

Hale Lawn Tennis Club

'Through the Reign'
(And even before)



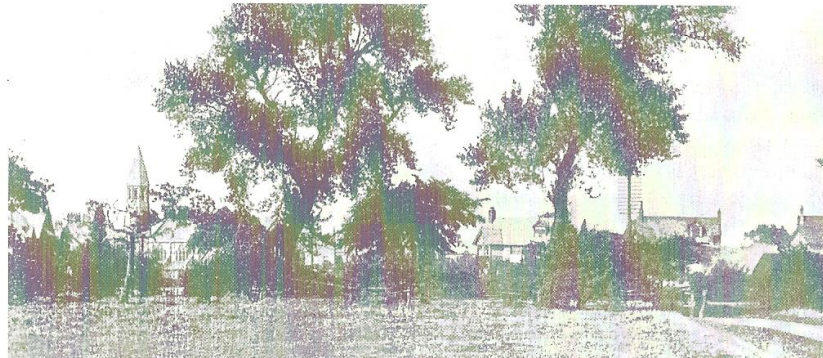
A HISTORY OF HALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

FOUNDED 1904

BY J. V. NELSON

Origins

The arrival of the railway in Hale in 1862 marks a significant stage in the urbanisation of Hale township. The station was originally named Bowdon Peel Causeway and this is an indication of the area which the railway was intended to serve. The earliest development was in and around this area and westward towards Bowdon. Travelling eastwards, the area was largely undeveloped heath land or farms. There is reference of a Jonathan Norbury having to be guided home by lanterns placed on and around his house in Arthog Road. In the same area which is in close proximity to the current tennis club, there are reports of people who, on dark nights, frequently got lost and strayed far afield across trackless countryside! All this at about the turn of the century. The Bleeding Wolf and St Baldred's Hall, now Hale Conservative Club, were in existence but must have been quite isolated and going for a drink on a dark Winter's night on foot or horseback must have been quite an adventure.

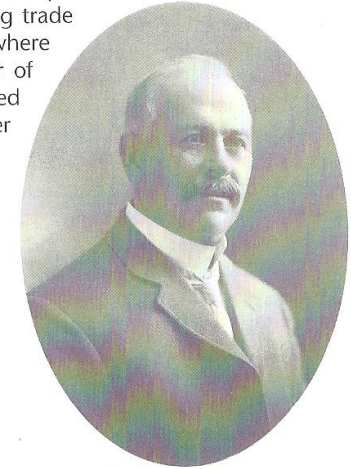


St Peter's Church Hale taken from near the present location of Hale Tennis Club circa 1903. The path on the right is now Bower Road.

The development of the eastern end of Hale, the areas around the tennis club, began in earnest during the early years of the 20th century. Hale Lawn Tennis Club was founded contemporaneously with this development phase. Harrop Road was already in existence as were Park Drive and Park Road although many of the properties thereon had still to be built. Planetree Road connecting Harrop Road to Park Road was laid about the same time as the club and Park Avenue slightly predated the club but was an unmade road with no water mains, gas or electricity.

Responsible for a major part of the development and building in this area was a Mr Adam Fletcher Fox, a man who was pivotal in the creation of Hale Tennis Club. Fox must have been a remarkable man - an entrepreneur, developer, architect and builder all rolled into one. He was born in 1847 in the Lake District and came to Manchester as a young man where he quickly recognised the potential for growth

and development in the Altrincham area and decided to settle in Heath Road, Hale. He was something of a traveller visiting among other places New York where he cut his teeth in the building trade working on skyscraper sites, and New Zealand where he became acquainted with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Richard Seddon, and later named one of his developments "Seddon Road" after him. He subsequently designed and built many of the houses down Park Road, Park Drive, Harrop Road and Park Avenue. There is reference to a site plan for all these properties with a sporting club indicated in the centre of the proposed development. It may well be therefore, that the original idea for Hale Lawn Tennis Club came from Adam Fox. If so, it is likely that Fox viewed the building of the club more as a sales-aid, an amenity to attract potential customers to buy his houses! Certainly, there is no evidence that he played tennis and there is no mention of him on the early members' lists of the club. Whatever his motives, there is no doubt that he owned the land on which the club is located and after negotiating a seven year rental lease with the original pioneers of the club, he subsequently sold all the land to the club for a very reasonable price.



