



# COURT CIRCULAR

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## SUMMER BUMPER EDITION

The editor missed the Christmas Edition deadline and then left the country to avoid approbation and the weather.

To make up for this idleness he has now produced a summary of the last season which may take until the beginning of the next season to read.

Many thanks to all the contributors.

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## CATEGORY C - OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAPS 20-29

October 2nd -4th 2009. Report by David Bryant

### 20-24 Sub Category

Final: Andrew Petrie beat Ashley Prior 6/0, 6/1  
Semi-Final A : Ashley Prior beat Paul Wilson-Gunn 6/4,6/2  
Semi-Final B: Andrew Petrie beat Chris Herbert 5/6,6/5,6/3

Andrew Petrie had a fortunate escape, looking to be a certain loser at one point to Chris Herbert in the semi-finals. However, he stuck there, won 6/3 in the third set and went on to win the final against Ashley rather convincingly.

### 25-29 Sub Category

Final: Matthew Alden beat Andrew Hamilton 6/2, 6/4  
Semi-Final A : Andrew Hamilton beat Paul Frost 4/6,6/3,6/0  
Semi-Final B: Matthew Alden beat Chris Swan 6/2,2/6,6/4

Andrew Hamilton used all his energy winning his semi-final against Christopher Swan. Faced in the final with someone perhaps a fraction over half his age he uncharacteristically succumbed. Matthew's handicap was improving visibly during the tournament and, from the way he played on the Sunday, is set to go lower.

Thank you to Tom Granville and Jo Iddles for marking over the weekend.



## AWARDS DINNER

9th October 2009. Report by the editor.

Twenty five members attended to enjoy an excellent evening in the dining room. Dinner by George K was of his usual high standard. The purpose of the evening was to enjoy ourselves, the food and to congratulate Keyvan Farnamfarmai once again on his triumphs of the year.—the picture shows him with his haul of four trophies. Martin Rogers- our new club champion- was not far behind with three trophies.

And congratulations to the other winners- who will all have their names upon the honour boards. The draw for a new tennis racket and other prizes was also made.

The top prize went to Rob Franklin who only joined MMTCC a few days earlier and won with the very last ticket sold!!

## **OGILBY CUP**

*26/27th September. Report by Andrew Hamilton.*

This year's Ogilby Cup for men's doubles was particularly well supported with 20 pairs. In the quarter-finals the Chairman negotiated his way round partner Farmanfarmai to defeat Dr Alistair Robson and Howard Shipstone 5/1. Thoroughbreds James Richardson and guest Bill Fairbarns from Petworth proved too strong for Tom Lewis and Ed Loades winning 5/1. John Lambdon and Peter Stephenson knew too much for Bill Slora and Norman Hyde and Alex Reynolds and Julian Rawstorne squeaked home 5/4 against Professor Steve Watson and David Prophet. In the first semi-final, the blood stock enthusiasts managed to find the Persian Prince too easily for the Chairman's liking and cruised into the Final 5/3. Reynolds and Rawstorne achieved the same score line against Lambdon and Stephenson who were bamboozled by Rawstorne's idiosyncratic serving. In the Final Fairbarns and Richardson never hit the final straight with any conviction allowing Alex Reynolds to take control of the match.



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## **MORETON SHIELD**

*October 15th-17th 2009. Report by David Bryant*

An excellent competition with an exciting set of semi-finals and final - Jonathan Lambdon winning in the end against Matthew Fattorini - both played extremely well. Special K's protégé, Andrew Hamilton, nearly succeeded in the semi-finals against Lambdon junior. He stayed till 3-3 but then could not keep up giving away 30-owe 40.

It was good seeing Nick Jury mark one of the semi-finals and our thanks to him and Tom and Jo for marking over the weekend.

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## **THE GARLAND CUP.**

*8th-10th January 2010. Report by Jon Lambdon.*

Double trouble as Pettiford Power reigns supreme

A new decade dawned and with it came the first tournament of the year. The Garland Cup, this year contested by 32 of the finest 30+ handicap players Moreton Morrell has to offer, took place during the big freeze and ensured seats by the fire were hard to come by. The standard of tennis was extraordinarily high, proving that the festive feastings have little effect on our own unique brand of athletes.

