

## **Mawdesley win Trinity Shield in an epic 12 set show-down!**

Mawdesley Tennis Club won the Trinity Shield (Southport & District Tennis League Cup - Divisions 3 & 4) on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July in an epic 12-set show down, beating Champion Tennis Club - 3 matches to 2. With the sun actually shining for a change, the final kicked off at Formby Holy Trinity Tennis Club at 7pm, with the mens singles, ladies singles and ladies doubles matches the first to go on court. Sam Rogerson (Mawdesley) was the first off court beating Graham Badderley (Champion) in straight sets 6,1 / 6,1. Shortly followed by the ladies doubles, with Cath Holden and Jenny Weaver (Mawdesley) beating Rebecca McDermott and Jane Leadbetter (Champion) again in straight sets 6,4 / 6,1. These results took Mawdesley to an early 2 point lead, and with the ladies singles still in full swing the mixed doubles and mens doubles matches commenced. The mixed doubles tie went to Champion with Sandra Jenkins and Neil Leadbetter (Champion) beating Joanna Pennington and Liam Martin (Mawdesley) in straight sets 6,4 / 6,2. This was eventually followed by the ladies singles, and after over two hours on court, Victoria Wolf (Champion) beat Lydia Hale (Mawdesley) in a 3 set battle 7,5 / 1,6 / 6,3. The overall scores were now tied at 2,2 leaving the mens doubles with all to play for. Colin Murthwaite and Tim Carey (Champion) took the first set off Andy Manchester and Gez Weaver (Mawdesley) convincingly 6,1. However, the second set proved to be more of a close knit affair with Mawdesley winning in a tie break to level the match. With the light quickly fading the floodlights were turned on and the final nail-biting set commenced. Both clubs fought tremendously and the standard of tennis was fantastic, but eventually Mawdesley took the final set 10, 8 - a little after 10.30pm! George Coulthard (Tournament Secretary) stated *'It was a very exciting show that Mawdesley and Champion put on. The spirit and standard of play is a credit to both clubs, and the 'cliff hanger' finish was the icing on the cake'*