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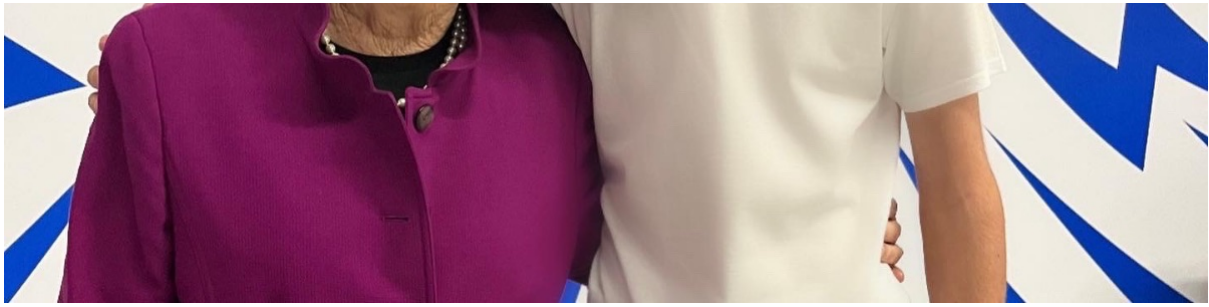
Introduction from this month's guest editor: Jonathon Dawes

“Hi everyone! I am delighted to be the guest editor of KLT's November edition. If it is our county hosting ground breaking events or University of Kent taking big steps in developing a programme that puts inclusion at its heart, autumn has demonstrated that Kent tennis is a leader in both the breadth and depth of its offering! With Christmas around the corner and the mad rush impending, I hope you enjoy reading a selection of stories that celebrate the diversity of our county!”

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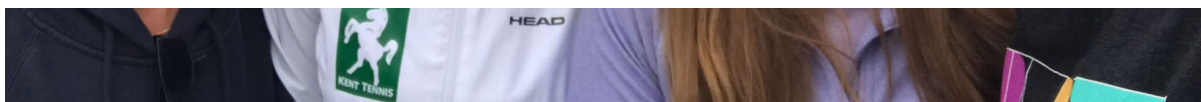


Clean Sweep for Kent in the Seniors County Cup 2022

Siobhan Butler, who we introduced as the new County Competitions and Performance Coordinator in the previous edition, reports on the success of our Kent teams.

Kent had four teams reach the finals of the National Seniors County Cup finals this year with all 4 being crowned National Champions. Congratulations to: Ladies 55s – Nayla Solh (Captain), Keri Jakes, Jo Moore, Gillie Turner, plus Sue Boffey (who played in group games but was injured for final) and team reserves Cathy Reid Dick and Shan White. Kent had an excellent season leading up to the final, beating Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and South Wales, dropping just two rubbers out a total of twenty.





Ladies 60s – Jane Gentle (Captain), Sally Holmes, Hazel Lindfield, Linda McSorley plus Caroline Griffiths (who played in group games but was unavailable for the final). We had very strong opposition producing very close matches, with 3-2 wins over South Wales, Surrey and Yorkshire. All matches were decided by a crucial doubles rubber. In the last match, Kent won convincingly 4-1 against Essex; we were over the moon to reach the finals.



Ladies 75s – Janet Broster (Captain) Marcia Ackers, Sue Colvin, Judy Maitland, Sarah Pout, Flick Shipton (plus Margaret Baker, who was injured for the final, but had won 10 out of 10 rubbers in getting to the final). It was a successful season as we won all 5 matches, beating Shropshire, Lancashire, Cambridgeshire, Hampshire and IOW and Warwickshire. This was a particularly pleasing result as Kent Ladies 75s had not won in the final since 2012 when Janet and Marcia played in the 70s team who beat Surrey when there was no 75s team at the time. Worthy of note is Judy Maitland who played in 5 rubbers without losing a set across the season.





