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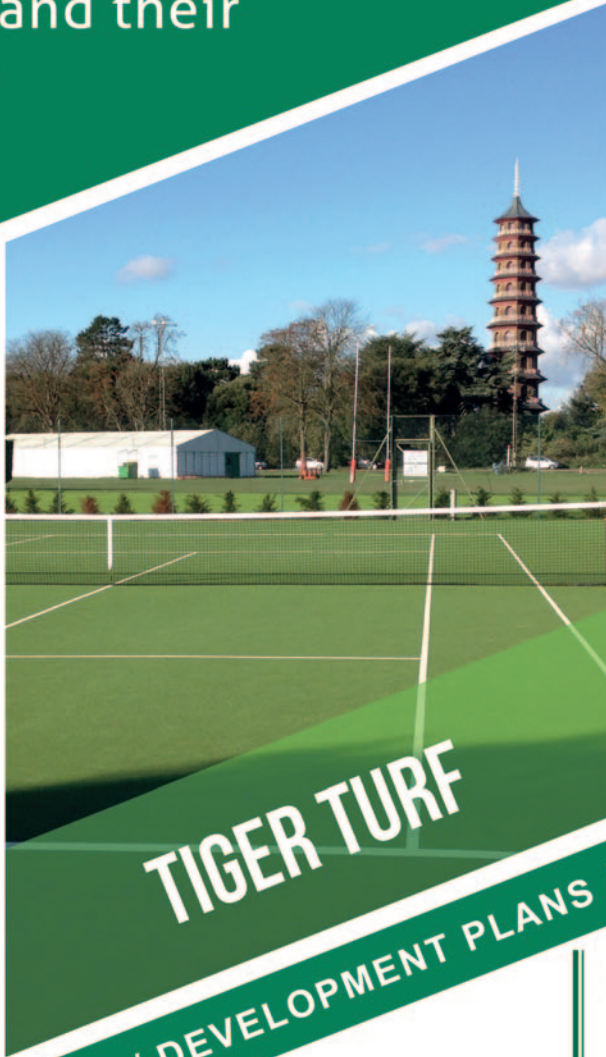
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Welcome from the President

John Watton



2021 saw us still feeling the effects of COVID-19 and the restrictions that brought to us all. However, to paraphrase a popular sporting saying, it was a year of two halves. The first half saw us lose out on playing time and some competitions, with a limited return to the courts coupled with some restrictions. The second half saw players surge back onto the courts once more with great enthusiasm. We saw clubs

competing against each other, Kent teams winning competitions and our County Championships returning. Of course, there was also Emma Raducanu and that incredible win at the US Open.

So, I am pleased to be able to highlight some of the great successes this year, starting with our Men's team retaining their Group 1 National title, in Andy Burgoyne's final year as captain, after 13 years in the role – a great achievement. Our Men's 35s team were National Champions for the third year running, whilst, in the Junior County Cup events, 6 of our teams won their groups, with the Boys 9U crowned National (South) Champions and our Girls 11U National Runners-up. On top of this, our Ladies won promotion to return to Group 1 for Summer 2022.

It was a pleasure to see 5 Kent players at Wimbledon this year; Emma Raducanu and Anton Matusевич in the main draws, plus Jack Pinnington Jones, Pat Brady and Hugo Coquelin in the Boys Singles. It is always so good to see players come through the juniors

locally and then compete at a higher level, but Emma really exceeded our expectations this year at the US Open, breaking records along the way in winning the US Open Ladies Singles, and thrilling everyone in Kent (and beyond) with her tennis.

This year has still been very disruptive, but I would like to thank the great numbers of Kent Tennis volunteers, staff, coaches, officials and players who have put so much hard work into allowing tennis to have continued, despite the many restrictions in place.

We saw Kent well represented at the LTA National Awards, with 4 National Finalists. Both Sundridge Park (Club of the Year) and Deal Parochial CofE School (School of the Year) were National Runners-Up. More can be found on these elsewhere in this review.

Kent Tennis successfully continued regular online Coffee Mornings this year, for club officials, volunteers and members to catch up with our Office Staff, members of Council, share best practice, and provide advice to their peers. Once restrictions were lifted, we moved these in July from fortnightly to monthly, and they continue to be well attended.

Kent's clubs continue to attract members and most report their courts are very busy. I hope this continues into 2022 and that you can all play tennis safely without the restrictions we have seen these past 2 years, whilst enjoying your tennis, be it playing, coaching, officiating, volunteering or spectating.

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Front cover picture: Kent's Emma Raducanu holding the US Open Ladies Singles trophy she won in September.

Back cover picture: Kent's Ladies 35s team at Eastbourne (Lindsey Goddard, Karen Thomas, Kate Hands, Chloe Taylor).

Kent Tennis Playing Highlights 2021

» 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 20.

» Jack Pinnington Jones played in the junior events at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open, peaking at a high of number 6 in the ITF World Junior Rankings. Jack also won his first ITF M15 Mens Singles event in Turkey, and reached a career high ATP World Ranking of 741.

» Anton Matusevich and Alice Gillan both qualified for the UK Pro Tennis League Finals. Anton went on to be crowned Mens Champion. The event has only run for two years and Kent have now provided a champion in both years (Emma Raducanu won the Ladies in 2020).

» Anton Matusevich won his first ITF M15 Mens Singles event in Finland, and peaked at a career high ATP World Ranking of 388; the highest singles ranking by a Kent Men’s player since Colin Beecher in 1997.

» Huqo Coquelin won the National 16U Boys Singles, which qualified him for the Boys Singles at Wimbledon.

» Ben Gusic-Wan won the National 14U Boys Doubles and was runner-up in the National 14U Boys Singles.

» Pat Brady won through the qualifying and won his first match in the Boys Singles main draw at Wimbledon.

» Kent Men won Group 1 County Week, retaining their title from 2019, and are crowned National Champions for the fourth time in seven years. Kent Ladies won promotion back to Group 1.

» Kent Men’s 35s won Group 1; not only have they been National Champions for 3 years, but with promotions before that, they have an unbeaten run stretching back to 2015.

» Kent Boys 9U were National South Champions and Kent Girls 11U were National Runners-Up. 4 more junior teams won regionalised groups (with no finals due to restrictions this year); Boys 14U, Boys 12U, Boys 10U and Girls 10U.

» 10 National Senior titles were won by Kent players this year; Hazel Lindfield (3), Niall Sweeney (3), Joe Cooper (1), Jane Gentle & Sally Holmes (1), Jim May (1), Steve Weatherall (1).

» Ladies 55s and Men’s 75s won their regionalised County Cup Groups this year.

Pictured below are: Kent Men’s 35s team National Champions (left to right: Steve Weatherall, Andy Burgoyne, Ali Filmer, Jim May, Zane Cheeseman); Hugo Coquelin with his National 16U Singles Trophy; Kent Girls 11U National Runners-up (Captain Harry Bushnell, Vice-Captain Holly Richards and Aditi, Isabel, Judy, Julie and Milena)

The results section covers Kent’s winners as well as championship successes.





Pictured above clockwise from top left: **Tommy** at the National Junior Championships; **Kent Men's 50s Team 2021** (Jason Baker, Adrian Moll, Nigel Cannon, Nick Lambrou, Dino Skeete); **Hazel Lindfield** receiving her National 60s Ladies Singles trophy; **Kent Boys 9U Team – National South Champions** (Tom Samson (Capt), Sam Tyler (Vice-captain), Darnay, Gianluca, Matyas, Raghav, Tony); **Kent Boys 14U Team – Group Winners** (Ben, Dimitar, Erik, Isaac, Kobi, Luke); **Jack Pinnington Jones** with his first ITF Mens M15 singles trophy in Turkey; **Anton Matusevich** after winning one of his UK Pro League titles this year; **Jane Gentle & Sally Homes** – National Indoor 60s Ladies Doubles Champions; **Kent Men's Team – Summer County Cup Champions** (James Davis, Lewis Burton, Nick Brookes, James Markiewicz, Ali Filmer, Pat Brady, Sean Thornley, Francis Sargeant, Matthew Summers, Hugo Coquelin, Andy Burgoyne (Capt)); **Kent Ladies 35s Team** at Eastbourne (Lindsey Goddard, Karen Thomas, Kate Hands, Chloe Taylor); **Alice Gillan** playing in the UK Pro League.

Thank you!

Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre, David Lloyd Club Kings Hill, Sennocke Centre, The Parklangley Club – for court hire discounts for County matches, practices and training.

Bromley Tennis Centre – for hosting the County Championships and rooms for Council and Board meetings.

Bearsted & Thurnham Tennis Club, Beckenham Sports Club, Bromley Lawn Tennis Club, Bromley Tennis Centre, Bromley Wendover Lawn Tennis Club, Canterbury Tennis Club, Freedom Leisure Maidstone, The Parklangley Club, Sevenoaks Lawn Tennis Club, The Sundridge Park Club, Tunbridge Wells Lawn Tennis Club – for hosting County Seniors matches.

HEAD UK, Trevor May Contractors, KEM, Colchester Global Investors, East West Connect, Clark Inns Limited – for their continuing sponsorship of Kent Tennis.

Jason Baker, Jim Barton, Siobhan Butler, Keith Clark, Denis Costelloe, Steve D'Almeida, John Darby, Tom Defrates, Mary Evans, Susan Finch, Tony Fisher, Andy Hanks, Carol Harrison, Luke House, Harri Izzard, Nigel Jordan, Lisa King, Rosemary Lee, Hazel Lindfield, Phil Lynch, Sandi Procter, John Ratcliffe, Graham Silvester, Malcolm Smith, Geoffrey Stephenson, Graham Sutherland, John Watton, Vanessa Webb, Janice White, Keeley Wicks and Stephen Woodley - for their contributions in compiling, writing, editing and proof-reading this Annual Review.

Special Thank You to...

Andy Burgoyne is standing down as Kent Men's Captain after 13 years. He has been our most successful captain, winning Summer County Cup week 4 times out of the last 7. He has worked hard at ensuring there is a great team spirit and helped bring on the next generation, including players at a young age to get experience of County Week. Andy has also played more matches for Kent than any other player; 204 times. That is 114 Summer Men's County Cup, 70 Winter Men's County Cup and 20 for Men's 35s County Cup. Well done Andy and thank you!



Geoffrey Stephenson who is stepping down from Board and Council after 23 years. Geoff has been our Legal and Discipline representative for most of his time on Council, making a great contribution to Kent Tennis to keep us up to date with legislation, policies and anything else that needs looking at legally. Much of his recent work has been related to Bromley Tennis Centre and the long-term solution to its overall ownership (for which he has very kindly offered to still help with). Geoff will be a hard act to follow and we wish him well as he steps away from our committee; we are very grateful to Geoff for his many years of service.

All the many volunteers, coaches, team captains, competition organisers, players, referees, umpires, court supervisors, staff and club members across the county for all their hard work and amazing contributions in 2021, across clubs, parks and venues in promoting tennis openly to all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Well done everyone!



OPERATIONS

Kent Tennis Board

Malcolm Smith, Chairman, Board of Management



frequency of meeting. The Board met 16 times in total (it is usually 8).

One of the positives that came out of all of this was the continuation from 2020 of the 'Coffee Mornings' for our clubs. These proved to be an invaluable way of clubs raising their questions or issues around COVID restrictions and sharing experiences and responses. Thank you to John, Janice and Phil for their continuing efforts in keeping these going, I know these have been extremely well attended and a source of insight for our clubs.

I am also pleased to report that the appointment of Craig Allen as our Lead County Coach back in February is really starting to pay dividends, and in conjunction with Harri, they are moving forward a number of key initiatives for our junior squads and County Training programme, as well as co-ordinating all our junior county teams. I am not going to attempt to do a round-up of all our team

With lockdown in full swing in the early part of this year, it felt very much like little had changed from 2020. For the first few months of the year, as we navigated ourselves out of the lockdown and all the various restrictions that came with it, the Kent Board were meeting, online, every two weeks. It was only in June that we felt that some sort of normality was returning and we returned to our more traditional

successes this year, but instead simply say that this has been a stand-out year for Kent Tennis in terms of all our teams. This was obviously capped off by Emma's unbelievable run and achievement in New York in September. 2021 will certainly go down as one of the most outstanding years for Kent Tennis.

