



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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## SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

# GB VETS SUCCESS

AT NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS – THE BRITISH CLOSED  
MANCHESTER 10-16 FEBRUARY 2014



**Mandy Akin**  
**W050**  
**WINNER!**



**Eamonn Price**  
**M050**  
**WINNER!**



**Barry Featherstone**  
**M065**  
**WINNER!**



**Adrian Wright**  
**M070**  
**WINNER!**

**RUNNERS UP:** AUBREY WADDY (M065), MIKE CLEMSON (M070), LANCE KINDER (M075), BETT DRYHURST (W060).

**REACHED THE SEMI-FINALS:** COLIN PAYNE, GARY RAW (M050), STUART HARDY, DULEEP ADHIHETTY (M055), ALAN HATHWAY, STEPHEN JACKSON (M060), LARRY GROVER, MARTIN PEARSE (M065), GRAHAM FISHER (M070), LESLIE STURGES (W050), LYNNE DAVIES (W055).

**REACHED THE LAST EIGHT:** ALAN THOMSON (M050), MARK COWLEY (M055), ALASTAIR NIVEN (M060), GEOFF HOWES, TONY WHEELER, CHRIS ANSELL (M065), NIGEL BELLE, ANDREW BEESTON, BRIAN HARDCASTLE (M070), SARAH HOWLETT, CLAIRE BAKER, TAMMY BENNETT (W050), JANE LAW, SUE PYNEGAR, EUNICE BOND, KAREN HUME (W055).

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

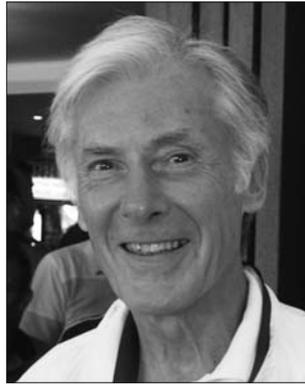
Over 50 GB Vets members competed in this National Tournament.

# THE CHAIRMAN'S NEW-SEASON MESSAGE

What a blessing we all love a game that is never affected by the weather! We book a court and play whatever the weather and enjoy 45-60 minutes of utter joy – or pain!

Well, we are now into another season having just celebrated our 50th Anniversary and my, did we celebrate the occasion!

We published a hardback record of our first fifty years, we ran a week-end “Festival of Squash” involving our club and four others and held a black tie dinner.



The book is called ‘The Veterans Squash Club of Great Britain – 50 years on’. It consists of 72 pages listing all those who are or have been members, articles by members on various tours and occasions, lists of players’ triumphs and a great deal more.

The Festival was held at the RAC, Woodcote Park over the week-end 2/3 November. The Clubs that took part were the RAC, Escorts, Jesters, the Army and our own. Each team consisted of three singles and four doubles players and all teams played against each other. It was a huge success and we were very grateful to be able to hold it in such a friendly venue. We have plans to make this an annual event – watch this space!

The dinner was held at the same venue and was attended by 119 members and their guests. Our guests were LT. Gen David Leakey (Black Rod), Felicity Burrell (wife of Colin who donated the ‘Burrell’ trophy), Margaret Baker and Raoul Berman. We were all treated to a delightful occasion. The Cedar Room was

well decorated with 50th Anniversary balloons and the service we received was second to none. Judging by later comments, the evening was clearly very much enjoyed. We are grateful again to our RAC members who gave us an ‘In’ to the club.

So on to this season. I do urge members to volunteer to play in the ‘friendlies’ that are advertised in the handbook and please offer to run a match against your own local club and also do your best to recruit a new member. We are currently about 530 members but need to

continually recruit more with particular emphasis in the O/45, O/50 and O/55 age group brackets.

I want to thank most sincerely our current Committee for all the work they do and particularly Nigel Belle for the outstanding effort he has put in over many years.

Now please – enjoy playing in our Tournament, attend the Finals Week-end over the 5/6th April and also the AGM on the 6th at Colets Club, Thames Ditton.

And finally, if you have not yet bought a book then please ask Nigel or me for one, – only £15 (or just £17.50 by post inc. p&p) and worth every penny! The book also features some very attractive squash-related original cartoons that are very amusing. We have 7 of them, mounted and framed, which are for sale at £75 each.

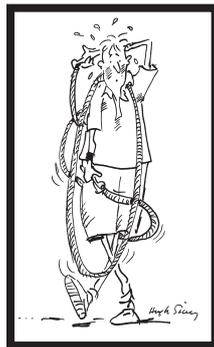
I hope you have an injury- free season!