Men's 70s – Jonathan Potter (Captain), Peter Pharo, Chris Mackenzie, Bob Whitehead, Dave Willan. The year started badly; Bob Whitehead had sciatica and could not move, Dave Willan ruptured a bicep and faced a 6-month layoff, whilst Gordon Hayward was having his knees done and Chris Mackenzie his hip. However, we managed to play each of our 4 matches and in the 5th rubber of the final match against Surrey, Bob and Peter had a nerve-wracking 10- 8 win in the third set tie break, to secure the match. Had they lost, Dorset would have pipped Kent to the post. Sadly, in the final, Essex withdrew because of a player having Covid. We were disappointed not to have the chance to play what would have been a very well-balanced final.

Ground-breaking Student Wellbeing event at Bromley Tennis Centre

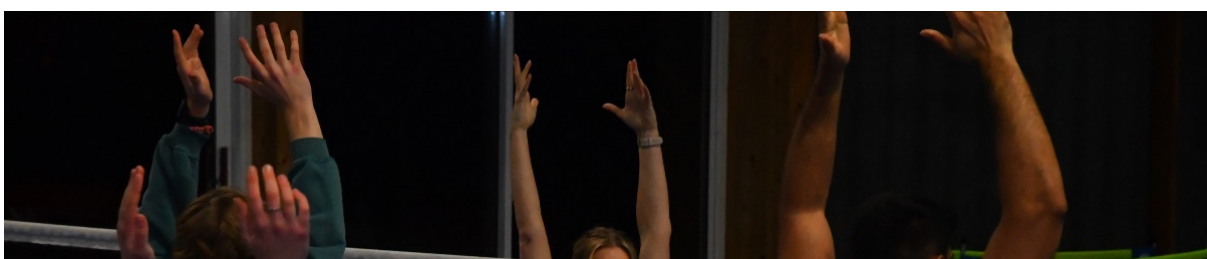
King's College London deliver a ground-breaking Student Wellbeing event at Bromley Tennis Centre with a very special guest.

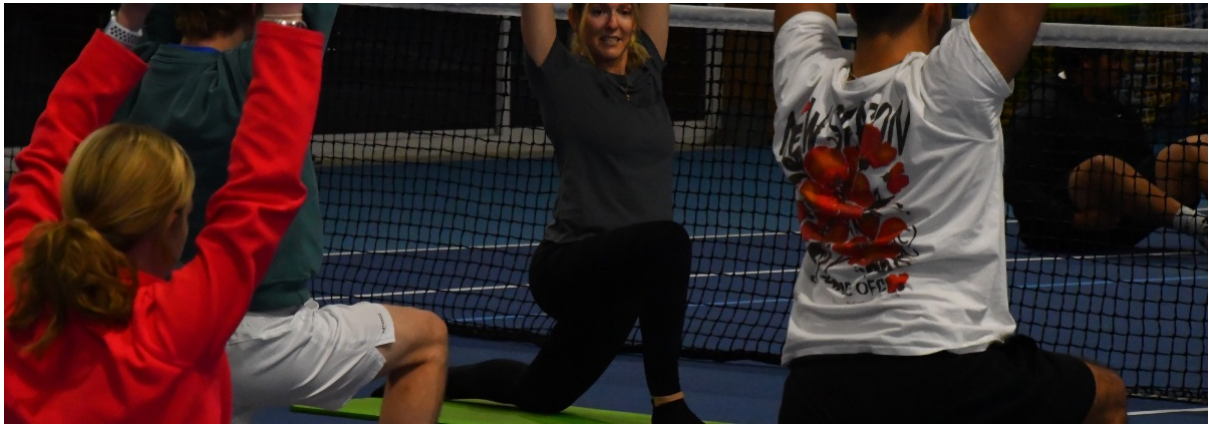
On 20th November, Bromley Tennis Centre hosted the first Student Wellbeing Event' in partnership with Virtus Leisure and the Tennis Industry Association. The event celebrated the ground-breaking partnership between KCL Tennis and the Global Number 1 tennis brand with a focus on promoting wellbeing amongst students ahead of a busy exam season.