After some fiercely competitive boxes and second round matches, the crowd were treated to a whole variety of fortunes and styles in the quarter finals. Promising leftie James Richardson (57) took on Moreton's very own Jeremy Clarkson look-a-like, Richard Marmoy(39), the latter proving too strong and easing through comfortably 5/1. Next up saw Steve Watson(38) take on relative newcomer Owen Pettiford(68) in what proved to be the match of the tournament. Despite a massive handicap difference, Steve fought his way into a 4/1, 40-15 lead. However, with the determination and tenacity one would not expect from someone of his experience, Owen refused to roll over and slowly but surely ground his way back to 4/4 40-40. Defending chase better than 2, Steve kept a watchful eye as Owen's return dropped seemingly innocuously for the back wall, only to look on helplessly as the ball received an improbably high bounce before nestling into the dedans.

The third quarter final was between 2 players who were unbeaten in their respective boxes and between them carried the most threat of collateral damage. George Kruszynksj (51) and Jon Lambdon (45) played out a match that would offend the purists but provided much amusement for the rest of the spectators, with Jon eventually triumphing 5/2, with only cosmetic damage to the court. Finally some serenity and classical play returned to the court with Nick Mills (40) taking on another Pettiford newcomer, Lloyd (35). After a very close fought game that was pleasing on the eye, Lloyd came through 5/4.

The semi-finals had a definite pantomime feel about them, with the Pettiford brothers representing the local talent of the village, and receiving plenty of vocal support from the crowd that had assembled. Jon and Richard on the other hand, in their own effervescent ways enjoyed playing the underdogs and provided plenty of entertainment. The crowd were rewarded for their support as Owen first showed more impressive consistency as he overcame Richard 5/2, before brother Lloyd proved to be far too strong for Jon's primitive technique, winning 5/3 and setting up a fraternal showdown.

The first final contested between two brothers also contained one of the largest handicap differences possible. Playing with every conceivable hindrance, Lloyd showed relentless targeting of Owen's weaker backhand. Owen put up a brilliant fight, but in the end, Lloyd's class shone through as he took the trophy 6/4. The brotherly hug at the end, combined with the massive support from all those who'd fought through the snow to cheer on the local heroes, bodes well for a new thriving decade of tennis.

*The Result:*

Lloyd Pettiford beat Owen Pettiford 6/4.

Many thanks to Tom, Nick and Jo for their organising and marking of the event, and special congratulations to Nick, who marked his first full tournament on his road to recovery.

## **MMTCC GOLF**

*13th October 2009. Report by RSM.*

Five teams of 3 people played an individual and team Stapleford competition organised with finesse and precision by Simon Allen on a glorious autumn afternoon at Stratford-on-Avon Golf Club.

Scoring was high and the winning team Tom Seymour Mead, Breda Sutton and Simon Allen deserved their victory, beating Andrew Hamilton, Paul Thompson and Martin Rogers on a count back.

The winner of the Harry Vardon Trophy for the best individual score was new member Rob Franklin with 43 points. Well played.

## **WARWICK BOAT CLUB:**

**The Committee has entered into an arrangement with Warwick Boat Club whereby MMTCC members may purchase a book of 10 vouchers for £60 which will entitle them to play Lawn Tennis, Squash or Bowls up to ten times in total. After playing one of the three sports, our members are asked to hand in the voucher to the General Office during the day and to the Bar in the evening. The book of vouchers will entitle MMTCC members to play at WBC from 1 April to 31 October. Single vouchers will also be available in the Pro's office at MMTCC.**

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

A big thank you to all members who have paid their annual subscription either by standing order or cheque. Early payment is much appreciated and an essential part of keeping the club going. If you have yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible, payment was due from the 1st January. Membership rates are as follows: Full Member: £330; Weekday Member: £230; Country Member: £55; Friends of the Court: Minimum Payment £20; Junior Members subscription dependent upon age. If in doubt, as to your payment status, please contact Peter Stephenson on peterhstephenson@btinternet.com or 01926651952. In addition, we will be shortly be preparing for the publication of the 2011 membership handbook. Should you wish to make any changes to your current details please advise the Membership Secretary.

## **The HOBSON CUP.**

*February 2010. Report by Jon Lambdon.*

Trees leaves opponents wilting

Classic doubles play was high on the agenda as the clubs 30+ handicappers paired up and prepared to put friendships on the line in the Hobson Cup. 13 pairs entered and the group stages provided some pulsating tennis as a mixture of old hands and new faces battled it out for a much coveted place in the quarter finals.

