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Welcome to the new official newsletter of the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association.

We will keep you updated on our latest news, events, competitions and membership and partners in this online bulletin.

ABOUT US

The Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC) is an umbrella group of clubs more than 100 years old, including some of the most prestigious clubs in the sport

Initially founded by eight European clubs, we now have an extensive and truly global membership and are recognised by the sport's governing body, the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

All member clubs have a history dating back at least one hundred years, with a significant sporting tradition and social role.

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CTC Annual General Meeting

The Centenary Tennis Clubs Association held its 19th Annual General Meeting in Lausanne on Saturday October 24th, 2015. Representatives from 17 different member Clubs attended the meeting, which was chaired by the organisation's President, Juan Maria Tintore.

Three new clubs were accepted into the Association: Grasshopper Tennis Club from Zurich, Switzerland, Guayaquil Tennis Club from Ecuador and Odense Tennis Club from Denmark, bringing the CTC's total number of members to 70 from 29 different countries.

The Assembly heard details of how the organisation's 2015 activities progressed, including an update from the second CTC Competition in South America, which

was held recently in Santa Fe Lawn Tennis Club.

The meeting was highlighted by the presentation by Mr. Shono Naouyoki, the President of Yokohama International Tennis Community, who spoke of the progress in the organization of the 2nd CTC Asia tournament, which is due to take place in Yokohama from November 12-14th, 2016.

Affiliated to Tennis Europe and a recognized organization of the International Tennis Federation, the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association was founded in June 1996 by eight European Clubs with the aim of promoting the traditions of the sport of tennis. All of the member clubs can claim more than 100 years of history and a significant tennis tradition. 

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TC Parioli Retains Winners' Group Title

The **Club Tennis Llafranc** hosted the winner's group competition of the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association during the weekend of September 18-20, 2015.

The annual CTC flagship competition saw the four area group winners – TC Parioli from Rome, TC Padova, Villa Primrose from Bordeaux and RCTB 1899 from Barcelona – come together to battle for the title of CTC winner's group champion. The event features matches for senior players aged 35+ and 45+ in both men's and ladies' categories respectively.

Defending champions TC Parioli scored an impressive win over the RCTB 1899 in the semi-finals, losing just the men's 35+ singles match. Villa Primrose showed their authority over TC Padova in the 35+ category for men and women, achieving an overall win of 6-3 and reaching the finals despite having one less player in the 45+ category.

Sunday's final between TC Parioli and Villa Primrose started with some outstanding singles on the 35+ category where Xavier Pujo scored an impressive win over Michele Bassi (Italian 1994 C3 and C4 champion) and Laurent Gabail repeated the feat over Gabriele Cierco. The men's 45+ matches saw TC Parioli level things up as former ATP #523 Ugo Biaganti scored a win over Jean Louis Vicard before



the concession of the second men 45+ singles by Villa Primrose due to an injury led the tie to the doubles matches.

At 3-all in points the overall competition was decided in the closest possible way; a mixed doubles tie break, where eventually Ugo Biaganti & Daniela Cigna (former WTA #590) got the win over Xavier Pujo & Benedicte Le Brozec to retain the title for TC Parioli, with an eventual final score of 5 matches to 4.

TC Padova later beat RCT Barcelona-1899 6-3 in the third place play-off match.

The competition was accompanied by a social programme, which also included an official dinner at the club, where the teams expressed their gratitude to CT Llafranc and to the CTC President Juan M^a Tintore, who was in attendance throughout the weekend. 🍷

CTC Seniors, Prague (CZE)

I.CLTK Praha hosted a CTC European Senior Competiton for the third time on 13-14th September, 2015. The event was great success with the excellent weather making it a particular enjoyable weekend for everyone who took part.

Participating clubs included the Real Club de Polo de Barcelona, Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club,

Stockholm's Allmanna Lawn Tennis Klubb, and – of course – the host club.

After the two days of competition the winner was the I.CLTK who beat the visitors from Fitzwilliam in the final. Third place went to the RC Polo who beat SALK 5-4, following an impressive comeback from a 2-4 deficit after the singles matches.





The event was played in a great atmosphere between all four teams during the whole weekend with a competitive spirit blended with friendship, laughs and fairplay.