**John Woodliffe**

## ORIGINAL CARTOONS FOR SALE



*The Physical Warm-Up*



*Skipping*



*High Knee Kicks*



*Ghosting*



*Never Gives In Does He?*



*What is this ... Mixed Doubles?*



*Protective goggles etc.*

# 2014 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

## FINALS WEEKEND SATURDAY 5th & SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2014

<b>SATURDAY</b>	–	SEMI-FINALS from 10.00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	–	FINALS from 10.00 am
	–	51st AGM* Approx. 3.00 pm
	–	PRESENTATION OF PRIZES
	–	BUFFET SUPPER

\*AGM Notice and Agenda has already been circulated to all members.

All members and their guests are very welcome. Do come along, catch up with old friends, enjoy entertaining squash and the FREE buffet supper on the Sunday evening.

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[www.gbvs.co.uk](http://www.gbvs.co.uk)

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: GEOFF HOWES: 07836 335494**

## 2014 CLUB ACCOUNTS

**TO BE APPROVED AT THE AGM 6th APRIL 2014**

The 2013 accounts below, show a loss of just £2 for the year to 31st December 2013.

The year included the varied income and costs associated with the 50th anniversary, and it was always going to prove difficult to incorporate these without distorting the main body of the accounts. In the end, I took advantage of the fact that the generous donations to the fund (our main income) balanced very neatly with our subsidy of the dinner (our main cost). With one or two other small adjustments the whole anniversary could be quietly dropped away in financial terms, leaving a “normal” year for

comparatives and review. I appreciate that this is open to comments about creative accounting (!), but feel it is best for the presentation of the accounts as a whole. If any member would like to see the detail behind the revenues and expenses relating to the anniversary I would be more than happy to oblige.

Championship fees as reported in these accounts have benefited from two sets of income, in the spring (for the experimental “one weekend” tournament of 2013) and in December (in advance for 2014, as we revert to the old format). Future years should look

normal.

A new supply of club shields has been written off in these accounts. A stock of over 400 anniversary books, however, has not been written off but is carried on the balance sheet at cost, and the books are the subject of a concerted sales drive in the current year.

I do appreciate that, for one reason or another, these accounts are a little unusual, and would be very happy to answer any detailed questions that members may have at any time before the AGM.

**David Garrett**

**Hon. Treasurer**

### PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT TO 31st DECEMBER 2013

	18 months to 31/12/12	
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	5,255	10,633
Joining fees	190	280
Championship entry fees	2,643	1,480
Interest	0	0
Profit on merchandise	58	42
	<u>£8,145</u>	<u>£12,435</u>
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>		
Loss on ties	139	188
Championship costs	819	746
Championship prizes	1,451	1,466
England Squash	130	130
Postage/Telephone	283	535
Insurance	0	0
Handbook/Newsletter	2,320	3,404
Stationery	0	0
Club matches	500	430
Website	920	1,998
Sundries	512	780
Pins	0	0
Shields	1,072	0
	<u>8,147</u>	<u>9,677</u>
Surplus/(Loss)	<u>-2</u>	<u>2,758</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	£	Year Ending 31/12/12 £
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance at 01.07.11		11,533
Surplus to 31.12.12		2,758
		<u>£14,291</u>
Balance at 01.01.13	14,291	
Surplus to 31.12.13	-2	
	<u>£14,289</u>	
50th Anniversary Fund		1,825
	<u>14,289</u>	<u>16,116</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>		
Balance at bank	8,116	14,930
Merchandise at cost	6,173	1,186
	<u>£14,289</u>	<u>£16,116</u>

**DAVID GARRETT, HON. TREASURER**

# 72 PAGE, FULL COLOUR, HARDBACK **ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

**HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR COPY YET?**

Over 150 copies  
already sold!

*Some comments from members who  
have purchased the Book:*

*'A superb publication'. JC*

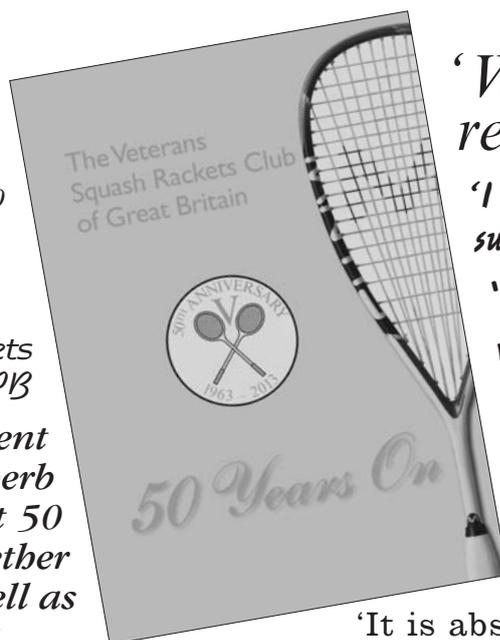
*'A brilliant testimony to the GB Vets  
organisation – congratulations!' PB*