The event kicked off with a series of wellbeing centred on-court activities. The first was cardio tennis, where I put my KCL teammates through their paces using a series of drills, games and matches derived from the new LTA Cardio Tennis Resources on the Coach Secure Page, available to all accredited coaches. Alongside cardio tennis, Val Vladea organised a serving challenge, where all students went head-to-head to try and record the fastest serve in the pursuit of being named 'King's College London's Fastest Server' and winning a bag worth £75! Congratulations to Annmaria and Eduardo for winning these awards.



Industry leading fitness coaches Chlo Wilkinson and Stephanie Cowton teamed up to deliver a HITT and power yoga session with KCL Students. Both sessions enabled students to try something new while equipping them with exercises they can employ to manage stress and remain energised throughout a busy exam season.





After concluding the wellbeing centred on-court activities, 2021 US Open Champion and Kent's own Emma Raducanu joined KCL students as our special guest! Emma participated in a Q&A with students and met with the Member of Parliament for Maidstone and Prime Ministers Special Envoy for Girls' Education, Helen Grant MP, with LTA Deputy President Sandi Procter. Emma concluded her visit by hitting the UV tennis court and playing points with some of our students before they all went head-to-head in their teams.



A massive thank you to Val Vladea from Wilson, Virtus Leisure, Tennis Industry Association and finally, the students from King's College London for making the day so special.

Sandi Procter recognised - Tennis volunteer and pioneer in women's leadership

Sandi Procter recognised for her extraordinary serve as a tennis volunteer and pioneer in women's leadership.

I am delighted to report that lifelong Kent tennis volunteer and incoming LTA President for 2023, Sandi Procter received the prestigious Sport and Recreation Alliance Annual Spirit of Sport for her outstanding service to tennis and a pioneer in women's leadership by HRH The Earl of Wessex at St James's Palace. This accolade recognises volunteers in the sports and recreation sector who have dedicated their lives to helping the nation get active. From creating the red, orange and green programme adopted by 150+ countries worldwide to volunteering within Kent Tennis across a breadth of different roles for over a quarter of a century, Sandi personifies everything this accolade recognises.



Sandi's status as a pioneer in women's leadership has never been in doubt, becoming only the second ever female President in the Lawn Tennis Association's 135-year history next year. In recognition of this, Sandi was invited as a keynote speaker at the Speakeasy Club's

inaugural Women in Sport leadership lunch at the home of Welsh Sport: Principality Stadium, Cardiff. The event presented Sandi the platform to shed light on her remarkable leadership journey to successfully establishing the first LTA Women's Leadership Programme, 'Inspire'. 'Inspire' will present the best and brightest women with the opportunity to diversify their skill set and knowledge, with the aim of increasing the number of women in leadership positions at every level. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Sandi on being the recipient of such a prestigious accolade for her extraordinary service to tennis and best wishes on becoming the 2nd female President in the LTA's history next year. Exciting times are ahead for British tennis.

An update on County Governance and Kent Tennis Vacancies

Kent Tennis Board Member, Jason Baker and LTA Councillor for Kent, Nigel Jordan have an update for readers on county governance and Kent Tennis Vacancies

