proved to be outstanding and oversaw the club's transition from backwater to prominence, from fewer than four bookings per day to being the busiest court in the world. Under his aegis the finances of the RTC went from near insolvency to a comfortable position, wherein much-needed improvements could be made to the court and premises and a second court was being contemplated.

In the days before the RTC had club rooms, Ronald's dining room in Ember Court Road was often used for committee meetings and stuffing the club newsletter. Fostering a spirit of harmony, he put together an excellent and efficient committee and developed the system of sub-committee reporting. He was always conscious of the good for tennis worldwide and, at a national level, served on the Tennis and Rackets Association and was captain of Britain's Bathurst Cup team in Australia in 1988.

Ronald was a very proficient doubles player, with a handicap of around 20; he won the prestigious National Pro-Am event in 1980. He always played with a towel around his neck, and was unfailingly courteous in victory and generous in defeat. Murray Glover, an old sparring partner, recalls that Ronald used to take Vernon Ely out

for drives from his old people's home.

Ronald was a kind and a caring friend and family man and, although he could be firm when necessary, it is hard to imagine that he had enemies. Jane Vaughan remembers him "as being so supportive and with great attention to detail. When I was helping with an RTC dinner he asked me to do the place-name cards – on the night, horror! I'd left them at home... Whereupon Ronald produced a spare set from his pocket."

David Best recalls that he used to suffer from Richard East's barracking when he made speeches at the club's annual dinners, which he took with humour and dignity.



The photograph above was taken by Murray Glover and shows Ronald Swash (right) receiving the Field Trophy from the Marquis de Ruvigny, general manager at The Field magazine. In the eight years of Ronald's chairmanship, RTC won the trophy seven times

He was also an enthusiastic fives player (a Rugby fives Blue at Oxford), played lawn tennis for Cambridge and held office in several sports clubs. Latterly, with two colleagues, he raised funds and arranged for the building of new fives courts at Oxford and subsequently for the restoration of the Thames Ditton Village Hall. He and his family started a Memorial Fund in the 1960s to help elderly people.

Ronald and his wife Jenny went to live in Holford, Somerset, about 20 years

ago. As Jenny's second husband, he was a wonderful father to her three children.

Lesley Ronaldson

There is a celebration of Ronald's life at 2pm on Monday 2 November at Taunton Deane Crematorium in Somerset. Anyone who wishes to pay their respects to Ronald via a donation to The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance can do so c/o Grandfield & Son Funeral Directors, Nether Stowey, Somerset, TA5 1HZ. (Tel: 01278 732219.)

She'll always have Paris

Penny Lumley showed at the French Open that she doesn't know when she's beaten

The absence of Claire Fahey (busy at Holyport both running and competing in the IRTPA Championships) and indeed her sister Sarah from the Ladies' French Open in October meant the winner was slightly harder to predict.

Holyport's Penny Lumley was the top seed in Paris and had little trouble on her way to the final (although RTC's Isabel Candy will have learned plenty

from her quarter-final against her as she continues her development). The improving Irina Dulbush (Middlesex U/MCC) made her way well through a tougher half of the draw and soon let Penny know that she was in for a battle in the final.

Indeed, at 6-2, 5-4 and 40-0 to Irina, the engraver was surely already working on a new name for the trophy. However, Penny showed why she is a

six-time world champion by fighting back from the dead to win in three long sets. Heartbreaking for Irina.

After the US Open in Boston in November, next up after that is January's Australian Open in Melbourne, where RTC's Harriet Ingham will be defending her title. The field promises to be stronger than it was last year, so Harriet will need to lift her game to new levels.

A world of opportunity

Chris Chapman is hoping for a world title shot – but the champ is in very good nick

While many of us jetted off to sunnier climes or made the most of London's summer attractions while the court was closed, Chris Chapman was busy honing his game for the challenges ahead, practising with world champion Rob Fahey and even flying over to Chicago for some sessions with world No 3 Steve Virgona.

Chris couldn't afford to let anything slide, as there were four tournaments between September and November that would decide which four players would go on to play off for the right to challenge Fahey for the world title in Rhode Island next May. Making that final four was a big ask for Chris: Camden Riviere and Steve Virgona have long since sealed their places, and veteran Tim Chisholm was well on the way to claiming another place, leaving just one spot available.

French Open

Chisholm it was who would provide Chris's first big test, in the quarter-finals of the French Open in Paris.