*'What an amazing achievement  
and congratulations on a superb  
Book and record of the first 50  
years! It is really well put together  
with interesting articles as well as  
snapshots of individuals'. RB*

*'1st Class Production'. JC*

*'Well done, very informative and fun –  
a great keepsake'. AM*

*'Fantastic Book – congrats to all involved'. IG*



*'What a lovely  
read'. IR*

*'I congratulate you on a truly  
super Book'. PC*

*'Wow! What a  
wonderful Book, it is  
certainly a great result  
and will be enjoyed by  
all'. EC*

*'The Book is an excellent  
achievement'. RM*

*'It is absolutely superb! So much  
information and so well presented'. AS*

*'An amazing Book, I am sure it will  
bring hours of pleasure to many  
people'. BG*

*'A great read'. CA*

**PURCHASE IN PERSON AT THE FINALS WEEKEND 5/6 APRIL 2014**

**JUST £15**

**OR ORDER FROM NIGEL BELLE – email: [belles@waitrose.com](mailto:belles@waitrose.com)**

**or telephone: 01959 565444 and send cheque payable to  
'The Veterans SRC of GB' for a mere £17.50 inc p&p**

## **“VETS CLUB TURNS 50”**

**BY IAN MCKENZIE, EDITOR OF THE SQUASH PLAYER MAGAZINE**

The great and the good of veterans squash celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a formal but convivial dinner at the RAC, Woodcote Park, Surrey in November.

The good were delegated tasks for the evening, like purchasing the wine (Lance Kinder was promoted to head wine waiter), publishing the Anniversary Book (which was compiled by a team led by Nigel Belle) and organising the 'Festival of Squash', in which 56 players took part.

The great – including industrialist Sir Michael Edwardes and 1960 British Open champion Sheila MacIntosh – were welcomed by current President Philip Ayton, who introduced guest speaker David Leakey.

Also present was Felicity Burrell, who presented the Burrell Trophy to the Club. This will be awarded annually to the

member who has served the Club best.

Leakey, a long-standing member, joked that he was the second-choice speaker. More formally he is Lieutenant-General Leakey. He amused the good with anecdotes about his job as Black Rod or, to give him his full title, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. A sort of referee in the House of Lords, his most noticeable role is at the State Opening of Parliament when he bangs on the door of the House of Commons and summons MP's to attend to Her Majesty in the Lords.

Black Rod proposed a toast to the Club's health and John Woodliffe, Chairman for 20 years, replied, reviewing the Club's history, achievements and it's future. He thanked members, the Club's supporters and those who had made the evening possible.

# MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...

FOR MATCH REPORTS AND PICTURES VISIT THE WEBSITE  
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## ROEHAMPTON 23rd January 2014

### GB VETS WON 3/2

Roehampton		GB Vets	
Rory Ross-Russell	bt	Fabio Goriup	3/0
Nick Charteris-Black	bt	Chris Lowry	3/1
Andy Levy	bt	Steve Johnson	3/0
Nigel Clarke	lost to	David Garrett	0/3
Phil Greenhalgh	lost to	Nigel Belle	1/3



Steve Johnson, Chris Lowry, David Garrett, Fabio Goriup, Nigel Belle.

## ETON COLLEGE BOYS 8th February 2014

### GB VETS LOST 2/3

Eton Boys		GB Vets	
Ed Crookenden	lost to	Dave Smith	2/3
Felix Andrews	bt	Chris Sebire	3/0
Max Cooper	bt	David Garrett	3/2
Ed Kandel	lost to	Geoff Gill	1/3
Arran Maitala	bt	John O'Brien	3/1



GB Vets vs Eton Feb 2014.

## PARK LANGLEY 24th January 2014

### GB VETS LOST 2/3

Park Langley		GB Vets	
Trevor Young	lost to	Andrew Bonner	2/3
Anthony Nickalls	bt	Brian Cane	1/3
Steve McIntosh	bt	Roger Sulley	3/0
Erdal Niyazoglu	bt	Phil Acock	3/0
Malcolm Meadows	lost to	Nigel Belle	0/3



Nigel Belle, Andrew Bonner, Roger Sulley, Phil Acock, Brian Cane.

