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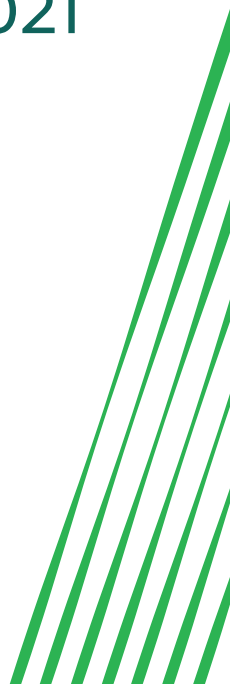
THE
KENT COUNTY
LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

AWARDS
for achievements in 2021

Presented on
Saturday 5 March 2022



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AWARDS





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Chair: Mary Evans
Nigel Jordan, John Ratcliffe, Vanessa Webb,
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Presentation of Awards for Achievements

The Awards will be presented in the following order. In some categories there is an outright winner and in others there is a shortlist of finalists. More detail about everyone listed below are on the following pages. The Awards presented this evening are for achievements in 2021.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Junior Player:	Hugo Coquelin
Junior Team:	9U Boys County Cup Team
Player:	Emma Raducanu
Team:	Kent Men's Summer County Cup Team
School	Alexander McLeod Primary School, Deal Parochial CE Primary School
Young Person:	Jack Rowland (Shooters Hill LTC) Molly Savage (Bromley Tennis Centre) Alberta Sheriff (Abbey Wood TC)
Disability Programme:	Bexley Mencap, South East London Tennis, Whitstable LTC
Competition:	The Parklanglely Club's Youth Match Play Programme
Official:	Susan Finch Georgia Lucey Graham Silvester
Community & Parks	Play Tennis Lewisham Swanley Community Tennis, Tennis for Free, Bromley
Club 5+ courts:	Gravesham LTC, Oakwood TC The Sundridge Park Club
Club 1-4 courts:	Martin Dene LTC Meopham Lawn TC Sellindge TC
Development Coach	Stephanie Pugsley (Meopham LTC) Toby Sainter (Bromley Tennis Centre)) Den Saunders (Hayes (Kent) LTC) Nick Skelton (Sellindge TC)
Performance Coach	Jimmy Callus (Bromley Tennis Centre) Tom Samson (Wye LTC & Canterbury LTC)
Volunteer	Alex Burn (Old Wilsonians' LTC) Caroline Crumley (Sellindge TC) Vanessa Oakes (Whitstable LTC) Tracy West (Hythe LTC)
Lifetime Achievement:	Graham Sutherland (Wye LTC)

Some categories are included in the LTA Awards and winners are nominated for the Regional Awards.

History of the Kent Tennis Awards

The Kent Tennis Awards began in 2004 with eight categories – Player, Coach, Club, School, Local Authority, Volunteer, Team and Outstanding Contribution. In 2007, Junior Player and Junior Leader were added and in 2011 the Club Award was divided into small (1-4 courts) and large (5+ courts). Local Authority disappeared along the way. In 2015, the LTA created a new Tennis Awards scheme and as a result Disability and Community & Parks Awards were added. In 2017, Awards for Official and Competition were added. In 2019 Performance coach was a new category. In eleven of the categories, Kent nominates winners for regional and national awards. This does not include Player and Team Awards which are done differently at national level.

The list of past winners, detailed later in the programme, in each category are listed for 12 years only.

Kent Tennis Awards for Achievements in 2020

National Runner-up

Club of the Year	The Sundridge Park Club
School Award	Deal Parochial CE Primary School

South East Regional Winners & National Finalists

Club of the Year	The Sundridge Park Club
School of the Year	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
Young Person of the Year	Kati Rust (Bromley Tennis Centre & Bridge TC)
Competition of the Year	Jack Petchey 21st Birthday Celebrations (Old Wilsonians' LTC)

Kent Awards

Junior Player	Jack Pinnington Jones
Junior Team	18U Boys County Cup Team
Player	Emma Raducanu
Team	Ladies Winter County Cup Team
Club 1-4 courts	St John's LTC
Club 5+ courts	The Sundridge Park Club
Development Coach	Sam Tyler (The Parklangley Club)
Performance Coach	<i>No Award This Year</i>
Official	Angie Suleau (Gravesham LTC)
Competition	Jack Petchey 21st Birthday Celebrations (Old Wilsonians' LTC)
Education	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
Disability Programme	<i>No Award This Year</i>
Community & Parks	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
Young Person	Kati Rust (Bromley Tennis Centre & Bridge TC)
Volunteer	Andrew Crickett (Oakwood LTC)
Lifetime Achievement	Janet Marshall (Gravesham LTC)