Adam Fletcher Fox (1847 - 1916)

Our History

Assembled with love and care by JOHN NELSON

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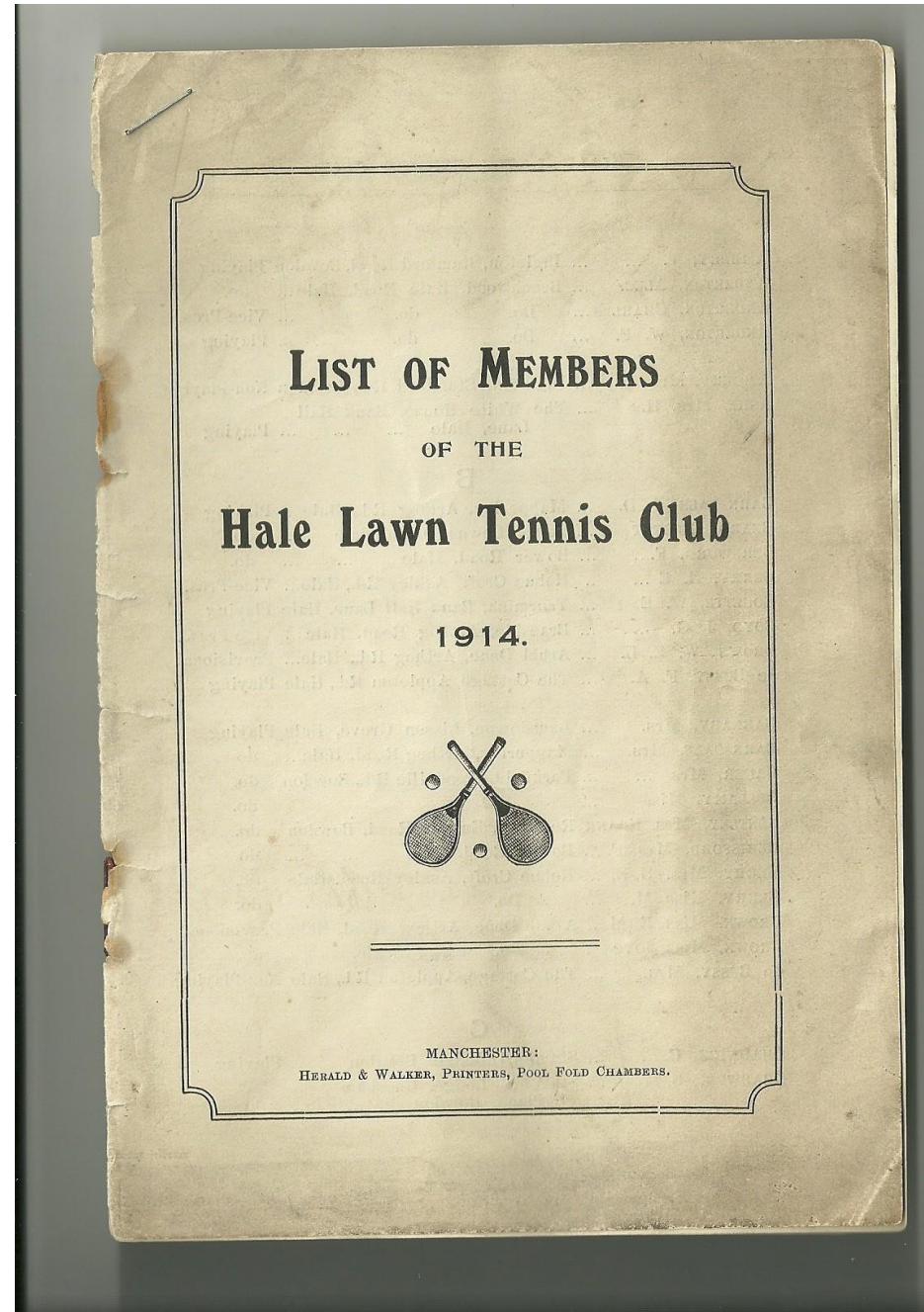
The Clubhouse 2004

Before Data Protection was a thing ...