As a Board we continue to try and lead the way as a county and, in this regard, I am pleased to say that we were the first county to successfully complete our LTA Safeguarding audit. Thanks to Nigel, Janice and Harri in particular for getting us through this. We are also continuing to progress our possible change into an incorporated body under the Charity Commission. This step has been taken by only a few other counties but is important in both modernising our structure and governance, and also reducing some of the risks carried by both our individual volunteers and ultimately our member clubs. This work will carry on in 2022.

We can look back on yet another challenging year for us all, but with some satisfaction given the enormous achievements and progress that has been made. We continue to be one of the leading counties for much of what we do and for this I believe we must thank all the various volunteers across Kent Tennis who give up so much of their time. Their contribution is invaluable and without whom we would not be able to achieve anything like what we do. So, a personal thank you from me to all of you and I am looking forward to yet another 'stand-out' year in 2022 for Kent Tennis.

Kent Tennis Council

Jason Baker, Honorary Secretary, Kent Tennis



lockdown restrictions, it was great to see so many people from different clubs taking an interest in Kent Tennis, many of whom give up so much of their valuable time to ensure that tennis in the County goes from strength to strength. We are very grateful to all of you who contribute such a vast amount across the county. One of the key discussion points was the AGM ratifying the Board's proposal to investigate changing the status of the Association from an unincorporated to a charitable organisation.

Kent Tennis is run by a Council elected by its member organisations, and on a day to day basis by a Board of representatives from members of the Council. As we had done in 2020, the Council continued to meet remotely, although we did finally manage a face to face meeting in October for the last of its four meetings in the year. It was great to finally catch-up with colleagues in person, and discover we were all fit and well. The Council ratifies the key decisions taken by the Board.

The Council meetings focused on the effective implementation of the Kent Plan, which was very much driven by the COVID environment and

As usual 2020 finished with the AGM, although very different since, for the first time in the Association's history, the meeting took place entirely online over Zoom. The change of format forced upon us by the COVID pandemic led to a slightly lower attendance than usual with 73 people on camera compared to 82 people attending in person in 2019. Despite the lack of tennis activity for much of the year due to the

getting tennis activities back up and running, as well as making the appropriate changes to ensure we can continue to function effectively in "the new world". Despite this we have discussed, learned and made decisions on a number of areas covering: the future governance of Bromley Tennis Centre, the status of the Association, preparation and the results of the LTA Safeguarding Audit, performance tennis and formal safeguarding training. The Council also received a report on the delivery of the LTA objectives and focus areas, including the progress of their governance review, by Nigel Jordan, our LTA Councillor.

Despite it being another tough year, I feel that the Council has responded to the changes in the external environment and the controlled return to tennis activities to continue to maintain its effectiveness. I would like to thank Councillors for adapting and responding to the situation and for all their hard work and time given in the pursuit of making Kent Tennis more adaptable. It is pleasing to see that new volunteers have come forward to fill our vacancies for 2022.

KENT COUNTY LTA COUNCIL 2021

Honorary Positions

President:	John Watton		
Deputy President:	Mary Evans		
Honorary Life President:	Austin Smith		
Honorary Life Vice-Presidents:	Roger Bottomley	Denis Costelloe	Angela Darby
	John Darby	John Povey	
	Stuart Smith	Stephen Woodley	

Board of Management

Board Member	Roles	Clubs
Malcolm Smith	Chairman of Board & Commercial Affairs	Tunbridge Wells
Jason Baker	Hon. Secretary & Administration of County Affairs	Tunbridge Wells
Nigel Jordan	Hon. Treasurer, Safeguarding & LTA Councillor	Old Wilsonians
Sandi Procter	Board Adviser	Bromley Tennis Centre
John Ratcliffe	Club, Community & Education Support	Shooters Hill
Graham Silvester	Communications & Marketing	Bromley Tennis Centre
Geoffrey Stephenson	Legal Affairs	Sundridge Park
Anna Wilson	New initiatives (including Padel)	Sundridge Park

Elected Councillors

Councillor	Roles	Clubs
Jim Barton	Maidstone & Medway Leagues	Frindsbury
Jacqueline Darby	Adult County Teams	Bromley Wendover/Sundridge Park
Tom Defrates	Disability Tennis	Bromley Tennis Centre
Mary Evans	Deputy President, Awards, Schools Tennis	Otford
Susan Finch	Junior County Teams	Parklangley
Tony Fisher	Kent Supporters Club – Finance	Knoll
Luke House	Coaches Network	Shooters Hill
Lisa King	North Kent LTA	Sundridge Park
Sarah Langford	Projects	Bromley Tennis Centre
Rosemary Lee	Kent Supporters Club – Membership/Admin	Bromley CC
Clare Lilley	Projects	Sundridge Park
Graham Sutherland	Ashford District League	Wye
John Watton	President, Seniors County Teams	Beckenham/Bearsted
Vanessa Webb	Press Officer, East Kent LTA	Deal Indoor Tennis Centre
Keeley Wicks	Kent Inter-Club Leagues	Bexley

Note: All Board of Management members are also elected Councillors

Trustees: **Jason Baker, Nigel Jordan, John Ratcliffe**

Kent Tennis Office Team

Phil Lynch	Kent Tennis Office Manager
Janice White	Clubs & Coach Engagement, and County Safeguarding Officer
Harri Izzard	Performance & Competitions, and County Deputy Safeguarding Officer
Craig Allen	County Lead Coach (from Feb 2021)
Siobhan Butler	Competitions

Council Attendees 2021

Councillor's name	No. Meetings invited to	No. Meetings attended	Councillor's name	No. Meetings invited to	No. Meetings attended
Jason Baker	4	4	Sandi Procter	4	2
Jim Barton	4	3	John Ratcliffe	4	4
Denis Costelloe	VP	2	Graham Silvester	4	4
Angela Darby	VP	4	Malcolm Smith	4	4
Jacqueline Darby	4	4	Stuart Smith	VP	4
John Darby	VP	4	Geoffrey Stephenson	4	0
Tom Defrates	4	3	Graham Sutherland	4	4
Mary Evans	4	4	John Watton	4	4
Susan Finch	4	4	Vanessa Webb	4	4
Tony Fisher	4	4	Keeley Wicks	4	4
Luke House	4	2	Anna Wilson	4	4
Nigel Jordan	4	4	Stephen Woodley	VP	4
Lisa King	4	4	Craig Allen	2/KT	2
Sarah Langford	4	4	Harri Izzard	2/KT	2
Rosemary Lee	4	3	Phil Lynch	4/KT	4
Clare Lilley	4	3	Janice White	4/KT	4

NOTES: VP = Honorary Life Vice-President KT = Kent Tennis Office Team. VPs & KTs are not permitted to vote but are welcome to attend and speak at Council meetings.

Volunteer & Working Groups

Kent Inter-Club Leagues:	Keeley Wicks (Chair), Harri Izzard, Anne Gibbs, Mark Martin, Rachael Taylor, Vanessa Webb,
Tournament Organisers:	Siobhan Butler (Kent Tennis Office), Keith Clark (Seniors), Mary Evans (Schools), Harri Izzard (Kent Tennis Office)
Men's Captain, Vice-Captain:	Andy Burgoyne, Alastair Filmer
Ladies Captain, Vice-Captain:	Holly Richards, Jacqueline Darby
Seniors Men's Captains:	Stephen Woodley (Chair), Oliver Freelove (35s), John Gotke (45s), Dino Skeete (50s), Keith Gill (55s), Nigel Jordan (60s), Jasper Cooper (65s), Jonathan Potter (70s), Gary Sims (75s)
Seniors Ladies Captains:	Hazel Lindfield (Chair & 60s), Kate Hands & Karen Thomas (35s), Suzy Russell (40s), Rachel Payne (50s), Jane Gentle (55s), Sheila Badger (65s), Myra Hunter (70s), Janet Broster (75s)
Juniors Captains:	Tom Jarvis (Boys 18U & 14U), Dominic Cobby (Boys 12U), Shane Theobald (Boys 11U), Brett Spencer-Stephens (Boys 10U), Pippa Lane (Girls 18U), Sarah Wray (Girls 14U), Martin Whitehouse (Girls 12U), Harry Bushnell (Girls 11U), Craig Allen (Girls 10U), Tom Samson (Mixed 9U), Greg McNally (Mixed 8U)
Communications & Publicity:	Graham Silvester (Chair), Jason Baker, Steve D'Almeida, Carol Harrison, Harri Izzard, Clare Lilley, Phil Lynch, Sandi Procter, Vanessa Webb, Janice White, Anna Wilson
Kent Officials Network:	Jason Baker (Chair), Charlie Falconer, Harri Izzard, Chris Mann
Kent Tennis Supporters Club:	Rosemary Lee, Tony Fisher, Janice White

LTA Officials

Stuart Smith
Austin Smith
Sandi Procter
Nigel Jordan
Steven Matthews

LTA Past President
LTA Honorary Life Vice-President
LTA Deputy President and elected member of LTA Board
Kent's LTA Council representative
Tennis Industry Association's LTA Council representative

Communications

Our communication in 2021 was, like last year, initially centred on advising clubs, volunteers, officials, staff, coaches, players, parents and sponsors what the latest guidelines meant for everyone regarding playing tennis. Nevertheless, the key strategy remains to broaden the visibility of Kent Tennis and to improve engagement.

– **Kent Tennis Coffee Mornings** – The online (via Zoom) Coffee Mornings, started during 2020, have gone from strength to strength to help us bring more people from more clubs together to share best practice, provide valuable updates and help where possible. These are chaired by Phil Lynch, with discussions led by John Ratcliffe and updates from Janice White on a wide range of topics for club representatives, along with Competitions and Performance advice from Harri Izzard, and Inter-club League updates from Keeley Wicks. These were held fortnightly to July and are now held monthly, with occasional evening “Club Nights In” for those who cannot make Tuesday mornings. These have helped us connect online with over 200 people from 86 clubs, surpassing the record of 74 clubs Kent Tennis engaged with in 2020. Kent Tennis Coffee Mornings will continue as long as healthy numbers are attending.

– **KLT** – We continued with the digital KLT magazine and 6 issues (with one more planned) were sent out to subscribers, with Graham Silvester doing the lion’s share of the design work on the MailChimp digital emailing service, including a special edition celebrating Emma Raducanu’s great success at the US Open. Almost 1600 people now receive the KLT and a lot of work goes into producing these. In addition to Graham, we are very grateful to the following for their writing, editing and proof-reading for our articles this year – Steve D’Almeida, Carol Harrison, Harri Izzard, Clare Lilley, Phil Lynch, Sandi Procter, Vanessa Webb, Janice White, Anna Wilson and Stephen Woodley.

– **Media Coverage** – Vanessa Webb continues to provide excellent press coverage for Kent Tennis and has expanded her contacts even further this year. She now regularly has press releases and articles in 66 different local newspapers in Kent and South East London, as well as interviews with television companies and radio stations. Vanessa also has updates appearing on the KM Online website and, regular spots on KMFM Radio.

– **Social Media** – Carol Harrison has transformed our social media presence and with Instagram followers having increased 100% in the previous year, we saw a further increase in 2021 from 1215 followers to 1574. Carol has managed to find regular updates for our Instagram page, whatever the topic across Kent Tennis, and also taught our Office Team how to get involved and post updates on Instagram throughout the year.

– **Website** – our newly rebranded website launched and we are very grateful to the work Graham Silvester and the Office Team have put into keeping this up to date.

Following 2 years of what has felt like fire-fighting to keep everyone updated with what we can and cannot do during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 is now the time for a review of how, when, what and to whom we communicate. The Kent Tennis Communications group will look at the Board’s strategic plans in the New Year and align its communications accordingly.

