

The Mr G Chronicles

The adventures of Mr Gerald, as told by himself

Tennis ball



enjoys game

A tennis ball eager to watch a game of tennis, rather than being in it, disguised itself as an ice cream in order to go unnoticed. It wasn't the first time it'd been in the spectator area, once being hit into someone's handbag and another time landing in someone's drink! "The problem with when you're in play is there's really

no time to see what's going on, you're doing well to remember which end of the court you're at. It'll be back to business tomorrow but it was fun. My only regret is I didn't have a sun hat or glasses, as it was very bright, but I didn't want to blow my cover!"

Rumoured 'doubles umbrella'

It's been heard there may be a new type of umbrella coming out especially for sheltering doubles players. It's thought the special design will still be able to be folded and held by one person, but all plans remain top secret.



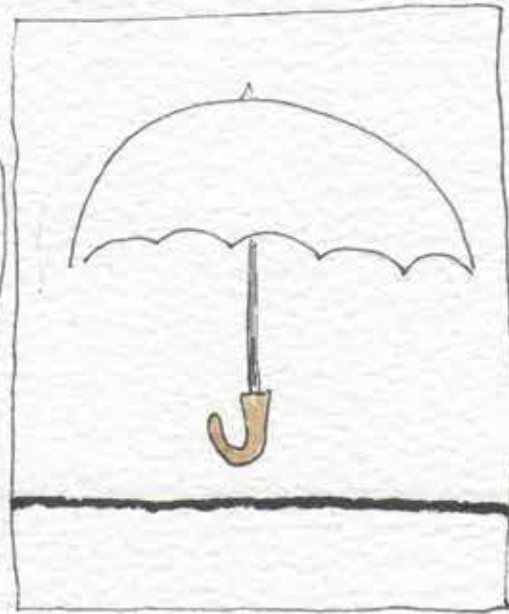


I was thinking, at the end of the day, when they cover all the courts, they could use my 'bright ideas' (edition 6, pg 5) Large Umbrella. They could also use it for when it's raining, if the court doesn't have a roof.

It's sensible to have a regular sized umbrella too, if you were going to Wimbledon, in case it rains. If I could design my own special tennis umbrella I'd do a multicoloured tennis ball spotted one. It's a good job it doesn't actually rain tennis balls! What design would you do?



MT G's: 'raining tennis balls'



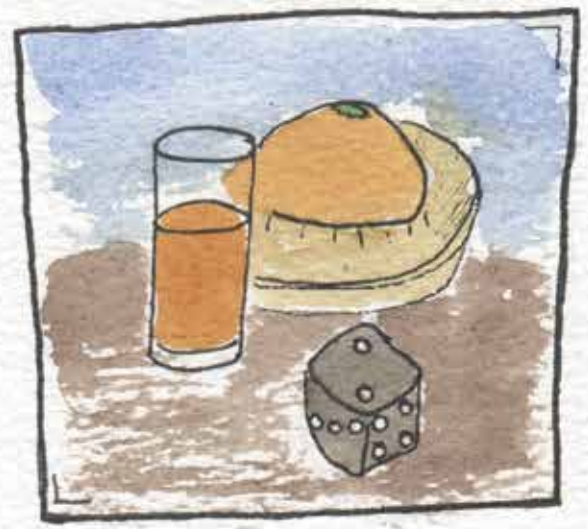
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A TRAM ON THE TRAMLINES? ON THE TRAMLINES?



I've not seen one, but I'd like to! It could go up and down the court, perhaps with a stop at the net to make a bit more of the journey. It could also shuttle the balls back and forth. If there was a monorail you'd be able to go right round the court, down the service line & round the service box!

TOP SPEED SERVING

Serving in tennis is nothing at all like serving tea, imagine a pot of tea being poured at 100mph. We carried out some tests and worked out that the time to serve out a medium sized pot, without rushing so much you risk spillage, or forget to move the strainer along to the next cup, is about 1ppm (pot per minute). During the investigation we noticed it could be possible to design a special tennis racquet strainer, though you'd have to have extra close strings to ensure no tea leaves slipper through!