Pretty much before 'Data' existed, we had a book of members

Here's an early one

With thanks to IAN GOULTY



A

AMBERY, T. ... Ingleton, Stamford Road, Bowdon Playing
 ANDERTON, ALEC. ... Beechwood, Hale Road, Hale do.
 ANDERTON, CHARLES ... Do. do. Vice-Pres.
 ANDERTON, W. F. ... Do. do. Playing

AMBERY, Mrs. T. ... Ingleton, Stamford Rd., Bowdon Non-Playing
 ASHE, Mrs. H. ... The White House, Bank Hall Lane, Hale ... Playing

B

BARNSDALE, J. D. ... Mapperley, Arthog Rd., Hale ... Playing
 BEARD, GILBERT ... South Downs Drive, Hale ... do.
 BERISFORD, F. ... Bower Road, Hale ... do.
 BERRY, H. E. ... Holme Croft, Ashley Rd., Hale ... Vice-Pres.
 BOUETTE, W. E. ... Taormina, Bank Hall Lane, Hale ... Playing
 BOYD, J. G. ... Braeside, Arthog Road, Hale ... Vice-Pres.
 BROWN, W. E. L. ... Athol Dene, Arthog Rd., Hale ... Provisional
 de BUSSY, F. A. ... The Cottage, Appleton Rd., Hale ... Playing

BARNABY, Mrs. ... Lansdowne, Lisson Grove, Hale ... Playing
 BARNSDALE, Mrs. ... Mapperley, Arthog Road, Hale ... do.
 BAUER, Mrs. ... Parkfield, Woodville Rd., Bowdon do.
 BELLAMY, Miss ... do. do.
 BENTLEY, Mrs. FRANK Redcroft, Enville Road, Bowdon do.
 BERISFORD, Mrs. F. ... Bower Road, Hale ... do.
 BERRY, Mrs. H. E. ... Holme Croft, Ashley Road, Hale do.
 BERRY, Miss M. ... Do. do. do.
 BROWN, Miss E. M. ... Athol Dene, Arthog Road, Hale Provisional
 BROWN, Miss JOYCE ... Do. do. do.
 de BUSSY, Mrs. ... The Cottage, Appleton Rd., Hale Non-Playing

C

CHADWICK, C. ... Stamford Lodge, Bowdon ... Playing
 CHADWICK, S. ... Stamford Lodge, Chesham Place, Bowdon ... do.

CHARLTON, A. P. ... 2, Albert Square, Bowdon ... Playing
 CLANAHAN, H. C. ... The Wood, Park Drive, Hale ... President
 CLAREMONT, E. A. ... Broom Lane, High Legh, Cheshire ... Playing
 COLLETT, E. P. ... Newcroft, Cambridge Road, Hale Non-Playing
 COLLETT, R. ... Do. do. Playing
 COOKE-SMITH, H. ... Hargate
 COOPER, P. B. S. ... Larnokk,
 COOPER, Dr. P. R. ... Glenthor
 COOPER, GEOFFREY ... Edgedale
 COOPER, HAROLD ... Redcot,
 COOPER, J. ... Oakfield,
 CRICK, L. G. M. ... 9, Cresce
 CUSACK, W. ... The Cha

CLANAHAN, Miss C. ... The Wo
 CLANAHAN, Miss ETHEL ... Do.
 CLEGG, Miss ... 8, Willow
 COOPER, Miss ENID ... The Birc
 Bow
 COOPER, Mrs. HAROLD Redcot,
 COOPER, Mrs. J. ... Oakfield,
 COOPER, Mrs. P. R. ... Glenthor
 CUSACK, Mrs. ... The Chal

DEE, W. J. ... Ingleside
 DENHAM, W. H. ... Thorn B
 Hale

DENHAM, Mrs. W. H. ... Thornbar
 DRONSFIELD, Mrs. ... Descanso

EATON, JAMES W. ... Sandy M
 Hale
 EVANS, H. C. ... 6, Oller

EATON, Miss ELSIE ... Sandy Mount, Bank Hall Lane, Hale ... Playing
 EVANS, Mrs. H. C. ... 6, Ollerbarrow Road, Hale ... do.
 EVERETT, Mrs. ... Richmond House, Ashley Road, Hale ... Non-Playing
 EWART, Mrs. ... Hadleigh, Ollerbarrow Rd., Hale ... Playing

F

FALKNER, E. W. ... Thornfield, Delamere Road, Bowdon ... Playing
 FAWCUS, G. H. ... Seddon Road, Hale ... do.
 FORTUNE, HUGH ... Braco, Ollerbarrow Road, Hale do.
 FAULKNER, Mrs. C. S. ... Cleveland, Park Avenue, Hale ... Playing
 FINDLATER, Miss ... Cranford, Ollerbarrow Rd., Hale do.
 FORTUNE, Mrs. ... Braco, Ollerbarrow Road, Hale do.
 FORTUNE, Miss ... Do. do. do.