The Kent Tennis brand logo was updated in late 2019, so this was the first full year we have seen the new kit out on court across all County Cup events. Pictured below are the Kent Ladies team ahead of winning promotion back to Group 1 for next year. Gabby Chidwick, Phoebe Ecuyer-Dale, Sarah Wray, Tiegana Aitken, Natasha Munday, Phoebe Watton, Jacqueline Darby (Vice Captain), Holly Richards (Captain), Alaia Rubio Perez, Sofia Johnson



COMPETING County Cup

Kent is one of only a handful of counties that enters teams into every age group of the National County Cup from 9U all the way through to 75s. At junior level the age groups are at 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U and 18U each for Boys and Girls. There is also a summer Men's and Ladies County Cup, a winter Men's and Ladies County Cup, a Men's and Ladies over 35s County Cup and a Seniors County Cup with age groups for Ladies 40s, Men 45s, and then 50s, 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s, and 75s each for both Ladies and Men. The format of each event varies slightly according to the age groups.

In addition to the County Cup teams there are also usually Inter-County Championships held at a regional level for juniors at 8U and 16U (but not in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Kent Tennis organises all the junior teams. This includes supporting team selection, confirming coaches, arranging transport, accommodation and finances for all stages of the events that our teams qualify for, as well as finding/agreeing venues for fixtures within the county. The events are hugely popular with the juniors selected, with many of them choosing it as their top tennis event of the year. The enjoyment they get from these events translates beyond junior tennis, with many players having represented Kent at Junior, Adult and Seniors level through the years. We are very grateful to all the hard work and support provided by Harri Izzard (Performance and Competitions Manager) and Craig Allen (County Lead Coach), as well as Susan Finch for all her help and assistance throughout the year.

Due to the restrictions in place for parts of the year, Men's & Ladies Winter County Cup (in December 2020) and the 18U Junior County Cup events were cancelled. In addition, all the Seniors and the Junior 14U, 12U and 10U were restricted to regionalised events only in 2021. Let's hope next year sees a great deal more tennis for all!

Our Men celebrated winning the Summer County Cup for a 4th time in 7 years and our Ladies Team won promotion back to Group 1 for next summer. Our Men's 35s won Group 1 for a 4th consecutive year, whilst our Boys 9U were National South Champions. The Kent 11U Girls team were National Runners-up and the following junior teams all won their Regional Groups, but had no national finals to play in this year: Boys 14U, Boys 12U, Boys 10U, Girls 10U. To top off an excellent year on court for Kent teams, in the seniors, the Kent Men's 75s won their regional group, and our Ladies 55s are due to play their final match at the time of writing to decide if they win their regional group too.

Details of results and players can be found in the results section of this Annual Review.

Pictured below: The successful Boys and Girls 10U teams Boys – Drew, James, Justin, Timothee, Tom and Zak. Girls – Isabel, Isla, Judy, Milena and Zarina



County Training

The provision of county training for over 150 players is one of the largest responsibilities for Kent Tennis. Over the 2020-21 season, we scheduled 280 hours of training delivered by 22 coaches, primarily at Bromley Tennis Centre, Parklangley and David Lloyd Kings Hill. In terms of player hours on court in these sessions, this equates to 3000 hours. However, as with so much in a pandemic affected year, much of this was cancelled, but we did manage to provide some training from April 2021 onwards.

In February 2021 we recruited Craig Allen to take on the County Lead Coach role. Craig has been working closely with Harri to manage the County Training Programme, taking responsibility for the philosophy, the content and delivery of the training sessions, whilst managing the coaching team. Craig leads the selection process for County teams and preparation for County Cup competitions.

For 2021-22 we have redesigned the programme under the umbrella of Kent Tennis' Junior County Programmes. These programmes are designed to bring together the very best players from around the county, in a hard-working, fun and informative environment. The purpose of the annual programme is not only to support the development of each player, but to bring together groups of players as a team in what is primarily an individual sport.

The new programme consists of 'County Camps' for children under the age of 8 and our 'County Training' programme running between the age groups of 9U to 18U. In addition to 7U & 8U monthly county camps, we run other specialised camps during the year.

Throughout the duration of the county training programme, whilst there will be singles play, the main focus will be to learn about the British Tennis Doubles System, with priority attention given to the specific areas that the age group captain has highlighted to best prepare the players for the County Cup event. Sessions are often held monthly on a Sunday afternoon/evening.

The introduction of the new Nike kit in 2020 has been a real success and is available to county programme players. The suppliers are kitlocker.com, and the store can be found on the Kent Tennis website.

Pictured below: County Championships 2021 – some of the finalists with their trophies



County Championships

Returning after a year off for COVID-19, the Kent County Championships returned to Bromley Tennis Centre for the 91st Championships. Another great week of tennis was had with another County Championships t-shirt (grey this year) to add to the collection that entrants receive each year.

Despite slightly reduced numbers, attributed to the pandemic, the event took place over 7 days using 10 courts at BTC with 292 players and 543 entries in events from 8U to Open age groups competing in the tournament. There was a record number of entries in a number of events (Mens Singles had 51 entrants). Adult events get played in the late afternoon and early evenings. 679 matches, 1,222 sets and 8,142 games were played this year. This was the largest County Championships in the country this year.

Congratulations to Ben and Lois (pictured below) who were both crowned Junior Singles Champions and Mens/Ladies Singles for 2021; they both won their three finals. Congratulations also go to Eloise who reached four finals and Chloe, Niamh, and Matthew who each played in three.



2021 saw the introduction of qualifying events, which saw another 44 entries taking to the courts prior to the County Championships, with the winners gaining a space in the main draw. The purpose of the qualifying events is to ensure appropriate and enjoyable opportunities for those newer to competition. We look forward to working with local organisers further to make these events a success in 2022.

Thank you to the Kent Office Team (Harri, Janice and Phil) as well as Keeley Wicks, for manning the Welcome Desk throughout the week, Bromley Tennis Centre for providing the facility and managing the event, Lisa Field and The Brunch Shop team for keeping us fed and to the tournament team of Graham Silvester, Chris Mann and Jason Baker for organising a great week.

The Winter 8U County Championships were regrettably cancelled this year but we look forward to seeing these two singles events return in 2022. Our thanks go to Sarah Langford, Graham Silvester and Bromley Tennis Centre for ensuring these events were run successfully.

A full list of champions and runners-up can be found on page 27.



Seniors County Championships

The Seniors County Championships are run both for Men and Ladies, with Keith Clark and Siobhan Butler running these respectively during the winter, and prizes sponsored by Clark Inns Limited. These events are for players who are either Kent qualified (birth/residence) or are a member of a Kent registered club. This is a very useful way of prospective county players being seen by the relevant Seniors Captains ahead of the summer inter-county championships selections.

The Men's events are run as a postal tournament, from October, for age groups from 45s to 75s, with finals then held in March at Bromley Tennis Centre. The Ladies events were held last year for the first time since 2011, with a one day doubles event at 40s and 60s; this year ladies 50s and 70s doubles were added in.

Entries increased to a healthy 133 entries across the 15 events and, due to the pandemic, did not complete until October, just as the 2021/22 winter tournament was starting. The Seniors certainly remains a successfully expanding section of our tennis.

Road to Wimbledon

The Road to Wimbledon is the largest junior tournament in British Tennis, providing 14U players the opportunity to progress from clubs and schools through to competing on the world famous grass courts at the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC), Wimbledon. Players who secure a place in the finals at the AELTC gain a real insight into what it might be like to take part in the Wimbledon Championships themselves. Competitors have access to the player restaurants and locker rooms and play on the practice courts.

Kent Tennis organises the county stage of this event, and our thanks go to Susan Finch for refereeing this event, and John Watton, Kent Tennis President for presenting the trophies. We encourage local

clubs, parks and schools to stage a tournament for their members or pupils who are rated between 10.2 and 7.1. Winners of these events then progress to the Kent County Finals. County Final winners are then invited to the National Road to Wimbledon Finals held at the AELTC, Wimbledon, in August.

Kent's County winners, Alex and Bella, played at the the All England Club in August in the Boys and Girls events respectively. There was also a Competition held for the LTA's Regional players which included Kent's Ben. Ben won the Regional Boys Singles and Doubles, whilst Alex reached the County Boys Doubles' semi-final. All three players really enjoyed the experience.

National League

The National League is a singles and doubles based team competition, managed nationally by the LTA, organised by each county for its registered venues, and held in both summer and winter. In the summer, it covers all age groups from 8U to adults, and in the winter, it covers juniors 8U to 18U.

The adult leagues, run only in the summer, comprise teams of 4 players each playing a singles match, before playing two doubles matches. Clubs enter their teams in their county divisions, and can progress to qualify for promotion into regional and national divisions for the following year. Matches are played April to June, with regional play-offs and National finals played in July.

The junior leagues in the summer are split into Premier League and County League. The Premier League is a 4 player format, playing singles and doubles like the adults. Clubs having higher ranked players can enter directly into the Premier League which allows stronger players and teams to play in a more appropriate standard league. Teams are accepted to the Premier 12U-18U events based

on the ratings of nominated players at entry stage. There are 3 age groups: 12U, 14U and 18U, and matches are played April to June, with National Finals in July.

The junior County National Leagues run by Kent Tennis accept entries into draws for both the 4 player format and also a 2 player format (where players play 1 singles each and then combine to play doubles). There are 8 age groups: 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. Whereas there are separate boys and girls draws for 11U to 18U, there are only mixed teams for 8U to 10U. These matches are played April to July, but no play-offs after.

The format for the National Winter Junior League is two player teams in round robin boxes which then lead to a knock-out for the county final in March.

Whilst the winter National League was cancelled, the Summer Junior League was successfully completed. There were 230 teams entered. The results section of this review lists the winners.

Kent Tennis HEAD Inter-Club Leagues

The Kent County Lawn Tennis Association Doubles Leagues are one of the oldest in the world, having started in 1890. The summer season starts in April, runs through to August with Divisional play-off finals in September. The winter season starts at the end of September and runs through to March. However, this year, the winter season was cancelled in November due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Ladies Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles are played in both summer and winter. The summer leagues also have Midweek Ladies Doubles, Midweek Seniors 45s Men's Doubles and Midweek Seniors Mixed (45s Men/40s Ladies) Doubles. The winter has Seniors 40s Ladies Doubles, Seniors 45s Men's Doubles, Midweek Seniors Ladies 60s Doubles, Midweek Seniors Men's 60s Doubles and Midweek Seniors Men's 70s Doubles leagues. Leagues are run with teams of 2 pairs in both summer and winter.

To keep all the above running like clockwork throughout the year, ensuring results are entered correctly, unknown players' names are identified, and queries resolved, and keeping League Planner

Tournament Software up to date, our thanks go to our hard-working competition organisers (Anne Gibbs, Mark Martin, Rachael Taylor and Vanessa Webb) and the Competitions Co-Ordinator, Keeley Wicks. They have seen unprecedented numbers of queries, in light of the rapidly changing COVID-19 restrictions through the year. Our thanks also go to Harri Izzard and Siobhan Butler in the Kent Tennis Office Team for their invaluable help, especially in setting everything up on League Planner for the online results reporting, and helping Keeley and the league organisers answer the numerous queries.

The summer season completed on schedule in September, having had a very healthy return, with 351 teams entered.

The leagues are sponsored by HEAD UK, official ball supplier to Kent Tennis.

The Results Section of this Annual Review has the full list of winners for the completed Kent Leagues, as well as for the District Associations listed in the next section.

District Leagues & Associations

There are 5 District Tennis Leagues being run within Kent that are affiliated to Kent Tennis. They have their own constitutions and committees, but can turn to the Kent competitions committee for advice and assistance where relevant. All of these leagues were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, cancelling their winter leagues, but they all successfully completed their summer leagues this year (please see Results Section).