In addition to the high quality tennis, the players had the chance to see Prague from the river Moldau during a boat trip on Saturday afternoon. All players and their guests attended the official dinner on Saturday night which was hosted by Petr Simunek, board member of I.CLTK and CTC Vice-President.



CTC Seniors, Stockholm (SWE)

Kungl. Lawn Tennis Klubben in Stockholm hosted a CTC Seniors Competition during the weekend of 26-27 September

Joining the team from the host club were squads from HLTC Leimonias and Malahide LTCC.

The tournament was eventually won by the Swedes, who scored decisive victories over both visiting teams.



2015 Seniors Carrickmines, Dublin (IRL)

Carrickmines were the delighted hosts of a 2015 CTC regional competition and welcomed TC Genève (Switzerland) and Wiener Park Club (Austria) to Dublin for the first time.

They were joined by RST La Magdalena (Spain), who are regular visitors and also play every year at the Under 12 CTC tournament in Carrickmines.

The tournament was great success and with the glorious sunshine all teams had the opportunity to play on the magnificent grass courts.

After the three days of tennis, the comfortable winners were TC Genève, with RST La Magda-



lena finishing as runners up and both Carrickmines and Wiener Park in joint 3rd position.

The event was played in a great atmosphere between all four teams and the President of Carrickmines, Mr Hugh Brennan welcomed the teams at a pre-tournament drinks reception and also to Dinner on the Saturday evening. Special thanks to the team captains Peter Eipeldauer (Wiener Park Club), Enrique Terán (RST La Magdalena), Imelda Loughnane and Jean-Manuel Lejeune (Carrickmines), and from the champions, Jurgen Buttkus (TC Genève).



CTC Seniors, Berlin (GER)

During the first week-end of October a CTC Senior competition was organized by the **LTTC Rot-Weiß Berlin**. Bright sunshine and nearly summer temperatures - unusual for this time in Germany – enchanted the guests. The Rot-Weiß welcomed teams from the 1. Salzburger TC, Le Tir Paris and TC Genova. Not only by providing the great weather did the Rot-Weiß prove its qualities as a good host; the eagerness to make the event as successful as possible for the guests was manifest in the result of the tournament. Le Tir won a formidable final against TC Genova and the 1. Salzburger TC won against Rot-Weiß, who proudly took the last place. The spectators were treated to some fascinating and excellent matches.

The guests were delighted by the beauty of the club. The LTTC Rot-Weiß lies directly on a picturesque lake, where no boats are allowed and which is only accessible by the owners of surrounding



properties. The space is very green, natural and quiet, and about 15 minutes by car away from the centre of Berlin.

Another special event contributed to the excitement for the players – the Oktoberfest on October 3rd. There was a real Bavarian Oktoberfest-tent, decorated with Bavarian beer garden benches. And most of the members were dressed in traditional

fashion. The guests were deeply impressed and Patrice, the team leader of Le Tir Paris, expressed his appreciation in his final speech at Sunday, at being able to experience ‘a real Oktoberfest in Germany’.

One central goal of CTC is to promote the friendship of all member-clubs. In this sense the competition was a great success. All participants expressed their hope that many more tournaments like this will follow. 🍷

CTC South America Challenge

Santa Fe Lawn Tennis Club hosted the second edition of the CTC South American Challenge.

The event saw participation from three clubs (Santa Fe, Buenos Aires and Tennis Club Argentino), with the hosts eventually triumphing over Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club in a very tight final. The whole tournament was played in great spirit, with good sportsmanship on display from



➤ the players and vocal support and a lively atmosphere created by the attending spectators.



The players were proud to represent their clubs on the same lawns that once hosted matches between great champions such as Enrique Morea, Guillermo Vilas and Fernando Della Fontana, among other icons.

The CTC's South American representative Mr. Jorge Esponda attended the event and thanked the organisation's main sponsor, EFG International, whilst also taking the opportunity to remind the participants of the social role that all Centenary Tennis Clubs have played throughout their history, in terms of integration and social cohesion. 🏆

South Africa Challenge, Johannesburg (RSA)



The Wanderers Club of Johannesburg once again organised a successful CTC event in South Africa at the end of November.

