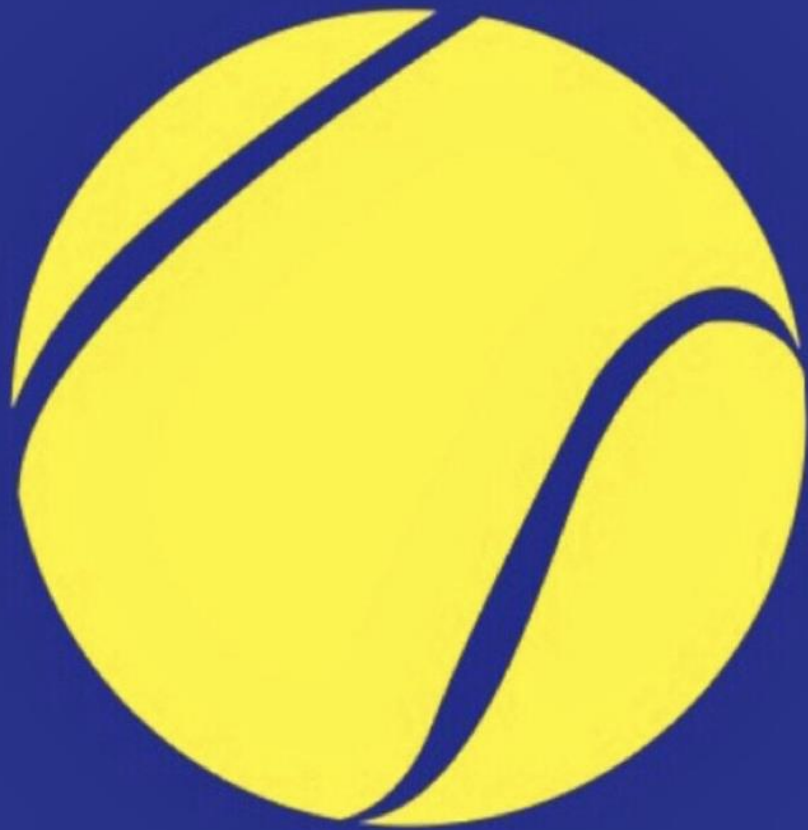


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## **CLIVE OPTS FOR SHINING LIGHTS**

*Hayes Tennis Club could potentially spend £20,000 after deciding to upgrade its floodlighting system on the top courts.*

*A three-man team led by club President Clive Cushen opted to choose a system from contractor PPG which has impressive credentials in providing LED lights for courts all over the UK and abroad.*

*PPG specialises in bespoke lighting design for village and park courts right through to the professional game.*



*PPG, which stands for Power Plus Group, offers a no quibble 10 year warranty to customers to give peace of mind in the high quality products it supplies.*

*LED lights give crisper, whiter and higher quality light to replicate daylight, say PPG.*

*A clear majority of the club's committee on January 11 voted for the change advocated by the trio of Clive, Steve Race, men's team captain, and Nigel Gallagher, Warman Club Chairman.*

*Clive Cushen*

*Recommending the change, Clive said one of the problems with the current floodlights was that spare parts were not available, the system's RAM tool was not safe to use, and the control box was damaged.*

*Exon, the original installer from 40 years ago, had pulled out of the bidding for replacement work.*

*Two potential providers were still being assessed, having carried out surveys. But PPG was the preferred option based on their extensive work in the UK and abroad. Estimates from both providers were virtually the same at just under £20,000, plus around £3,000 for a lowering ram.*

*The committee also decided that tennis finals would be played on July 20, after a report by Andrew McIver.*

*Alan Lennox, club treasurer, said money had been spent on repairs and renewals and the purchase of a leaf blower and these details would be reviewed at the AGM on February 28,*

the date being confirmed to the committee by Felicity. Alan added that £40 had been paid to Bromley council, being the fee to run the lottery.

