

# HINTON ST MARY THE MOSAIC.

July 2015

## THANKYOU!

I wanted to send out a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me to take part in the London Moonwalk, I was overwhelmed by everyone's generosity even finding envelopes posted through my door supporting my quest. I can now report we raised a marvellous £2,557.48 as part of a combined 4 man team. Thankyou.

The Moonwalk is a 26.2 marathon walk during the night wearing a decorated bra in aid of breast cancer; it was an amazing experience surrounded by some exceptional women (and men) who had personally fought breast cancer themselves, truly an inspiration.

We arrived at Clapham Common at 8pm wearing our decorated bra's, of which there were some really creative designs, I never dreamt you could balance a tray of popcorn on a bra! The theme was "Saturday night at the movies" and nearly every iconic film was represented. A hearty carbohydrate meal of pasta bolognese was provided by the events team to ensure we were suitably fuelled up ready for our marathon, followed by a banana muffin...yum.

We set off at approximately 11.15pm full of enthusiasm and energy, of which never waned, the atmosphere was too exhilarating. It was wonderful to see street entertainers on our route keeping up our spirits and giving up their time at unearthly hours of the night and early morning entertaining us with their skills, such a great boost when feeling tired and dreaming of bed, even the London Eye had been lit up with pretty pink lights to acknowledge our cause.

After 8 hours of walking, a couple of loo stops, a desperately needed hot chocolate break at 4am and a few photo opportunities around the city that never sleeps, we crossed the finish line at 7.15am. I received my medal with a tear in my eye and a smug smile on my face, topped off by a team mate's husband meeting us with a bottle of champagne; we headed straight to the bacon butty van!

Many thanks again.

Julie.

## Wimbledon is upon us.

As many of you will be aware I have an enthusiasm about tennis that knows no bounds. I have been privileged to have seen many of the greatest players such as Fred Trueman, Henry Cooper not to mention Sir Stanley Mathews and the great final played at Wembleydon (the one and only time the tournament was played outside of SW16). Many people approach me when I am in my umpires chair in The White Horse asking questions about Tennis. The most regular question is about the point scoring system, so what with Wimbledon about to commence I thought I would take the opportunity to explain the history of the system.

The game started at the time of Sir Francis Drake (after he returned from discovering Australia, America and the Isle of Sheppey) where he would throw wooden balls along a lawn in an attempt to strike another ball. Over the years the game developed and it became popular to throw a wooden ball over a hedge for your opponent to catch it and return the ball back over the hedge (wagers were made on who would win and it is believed this is where the term "Hedging your bets" came from). Eventually the game evolved and instead of throwing balls over a hedge they started throwing over a maze, the most famous tennis court is at Hampton Court and it's not the "Real Tennis Court" where tennis should be worshipped but it is actually the maze itself. Due to the increase in size of the playing area it got quite tiring as the average attempt to clear the maze was 15 times, the next attempt would take just as long so the count started at 15 then 30. The game improved with professionalism so the third attempt would be 10 hence 40. Education was poor in those days and numeracy was left wanting so the score never exceeded 40 because this was the limit for most people to count in those days. Mazes were becoming quite rare so they were replaced by a ships rope. No ships could tie a level rope so that is why today's nets are lower in the middle. The wooden ball was replaced with a rubberised ball however due to the buoyancy of the court (Royal Family Elst) the players were allowed two attempts at a serve (Royal Decree). Today this is the only sport where you are allowed to fail at the first attempt and get another opportunity. Can you imagine a footballer taking a penalty and then having another go?

Finally to start a game of Tennis both players start on Love. This is because Love is the French word for Polo mint and quite obviously represents zero.

Should you have any questions please feel free to email me at [love-15-30-40@tennis.com](mailto:love-15-30-40@tennis.com)

Michael Mouch.

Next month Michaels shines a light on why it's illegal to play tennis on the moon, during a lunar eclipse!

Curates Corner July

In the Lord's prayer Jesus tells us that we can call God "Father" or "Dad". This means that we do not live striving for His love, trying to earn His love or be worthy of His love. We do not live striving for His forgiveness, trying to earn it or make up for past mistakes; we live in His love and forgiveness. Just as in human relationships our relationship with God our Father will change and grow over time.

Here is a reflection on a son's relationship with his father:

*When I was*

*four years old: My daddy can do anything.*

*five years old: My daddy knows everything.*

*eight years old: OK. My dad doesn't exactly know everything.*

*ten years old: My dad grew up in the old days - things were different then.*

*twelve years old: Dad can't help me with the computer now.*

*fourteen years old: Don't look at my dad. He still thinks he can dance.*

*twenty-one years old - Him? Who?*

*twenty-five years old - Dad does know quite a lot really.*

*thirty years old: Maybe we should ask dad what he thinks.*

*Fifty years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. He was always so wise.*

Regardless of what may have happened in the past, regardless of what may or may not happen in the future, you have a Father who loves you with an unconditional and eternal love. You have a Father who is God, but because of Jesus Christ and through His Spirit, you can call Him, Dad.

Rev'd Lydia

## Gardens open

What another fantastic success! Well don Susie and everyone who helped over the weekend and quite obviously those who opened their gardens. A full report will feature next month but in excess of £7500 was raised. It was nice to hear all the positive comments from our visitors commenting on what a lovely village we live in and how friendly everybody was.

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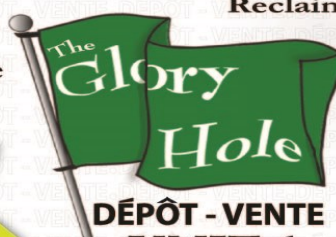
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