The host club fielded two teams for a spirited and popular competition that was greatly enjoyed by all of the players, who are already looking forward to next year's edition. 🏆

UK & Ireland Friendly Competition (GBR)



The fifth edition of the CTC Friendly Competition for UK and Irish Clubs was held at the **Winchester Racquets and Fitness Club**.



Participants from five CTC Clubs took part in different teams in a total of eight categories:

The Cumberland, Edgbaston Priory, Roehampton Club, Carrickmines, Malahide, and the hosts Winchester. The finals between the first teams of Edgbaston Priory and the Winchester saw some really tight matches, leading to a narrow victory overall for the host club.

The event already has a host for next year and will be played at Edgbaston Priory at a date yet to be confirmed. 🏆



JUNIORTENNIS

CTC U12 Carrickmines Cup, Dublin (IRL)

Six Centenary Tennis Clubs competed in the 2015 tournament held in **Carrickmines** at the end of August.

The 1.Cesky team from Prague bolstered their already incredible record, winning the tournament for an eight time. So far, the team's only defeat came in 2014 at the hands of host club Carrickmines.

The tournament brought together teams representing the following



clubs: Carrickmines (Dublin), Cumberland LTC (London), Roehampton (London), Real Club de Polo (Barcelona) 1.Cesky (Prague) and RC La Magdalena (Santander).

The format of the competition saw all clubs play three matches each. 1.Cesky recaptured the Cup after defeating Carrickmines in a close final winning both doubles matches, after the scores were level at 2-2 following the opening singles.

On their first visit to Dublin, Roehampton won the Shield. Congratulations to all the competitors, coaches and parents who made the weekend such a memorable occasion. 🏆

CTC U14 RCTB-1899 Cup, Barcelona (ESP)

The **Real Club de Tennis Barcelona 1899** organized the fourth edition of the CTC U-14 RCTB-1899 Cup, which saw the participation of teams representing the Real Club de Polo de Barcelona, Carrickmines from Dublin and the ICLTK Prague.

The winner of this edition was the team from Prague, who managed to go unbeaten throughout the weekend. This is the third victory overall for the club from Czech Republic, also the winner of the first two editions.

As is now traditional, the social side of the competition included some bowling and a visit to



the FC Barcelona Museum. The President of the Centenary Tennis Clubs Association and Honorary President of the RCTB 1899, Mr. Juan M^aTintore, was on hand to congratulate the players at the prize giving ceremony. 🏆

CTC U16 LTTC Rot-Weiss Berlin Cup (GER)



LTTC Rot Weiss Berlin hosted the CTC U-16 Junior Competition in July. Participating teams included Carrickmines, Real Club de Tennis Barcelona 1899 and Malahide, and the final results were as follows: Winner: LTTC Rot Weiss Berlin; Runner up: Real Club de Tennis Barcelona 1899 & 3rd Carrickmines. 🏆

CTC U16 Fitzwilliam Cup , The Cumberland, (GBR)

After a long weekend in London, the Fitzwilliam Cup drew to a close on Sunday 30th August. Teams participating from Fitzwilliam (Ireland), Kung. Lawn Tennis Klubben (Sweden), and The Cumberland (UK) came together at the host venue The Cumberland Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. A hard fought event saw teams compete in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, with two girls and two boys participating for each team.

Friday saw the start of the event and start of the singles matches, which were played as best of three sets, with a championship tie break at one set all. After the teams arrived and enjoyed a fantastic lunch it was straight down to the courts to get warmed up. The weather was brilliant and supported some well-matched singles, each match offering some fantastic points and well skilled players. By the end of the afternoon the Fitzwilliam Team had opened up a lead after both the girls and boys had won all of their matches against both number one and two seeds from each country. The Kung. Lawn Tennis Klubben team closely followed by taking two sets from Cumberland in both girls and boys singles. Notable matches included a valiant effort from Jasmine Dedakia (Cumberland) against Sofie (Sweden), narrowly losing out after a deciding championship tie break and the incredible level set by Rohan (Ireland) and Gustav (Sweden), again finishing in a deciding championship tie break. Both the Irish number 1 girl and boy dominated in their singles matches.

After a long day for all the visiting teams using both the new Acrylic and Clay tennis courts, everyone settled down to enjoy a BBQ together on the veranda at the top of the club before making their way back to their hotel.

