1976/77

Roy Bassnett, Bank Official, Associate of The Institute of Bankers, was elected captain of the club at

the 1976 annual general meeting. There were other personnel changes too at that meeting,

including the election of Jean Hodgson as subscriptions secretary and Val Hough as a committee

member. John Baron and Mark Belderbos were already in post as secretary and membership

secretary respectively. These five were destined to serve together for the duration of Bassnett’s

captaincy.

The committee comprised seventeen persons altogether – twelve men and five women.

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The classes of members and subscription levels at this time were as follows:

Full-playing members - £12-00

Country members - £9-00

Junior members - £6-50

Junior/Senior members - £9-00

House members - £3-00

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Provision for juniors was enhanced by the entering of a boys team and a girls team in the newly

formed Fylde Tennis Junior League.

Another initiative for the benefit of juniors was the extension of the times when they were

permitted to use the courts. They could now play on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays up to 7 p.m., on Fridays up to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays up to 1 p.m. and from

6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (They did, however, have to give way to any adult member on request).

Junior liaison secretary Paul Fielding commenced to run discos for the young members and Friday

evening darts and table tennis sessions for them. Fielding’s position of junior liaison secretary was

an important one, not least because it gave the young members a voice on the club committee.

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The men’s 1st team won the Fylde Tennis League. There had been ten matches – eight won and two

drawn. The squad comprised Steve Denner (Bolton), John Duckworth (Preston), David Gunson

(Southport), Tony Jordan (Preston), Gerry Scholey (Blackburn) and team captain Martin Simmons

(Lancaster).

The men did well in the Lancashire Club Championship too, reaching the semi-finals, in which they lost

to holders Manchester Northern. Northern went on to win the championship.

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The Captain’s Day disco, held in the clubhouse, was a sell-out. One hundred and forty members and

guests danced the night away to the music of renowned disc jockey Darrel Edwards.

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Six Fulwood members played for their county in 1976 – Steve Denner, John Duckworth, sisters Lesley

and Alison Jones (Alan and Kath Jones’ daughters), Bob Mason and Martin Simmons.

Mason and Alison Jones played for Cumbria men and Lancashire ladies respectively in The Lawn

Tennis Association County Cup Grass Court Championships – “County Week”.

Denner and Simmons played one another in the semi-finals of the Lancashire men’s singles

championship. Denner won, and went on to become county champion for the first of six times. He

achieved a clean sweep in the Preston Tennis Tournament, winning the men’s open singles, the

men’s open doubles with partner Simmons, and the mixed open doubles. He was also an

outstanding badminton player.

Lesley Jones was runner-up to Judith Danher of Liverpool in the Lancashire under-eighteen girls’

singles championship and, with Peter Goodman of Manchester, won the junior mixed doubles. Miss

Jones’ brother Simon, partnered by Oldham’s Michael Appleton, won the men’s doubles event in the

Lancashire Closed Invitation Tournament. He was the first Prestonian to win a senior Lancashire

title.

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The club champions were David Gunson (a former county champion) and Vicky Hinnells.

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The committee took two winter initiatives in 1976 – the court floodlighting system, which hitherto

had been restricted by Preston town planners to summer season use only, was made available to

members for winter play, and the clubhouse was put at the disposal of members, for hire for private

winter functions.

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The annual dinner dance had become a Preston and district social highlight. The twelfth such event

was held at The Trafalgar, Samlesbury (managed by Fulwood house member Roy Wilkinson). One

hundred and seventy members and guests attended.

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Kath Baron

Neil Cartwright

Roberta (“Bobby”) Cartwright (resigned July 1976)

Arthur Fielding

Paul Fielding (junior liaison secretary)

John Hall

Valerie Hough

Barbara Miller

Bill Noblet

Brian Noblett

Eric Parkinson

Keith Sanderson

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MEN’S 1ST TEAM

Champions of The Fylde Tennis League 1976

Clockwise, from top right: Steve Denner, Gerry Scholey, Martin Simmons (team captain),

Roy Bassnett (captain of the club), Tony Jordan, John Duckworth, David Gunson

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1977/78

Neil Hough and Eric Parkinson were elected vice-presidents. Both had given long and valued service.