LTA Meritorious Award	<i>No Award This Year</i>
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Trophies and Awards

The Charles Bailey Award for Outstanding Achievement

This is the most prestigious of the Kent Awards. The trophy is presented in honour of Charles Bailey, who made 80 appearances for the Kent Men's team. In 1983 he became captain and the team rose from division 3 to national champions in 1986 and retained the title in 1987. He was a member of the Kent Council for 23 years until his death in 2006. In 1998 a new tennis centre at Sevenoaks School was named the Bailey Centre. The trophy is a silver bowl and presented to a person who has made a significant contribution to Kent Tennis over many years in participation, performance or tennis administration. It is known in the LTA Awards as the Lifetime Achievement Award.



The Ian Wright Award for Junior Player of the Year

Ian Wright was a member and official at the Bexley Tennis Club for over 50 years, running the Bexley Junior Tournament and often known as Mr Bexley. In North Kent, he managed the league handbook for many years. For Kent, he was a long standing member of the junior committee, on the Kent Council for 27 years and a Life Vice-President for a further 16 years. The award is a shield and is presented to a junior player who has achieved significantly at a very high level, probably internationally.



The Sadie Bristow Award for Junior Team of the Year

This award was introduced in 2018. It is in honour of Sadie Bristow, who suffered an unexpected fatal anaphylactic shock in August 2018. Sadie represented Kent in the 9U team. She was a fantastic athlete and tennis was a huge passion. Although only nine years old she had achieved considerable success, ranked number 1 in GB, having won over 40 tournaments. Sadie's parents and friends have set up a foundation in her memory to raise funds to provide tennis opportunities for children in schools and raise awareness of allergies. The trophy is a cup and has been donated by the LTA. It is presented to a junior team which has achieved significant success at a high level.



The LTA Meritorious Service Award

County Associations are invited annually to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to tennis in their county. We do not nominate every year, only when there is a suitable candidate. From 2001 until 2017 the intention was to recognise the contribution of a person in any aspect of tennis either in clubs or for the county itself. From 2018, the criteria were changed to recognise a person who has contributed for a significant length of time to county tennis activities.

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Presented with the Ian Wright Trophy
by David Rawlinson, LTA President

Past Winners

2009	Francis Sargeant	2015	Anton Matusевич
2010	Lewis Burton	2016	Nell Miller
2011	Thomas Wright	2017	Jack Pinnington Jones
2012	Nell Miller	2018	Anton Matusевич
2013	Emma Raducanu	2019	Ben Gusic-Wan
2014	Nell Miller & Anton Matusевич	2020	Jack Pinnington Jones

2021 Winner

Hugo Coquelin

Hugo Coquelin won the National 16U Boys Singles, which qualified him for the Boys Singles at Wimbledon. This follows his win in the National 14U Boys Singles in 2018, and he was ranked #1 12U in 2017.



JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

Presented with the Sadie Bristow Trophy
by David Rawlinson, LTA President

Past Winners

2013 Kent Boys 12U team
2014 Kent Boys 14U team
2015 Kent Girls 14U team
2016 Kent Girls 10U team

2017 Kent Boys 10U team
2018 Kent Girls 18U team
2019 Kent 9U Mixed team
2020 Kent 18U Boys team

2021 Winner

Kent Boys 9U County Cup Team

Captain: Tom Samson Vice-Captain: Sam Tyler

Kent Boys 9U County Cup Team are National South Champions

Team: Darnay Hunnygen (8), Tony Keohane (8), Raghav Kumar (8), Matyas Oprchal (8), Gianluca Pascalis (4)

National Final South

Kent beat Warwickshire 6-0, beat Hertfordshire 6-0, beat Devon 5-1, beat Middlesex 5-1.

Results:

Qualifying

Kent beat Sussex 6-0, beat Hampshire 6-0, beat Dorset 5-1, beat Surrey 4-2.