The first match of the knockout stage was between Peter Jackson and Grant Arthur, who qualified courtesy of being the "best of the rest," against the guile and experience of Gerry Slora and John Cook. The latter were seemingly cruising towards the semi-finals at 4-0, before a spirited late surge pulled the score back to 4-3 and threatened an upset. But the damage had been done as Gerry and John eventually triumphed 5-3.

Next up were group winners George Kruszynskj and Jake Wilson-Gunn, who were looking real contenders for the title and playing some excellent tennis, against the stalwarts of Anthony Parmiter and Chris Creighton-Thomas. Unlike in the first quarter final, experience was no match for George's power or the style and grace that runs through the Wilson-Gunn family with a 5-3 score line once more.

Another set of group winners, Jon Lambdon and Martin Trees, were up against Stuart Hodges and Julian Rawstone. Unfortunately for the latter, they happened to come across Martin at his belligerent best, and were powerless against a barrage of forces and boasts off the side wall, eventually succumbing to a 5-0 defeat.

The last quarter final turned out to be a real nail-biter. Nick Mills and Flo Holland showed their customary consistency and technique against a pairing of Mike Etherington-Smith and south-paw James Richardson. Neither side could put daylight between themselves and

their opponents as the match see-sawed its way to 4-3 in favour of Nick and Flo. Then came the moment we all dread. With Nick and Flo receiving with game point, Mike provided the most gut-wrenching way to lose a match, serving up a double fault to seal their fate.

The first semi-final was between Slora/Cook and Kruszynskj/ Wilson-Gunn. With both pairings showing excellent form throughout the tournament so far, this one was impossible to predict beforehand. So it proved as a tight game finally fell in the favour of Gerry and John, with yet another 5-3 score line.

The Mills/Holland vs Trees/Lambdon semi had some bragging rights attached to it. Nick had smugly claimed to Jon beforehand; "I've never lost to you before." This was meant entirely tongue-in-cheek considering they'd never actually played each other! There was more than a place in the final at stake here. However, Martin continued where he'd left off playing with his natural aggressive approach. Even the normally pugnacious Jon was happy to take the back seat and let his partner run riot. Nick and Flo put up some great resistance and the rests were a treat to behold. Unfortunately they couldn't keep Martin out forever and the 5-2 result set him and Jon up for a final showdown against Gerry and John.

This was a rematch from their first match in the group stage, where the early start had caught Gerry and John off guard as they went down 5-1. Sadly for them and all the spectators, the final went pretty much the same way. Now fully clicked as a partnership, Jon and the explosive Martin in particular once again proved too strong, winning a one-sided final 6-1.

Thanks go to all those who took part, to the pros for all their efforts in organising and marking, and especially to George, who's customary excellent cuisine kept us all fuelled throughout the afternoon.

## **FIELD TROPHY.**

*December 13th 2009. Report by Martin Rogers.*

Field Trophy Moreton lost 4/1 to MCC:

Moreton were drawn at home to the MCC this season and it was fair to say that our backs were against the wall from the off. With an average of over 11 handicap points difference between each of the three singles matches, and over 5 difference for the doubles, it was always going to be tough. Andrew Hamilton, playing third singles, put in a fine performance and despite losing 6-2 6-0 the match was far closer than the score reflects with some excellent rests demonstrating a classical style approach. For John Miller, playing second singles, the handicap difference was too great and was never really allowed to get going losing 6-1 6-0.

Paul Holland, playing first singles, got the crowd going with some excellent retrieving and forceful play. Despite his best endeavours, he lost with a credible score of 6-3 6-2. Moreton's second doubles pairing of Alex Reynolds and Paul Wilson-Gunn played what is arguably the best set of doubles this season taking the first set 6-2 with some stunning volleys and forces. They continued in the same vein for the second set going 5-3 40 love up, to eventually win the second set 6-5, and their match!

The first doubles pairing of Sally Jones and Martin Rogers continued to demonstrate Moreton's strength in doubles by taking the opening set 6-2 with some great tactical play and accurate volleys. However, their opponents fought back well and with a change in tactics took the second and third sets 6-3 6-3

## **NATIONAL FATHERS AND SONS CHAMPIONSHIP AND HANDICAP WEEKEND.**

*Leamington 2nd/3rd January 2010.*

Richard and Tom Seymour Mead lost to the holders and eventual winners Mark and Will Nicholls in the Championship semifinals.

The Nicholls beat Duncan and Dan Colquhoun in a very close final.

