

Wychwood Tennis Club

Court Drama

It was a normal Wednesday club morning in May and 14 members turned out to play some tennis, little knowing the drama that was about to unfold.

Among those members were Lesley and Peter Crofts, who had recently moved into Shipton; this was their first club morning.

We had been playing for about half an hour when Lesley slipped and fell; she was clearly in a great deal of pain. The emergency services were called and a paramedic arrived to assess the gravity of the situation. Shortly after, Dr Scott came onto the court, followed by Dr Nixon. They decided that Lesley was in urgent need of hospital treatment and called Air Ambulance. Within 20 minutes the helicopter was circling over the tennis courts. I truly thought it would land on the recreation ground and we were all astonished as it started to descend and land, literally in the service boxes of the centre court. What skill!

Poor Lesley was given painkillers whilst the ambulance crew set about getting her onto a stretcher and into the helicopter. She was taken to A&E at the John



We hope this hasn't put her off tennis and look forward to seeing her again on the courts.

Radcliffe Hospital, where she was found to have a spiral fracture of the femur. She was operated on the next day and is now home and recovering well.



Hot Tournament

On a lighter note, June 11th turned out to be hot and humid but that didn't stop 16 ladies turning up for the Doubles Tournament organised by Ray Muddle. Despite the heat much fun was had by all and the afternoon ended with strawberries and Pimms. We would like to thank Ray for her organisation and Christina for keeping score.

In the last two months the Tennis Club has run two very successful fundraising events, which together have raised £2,000 for the Pavilion Project. The Quiz Night and a Ladies' Film Night were so successful that they may be repeated later in the year. Thank you to all who were involved in the organisation of these events. Look out for details of coming events - fundraising at Shipton Fete, our Autumn Ball and possibly a Barn Dance in the New Year.

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