The Kent 9U Boys won their Qualifying Round and subsequently won the National Finals, South.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Presented by Kathleen O'Hanlon from East West Connect

Past Winners

2009 Marcia Ackers
2010 Sean Thornley
2011 Holly Richards
2012 Ian Payne
2013 Anne Williams
2014 Robert Searle

2015 Hazel Lindfield
2016 Bob Milner
2017 Niall Sweeney
2018 Jasper Cooper
2019 Hazel Lindfield
2020 Emma Raducanu

2021 Winner

Emma Raducanu

Emma Raducanu won the US Open Ladies Singles – the first qualifier ever to win a Grand Slam Ladies Singles and the first British lady to win a Grand Slam Ladies Singles since Kent's Virginia Wade in 1977 at Wimbledon. Emma also reached the fourth round at Wimbledon, and now has a career high WTA World Ranking of 12.



TEAM OF THE YEAR

Presented by Malcolm Smith, Kent Tennis Board Chairman

Past Winners

2009	Kent Men's 55s team	2015	Kent Ladies 55s team
2010	Bromley LTC Men's team	2016	Kent Ladies & Kent Men's teams
2011	Kent Ladies 70s team	2017	Kent Ladies team
2012	Kent Ladies 70s team	2018	Kent Men's 35s team
2013	Kent Ladies team	2019	Kent Men's Summer team
2014	Kent Men's team	2020	Kent Ladies Winter team

2021 Winner

Kent Men's Summer County Cup Team

Captain: Andy Burgoyne Vice Captain: Alastair Filmer

Kent Men's County Cup team are National Champions

Team: Andy Burgoyne, Pat Brady, Nick Brookes, Lewis Burton, Hugo Coquelin, James Davis, James Markiewicz, Francis Sargeant, Matthew Summers, Sean Thornley.

Results:

Group 1 at Eastbourne

Kent beat Hertfordshire 9-0, beat Suffolk 9-0, beat East of Scotland 5-4, beat Surrey 5-4, beat Essex 5-1.



SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

HEAD[®]

The winning school will be presented with a prize from Head
Presented by Sandi Procter, LTA Deputy President

Past Winners

2009	Homewood School	2015	Sevenoaks School
2010	Sevenoaks School	2016	Glebe SEN School
2011	Not awarded	2017	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
2012	Amherst School	2018	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
2013	Lady Joanne Thornhill School	2019	St.Peter's CE Primary, Aylesford
2014	Bromley High Junior School	2020	Deal Parochial CE Primary School

2021 Finalists

Alexander McLeod Primary School

In a strong partnership with Abbey Wood Tennis Club pupils at the school now play tennis as part of the Physical Education curriculum in Summer Term 1. They can also play during playtime and lunchtime in Summer Term 1 and 2. Year-round, KS1 and KS2 pupils of all abilities have access to a tennis after school club. In addition, there are plenty of opportunities for pupils to take part in competitions through the Greenwich School Sport Partnership. Pupils are encouraged to continue playing outside of school through provision of information on local clubs and participation in initiatives such as the Tennis Festival run by Abbey Wood Tennis Club.



Deal Parochial CE Primary School

Deal Parochial continues to achieve above expectations to provide a whole-school consistent and strong approach to tennis, at the core of which is a full understanding of the wider benefits to pupils and their families of both sport and tennis. They provide many opportunities for play and competition both within school and in the community. They constantly encourage and inspire the children to give it a go and believe that anyone can play including pupils with additional needs. The school has many new achievements this year – amongst them LTA training for their teachers, doubling weekly curriculum tennis and providing innovative opportunities for competition despite Covid restrictions.



YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Presented by Jonathon Dawes, LTA Councillor and Kent Tennis Councillor

Past Winners

2009	Jack Heimann	2015	James Carlton
2010	Matthew Snow	2016	Ulysse Abbate
2011	Not Awarded	2017	Daniel Hodgson
2012	Sam Leighton	2018	Marcelle Lowe
2013	Emre Saridogan	2019	Sophie Campbell
2014	Robyn Enslin	2020	Kati Rust

2021 Finalists

Jack Rowland (Shooters Hill LTC)

Jack has been a member of Shooters Hill since he was 5 years old. He is now putting everything he has learned into action by supporting the Head Coach in rebuilding the junior tennis programme after Covid. His commitment in all weathers is impressive and he's always the first on the court setting up and the last off the court making sure everything is tidied away. He has taken his Level 1 coaching qualification. He is mature and reliable and an outstanding volunteer.