The District Leagues (and number of affiliated competing clubs and teams in those leagues in summer 2021) are:

- ▶ Ashford & District Lawn Tennis League - 12 clubs > 38 teams
- ▶ East Kent Lawn Tennis Association - 10 clubs > 21 teams
- ▶ Maidstone & District Lawn Tennis League - 15 clubs > 53 teams
- ▶ Medway Lawn Tennis Association - 4 clubs > 13 teams
- ▶ North Kent Lawn Tennis Association - 32 clubs > 233 teams

Schools Tennis

Kent Tennis runs competitions for both primary and secondary schools, and supports nationwide LTA schools' competitions within the county. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were unable to re-establish our Kent Schools Programme for 2021 and were only able to run the LTA Youth Schools events for Years 7&8 and 9&10. This was extended through to the autumn term to enable schools more time to fulfil their matches through such a difficult year.

At primary school level, we usually run the Kent Tennis Primary Schools Competition which is a doubles event at red, orange and green. This event starts with 4 qualifying events spread across the county to allow for local competition, with the top 16 teams invited to the finals at Bromley Tennis Centre in June.

At secondary school level, we run the Kent Tennis Secondary Schools Competition, which is a doubles event for both boys and girls in Years 7&8, 9&10 and 11 to 13. This event is a 1 day doubles competition that takes place in late April.

We also provide a secondary schools league competition that runs under the umbrella of LTA Youth Schools. This event covers both boys and girls in Years 7&8, and Years 9&10. There are three divisions of competition to accommodate for all levels of player, as follows:

▶ Division 1 is for schools who can field a team of higher ranked performance players. Schools compete in round robin boxes leading to elimination draws which in turn decides the Kent Division 1 winner that will then go on to compete at a regional and national level.

▶ Division 2 is for schools who tend to have more club level players. Schools compete in local round robin boxes and the winners of each area will come together to compete in a final at the Kent Schools Games. These finals take place in conjunction with other sports, which creates a real buzz for our county finals. The winners at these finals go on to compete at a regional level.

▶ Division 3 was due to be an addition for us this year to encourage the less experienced and beginner player to enjoy the sport of tennis at a very local festival level. Schools from across the county volunteered to run an afternoon event, after school, for a cluster of schools to introduce them to the game.

Our thanks go to the large team of volunteers who regularly support the running of Schools Tennis; Kent Tennis main schools volunteer, Mary Evans, Harri Izzard and Siobhan Butler (Kent Tennis Office Team), all the teachers, and other volunteers and staff at our partner organisations. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Pictured below: Young players at Deal Parochial CofE School – LTA South East Regional School of the Year



CLUBS & COMMUNITY

Kent Clubs

In 2020/21, Kent's registered venues numbered as follows:

- › 117 clubs
- › 9 local council parks
- › 5 District Associations and Leagues
- › 108 schools

Thank you to Janice White for the fantastic support she has continued to provide to clubs. Janice has liaised with clubs, encouraged volunteers to attend Kent Tennis online Coffee Mornings, and ensured clubs received all the useful information discussed at these meetings. Phil Lynch, chairs the Coffee Mornings, whilst John Ratcliffe continues to provide excellent advice and initiate discussions, in addition to Janice's own regular updates. This year, members of the LTA's South East Regional Team have attended, to keep clubs up to date with LTA initiatives.

The Coffee Mornings continued fortnightly until June and now run monthly. We have also held a number of evening versions, entitled Kent Tennis Club Night In. Across Coffee Mornings, Club Nights In, Coaches webinars, and Club Forums, we have been joined by over 200 people from 86 clubs; beating last year's record attendance.

We took the opportunity to survey clubs again in September to see how they had managed a year on from when the first pandemic lockdown ended. With 48 clubs responding, we were able to assess how well tennis was prospering in Kent. The key highlight for clubs is that, in the past 12 months, adult membership has grown in 85% of clubs and junior membership has grown in 83% of clubs.

We also saw the first Kent club install padel tennis courts this year, (at The Sundridge Park Club). Padel is still relatively new to UK, but it is growing, and Kent Tennis Board member, Anna Wilson, is now our padel Tennis representative.

A number of clubs took time out to upgrade facilities this year, including the following:

- › Brenchley & Matfield LTC – replaced floodlighting
- › Goudhurst TC – resurfaced their courts
- › Maidstone LTC – new clubhouse opened

Each September, to promote Kent Tennis and the LTA Annual Awards, we host a Kent Tennis Day at the Club of the Year winner, which, this year, was The Sundridge Park Club. The day is a celebration of tennis and this year's event had 300 people attending. The Kent Family Cup was held, a keenly contested mini-red doubles event – pairs involved a 10U youngster with an adult. Alongside this, the club ran coaching sessions for Juniors in Red, Orange, Green and Yellow ball, with coaching for adult beginners and an American Tournament on the grass courts. Unable to hold our Awards Dinner this year, we presented our County, Regional and National Awards on the day. The final presentation was for Player of the Year, Emma Raducanu. We were thrilled her mother, Renee, was able to receive the award on Emma's behalf. Delighting the crowd, the day was concluded by an exhibition match of padel doubles, showcasing this growing sport. Padel coaching for adults and juniors was available with a queue all afternoon.

Maidstone LTC, who were due to host the Kent Tennis Day in 2020, were also able to hold a day in the summer, limited due to some restrictions still in place. They welcomed in people to celebrate the opening of their new clubhouse.

Pictured below: are LTA Kent Tennis Awards winners at the Kent Tennis Day. Left to right: **Renee Raducanu** (on behalf of Emma), **Sandi Procter** (Kent Tennis and Deputy President, LTA), **Karen Hodgson** and **Justine Brown** (Deal Parochial CofE School), **Jacqueline Darby** and **Mark Braden** (The Sundridge Park Club)



Annual Awards

Kent Tennis has been running Annual Awards since 2004 and now participates and feeds into the nationally run LTA Tennis Awards process. The awards in 2021 were made on the basis of the preceding year's activity, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award. This is given to someone who has provided exceptional service to tennis in Kent over a period of time, and who has gone above and beyond to help deliver or facilitate tennis in the county. Kent Tennis announced winners in 14 categories for 2020 with winners in 9 categories going forward to the LTA Regional awards. The next stage was the National Finals which, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were held virtually online on 24 June 2021. Members of Kent Tennis were invited to tune in via Zoom so that they could watch it together.

Kent received 108 nominations across the categories which was great considering the restrictions.

The Awards Committee shortlisted the nominations down to 3 for most categories and the names were announced at the 2020 AGM. All short listers were invited to our first ever Virtual Awards Ceremony on 21 January which was attended by over 200 people. The winners were announced by a different presenter for each category. Sponsors, Trevor May and HEAD UK, provided the Club of the Year and Education prizes respectively. Full details of the County winners are in the Results Section of this review.



Kent Tennis was delighted that four county winners were successful at the South East Regional stage: Deal Parochial Church of England Primary School (Education Award), The Jack Petchey Birthday Celebration Series at Old Wilsonians' (Competition of the Year), Kati Rust (Young Person of the Year) and The Sundridge Park Club (Club of the Year).

Deal Parochial Church of England Primary School and The Sundridge Park Club were then awarded National Runners-Up.

The process for the 2022 awards is now underway and Kent Tennis is once again hoping to make an impact. Nominations closed on 15 November, with the short list to be announced at the AGM on 6 December 2021, the Awards Dinner will be back at The Tudor Marriott Hotel on Saturday 5 March 2022.

Pictured below left: Kati Rust, Kent Tennis Young Volunteer of the Year 2020 (Bromley TC, Bridge TC and Sadie Bristow Foundation)

Below right: Players at Bexley Mencap event at Bexleyheath TC



Disability Tennis

Kent Tennis supports the role of a disability co-ordinator, covering the whole county, supporting clubs, coaches and tournament organisers to make tennis more inclusive. Disability tennis has been impacted more than any other area of tennis in the past 2 years, but is slowly returning, as players start to feel more comfortable in venturing out and getting back to playing at their clubs.

Activity around the county has seen Avenue, Bexleyheath, Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury, Deal, Frindsbury, Parklangley, Shooters Hill, South East London Tennis (Ladywell Fields) and Whitstable all delivering regular disability tennis sessions.

Examples of activity this year include Learning Disability (LD) tennis at Whitstable, working with DSAActive (who provide activities for people with Down's Syndrome) at Bromley Tennis Centre and

Shooters Hill LTC and working with Bexley Mencap at Bexleyheath LTC. Bromley Tennis Centre hosted an LTA Regional LD competition in October, and there were 3 additional recreational competitions held around the county.

The aim remains to engage as many clubs in Kent with disability tennis and help clubs become more inclusive. We want to run more events and encourage more people to take up both wheelchair tennis and LD tennis. To assist with the former, Kent Tennis have 10 junior and 10 adult sports wheelchairs, which are now available for clubs to borrow to help grow Wheelchair Tennis within the county.

If you would like to know more, please contact tom.defrates@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk

Kent Tennis Coaches Network

The Kent Tennis Coaches Network (KTCN) was started in 2018 to get coaches together to share coaching ideas and be part of a coach support network. The KTCN has grown in membership in 2021 from 144 to 175.

This has been another difficult year for many, but it did provide an opportunity for the KTCN members to support each other's development again virtually, with a series of webinars to help coaches. The feedback from these webinars has been positive and, with the LTA independent learning model, allows coaches to access accreditation points for reflecting on these sessions. Our thanks especially go to Luke House for leading the KTCN, and to Janice White in the Office Team for all her support once again.

Plans for 2022 will be drawn up soon and the KTCN will continue to help coaches access quality information through webinars. It is hoped that some live sessions will be run, so we can all see each other beyond the confines of a PC screen!

Kent Tennis Officials Network

The Kent Officials Network entered its fourth year in 2021 and has an aim of bringing together on and off court officials in the County to share ideas and best practice and support each other in developing and learning, particularly for our less experienced officials. We have held three meetings throughout the year, all of which have been held remotely, and each of which has been attended by between 15 and 20 referees, umpires and court supervisors. We have discussed and learnt together on a range of topics including:

- › returning to competition post lockdown and refresher training for officials
- › key features of the World Tennis Number
- › how to manage conflict
- › the LTA Competition Management System
- › planning for the summer tournaments, and a subsequent review of how they went

The online meeting format has worked well and led to higher attendances. It is likely therefore we will continue to use this medium, and plan to have three meetings in 2022, although we would like to have one get together face to face at Bromley Tennis Centre. The meetings in 2022 will take place on the following Mondays: 7th February, 16th May and 3rd October.

We would like to thank Chris Mann for his significant contribution to the group and the sharing of his extensive knowledge and experience, as well as Harri Izzard and Charlie Falconer for their assistance with the administration, and, of course, Jason Baker for chairing/leading the Officials Network.

If you like more information about the Officials Network or officiating in general, please contact Jason Baker at jasonbakerp80jab@btinternet.com

Kent Tennis Supporters Club

The Kent Tennis Supporters Club is aimed at giving players and their families, coaches, volunteers and those with a general interest in tennis a way of keeping in touch with Kent Tennis and its activities, and show their support of what we do. The Club is open to anyone aged over 11 years. It costs £25 per year for individual membership.

Once members have signed up, fees are collected by Direct Debit each October. The funds generated help support the work Kent Tennis does around the county. Membership of the club allows people interested in tennis to be offered the opportunity to enter a ballot for Wimbledon tickets, receive regular digital news updates from Kent Tennis, and invitations to top quality tennis events, such as the Winter and Summer County Cup, County Championships and the Kent Tennis Open Day.

The LTA is still conducting a review across the UK. Once the outcome of this review is available, we will share this with all members. In the meantime, the Supporters Club continues to welcome new members.

There are currently 616 members, and our thanks go to Rosemary Lee and Tony Fisher who manage the Supporters Club on behalf of Kent Tennis.