What the deuce?

I have you ever wondered what they mean when they call deuce and why it doesn't mean everyone sits down and has a glass of squash (I think this would be a very good rule) Deuce refers to dice or playing cards bearing the total two, so in tennis they call it when either of the players could win the game by scoring two more points in a row. In my version of the game at 40 all you'd call 'juice' and both players would use their racquets to squeeze oranges so by the end of the game they would hopefully have a nice drink.



Sandra thought her trunk would give her an excellent grip to hold the umbrellas (and give out bananas!)

Herb is practised in cricket so he thought he could throw balls to players, when they're ready to serve, throw not bowl!



Nigel thought he could use his sturdy stance to watch the lines, he thought it would help with his snout being so low to the ground!


TAKE YOUR PLACES

Where would you go?

I thought I could use my height to be the tall umpire, hopefully they'd be able to give me an extra tall microphone!




Reg would do the running for the balls. He also thought he could be in charge of running off to get more bananas whenever supplies were getting low!



Top 5 things to store or serve in a trophy:

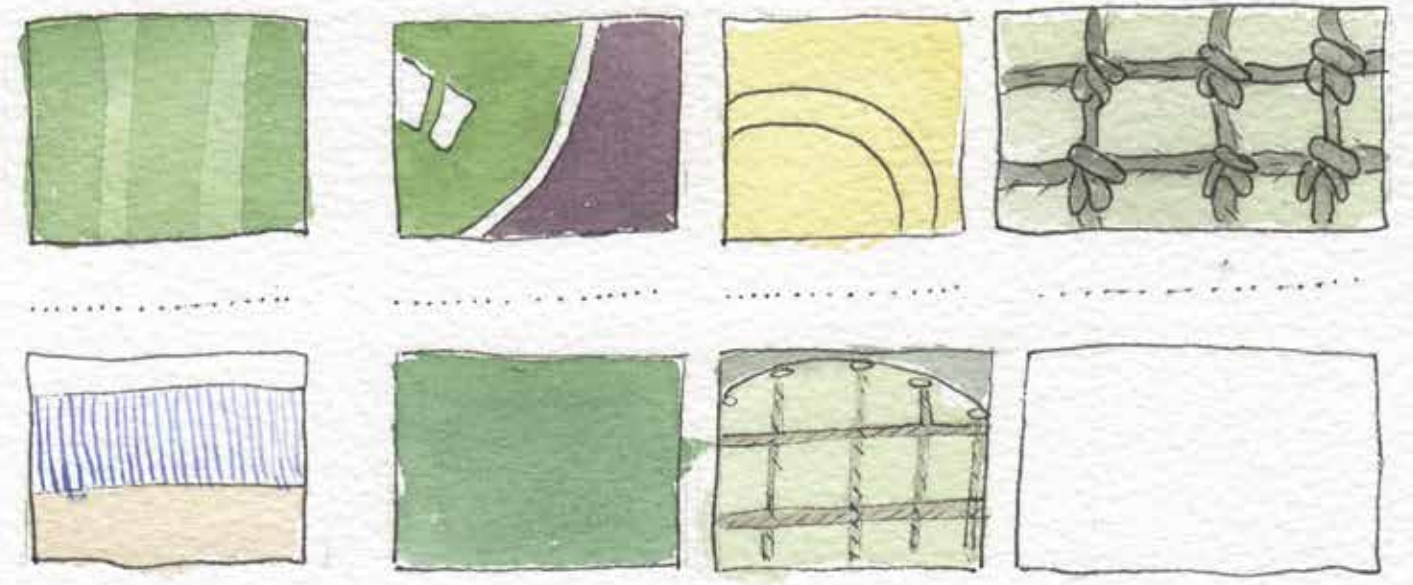
- chocolates
- jam/cream
- keys
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IMAGINE IF PICASSO WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF PREPARING THE LINES ON THE COURT!