Molly Savage (Bromley Tennis Centre)

Molly is an exemplary member of the BTC on-court leader team. She makes a positive impact on any lesson she is a part of and she is adored by all of the children she helps teach. With increased responsibility in classes, she has grown in confidence and she can now take charge of the court and the children in the class, make suggestions for weekly themes, drills and equipment. She is also a valued member of our competitions team, helping with scoring and running our 8U tournaments. She is a fantastic role model for all the leaders at BTC.



Alberta Sheriff (Abbey Wood Tennis Club)

Alberta has been working hard with Abbey Wood club for two years and she is reliable, energetic and a great role model for both club and community. She helps the coach deliver sessions at the local primary school setting up, warming up with the children and helping the coach run the session. She instigated star of the week trophies to motivate the youngsters and reward them for their hard work. She is actively involved with the club and learns from the other coaches so she can bring more skills to her time at the school.



DISABILITY PROGRAMME

Presented by Robert Ratcliffe, LTA Regional Participation Development Partner

Past Winners

2015	Bromley Tennis Centre
2016	Bromley Tennis Centre
2017	Bromley Tennis Centre
2018	Jimmy's Tennis at Frindsbury
2019	Whitstable LTC
2020	Not Awarded

2021 Finalists

Bexley Mencap

Bexley Mencap and Nick Marsden launched weekly Zoom Tennis sessions after attending a Zoom Tennis training course. The 12 regular members had mostly never played tennis before or taken part in regular sports activities but in these sessions were inspired by playing a range of games with soft balls, a large felt ball, a happy hitting hand and a special balancing mat. The sessions have now grown and transferred outdoors at Bexleyheath TC. While fantastic for the players, it has also provided a community and respite for parents and carers.



South East London Tennis

Ali Robinson runs the Junior Inclusive PAN Disability sessions at Ladywell Centre sports hall for players aged 8 to 14. As a result of his lovely manner and the supportive team he has created around him, Ali has broken down barriers in the community, kept disability tennis going through lockdown with innovative video sessions and got sessions restarted quickly after lockdown. He now has a pool of 14 accessing the sessions with Deaf Tennis sessions coming soon in the next few months.



Whitstable LTC

Despite Covid restrictions, Whitstable LTC has become a key Open Court venue over the last 12 months. Never having delivered disability specific activity before, WLTC and Vanesa Oakes have now created an established pan-disability programme, for both adults and juniors with 20+ disabled people accessing their programme. They have also helped create a competition pathway for players with a learning disability, hosting a Team Challenge festival for 26 LD players. The club also has plans to deliver a dementia friendly tennis programme.



COMPETITION OF THE YEAR

Presented by Nigel Jordan, LTA Councillor and Kent Tennis Board Member

Past Winners

- 2017 Kent County Championships
- 2018 Kent County Championships
- 2019 The Sadie Bristow Competition
- 2020 Jack Petchey 21st @ Old Wilsonians'

2021 Winner

The Parklangley Club's Youth Match Play Programme (YMP)

The programme was launched post Covid restrictions and has had over 250 players competing in the series. It is coordinated by their competition coordinator Susan Finch and events are run by the coaching team who are all YMP trained. It is aimed at getting players new to competition comfortable in a competing environment through fun and enjoyable events. This has enabled them to run more events but it has also helped the coaches as they see their players compete and progress. The events are spread across satellite venues within the Bromley Borough, with different age groups and locations attracting hundreds of new players to competition – including those from other clubs as the events are open to all.



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Presented by Mary Evans,
Chair of the Awards Panel and Kent Tennis Deputy President.

Past Winners

2017 Chris Mann
2018 Charlie Falconer
2019 Susan Finch
2020 Angie Suleau

2021 Finalists

Susan Finch

Susan is an outstanding referee and competition organiser who has adapted to all the situations that have presented themselves this year, including running one of the busiest week-long Grade 3 competitions in the country. She has also been instrumental in the set-up of Parklangley's very successful Youth Match Play programme. Susan is a passionate, organised and popular referee who uses her skills and position to great effect; encouraging new officials to train, coaches to participate in organising and players to compete.



Georgia Lucey

Georgia has actively demonstrated her passion for tennis and for tennis officiating at all levels of the sport. Her resolve and determination to further her knowledge and skill is very evident. She is now a U1 Chair Umpire and has worked at the Junior National Finals, WTA, ITF and wheelchair events. In 2021 she worked as a line umpire at Queens and Eastbourne and was then selected for the Men's Singles Finals match at the Wimbledon Championships for the first time.