Norman and Alex Hyde (handicap 42) beat Julian and Guy Rawstorne (28) in the handicap semifinal to set up a final against the Nicholls (17.5) who played faultless tennis to take the Handicap trophy to go with the Championship trophy.

## **BRODIE CUP**

*22nd November 2009.*

Congratulations to our team on their 1st round win away at Bristol and Bath.

Team members were:

David Prophet & Matt Fattorini, Jon Lambdon & Stuart Hodges playing doubles.

Tom Lewis, George Kruszynskij and Jonny Cook singles.

Captain Tom Lewis won the last and deciding rubber after being 1 set and 5-1 down in the 3 set match. 13/12/09 . Second round Home against Radley. Lost 3-2.

## **The PONSONBY CUP.**

*February 2010.*

Richard Seymour Mead and Bob Hurrion allowed David Bryant to knobble himself in the first round. He pulled a fetlock. This had a profound effect on the match and eventually the tournament. David was confined to delivering nasty little serves or good length service returns and then leaving a younger, fitter and more mobile player to do all the work. Martin Rogers is no younger than he was when he won last year's club championship but he is much better at reaching the corners.

The final itself was a close 2 set match in which David's tactical serving didn't allow the opponents, Paul Wilson-Gunn & Clive Barnes, to keep the ball low which meant that Martin could demonstrate his good volleying. PW-G played his expansive range of tennis whilst Clive played phenomenally well for a man who plays over 70's tennis!

David Bryant & Martin Rogers retain the Ponsonby Cup

## **THE OWEN-GEORGE CUP**

*March 2010.*

This year's Owen George final saw a repeat of the 2009 final between Mike Henman and Martin Rogers. Both had had tough matches before reaching the final; for Martin a 3 set late night sub-zero temperature battle against Paul Wilson-Gunn whilst for Mike a very hard fought match against Philip Shaw-Hamilton who was just returning from injury. The final itself saw Martin get off to an early lead with some fierce main wall dedans forces whilst his tight serving left Mike little opportunity in creating many openings. Despite Mike playing for the corners the first set went to Martin. The second set saw Mike continue to move the ball around the court and with some of his trademark improvised shots take a 4-2 lead. However, Martin's solid volleying and a new found ability to actually get into the corners made for a classic fight back with the second set, and the match, eventually going his way 6-4 6-4. It must be noted that the spirit of this match, from both players, was exceptional and was a great demonstration on how the game should be played.

Martin Rogers retains the club Championship.



## **SPANISH EVENING.**

*Thursday March 25th.*

Our thanks go to Nick, Flo and George (and of course Nikki of Edward Sheldon) who hosted a wonderful Spanish Evening at the Club . The wines complimented and contrasted the wonderful range of flavours and dishes with three varieties on each course to compare.

The evening began with Manzanilla Sherry with salted Marcona almonds with smoked paprika, juicy Manzanilla olives and a few words of what was in store. Tapas consisted of such delights as, Leon Chorizo on toast with Piquillo pepper, Deep fried Monte Enebro goats' cheese with orange blossom honey, Boquerones

and many more to sample. All washed down with El Hada Verdejo, Almansa Reserva, Ochoa Crianza, Coto de Imaz Rioja Reserva. The selection of wines seemed endless as the evening progressed.

If all the various delectable Tapas were not enough, there were then large platters of Paella, filled with prawns, mussels, squid, chicken steamed in perfumed saffron risotto.

To round the evening off the Chairman even offered his thanks in Spanish (at least that was what we think it was) courtesy of Annie Bryant !!

(Gracias georgi!)

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## **THE PARSONS CUP**

*March 2010. Report by Nick Mills.*

The 2010 Parsons cup saw a full entry, and a return to form for some of the establishment. Anthony Parmiter turned back the clock in his box and looked good for another Parsons Cup triumph only to be derailed by an inspired Lynden Howarth at the quarter stage. Flo Holland also returned to form playing well, both in her box and in beating Tim Messer in their quarter final.

Oliver Le Maistre brought both elegance to the proceedings, and charity. In his thrilling Quarter with Patrick Parry-Evans he contrived to lose the first point of virtually every game, to hand Patrick game point, only to fight back valiantly to eventually take a gruelling match 5/4. Sadly, a then clearly exhausted Oliver was Grant Arthur fodder in his Semi losing swiftly 5/1. Lynden in his Semi met Flo who found the handicap a little too much and succumbed without troubling the scorer.