## DORKING 4th February 2014

### GB VETS LOST 2/4

Dorking		GB Vets	
Mike Stewart	bt	Steve Jackson	3/0
Paul Downman	bt	Chris Sebire	3/0
Simon Pullar	bt	Geoff Gill	3/0
Ken Caldwell	lost to	John O'Brien	2/3
Harriet Gray	lost to	Nick Wrighting	0/3
<b>Doubles:</b>			
Alan Atkinson		Lance Kinder	
Chris Perrin	bt	Sam Coulter	3/2



Lance Kinder, Sam Coulter, Chris Sebire, Steve Jackson, John O'Brien, John Woodliffe.

## FITZWILLIAM, DUBLIN 22nd February 2014

### MATCH DRAWN 3/3

Fitzwilliam		GB Vets	
Gerry Callinan	bt	Stuart Hardy	3/1
Jim Flynn	lost to	Steve Jackson	2/3
Damien O'Reilly	bt	Alastair Niven	3/1
Karam Singh	bt	Peter Leary	3/0
Michael Roden	lost to	Aubrey Waddy	1/3
Dave Allen	lost to	Tammy Bennett	0/3

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## NEW MALDEN 6th February 2014

### GB VETS LOST 0/5

New Malden		GB Vets	
Emma Matthews	bt	Mandy Akin	3/1
Paul Chell	bt	Peter Young	3/0
Andy Clark	bt	Keith Searle	3/1
Nicko Cella	bt	Roger Sulley	3/1
Claire Baker	bt	Nigel Belle	3/0



Peter Young, Keith Searle, Roger Sulley, Nigel Belle, Mandy Akin.

## BEXLEY 21st February 2014

### GB VETS LOST 2/3

Bexley		GB Vets	
Albert Akin	lost to	Mandy Akin	2/3
<i>(borrowed from the GB Vets!)</i>			
Keith Mabey	bt	Andy Bonner	3/1
Girkan	lost to	Peter Young	2/3
Vic Hulland	bt	Brian Cane	3/1
Peter Lewis	bt	Nigel Belle	3/0



Girkan, Keith Mabey, Peter Young, Nigel Belle, Mandy & Albert Akin, Peter Lewis, Andy Bonner, Jane Belle (supporter extraordinaire!)

# THE JESTERS RESULTS

## 3rd February 2014

### VETERANS



**Eamonn Price** beat  
**Dermot Hurford** 3/0

### VINTAGE



**Mark Cowley** beat  
**Stuart Hardy** 3/1

### VULNERABLES



**Aubrey Waddy** beat  
**Chris Goodbourn** 3/0

### VENERABLES



**John Goodrich** beat  
**Andrew Lowenthal** 3/0

Other GB Vets taking part: **Nick Dart, Chris Lowry, James Dubois, Berge Kay, Tony Clifford, Brian Donnelly.**

Thanks as always to Peter Chalk for again arranging these Amateur Championships at the RAC Pall Mall. A fantastic tournament ending with a fabulous buffet supper. Much appreciated by all who attended.

## HEARD THESE?

1. The grim reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.
2. My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.
3. I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.
4. I was driving this morning when I saw an AA van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.
5. My neighbour knocked on my door at 2.30 am this morning, can you believe that, 2.30 am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.
6. Man calls 999 and says 'I think my wife is dead'. The operator says how do you know? He says 'The sex is the same but the ironing is building up!'
7. I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice! At least I presume she was poor – she only had £1.20 in her purse.
8. My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.
9. A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says what do you expect? You're in a wheelchair.
10. The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

# 2013/14 REGIONAL RESULTS...

## EAST OF ENGLAND... BURY ST EDMUNDS – 27/29 SEPTEMBER 2013

- MO45 Steve McLoughlin reached the semis  
MO55 Stuart Hardy beat Mark Cowley in final  
MO70 Adrian Wright beat Mike Clemson 3/2  
In final. Tony Clifford beat Graham Fisher in  
3, 4 play off.  
WO35/40/45 Sam Mueller won the final.  
WO50 Sarah Howlett reached the final.
- MO50 Darren Withey beat Gary Raw 3/0 in final  
MO60 Steve Jackson won 3/0 in the final  
MO65 Barry Featherstone beat Aubrey Waddy  
3/2 in the final. Chris Ansell and Martin Pearse  
reached the semis.