When Saturday came Fitzwilliam had opened up an 8-4-0 over the Kung. Lawn Tennis Klubben



and Cumberland teams respectively. Both teams hoping to claw back some rubbers in the doubles. Teams played full best of three set matches.

The doubles matches saw the Kung. Lawn Tennis Klubben boys come out firing taking a 6/4 6/3 scalp over the Fitzwilliam boys pair, even though the Irish boys utilised some 'Bryan brothers' tactics with 'chest bump' celebrations, they couldn't hold out! The girl's doubles saw a tough match between Kung. Lawn Tennis Klubben and Fitzwilliam pairs with the Irish girls keeping their form from the previous day, although the Cumberland pair were downed by both teams playing with great effort considering their opponents' abilities.

Moving on to mixed doubles, the weather didn't look too great so it was decided that a 'one set shootout' would be the way to go. Although at this point the Fitzwilliam team now held an 11-7-0 lead.

Unfortunately after just one set the Great British weather wreaked havoc with the hard courts so it was decided that the competition would come to an end. The Fitzwilliam team, Anna, Eimear, Vuc and Anna came through the weekend taking a 12-8-0 win.

Finally the teams all met on Saturday Evening for dinner at a local eatery in West Hampstead. After all the weekend's events it was time for the teams to meet Sunday morning and have some fun. We met on the AstroTurf courts and all paired up with players from other teams, including both coaches





from Kung. Lawn Tennis Klubben and Cumberland, to participate in a fast paced doubles drill session. After a great weekend of tennis, it finally came to an end with the presentation of the Fitzwilliam Cup to the Fitzwilliam team Captain Vuc and his team, ready for them to take it back home.

All participants in the Fitzwilliam Cup received their own medal and embossed towel from The

Cumberland before making their way up to the clubhouse for our final meal together.

The Cumberland stated, "it was an absolute pleasure to be a part of the competition and host the event. We look forward to seeing both of the visiting teams soon, and would like to say it was a privilege to meet everyone involved with each team."

CTC U14 I.CLTK Prague (CZE)

The **I.CLTK in Prague** hosted the eight edition of CTC U-14 I.CLTK Praha Cup on 02-04 October, 2015. A total of six teams took part, including two teams from the host club who were joined by squads from Carrickmines LTC, RC Polo, RCTB-1899 and Kungliga LTK.

The six teams were divided into two round-robin groups., The winners of the groups played the final where hosting club defeated Kungliga from Stockholm in the tightest ever final. The teams finished at 3-3 in matches and in the end just three games gave victory to the Czechs.

Following tradition, the social side of competition included a boat trip on the Moldau river and an official dinner with prize-giving on Saturday night.



Results:

Group BERDYCH

- I. CLTK A - Polo 5:1
- I. CLTK A - Carrickmines 6:0
- Polo - Carrickmines 4:2

Group FEDERER

- KLTK - I. CLTK B 3:3
- KLTK - RCTB 6:0
- I. CLTK B - RCTB 5:1

1st place match I. CLTK A - KLTK 3:3 (45:42)

3rd place match Polo - I. CLTK B 3:3 (31:28)

5th place match RCTB - Carrickmines 5:1

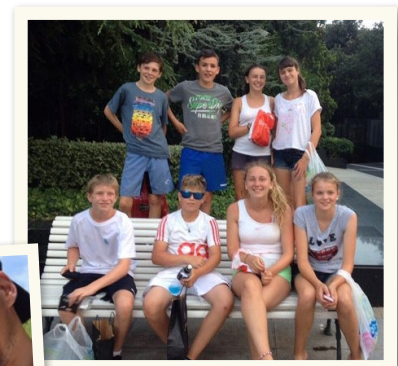
2015 Junior Player Exchange

Carrickmines joined up with the **RCT Barcelona-1899** for a fourth year, once again experiencing a very successful and enjoyable junior exchange.

In total, sixteen juniors took part in the exchange. The players stayed with host families in Carrickmines for the first two weeks in July, where they trained and played matches at the club every day.

A full social program and tennis activities were organised by the clubs in both venues. All the juniors then returned to Barcelona for the last two

weeks in July on the second part of the exchange and were again looked after superbly!



