



Sutton Churches Tennis Club
FLOODLIGHTS GRAND OPENING – FUN DAY

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Sutton Churches Tennis Club celebrates new floodlights and resurfacing of all-weather courts with action packed fun day on Sunday 27 October 2002

“TENNIS CLUB LIGHTS GO DOWN A STORM!”

Tennis players of Sutton Churches Tennis Club showed their resilience on Sunday (27 October) as they braved the severe weather conditions to celebrate the instalment of new floodlights and the newly resurfaced tennis courts, with an American Tournament and sample tennis coaching at the club hidden between 97 & 101 Gander Green Lane, Sutton.

Hardy players were undeterred by the gale force winds, with the American Tournament getting underway at 1pm. 34 eager competitors entered the tournament with four people battling their way through to the finals. Special guest, Ron Presley, OBE, President of Surrey LTA (Lawn Tennis Association), officially switched on the floodlights at 6pm. There then followed a hotly contested final.

The results of the final were:

Winners - Carolyn Graham and Jim Rice

Runners up - Anne Hotton and Steve Cox

Ron Presley then presented the trophies and prizes, which were sponsored by Edwards Electrical. This was followed by a truly spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by KBR Azeri Project, providing a grand final  to a very successful and enjoyable day.

Joanne Shovelton, Club Secretary commented “I am delighted with the turn-out and success of the day. The fact that so many took part when the weathermen were warning us to stay indoors shows what a spirited club we have. Thank you to all who came along and also to those who organized the events; the atmosphere was buzzing from start to finish. I would like to extend particular thanks to Paul Wright, our knight in shining armour, who made our ten year dream come true by installing the floodlights.”

In addition to the tournament, Head Coach Adrian King-Owen was on hand to provide sample tennis coaching to a steady stream of both junior and adult visiting members of the public. With the club keen to continue to build upon the foundations it has set in place as being a "beginner friendly" club, FREE introductory coaching sessions are offered in order to help boost the confidence of people new to tennis. These are available to all new members taking up either temporary or annual membership. Some places are still available on the winter coaching programme starting on 9th November 2002 to run for 6 weeks on Saturdays. Junior coaching will be from 9.30-11 with an Adults Beginner course following on from 11-1pm. For further information on the club: visit www.ClubTennis.co.uk or contact Joanne on 020 8642 8672.

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Notes to Editors:

- **There is an opportunity to sponsor future events at the club. Please call Joanne Shovelton on 020 8642 8672.**
- **The club itself cannot be seen from the road as it is situated behind the houses. For access please follow the lane between house numbers 97 & 101. You will find the club courts and car park at the end of this lane.**

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