

TENNIS

VOLLEYS

Club is lining up a move

● **BLOSSOMFIELD**, one of Solihull's most successful tennis clubs, may be relocated to another part of the borough and the site sold to a developer.

The club, in Widney Lane, has nine courts, plus a hockey pitch and bowling green and could be worth several million pounds.

Part of the proposed deal would involve a developer taking over the site and building a replacement sports complex in another part of the borough if a suitable site could be found.

A club spokesman said: "We cannot say much about the situation because it is only a proposal. A replacement site has not even been found."

The club, formed in 1941, has won many honours in recent years in both the Birmingham Area league and the Midland Winter League. The club has nearly 100 seniors and 140 juniors.

The proposal comes as two other Solihull clubs are involved in development proposals.

Oulton and West Warwickshire is planning to sell off some of its site to a developer and Marston Green is looking for a replacement site.

WARWICKSHIRE

Senior County Closed champion Natasha Hillyer, aged 16, of Edgbaston Priory, and County Junior Player Joe McCardle, of Edgbaston Archery, won the Allied Irish Bank Mixed Doubles tournament by defeating Caroline Malsey and Cullum Bailey of Stratford.

The victory provided a welcome diversion for Natasha from her studies for her school exams.

Hillyer is also the reigning Warwickshire Junior County Closed 16-and-under and 18-and-under doubles champion. Her partner in both finals was Almee Jarratt.

WARWICKSHIRE'S Senior Player of the Year, Nathan Rooney,

who is now a professional, suffered a setback in the first round of the LTA Satellite Tournament at Bournemouth by losing 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 to Chris Eaton.

Rooney is the reigning Warwickshire Senior County Closed champion and turned down scholarship opportunities to play the British Tour.

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