



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2022

NATIONAL TREASURES!

The National Masters Squash Championships took place in Nottingham
9/13 February 2022.

The GB Vets chalked up 6 Winners and 5 Runners Up!
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



MO60
JOHN PARKES (left)
beat Dermot Hurford 3/0



WO75
ANN MANLEY (left)
beat Bett Dryhurst 3/0



MO75
JAMES DUBOIS (left)
beat Mike Clemson 3/2



MO70
IAN ROSS (left) beat Keith Jones 3/1 after Keith retired injured in the second.



MO55
NIGEL STILES
lost in the final 3/0



WO50
SARAH PARR
won the final 3/1



WO65
EUNICE BOND (right)
beat Lynne Davies 3/2

LANCE KINDER was injured and couldn't compete in the MO85 final.

PICTURES OF PLATE WINNERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 6.

(Pictures courtesy of Brian Brock, England Squash Masters)

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SARAH HOWLETT - One Player, Five Questions Interviewed by Aubrey Waddy

Sarah Howlett, or, if you look her up, Dr Sarah Howlett. The Doctorate is a PhD in Biochemistry from Cambridge University (even then it was complicated: Sarah says, “Never quite sure how to describe it, as it was embryology/cell biology and done in the Anatomy dept”) In science terms it’s as far from Mickey Mouse as you can get.

Indeed, science has been the dominant interest in Sarah’s life. In over forty years she has never “reached escape velocity” from Cambridge. It’s humbling that it took five attempts to accomplish our chat about her squash life. Urgencies of work, and family commitments, rather than squash, kept getting in the way.

It’s not that squash isn’t important. According to Sarah, the game played a crucial role at the start of her academic career. As a child she had been a sports loving tomboy, with excellent hand-eye coordination. She was introduced to tennis at the age of four, and spent much of her childhood at the Broxbourne club, in due course adding hockey and cricket to the tennis. With convenient timing, Broxbourne built its squash courts in the mid 1970s. For Sarah’s sixteenth birthday, she was given a squash racquet so she could play on the brand new courts (it must have been an obvious present), and she immediately fell in love with the game. Fast forward a couple of years to her interview to study Natural Sciences at New Hall College, Cambridge (now Murray Edwards College). Extra-curricular accomplishments are always helpful in the highly competitive selection process for Cambridge, and she made the handy discovery that her interviewer was a keen squash player!

In talking to Sarah, you quickly realise it would have been more than her squash abilities that secured her university place. Her first degree led to a PhD in the Anatomy department, where her thesis was in the fast-developing field of in vitro fertilisation. After her first Post Doc she wanted

to become more medically focussed and switched to studying the immune system, notably in Type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis. With Cambridge a world-leading centre for research in the life sciences, Sarah works in the same labs as no fewer than five Nobel laureates. Currently she is heavily involved in the astonishing human cell atlas project.

Sarah’s passionate commitment to science has never eliminated her interest in squash. Just the night before she went up to Cambridge she won the Herts Senior County Closed title. She gained half blues (unfair: with men it would have been full blues) for hockey and cricket, and multiple squash blues

Even so, Sarah “never really pushed it (meaning sport)”! The only tournament she would enter in her twenties was the County Closed, in Cambridgeshire after she had “defected” from Hertfordshire. She won the County title many times, and on and off played senior intercounties squash. Masters Intercounties followed, 040s and 050s. “I couldn’t tell you how many times.”



Sarah Howlett

Sarah’s somewhat take-it-or-leave-it attitude to squash at Cambridge is encapsulated in her offhand comment, “I did also play English University and British University stuff as a student.” She mentions fellow GB Vets member Tammy Bennett as one of her contemporaries at that time.

About ten years ago Sarah’s friends Margaret Chambers and Julia Dolman (with encouragement from her coach Bob Maison) introduced her to Masters squash. This she really enjoyed. Unsurprisingly, a number of England caps followed, in the 050s and 055s. “I forget when my first one was but it was in Dublin at the Fitzwilliam club - an amazing place to make a debut... I am definitely a team player!” In 2018/2019 Sarah had the honour of being recognised as the England Squash Masters Player of the Year.