G

GOULTY, A. H. ... Hatherlow, Alan Drive, Arthog Road, Hale ... Playing
 GREENHOW, H. S. ... Grey Garth, Langham Road, Bowdon ... do.
 GOULTY, Miss D. R. ... Hatherlow, Alan Drive, Arthog Road, Hale ... Playing
 GREENHOW, Miss ... Grey Garth, Langham Road, Bowdon ... do.

H

HAMPSON, F. C. ... Swainsley, Harrop Road, Hale ... Playing
 HANSFORD, G. L. ... Silverhowe, Ollerbarrow Road, Hale ... do.
 HARDING, E. ... Park Drive, Hale ... do.
 HARRISON, L. A. ... Gleadale, Langham Rd., Bowdon do.
 HARRISON, T. ... Brightstowe, Bank Hall Lane, Hale ... Vice-Pres.
 HARTLEY, R. ... Wood Croft, Broad Lane, Hale ... Playing
 HEYWOOD, C. J. ... Seddon Road, Hale ... do.
 HILL, H. P. ... Ayrefield, Planetree Road, Hale Vice-Pres.

HOBBS, W. A. ... The Nook, Appleton Road, Hale ... Playing
 HOLMSTROM, C. N. ... 2, Bale Street, Manchester ... do.

HAMPSON, Mrs. ... Swainsley, Harrop Road, Hale ... Playing
 HARDING, Mrs. E. ... Park Drive, Hale ... do.
 HARLAND, Miss M. ... Laburnum Lane, Hale ... do.
 HARRISON, Miss E. ... Brightstowe, Bank Hall Lane, Hale ... do.

HARTLEY, Mrs. R. ... Wood Croft, Broad Lane, Hale ... do.
 HAWORTH, Mrs. R. ... Owlscoot, Park Avenue, Hale ... do.
 HILL, Mrs. H. P. ... Ayrefield, Plane Tree Rd., Hale do.
 HOBBS, Mrs. ... The Nook, Appleton Road, Hale do.
 HODGSON, Mrs. ... Roughleigh, Park Road, Hale ... Non-Playing

J

JACKSON, F. ... Armthorpe, Park Road, Hale ... Non-Playing
 JONES, J. ... Broadoaks, Park Road, Hale ... Playing
 JORDAN, F. ... Grey Gables, Warwick Drive, Hale ... do.

JACKSON, Miss DORA ... Lynngarth, Howard Drive, Hale ... Playing
 JACKSON, Miss JEAN ... Do. do. do.
 JACKSON, Mrs. F. ... Armthorpe, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 JAMESON, Miss D. ... Llanfair, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 JONES, Mrs. JOHN ... Broadoaks, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 JONES, Mrs. LLOYD ... Wellfield, Belmont Road, Hale ... do.
 JORDAN, Mrs. F. ... Grey Gables, Warwick Drive, Hale ... do.

L

LIVESAY, A. G. ... South View, Bower Road, Hale ... Playing
 LORD, D. ... Foxwood, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 LORD, R. ... Do. do. do.
 LORD, F. A. ... The Gables, Broad Lane, Hale do.

LIVESAY, Mrs. ... South View, Bower Road, Hale ... Non-Playing
 LLOYD, Miss ... Winton Road, Bowdon ... Playing
 LODGE, Mrs. E. M. ... Skeffington, Hale Road, Hale ... do.

Some well known names from Hale

Some families remain local – Any you recognise?

HALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

LORD, Mrs. F. A. ... The Gables, Broad Lane, Hale... Playing
 LORD, Mrs. R. S. ... Dunolly, Hale Road, Hale ... do.

