



In Touch with Kent Tennis.

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

Ever thought about becoming a tennis coach?



It's never too late to start! Kent coach, Dennis Saunders, changed career after 30 years as a London black cabby, retraining as an LTA tennis coach at 50 and now coaching at The Parklangley Club. Over the past 3 years he has completed his Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 qualifications and is now halfway through his Level 4 Senior Club Coach course. Click on Dennis' picture to read more about his amazing journey.



Chloe Ayling, a busy coach based in West Malling, was a Met Police Detective Sergeant before deciding to retrain in her thirties. She set up her Kings Hill Community Tennis Club coaching programme in 2016 and is now on her Level 4 Senior Club Coach course. Click on Chloe's picture to read her inspirational story.

If you would like to know more about coaching qualifications, visit the LTA website by clicking on the button below:

LTA Coaching Qualifications

Kent Tennis offers plenty of support to fledgling coaches:

1. **Kent Tennis Coaches Network** which links you to coaches in your area and shares best practice. Only £10 per year, there are 3 workshops and an annual conference. Sign up by clicking on the button or [email coaches@kenttennis.org](mailto:coaches@kenttennis.org)

Kent Coaches Network

2. **LTA Coach Forums** in Kent on 7 October at Bromley Tennis Centre and on 17 October at Canterbury LTC, providing tips, training and inspiration. More information and booking coming soon at www.lta.org.uk

3. **Coach qualification and training courses** available at Bromley Tennis Centre and other Kent venues. Click on the button below to search.

LTA Coaching Courses

Do your club's courts need resurfacing?

You could follow the example at Flushing Meadows, home of the US Open, and Melbourne Park, home of the Australian Open, and move to an acrylic court surface. Find out more about this cost-effective, low maintenance and quick to install 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 acrylic courts.



Kent Tennis 2018 Awards

On Saturday 2nd March, 180 people involved in tennis gathered at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel in Bearsted to find out who had won the prestigious Kent Tennis Awards



for 2018. It was a great evening. Full details of shortlisters and winners can be found by clicking on the picture of Gavin and Neil from Oakwood TC, Kent Tennis Club of the Year, with President, Vanessa Webb. 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

What's coming up?

Kent Supporters Club members have already been invited to enter the Wimbledon ticket ballot and will have heard about whether they have been successful, so look out for emails from the Supporters Club email address (supportersclub@kenttennis.org). Don't forget, if you aren't already a member, it's £25 a year and you get to enter the Supporters Club Wimbledon ticket ballot next year. Join up here:

Join Kent Supporters Club

Go and support the **GB Fed Cup** team vs Kazakhstan on 20-21 April at The Copper Box Arena, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, East London. Tickets available from: £12 for adults and £6 for U16. Click below to secure your tickets:

Buy Fed Cup Tickets

On May 9th there is an **Open Your Doors Disability Workshop**, starting at 6.30pm at Avenue Tennis in Gillingham. For coaches and volunteers who wish to work with disabled young people and adults in a tennis environment, it costs £10 with refreshments provided. Plus, a grant of £200 will be given to your club once a disability tennis action plan has been completed after the workshop. Coaches will receive 3 credits towards their coach licence. Further information can be found on the booking link:

Open Your Doors Workshop

In May there is a chance to watch (and play) some high quality Seniors Tennis on the clay courts at Canterbury LTC. The **ITF Seniors Circuit Canterbury Advantage Redcourt Clay Court Tournament** takes place from 12 – 17 May 2019, 10am start each day. There are Men's Singles and Doubles events from 45s to 75s and Ladies Singles and Doubles events 50s and 60s. Deadline for entry is 7 May 2019. Click on the link for more info about entries:

ITF Seniors Canterbury Tournament

Don't forget the major pre-Wimbledon events in the south east, which you can still buy tickets for and find out information in the Major Events section of the LTA website (www.lta.org.uk):

Surbiton Trophy 3-9 June at Surbiton Rackets and Fitness Club

Fever Tree Championships 17-23 June at Queen's Club

Nature Valley International 21-29 at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne



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