A classic final then, with very little handicap difference, a packed dedans and bar cheering on both players, with both players looking for their first appearance on the winners boards.

The finalists had both arrived in fine form, but it was Grant Arthur who made the running taking an early lead. Lynden though, fought back and looked assured of victory, only for Grant Arthur to belatedly take the final by the



scruff of the neck, and, with the aid of a nick serve, followed by a series of inspired shots won 6/5. The look of disbelief on Grant's face as the winning shot was played, was still there when he accepted the trophy and Champagne from Sir Andrew Hamilton.

## **MMTCC vs LORDS. Away**

*Report by Jon Lambdon.*

On a surprisingly balmy March morning the Moreton Morrell XI travelled to Lords to take on the MCC on home soil. The pitch looked an absolute belter, and indeed opener Nick Mills showed good form to take his match into a third set. Unfortunately he then ran himself out on 99 by double-faulting to lose the decider 6-4. The next partnership contained two debutants Owen Pettiford and Grant Arthur, who overcame an early innings wobble by fighting back from a set down to claim the next two 6-2, 6-5.

The middle order of Flo Holland and Steve Bowler had to dig deep against a disciplined home attack, although eventually went down in a close 6-5, 6-4 loss. Peter Stephenson and Chris "Bomber" Griffith-Jones never really got set and were dismissed cheaply 6-4, 6-0. An essential lower order partnership saw John Cook and Jon Lambdon despatch their opponents all round the court in a 6-1, 6-1 onslaught.

The last wicket went down to the last ball of the day. Anthony Parmiter played a captain's innings alongside Stuart Hodges in a backs-to-the-wall performance. 40-0 down at 5-5 in the final set, cursing the fact that they threw away a 4-2 lead in the second, Anthony and Stuart achieved the improbable by emerging victorious 6-5 to make the final score Moreton Morrell 3-3 MCC. A draw seemed a fair result in the end. Now it's over to Bob for The Verdict.

## MASTERS TEAM EVENTS

April 2010. Report by Phil Shaw-Hamilton.

Congratulations to the UK teams who had a clean sweep in the International events and particularly to the Moreton Morrell members in each UK team- as well as one in the Australia team.



**... AND OLD**

In the team events:

David Bryant captained the over 60s 'Bostwick Cup' team to beat both the USA and Australia at Middlesex University (The Burroughs).

The Lord Hothfield and Clive Barnes (doubles pair) won their matches against the USA and Australia in the over 70's 'Danby Cup' at Lords.

Philip Shaw-Hamilton played doubles with Duncan Colquhoun and won their matches in the over 50's 'Cockram Trophy' at Lords.

So Team GB swept the field despite the Australians fielding Mike Happell(+2) in the singles.

Michael Garnett – an Overseas MMTCC member represented Australia in the Bostwick and the Danby Cups.

## HENRY LEAF CUP.

Leamington , April 2010.

Congratulations to Andrew Hamilton with partner William Donger (Charterhouse 2) on reaching the final. They were beaten by their number one Charterhouse team of James Acheson-Gray and Adam Dolman.

## WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Queens Club. April 2010.

In the World Masters ( a tournament for both singles and doubles in over 50's, over 55's, over 60's, over 65's, and over 70's) played at The Queens Club, a number of Moreton Morrell members participated:

Clive Barnes, David Bryant, Sir Andrew Hamilton Bt, Lord Hothfield, John Miller, Richard Seymour Mead, and Philip Shaw-Hamilton.

Hothfield and Barnes reached the final of the over 70's doubles but lost to Tony Crooks and Willy Wilks.

Bryant and Greg Van Schaack(USA) reached the final of the over 60's doubles but lost to Paul Weaver and Mick Dean.

Shaw-Hamilton and Paul Weaver won the over 55's doubles beating the Australians Wayne Spring and Tim Hurburgh.

Shaw-Hamilton reached the final of the o55's singles but lost to John Prens.

*The next event will be in Melbourne April 2012  
- so book your flights and get practising!*

## COMING EVENTS

### **SUMMER BBQ & THE MIDSUMMER DOUBLES.**

The BBQ - with the customary brilliant weather, Pig roast, Pimms, Ale, Bouncy Castle and Tennis of the highest order for the prestigious Bryant Cup will take place on JUNE 12TH.