M

MACHIN, A. C. ... 2, Wyngate Road, Hale... Playing
 McDOUGALL, SYDNEY... Tiverton, Hale Road, Hale ... do.
 MELLAND, GUY ... "Kia Ora," Arthog Road, Hale do.
 MILLS, N. P. ... Frankton, Timperley, Cheshire... do.
 MINTO, W. C. ... Merridale, Park Drive, Hale ... do.
 MACCAIG, Mrs. ... Park Road, Hale ... Playing
 McDOUGALL, Mrs. S. ... Tiverton, Hale Road, Hale ... do.
 MAKIN, Mrs. ... Woodcot, Bower Road, Hale ... do.
 MARCKX, Miss VERA Woodthorpe, South Downs Road,
 Bowdon ... do.
 MELLAND, Miss RUTH "Kia Ora" Arthog Road, Hale... do.
 MILLS, Mrs. N. P. ... Frankton, Timperley, Cheshire do.
 MINTO, Mrs. W. C. ... Merridale, Park Drive, Hale ... do.

N

NEEDHAM, Mrs. ... Kelmscott, Ollerbarrow Rd., Hale Non-Playing
 NEEDHAM, Miss K. ... Do. do. Playing
 NEEDHAM, Miss M. ... Do. do. do.

O

O'HANLON, E. ... Oak Dell, Alan Drive, Hale ... Playing
 O'HANLON, W. S. ... Do. do. do.
 O'NEILL, Dr. C. S. ... Ashley Road, Hale ... do.
 ORD-MACKENZIE, K. ... Albert Square, Bowdon... do.
 O'HANLON, Mrs. H. D. High Know, Catherine Road,
 Bowdon ... Playing
 O'NEILL, Mrs. ... Ashley Road, Hale ... do.

P

du PASQUIER, A. ... Lydslip, Leigh Road, Hale ... Playing
 PICKARD, G. ... Racehill, Dunham Road,
 Altrincham ... do.

HALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

PICKERING, F. A. ... Wembley House, Hale Rd., Hale Playing
 PILKINGTON, GEOFFREY Cranford, Alan Drive, Hale ... do.

PATERSON, Miss ... Kyngston, Park Road, Hale ... Playing
 PATERSON, Miss F. ... Do. do. do.
 PATTINSON, Miss E. ... Sillwood, Prescott Road, Hale ... do.
 PICKERING, Mrs. ... Wembley House, Hale Rd., Hale do.
 PILKINGTON, Miss MAY Cranford, Alan Drive, Hale ... do.
 PILKINGTON, Miss NORA Do. do. do.

R

ROBERTSHAW, W. L. ... Westholme, Belmont Rd., Hale... Playing
 RILEY, Miss ... The Moorings, Bank Hall Lane,
 Hale ... Playing
 ROBERTSHAW, Mrs. ... Belmont Road, Hale ... Non-Playing
 ROBERTSHAW, Miss
 GLADYS ... Do. do. ... Playing

S

SCHOLEFIELD, R. D. ... Ingarsley, Warwick Rd., Hale... Playing
 SCHUSTER, L. W. ... Porthpean, Queen's Rd., Hale... do.
 SCORER, A. B. ... 9, Lyme Grove, Altrincham ... do.
 SIMON, OLIVER ... Suffolk Road, Altrincham ... do.
 SIMON, Miss G. ... Suffolk Road, Altrincham ... Playing
 SIMONS, Mrs. ... Hill Side, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 SMITH, Mrs. ... Oak House, Park Road, Hale... do.
 SMITH, Miss G. M. ... Stanley Bank, Chesham Place,
 Bowdon do.
 SMITH, Miss U. D. ... Do. do. do.

T

TERRAS, H. ... The Croft, Harrop Road, Hale... Playing
 THOMPSON, J. C. ... Roanecroft, Seddon Road, Hale... do.
 TOWLSON, H. ... Hill Top Road, Hale ... do.

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TERRAS, Mrs. H. ... The Croft, Harrop Road, Hale... Playing
 TOWLSON, Mrs. ... Hill Top Road, Hale ... Non-Playing
 TURNER, Mrs. ... Ashford, Ashley Road, Hale ... Playing
 TWEEDALE, Mrs. C. S. Maitland, Arthog Road, Hale ... do.