Safeguarding

Tennis should be played in a safe and inclusive environment. The Kent County Lawn Tennis Association shares the same objectives as its governing body, the Lawn Tennis Association, both on and off court to promote the Fair Play values: enjoy and respect. With those values in mind, Kent Tennis subscribes to the LTA's Safeguarding, Diversity and Disciplinary policies and regulations.

During 2021, the County Association underwent a Safeguarding Review which we are pleased to report we passed. Thanks go to Nigel Jordan (LTA Councillor and Kent LTA Board Member for Safeguarding), Phil Lynch, Janice White & Harri Izzard for all their hard work ensuring everything was in place.

In September the LTA delivered their first ever virtual National Safeguarding Conference, which all Club and County Welfare Officers were invited to attend.

Club Welfare Officers are supported by the LTA Regional Officer, Greg Pople. Greg undertakes the LTA Safeguarding support visits. To date 68 Clubs in Kent have now had one or more support visits.

Overall, welfare standards remain in good health in Kent with all the work that the clubs undertake, and there were no serious instances of poor safeguarding reported within Kent in 2021. However, the LTA did advise that standards of awareness have dropped since venues re-opened after lockdown, with more venues requiring action plans to achieve the overall standard and every effort should be made to continue to raise the importance of safeguarding in tennis.

All club personnel need to be responsible for assisting the LTA Safeguarding Team to promote and embed a culture of safeguarding in Kent so that all aspects become 'business as usual', and to ensure we have a safe and inclusive environment for all people to participate in tennis. To this end, all Committee members at clubs and venues should have undertaken the mandatory safeguarding training by the year-end.

The further requirements to be put in place for Level 1 and 2 coaches in clubs has been postponed to 2022.

Safeguarding

Kent Tennis is committed to ensuring that its activities involving children and vulnerable adults are safe for all the participants. The Kent County Safeguarding Officer is Janice White.

If you have any concerns about behaviour at a Kent Tennis activity please contact Janice on 07596 365 617 or safeguarding@kenttennis.org.uk. The County Safeguarding Policy is published on the Kent Tennis website.

Legal and Discipline

The Kent County Lawn Tennis Association has disciplinary jurisdiction over its members covered by the LTA's Disciplinary Code and the KCLTA Council has procedures in place to deal with any disciplinary matters. We are very grateful to Geoffrey Stephenson, our Board member responsible for Legal and Discipline, for his hard work and wise counsel on all disciplinary and legal matters. Pleasingly, as usual, there have been a very low number of disciplinary issues in the past year, all of which have been resolved satisfactorily.

Much of the active legal work in 2021 has continued to relate to Bromley Tennis Centre, as we work towards a permanent long-term solution. It is a complex matter, and naturally, in the past 2 years, progress slowed down, but we are hopeful that we will have this resolved in the near future.

Wimbledon Tickets

With the uncertainty around the risk of hosting major sporting events in 2021, due to the pandemic, the allocation of Wimbledon tickets was very different this year. As opposed to the usual extensive planning by the Wimbledon Ticket Committee beginning six months before the Championships, this year was very much a last minute rush. It was initially expected that no tickets would be allocated to county volunteers, as the attendance was expected to be no more than 25% of capacity. However, a few weeks before SW19 came into his full glory, the government announced a relaxation of the restrictions and therefore capacity was much higher than expected.

This led to a lot of the responsibility for the allocation of tickets falling on the office team, and our LTA Councillor, Nigel Jordan and Sandi Procter, the current LTA Deputy President. The county was allocated 32 pairs of tickets, which all had to be allocated to sponsors and volunteers in a little over two weeks. This compares to the allocation in 2019 of 791 pairs of tickets. This year there were

no tickets allocated to distribute to registered clubs or Supporters Club members.

The position for 2022 will be very different again as the LTA will be implementing the changes it had planned to bring in for 2021, to the way tickets are allocated to clubs, county associations, volunteers and LTA members. All tickets will be centrally allocated by the LTA in future, who will administer various ballots for the different groups. More details of the process for 2022 will be communicated in due course.

I would like to thank to Phil Lynch, Nigel Jordan and Sandi Procter for the amazing amount of work they put in, over a very short space of time, to allocating the limited supply of tickets to volunteers. Let's hope we return to a much more measured process in 2022 and many more tennis volunteers and fans get to attend the Championships.

Subscriptions & Fees

The fees payable on registration for the 2021-22 year are shown below:

Kent Fees:

- › Less than 30 members or 1 court only = £50
- › Grass courts in addition to hard courts = £50
- › 2 courts = £100
- › 3-4 courts = £200
- › 5-8 courts = £250
- › 9+ courts = £350
- › Third Party Operators in a Park or Education site = £100 per site.

LTA Fees:

- › Clubs = £120 per hard/indoor/padel court and £60 per grass court (up to a maximum total of £1,440)
- › Parks & Education Operators with membership/coaching/comps = £60 per hard/padel court
- › Parks with no membership/coaching/comps = free to register
- › Education Establishment, NOT operated by a third party = free to register

Benefits of Kent Tennis Membership (County Fees):

- a. Interest free loans – up to £10,000 from County funds
- b. Entry into Kent Leagues
- c. Invitation to nominate and participate in the Annual Awards, with recognition for clubs, players, coaches and volunteers
- d. Invitation to Annual Awards Dinner for the presentation of awards
- e. An invitation to the AGM
- f. Invites to the online Kent Tennis Coffee Mornings, receiving up to date news plus the sharing of ideas and good practice with your peers and members of the Kent Tennis Council
- g. The KLT online – provided to every club in Kent. Also, every club has an opportunity to submit articles;
- h. Paid support staff for volunteers - we have 4 part-time staff who provide their services to everyone within Kent Tennis, one way or another. Despite the many hours put in by volunteers there is still too much to do and the staff are much needed
- i. County Championships t-shirts, programme and trophies. These are paid for by Kent funds to enhance the championships experience
- j. Special events

Pictured below: Kings Hill Community Tennis Club was founded in 2016 and have prospered since, being Highly Commended this year in the LTA South East Regional Communities & Parks Award, having won the Kent Tennis Award.



FINANCIAL & COMMERCIAL

Financial Summary

Nigel Jordan, Honorary Treasurer



It has been another year in which tennis activity across the county has been disrupted by the pandemic. Each change either reduced our income and, sometimes, our expenditure or created a new cost. Throughout the changing restrictions, we kept track of the likely financial impact, reviewing this at our fortnightly Board meetings.

Our finances need to be tightly controlled as our underlying cost base means that we would – in any normal year – potentially operate at a loss of approaching £40,000. Because some activities were curtailed, we have actually turned in a small surplus of almost £14,000.

For the first time, the LTA registration fees were collected by the LTA centrally and passed on to us. That process has worked satisfactorily, and our income from registration fees and the Supporters Club held up well. Uncertainty around the Wimbledon Championships made it hard to attract sponsorship and thus predict the extent to which we would suffer financially. Decisions about whether the Championships would take place, and to what extent (if at all) there would be spectators were necessarily taken very late in the day. But the arrangements finally agreed allowed us to attract almost all of the sponsorship monies we have received in the past – without which we would have been significantly in the red.

We are working hard to attract further sponsors for the future and I hope you have all seen the materials we have produced so you can help us reach the vast network of players and supporters in your clubs. We need your assistance with this please. Repayments from clubs who have a small loan from Kent Tennis are fully up-to-date. We made three new loans in the year and considered a further three application which were ultimately withdrawn as project plans changed or funds were acquired from elsewhere. There are a further two applications for a loan under consideration at present. I am pleased that clubs and venues are asking for our support – that is one of the things we are here for.

Our expenditure was slightly reduced during the year. Some county training couldn't take place because of restrictions – so we refunded an appropriate part of the income receipts. Likewise, the Kent League Winter 2020/21 season was cancelled and some County Cup matches throughout this entire accounting period were either cancelled or arranged slightly differently. The net impact of those things was a reduction in our costs.

Similarly, we were unable to hold the Awards Dinner but did have very successful Kent Tennis days at both Sundridge Park and Maidstone.

Our plans to expand the County Championships were largely scuppered, and the slightly reduced entries and, therefore, reduction in the cost of the T-shirts we gave to players also helped bring down our overall expenditure.

Our new County Lead Coach was appointed initially for 12 hours a week but changes to what we are expected to deliver has meant we needed to increase that to 18 hours each week. Our administrative costs have remained pretty static, and the need for lots of remote working is helping to drive our ambition of working more smartly, creating long-term efficiency gains. The constantly changing landscape created lots of work for our office team, often with short timescales – we needed, especially, to ensure we supported our clubs and venues, coaches and officials in that rapidly changing world.

Turning now to the future, I can say that all the cost pressures are all upwards. So, in our planning for 2022, I have asked that we take a look at creating a sustainable model for our own finances going forward.

The reputation of Bromley Tennis Centre has been greatly enhanced by the recent success of Emma Raducanu, but that has not yet translated into an agreed way forward. I am hoping we will shortly remove that bit of uncertainty from our financial position.

It has been a very busy and testing year and I should like to thank Phil, Harri and Janice (Kent Tennis Office Team) for their help and support. They have been terrific throughout, adapting to the changing circumstances we all found ourselves in. Thanks also to Siobhan Butler for her work on competitions and I am equally grateful to our bookkeeper – Martin Leonard of Hayfield Bookkeeping. Thank you all.

Sponsorship

Kent Tennis continues to look for more sponsors to partner with us and help enable the delivery of all we do across the county, from our junior county training programmes, competitions, and county teams to our County Championships, leagues and administration. We have, this year, despite the financial difficulties of a pandemic, maintained the support of our pre-pandemic partners. We continue to look at maximising commercial revenue to support ongoing tennis initiatives across the county, and are very grateful to the following sponsors for their support to Kent Tennis:

- › Trevor May Contractors
- › HEAD UK
- › KEM
- › East West Connect

At our Annual Awards, Trevor May provided prizes to the winners of the Kent Club of the Year and HEAD UK provided prizes for the School of the Year. The Awards Dinner has helped to increase the profile and enhance engagement for our sponsors within the tennis community in Kent, and we hope to catch up with our Sponsors at our next Annual Awards Dinner in March.

We are always happy to talk to potential partners. For more information on supporting or sponsoring Kent Tennis, please contact either our Chair, Malcolm Smith (malcolm.smith@kenttennis.org.uk) or our Office Manager, Phil Lynch (phil.lynch@kenttennis.org.uk).

Kent Tennis Charity The Sadie Bristow Foundation



Prior to 2019, Kent Tennis had been active in supporting various charities and societies around the county but had not chosen to get behind a single preferred charity. This changed in 2019, when Kent Tennis agreed to support The Sadie Bristow Foundation.

Sadie Bristow was a talented nine year old tennis player from Chartham in Kent and a star in the Kent 9U team. She suffered a fatal anaphylactic shock in August 2018. Her parents, Stewart and Clare Bristow, plus friends, set up the Foundation in Sadie's memory to deliver two main things – to introduce tennis and athletics to more children in schools and to increase allergy awareness.

Be it tennis, running or skiing, the Foundation organises events for children throughout the year. For tennis, the Foundation continues to work with local schools in Bridge, Chartham and Sturry, to provide comprehensive tennis and athletics learning modules. Tennis programmes competitions and mini tennis festivals have continued to be run throughout the year, once restrictions were lifted.

One of our Kent Tennis councillors, Keeley Wicks, raised money for the Foundation by running the London Marathon, and others joined in running half marathons or 5k to raise money, as well as a cycle ride down to Lands End, Cornwall.