### **CHEESE, WINE, ALE & DEFIBRILLATOR EVENING. SEPTEMBER 15TH.**

Come and enjoy a glass or two and bring your diaries to get some early season tennis organised.

We will also have a short demonstration of the Heart Defibrillator which is placed by the markers box for use in an emergency.

It is simple to use, has clear instructions and can save a life.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

A.G.M. April 26th 2010

I'm pleased to report that last year the club made a modest profit. Although we received rebates for electricity and rates, for which many thanks to Assistant Treasurer Paul Wilson-Gunn for his persistence, the Club has attracted a net increase in members (many from Moreton Morrell village) and Tom Granville has been filling significantly more courts which will show positively in the next set of accounts. However, we cannot afford to be complacent- a major expense is always just round the corner and would adversely affect our financial situation.

The court has been well booked, on occasions 70% of courts towards the end of the year, and there have been many popular and well supported tournaments and matches for which many thanks to Tom. There has been an excellent increase in the numbers of juniors learning the game and Tim Messer and Jo Iddles are to be congratulated on all their efforts. In addition we now offer coaching to Rugby School, King's High School and Warwick School.

The club has done much to encourage Nick Jury back to full time work and he is to be commended on his efforts to return to full time work and was able to mark the Field Trophy in March, which was a significant personal milestone for him.

The premises are in good order thanks to Paul Wilson-Gunn's watchful eye- the gardens are kept tidy, the rooms are generally clean and tidy and the court floor's deterioration is being kept under control by Richard Seymour Mead who with Jonathan Lambdon keeps us entertained and informed with the Court Circular.



George K. has provided some excellent social occasions- the barbecue on a perfect summer's day was particularly memorable. Jonny Cook's generous sponsorship attracted the finest players to the club last summer and it was a privilege to see Rob Fahey in action possibly for the last time- a great champion.

Thanks to the efforts of Keyvan Farmanfarmai members have made the most of the real ale now on tap- the bar has and continues to make a healthy contribution to our finances.

Moreton Morrell continues to be a popular destination for real tennis players who appreciate the welcome we extend and our super facilities.

It is vital we benefit from commercial opportunities and the Club has been hired on several occasions by members for business meetings. The court was even used for the recording of a choral work in mid February brrrr! but the organisers were delighted with the acoustics which as many of us are aware are absolutely useless for speech-making! The Club has been involved in an interesting reciprocal arrangement with the Warwick Boat Club which promises to be mutually beneficial.

The Club acted as a 'guinea pig' for a 'club health check' T&RA initiative. The result of the day's seminar was the increase in court activity and the 'yellow dot' exercise to encourage us to ensure the premises are well maintained and welcoming.

The health of a club like ours is dependant on much voluntary effort and I would like to thank all committee members for all their hard work- David Bryant has done a huge amount of work especially on IT and I should like to thank Mike Harwood for his professional treatment of the accounts, Peter Stephenson for rationalising the membership policy and Martin Rogers for his work as Tennis Sub

Committee chairman. The Millers have organised committee meetings most efficiently, Alex Reynolds and Simon Allen have been keeping a watchful eye on the extension to Tom's flat which is now under way. Thanks also to Jane Terry for her contributions to social events, Barbara Nicol for running the 50 Club and to Paul Thompson for his wise counsel re Nick Jury's situation.

So there has been much activity at MMTCC - may it long continue!



## OFF COURT

Moreton committee member Johnny Cook recently threw his hat into the electoral ring. He contested the Witney constituency as an Independent taking on the sitting MP David Cameron. Electioneering's widespread now

**It's entered all our minds.  
But when one asks MMTCC  
Here is what one finds.**

**Not for us the listless word  
or working by the book  
We have a truly vibrant choice  
The players Johnny Cook.**



**He's not the common persons man  
Nor Tory Toff resplendent  
He's turned his back on all such thought  
By standing Independent.**



**His message is as clear as light  
A simple commendation  
Not better Schools or NHS – but  
'Real Tennis for the nation!'**

*Written by Colin Wyman  
From an idea by Jane Terry*

### **Narrow Defeat for our Candidate.**

The editor reports the sad news that Johnny was not successful. He did, however, manage to pick up 151 votes- more than two other independents – but failing- by a whisker- to beat both Mr Cameron- Conservative (33,973 votes) and Mr Hope –Loony (234).

For further news and information on Johnny's ongoing campaign see :  
[www.thecookingredient.com](http://www.thecookingredient.com)

