



# Camvale Tennis Club—2016 Annual Review

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## Secretary's Notes

Another enjoyable year at Camvale with Club membership continuing at 70ish covering a wide range of abilities and ages. In addition, there were also about 30 juniors each week taking part in the "pay & play" coaching sessions. So busy times, especially in the evenings and at weekends, but it would be great if we could attract more weekday "daytime" players.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who in the summer had a "Spring Clean" of the Clubhouse and repainted/repared the outside to give it a new lease of life. And, not forgetting the continual efforts of Gary Dando, Dave Price and Hugh Weeks who kept the flowers, shrubs and grassed areas neat and fresh, helping for the second year running to achieve an "outstanding" award in the RHS S.W. in Bloom "It's Your Neighbourhood" competition.

As in previous years there was a successful Annual Dinner in March at the Mendip Inn; our Great British Tennis "Open Day" proved to be popular; tournaments and club competitions, including for the first time a 40+ mixed doubles round robin; league tennis; a fun charity event, once again using the infamous wooden rackets; and, several members going to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

And, as in 2015, we retained our "TennisMark" status with the LTA.

As we go into 2017 (our 70th year) my sincere thanks to everyone as it does take a team to make one game of tennis possible.



## On the Social side.....

Laughter and friendly banter helps to make Camvale the Club it is and these were in evidence during all of the Club activities.

Club Nights grew in popularity, whilst the Charity Event raised over £125 for the "Friends of Paulton Hospital" with celebrities like John Lennon, Bing Crosby, Mother Christmas, Cruella de Vil, Bradley Wiggins and Where's Wally playing some great tennis. It wasn't all tennis as in November we held a skittles evening, just to prove we can play different sports!

2017 is a special year as on Friday, 19 May we will celebrate 70 years since there was a meeting to form Purnell & Sons Lawn Tennis Club (later becoming Camvale Tennis Club). Yes, it was on that day in 1947 that it all began so we will be arranging celebratory events. No, I wasn't at the meeting!!!!!!

Looking forward to another fun year *Shelley*

**Can YOU Spot the Celebrity (or Member)?**

## Jan

### 2016 Club Competition Winners

#### Ladies Doubles:

- Helen Kerr & Marie Bruckshaw

#### Men Doubles:

- Mark Goulding & Ryan Harris

#### Mixed Doubles:

- Shelley Rees-Langley & Kyran Rotheram

#### 40+ Mixed Doubles (new in 2016)

- Marie Bruckshaw & Hugh Weeks

#### Ladies Singles:

- Marie Bruckshaw

#### Men's Singles:

- Ryan Harris

#### Road to Wimbledon (14 and under)

- Rio Bryant





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## Club Captains' Report

Another successful year for our teams as the results below show. During the year we introduced new players to league competition and by mixing them with more experienced payers it had a very beneficial effect.

However, if you would like to represent Camvale and be part of one of the league teams then just speak to one of us. *Marie & Gary*

## Avon LTA League Round-Up

- \* **2015/16 Winter**  
Mixed Div 5 = 3rd
- \* **2016 Summer Leagues**  
Ladies Div 7A = 1st  
Men's (1) Div 7B = 3rd  
Men's (2) Div 8A = 6th  
Mixed Div 3B = 1st
- \* **Under 18**  
Boys Div 2B = 1st
- \* **2016/17 Winter**  
Mixed Div 4B— *underway*

## Our Club Coach says.....

What a year..... In March, Ian and I received Davis Cup Legacy training at Bath University from Leon Smith and Anne Keothavong and as a result we delivered 3 six week free courses to 26 children aged 5 to 8 who had never played tennis before. The success across the UK means that we will be repeating the initiative in 2017.

Easter and Summer Junior Tennis Camps were again well supported, thanks to the coaching team (and the weather!) for their success.

School coaching in curriculum time was well received with many joining us on a Saturday morning where we continued to have enjoyable and fun packed sessions. Friday morning adult coaching has had sporadic attendance although in recent weeks it has been good to see some new faces. Despite running specific coaching sessions for young ladies we failed to attract numbers—we will try again in the Spring.

The response to our junior tournaments from local players has been disappointing but the good news is that those from other Clubs, some many miles away, gave us very good feedback regarding organisation and enjoyment.

Finally, my thanks to the Coaching team, Ian, Mark, Ryan and Marie, all helping to keep the juniors enjoying their tennis as we move into 2017.

*Brian*



**Inaugural 40+ Mixed Doubles Winners**  
- Marie and Hugh



**2016 Ladies Doubles Winners**  
- Marie and Helen



Anne Keothavong and Leon Smith with Ian

## Having a Ball?

- # 1986—yellow balls introduced at Wimbledon
- # c54,000 balls used at the Wimbledon Championships
- # c1,300 balls used at Camvale each year
- # Like Wimbledon, Camvale sells "old balls" but ours are cheaper!!!!



**And Finally.....**As we work towards getting more people playing tennis we **recognise** the importance of promoting a Safe and Inclusive Club environment so that everyone has a positive experience of tennis. We ask that everyone works together so that we can achieve this goal. Thank you.