

## INTER COUNTY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009/2010

The Avenue had two ladies from the Club representing the County in the first round of the Ladies Over 40's Inter County Championships held on Sunday 18 October 2009. The team travelled to St Albans for the match which was held at a fantastic facility at Nuffield Health Centre, which boasts an enviable 9 courts.

Binky Hallett saved the day by stepping in at 5<sup>th</sup> string to replace a last minute injury suffered by Lee on Solent player Carol House. Binky played superbly to clinch a vital first win for the team in a close five setter. Alison Trott from Lee on Solent followed suit to win comfortably 3-0 at number four. Third string Debbie Sands from Nuffield Health, Portsmouth took the first game, but succumbed to the Middlesex player's strength losing 3-1. Debbie's sister Bev Brockway, also from Nuffield Health, had a tough match against the Middlesex number 1. Bev battled to stay in the match with long rallies but unfortunately was unable to make her mark, leaving the team at 2 matches a piece.

Fran Blake who has this year taken over captaincy of the side was advised there was 'no pressure' from her team as she went on court to challenge the second string from Middlesex. Fortunately, Fran was able to secure a victory taking the win 3-0.

The team will be playing the second round on 17 January 2010 in Bishops Stortford where they will meet Essex and Hertfordshire.

Hants Player	Middlesex Player	Result
Bev Brockway	Jo Brown	3/9 7/9 4/9
Fran Blake	Gillian Lilico	9/5 9/1 9/6
Debbie Sands	Nicky Simmonds	9/6 1/9 4/9 2/9
Ali Trott	Jill Champion	9/7 9/6 9/1
Binky Hallett	Judy Williams	9/7 5/9 9/4 3/9 9/5