Graham Silvester

Graham is an R1 Referee who devotes much of his time to organising tournaments in Kent. He's Tournament Director of the Kent County Championships and referees all around the country. Graham seamlessly managed a particularly difficult County Cup event in May which was disrupted due to bad weather, but despite this, was able to move and re-schedule matches at the last minute. He has been nominated by ABTO for an award. Graham is a hardworking, cheerful, and popular referee.



COMMUNITY & PARKS AWARD

Presented by Mary Evans,
Chair of the Awards Panel and Kent Tennis Deputy President.

Past Winners

2015	Community Tennis at Ladywell Fields
2016	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
2017	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
2018	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
2019	Tennis for Free, Bromley
2020	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club

2021 Finalists

Play Tennis Lewisham

Play Tennis Lewisham has provided an outstanding tennis offer for Lewisham through the Parks. A phenomenal increase of 382 new season ticket members this year has contributed to 880 season ticket holders, of which 36% are women. An improved booking system has enabled coaches Chris and Michael (South East London Tennis) to offer over 700 players coaching through their inclusive programme for all. Their ethos is to demonstrate that tennis is for everyone and that all are welcome at PLT.



Swanley Community Tennis

Founded in 2021 and headed by Neil Biddle working in partnership with Swanley Town Council, SCT have installed a smart gate access system at their 6 floodlit court site complemented by a new website and online booking system. Through actively promoting opportunities via open day, social media channels, Town Council, local schools, and community venues they have had 250+ participants. They have delivered 6 LTA Youth Start courses, including one for children on free schools' meals. Their aim is to continue breaking down barriers and to make tennis open to everyone in the local community.



Tennis for Free, Bromley

TFF have added new venues and courts this year bringing the total number of courts to 27, plus 4 mini red courts, and membership to 13,500 members. In addition to maintaining courts to a high standard they also provide tennis leagues, club sessions, holiday camps and opportunities for regular coaching at their venues. Covid brought challenges and success with a huge increase in demand and courts fully booked from 7am to 10pm.



CLUB OF THE YEAR 1-4 COURTS

Presented by Trevor May and Tim Freeman from Trevor May Contractors

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Past Winners

2011	Oakwood TC	2016	Bethersden TC
2012	Bethersden TC	2017	Chipstead LTC
2013	Hythe LTC	2018	Brenchley and Matfield LTC
2014	Deal Indoor TC	2019	Maidstone LTC
2015	Oakwood TC	2020	St John's Lawn TC

2021 Finalists

Martin Dene Lawn Tennis Club

In the last 18 months Martin Dene LTC has risen from a club whose future was in doubt, with just 30 members to become a vibrant growing, diverse club that creatively used the COVID support grants to re-establish coaching programmes for adults, juniors, and guests. From a zero-base, membership soared to almost 100 new members, 100 juniors attending coaching programmes. Listening to their members, they invested in improving spectator facilities and are currently fundraising for an additional spectator viewing area.



Meopham Lawn Tennis Club

During 2021 they provided quality tennis by re-surfacing two courts from tarmac - artificial clay, added floodlights for the first time, after trying for many years, refurbished the clubhouse in pairs to keep safe during Covid restrictions. Provided three local schools with free coaching, including a special needs school. Moved to new booking system via ClubSpark and boosted court utilisation. One of the only clubs in their area to open up 'Pay & Play' with 90% of players joined as full members.



Sellindge Tennis Club

A new committee and head-coach in January 2021 saw Sellindge TC grow its membership from 38 to an impressive 244 over nine months. 'Return2Tennis Community Schools Project' offering free tennis coaching to 360 children at six local primary schools began, funding secured from 'Reconnect Kent' for 25 'LTA Youth Start' places for children on free school meals. Social-media accounts, On-site marketing, radio-advertisements followed. Members fundraised £6,850 and additional membership income invested into project for re-surfacing and fencing of two courts.



