

Mawdesley bring the Christiana Hartley Trophy home

Mawdesley Tennis Club's 1st Team are the Christiana Hartley Trophy holders this year after winning a closely contested Final on Wednesday 15th July 2009. Mawdesley (MTC) beat Formby Holy Trinity (FHT) 3 rubbers to 2, in an extremely tense but thoroughly entertaining show down! The Final was held at North Meols Lawn Tennis Club, Southport and is the culmination of three rounds of competitive tennis between teams from both the first and second divisions in the Southport & District Tennis League. Whilst it was a gloriously sunny evening, the heavy rain earlier in the week had left the courts a little wet under foot. The Men's Doubles was the first match to be completed, with Mark Bamber & John Mackintosh (MTC) beating Tony Howard & Chris Ellison (FHT) convincingly 6/2, 6/0. Soon after, the Mixed Doubles went to FHT, with Mark Leech & Lynn McGarry (FHT) beating Kath Thow & Andy Manchester (MTC) in straight sets 6/2, 6/4 – levelling the overall score at one a piece. In the Ladies' Singles, Gill Gray (MTC) played a fantastic match beating Claire Davies (FHT) 7/5, 6/3. The Men's Singles went to Danny Green (FHT) who beat Sam Rogerson (MTC) in an extremely close battle, which has no breaks of serve and was decided by two tie-breaks 7/6, 7/6. With the scores tied at 2,2 the Ladies Doubles would decide the match. Suzanne Rath & Bronwen Bamber (MTC) took the match and indeed the trophy beating Carol Bate & Carol Robertshaw (FHT) 6/4, 6/3. The Final was watched by a large number of supporters from both clubs, with a very high standard of tennis seen from both teams. Mawdesley's 1st Team Captain, Mark Bamber said 'I think it is very fitting that in Mawdesley's 40th Anniversary Year we have won the Christiana Hartley Trophy for the first time in the Club's history. I would like to congratulate all my team and say a special thank you to all our supporters who created a fantastic club spirit on the night'. Mawdesley Chairman, Trevor Hale who watched the Final said 'This is a fantastic victory for Mawdesley's 1st Team, who have moved from Division 3 to Division 1 in just two years. Mawdesley Tennis Club is really thriving and is showing that a small village club really can make its mark on the Southport & District Tennis League'.