

**HARROW LAWN TENNIS CLUB
SEPTEMBER 2011**

**LADIES CAPTAIN OF FIVE YEARS STEPS DOWN
and
CLOSE FINISH IN THE MIDDLESEX CUP**

After one of the most successful seasons in the history of the club, Ladies Captain Vivien Mrowiec has passed on the leadership to Philippa Davies.

Viv first was on the Committee in 2004 as General Member Representative and then took over as Ladies Captain in 2006. Although Viv will be able to play most of the Summer Season 2012, work commitments mean that she will not be able to complete all the rounds. Therefore on 15 September 2011 at a fun-filled and emotional gathering of the 6 ladies teams the Captaincy was handed over to Philippa who will take the squads forward into next year.

Dinner was held at the Mangosteen Restaurant in Pinner (run by HLTC member Alex Ngui) with almost every ladies team player present. 'It's all about Harrow and a fantastic group of ladies. We have 5 league teams and 1 friendly team with 8 players in each. All playing with such a lovely spirit and wonderful camaraderie... and the improvement that goes on in our club is beyond belief. I can't see this ladies section going anywhere but from strength to strength,' said Viv after receiving a gift.

This year Viv led the ladies first team to a resounding victory in Division 1 resulting in a promotion in 2012 to the Intermediate Division. The same team also made it to the finals of the Middlesex Cup (please see below). Whilst Viv will be much missed, HLTC is looking forward to further success under the leadership of Phillipa Davies.

MIDDLESEX CUP FINAL

On 10 September HLTC met Finchley Road in the **final of the Middlesex Cup**. It couldn't have been closer! The weather varied between sun, wind and rain throughout the play. A small band of supporters cheered on the teams. After a few hours of play it was all square with one rubber left to complete. In a championship tie-break the score was 8-8, still even and everything to play for. By this time the wind was stronger and the Harrow team were battling against it after the second change of ends. The Finchley Road players hit two deep hard shots to clinch the title in a nail-biting finish.

'We were happy to make it to the final and to get so close to winning was fantastic,' said Club President and player Wendy Driver. 'It's a great end to a very successful season for us.'

The Summer season may have ended, but Captains are very busy organising the many Winter Tournaments. There are daytime, evening and weekend matches, for teams, mixed, men's, ladies, vets and friendlies, plus intra club tournaments and events. For more information please come down to the courts on a Saturday morning or visit the website.

New members are welcome all year round. Please contact the club via the website at www.hltc.net



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**HLTC
Ladies First Team 2011 – Middlesex Cup
(Photo by Vicky de Lacy)**



From left: Wendy Driver, Vivien Mrowiec, Elena Synesi, Hazel Adams, Emma Shenton, Janet Mizel
(player not pictured, Kate Close)

Captaincy Handover



New Ladies Captain Philippa Davies with previous Captain Vivien Mrowiec

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