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At the start of the Game - the early history of Edgbaston Priory Club

Revered as one of Great Britain's most treasured tennis venues, the Edgbaston Priory Club has a long and fascinating history and is inextricably linked to British tennis successes over the years, with Maud Watson (the first Wimbledon ladies' champion) and Ann Jones (1969) amongst the club's members. Watson's trophy is held aloft each year by the winner of the club's Aegon Classic WTA event, champions of which include the likes of Maria Sharapova, Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King and reigning champion Angelique Kerber. As a part of our series of articles looking back at the history of tennis in our members clubs, the Edgbaston Priory has kindly allowed us to reproduce this potted history of the early days of tennis at this pioneering English club....



Lawn Tennis Club was founded in 1878 following a breakaway from another local club which first played the game in 1872.

Edgbaston Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club was in the early decades of the two clubs the more socially prestigious and nationally high-profile, and better resourced. It was set in the grounds of "The Vale", a large mansion on Edgbaston Park Road owned by engineering magnate Thomas Chatwin; its President was Lord Calthorpe, landlord for all the leases in Edgbaston and its 1906

Lawn Tennis was first devised less than half a mile from Edgbaston Priory Club when Major Harry Gem, the clerk to Birmingham Magistrates, and Spanish businessman Augurio Perera first marked out Perera's croquet lawn at "Fairlight" in Ampton Road as a tennis court in 1859. Over the next decade they developed the laws of lawn tennis, which Gem had published by 1874 and soon most of the respectable homes in Edgbaston had their own courts. The first clubs emerged, naturally enough, almost within sight of Perera's house. Amongst these was the Priory Lawn Tennis Club, which first occupied two courts on Pershore Road near Pebble Mill in 1875, and moved less than a mile to its current site in the early 1880s. Nearby on Edgbaston Park Road the Edgbaston Cricket &



"Invitation Tea" was hosted by no fewer than four Peeresses. The membership register was peppered with the names of Birmingham's leading civic and commercial families such as Kentick,

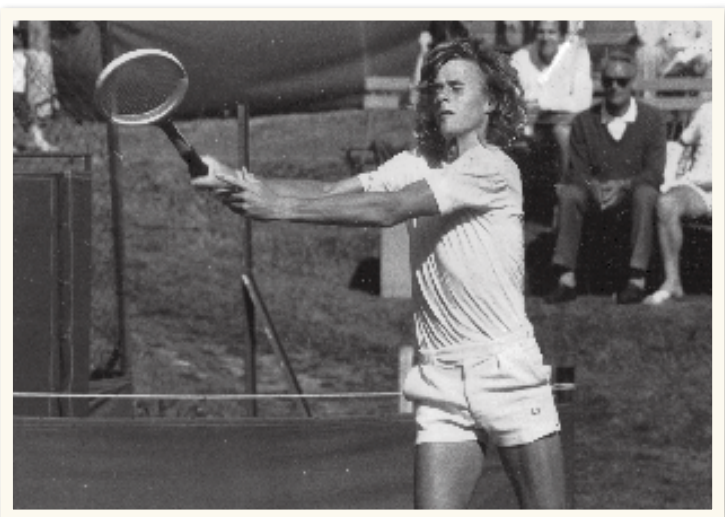
Martineau and Tangye. Amongst Edgbaston's rising tennis stars in the Edwardian era were Arthur and Gordon Lowe, later both ranked in the world top ten, who were the sons of Edgbaston's MP for thirty years, Sir Francis Lowe.

Edgbaston had offices at City Chambers in New Street and enjoyed regular coverage in the national press including The Times, Lawn Tennis and The Country Gentleman's Newspaper. The club took





a traditional view on most social questions which extended into the twentieth century: play was prohibited on Sundays; lady members were not allowed into the pavilion tea-room. In 1902 they were obliged to relinquish courts to men.

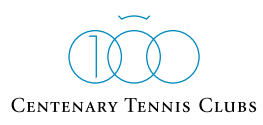


Edgbaston's initial subscribers-the Priory Club expanded to four courts, where matches were played against other suburban Birmingham and Black Country clubs. Its first recorded meeting with Edgbaston (a ladies' doubles tie in 1899) was lost 3 matches to 1.