Along the way, like most Masters players, Sarah has had to overcome injuries, including to her shoulder, (dislocated collar bone) in a bike accident and to her anterior cruciate ligament, which eventually led to surgery. These haven’t prevented her from completing two London marathons, playing in the World Squash Masters in Johannesburg, and having designs on the sadly postponed 2021 World Masters in Wroclaw.

Issues with sport do however seem secondary. When Sarah and I spoke, she was in the middle of the ‘peer review process’, where experts scrutinise a piece of scientific research to determine whether it’s worthy of publication. On this occasion the scientific journal involved is ‘Science’, one of the most prestigious places for ground-breaking research.

Sarah feels she’s been lucky with her lifetime’s involvement in her work. But in December 2021, talking about squash, that feeling came with a wistful, “I’d love to get back to more competitive stuff.”

1. Who was the best player you ever played?

A difficult question to answer. There have been so many players over the years – that’s one thing you learn in sport: there’s always someone better than you are! I had to play Sarah-Jane Perry in a team match a few years ago and I paid for aceing her in the first game as I didn’t win many points after that!

2. What was your hardest or most memorable match?

Again a difficult question to answer. There were tough 5 setters going on when the county team match was at 2 all – those felt SO good to win. The county match when I tore my cruciate ligament sticks in my mind sadly.

3. What squash achievement are you most proud of?

There are actually a few – like captaining the Cambridge University team, especially in winning years in the Varsity match; playing in my first home international; and of course being voted player of the year – completely humbling.

4. Has squash made a difference to your work life?

One of the perks of staying in academia is its flexibility – in both work attire

and time. So I have always been able to run or cycle into the lab and pop out to play squash. Research often doesn’t fit into a neat nine till five routine. But whilst at times it can be a 13+ hour day in the lab there is the flexibility, with planning, to arrange to fit in a squash game or two!

Fifth question, chosen by Sarah:

5. What next?

Sport has always been a big part of my life, from football in the back garden, racing up and down the back lane on my bike, hockey, any racket sport going, running and cycling, through to largely concentrating on squash these last two decades. I’ve probably worked harder at my squash in the last ten or so years than at any other sport in my life. And then Covid and other things took over! I realised that I could do without squash but not without exercise. Long walks and Joe Wicks have kept me sane. Who knows what will happen over the next few years and whether my time will allow me to shoehorn squash back into my already stuffed timetable? I hope so, but even if I don’t get back to much competitive stuff I’ll certainly be hitting a ball for as long as my knees hold out. After that... well who knows!



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OXFORD UNIVERSITY REPORT

GB Vets return to Oxford for a further battle - 29 January 2022

As most of the GB Vets players had somehow failed to be invited to the big Christmas Parties around London, notably in Downing Street, they had retained their extreme level of fitness into the New Year and felt ready to pit, yet again, age and experience against youthful enthusiasm (coupled worryingly with speed).

An absolute torrent of applications to play was received by GB Vets Captain Nick Sheppard to his invitation for players for the second year of this fixture. A squad of 18 players was assembled and, given a couple of Covid/Injury issues, a band of 16 duly arrived at Oxford for a noon start.

Robert Smith started with a hard-fought victory over Freddie Murley but the match soon went topsy-turvy with **Ripley Oyler's** superior placement just failing to stem the outright speed of Archie Morfoot, a 3/2 Victory for Oxford. Never fear one of our superb ladies **Alison Goy** came through with a tight 3/0 and so the day progressed.

Our Captain **Nick Sheppard**, in a match of Titanic proportions, just went down with his ship against Alex McFadzean, 9/11 in the fifth. One of six 3/2 matches going either way in close combat. There was no need to worry though as his team were quickly in the lifeboats to save him.

Emile Okada v **Keith Ragg** - 1/3. Keith had his game face on and played out a purposeful win with just a couple of hiccups along the way.

Bill Sutton-Matthews v **Steve Jackson** - 2/3. Steve, having discovered that the lob was not the ideal weapon against somebody 6'4" high resorted to a drop shot bonanza in the fifth which paid dividends as Bill struggled to get down to the ball.