CLUB OF THE YEAR 5+ COURTS TrevorMay AT THE SURFACE OF SPORT

Presented by Trevor May and Tim Freeman from Trevor May Contractors

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Past Winners

2009	Sevenoaks LTC	2015	Shooters Hill LTC
2010	Shooters Hill LTC	2016	Old Wilsonians' LTC
2011	Gravesham LTC	2017	Avenue Tennis
2012	Wye LTC	2018	Oakwood TC
2013	Bromley Tennis Centre	2019	Frindsbury LTC
2014	Sydenham LT&CC	2020	The Sundridge Park Club

2021 Finalists

Gravesham Lawn Tennis Club

Gravesham is a friendly, welcoming club, used by the local community. During 2021 courts were refurbished and members successfully raised funds for further improvements. Membership increased despite the Covid pandemic. Courses for adult beginners were introduced. Different age/ability groups for children were well attended and delivered in a professional manner by the coaches, who are always approachable, with emphasis on fun inviting the whole family to play. Committee release regular club activities updates



Oakwood Tennis Club

A welcoming, inclusive club where people feel part of something special and member opinions are taken into account at all times. Oakwood have embarked on major improvements of club facilities including a self-built clubhouse, an energy-efficient building with wi-fi available to allow parents to continue working whilst children are attending lessons. Inclusive facilities: disabled changing-rooms, shower-room, kitchen area added. Frequent sessions for local community group who have learning disabilities. Two safeguarding/welfare-officers appointed. Club, Coaching, Tournament bookings moved to ClubSpark.



The Sundridge Park Club

The Club is a happy, inclusive, welcoming hub in the local community where everyone's wellbeing is considered off and on court. New technology systems introduced to make play and connecting people effortless. Outdoor space provided, new patio for socialising and spectators. An Investment in Kent's first two Padel courts, provided 250 free sessions, the first disabled Padel access. This has created a buzz with new and existing members coming together playing Tennis, Padel, Squash and Racketball as one inclusive club.



PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Presented by John Watton, Kent Tennis President

Past Winners

2019 Simon Grieve
2020 Not Awarded

2021 Finalists

Jimmy Callus (Bromley Tennis Centre)

Jimmy coaches 1 National Age Group Programme (NAGP) player and 4 National Pathway players individually, demonstrating his strong contribution to international and national level tennis.

His innovative and effective use of technology for player goalsheets has been adopted more widely across Bromley Tennis Centre for performance players. His hard work and dedication as part of the coaching team at the British Junior Nationals helped BTC players achieve wins in two age groups and reach finals and semis-finals.

Tom Samson (Wye LTC & Canterbury LTC)

Tom coaches nationally ranked players individually and plays a key role in the Canterbury performance team. He's committed to developing knowledge and brings in experts, such as a sports psychologist, to help his players. Tom leads by example, is passionate about county tennis, managing the East Kent 8U county training sessions and captaining the Kent 9U Boys' team to the National South Title. He has recently been selected for the LTA's prestigious 10U training programme.



DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR

Presented by John Watton, Kent Tennis President

Past Winners

2009	Phil Layfield	2015	Simon Grieve
2010	Martin Whitehouse	2016	Matt Borthwick
2011	Nick Cavaday	2017	Dave Von Ribbeck
2012	Zane Cheeseman	2018	Luke House
2013	Craig Allen	2019	Nick Wibberley
2014	Jake Johnson/Luke House	2020	Sam Tyler

2021 Finalists

Stephanie Pugsley (Meopham LTC)

Stephanie increased coaching participation in all age groups, with 150 children playing each week, developed new initiatives such as all-girls teenage and rusty rackets groups. Ran multiple LTA Youth Start courses and set up coaching in local schools, coached children with autism and worked with a local charity to coach adults with learning difficulties. She created opportunities for young people to assist with coaching and helped young coaches achieve and progress through their LTA coaching qualifications.



Toby Sainter (Bromley Tennis Centre)

Toby makes tennis welcoming, inclusive and accessible, encouraging players at every level and is passionate about helping children play tennis. He created videos linked to the on-court curriculum so parents can play games with their children to complement lessons. He embraced new LTA programmes, delivering Cardio Tennis and LTA Youth sessions, and sharing his knowledge to upskill other coaches. Toby introduced member events with exciting grand-slam related formats and a new adult singles ladder for players to have match practice.



Den Saunders (Hayes (Kent) LTC)

Den has driven the increase in playing membership from 23 to over 80, setting up and delivering a successful coaching programme for all age groups and levels, as well as encouraging people to play socially outside of lessons. He has actively promoted the club locally on social media and set up What's App groups to keep members up to date. He has involved juniors to assist in coaching and won a Jack Petchey award for coaching children with autism.