The 24 hour Tennisathon took place in July at Bridge TC in July, and was dedicated to the memory of Ed Glover, a young man who tragically died in a car accident this year. Ed had spent many hours hitting with Sadie and later helping with the Foundation, including the Tennisathons, and had been a finalist in the Kent Tennis LTA Young Volunteer of the Year Award. Ed is greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Activities are now being planned for 2022. More information on how to support the charity and their events can be found at www.sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk



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Account Summary 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME			
Registration Fees	2	94,449	92,290
Other external grants	3	-	5,000
Government furlough Covid support	4	-	2,135
Competitions	5	13,881	3,443
Commercial income	6	42,285	23,159
Interest (gross)		2,672	3,722
		<u>153,287</u>	<u>129,749</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation fees		250	250
Player Programmes	7	9,511	16,003
Inter County Competitions	8	25,183	13,146
Competitions	9	9,505	5,455
Business Operations	10	93,006	94,055
KLTA Covid support payments		500	21,065
Communications and Marketing	11	1,235	(353)
Depreciation		197	263
		<u>139,387</u>	<u>149,884</u>
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) BEFORE TAXATION		13,900	(20,135)
LESS: Corporation Tax	12	508	707
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>13,392</u>	<u>(20,842)</u>

BALANCE SHEET

As of 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Long term use of Bromley Tennis Centre	1	170,000	170,000
Computer Equipment	1	592	790
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors & Prepayments	13	62,367	39,801
Bank Balances & Cash		410,888	435,639
		<u>473,255</u>	<u>475,440</u>
CREDITORS Amounts Falling Due Within One Year			
Loan		210,000	210,000
Accruals & Deferred Income	14	23,365	39,139
		<u>233,365</u>	<u>249,139</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		239,890	226,301
NET ASSETS		<u>410,483</u>	<u>397,091</u>
Financed By			
GENERAL RESERVE			
Balance at Beginning of Year		397,091	417,933
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year		13,392	(20,842)
		<u>410,483</u>	<u>397,091</u>

Obituaries

Pauline Cox (1933-2021)

Sadly, this year, we lost Life Vice-President, Pauline Cox. As well as being a Kent Tennis Councillor from 1954 and a Life Vice-President from 1971, Pauline was Kent Ladies Captain for 10 years.

In addition to her administrative volunteering for Kent, Pauline was one of Kent's most successful post-war players, participating in the main draw at Wimbledon for 14 consecutive years from 1955, as well as reaching the last 16 of the US Open Ladies Singles in 1962. Pauline represented Kent Ladies in 181 matches at County Cup and Kent Veterans Ladies 5 times.

Pauline won 27 County titles, between 1950 and 1975, comprising 10 Ladies Singles, 11 Ladies Doubles, 5 Mixed Doubles and 1 Girls 18U Singles. Pauline also won 3 National Veterans Grass Court Championships Ladies Doubles 40s titles (1979-1981) and represented Great Britain in the ITF World Veterans Championships in 1979.

As well as the Sundridge Park Club and Bickley Point LTC, Pauline was a long term member of the All England Club.

Anne Williams (1933-2021)

Anne Williams, former Kent Tennis Councillor and World Seniors Doubles Champion, passed away in May.

Anne was known to many for her great exploits in Seniors Tennis, or for her extensive work on the Kent Tennis Juniors and Competitions Committees, organising Kent Easter Tournaments, a past Kent Councillor, Junior Leagues Organiser or as a playing member of Knoll Tennis Club. Most of us will have come across Anne in one or many of these guises and found her to be always so friendly and polite, with an ever ready smile.

Anne was a Kent Tennis Councillor for 4 years, sat on the Kent Juniors Committee for 15 years, Competitions Committee for 10 years, and was awarded Kent seniors colours in 2005, having played for Kent Seniors Ladies 58 times.

Anne won too many titles to mention just here, but she was ranked World No.1 Ladies 80s Doubles in 2013 and World No.2 Ladies 85s Singles in 2019. Amongst her many successes, she was World 85s Doubles Champion (2019), won 9 National Seniors titles and 2 Kent titles, and played for GB for GB Ladies on 3 occasions (2006, 2009, 2013)

Anne is greatly missed; our thoughts are with Anne's husband Ron, their family, and many friends both inside and outside of tennis.

Paul Drane (1930-2020)

Paul Drane, one of Kent's most successful veterans' tennis players, and former President of East Kent LTA, sadly passed away on 21 December 2020, aged 90.

A very successful county player from Warwickshire, it wasn't until 1998 that Paul came to Kent, where he joined Canterbury TC. By this time, Paul was an established GB Seniors player, and he continued to represent GB at 60s, 65s, 70s and 75s age groups, as well as the same for Kent. Paul represented Kent Seniors in 59 matches, including the Kent Men's 70s National Champions teams of 2001 and 2002, and received his seniors county colours in 2004. Paul also served on the Veterans Lawn Tennis Association Committee for 17 years, was also a Vice-President of Canterbury TC, and in 2006 he became President of the East Kent LTA until 2014.

Helen Jary (1939-2021)

Kent Seniors player, Helen Jary, sadly passed away in November 2021. Helen represented Kent Seniors Ladies on 91 occasions, and was awarded her seniors county colours in 2006. She represented GB Ladies 70s in 2009, and was National Clay Court Ladies 70s Doubles Champion in 2010. Helen had been a long time member of Hartley Country Club and Chipstead Place LTC. Our thoughts are with Helen's husband, Michael and her family and friends at this difficult time.

Derek Taylor (1937-2021)

Former Kent Seniors player, Derek Taylor, of Hartley CC and Bexley LT&SRC, sadly passed away this year. Derek had represented Kent Seniors Men on 38 occasions, and was awarded his seniors county colours in 2016. Such was Derek's enjoyment of representing his county, he was laid to rest wearing his Kent Tennis County Kit, and members of his team wore their county jackets to his funeral. Our thoughts go to his son Richard and his family and friends.

Longer tributes for Pauline Cox, Anne Williams and Paul Drane were issued through our KLTs this year and can be found on our website.

RESULTS

National Achievements 2021

ATP/ WTA World Ranked Players

(top 1000 only) (current ranking as at 8 Nov)

Ranking	Player
WTA Ladies Singles = 20	Emma Raducanu (high this year = 20)
WTA Ladies Singles = 836	Alice Gillan (high = 817)
ATP Mens' Singles = 422	Anton Matusевич (high = 388)
ATP Mens' Singles = 741	Jack Pinnington Jones (high = 741)
ATP Mens' Doubles = 993	Anton Matusевич (high = 993)

ITF World Ranked/Tennis Europe (TE) Ranked Junior Players

(top 250 only) (current ranking as at 8 Nov)

Ranking	Player
ITF Boys' 18U Singles = 11	Jack Pinnington Jones (high this year = 6)
ITF Boys' 18U Singles = 223	Patrick Brady (high = 223)
TE Boys' 14U Singles = 92	Ben Gusic-Wan (high = 38)
TE Girls' 14U Singles = 351	Lois Newberry (high = 212)

Open Players

Event	Grand Slam player & results
US Open Ladies Singles	Emma Raducanu - CHAMPION
Wimbledon Ladies Singles	Emma Raducanu - fourth round
Wimbledon Mens Doubles	Anton Matusевич - first round

Seniors Players

Event	British Closed Seniors Grass Court Championships - Champions
Mens Closed Grass 35s Doubles	Jim May
Mens Closed Grass 70s Singles	Niall Sweeney
Event	British Open Seniors Grass Court Championships - Champions
Mens Open Grass 35s Singles	Steve Weatherall
Ladies Open Grass 60s Singles	Hazel Lindfield
Ladies Open Grass 60s Doubles	Hazel Lindfield
Mens Open Grass 70s Singles	Niall Sweeney

Seniors Players (cont'd)

Event	British Open Seniors Indoor Championships - Champions
Mens Indoor 35s Doubles	Joe Cooper
Ladies Indoor 60s Singles	Hazel Lindfield
Ladies Indoor 60s Doubles	Jane Gentle & Sally Holmes
Mens Indoor 70s Singles	Niall Sweeney

Junior Players

Event	British Junior National Champions
Boys 16U Singles	Hugo Coquelin
Boys 14U Doubles	Ben Gusic-Wan
Event	Grand Slam entrants & results
French Open Boys Singles	Jack Pinnington Jones - first round
French Open Boys Doubles	Jack Pinnington Jones - second round
Wimbledon Boys Singles	Pat Brady - second round
Wimbledon Boys Singles	Hugo Coquelin - first round
Wimbledon Boys Singles	Jack Pinnington Jones - quarter finals
Wimbledon Boys Doubles	Pat Brady - first round
Wimbledon Boys Doubles	Jack Pinnington Jones - second round
US Open Boys Singles	Jack Pinnington Jones - second round

Road To Wimbledon (14U)

Event	County Finals Results
Boys Singles	Alex Mirrington beat Alexander Tarashev
Girls Singles	Bella Thomson beat Jessica Lazarean
Event	National County Winners results @Wimbledon
Boys Singles	Alex Mirrington - 2nd in group & 1st round in main draw
Girls Singles	Bella Thomson - 3rd in group
Boys Doubles	Alex Mirrington - semi-finals
Girls Doubles	Bella Thomson - first round
Event	National Regional Players Tournament results @Wimbledon
Boys Singles	Ben Gusic-Wan - Champion
Boys Doubles	Ben Gusic-Wan - Champion

Kent County Championships - Summer

Events	Champions	Runners Up
Mens Singles	Ben Gusic-Wan	Matthew Pickering
Ladies Singles	Lois Newberry	Daisy Carpenter
Mens Doubles	Ethan Grant & Joe Young	Martino Colabella & Jack Pegden
Ladies Doubles	Phoebe Ecuyer-Dale & Emma Sawkings	Skye Bentum-Siripi & Niamh Egan
Mixed Doubles	Tommy Harrison & Niamh Egan	Matthew Pickering & Iris Nasir
Boys 18U Singles	Ben Gusic-Wan	Matthew Pickering
Girls 18U Singles	Lois Newberry	Niamh Egan
Boys 18U Doubles	Ben Gusic-Wan & Tommy Harrison	Ethan Grant & Joe Young
Girls 18U Doubles	Eloise Newberry & Lois Newberry	Niamh Egan & Emma Sawkings
Mixed 18U Doubles	Timothy Viding & Daisy Carpenter	Joshua Frimpong & Annis Frimpong
Boys 16U Singles	Angus Howard	Jack Pegden
Girls 16U Singles	Eloise Newberry	Chloe Cleaver
Boys 14U Singles	Matthew Wilkes	Dimitar Lalov
Girls 14U Singles	Eloise Newberry	Chloe Cleaver
Boys 14U Doubles	Dimitar Lalov & Luke Ogden	Jack Berry & Matthew McLain
Girls 14U Doubles	Chloe Chea & Chloe Cleaver	Ruby Marriage & Charlotte Spratling
Mixed 14U Doubles	George Diable & Charlotte Spratling	Matthew McLain & Eloise Newberry
Boys 12U Singles	George Diable	Alex Mirrington
Girls 12U Singles	Ruby Marriage	Bella Thomson
Boys 11U Singles	Alex Bickerton	Drew Baker
Girls 11U Singles	Judy Zhang	Isabel McLain
Boys 10U Singles	Drew Baker	Zak Kirnon
Girls 10U Singles	Olivija Konstantinova	Kate Murray
Boys 9U Singles	Luke Pratten	Henry Harrison
Girls 9U Singles	Iris Grosso	Rosie Thomson
Boys 8U Singles	Henry Harrison	Harrison Mirrington
Girls 8U Singles	Milla Bray	Claudia Gurri

Kent County Championships - Winter

This 8U event was cancelled in 2021; we hope to be able to report on this event in 2022

Kent Seniors Championships - Winter

Events	Champions	Runners Up
45s Mens Singles	Chris Smith	Dave Butt
45s Mens Doubles	Dave Butt & Tony Garrett	Jason Baker & Tom Rinker
55s Mens Singles	John Watton	Ian Green
55s Mens Doubles	Nigel Jordan & John Watton	Peter Elsdon & Graham Miles
60s Mens Singles	Paul White	Paul Absalom
60s Mens Doubles	Not played this year	
65s Mens Singles	Jasper Cooper	David Willan
65s Mens Doubles	Rob Andrew & Robin Garratt	Jasper Cooper & Chris Morgan
70s Mens Singles	Peter Pharo	Jonathan Potter
70s Mens Doubles	Jonathan Potter & Brian Robinson	Chris Lack & Mike Sturla
75s Mens Singles	Keith Clark	Brian Robinson
75s Mens Doubles	Keith Clark & Gary Sims	John Bland & Denis Costelloe
40s Ladies Doubles	Ashling Carroll & Katya Sheath	Heather Cowie & Rachel Holahan
50s Ladies Doubles	Hazel Lindfield & Patricia Pinington	Gillian Newsom & Rachel Payne
60s Ladies Doubles	Hazel Lindfield & Linda McSorley	Anne Gibbs & Sarah Van-Doren
70s Ladies Doubles	Yvonne Childs & Kay Mileham	Sue Colvin & Chris Troke

Pictured left are, Mens 55s Doubles Finalists Peter Elsdon and Graham Miles, organisers Keith Clark and daughter Sharon, and Champions John Watton & Nigel Jordan. **Pictured right** are the Ladies 50s Doubles Champions Patricia Pinington & Hazel Lindfield, and Runners-up, Rachel Payne & Gillian Newsom



County Cup Results

Please note that COVID-19 restrictions prevented the Winter County Cup from taking place in December 2020.