Bill Taylor v **Mark Shildrake** - 2/3. Somehow Mark managed to find a way to get the ball past another very tall opponent who

seemed to have elastic arms and was in the recent past an U16 Racketlon GB team member

Sam Greenwood v **Nigel Bacon** - 3/0. Sam was just too tall and reached every one of Nigel's carefully positioned shots, a very tight 3 zip that could have come out very differently on another day

Abbey Scott v **Dawn Robinson** - 0/3. another one of the Vets band of very effective ladies benefiting from the coaching of Paul Selby

Tim Delpert v **John Parkes** - 0/3. John fresh from his success in the British Open (O60s Champion) played his normal high tempo squash, working his opponent around the court and his superior boasts winning the day

So where were we overall? 7/3 to the Vets and now some of the heavy hitters are on court.

Probably the match of the day - Tim Bennet v **David Harris**. 14/12 in the fifth to Tim, a jammed balcony watching two well matched players both of whom were extremely gentlemanly in refusing to take match ball opportunities.

Joe Sibley v **Andy Murray** - 3/0. Andy just couldn't get into gear - which is surprising because he sells gear as a day job! Andy came off court rather lathered up, admitted to having a fever and thought he was about to pass out!

Trajan Halvorsen v **Fergus Burnett** - 0/3. Fergus silky skills saw him through against Trajan who would clearly have been a real handful if not recovering from a bad ankle injury

A few second matches for some

Bill Sutton Matthews v **John Prestwich** - 3/0. Bill's second outing of the day was not as easy as the score suggests

Ansita Kamachanran v **Dawn Robinson** - 0/3. Dawn on court for her second game with another professional performance

Zaynab Sarguroh v **Robert Smith** - 1/3. Robert on court again, his lobs taking unfair advantage of their respective heights. If only Zaynab had thought to tie his

shoelaces together...

Archie Morfoot v **Alison Goy** - 3/2. Another game of the day, with Alison bringing her A-game and just, just falling short. There was some tension on the balcony as Alison took a 2-1 lead with Ripley Oyler in particular concerned that Alison might overturn his earlier loss to the same opponent.....

Finally The Number Ones

Oxford Captain James McCouat v **Mick Biggs** (O40 British Open Semi Finalist)

This was such an advert for the game, brilliant shots fantastic court coverage by both players. Unbelievably it finished 3/0 to the Vets, to Mick who looked somewhat ragged towards the end it seemed like it was 20/18 in the fifth, a brilliant end to a day of Squash

Final Score GB Vets 11 Oxford 7

Thanks go to the Oxford Captains James and Zaynab for putting together the team and the event and to all The Oxford players who between them marked most games. A special thanks also to Mike Sauvage for organising accommodation for some of the Vets players at Wadham College and for his background work in supporting the students both in preparation before and during the day

So, showers negotiated against a team of Basketballers, hotels etc located, it was time after, of course, a couple of refreshing drinks, possibly alcoholic, to meet up at Bella Italia for a celebratory dinner.

What happened next of course drifts into the mist a little, but after being stitched up by **Robert Smith** into speaking in front of the whole restaurant, Nick's Captains speech held the whole of the clientele, including escapees from the Rocky Horror show on one of the tables, in awe, as 'quiet' temporarily reigned, for his well-chosen words about the day and in particular thanking our hosts.

A great day and evening-looking forward to next year!

Robert Smith
Cc BBC Sport E&OE



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2021 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