Hough was first elected to the committee in 1967. He served as assistant treasurer from 1968 to

1975, as subscriptions secretary for the season 1975/76 – similar role, different name – and was

founder of the 100 Club. He was a noted tennis player too and for a number of years had been Alan

Jones’ doubles partner. Parkinson was elected to the committee in 1964 and served continuously to

1977. He was chairman of the sub-committee which organised the club’s participation in the fund

raising competition run by the Lancaster & Morecambe Sports’ Development Association and which,

in the years 1963 to 1971, made profits for the club in the region of £1500. As bar secretary he had

overseen the launch of the club bar in 1964. The profit made at the bar during Parkinson’s years in

charge is a financial record which was to stand for many a year.

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In an attempt to spread the workload various sub-committees were formed. There was a bar subcommittee, a catering sub-committee, a development sub-committee, an events sub-committee and

a grounds sub-committee. Thirty members held office.

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A number of Fulwood members attended the golden jubilee celebration in Bolton of the Markland

Hill Lawn Tennis Club. There had long been friendly rivalry between the two clubs and several

Fulwood members had played with distinction over the years in Markland Hill’s annual invitation

tournament.

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With the kind permission of Preston Borough Council the club adopted as its logo the shield from the

armorial bearings of the Fulwood Urban District.

The shield epitomises the long history of Fulwood as part of the forest of Fulwood in the Royal

Forest of Lancaster.

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In the National Club Championship the men beat Rochdale and Halifax away but then lost to old

rivals Blackpool South Shore in the third round.

The ladies had a poor season and finished bottom of the first division of the Fylde League, without a

win in ten games. The team was relegated to division two.

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Bob Mason was men’s singles champion; Vicky Hinnells held on to the ladies title she had won in

1976.

The promising David Murtagh won the Boys’ Junior Challenge Cup.

The Fulwood Lawn Tennis Club

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Alison Jones, partnered by Adrian Simcox of Southport, won the Lancashire junior mixed doubles

championship, a title won in 1976 by her sister Lesley.

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In recognition of Alan Jones’ colossal contribution to the club, and of his outstanding leadership

throughout the period of his captaincy, an inscribed silver salver was presented to him by Roy

Bassnett, on behalf of the members, at the 1977 dinner dance.

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Mervyn Edwards (co-opted April 1977)

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Paul Fielding (junior liaison secretary)

Christine Gravell

Anne Hall

John Hall

Valerie Hough

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1978/79

Barbara Miller and Keith Sanderson were elected vice-presidents. Both had given long and valued

service. Miss Miller had been a member of the committee from 1958 to 1976 and ladies’ 1st team

non-playing captain for many years. Sanderson had served as a member of the committee from

1966 to 1978. He was also a good player and a long time doubles partner of former rugby league

professional, Welshman Reg Jones, with whom he had played many timed in Fulwood teams.

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With help from Mark Belderbos, and based upon a model for the 1980s suggested by The Lawn

Tennis Association, Roy Bassnett re-drafted the club’s rules. His proposals were adopted

unanimously. There is a copy overleaf. The rules were supplemented by codes of conduct and court

etiquette, written and unwritten, which the vast majority of the members observed to the letter.

One of the new rules permitted the election of up to three non-full-playing-members to the club

committee. Over the following years a number of house members would be elected to the

committee and would give valued service.

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The club fielded a men’s team in the National Club Championship, men’s and ladies’ teams in the

Lancashire Club Championship and eight teams in the Fylde League. There were Fulwood men’s

teams in Fylde League divisions one, two, three and eight, women’s teams in divisions two and four

and boys’ and girls’ teams in the junior divisions. The men’s team in division eight was made up

entirely of members less than twenty three years of age.

To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the first fixture with Penwortham Lawn Tennis Club a match was

played between the two clubs at the Fulwood ground. Fulwood’s continuing supremacy was

confirmed. The men won 4/0, the ladies won 2½/1½, the boys won 4/0, the girls lost 0/4 – overall

score Fulwood 10½ rubbers, Penwortham 5½.

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Visitors from Italy took part in the 1978 open junior tournament – the tenth. Neil Hough was the

referee.

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From April to September there was a tournament every month, (three in August):

April: Open Day mixed doubles tournament

May: Family Day mixed doubles tournament

June: Captain’s Day mixed doubles tournament

July: Mixed doubles tournament

August: Open Junior Tournament

Closed Junior Tournament

Annual Club Tournament

September: Mixed doubles tournament

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Family Day was an opportunity for adult members to nominate a family member – adult or child – as

their playing partner. Entertainment was laid on for children not involved in the tennis.