Summer County Cup 2021 - MEN	Group 1 at Eastbourne
Captain: Andy Burgoyne	Vice Captain: Alastair Filmer
Team:	Andy Burgoyne (reserve), Pat Brady (reserve), Nick Brookes (5), Lewis Burton (5), Hugo Coquelin (reserve), James Davis (5), James Markiewicz (4), Francis Sargeant (4), Matthew Summers (5), Sean Thornley (5)
Results:	Kent beat Hertfordshire 9-0, beat Suffolk 9-0, beat East of Scotland 5-4, beat Surrey 5-4, beat Essex 5-1
Outcome:	1st - National Champions
Summer County Cup 2021 - LADIES	Group 2 at Cheltenham
Captain: Holly Richards	Vice Captain: Jacqueline Darby
Team:	Tiegan Aitken (4), Gabby Chidwick (4), Jacqueline Darby (reserve), Phoebe Ecuyer-Dale (5), Sofia Johnson (5), Natasha Munday (5), Alaia Rubio Perez (2), Holly Richards (1), Phoebe Watton (3), Sarah Wray (5)
Results:	Kent beat Essex 6-3, beat Warwickshire 5-4, beat Nottinghamshire 6-3, lost to Northumberland 3-6, beat Lancashire 6-3
Outcome:	2nd - Promoted to Group 1

35 & over County Cup Results

MEN - Group 1 at Eastbourne	Captain: Jim May
Team:	Andy Burgoyne (3), Zane Cheeseman (3), Ali Filmer (2), Jim May (3), Steve Weatherall (1)
Results:	Kent beat West of Scotland 3-2, beat Surrey 3-2, beat Yorkshire 4-1
Outcome:	1st - National Champions
LADIES - Group 4 at Eastbourne	Captain: Kate Hands/Karen Thomas
Team:	Lindsey Goddard (3), Kate Hands (3), Chloe Taylor (3), Karen Thomas (3)
Results:	Kent beat Gloucestershire 2-1, beat Northamptonshire 4-1, lost to Lincolnshire 2-3
Outcome:	2nd

Pictured: Boys 11U Team (Captain Shane Theobald, Vice-Captain Toby Churchill, Alex, Drew, James, Jayden, Tom and Zach)

Below right: new County Lead Coach Craig Allen (far right) with Junior County Coaches Martin Whitehouse, Lewis Whiteley, Tom Jarvis and Katy Taylor.



Junior County Cup Results

County Cup - BOYS 14U	Group C at Hassocks, Sussex
Captain: Tom Jarvis	Vice Captain: Lewis Whiteley
Team:	Isaac Forde (3), Ben Gusic-Wan (3), Dimitar Lalov (3), Erik Ndreu (3), Luke Ogden (3), Kobi Smith (3)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 5-1, beat Essex 5-1, beat Middlesex 4-2
Outcome:	1st - Group Champions
County Cup - GIRLS 14U	Group C at Brighton, Sussex
Captain: Martin Whitehouse	Vice Captain: Sarah Wray
Team:	Anastasia Alexandrovich (1), Chloe Cleaver (3), Annis Frimpong (1), Eloise Newberry (3), Lois Newberry (3), Daisy Rowland (3)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 5-1, beat Hampshire 6-0, lost to Middlesex 2-4
Outcome:	2nd
County Cup - BOYS 12U	Group C at Bromley Tennis Centre
Captain: Dom Cobby	Vice Captain: Will Carnegie
Team:	Conrad Brown (3), Tommy Cuomo (3), Nate De Mariveles (3), Matthew McLain (3), Alex Mirrington (3), Herbie Smith (1)
Results:	Kent beat Essex 6-0, beat Middlesex 4-2, beat Berkshire 5-1
Outcome:	1st - Group Champions
County Cup - GIRLS 12U	Group C at Frinton, Essex
Captain: Sarah Wray	Vice Captain: Chloe Taylor
Team:	Jessica Lazarean (3), Ruby Marriage (3), Rozellah Nkereuwem (3), Nikita Phillips (3), Charlotte Spratling (3), Bella Thomson (3)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 6-0, lost to Essex 2-4, lost to Middlesex 1-5
Outcome:	3rd
County Cup - BOYS 11U	Group F at Hassocks, Sussex
Captain: Shane Theobald	Vice Captain: Toby Churchill
Team:	Drew Baker (2), Alex Bickerton (4), Tom Kirnon (2), Zak Kirnon (2), Jayden Oladimeji (4), James Meachen (4)
Results:	Kent lost to Sussex 1-5, lost to Middlesex 0-6, lost to Hampshire 2-4, beat Wiltshire 5-1
Outcome:	4th in qualifying
County Cup - GIRLS 11U	Group F at Chichester, Sussex
Captain: Harry Bushnell	Vice Captain: Holly Richards
Team:	Aditi Anil (3), Isabel McClain (7), Julie Oprchal (6), Milena Nahornaya (7), Judy Zhang (7)
Results:	Kent beat Dorset 5-1, beat Hampshire 5-1, beat Sussex 5-1, beat Yorksire 4-2, beat South Wales 4-2, beat Warwickshire 5-1 NATIONAL FINAL: lost to Surrey 3-3
Outcome:	1st in qualifying 2nd in National Finals - National Runners-up

County Cup - BOYS 10U	Group D at Oakwood LTC
Captain: Brett Spencer-Stephens	Vice Captain: Ben Roger
Team:	Drew Baker (3), Tom Kirnon (3), Zak Kirnon (3), Justin Kravets (3), James Meachen (3), Timothee Poggi (3)
Results:	Kent beat Dorset 4-2, beat Sussex 6-0, beat Hampshire 6-0
Outcome:	1st - Group Champions
County Cup - GIRLS 10U	Group C at Sundridge Park
Captain: Craig Allen	Vice Captain: Katy Taylor
Team:	Zarina Lin (3), Isabel McLain (3), Milena Nahornaya (3), Isla Smith (3), Judy Zhang (3)
Results:	Kent beat Berkshire 6-0, beat Essex 6-0, beat Middlesex 3-3
Outcome:	1st - Group Champions

County Cup - BOYS 9U	Group J at Aldershot
Captain: Tom Samson	Vice Captain: Sam Tyler
Team:	Darnay Hunnygen (8), Tony Keohane (8), Raghav Kumar (8), Matyas Oprchal (8), Gianluca Pascalis (4)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 6-0, beat Hampshire 6-0, beat Dorset 5-1, beat Surrey 4-2, beat Warwickshire 6-0, beat Hertfordshire 6-0, beat Devon 5-1. SOUTH FINAL: beat Middlesex 5-1
Outcome:	1st in qualifying 1st in Southern Finals - Southern Champions
County Cup - GIRLS 9U	Group J at Aldershot
Captain: Tom Samson	Vice Captain: Sam Tyler
Team:	Jessica Lazarean (3), Ruby Marriage (3), Rozellah Nkereuwem (3), Nikita Phillips (3), Charlotte Spratling (3), Bella Thomson (3)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 6-0, lost to Essex 2-4, lost to Middlesex 1-5
Outcome:	3rd

County Cup Competitions amendments for 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Men's & Ladies Winter County Cup (2020) and Junior 18U County Cup were cancelled. The following Junior age groups were played as one off regionalised events 14U, 12U, 10U. The 9U events were played as a Southern National competition, split from mixed into boys and girls competitions. Only the 11U events were played with qualifying and national play offs.

Pictured: Left - Girls 9U Team Right – Girls 12U Team



Seniors County Cup Results

MENS 45s - Group A	Captain - John Gotke
Team:	Dave Butt (1), Andy Candler (1), Colin Coombes (1), Phil Lynch (1)
Results:	Kent beat Essex (w/over), beat Middlesex (w/over), beat Sussex (w/over), lost to Hertfordshire (conceded), lost to Surrey 2-3
Outcome:	3rd
MENS 50s - Group A	Captain - Dino Skeete
Team:	Jason Baker (4), Dave Butt (1), Nigel Cannon (1), Colin Coombes (1), Nick Lambrou (3), Phil Lynch (1), Adrian Moll (1), Dave Scott (1), Dino Skeete (3), Russell Turner (3), Kevin Turner (1), David Willis (1)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 5-0, lost to Surrey 2-3, lost to Essex 0-5, beat Hertfordshire 3-2, beat Hampshire 3-2
Outcome:	3rd
MENS 55s - Group A	Captain - Keith Gill
Team:	Mick Bull (1), Colin Coombes (2), Peter Elsdon (2), Simon Gent (2), Keith Gill (2), Phil Lynch (3), Malcolm Smith (4), David Willis (1)
Results:	Kent beat Surrey 3-2, lost to Essex 1-4, beat Hertfordshire (w/over), beat Sussex 3-1, beat Middlesex 5-0
Outcome:	2nd
MENS 60s - Group A	Captain - John Watton
Team:	Mick Bull (2), Colin Edmonton (2), Andrew Harvey (1), Hamid Irshad (4), Nigel Jordan (1), Simon Middelboe (1), Ian Milligan (4), John Watton (4), Paul White (2)
Results:	Kent lost to Surrey 2-3, lost to Middlesex 2-3, beat Sussex 3-2, beat Hertfordshire (w/over), beat Essex 4-1
Outcome:	Final position not confirmed yet by LTA (will be 2nd or 3rd)
MENS 65s - Group A	Captain - Jasper Cooper
Team:	Rob Andrew (3), Alan Cleaver (2), Jasper Cooper (4), Robin Garratt (4), Chris Morgan (3)
Results:	Kent lost to Sussex 2-3, lost to Essex 2-3, beat Middlesex 5-0, beat Hampshire 4-1, Surrey to play in November
Outcome:	Final position not confirmed yet by LTA (will be 2nd or 3rd)
MENS 70s - Group A	Captain - Jonathan Potter
Team:	Gordon Hayward (2), Peter Pharo (1), Jonathan Potter (3), Alan Richardson (2), Brian Robinson (2), Bob Whitehead (2)
Results:	Kent lost to Essex 1-3, beat Middlesex 3-2, beat Sussex 3-1, beat Surrey (w/over)
Outcome:	Final position not confirmed yet by LTA (will be 1st, 2nd or 3rd)
MENS 75s - Group A	Captain - Gary Sims
Team:	Bill Baxendale (1), Keith Clark (1), Ray Murray (1), Stuart Smith (1)
Results:	Kent beat Middlesex (w/over), beat Surrey (w/over), beat Hampshire (w/over), beat Sussex 4-0
Outcome:	1st - Group Winners