After a wait of nearly 20 months we were able to complete the Covid curtailed 2020 Club Championships over the weekend of 27/28th November. Although all entrants from the 2020 event were entitled to a free entry into the now named 2020/21 Championships, numbers were down on the previous year's total and in some age groups there were no entries at all. Something we hope will be corrected next year. With Covid still very active all ES Covid protocols were enforced and there were no reported cases during the Tournament. Thanks to the participants, spectators and all involved in helping run the event for this. The Doubles event was played over two venues. Saturday matches being played on the doubles courts at The RAC Epsom, with the finals moving to Colets on the Sunday. Some of the early rounds of the singles matches were played before the weekend, but to restrict unnecessary

travel, all matches in some events took place at Colets. This meant a busy weekend for some players who were involved in doubles and singles categories. Unfortunately there were a number of players who sustained injuries on Saturday and were unable to compete further. I hope they have all now recovered. A busy Sunday program saw the finals take place at Colets. Always popular were the Non-County singles, contested by players who have not played at county or International level. For the first time we had a lady enter one of these which was encouraging. The Doubles finals are often the highlight of the weekend and again this proved the case. Main results appear opposite, full ones on website. The AGM was held after the finals, followed by the presentation of prizes. The afternoon was completed by everyone enjoying a hot meal

and glass of wine courtesy of the club. My thanks must go The RAC and Colets for allowing us to hold the finals at their clubs and to the main markers Paul and Dean for the effort they put in over the weekend. Finally, massive thanks to Jane Belle for her administrative duties that kept the whole weekend running smoothly.

At the AGM it was decided that the timing for the 2022 Championships should be at the beginning of the 2022 season and a date and venue for the finals weekend will be confirmed soon.

I look forward to seeing many of you then, with hopefully a bigger entry than 2021.

**Geoff Howes
Tournament Director**



NC O55 S
Chris Lowry RU David Parker W



NC O65 S
Rik Boxer RU



NC O65 S
Keith Ragg W



L O40 S
Cathy Ruffle RU Keeley Johnson W



L O50 S
Dawn Robinson W



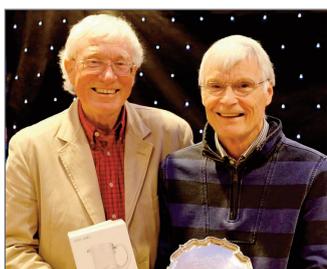
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Marvin Rust W



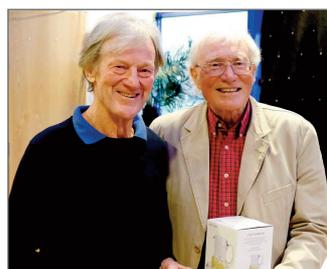
M O60 S
Laurence Molke W



M O65 S
Peter Culver RU Stuart Hardy W



M O70 S
Ian Graham W



M O75 S
Leighton Jenkins W



M O80 S
John Woodliffe RU Lance Kinder W



M O60 D
Dermot Hurford (pictured) & Nigel Stiles

Legend: NC=Non County. RU=Runner Up. W=Winner. M=Mens. L=Ladies. S=Singles. D=Doubles



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RESULTS

NON COUNTY

EVENT

O55/64 Singles Plate
 O55/64 Singles (The Hendry Jug)
 O65 Singles Plate
 O65 Singles (Smith/Hume Salver)

RUNNER(S)-UP

Dawn Robinson
 Chris Lowry
 Harry Parkes
 Rik Boxer

WINNER(S)

David Harris
 David Parker
 Philip Courtenay-Luck
 Keith Ragg

MAIN TOURNAMENT

EVENT

O80 Singles
 O75 Doubles (Kinder/Woodliffe Cup)
 O75 Singles Plate
 O75 Singles (Howell Cup)
 O70 Doubles (Leo Melville Trophy)
 O70 Singles (Pellew Salver)
 O65 Singles (Perkins/Dengel Cup)
 O60 Singles (Burch Salver)
 O60 Doubles (Burch Trophy)
 O50 Doubles Plate
 O50 Doubles (Warlingham Decanters)
 O50 Singles (Walrond Cup)
 Ladies O50 Plate
 Ladies O50 Singles (Keith White Trophy)
 Ladies Doubles (Belle Salver)
 Mixed Doubles Plate
 Mixed Doubles (Akin Cup)
 Ladies O40 Singles (Gathercole Trophy)
 The Burrell Trophy 2021
 The Norman Hunt Trophy