Chris had memorably beaten the American in last year's British Open, but on the lively Paris court Chisholm had a hot hand and was not to be denied, dispatching a disappointed Chris in three sets. With Riviere giving the autumn tournaments a miss, Fahey outlasted Chisholm in the semi-finals before beating Virgona in the final.

European Open

Next to Lord's, where Chris was seeded fourth and faced a semi-final against Bryn Sayers, the world No 4 who has not been at his best over the past year. Many thought Chris would claim a big scalp here, but the manner in which he did it – 6-3 6-0 6-3 – shocked everyone.

This was a major statement of intent, as well as a way into a final against Fahey. The 47-year-old is in fine fettle at the moment, though, and he took the title in straight sets.

IRTPA Championships

No rest for the wicked: the IRTPA Championships – now at Holyport after several years at Manchester – had already begun before that Lord's final.

This time Chris met Fahey in the semi-finals, and this meeting would produce the best match of the entire autumn season. An inspired Chris retrieved, forced and cut-volleyed like a demon, and at one set all and 3-0 up in the third an upset seemed possible. But Fahey calmed himself, stopped trying to hit the cover off the ball and played sublime tennis to turn a crisis into a four-set win.

The final of that tournament saw Fahey rack up his third title of the autumn, beating Sayers in straight sets (as Sayers had done to Ben Matthews in his semi-final).

Now the British Open at Queen's (15-24 November) is all that remains as

the players scramble for those ranking points. Chris, the No 7 seed, has been drawn in Sayers' quarter, while RTC's prodigal son Ben Matthews is seeded to meet Chisholm in the quarter-finals.

There is plenty of other RTC interest in the British Open. Peter Wright faces Andy Fowler, with the winner to play Chisholm, while Ed Kay has a tough opener against Conor Medlow. Nick Hatchett must qualify at Radley, but he is the No 1 seed in the qualifying draw so he will have high hopes of joining Peter and Ed in the main draw and earning a crack at Manchester pro Darren Long.

There is one other name in that qualifying draw that will be familiar to RTC members: one C Ronaldson. If he can qualify at the age of 65, it would be one more impressive addition to a remarkable CV.

WORLD RACE POINTS

Top four (excluding Fahey) after British Open to play eliminators

772	Camden Riviere
636	Rob Fahey
380	Steve Virgona
182	Tim Chisholm
167	Bryn Sayers
158	Ben Matthews
142	Chris Chapman
114	Kieran Booth (am)

View from the grille

It wasn't just the external roof supports that required attention over the summer break – decorations and minor improvements have also taken place in the men's changing room, the galley kitchen and the corridor WC. Also, you may have seen that the grille now has a new face: that of Holbein's picture of Henry VIII.

Over the past few years, cracks have appeared on the dining room ceiling and appeared to be getting worse.

Investigations revealed that the ends of the ceiling trimmer (cross timber) had cracked, allowing the arched brick hearth and adjacent ceiling joists to drop down. Under the specialist assistance and guidance of Historic Royal Palaces conservation surveyors and their structural engineer, special metal brackets were made and fitted to the trimmer ends and ceiling joists. Steel

strapping was also fitted to the underside of the joists and secured to the adjacent wall to provide additional support to the hearth brickwork. The timber lathes were replaced and the ceiling replastered, using a traditional plaster mix incorporating goat's hair.

Each plaster coat takes at least a week to dry after applying, following which there has to be another period to allow the ceiling to dry out before it can be painted.



THE ROYAL TENNIS COURT

Where History meets the Present and we lead the game into the Future

The strategic objectives for The Royal Tennis Court (RTC)

This document explains the priorities that the Board of Directors take into consideration when making decisions, all of which we hope the membership would actively support.

Members' Tennis Experience

All members should have the opportunity to achieve their potential as players. They should be encouraged to play both socially and competitively and to enjoy viewing high level tennis, within the club and beyond. We shall seek to achieve a reasonable balance between the different aspirations of members.

A World-Class Court in a Unique Historic Setting

The playing experience should be excellent for all standards of player from novice to world champion. The club facilities should reinforce this experience, in keeping with the historic royal palace.

Supporting the Game and its future development

The RTC should promote the Game within this unique setting and in the wider community for the benefit of the present and future generations. We seek to maintain a constructive and supportive relationship with the T & R A and other organisations in the Real Tennis community.

Juniors

The RTC will actively encourage young people of all backgrounds to take up the game. We will continue to support the development of their game.

The Professional Team

The Professional team are the key to a successful club. The RTC will aim to attract and retain a Real Tennis Professional team of the highest quality and support their continuing development.

