



## Kent Tennis Day 2024 Wye Tennis Club

Wye Tennis Club, the current Kent LTA Club of the year (2023) had the privilege of hosting the annual Kent Tennis Day and they certainly did their club and Kent Tennis proud!

With this being a high-profile event, the Kent Tennis team came out in force to support the event that included Kent Tennis President Mary Evans, Life Vice President John Ratcliffe, Life Vice President Stephen Woodley (National Winner in the Life Time Achievement category of the LTA Awards), Andy Candler, Kent Tennis Board Trustee for Venues, Community and Coaches, Janice White, Clubs and Coach Engagement Coordinator and Emma Nelson, Kent Tennis Communications Coordinator.

The day started at 1pm with the Family Cup Tournament (an Adult/ Child event) which attracted 34 pairs from around the County, refereed by Sun Lee. Congratulations to all that took part and especially the winners Sam Powell and John Ratcliffe from Shooters Hill and runners-up Chao and Joshua Wang from Wye Tennis and Canterbury LTC.

Whilst the Family Cup was in progress, the other courts were full with players from the ladies & men's U60's showcasing their tennis skills. We were also treated to a padel exhibition match, walking tennis, cardio tennis and an introduction to pickleball.

One highlight of the day was Ruben Harris from Canterbury popping along to show everyone the trophy he won for his first Grand Slam title -the Junior Boys doubles wheelchair Event Champion at Roland Garros. Congratulations to him. Ruben also showcased his skills on the tennis court with a friendly match against Josiah Bouverie, one of the coaches at Wye Tennis Club.

The final event of the day was a very exciting doubles exhibition match between Ben Roger and Jamie Bourne v Charlie Gotke and Mihai Bradu.

After the Exhibition match, Graham Sutherland the Chairman of Wye Tennis Club, thanked everyone for attending and his hardworking volunteers, members and coaches who had all played important roles in organising such a successful Open Day, which the club can be immensely proud of as well as promoting tennis in Kent. The Open Day was an opportunity for the Club to open its facilities to local people from across Kent and for the East Kent Community to actively take part. Thanks, were also given to Kent Tennis for their financial support.