RUNNER(S)-UP

John Woodliffe
 Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe
 Martin Pearse
 James Dubois & Jonathan Bomford
 Philip Courtenay-Luck
 Peter Culver
 Steve Edmondson
 Peter Maskell & Adrian Bowles
 Nigel Bacon & John Prestwich
 Nick Sheppard
 Fiona Pearson
 Polly Woodward & Dawn Robinson
 Shayne Baillie & Mark Jackson
 Cathy Ruffle

WINNER(S)

Lance Kinder
 Nigel Belle & Brian Dobson
 Nigel Belle
 Leighton Jenkins
 Ian Graham & Aubrey Waddy
 Ian Graham
 Stuart Hardy
 Laurence Molke
 A.Barwise & S.Edmondson
 Dave Parker & Nick Sheppard
 Dermot Hurford & Nigel Stiles
 Marvin Rust
 Lynne Davies
 Dawn Robinson
 Keeley Johnson & Karen Hume
 Dawn Robinson & Nigel Bacon
 Karen Hume & Fergus Burnett
 Keeley Johnson
 Nick Sheppard
 Mandy Akin & Karen Hume



M O60 D
 Steve Edmondson & Allen Barwise W



M O70 D
 Aubrey Waddy & Ian Graham W



M O75 D
 Brian Dobson & Nigel Belle W



Mixed Doubles RU
 Shayne Baillie & Mark Jackson



Burrell Trophy
 Nick Sheppard



Mixed Doubles W
 Karen Hume & Fergus Burnett
 Akin Cup presented to Karen
 by Mandy Akin



Dean Clayton &
 Gordon Coulthard



Markers
 Smith, Clayton, Ayton, Clarke, Belle, Howes



Norman Hunt Trophy
 Karen Hume & Mandy Akin

Please note that the very smart gentleman in the light coloured suit, presenting prizes but not mentioned in the pictures is of course our President Philip Ayton. Thanks Phil. Ed.



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

EAST OF ENGLAND – Ipswich 14-16 January 2022

6 WINNERS, 7 RUNNERS UP

Andy Murray lost 2/3 in the final of the MO50's, 10/12 in the 5th.

Ray Burke MBE 3/4 seed, won the MO55, 11/9 in the 5th.

Dermot Hurford No. 1 seed, won the MO60'2 final 3/1.

Barry Featherstone, No. 2 seed, beat **Ian Graham**, 3/1 in the MO70 final.

James Dubois won his first Regional in the

O75's beating **Chris Ansell** 3/1 in the final.

Keeley Johnson, No.2 seed, lost to the No.1 seed 1/3 in the WO35/40 final.

Mandy Akin, playing in a much lower age group, lost in the final of the WO50's to **Sarah Parr**.

Bev Vatcher lost in the final of the WO55 3/0.

Karen Hume justified her No.1 seeding by beating **Lesley Sturgess** No.2 seed in the

WO60's.

Members who reached the semis: Duane Harrison (MO55), John Goodrich, Geoff Redfern (MO65), Terry Belshaw (MO70), Martin Pearse, Robert Smith (MO75), Cathy Ruffle (WO45), Alison Goy (WO50), Sue Pynegar (WO60).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

GB VETS VS ROEHAMPTON – 13 January 2022

Unfortunately the GB Vets team had been reduced somewhat by injuries and Covid but that didn't stop all having a most enjoyable evening as Roehampton had 8 players including doubles specialists.

So from the start any attempt at a formal match was dropped and we just mixed and matched for the next two and a half hours. A few observations: GB Vets outclassed in the doubles. **Ash Chakraborty** played three doubles matches and one singles.

Mick Murray played one doubles and two



singles managing to win one of the singles.

Star man **David Parker** played three doubles and two singles matches finally getting a 3/2 win in the singles at close to 9pm. All this after 18 holes of golf in the afternoon!

Everyone had a good workout but overall I think we have to concede a victory to Roehampton. Great hospitality afterwards. Some of the Roehampton guys couldn't stop for the meal but most of us captured in attached photo with Ash, myself and David centre stage.

Mick Murray, Match Manager.