## SOUTH OF ENGLAND... THAMES DITTON – 25/27 OCTOBER 2013

- MO45 Steve McLoughlin won the final  
MO55 Duleep Adhithetty reached the final  
but had to withdraw injured.  
Stuart Hardy reached the semis.  
MO65 Barry Featherstone won the final 3/0  
WO40 Sam Mueller won the final.  
WO55 Lynne Davies won the round robin.
- MO50 Eamonn Price beat Gary Raw 3/0 in the final  
Alan Thomson reached the semis.  
MO60 Steve Jackson won the final.  
MO70 Mike Clemson won the final. Graham Fisher  
beat Tony Clifford in the 3, 4 play off.  
WO50 Mandy Akin lost in the final.  
Tammy Bennett & Sarah Howlett reached the semis.

## WEST OF ENGLAND... WOLVERHAMPTON 29 NOV – 1 DEC 2013

- MO45 Eamonn Price reached the final.  
MO55 Stuart Hardy reached the final.  
MO65 Barry Featherstone beat Aubrey Waddy  
3/0 in the final. Larry Grover, Martin Pearse  
reached the semis.  
WO40 Sarah Howlett reached the final.  
Lesley Sturges reached the semis.
- MO50 Gary Raw reached the final.  
MO60 Alan Hathway reached the semis.  
MO70 Mike Clemson reached the final.  
Graham Fisher beat Nigel Belle in 3,4 play off.  
MO75 Vinnie Taylor won the final.  
WO55 Karen Hume reached the final.  
Lynne Davies won the 3,4 play off.

## NORTH OF ENGLAND... PONTEFRACT – 3/5 JANUARY 2014

- MO45 Eamonn Price reached the final.  
MO55 Mark Cowley beat Stuart Hardy 3/1  
in the final.  
MO65 Barry Featherstone beat Aubrey Waddy  
3/2 in the final. Martin Pearse and Rodney  
Boswell reached the semis.  
WO50 Sarah Howlett beat Tammy Bennett  
3/0 in the 3,4 play off.  
Jane Law was second.
- MO50 Darren Withey won the final.  
Gary Raw reached the semis.  
MO60 Alan Hathway reached the semis.  
MO70/75 Mike Clemson beat Adrian Wright 3/1  
in the final.  
Graham Fisher won the 3,4 play off.  
Lance Kinder won the O75.  
WO55 Lynne Davies won the round robin.

## MIDLANDS... COVENTRY – 31 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2014

- MO45 Steve McLoughlin reached the semis.  
MO55 Peter Alexander beat Stuart Hardy  
3/0 in the final.  
MO70/75 Graham Fisher won the final.  
Brian Hardcastle reached the semis. Vinnie  
Taylor beat Lance Kinder in the final of the O75.
- MO65 Barry Featherstone beat Rodney Boswell  
3/0 in the final.  
Chris Ansell and Larry Grover reached the semis.  
WO40 Sam Mueller came second in round robin.  
WO50 Mandy Akin reached the semis.  
WO55 Lynne Davies reached the final.  
Karen Hume reached the semis.

## NORTH WEST... GROVE PARK, STOCKPORT – 7/9 MARCH 2014

- MO45 Steve McLoughlin reached the semis.  
MO60 Alan Hathway reached the semis.  
MO70/75 Adrian Wright won the final.  
Brian Hardcastle and Andrew Beeston reached the semis.
- MO55 Ian Bradburn beat Stuart Hardy in the final.  
MO65 Aubrey Waddy beat Larry Grover 3/1 in the  
final. Martin Pearse reached the semis.  
WO55 Karen Hume reached the final.  
Sue Pynegar reached the semis.

## REGIONAL WINNERS

10 years ago in 2004 England Squash Masters was formed with Martin Pearse as Organiser and Chairman. Since then some 540 winners have been produced across all age groups – this equates to 165 players of which 56 are members of the Vets Squash Club of Great Britain. Topping the list with 21 Regional wins is Adrian Wright, followed by Barry Featherstone with 15, Mike Clemson 13, Mark Cowley 12, Lance Kinder and Ian Bradburn 11.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the Summer 2013 Newsletter:

Nick Dart	-	Cumberland Lawn Tennis & Squash Club
Aubrey Smith	-	Salisbury
Matthew Parker	-	New Malden
David Marshall	-	Lee-on-Solent
Rina Einy	-	Queens Club, Castle Club.
Rick Graham	-	RAC
Peter Hughes	-	Finchley Manor
Gary Raw	-	West Herts
Peter Walker	-	Swanley, Kent
Cliff McIntosh	-	Hythe, Ashford