A Sociable club

The RTC should be a friendly and sociable club both on court and off, providing a variety of events for its members and their guests.

Membership

The RTC seeks to attract an engaged and thriving membership. All are welcome.

Governance and Sustainability

The Board of Directors will represent all sections of membership and be proactive in working to achieve the above objectives. We aim to maintain a healthy financial base for their pursuit.

THE RTC BOARD

Elected Board Members and areas of responsibility

Helen Crossley – Membership Secretary
Nicola Doble – Tennis and Tournaments (ladies)
Phil Dunn – Tennis and Tournaments (men's)
John Halliday – Health and Safety/Cleaning
Paul Mather – Premises

Paul Newton – Hon. Secretary
Owen Saunders – Social
Julian Sheraton-Davis – Chairman
Ian Wimbush – Hon. Treasurer

Club Dinner and Prizegiving



RTC's success in last season's Pol Roger Trophy was at the heart of the celebrations as around 80 members and guests congregated in the Palace's Garden Room for the Annual Club Dinner and Prizegiving. After a Pol Roger reception, guests enjoyed an excellent three-course meal, with the prizegiving being hosted by Owen Saunders and chairman Julian Sheraton-Davis adding some beef with a tricky quiz about his second nation of Uruguay.

(M)ice pie with my little eye – something beginning with "T"

Having just consigned the summer newsletters into the safe hands of the post room, one of my stuffers noticed that, on the flyer for the Carol Service, it states that, following the service, mulled wine and *mice* pies will be offered. I imagine that both the RSPCA and Pest Control will be on red alert from early December. Vegetarian Carol Service attenders beware!

The "T", by the way, stands for "typo". It is to be hoped that any future typos do not cause "wine" to become "wind" nor – if chocolate moose should happen to be on a Club Dinner menu – it becomes "mouse".

David Francis Seelig

Editor's note: I have checked with the Club Dinner organiser and vegetarians can rest assured that there are no plans to serve "chocolate moose" any time soon.



Choosing sides

The De Laszlo Bowl offers a unique doubles challenge

The event that brings together the new and the experienced, the high and the low (handicaps), the young and the not so young, the De Laszlo Bowl is a wonderfully fun tournament created to bring all members of the club together on court.

Doubles teams are created by partnering the highest with the lowest handicaps, and to prevent one player dominating over their partner, the competition's centre line rule – which forbids players from crossing over from one side of the court to another – makes for an equal share of shot-making (as well as some baffling confusion over who can hit what).

This year's event was very successful, with a full entry of players handicapped from 36 to 94. The father/daughter partnership of Scott and Sascha Levy were among the

pairs winning through to the knockout stage, ever strengthening RTC's desire to see a greater number of youngsters on court.

After Saturday's group stages, Sunday saw the knockout phase. In the semi finals Andy Anderson and Terry Marsh lost out to Susie Falkner and Ben Simonds-Gooding 8-4, while Mike Shattock and Robin Mulcahy overpowered Doug Sheperdigian and Ron Slade 8-4.

After 21 matches, then, the title came down to a final between two fairly balanced pairings. In front of fellow dedicated players who had stayed to watch, Mike and Robin demonstrated consistency and an overpowering desire to obtain RTC silverware to win the 2015 De Laszlo Bowl title. Many congratulations and a big thank you to all for participating.

Nick Wood



De Laszlo Bowl finalists Ben Simonds-Gooding, Susie Falkner, Robin Mulcahy and Mike Shattock

Wood's Words

An occasional series featuring pearls of wisdom from head pro Nick Wood

Properties of racquet and ball

Useful properties of the

Racquet: weight, stiffness of frame, tension in strings.

Useful properties of the ball: Weight and density.

Use these properties correctly, and striking the ball is made all the easier. Imagine the racquet as a falling pendulum weight, and position yourself so that ball is falling when you strike it – ie after the top of the bounce.

Create (as and when possible) a situation so that the pendulum weight of the racquet falls through the dropping weight of the ball. These two objects collide, releasing enormous energy. We've all felt that shot (or not felt it) as seems to disappear effortlessly across the net. Now you know why!



Start your Christmas celebrations by joining us at
The RTC Annual Carol Service

in the Chapel Royal

Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the club

**Tickets: £14 available from the professionals
(No charge for under-18s)**

Tickets can be obtained directly from the professionals, or by phoning the pro shop

Dealing in futures

How RTC is working to get the next generation involved

Over the past few seasons the Royal Tennis Court has been developing junior participation in real tennis, particularly at RTC. With the summer's break and court closure, the junior programme required a new injection of enthusiasm and organisation. Coincidentally, the club was approached by the Dedanists Foundation, who are offering support to all clubs who show this exact initiative.