GB VETS VS CHICHESTER – 22 January 2022

The GB Vets match against Chichester has been played for many years. Despite injuries on both sides in the run up, there were 4 competitive games played. It was great to see Pat & **Graham Fisher**, Amanda and **Gary Williams** and Heather with **Chris Lock** supporting the players and staying for the after-match buffet.

Ian Graham got the match off to an underwhelming start for GBV losing 1-3 to an

awkward, deceptive (and younger) opponent.

Geoff Lees quickly levelled the match with a 3-0 win against Ian Vass. Ian's week in Spain beforehand had done wonders for his tan but not his game! **Barry Featherstone** had an entertaining game against Paul Wykes, both liking to hit hard and rally. Paul proved just a little too accurate on the day and won 3-0. This left captain **Paul Reader** to salvage a draw against **Simon Bryant** also a GB Vet. A little

match rusty, Paul lost the first but recovered to take a 2-1 lead before Simon pegged him back to 2-2. However, form is temporary and class permanent and Paul took the final game to leave honours even.

We had a very tasty buffet and lingered long after to catch up with old friends. Next season both sides threaten to return stronger where new hips and knees will be tested!

Ian Graham, Match Manager.

NATIONAL PLATE WINNERS



MO65 KEITH RAGG



MO70 PETER SMITH



MO75 ROBERT SMITH



WO45 CATHY RUFFLE



WO55 DAWN ROBINSON



WO60 JACKIE GREGORY



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GB VETS MATCHES

Hurlingham	London	10th March 2022
Fitzwilliam	Lords, England	12th March
Civil Service	Nottingham	19th March
York Tour	York	25/26 March
Dorking	Dorking	7th April
RAC Doubles	Epsom	12th May
Northumberland Club	Newcastle	10th September

OTHER EVENTS

British Open & Masters	Hull	29th Mar/3rd April
GB Vets Golf Day	Windermere	9th May
European Masters	Edinburgh	22/25th June
London Squash Festival	Bexley	8/9th July
World Masters	Wroclaw, Poland	21/27th August
GB Vets Golf Day	Surbiton	5th September
Festival of Squash	RAC Epsom	9th October

FANCY SQUASH IN YORK OR GOLF IN WINDERMERE?

Anyone interested in playing squash in York over the weekend 25/26 March or golf in Windermere on 9th May

should contact:

allenbarwise@hotmail.co.uk
or **07974 352013**

JESTERS – 28-31 January 2022



VINTAGE MO55
Eamonn Price Won 3/2



VENERABLES MO60
James Barrington beat
Laurence Molke 3/1



VULNERABLES MO65
Stuart Hardy won 3/0

Trophies presented by Robert Dolman President of the Jesters Club

Whatever Happened to Ealing Squash Club?

These recollections were given to me by Gordon Coulthard a member and former Vets team captain. Gordon was GB Vets treasurer from 1997-2010.

Ealing Squash Club was formed in 1933 by Jacob Gilbert with 4 courts, changing rooms and small bar which came to be affectionately known as Jacob's Larder. Ron Jeffries, always called Jeff, bought Ealing in the late 1940's and it became a very successful club. Membership was rather selective based on Jeff's opinion of the prospective player! Jeff, with his step-son, Mark Slaughter, added 3 more courts including a glass back. Jeff and Mark built the courts themselves with the aid of some brick layers, later adding 2 further courts to give 9 in total. Over the following years the oldest courts were gradually replaced by a gym and fitness training facilities, leaving just 2 remaining courts.

During the good times of squash, Ealing ran teams in both the Cumberland and Coolhurst Cup matches, inviting top players for the premier team. Phil Kenyon, Johnny Leslie and Willie Boone played regularly captained by among others, Mike Peasley. Kevin Freeman, as a club member, also

played in this side. This continued until the game went professional and 'Jeff' decided not to pay

professional players and dropped out of the Cumberland Cup. Effectively the second side, the Coolhurst Cup team were made up of the top players of Ealing. Then came the change to the Middlesex League with much success.

Doubles squash was also popular and included a successful sponsored Doubles Open Tournament.