## 'LOST' MEMBERS

Do you know the whereabouts of any of these 8 members listed below? If so please let the Hon. Sec. know. Many thanks:

Jim Alexander	Alf Barker	John Dover
Terry Farrington	John Grieve	Robert MacIntosh
John Rymer	David Summerscale	

## MEMBERS NEWS

**AVERIL MURPHY** Averil joined the Vets Club in 1993 but this fact was omitted from the opening paragraph of 'The Ladies.....1980 onwards' article on Page 18 of the Anniversary Book. Apologies for the omission Averil.

**JOHN BATTY.** John's CV on Page 15 of the Anniversary Book is accompanied by a photo of Eric Robinson!! Apologies to both of you. Ed.

**HELP!** The Hon. Secretary's job has got bigger and bigger over the last few years to the point where it is really too much for one person. There are a number of standalone jobs that could be managed and taken on by a member 1. Running the members database, 2. Producing the Newsletter twice a year. 3. Administering the Club Shop, 4. Keeping the website up to date, 5. Keeping the Club records/archives.

Do you fancy taking on one or more of these jobs? If so please let the Hon.Sec. or any Committee member know urgently, thank you.

**TONY GATHERCOLE.** Whilst praising the Anniversary Book Tony felt it a "pity the Vice Presidents were not listed". As far as I can ascertain there have been or are 11 Vice Presidents since 1963. An article on them will be included in the next Newsletter. Ed.

**IAN BRADBURN.** In the Autumn 2012 Newsletter we reported that Ian had had to give up playing squash due to serious ankle injury. I am very happy to report that, although not as mobile as he used to be, he has just won the Men's O55 North West Regional Tournament. Welcome back Ian! Ed.



**JEREMY LYON** The former Club President and his wife Sue went to see Sir Tim Rice's new musical 'From Here to Eternity' recently. Jeremy outbid everyone at the auction at the 50th Anniversary Dinner last November for two tickets to see the show.

(Picture of Jeremy and Sue outside the theatre)

## OBITUARIES

We are most saddened to learn of the deaths of the following members:

**Tony Roots** who died in May 2013

**Peter Triggs** who died in November 2013

**Laurie Lowenthal**



Laurie Lowenthal died on January 5th 2014 at the age of 89.

He started to play squash at the RAC in the 1950s, learning the game from Jack Giles.

At the RAC, he inaugurated the Veterans tournament, donating the cup which bears his name. He did so when he realised that he couldn't beat players in their twenties and thirties. He never won his own tournament, but did succeed in winning the Vintage tournament.

He joined the Veterans Squash Club in 1970 and continued to follow his passion for the game.

One of the highlights of his squash career was playing in the British Open Veterans tournament where, in the second round, he was drawn against Hashim Khan. He never forgot the time he shared a court with the Master.

In the 1970s, Laurie decided to channel his business acumen into squash clubs – he built St Albans Squash Club with two partners and, later, Hendon Squash and Leisure Club.

Laurie continued playing squash into his 60s, when he won the Veterans Squash Club over 60s tournament. However, Laurie was then introduced to the game of Real Tennis. His allegiance gently switched to Real Tennis where he established the game's Over 70s tournament.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2014

### VETS CLUB FINALS WEEKEND

Colets 5/6 April 2014

### CLUB AGM

Colets 6 April (approx. 4pm)

### HOME INTERNATIONALS

MO35, MO55, WO55.	Cardiff	25/26 April
MO40, MO60, WO35/40	Aberdeen	23/24 May
MO50, MO70, WO50.	Dublin	2/3 May
MO45, MO65, WO45.	Nottingham	9/10 May

### ALLAM BRITISH OPEN

Hull 14/18 May

### INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT

RAC, Epsom 22/23 November

### TOUR TO YORK

Contact John Woodliffe for further details and advise if you wish to be considered to play.

York 10/11 October

### I2TH WORLD MASTERS

Hong Kong 4/12 July

## CLUB SHOP

Polo Shirts	Men's	£21.00
	Ladies	£20.00
Tee Shirts	Men's	£17.00
	Ladies	£17.00
Club Ties	Standard	£8.50
	Special Anniversary	£10.00
Lapel pins		£2.00
Magnetic Book Markers		£1.50
V Neck Pullovers		£33.00
All merchandise with Club logo. Prices exc. p&p (approx £2.50)		