The events sub-committee also staged a string of social events – one a month, all year round. There

were several and various themes. House member Tony Hodgson – Jean’s husband – and his band

entertained the members at a jazz evening following the annual general meeting. Hodgson, with

another house member, Derek Berry, would, at future club barbecues, demonstrate his culinary

skills too!

This busy programme of tournaments and social events would endure for many years, thanks to the

dedication of the events sub-committee members and others.

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With partner Lillian Geey of Liverpool Alison Jones won the ladies’ doubles event in the Lancashire

Closed Invitation Tournament (played, as usual, on Fulwood’s courts). Miss Jones was the first

female Prestonian to win a senior Lancashire title. She was an outstanding doubles player, and was

awarded Lancashire county colours. She was the only Prestonian ever to have been honoured in this

way.

Miss Jones was also an outstanding netball player, a game she would play for England.

Fulwood members had contested county finals in six successive years.

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In the club tournament Vicky Hinnells won the ladies’ singles for the third successive year (the fourth

overall); A Ferguson won the men’s.

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The Fulwood Lawn Tennis Club

RULES

April 1978

1 NAME

The Club shall be called “The Fulwood Lawn Tennis Club”.

2 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall be a Captain, a Vice-Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary

Treasurer, an Honorary Membership Secretary and an Honorary Subscriptions Secretary, all of whom

shall be Full-Playing Members,

3 COMMITTEE AND ITS POWERS

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers, and twelve other

adult Members (except Honorary Temporary Members) of whom at least nine shall be Full-Playing

Members, all of whom shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee

shall have absolute control of the ground, assets and properties of the Club, and shall have power to

appoint Sub-Committees for any purposes of the Club. The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall

be four.

The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancies on the Committee which may occur, and

to make, repeal and amend such Bye-Laws as from time to time may be deemed expedient for

carrying on the general business of the Club, and all disputes shall be settled by the Committee,

whose decisions shall be binding on all Members until revoked, as if they were contained in these

Rules.

The Committee shall have power at its sole discretion to vest, or cause to be vested, the whole or

any part of the property and assets of the Club, in such Trustees as the Committee may for the time

being direct, (of which direction an entry in the Club’s Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence).

The Committee shall have power to make any arrangements for the holding of matches,

tournaments, or other like competitions, including the imposition of a charge for the admission of

non-members to the ground, and to reserve courts that may be required on any occasion as in its

discretion it deems proper.

4 MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

There shall be the following classes of Members:

(1) Honorary Life Members who shall be nominated only by the Committee and admitted at the

discretion of the Members in General Meeting.

(2) Vice-Presidents who shall be nominated only by the Committee and admitted at the

discretion of the Members in General Meeting.

(3) Full-Playing Members who shall have attained at least eighteen years of age on 1st April of

the year in which they are admitted.

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(4) Country Members who live and work outside a radius of ten miles from the Club and who

shall have attained at least eighteen years of age on 1st April of the year in which they are

admitted.

(5) Junior Members who shall be admitted only on the terms and conditions of the Bye-Laws

relating thereto.

(6) Junior Members whose play is judged by the Captain to be of a sufficiently high standard to

be admitted to Junior Full-Playing Membership.

(7) House Members who shall have attained at least eighteen years of age on 1st April of the

year in which they are admitted.

(8) Honorary Temporary Members being adult Members of a visiting match team, who shall be

admitted to Membership for the day, and adult competitors in tournaments at the Club,

who shall be admitted to Membership for the duration of the tournament.

New Members (other than Honorary Temporary Members) shall be proposed and seconded by two

existing adult Members of the Club (other than Honorary Temporary Members) on the Membership

Application Form prescribed by the Committee, and the Committee shall have absolute discretion as

to their election, and in any case a person shall not be elected as a Member except by a simple

majority of the Members of the Committee present at the meeting to consider the proposal. The

name and address of any person proposed for election must, for not less than two days before the

election, be prominently displayed in the Club premises in a part frequented by the Members.