U

USMAR, R. G. ... Pendennis, Prescott Road, Hale Playing
 USMAR, Mrs. ... Pendennis, Prescott Road, Hale Playing

V

VALENTINE, J. H. ... 6, Richmond Road, Altrincham Playing

W

WALTON, T. ... Ollerbarrow Road, Hale ... Playing
 WEBB, W. ... Bank Hall Cottage, Hale ... do.
 WELCH, F. B. ... Wadham House, Arthog Road,
 Hale ... do.
 WESTALL, WM. ... Westfield, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 WHITTAKER, J. S. ... Oulton, Hale Road, Hale ... do.
 WILLCOCKS, W. H. S. ... Ryeford, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 WOOD, A. P. ... Whitefold, Alan Drive, Hale ... do.

WALTON, Mrs. T. ... Ollerbarrow Road, Hale ... Playing
 WEBB, Mrs. ... Bank Hall Cottage, Hale... do.
 WESTALL, Mrs. ... Westfield, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 WHITE, Miss ... Park Road, Hale ... do.
 WHITTAKER, Mrs. J. S. Oulton, Hale Road, Hale... do.
 WILLCOCKS, Mrs. ... Ryeford, Park Road, Hale ... do.
 WILLCOCKS, Miss E. ... Merridale, Park Drive, Hale ... do.
 WILLCOX, Miss ... Descanso, Warwick Road, Hale do.
 WITHINGTON, Miss ... Avondale, Whitehall Road,
 Brooklands ... do.

Around 200 members in 1914 (We now number about 900)



THE PAVILION
AS BUILT 1927

Our 'New' Clubhouse

Built in 1927

Anyone you know?

PS They weren't 'built' in 1927 (not quite!)





A later view

Double glazing had been invented!

(And the damn skip was already there!)

With thanks to RON THOMSON



R LOCAL TEAMS IN THE ALTRIN



● Hale Tennis Club's first team (pictured above) made 1981 the most successful summer in the history of the club when they added the Cheshire Shield to their first division championship win in the North East Cheshire League. Left to right, are: A. Brogdon, J. Johnson, S. Wontner, R. Thomson, A. Wedd, I. Goulty (capt), W. Cochrane, W. Keunen, J. Nelson, P. Stratta and M. Worrall. (Photo No. P979/2). Missing are E. Pomfret and P. Neal, who also took part in Hale's Cup Final win over Stockton Heath which clinched the double.

RAIN SPOILS FINAL DAY'S PLAY AT HALE



HALE Lawn Tennis Club held their 68th Annual Open Tennis Tournament last week and, as usual, the standard of entries was very high, attracting the majority of the Cheshire County Squad.

The showery weather, however, prevented the grass courts being used for any of the open events and heavy rain on Saturday afternoon prevented all but one of the finals being completed.

The ladies singles was won by Beverley Smith, the Cheshire and Rycroft player, who proved too strong for Hale's Jill James, winning 6-2, 6-2.

The Open Men's Singles Final was between Max Franklin (Cheshire and Northern Club) and Tony Alexander (Cheshire and Wilmslow). Alexander, who won the Cheshire Singles Championship two weeks ago, was uncharacteristically off form in the first set and Franklin's pressure earned him a 6-1 win. But Alexander came back to take the second set 6-4 and

then went into a 2-0 lead in the third and final set, when rain stopped play. The final is to be resumed this Saturday.

The other finals to be completed are:

Open Womens Doubles: Mrs Cathy Godfrey (Cheshire and Hale) and Mrs Felicity Andrews (Cheshire and Prestbury) v Miss Beverley Smith (Cheshire and Rycroft) and Mrs Ross (Tipping Cheshire and Bramhall Lane).

Open doubles: P. Sullivan (Cheshire and Northern) and Max Franklin (Cheshire and Northern) v Ian Lewis (Cheshire and Wilmslow) and A. Alexander (Cheshire and Northern).

Open Mixed Doubles: A. Alexander and F. Andrews v I. Lewis and Beverley Smith.

In addition to the Open Tournament, Hale held their own Club Singles Tournament, for which Skyross Travel of Altrincham had donated a tennis racket and £50 travel voucher.

The final was between Ian Goulty, Hale's 1st team captain, and Willy John Keunen.



HALE duo Cathy Godfrey and Felicity Andrew (pictured above) could not start their women's doubles final because of the rain (Photo No N650/5), but Ian Goulty (right) won his final to pick up a £50 cheque in the club's singles (Photo No N650/6). Below: Some of the other Hale finalists, who could not complete their matches in the club tournament because of the bad weather. Left to right: David Schofield, John Nelson, Robert Fortune, Judith Nelson, Peter Godfrey, Geoff Smith, Jennifer Pendleton, Chris Brown and Louise Noble (Photo No N650/3).



