



# In Touch with Kent Tennis.

Welcome to our second edition bringing you stories to inspire you to play more and get involved in tennis around the county.

## Ever thought about becoming a tennis official?

From Court Supervisor to Competition Organiser, Referee, Line Judge or Umpire, find out more in this edition of In Touch. Click on the button below to find out more.

### Officials Roles Overview



Charlie Falconer has been a tennis official for nearly 50 years and this will be his 45th year as a Wimbledon umpire. He is a familiar face at the Kent County Championships too.



19 year old Matt Dagwell is just starting out on his career as a tennis official. He has qualified as a Level 1 Court Supervisor and you may have seen him officiating at local junior

**Charlie was the 2018 Kent Tennis Official of the Year and instrumental in setting up the Kent Officials Network.** Click on Charlie's picture to read his story.

**competitions in Kent.** Click on Matt's picture to read more about his experience so far.

**If you would like to know more about becoming an official and details of LTA officials courses click on the button:**

LTA Officials Info

**Kent Tennis offers plenty of support to officials:**

- 1. Kent Tennis Officials Network** links you to officials in your area and shares best practice and details of training courses locally. There is no charge and it is open to all levels of officials and provides workshops and support to those newly qualified as well as those with more experience. Sign up by clicking on the Kent Officials Network button below or email [officials@kenttennis.org](mailto:officials@kenttennis.org)
- 2. Kent Officials Forum** on 16 September at Bromley Tennis Centre providing tips, training and inspiration. Open to all members of the Kent Officials Network who will be sent details soon. For info email [officials@kenttennis.org](mailto:officials@kenttennis.org)

Kent Officials Network

## **Do your club's courts need resurfacing?**

**You could follow the example at Roland Garros, home of the French Open, and move to a clay court surface. Traditional clay courts require high maintenance and aren't well suited to our climate, but artificial and hybrid clay surfaces have been developed needing less maintenance and less downtime due to adverse weather. Find out more about this option from court resurfacing specialist Tim Freeman of Trevor May Contractors Limited. Based in the heart of Kent, Trevor May Contractors are a sponsor of Kent Tennis and are on hand to**



provide clubs with advice on all types of court surface. Click on the photo to find out more about clay courts.



## LTA Tennis National Awards

We are thrilled to announce that Kent has won two 2018 National Awards:

Luke House (pictured centre) is Coach of the Year  
Emma Raducanu is Junior Girl Player of the Year

Jim Barton of Jimmy's Tennis (Disability Programme), Deal Parochial CE Primary School (Education) and Oakwood Tennis Club (Club) were all National Runners Up in their categories.

Congratulations to them all!

If you want to nominate someone for the 2019 awards, look out for information from the LTA and Kent Tennis in the autumn.

### 2018 Kent Tennis Awards

**Recycaball - Give used tennis balls a new lease of life and earn money for your club (up to 25p a ball)! Click on the button for details.**

Recycaball

### What's coming up.....

**Kent Tennis Coaches Network** is offering two **FREE** workshops in July for members. Head coaches who are members can send leaders and coaches from their programme:

**Tennis Leaders and Level 1 Coach Training Day on 7 July 9am – 1pm at Bromley Tennis Centre.** Experienced coaches will provide training to build confidence with communication, reinforce technical skills, help attendees become more effective referees/ umpires.

**Level 2+ Coach Summer Camp Workshop on 15 July 12.30 - 3pm at The Parklangley Club.** Get tips on how to structure sessions for camps, as well as practical ideas for games

and drills to develop children's athletic and receiving and sending skills.

If you want to sign up to the Coaches Network, click on the button to find out more and join. Members will be sent details of how to book onto the workshops.

## Join Coaches Network

**The Kent Seniors Singles and Doubles Competition** runs over the winter with finals in March 2020. The Men's event offers singles and doubles across a range of age groups from Over 45s to Over 75s. This year we are introducing Ladies Over 40s and Over 60s doubles events. It's a great opportunity to meet some of the Seniors County Team Captains and find out about representing Kent in your age group. **Entries open soon and all those who have previously played will be contacted along with Club Main Contacts and Match Secretaries. If you would like to receive competition details, please email [siobhan.butler@kenttennis.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.butler@kenttennis.org.uk)**

**National League - Winter** (previously known as Kent Junior Team Tennis Winter) is a singles based team competition open to all LTA Registered venues aiming to provide players of all ages from 8U - 18U with regular league matches, against similar standard players throughout the winter. Entries close on 22 July 2019. Click on the button below for info.

## National League - Winter

Come and watch some top quality grass court tennis and support your **Men's and Ladies County Teams** as they compete against other counties from **22 - 26 July 2019**. Kent Men are playing at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne in Group 1 and our Ladies are playing in Manchester at The Northern LTC. Play starts at 11am, weather permitting. Entry is free. Click on the button for more info.

## Men's and Ladies County Cup

**9U County Cup** at Bromley Tennis Centre on **17 August**. Come along and support our youngest county team as they compete against other south eastern counties to be crowned regional champions. Play will start around 10.30am.

The largest **County Championships** in the country takes place in Kent from **25th August to 1st September**. This year we are introducing a Learning Disability event to the competition. Please encourage your players to enter, there are events from 8U right up to Men's and Ladies singles and doubles. Entries open 10th July and close 18th August 2019. Enter by clicking on the button below.

## Kent County Championships

**Kent Tennis Day at Oakwood Tennis Club on 21 September.** Come and join the fun, starting with a Family Cup at 1pm, an exhibition match by top Kent players at 3.30pm. Cardio tennis and fastest serve competition plus refreshments available all afternoon. Click on the button to visit Oakwood's website where Family Cup entry info will be posted.

## Kent Tennis Day Family Cup

**Don't forget to follow Kent Tennis on Facebook (@kent.lta), Twitter (@kentlta) and Instagram (@kent.lta and #kenttennis). Please tag us in your tennis related posts and photos from Wimbledon!**



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