Subscription rates for the various classes of Membership shall be fixed each year at the Annual

General Meeting. The first annual subscription, and the entrance fee if applicable, shall be sent with

the Membership Application Form but shall be refunded should the applicant not be elected as a

Member. Renewal annual subscriptions shall be due fourteen days after each Annual General

Meeting and shall be increased by £2-00 if outstanding on 1 June and by £3-00 if still outstanding on

1 August.

5 ENTRANCE FEE

An entrance fee of £1-00 shall be paid by all new Full-Playing Members and Country Members

except those transferring from Junior, Junior Full-Playing or House Membership. Former Full-Playing

Members and Country Members shall not be required to pay an entrance fee on re-election.

6 JUNIOR MEMBERS

The affairs of the Junior Members shall be managed by a Sub-Committee of not less than three

Junior or Junior Full-Playing Members under the Chairmanship of a Member of the Committee. In

the event of the Chairman for any reason ceasing to be a Member of the Committee, he shall

automatically cease to be a Member of the Sub-Committee, and another Member of the Committee

shall be appointed in his place. The Sub-Committee shall have no power to repeal or amend the

Bye-Laws relating to Junior Members.

7 HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for all moneys paid to him on behalf of the Club, and

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shall submit an audited account and balance sheet at each Annual General Meeting. The financial

year shall end on 31 January in each year, to which day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced.

8 ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 1 October and 30 April on a date to be fixed by

the Committee, provided that fifteen months shall not elapse without an Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting all the Officers and Members of the Committee shall retire, but they

shall be eligible for re-election. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called by the

Committee for any special purpose, and shall be called on a written requisition signed by twenty

Full-Playing Members of the Club stating the purpose for which the Meeting is required.

At least fourteen days’ notice must be given to every Member (except Honorary Temporary

Members) of the Annual General Meeting or of an Extraordinary General Meeting, but the

accidental omission to give notice of a Meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a Meeting by a

Member, shall not invalidate the proceedings at the Meeting.

Every Member (other than Honorary Temporary Members) shall be entitled to be present and to

speak at any General Meeting, but only the Officers, Members of the Committee, Honorary Life

Members, Vice-Presidents and Full-Playing Members shall be entitled to vote thereat. At all General

Meetings of the Club the Captain, and in his absence a Full-Playing Member selected by the Meeting,

shall take the chair. Every Member present entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion,

and in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The quorum at all General Meetings shall be as follows:

For motions proposing any amendment of the Rules – thirty five Members entitled to vote;

For all other business – twenty Members entitled to vote.

9 RESIGNATIONS etc

A Member may resign his Membership by giving to the Honorary Membership Secretary notice in

writing to that effect, provided that, if notice be given after 1 April in any year, he shall be liable to

pay his subscription for that year.

The Committee shall have power to terminate any Membership in the event of any Member wilfully

infringing any of the Rules or Bye-Laws, failing to pay his subscription on or before 30 September in

any year, or in respect of whose conduct the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of

the Club so require. In any such case a special meeting of the Committee shall be called to consider

the matter, to which the Member concerned may be invited to attend to offer an explanation, and if

two-thirds of the Committee members present shall vote for the Member’s expulsion, such Member

shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club.

Every person on ceasing to be a Member of the Club shall forfeit all right to any claim upon the Club,

its property, assets and funds.

10 LICENSED BAR

The purchase and control of intoxicating liquor shall be in the absolute discretion of a

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Sub-Committee of not less than three adult Members, being Members of the Committee, appointed

by the Committee for that purpose. In the event of any Member for any reason ceasing to be a

Member of the Committee, he shall automatically cease to be a Member of the Sub-Committee, and

another Member of the Committee shall be appointed in his place.

No person under eighteen years of age may buy or be supplied with intoxicating liquor.

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be as follows:

Monday to Thursday from 2.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday from 2.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 10.30

p.m.

11 VISITORS etc

There may be admitted to the Club’s registered premises in addition to Members, the guests of any

adult Members (except Honorary Temporary Members) and the Officials of any visiting team or Club

provided they first sign the Visitors’ Book. Such persons so admitted may be supplied with

intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere.

Any adult Member (except Honorary Temporary Members) may introduce a friend to play. Before a

visitor plays, the Member introducing him must make an appropriate entry in the Visitors’ Book and

pay the fee of £1-00. A House Member may play, at the same fee as a visitor, but neither a House

Member nor a visitor may play on more than six days in any one year.