Anyone you know?

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THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION



Training of Coaches Scheme

This is to certify that

Ronald H. Thomson

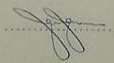
has attended

a course of instruction at

Lilleshall N.S.C., 1977

and has qualified as an

L.T.A PROFESSIONAL COACH

 Secretary.

Real Shale!

Who is that young man?
(I mean the one in green!)





Ready for an Upgrade

A bar with memories (Graham's pork pies! And more)





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SPECIAL MIXED MATCH

Saturday 30th July 2005

*Hale Lawn Tennis Club
Purley Sports Club
Woking Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club*

DRAW & PROGRAMME

Each match will consist of 3 rubbers played against the opposite pair of the other three teams, i.e. 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4. The format of the rubbers will be determined by the Club Secretary, Roger Ambrose. In the event of wet weather a curtailed programme will be played.

The winners will be determined on match wins, rubber wins, sets, etc.
(In the event of a shortened programme first sets will count).

DRAW

1st round	11.00am	Hale LTC AELTC	-v- -v-	Purley Sports Club Woking LT & CC
2nd round	2.15pm	Woking LT & CC AELTC	-v- -v-	Purley Sports Club Hale LTC
3rd round	5.15pm	AELTC Hale LTC	-v- -v-	Purley Sports Club Woking LT & CC

PROGRAMME

From 10.30am	Teams assemble - morning coffee on the Lounge Balcony
11.00am	Match commences
12.30pm	Pre-lunch drinks
12.45pm	Lunch in the Summer Tea Room
2.00pm	Group photograph
2.15pm	Match continues
3.45pm (approx)	Brief tour of Club and visit to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum
From 4.45pm	Tea in Summer Tea Room
5.15pm	Match continues
7.00pm	Drinks in Members' Landing Bar
8.00pm	Dinner in the Hospitality Suite
11.00pm (approx)	Departure

Visitors are welcome to view the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum and Souvenir Shop throughout the day as guests of The Club. The Museum is situated at the north end of the Tea Lawn (**last admission is at 4.30pm; it closes at 5.00pm**). For spectators outside of the official teams/supporters, Café Centre Court has relocated and is now situated beneath No.1 Court and known as Café Renshaw.

P.T.O.

An invitation to hallowed turf for the 100th Centenary

And the food looked good too

THE ALL ENGLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

THE SPECIAL MIXED MATCH

*Hale Lawn Tennis Club
Purley Sports Club
Woking Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club*

Saturday 30th July 2005

MENU

*Char-Grilled Asparagus
with Hollandaise Sauce*

*Pan-Fried Fillet of Sea Bass
On Dill & Lemon-Crushed New Potatoes
accompanied by Sugar Snaps & Broad Beans
finished with Beurre Blanc Sauce*