In 1881 Edgbaston hosted an open competition, held annually thereafter as the Midland Counties Tournament, for which the committee provided a cup worth 25 guineas (about £1,250 today). The finalists in that year's ladies event, the Watson sisters Maud and Lillian from Solihull contested the first Wimbledon Ladies' singles final in 1884. Maud won both the Midland and Wimbledon finals. She retained the Wimbledon title in 1885 and brought its trophy back to Birmingham where - as the Maud Watson Trophy - it is now the prize of the Classic held annually at Edgbaston Priory. In 1886 Edgbaston resolved not to play competitive matches against other local clubs because their victories had been too consistently easy in recent games. Edgbaston offered a range of sports, often with professional coaching a Hockey Club began in 1885 and a Croquet Committee in 1900, but these survived only intermittently, and in 1903 Edgbaston even abandoned cricket whilst tennis flourished.

The Priory Club's tournaments and prizes were more restrained than Edgbaston's. From 1887 for men and 1889 women the prize of a miniature replica racket was awarded to the club's champion, even after the turn of the century the Priory tournament was played on six courts rather than Edgbaston's twelve. However, the club established a strong role in county tennis. After a match between Warwickshire and Cheshire in 1896 at the Priory, uncertainty about who should pay for the balls led to the formation of the Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Association by Priory Secretary Harry Short. The Priory provided up to five players at a time for the county team from its founding. The part-timbered pavilion building which still survives was a place by the start of the new century and housed both gentlemen's and ladies' changing rooms and a tea room. In 1902 the Priory established its annual Whitsuntide tournament, which a generation later was to become the platform for international tennis of the highest standard.

With the move to the site at Sir Harry's Road-valued at £22 compared to the £830 raised by







In 1910 the closure of the neighboring Moseley Park Tennis Club brought a number of new and influential members to the Priory who were to sponsor its success in the inter-war years.

As the First World War approached, Edgbaston and the Priory had in their distinctive ways established themselves, and the lawn tennis, as successful features of local and national sporting life.

During the first world war, both clubs restricted their activity: much of Edgbaston's ground was given over to growing potatoes, and pigs were kept in the pavilion. When play resumed after the war, Edgbaston and Priory Clubs initially stood in the same relationship to each other as before

1914: Edgbaston restarted the midland Counties Championship, played matches against Oxford Colleges and - with a new center court seating 3,000 - hosted British Davis Cup victories over Spain in 1924 (for which the British Captain was the legendary Max Woosnam, also England's football Captain) and Germany in 1928. The Club's new lease in 1926 specified its purpose as "a sports club of high social position, as it has been for the past twenty-five years."

[If you would like to continue reading about the history of Edgbaston Priory, including its role during the second world war and beyond, please click here.  

My experience at the Fitzwilliam U17 Cup

At a quarter to seven in the morning on Friday 28th of August, we assembled at the airport cold and sleepy but with high spirits for the journey that lay ahead. We were bound for Cumberland LTC to play in the 10th annual Centenary Cup where we would face teams from Cumberland and Sweden. The Fitzwilliam team consisted of Anna Bowtell, Eimear Maher, Vuk Budic and Ronan Sweeney.



equally as successful. Vuk Budic had comfortable wins in both his matches and Ronan Sweeney won both his matches showing terrific spirit coming from a set and 3-1 down against the Swedish number 2! It was a great first day of tennis for the Irish. That evening we enjoyed a lovely barbecue in the tennis club where we got to know our opponents a little bit better.

When we arrived in Cumberland LTC we had introductions and lunch with both teams. We were impressed by the facilities and all the different court surfaces Cumberland had to offer. After lunch and a short knock-up we began the matches.

We all played singles on Friday against both teams. The format was 2 tie break sets and a championship tie break in the third. The girls' matches were played on clay with us Irish girls winning both our singles matches against the Swedish & British girls. The boys' matches were played on brand new hard courts and they were

The next morning we began play at ten with the doubles events. There were some very exciting doubles matches played on each court. Vuk and Ronan began by winning their doubles against Cumberland but were then defeated in a close match by the Swedish boys. This match was followed by Anna and I having a very close victory over the Swedish girls, and then going on to win comfortably against Cumberland.

