

Thanks a Million !

THREE STREATHAM Clubs have joined forces and set up their own inter-club competition. Conceived from a suggestion by Woodfield Grove as a way to thank neighbouring clubs for their help during renovations to their own premises, the competition was named the Millennium Cup in commemoration of the turn of the century.

"We were very keen to keep up the goodwill between Woodfield Grove and the two nearby clubs, Telford Park LTC and Wigmore LTC following the wonderful cooperation we experienced as a result of the generous Sports Lottery funding that enabled us to rebuild our club in 1999," explained Barbara Wancke, Woodfield Grove's Secretary and Tournament Director of the new competition.

"Both clubs welcomed our members to play on their courts during the building period and, as a result, we made a lot of friends there. The Millennium Cup seemed a good way to keep contact between us all."

The competition has been designed to promote new activities within each club for the involvement of new members. The teams are made up of squads of 12 in varying age groups, many of who will be competing in club matches for the first time. Others can participate as on-court officials, ball-kids or as volunteers manning the services at the clubs during the ties.

"We hope members will get more actively involved both home and away and that the event attracts outside interest in what should be a rather unique atmosphere" added Barbara. "It should be like our own Davis Cup competition!"

The competition itself consists of four ties, three of which will be played within a league on a round robin basis, followed by a final between the top two clubs late September. Each tie includes 9 matches in three rounds, as follows: R1 – 16&U Boy's Singles, 40+ Women's Singles, Men's Singles (no age restriction); R2 – 16&U Girl's Singles, 45+ Men's Singles, Women's Singles (No age restriction); R3 – Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.