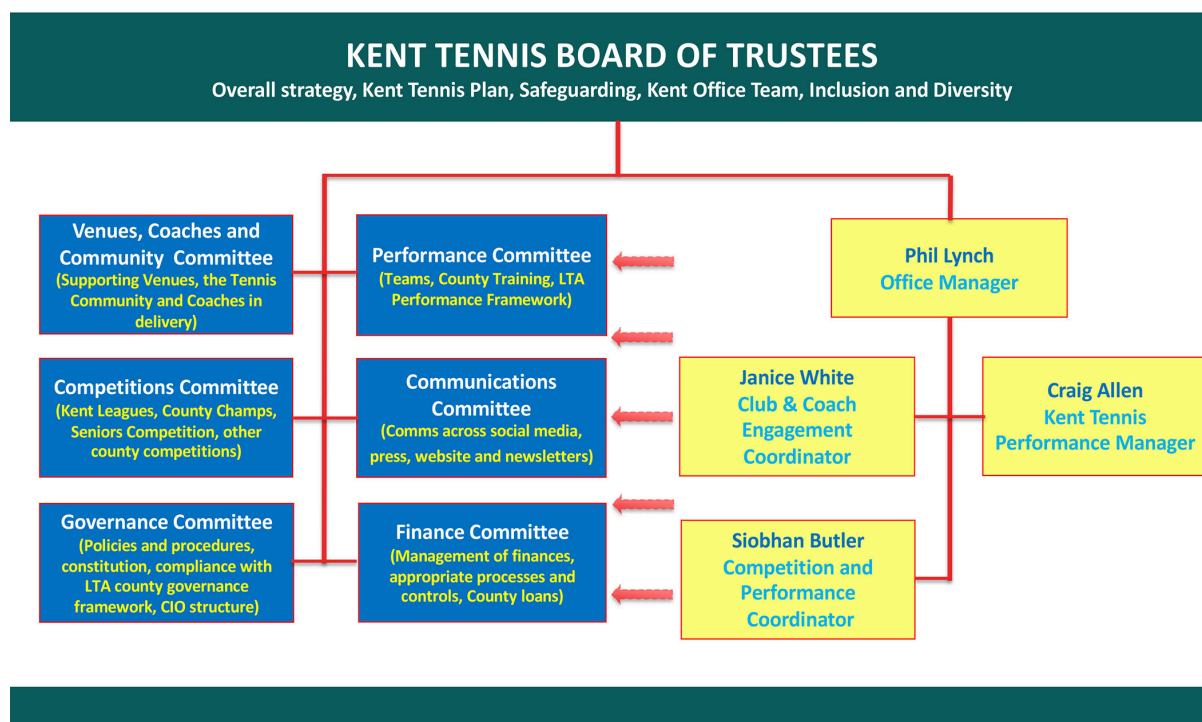
Since its foundation in 1890, Kent County Lawn Tennis Association has been a loose association – a group of members who came together with the common purpose of enjoying tennis. In a strictly legal sense, the “assets” we own – such as bank accounts - are held “in trust” by 3 trustees on behalf of all the members. As time has passed, the world has become more litigious and the amount of money we handle has increased significantly. As a result, the level of risk carried by the trustees has also increased. This loose structure is not suitable for the 21st century.

Following consultation with members at the AGMs in 2020 and 2021, Kent Tennis decided to become a charity by registering in a new legal

form. We are now close to that registration being approved, hopefully before the end of the year. In future we will be called Kent Tennis Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Once we begin to operate as a charity, we will be governed by a Board of Trustees comprising a maximum of 10 people. They will largely come from our existing Board of Management, and will include the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and LTA Councillor. Beneath that, the day-to-day management of activity will be conducted by a series of committees. Each of these committees will include at least one trustee, but the committee may not be chaired by that person. The areas covered by the committees are as shown by the diagram below

Kent Tennis Committee Structure



Whilst we await the formal registration and commencement of the new charity, we remain in a state of transition. We are testing and trialling different ways of working, involving a significantly greater number of people from every aspect of tennis within Kent. In bringing in new volunteers we are looking to gain insight from people from a wider background. We are therefore looking for new volunteers who can add to our current priority, which is the recruitment of a treasurer, adding to the committees in the above diagram. If you are interested in coming

on board as our county treasurer or joining one of our committees, please email Nigel Jordan at nigel@nigeljordan.com

The Success of Kent Tennis Day 2022

Kent Tennis Board Member for Clubs and Community Engagement, John Ratcliffe reflects on the success of Kent Tennis Day hosted at our 2022 Club of the Year, Sellindge Tennis Club

The Kent Day for 2022 was held at Sellindge Tennis Club on Saturday 10th September. Kent Day is always held at Kent's Club of the Year and what a day it was. Despite being held only two days after the death of The Queen. The LTA gave us permission to continue with the event, something Sellindge wanted to do.