We then broke for lunch and enjoyed some delicious food. Also at the Cumberland club there is a cricket ground. There was a match going on, where the Cumberland club won the league.





As we were walking by the cricket match we met longtime member Jim Carter, or better known on TV as Downtown Abbey’s Carson! After lunch we played mixed doubles. Sadly we only played one set before it began to rain and it became too dangerous to play outside.

That evening all the teams headed out for dinner at Nandos. The food and company was wonderful. After the dinner we walked for fifteen minutes in the lashing raining to get crepes. We were all soaked but the crepes were well worth it!

The following morning we headed to the club for the final time. We played fun mixed doubles games with everyone that morning. We then had

the presentation of the cup and medals. The Fitzwilliam team were winners of the U17 Fitzwilliam Cup.

There was excellent tennis to be seen from every team over the weekend. We were all honored and delighted to get the opportunity to represent and play for Fitzwilliam LTC at this event and especially delighted to bring home the cup.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cumberland for being wonderful hosts and Bernie and Garbhán for all their hard work and organization that made this trip possible and most enjoyable. 🍷

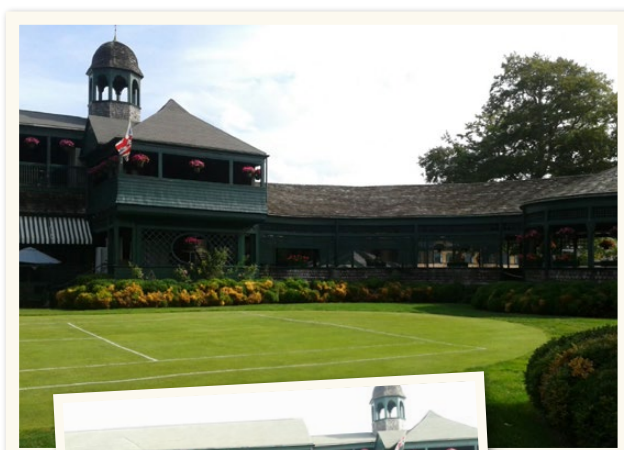
by Eimear Maher

The Hall of Fame Experience

On our way to the US Open we felt it was appropriate to stop by the place where the tournament had its origins: the Hall of Fame International Tennis Club in Newport. It was a highlight of our family trip. Coming from another Centenary Tennis Club, the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona, we were warmly received by the staff, who showed us around its fairy tale grass courts and historic buildings.

The club also features one of the last remaining “royal tennis” courts in the world, the forerunner of modern tennis, played by the aristocracy back in medieval times. Referred to as the “sport of kings”, one is especially tempted to try it out when hearing it is labelled “real tennis”! The club is now home to an impressive tennis museum, and the staff kindly guided us through the exhibition. It has a huge collection of memorabilia showcasing the history of tennis from its birth to the modern era, with all kinds of trivia about legendary players and matches. For a family of tennis fans this was an amazing display and we thoroughly recommend any tennis enthusiast passing through Newport not to miss the Hall of Fame. 🍷

By Alberto Esplugues



Visit to CTC's Californian member clubs

CTC Vice-President Petr Simunek recently had the pleasure of visiting the organisation's Californian members – the Berkeley Tennis Club and California Tennis Club where he met with their president (pictured) and general manager respectively. The clubs were keen to hear more about the work of the CTC and will look into Mr. Simunek's proposal to set up a new CTC competition for their area. 📍



CTC Dinner at Roehampton Club



The Roehampton Club will once organise its traditional CTC Dinner on the middle Sunday of Wimbledon. The dinner is open to representatives from all CTC member clubs, and in this 20th anniversary year of the organisation we hope to have a great night. Those in attendance will also be able to take advantage of the opportunity to play on the club's beautiful grass courts during the afternoon. This year's event is due to be held on Sunday 3rd July, please stay tuned to our website for further information. 📍



Tell us the story of your club!

Would you like your club to feature in future editions of CTC News? As this detailed history of the Edgbaston Priory shows, many of our member clubs have done much to shape the development of tennis in their local communities.

We know that each and every one of our member clubs has its own long and illustrious history, and we'd like to share your stories with our members and readers.

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