There were many popular figures at the club. Peter Huber, who acted as Chairman, selector and ran various committees, the Freeman brothers who were also specialist doubles players and Audrey Burley (nee Norvel) a regular in the England ladies squash team. Other regular personalities at the Club were Mike Oldfield (Tubular Bells) and Tommy Steele

After Jeff's death in 1995, Mark ran the Squash and Fitness Club until it was sold to developers in 2019.

Gordon, who joined the club in 1964, has great memories of Ealing, which was often known as the best pub in the area with squash courts! He spent many evenings there with members playing squash and then retiring to Jacob's Larder for drinks. Happy times.

Ian Graham.

Fun in Retirement!



Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop.

When we came out, there was a traffic warden writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him an "arsehole". He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn out tyres.

So my wife called him a "shit head". He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first. Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.



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NEW MEMBERS

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

Kevin Connors	- Sheen & Queens Club
James Barrington	- Wimbledon
John Lane	- The Bourne
Tim Burrell	- The Wimbledon Club
Adnan Khan	- The Wimbledon Club

MEMBER INFO

Don't forget you can access all members details via our website:
www.gbvs.co.uk

Login: **GBVETSSQUASH**

Password: **RACKET7288**

ALL UPPER CASE

'LOST' MEMBERS

Surely someone must know the whereabouts of a 'lost' member below? If so please let the Hon. Sec. know.

Alf Barker

Tim Higginson

Robert McIntosh

Aubrey Smith

OBITUARIES

WILF MANN



Wilf Mann, a GB Vets member since 1977, died peacefully after a long battle with ill health on 14th December 2021 aged 89.

Wilf started his sporting journey with swimming and went on to play water polo where he toured Ireland before joining the Army.

He started playing squash in Bishops Stortford where he was a founder member in the early 60's and eventually went on to play for the Hertfordshire County Vets team. He moved up to Downham

Market where he continued his squash career playing in the Norfolk leagues into his eighties.

In 2013 and 2014 he won the GB Vets Men's O80's single championships. See Photo of Wilf being presented with the Averil Murphy O80 trophy by Averil.

Wilf played squash for almost 60 years and was passionate about the game. He leaves behind many friends and thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with the GB Vets Squash Club.

DEREK TULLETT CBE



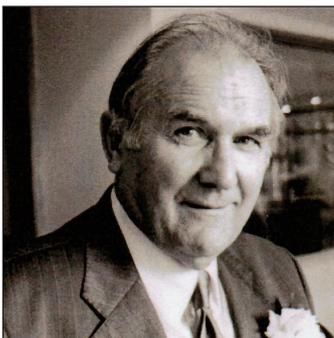
Derek Tullett, a very generous and supportive member of the GB Vets since 1987, died peacefully at home on 9th January 2022 aged 87.

Derek's business career was legendary – he played a leading role in the development of the financial services sector and built a global FX business in the highly competitive City of London. In 1997 he received a well deserved CBE.

Derek loved his squash and was passionate about the game although he never reached real greatness. However he did win the O65 GB Vets doubles championship in 2001 with Ray Rook.

For the past 20 years or so Gloria Saunders has been a constant in Derek's life and over the last few years her support has been phenomenal. He is survived by his 4 sons.

OLIVER POLLARD



Oliver Pollard, an enthusiastic member of the GB Vets since 1980, died peacefully on Tuesday 28th December 2021 aged 92.

Born, grew up and remained proud of his Essex roots and even prouder of his school Forest School, Snaresbrook, it was here he discovered his love of sport and founded friendships that lasted a lifetime. He boxed, played football and cricket but undoubtedly he will be remembered and be associated with squash. He was a stalwart of the Beckenham Club, Kent where he inspired and encouraged many people to

take up the game. With unrelenting energy he organised training sessions, league games, competitions, was on many committees and in the 70's promoting squash at the London games.

He was Vice President of Beckenham Sports Club and in his 80's was honoured by the Kent SRA for over 50 years service to the game.

Whilst sometimes he would 'rub people up the wrong way' underneath lay great sincerity, generosity, kindness and good intent.

AND FINALLY: "I accidentally drank a bottle of invisible ink. I'm currently in A&E, waiting to be seen."