The two-court club at the heart of Sellindge community put on a day to remember. All the junior coaching sessions, adult coaching sessions and the cardio tennis session organised by Head Coach Nick Skelton were fully booked.



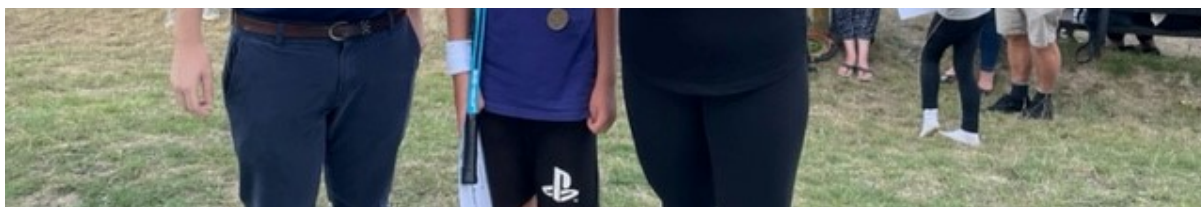
In front of the clubhouse in splendid sunshine, the club had marked

out mini tennis courts for the Kent Family Cup under 10 competition where juniors played with an adult. We had an entry of 32 people playing a round robin leading to a grand final won by Lex aged 8 and his mother Claire from Sellindge. Thanks go to Graham Silvester who did an awesome job refereeing the tournament.



Also in front of the clubhouse were a variety of entertainment stalls. These included smashing the plates which proved more difficult than it looked, a coconut shy which was a bit easier, tombola and my favourite, sweetie stall. Catering was to a high standard and the bar was in full swing. Networking took place between the Southeast LTA Regional Team, local councillors and housing developers, who looked at how the club can be supported in building an additional two courts to meet the growing membership demands.





The day was concluded by an excellent exhibition match of girls' singles, between the Kent County Closed Girls Doubles Champions Chloe Cleaver and Anais Gauthier. Thanks for an outstanding community day organised by Caroline Crumley and her Committee at Sellindge. It was a great example of what a well organised tennis club can bring to a local community. We look forward to further nominations in this year's Kent/LTA Awards and an opportunity for you to showcase your club by holding the Kent Day in 2023.

Deal Parochial Tennis Leaders receive a special training day

On 4th November, I had the privilege of visiting LTA School of the Year, Deal Parochial Primary School to deliver a special training day.

The training saw 14 keen year 6s looking to take the course early next year, and 12 qualified Tennis Leaders from the senior school hit the courts ready to learn! Incoming LTA President and Tennis Leaders aficionado Sandi Procter joined me to deliver the special training day. We shared our insights with Tennis Leaders on how they can use 'Energy and Purpose' to improve on-court delivery and get more young people playing tennis! After the training day, Sandi and I received a tour of the school where we had the opportunity to meet with pupils and teachers, explore their facilities and see the famous Sports Celebration noticeboard and trophy display at the school entrance.





A massive thank you to Karen Hodgson and the team at Deal Parochial for the invite and the warm hospitality throughout the day! Very excited to see Deal go from strength to strength in 2023, building on the success of their LTA county, regional and national awards success this year!