## **COACHING AND JUNIORS**

Dennis, the coach, said coaching continued to go well and that he was very pleased with the success of a 15 year old female player who showed great promise for the future. He requested players to make every effort to include junior members in adult social play.

It was agreed we should send an email encouraging all members to include juniors and their parents in social play, especially on Saturday afternoons in summer (2pm to 4pm.) The committee agreed to have no increase or change in membership fees, other than first year senior members pay £149 and first year junior members £20. Last year we had not lost any members due to an increase in fees after the first year.

The club's team results, supplied by Steve Race, are shown below:-

### HAYES (KENT) LAWN TENNIS CLUB TEAM RESULTS - WINTER SEASON 2023/24

<i>Team</i>	<i>Pld</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>League</i>
<i>Men's KL</i>	2	0	0	2	KL 6
<i>Men's NK 1</i>	3	1	2	0	NK 3
<i>Men's NK 2</i>	4	1	2	1	NK 6
<i>Men's NK 3</i>	3	0	0	3	NK 7
<i>Ladies KL</i>	3	1	0	2	KL 5
<i>Ladies NK</i>	2	2	0	0	NK 4
<b><i>Mixed Midweek Vets</i></b>	3	0	1	2	NK 2
<i>Mixed 1</i>	1	0	0	1	KL 4
<i>Mixed 2</i>	0				KL 7
<b><i>Men's Vets 1</i></b>	3	1	0	2	KL 3
<i>Men's Over 60</i>	3	2	0	1	KL 2
<i>Men's Over 70</i>	3	2	0	1	KL N

## **OPEN DAY**

*On December 30, the club organised a highly successful open day, comprising a tennis event in the morning, followed by a bring and share lunch for friends and family.*

*Thirty players filled all six courts, and play continued non-stop despite a mild drizzle.*

*Dennis organised the juniors and some adults competing in fun tennis games. The club's girls junior champion 2023, Sophia Jopson, competed well in social matches with adults.*

*At mid-day, fun switched to the bar, where people had generously provided a vast array of scrumptious food for the enjoyment of hungry players and visitors, while the bar was manned by Nigel Gallagher, Warman's Club Chairman.*



*Fifty people enjoyed the drinks and food including chicken pieces, homemade sausage rolls and cheese pies, pizzas, a cheese board with crackers and fruit, sandwiches and scones, cakes and sweet desserts.*

*Phil Jopson, Welfare and Safeguarding Officer, said a schedule of events in 2024 is being organised by the club and any ideas should be sent to committee members.*

*Phil Jopson*

## **LOTTERY**

*The Hayes Club lottery is now in its third month. In November, thirteen people including 11 members and two non-members, purchased 47 numbers. Net income was £34 (£94 receipts less £60 prizes).*

*In December there were 16 people (13 members, three non-members) purchasing 54 'numbers'. Net income was £48 (£108 receipts less £60 prizes).*

*At least one more member will be joining the lottery in January and others have stated they intend to do so, so the monthly income for the club will continue to rise. Nicola Gregory won the £40 first prize and Alan Brewer the £20 second prize in the January lottery draw. If you would like to join the lottery please contact a committee member. It's an excellent way of helping the club to raise money for future projects.*

## **HEROIC EMMA**



*As the committee met, Bromley girl Emma Raducanu was preparing to compete in the Australian Open, only a few months after surgery to her wrists and ankles, which kept her out for eight months.*

*In only the second tournament of her comeback, Emma, 21, won convincingly in the first round against Shelby Rogers of the USA and ended up being beaten two sets to one by Chinese star Wang Yafan 6-4; 4-6; 6-4 in the second round.*

*Wang protested when Emma called for the doctor after feeling sick, but the British player battled valiantly and had chances to break in the final set before losing. Her loss meant no British women remained in the tournament.*

*But the BBC Sport correspondent in Melbourne said the way Emma battled throughout a three hour contest, and showed glimpses of her undoubted quality, was encouraging and admirable.*

## **AGM**

*The club's AGM is on February 28 at 8pm in the clubhouse. Please come and make your views known.*

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