Nick Skelton (Sellindge TC)

Nick set up a coaching programme from scratch, developing the club into a vibrant, welcoming, fun place to play tennis, increasing membership from 38 to 244. He organised an open day encouraging more local people to start playing, set up 30 hours of free coaching in 6 local schools and ran Youth Start programmes. Nick used social media to reach out to the wider community. He encouraged league participation, with the club fielding its first ladies' team in 15 years.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Presented by David Rawlinson, LTA Tennis President

Past Winners

2009	Ken Mills	2015	Judith Heyberd
2010	Martin Ruddick	2016	Caroline Ratcliffe
2011	Vanessa Webb	2017	Hilary Casey
2012	Caroline Ratcliffe	2018	Nigel Jordan
2013	Peter Abbotts	2019	Lisa King
2014	Jim Gore/John Ratcliffe/Diana Gaines	2020	Andrew Crickett

2021 Finalists

Alex Burn (Old Wilsonians' Lawn Tennis Club)

New member Alex, already invaluable, working with members made the club highly visible on social media, something never previously achieved. His ideas, technical knowledge to reshape the website have members joining on -line for the first time. His ability to work across different formats of media greatly supported the crowd-funding campaign which raised £4,400 to make the club courts accessible and inclusive.



Caroline Crumley (Sellindge Tennis Club)

Caroline has been an inspirational figure at Sellindge TC over the last year. She has a contagious enthusiasm which has encouraged local residents, committee members, tennis players, new and old alike, to join and support the club. Teams, social, fun events, fundraising, Caroline has played a pivotal role in significantly increasing membership numbers, enabling the re-surfacing of the club's courts.



Vanessa Oakes (Whitstable Lawn Tennis Club)

Vanessa expanded WLTC existing disability programme by providing hoodies, caps, t-shirts for attendees on weekly adult disability sessions with 9-15 players, which gave them a real sense of belonging. She created partnership with East Kent Dementia Service (EKIDS) to start dementia friendly tennis sessions with young adults with learning difficulties volunteering, making refreshments and chatting to those living with dementia.



Tracy West (Hythe Lawn Tennis Club)

Tracy became Membership Secretary in 2019. Computer savvy, she immediately agreed to completely update and maintain the During 2021 she completely overhauled the booking system, to the extent that she now works with the staff of ClubSpark, initiating and testing new systems. In 2021 she became club's Coaching Administrator.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented with the Charles Bailey Award

Presented by David Rawlinson, LTA Tennis President

Past Winners

2009 Angela Darby
2010 Mary Evans
2011 Roger Bottomley
2012 Austin Smith
2013 John Darby
2014 Sandi Procter

2015 Tony Beddoe
2016 Andy Burgoyne
2017 Denis Costelloe
2018 Peter Stotesbury
2019 Peter Marshall
2020 Janet O'Sullivan

2021 Winner

Graham Sutherland (Wye LTC)

Under Graham's stewardship, Wye Tennis Club has grown from a two to a five floodlit court club. A member of the Tennis club for 28 years, he was appointed Chairman in 2005 and has been the driving force for many successful facility projects, including online booking system, webcam, defibrillator, and a fully accessible club house with patio. He is a Kent Councillor and has been Chairman of the Ashford and District Tennis League committee for 15 years. His leadership is clear at Wye Tennis Club where every aspect from the friendly welcome to the quality of the facilities is outstanding.

Graham is a true tennis ambassador and role model. He's passionate about opening up tennis and willing to share his knowledge and experience to help other clubs develop. This is demonstrated by his support for Sellindge Tennis Club, giving time and advice to help the club increase its membership from 38 to 244 in the past year.





2021 County
Champions





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AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING

Our host this evening is John Ratcliffe

Grace, John Watton, Kent Tennis President

Dinner served at 7.30pm

Menu

To start

Shaved chicken salad, grapes chives & crème fraiche

To follow

Roast fillet of pork, air dried ham, apple & sage compote, roast leeks

To finish

Lemon brûlée tart, berry compote

Tea, coffee & mints

- 🌀 Address by David Rawlinson, LTA President
- 🌀 Presentation of Kent Tennis 2021 Highlights
- 🌀 Presentation of Awards for achievements in 2021
- 🌀 Dancing to Oliver Twist




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