



# December 2024

Dear Member



*I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
One where we'll stay all day in bed.  
Hope's not diminished  
When the white is finished -  
We'll simply open up the red!*



**Mike and  
Miriam**



My apologies to Irving Berlin. His classic song should not be subjected to such trivialisation! With its wistful lyrics about celebrating a traditional Christmas at home, Berlin's timeless staple has been recorded by everyone from Bing Crosby to Lady Gaga. When the calendar page turns to December, most of us look forward to being transported to a world of winter wonder and festive charm... right where we are, at home! It conveys a deep emotional connection to magical childhood memories. I wish you all the kind of Christmas that the song evokes – merry and bright days full of hope and joy and nostalgia at home with family.



Doubles Tournament! We'll deck the courts with boughs of holly on the morning of Sunday 15th December. Full details can be found [here](#) on the club website. Places are still available. Enter now by emailing us at [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk). The closing date is Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

A fall-off in the number of guest payments has been noticed. It may be nothing more than a consequence of the recent adverse weather. But, as a reminder, there is a guest fee of £4 per visit (max 3 visits). Please ensure that this is paid either by means of cash in the cash deposit box in the clubhouse or, preferably, by online bank transfer. And please sign in your guests in the Visitors Book on the table in the clubhouse.

Dave Winship (Editor)



**BE NAUGHTY LIKE ME... AND SAVE SANTA THE TRIP!**

*Miriam and Ruth arrive at the club for one of their practice hits...*

*Ruth:* I partnered Mike in the mixed match on Sunday. He's not easy to get on with, is he? Is he married?

*Miriam:* Oh yes, he's been married for over twenty years now.

*Ruth:* Wow. I'm kinda surprised.

*Miriam:* Yes. His wife's a radiologist. She met him when he came in for an X-ray. I often wonder what she saw in him.



## New members who joined during November:

Welcome!

Cosmina Andrei, Nikoleta Ilieva, Han Liang, Jasper Liang, Nigel McManus.



## Shorts

- There will be an extra adult club session on Boxing Day (Thursday 26th December 10am).
- I've been asked to make you aware that there seems to be an increased incidence of email spoofing at the moment. Members have received emails that appear to have been sent by other members, but they're not genuine and may contain malware or phishing links. Please be careful about clicking links or attachments in emails you're not expecting.
- A special festive themed Rusty Rackets session (followed by mulled punch and mince pies) will take place on Monday December 16th (6pm). Places can be booked via the WhatsApp group.
- We have set up a dedicated WhatsApp community with groups dedicated to our various organised activities.



## This month's riddle

Two friends arrived at the club to play five sets of singles. Each won and lost the same number of sets. How is that possible?

Send your solution to: [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk) for a chance to win a tube of new tennis balls.

And now for the solution to last month's riddle. The question was: "I am a protector and I sit on a bridge. Although one person can see right through me, others wonder what I hide. What am I?... A pair of sunglasses (they sit on the bridge of your nose). Georgios won the prize this month.



## This month's quiz

Can you identify these two players:



And here are the answers to last month's quiz questions:

Which 1960s American TV series featured Bill Cosby as a spy who is also a tennis player? *I Spy*

How old was Boris Becker when he won his first Wimbledon title? *17*

Which 1951 Alfred Hitchcock film is about a tennis player who is framed for the murder of his wife? *Strangers On A Train*



## Teams

Here are the results & fixtures for November/December:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Result</b>
Sat Nov 2	Ladies 1 Ladies 2	2 7	Home Away	DL Royal Berks 2 DL Royal Berks 4	Won 3-1 Losing draw
Sun Nov 10	Mixed 1 Mixed 2 Mixed 3	2 4 5 West	Home Away Home	Bracknell 2 DL Royal Berks 2 DL Newbury 1	Losing draw Lost 0-4 Lost 0-4
Sun Nov 17	Men's 1 Men's 2 Men's 3 Boys 16U	1 3 5 East 2	Away Home Home Home	Maidenhead 2 Wargrave 2 Ascot 2 Shinfield	Won 4-0 Lost 1-3 Losing draw Won 6-0
Sat Nov 23	Ladies 1 Ladies 2	2 7	Away Home	Bracknell 2 Sonning 1	Postponed Postponed
Sat Nov 30	Mixed 2	4	Home	Sonning 1	
Sun Dec 1	Mixed 3	5 West	Away	Wokingham 3	
Sun Dec 8	Men's 1 Men's 2 Men's 3 Boys 16U	1 3 5 East 2	Away Away Home Away	DL Royal Berks 1 Cholsey Bracknell 4 Wargrave	
Sat Dec 14	Ladies 1 Ladies 2	2 7	Home Away	Basildon Wokingham 3	

Full information relating to the various league competitions referred to here can be viewed by following the relevant links on the club website's [PLAY](#) page (scroll down to the 'Teams' section).



## Local One-Day Competition Calendars



Are you feeling ready to test your skills against other players in local Grade 4 & Grade 5 competitions?

Check out these Regional One-Day Competition Calendars. They are organised by age group and gender, making it easy for you to discover accessible local competitions.

Click on these links... [ADULTS](#) [JUNIORS](#)



## Christmas Crossword



Happy  
Xmas!

### Across

4. Kirsty MacColl sang 'Fairytale of New York' with this band
5. Royal family celebrate Xmas here
6. Colour of mistletoe berries
8. Xmas product containing silver fulminate
11. Reindeer name meaning "lightning"
12. Don't leave me alone like this, Don't say it's the final \_\_\_\_
13. US state containing the town Santa Claus
14. Reindeer name meaning "thunder"
15. Panettone originated in this country
18. Reindeer who shares name with the god of love
19. Cliff Richard hit, Mistletoe and \_\_\_\_
20. Xmas drink made with milk, egg and sugar
23. Chris \_\_\_\_ was 'Driving Home for Christmas'
26. Paul \_\_\_\_ sang the opening line of 1984 Band Aid hit
27. Most popular bird on Xmas cards
28. Sang 'Lonely This Christmas' in 1975
29. Will Ferrell's character in Elf

### Down

1. Johnny \_\_\_\_ had a 1976 hit with 'When a Child is Born'?
2. Decoration originally made from strands of silver
3. Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its \_\_\_\_
4. Ed Sheeran's 2017 Christmas Number 1
7. 52% of Brits said no to this in 2016
8. What are 'roasting on an open fire'?
9. How many ladies were dancing on the 12 day of Xmas?
10. Name of the angel in 'It's a Wonderful Life'
11. Poly Styrene was dreaming of a \_\_\_\_ Christmas
16. Brenda \_\_\_\_ was rockin' around the Christmas tree
17. They wished it could be Xmas every day in the 70s
21. Tries to steal xmas from Whoville
22. 'One More Sleep' was recorded by \_\_\_\_ Lewis
24. Choir that sang Galway Bay according to the Pogues
25. Alastair \_\_\_\_ played Scrooge in the 1951 film