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**2025 TENNIS TOURNAMENT & LEAGUE RESULTS FINALLY ANNOUNCED AFTER “EXTENSIVE REVIEW PROCESS” (AND ABSOLUTELY NO TENNIS CAPTAIN ERRORS...) This article is brought to you direct from Tennis Captain Andrew Coveney**

Following an announcement delay that historians are already comparing to HS2, Burton TSC's 2025 tournament winners have finally been revealed. Club officials insist the delay was due to a “careful verification process,” although insiders suggest the Tennis Captain may have contributed by demonstrating organisational skills usually associated with trolley parks at Tesco [no advertisement intended].

All awards were presented by our President Steve Green, assisted by our tennis captain.

Starting with the juniors, congratulations to **Ffion Smith** for winning Junior Yellow Ball, **Thomas Palka** for the Green ball tournament, **Robert Keisels** for taking Junior Orange Ball, and **Benjamin Lockwood-Jones** for claiming the Junior Red Ball title. Their trophies arrived before the results announcement did, which felt efficient by recent standards.



The Plate competitions produced strong performances throughout.

**Wendy Earp & Diane Millar** won the Ladies' Plate Doubles, and **Wendy Earp** also took the Ladies' Plate Singles, leading experts to quietly investigate what Diane's diet is as she also won the Mixed Plate with **Pablo Gonzales** (see next page)





**Pablo Gonzales** Mixed Plate Winner:



**Noel Whittaker & Colin Morris** secured the Men's Doubles Plate. Legend has it that it at one point Tim Peake reportedly requested Burton Tennis Club stop testing orbital trajectories.

**Jake Green** took a leave from the indoor courts to take the Men's Singles Plate.



The inaugural Jane Lathbury Trophies saw fierce competition throughout the year, with close finishing scores separated by one point apiece in the singles.  
1st **Andrew Coveney**  
2nd **John Collins**  
3rd **Noel Whittaker**





The Greens made yet another appearance in the doubles which finished with

**Colin Morris** in first position, **Helen Walley** in second and **Steve Green** in third



The Men's Over 60s Singles title went to **Andrew Brown-Dawson**, proving experience, patience, and living in Spain all winter wins you trophies. (If it's good enough for Murray ...)

In the men's trophies, **Sam Bradley & Tom Connelly** won the Men's Doubles ...

... with Sam also winning the Mixed Doubles with his Mum **Alison Bradley** and therefore going back to Bath University with more silverware than the Student Loan Company.





**Oliver Green** claimed the Men's Singles to add a lovely trophy to sit on his brother Jake's plate. This is his tenth year of winning this – that's some achievement!



The ladies' competitions saw **Jessica Laws** enjoy an outstanding tournament, winning the Ladies' Singles, immediately becoming everyone's least favourite person to draw in this year's tournament.

Jess partnered **Andrea Luckett** to smash their way to victory in the Ladies' Doubles



Unfortunately, many winners weren't able to attend the ceremony, but will each receive their awards as soon as possible.

Club officials thanked everyone for participating and apologised for the delay in publishing results, confirming procedures will allegedly improve this year. The Tennis Captain was unavailable for comment, reportedly still trying to work out where the spreadsheet had gone.

A darkened room, perhaps? ...

If anyone isn't sure who the tennis captain is, or what he looks like, we'll give you a clue ... his picture appears several times in the photos in this Newsletter. And if he appears a little blurred around the edges in one or two of the pictures, well ... it was that kind of day (and very hot!). We will all look forward to this year's awards in a few months' time.



Don't forget we are part of the **Burton Real Ale Trail** this year, along with other local venues, as advertised in the clubhouse. The event takes place this coming week, spanning June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and our bar will be open from 12 noon on each of these days.

BTSC has long had an excellent reputation for the quality of the draft Bass and Steve Green is rightly proud that the results of all his hard work are regularly praised and quaffed with relish. And a very reasonable priced pint it is too ... at the Club.

Do pop in during the event and help create a good social atmosphere. Maybe even enjoy a pint!

### **Bottom (Balcony) Door**

We've had a few recent issues with the balcony door being propped open despite there being nobody on the balcony or, sometimes, even inside the main clubhouse area. This causes a potential safeguarding/security issue as non-members can wander in and, if there's nobody there to say "hello" and engage in further conversation, we cannot know who they are, why they're there, or what their intention is.

Can we ask you to help us in this, by taking personal responsibility for the door if you do leave it open, ensuring you close it and being vigilant with people you may not know.

### **Emergency Exit Door**

There is a (signposted) emergency exit door which leads on to the balcony/decking area. It's clearly labelled. For some time now, it has been regularly blocked by the outside bin and some decking furniture. Please would all members, as they pass, glance over to make sure the emergency exit is not blocked by anything. It could save lives. Thank you.

### **Working Party**

A working party met on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and, in three sunny and very hot hours, managed to clean and stain the balcony/decking area, tidy up the car park and surrounding area, litter pick and cut back a lot of unnecessary foliage which had intruded where not welcome. Special thanks to Andy Last, Rob Lathbury, Rachel Lockwood-Jones and Steve Nicholson who all assisted regular Committee members in these routine but essential tasks.



### 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 Quiz Answers

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| 1 The Grand Union Canal starts and ends in which cities             | London and Birmingham |
| 2 What was the title of David Niven's first autobiography           | The Moon's a Balloon  |
| 3 If canine refers to dogs and feline to cats, what is sheep        | Ovine                 |
| 4 Who won the first Celebrity Big Brother                           | Jack Dee              |
| 5 Which American state has the longest coastline                    | Alaska                |
| 6 How many minutes are there in a day                               | 1,440                 |
| 7 In The Wizard of Oz, what does the Tin Man want                   | A heart               |
| 8 The Two Towers is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> book of which trilogy       | Lord of The Rings     |
| 9 Name the department store in Are You Being Served                 | Grace Brothers        |
| 10 Pre decimalisation, how many pennies were in a £ (pound)         | 240                   |
| 11 What is Pinnocchio's father's name                               | Gepetto               |
| 12 Scottish King Robert 1 was known by what name                    | Robert The Bruce      |
| 13 What product was advertised by Leonard Rossiter and Joan Collins | Cinzano Bianco        |
| 14 What soap did Cadbury's sponsor from 1997 to 2007                | Coronation Street     |
| 15 Where on the human body is the skin thinnest                     | The eyelid            |

### May 2026 Quiz:

- 1 The road known as the A1 runs between which two cities
- 2 What was Michelangelo's first name
- 3 Where would you find the Grace Gates
- 4 Who wrote Three Men in a Boat
- 5 In the original Spice Girls line-up, who was the eldest
- 6 In the original Spice Girls line-up, who was the youngest
- 7 Lord Peter Wimsey was created by which writer
- 8 What sort of creature is a klipspringer
- 9 Who had a 1983 top 10 single with 'Snot Rap'
- 10 Which bird can fly backwards
- 11 In snooker, how many points is the green ball worth
- 12 Where were the 1984 summer Olympics held
- 13 What is Tiger Woods' real first name
- 14 Judi Dench played Jean Hardcastle in what tv series
- 15 Which 1957 jury room drama starred Henry Fonda