



1. 'My Strawberry Patch'

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This tableau is an attempt to portray what remains of my life as tennis player and dreamer. As a teenager I attained a high Lawn Tennis Association rating and thus began my hopes and dreams of reaching the top. I am now too old to be embarrassed by admitting that "the top" meant Centre Court at...well, do I really need to say it?

So...a club player, in the County Under 16s team, regional matches, several lesser internationals – and that's about as far as it went. Lawn tennis? Not many matches on grass in my time. Now I cut the lawn, have a seat on the lawn, maybe play swingball with grandchildren on the lawn. I'm better than them but I won't tell you their ages.

I also grow strawberries in the garden – the closest I get to Wimbledon these days is eating them with some cream and watching a couple of matches. I'm told strawberries and cream have been served at Wimbledon for a hundred and forty years so I feel in my small way I'm part of this long tradition.

Well I think you've listened enough to me. How about a drink?
Lemon barley? Pimms? Bubbly?

The aim of Turvey Bloomers is to promote community cohesion, environmental responsibility, healthy living and horticultural achievement.

We organise talks, visits, events and activities and maintain the community orchard and an allotment plot. Our three big events in the year are the Village Plant Sale (held in May), Wassailing in January and Apple Pressing Day which this year takes place in the village hall on Saturday 21st October.