With funding for court usage and the expertise of Dan Jones, all provided for by the Dedanists Foundation, we were able to entice more than 25 youngsters to a real tennis Open Day on Saturday 24 October. Some of them may have played or at least tried the game previously, but the majority were completely new to it. Separated into three groups by age, we had ten kids aged 7-9, nine aged 12-13 and eight aged

13-17. Each group was taken through a series of fun and challenging exercises, all designed to promote the learning and enjoyment of the game.

As of 31 October there is now a six-week coaching course for juniors (ie under the age of 18) to sign up to. Sessions are on Saturday afternoons from 4-6pm and will run up to and including 5 December.

If you would like to sign your children up or know of any youngsters who would like to play real tennis, please put them in touch with the professionals.

Nick Wood



RTC Top Ten

Singles handicaps
October 2015

1	Peter Wright	2.1
2	Ed Kay	6.0
3	Charlie Crossley	9.5
4	Nick Hatchett	9.6
5	Tom Freeman	13.4
6	Phil Dunn	14.4
7	David Watson	15.0
8	James Watson	15.9
9	James Sohl	17.3
10	Simon Barker	19.4

The Royal Tennis Court Newsletter

is published four times a year and the editor would love any contributions from members. Please get in touch if you have any ideas for the winter issue, either via the professionals or by email at the address below.

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National League

There may be no Premier Division in the National League this season, but RTC still has a plethora of teams hunting trophies in every division from 2 all the way down to 9.

Our champion Division 3 team started up as they left off last season, registering a comfortable 3-0 home win over Moreton Morrell. Nick Hatchett may have moved up to Division 2 and skipper Josh Smith is still not fit to play, but the squad is bolstered by the return of James Sohl.

Simon Fox's Division 5 team also opened up with a 3-0 win, while in Division 9 Paul Newton's team had a 2-1 home win to start with.

RESULTS

Barker Camm Cup

Final: Nick Hatchett beat David Watson beat 6-3 6-1.

Lathom Browne Cup

Quarter-finals: Fred Satow beat Dick Cowling 9-8; John Leach beat Tom Candy 9-6. **Semi-finals:** Satow beat Leach 9-6; Doug Sheperdigian beat Katy Doy.

De Laszlo Bowl

Semi-finals: Susie Falkner & Ben Simonds-Gooding beat Andy Anderson & Terry Marsh 8-4; Mike Shattock & Robin Mulcahy beat Doug Sheperdigian & Ron Slade 8-4. **Final:** Shattock & Mulcahy beat Falkner & Simonds-Gooding.

Men's French Open (Paris)

Quarter-final: Tim Chisholm beat Chris Chapman 6-4 6-2 6-3. **Semi-finals:** Rob Fahey beat Chisholm 6-1 4-6 6-5 6-2; Steve Virgona beat Ben Matthews 6-2 6-3 3-6 6-4. **Final:** Fahey beat Virgona 6-1 6-0 3-6 6-4. **Doubles final:** Fahey & Chisholm beat Kieran Booth & Matthews 2-6 6-1 6-1 6-5.

European Open (Lord's)

Semi-finals: Fahey beat Matthews 6-5 4-6 6-4 6-2; Chapman beat Bryn Sayers 6-3 6-0 6-3. **Final:** Fahey beat Chapman 6-0 6-5 6-3.

IRTPA Championships (Holyport)

Semi-finals: Fahey beat Chapman 6-4 4-6 6-4 6-2; Sayers beat Matthews 6-3 6-0 6-3. **Final:** Fahey beat Sayers 6-4 6-3 6-3. **Satellite final:** Darren Long beat Claire Fahey 6-2 6-3. **Taylor Cup final:** Zak Eadle beat John Evans 6-5 5-6 6-4.

Ladies' French Open (Paris)

Quarter-final: Penny Lumley beat Isabel Candy 6-0 6-1. **Semi-finals:** Penny Lumley beat Tara Lumley 6-1 6-1; Irina Dulbish beat Freddy Adam 6-4 6-3. **Final:** Lumley beat Dulbish 2-6 6-5 6-4. **Doubles final:** Adam & Dulbish beat Lumley & Lumley 6-5 6-2.