University of Kent, a National Leader

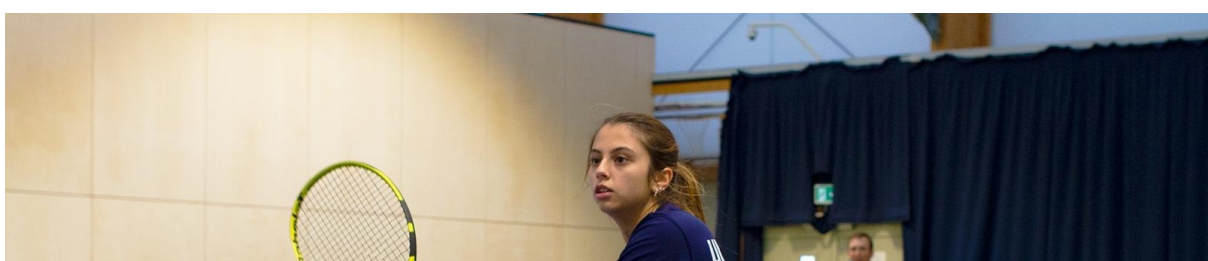
Earlier in the month, I had the pleasure of catching up with recently appointed University of Kent Tennis Development Manager, Nick Skelton to talk about his vision for making our county university a national leader in its tennis offer following a chance encounter at LTA Universities Summit in Loughborough.

Nick is a Level 5 coach with 20+ years' experience working in outdoor clubs of all sizes across the county. Taking inspiration from completing his Level 5 coaching qualification last year, Nick wanted to continue contributing to the landscape of British tennis in a different setting through a new challenge that brings together adult and junior participation, competition at all levels and workforce development. The University Development Manager job ticks every box, bringing together students and staff through a shared love of the game, competition at all levels from local leaders to University and a passionate

competition at all levels from local ladders to varsity and a passionate group of young volunteers keen to develop. All of this is within a very different setting for Nick, with a state-of-the-art indoor facility including four newly laid indoor acrylic courts and a comprehensive gym.



Nick has hit the ground running since the start of the academic year in September, establishing solid foundations for making the University of Kent a national leader in its tennis offering by embracing inclusion and all it has to offer. Within the first few weeks of term, the University of Kent has already introduced staff tennis for the first time which has brought a previously underrepresented group in university tennis into the programme. In January, the University of Kent is launching its first community programme. The aim of this is to increase the visibility of the University within Canterbury, making the hidden gem a public gem for people from all walks of life to enjoy. The community coaching programme will offer all ages and abilities the opportunity to play 2-3 times a week on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, combined with team competition to develop a lifelong love of the game.





The final piece of the jigsaw to bring this vision to life is growing the University tennis society itself. The University of Kent tennis society is led by a voluntary committee of students, boasting 150 members passionate about making our county university a national leader in its tennis offer. To support the delivery of this community programme and with open days scheduled for 11th and 18th December, Nick and the University have teamed up with the Head of County CDC Virtus Leisure, Luke House, to organise a ‘female only’ level 1 starting 4th December at University of Kent Tennis Centre. This course presents 16 young female students with a fully funded introduction to tennis coaching in return for delivering local community programmes.



This article only touches the surface of the ambition the University has for tennis. With so much passion and enthusiasm from Nick, students

and the community, I can't wait to seeing this exciting vision come to fruition.

Some Important Updates

LTA/Kent Tennis Awards

A great opportunity to say “thank you” to someone at your venue, complete your nomination here

- <https://fs18.formsite.com/ltaadmin/clud28oznk/index.html>

Nominations Close on 30th November. The criteria for each category can be found [HERE](#). **Top tip:** **Read over the criteria and questions on the nomination form, then prepare your nomination in a word document ready to copy and paste into the online form.

Venue Registration. The Venue Registration Portal is now open for you to renew, during the renewal period all clubs are covered by the LTA Insurance. Registration deadline is **Friday 16th December 2022**. The Kent fees invoice will be sent to the Club Main Contact within 1 week of registering with the LTA.

Dates for your diary

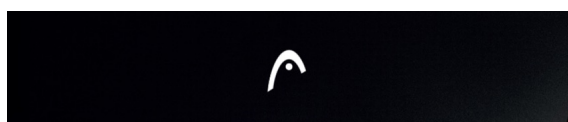
30th November – LTA Awards Nominations Close

6th December – Kent Tennis Christmas Special Coffee Morning

16th December – Last day to complete Venue Registration

16th January – Kent Tennis Annual General Meeting

11th February – Kent Tennis Awards Dinner



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