SWATCH

Can you work out where all these patterns and colours come from?
Can you find any more?




Tea time
PICK + MIX

Net  vanilla cream (which could be served from a trophy.)

Fruit serving
  
 cherry strawberry raspberry




Baseline
  
 scone fragjack shortbread

NECK STRETCHES



Remember, if you've been watching a lot of long rallies & looking back and forth, it's good to gently move your head in the other direction too.


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-  TEA
-  TOAST
-  TENNIS

Headwear Audit

What can you tally?

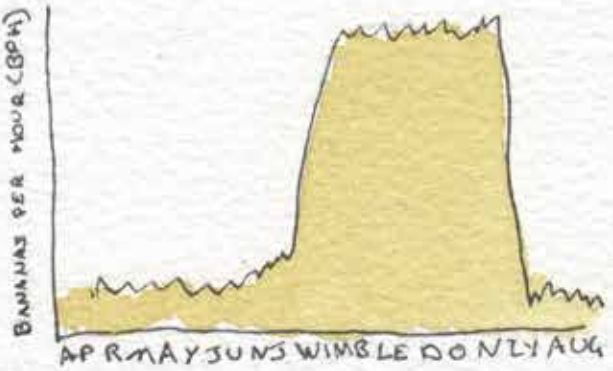
Players

- Cap 
- Visor 
- Headband 
- Band (with tail) 

Spectators

- Cap 
- Novelty 
- Brimmed ribbon optional brim size variable from modest to wagon wheel 

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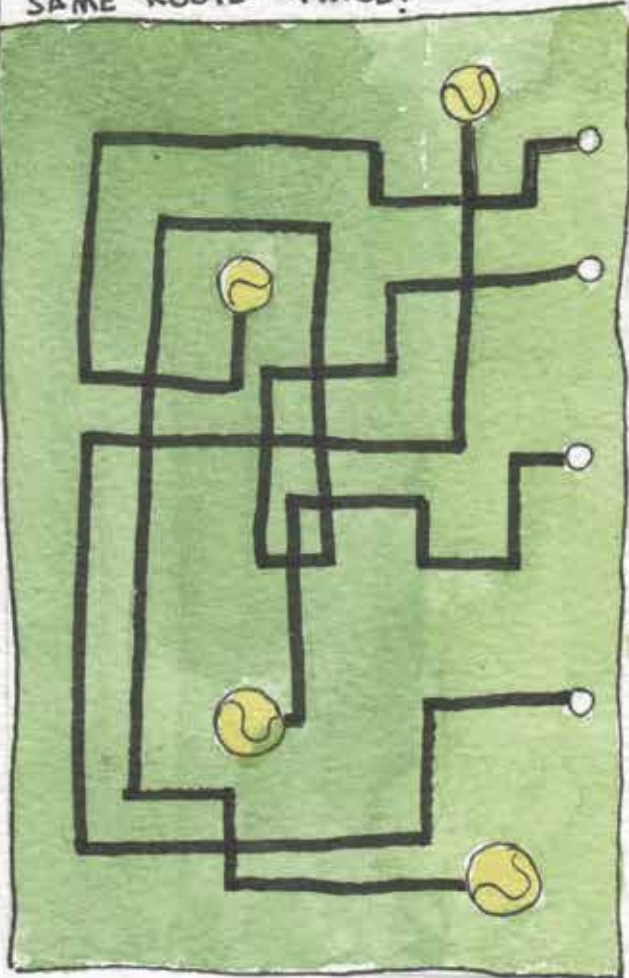


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Can't get enough time on court?
LAWN
STRIPE CURTAINS also available in a duvet cover!

CAN YOU GET ALL THE BALLS OFF THE COURT WITHOUT USING THE SAME ROUTE TWICE?



MATCH TYPES

SINGLES



DOUBLES




MIXED DOUBLES





Weather

Packing List





Sunglasses 

Umbrella 

Sunhat 

Scarf 

Suncream 

Warm coat 

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