*Summer Pudding
with Double Cream*

*Coffee
&
Mints*

WINES

*Château de Mercy
Bourgogne Blanc 2000*

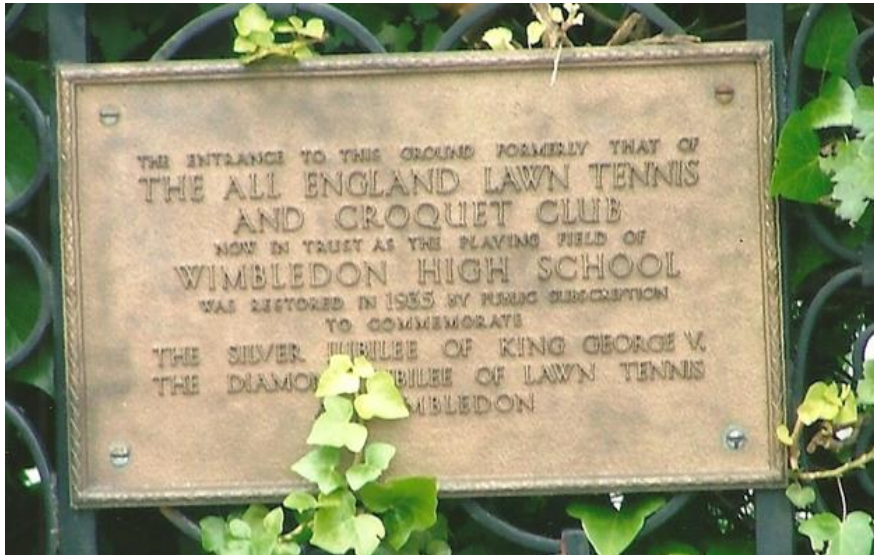
*Mariner Vineyards
Pinot Noir 2002*

*Port
or
Brandy*



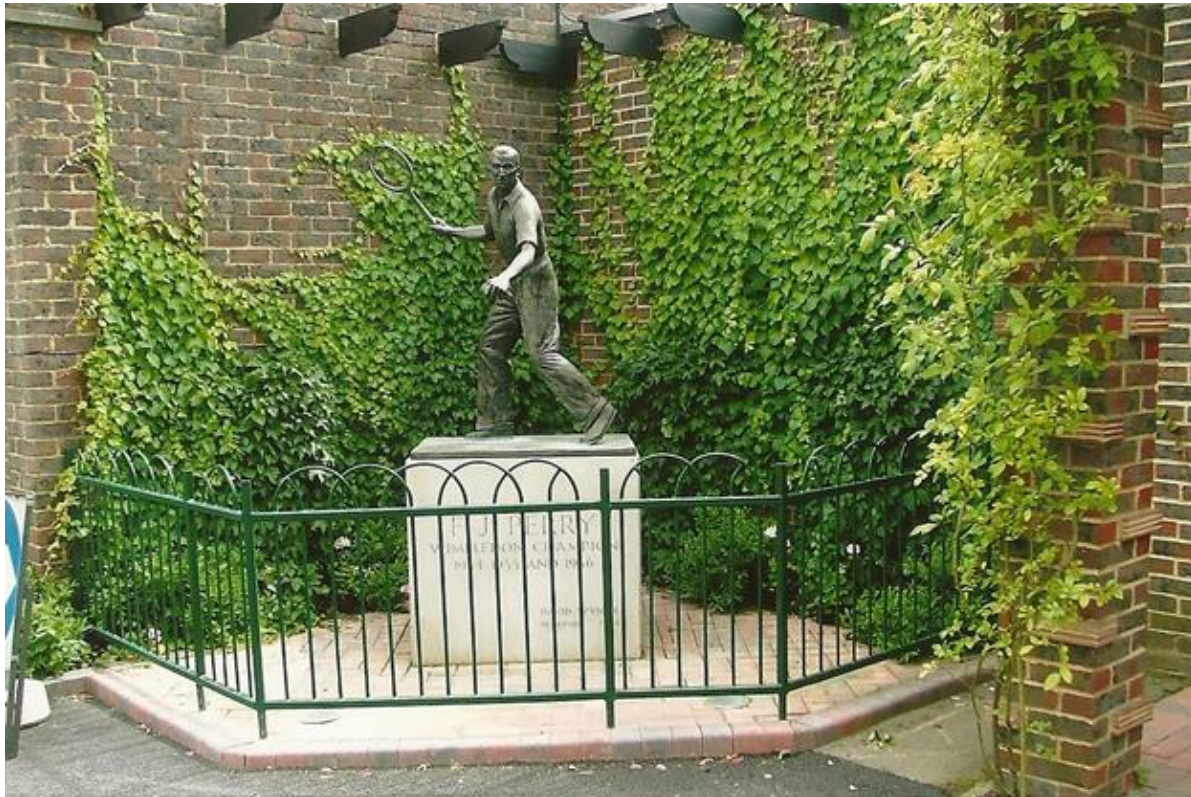
2005 - 100 years of Hale LTC

Mixing in lofty circles



Hey ... I know that forehand!

No It's not John Johnson!



A great Partnership – Little and Large

Was John big ... Or Mark small?



H L
T C

Anyone under the age of 30 know what these were?



2006 - The story of a Bar (We mean Clubhouse ..)

And here's the chap to sort it!



Mind your Head!

Well covered



The President's contribution

That'll do it.



2007 - A Happy Ending

First Orders - Cheers!

Young Turks

Where are they now?

Sam Walsh and Sam Furness as the age of 12 and 14 (Furness being the older one) won the men's handicap finals



Space here for the future

Who will make the next period of our history?

Hale Lawn Tennis Club

Through the Reign and
beyond