No person whose Membership has been terminated under Rule 9, or who owes money to the Club,

shall be introduced by any Member as a visitor.

12 ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT OF RULES

The Rules of the Club shall not be added to, repealed or amended except by Resolution passed by

not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at a duly convened General Meeting of

the Club, and one calendar month’s notice of the intention to propose any new Rule or alteration

shall be given to the Honorary Secretary, who shall send notice of same to every Member (except

Honorary Temporary Members) to the Member’s address in the Club Register of Members, at least

fourteen days before the General Meeting.

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1980/81

Kath Baron retired from the committee at the 1980 annual general meeting. Mrs Baron had been in

charge of catering since taking over from Kath Beetham in 1976. She had also provided valuable

secretarial services, not least the typing of the club’s records and correspondence. Mrs Baron’s

contribution to the administration of the club would continue, behind the scenes so to speak, in

support of her husband, club secretary John Baron.

At the same meeting the office of vice-captain was reintroduced. Committee member Mervyn

Edwards was elected to the post for 1980/81.

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In order to provide affordable facilities for those in further and higher education a “student”

category of membership was introduced. The subscription payable by student members was to be

£17-50 for the 1980/81 season, £5-50 less than the amount payable by full-playing members.

Another innovation was the offer of a discount of 10% off the subscriptions of families whose total

subscription bill was in excess of £50.

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The membership at this time stood at an all-time high and the ratio of playing members to courts

was probably the highest in the county. There were four honorary life members, nine honorary vicepresidents, one hundred and forty eight full-playing members, twenty country members, thirty two

junior full-playing members, one hundred and seventy two junior members and one hundred and

one house members – four hundred and eighty six altogether including, as can be seen, over two

hundred youngsters. Demographic and social changes would make the record numbers unbeatable

for the foreseeable future.

Thirty two of the young players, being junior full-playing members, enjoyed special privileges, most

importantly the unrestricted use of the club’s courts.

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A difference of opinion over bar pricing policy was, unfortunately, to lead to the resignations from

the committee of Brian Noblett and Arthur Fielding (Paul’s father). Noblett and Fielding wanted the

prices charged at the bar to continue to be heavily discounted. This would have been in the

interests of some of the members. The captain wanted there to be less of a discount – a penny or

two per item, as had been the case in the Parkinson era. This would be likely to result in higher bar

profits (which would be put towards the cost of major works, e.g. court re-surfacing) and would be

in the best interests of all of the members. The captain won the argument but the club lost two very

good committeemen. Noblett had been in charge of the bar for several years and had given valued

service. Fielding too had been a valued servant of the club, as a member of the bar management

team and also of the grounds sub-committee. David Jones took over as chairman of the bar, with

George Dickinson as his right hand man. Mike Williams kindly agreed to help Jones with the juniors

and would be appointed junior liaison secretary, in succession to Jones, in the 1981/82 season.

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The men’s 1st team, average age only nineteen years, were runners-up to St Annes-on-Sea in the first

division of the Fylde League. Seventeen-year-old Stephen Hazelwood, one of coach Mike

Farrington’s pupils, was an important member of the team and he played a number of times for the

county boys team too. Hazelwood was 1980 Fulwood champion.

Another emerging talent was fourteen-year-old Jane Williams, daughter of Mike and Kath Williams.

Jane won the Fulwood closed junior tournament girls’ singles and, more importantly, the ladies’

handicap singles in the Preston Tennis Tournament. She was almost certainly the youngest ever

winner of a Preston Tennis Tournament senior event.

Helen Cox was Fulwood ladies champion. The 1980 tournament was the sixtieth.

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A men’s annual friendly fixture with Lymm Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Cheshire, was initiated,

thanks to Michael Goodier, a member of both clubs. Fulwood would be represented at Lymm’s

centenary celebrations in 1981.

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Court manufacturers En-tout-cas kindly sponsored the open junior tournament.

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The 1972 development loans by The Lawn Tennis Association and The National Playing Fields

Association had by now been repaid.

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John Gravell

Eric Hall

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Patricia (“Pim”) Jones

Mildred Myerscough (co-opted July 1980)

Bill Noblet

Brian Noblett (resigned May 1980)

Andrew Powdrell (co-opted May 1980)

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