

The Dedanists' Society v Newmarket Real Tennis Club at Newmarket on 16th January 2022

7 Dedanist stalwarts enjoyed 6 nail-biting matches lasting eight hours and resulting in a 3-3 draw.

Jonathan Ellis-Miller started us off playing the only match not played level, giving Charles Granville 15 every game. It was just too much with Charles playing very well and winning 6-4,6-4 for Newmarket.

Chris Vigrass was next up playing Charlie Pittaway who had the support in the dedans of his 10 week old son Rory. Charlie had a really good start taking the first set 6-1, but Chris came back strongly in the second set winning it 6-5. However, Charlie used his home court advantage to win the third set 6-3 putting Newmarket 2 – 0 ahead.

Up step Miles Buckinghamshire and Liz Fisher to play a solid Newmarket pairing of Philippa Wells and Rachel Pittaway (mother of Rory, now wide awake). This was a marathon of a match with so many games getting to 40 – all after one deuce, and an eventual win for Miles and Liz at 4 – 6, 6 – 5, 6 – 4.

On comes Pam Tomalin against Phil Payne to bring the match score to 2 – 2 with a hard fought win at 6 – 2, 5 – 6, 6 – 4.

The fifth match saw Rodger Davis taking on Sandy Norman. Sandy playing as well as your correspondent had ever seen him, taking Newmarket up 3 -2 with a 6 – 3, 6 – 3 win.

So the final match – Tim Tomalin v the infamous Ken Smith. What a good game to watch – swinging one way and the other. Ken took the first set 6 – 4, then Tim pulled out all the stops to produce the match draw by winning the second and third by 6 – 5, 6 – 4, rounding off a great day's tennis.

Jonathan Ellis-Miller	v	Charles Granville	4 – 6, 4 – 6
Chris Vigrass	v	Charlie Pittaway	1 – 6, 6 – 5, 6 – 3
Miles Buckinghamshire & Liz Fisher	v	Philippa Wells & Rachel Pittaway	4 – 6, 6 – 5, 6 – 4
Pam Tomalin	v	Phil Payne	6 – 2, 5 – 6, 6 – 4
Rodger Davis	v	Sandy Norman	3 – 6, 3 – 6
Tim Tomalin	v	Ken Smith	4 – 6, 6 – 5, 6 – 4

We raised £180 for the Dedanists which included a contribution of £40 from Newmarket.



Tim coaching Pam ? I don't think so.....

Rodger v Sandy

We were not all there - are we ever?