

WELSH Closed Saturday 7th and 8th June 2025

at Moreton Morrell

Twelve players competed to be the first amateur singles and doubles champions of the Wales with the honour of having their names in gold lettering on oak boards displayed at our home court, MMTCC. Numbers competing were limited by holidays and family events. Even then injuries to Owen Darbishire and malaise with Elwyn Hughes further reduced our number to 10. Thankfully, Lloyd Pettiford stepped up to the mark playing wrong handed (HC 48.7) enabling 11 to compete.

On Saturday we sang possibly our best rendition to date of the national anthem along with the crowds of the Millenium stadium. Choreography thanks to Jon Spiers. The full version is

[Untitled video.mp4](#)



Many of the matches were highly competitive with some competitors sadly but inevitably failing.

Dinner in Leamington brought an interesting and wide discussion as to the future direction of the WRTA with many offering support. The hard core

made it to some of the late venues of Leamington. Would this interfere with the next day's tennis.....read on.



Sunday the gathering was united in friendship but with unyielding combat on court. The camaraderie off court was as always warm with much talk of Wales.



Results

SATURDAY 7th JUNE: WELSH CLOSED

Group A Singles (1 set to 6)

Semi-final Qualification: Group winner and best runner up from

Groups A-C

	STW	GT	JS	DD
Simon Talbot-Williams (37.7)		6	5	2
Geraint Thomas (38.1)	1		4	3
Jon Speirs (44.6)	6	6		6
Danny Dawson (41.3)	6	6	2	

Winner: Speirs +7

Runner-Up: Dawson +3 (Best 2nd Place)

Group B Singles (1 set to 6)

Semi-final Qualification: Group winner and best runner up from Groups A-C

	JJ	CL	IW
Jenny Jones (74.1)		9	2
Chris Lewis (69.0)	6		7
Ian Wimbush (57.2)	9	9	

Winner: Ian Wimbush +9

Doubles: Quarter Final Eliminators

Knockout, 1 set to 9.

15.00 STW & G Thomas (32.7) v D Phillips & MLJ (50.2) (QF1) -18

Phillips & MLJ 9/8

16.00 J Jones & C Lewis (70.2) v P Lewis & L Pettiford WH (49.6) (QF2) +21

Lewis & Pettiford WH 9/1

SUNDAY 8th JUNE: WELSH CLOSED

Group C Singles (1 set to 6)

Semi-final Qualification: Group winner and best runner up from Groups A-C

	PL	MLJ	LP(WH)	DP
Lewis, P (48.4)		2	6	6
MLJ (56.8)	6		6	5
Pettiford (48.7)	3	1		6
Phillips (54.8)	3	6	4	

Winner: Michael Llewelyn-Jones + 8

Doubles: Semi-Finals

Knockout, 1 set to 9.

SF1: 12.00 Dawson & Speirs (37.8) v Phillips & MLJ (50.2) 8/9

SF2:13.00 Wimbush & Lewis, C (64.2) v Lewis, P & Pettiford WH (49.6) 9/1

Singles: Semi Finals

Knockout, 1 set to 6.

14.00 Wimbush beat Dawson 6/5

14.40 MLJ beat Speirs 6/2

The Finals



MLJ and DEP had enjoyed two highly competitive matches, both 8/9, being given handicap to reach the doubles final, but it was Ian Wimbush and Chris Lewis who enjoyed the 14 points advantage which they ruthlessly did to prevail 9/3 as worthy winners, becoming the first Amateur Welsh Doubles Champions.



Michael Llewelyn-Jones who not only made it to the doubles final also reached the singles final. Would he have enough gas in the tank or would Ian Wimbush regret that extra Guinness in Leamington.



Michael who had served well over the two days, volleying balls with power and variability just had too many tools in his kit bag for Ian who, graciously with beaming face was happy to be accept defeat 6/1.

Our chairman then thanked our Professional Lloyd Pettiford and Nick Jamieson for both marking and Lloyd for his organisation of the weekend. There was a request from all to thank Simon Hobson MMTCC chairman, who had been present for a substantial portion of the day, for granting us regular use of the club as our Home court.



Congratulations to Michael Llewelyn Jones, Ian Wimbush and Chris Lewis for being our first amateur champions 2025.

Doubles: Final

Wimbush & Lewis, C beat Phillips & Michael Llewelyn-Jones 9/3

Singles: Final

Michael Llewelyn-Jones beat Wimbush 6/1

Our next fixture will be in the Invitational National Club competition in October 2025 at MMTCC.

Enjoy some extra photographs of the weekend.....



