



Back row: John Baylis, Steve Spinks, Vinay Manro  
Front: Kathy Jones, Jean Renno Louise Field

sets were decided by a single point, and with the game going into the last three mixed games, Highworth had the advantage, but players were tiring after playing above themselves just to stay on terms with the opposition in the doubles.

Needing to win two sets out of the last six, looked at one point, to be just out of reach. The Highworth second pair of Steve Spinks and Jean Renno winning their opening set 21-20 brought the possibility of an overall victory a little closer, especially as the first and second pairs lost their opening sets 21-20 and 21-16 respectively. The winning set came from an unlikely quarter as third pair John Baylis and Kathy Jones, who were all but dead on their feet, suddenly found the reserves of energy and tenacity the occasion demanded and took the second set 21-7. With the silverware firmly remaining in the Highworth Trophy cabinet for another year, first pair Vinay Manro and Louise Field won their final set 21-19 to seal their place the associations' history.

## Local Coach hits and coaches with world-ranked players

The head pro of Highworth tennis club Fred Wells coaches in Florida every year.

This season proved to be one of the busiest and most successful seasons in years, for a number of reasons. Fred was coaching Ladies Turbo clinics, which are cardio based tennis sessions to the sound of music, and involve lots of running rope ladders for footwork and skipping ropes, and of course hitting loads of balls. This is something now that the weather has improved Fred wants to start in Highworth.

While Fred was out there he worked with Robbie Kendrick who is a world ranked pro player at No. 100, you may remember he was up 2 sets to 0 against Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon. Fred also coached the No. 10 ranked girl in the under 12's in the US and the No. 10 ranked under 18 boy in the country.

Fred coaches based on a very simple philosophy that was first learned in California, and has been perfecting his coaching and learning from some of the top pro's out in Florida.

Fred Wells is looking to expand his coaching business in the Wilshire area and is always open to ideas or volunteers. He wants to start active adult coaching programme in the mornings at the club between 9am and 12 noon, Monday to Friday. The sessions are: Mums and toddlers sessions, Ladies and smoothie sessions, Turbo clinics and Tennis weight loss clinics.

Following on from the success of the first Girl's Only day at Highworth Tennis club, a second event was held on 26th April for Mums and Daughters. As you can see there was quite a turnout and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Fred Wells comments: "It is our aim to encourage more ladies and girls to join our tennis club, as they are currently outnumbered by the men and boys. We are trying to raise the profile of ladies tennis in Wiltshire and we are confident if we can increase



Mums and daughters day in April

the number of lady members here in Highworth, we can set a standard for the rest of the county."

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## A Marathon thank you

Jeremy Higgins would like to thank everyone who has sponsored him to run in this year's London Marathon. For those who don't know, Jeremy is the Chair of the Trustees at The Rec in Highworth and regularly runs in these events. This year, he ran as the representative of The Rec on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis, the aim being to raise funds to provide further appropriate equipment at The Rec for this awful disease which can reduce sufferers to a very short life expectancy.

He completed the course in 4 hours and 40 seconds in what was a very tough day, not one of his best but it has got to the point where "who can benefit" is more important than winning the thing! Particularly, Jeremy would like to thank Sally's Coffee shop, The Wine Cellar, Arkwright's and Andrew's in the High Street for their generous both financial support and general encouragement for this venture.

A final sum raised is impossible to know at this