LADIES 40s - Group A	Captain - Suzy Russell
Team:	Jackie Baker (1), Alessia Cuomo (4), Kate Hands (2), Gillian Newsom (2), Suzy Russell (4), Karen Thomas (4), Gillie Turner (1)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 3-2, lost to Middlesex 1-4, lost to Hertfordshire 1-4, lost to Surrey 2-3, beat Essex (w/over)
Outcome:	4th
LADIES 50s - Group A	Captain - Rachel Payne
Team:	Sue Boffey (3), Keri Jakes (1), Colette Kerman (1), Linda McSorley (1), Gillian Newsom (1), Rachel Payne (1), Cathy Reid Dick (1), Nayla Solh (3)
Results:	Kent lost to Essex 1-3, lost to Surrey 0-4, lost to Hertfordshire (conceded), beat Sussex 2-2, match v Middlesex not played
Outcome:	6th
LADIES 55s - Group A	Captain - Jane Gentle
Team:	Jane Gentle (3), Caroline Griffiths (4), Sally Holmes (3), Keri Jakes (1), Patricia Pinington (2), Gillie Turner (4)
Results:	Kent beat Middlesex 3-1, beat Essex 5-0, beat Surrey 3-1, beat Hertfordshire 4-0
Outcome:	1st – Group Winners
LADIES 60s - Group A	Captain - Hazel Lindfield
Team:	Jane Bell (1), Anne Gibbs (5), Hazel Lindfield (4), Linda McSorley (5), Jo Salmon (1), Caroline Stubbings (1), Sarah Van-Doren (4)
Results:	Kent lost to Hampshire 1-3, beat Middlesex 2-2, beat Sussex 4-0, lost to Surrey 2-2, beat Essex 3-2
Outcome:	3rd
LADIES 65s - Group A	Captain - Sheila Badger
Team:	Rae Anderson (3), Sheila Badger (4), Mary Cannon (1), Audrey Goodworth (2), Vanessa Johnson (1), Gill Nason (2), Sue Payne (3), Norma Smith (1), Linda Tordoff (3)
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 3-1, lost to Essex 2-2, lost to Middlesex 0-4, tied with Hampshire 2-2, lost to Surrey 0-4
Outcome:	3rd
LADIES 70s - Group A	Captain - Myra Hunter
Team:	Margaret Baker (1), Yvonne Childs (2), Sue Colvin (3), Myra Hunter (1), Alison Meakin (3), Kay Mileham (1), Felicity Shipton (1), Pat Smith (1), Chris Troke (2)
Results:	Kent lost to Middlesex 0-4, lost to Sussex 1-3, beat Surrey 2-2, beat Hampshire 4-0
Outcome:	4th
LADIES 75s - Group A	Captain - Janet Broster
Team:	Marcia Ackers (1), Janet Broster (2), Sue Colvin (2), Dot Garrett (1), Susan Long (1), Sarah Pout (1)
Results:	Kent beat Bucks (w/over), lost to Hampshire 2-2, lost to Surrey 2-2
Outcome:	3rd

Seniors County Cup Competitions amendments for 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Seniors County Cup was regionalised for this year, with the intention that the usual National Divisions will return in 2022.

LTA Awards 2020

(presented in 2021)

Category	National Runners-Up
Club of the Year	The Sundridge Park Club
School of the Year	Deal Parochial CofE Primary School

Category	South East Regional Winner & National Shortlister
Club of the Year	The Sundridge Park Club
School of the Year	Deal Parochial CofE Primary School
Young Person of the Year	Kati Rust (Bromley Tennis Centre & Bridge TC)
Competition of the Year	Jack Petchey 21st Birthday Celebration Series (Old Wilsonians' LTC)

Category	South East Regional - Highly Commended
Community & Parks Award	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club

Category	County Winner
Player of the Year	Emma Raducanu
Junior Player of the Year	Jack Pinnington Jones
Team of the Year	Ladies Winter County Cup Team
Junior Team of the Year	18U Boys County Cup Team
Club (5+ courts) of the Year	The Sundridge Park Club
Club (1 to 4 courts) of the Year	St John's Lawn Tennis Club
Community & Parks Award	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
School of the Year	Deal Parochial CofE Primary School
Performance Coach of the Year	<i>No award this year</i>
Development Coach of the Year	Sam Tyler (The Parklangley Club)
Volunteer of the Year	Andrew Crickett (Oakwood TC)
Young Person of the Year	Kati Rust (Bromley Tennis Centre & Bridge TC)
Official of the Year	Angie Suleau (Gravesham LTC)
Competition of the Year	Jack Petchey 21st Birthday Celebration Series (Old Wilsonians' LTC)
Disability Award	<i>No award this year</i>
Lifetime Achievement Award	Janet O'Sullivan (Gravesham LTC)

County Colours Awarded 2021

This year there were no Men's, Ladies or Juniors County Colours awarded.

The following Seniors players were awarded their colours in recognition of representing Kent Tennis Seniors teams.

Seniors Men

- Colin Coombes
- Simon Gent
- Dino Skeete

Seniors Ladies

- Susan Long
- Norma Smith

County Cup Race 2021

This year's LTA's County Cup Race takes into account all County Cup results from 9U through to Men's, Ladies and 35s County cup events. Base points are awarded on how high a division a team is in, and additional points for a win. In the juniors, there are additional points to be won if you qualify for a national play offs event.

2021 was a difficult year as most junior events were changed to regional with no national qualification points to be picked up if you won your group. Nevertheless, Kent has had a very successful year and, with the Men's and Ladies Winter County Cup events to be held in December, Kent currently sit 3rd in the table. There is an outside chance, if results were to go favourably for Kent, that we could win this, but it would be more likely we will finish 2nd or 3rd. We will advise you how we finish when the Winter County Cup is completed on 12 December.

LTA COUNTY CUP EVENTS 2021 – Overall County Leaderboard (as of 24.08.2021)

COUNTY	POINTS	NATIONAL TITLES WON
1. Surrey	173	3 - Boys 11U, Girls 11U, Girls 9U South
2. Yorkshire	168	1 - Boys 9U North
3. Kent	162	3 – Men's Summer, Men's 35s, Boys 9U South
4. Middlesex	154	1 – Ladies 35s
5. Hertfordshire	153	1 – Ladies Summer
6. Wales-South	145	-
7. Cambridgeshire	144	-
Lancashire	144	1 – Girls 9U North
9. Avon	143	-
10. Warwickshire	138	-
11. Cheshire	132	-
12. Scotland – East	127	-
13. Dorset	119	-
14. Essex	117	-
Scotland – West	117	-
16. Hereford & Worcester	116	-
Leicestershire	116	-
18. Buckinghamshire	115	-
Devon	115	-
20. Hampshire & IOW	114	-
Suffolk	114	-

Below left: Boys 12U Team after winning their Group (Captain Dom Cobby, Vice-Captain Will Carnegie, Alex, Conrad, Herbie, Matthew, Nate and Tommy).

Below right: Girls 14U Team, who were runners-up (Captain Martin Whitehouse, Vice-Captain Sarah Wray, Anastasia, Annis, Chloe, Daisy, Eloise & Lois)



Kent Schools Tennis

These events were cancelled in 2021; we hope to be able to report on these in 2022

LTA Youth Schools - Kent

Division	BOYS Years 7 & 8	GIRLS Years 7 & 8
1	Sevenoaks School	Sevenoaks School
2	<i>Not completed</i>	Kent College Canterbury
2b	St Olave's Grammar School	<i>Not completed</i>
2c	Kent College Canterbury	<i>Not completed</i>
2d	Norton Knatchbull B	Bexley Grammar School

Division	BOYS Years 9 & 10	GIRLS Years 9 & 10
1	Sevenoaks School	Sevenoaks School
2a	Kent College Canterbury	Bexley Grammar School
2b	<i>Not completed</i>	Highworth School
2c	<i>Not completed</i>	Kent College Canterbury
2d	Bexley Grammar School	-

Kent HEAD Inter-Club Doubles Leagues - Winter

Please note that COVID-19 restrictions meant the Kent HEAD Inter-Club Doubles Leagues for Winter 2020-21 were cancelled. These are taking place once more in 2021-22.

Kent HEAD Inter-Club Doubles Leagues - Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Bexley 1	Canterbury 1	Sevenoaks 1
2	Bromley LTC 1	Beckenham 1	Blackheath 2
3	Margate 1	Bromley Wendover 1	Beckenham 1
4	Avenue 1	Margate 1	Bromley Wendover 2
5	Bexleyheath 1	Avenue	Trottiscliffe 1
6	Beckenham 3	Tonbridge 1	Gravesham 2
7	Knoll 4	Parklangley 3	Beckenham 3
8	Hayes 2	-	Shooters Hill 2
9	United (Hawthurst)	-	-
10	Blackheath 4	-	-
Division	Veterans Men's 45s	Veterans Ladies 40s	Veterans Men's 60s midweek
1	Margate 1	Herne Bay 1	Herne Bay
2	Broadstairs	Herne Bay 2	Bearsted & Thurnham
3	Margate 2	Walmer	-
4	Tunbridge Wells	Hythe 1	-

National League - Winter

The Junior County Tiers were cancelled in Winter 2020/21; we hope to be able to report on these in 2022

National League Summer - Kent Divisions

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Freedom Leisure A	Bexley	Bexley
2	Sundridge Park	Hythe	-
3 - N/Lon	Shooters Hill A	-	-
3 - C/E	Avenue A	Avenue	-
4 - North	Gravesham B	-	-
4 - East	Horsmonden B	-	-
5	Bexley C	-	-
NATIONAL LEAGUE COUNTY PLAY-OFFS - SOUTH EAST			
Mens	Freedom Leisure A	lost to St George's (SURREY)	2-4
Ladies	Bexley	lost to Storrington (SUSSEX)	1-5
NATIONAL LEAGUE REGIONAL DIVISIONS - SOUTH EAST			
Mens	A1 Pharmaceuticals	1st - South East Regional Division	
JUNIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE COUNTY DIVISIONS			
Division	Boys Team	Division	Girls Team
18U - 1A	Oakwood	18U - 1	<i>Incomplete</i>
18U - 1B	Deal ITC	18U - 2	David Lloyd Dartford
16U - 1	<i>Incomplete</i>	16U - 1A	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre
16U - 2A	Deal ITC	16U - 1B	Bexley
16U - 2B	Willett Recreation	-	-
16U - 2C	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre B	-	-
14U - 1	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre	14U - 1A	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre A
14U - 2A	Hollybush Tennis Centre	14U - 1B	David Lloyd Dartford
14U - 2B	Blackheath	14U - 1C	Bexley
14U - 2C	Chipstead Place	-	-
14U - 2D	Avenue	-	-
14U - 2E	Old Wilsonians	-	-
12U - 1A	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre	12U - 1A	<i>Incomplete</i>
12U - 1B	Parklangley	12U - 1B	Frindsbury
12U - 1C	Blackheath	-	-
12U - 1D	Oakwood	-	-
11U - 1A	Parklangley	11U - 1A	David Lloyd Dartford
11U - 1B	Willett Recreation	11U - 1B	Chipstead Place
11U - 1C	Chipstead Place	-	-
Division	Mixed 10U	Mixed 9U	Mixed 8U
1	Parklangley A	Parklangley A	1A - Parklangley A
2A	David Lloyd Dartford	<i>Incomplete</i>	1B - Parklangley B
2B	<i>Incomplete</i>	Crescent	1C - David Lloyd Kings Hill
2C	Blackheath	Avenue	1D - South Eastern Tennis
2D	Wye	Gravesham	-
2E	Bexley	-	-

Affiliated District League Results

Ashford & District League - Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Faversham A	Wye A	Charing A
2	Faversham B	Hythe B	Charing C

East Kent LTA League - Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Broadstairs	Hythe 1	Broadstairs
2	-	Canterbury	-

Maidstone & District LTA League - Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Horsmonden A	David Lloyd Kings Hill	Maidstone A
2	Horsmonden B	Headcorn	-
3	David Lloyd Kings Hill	Bearsted & Thurnham B	-
4	Goudhurst	Staplehurst	-

Medway LTA League - Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Frindsbury	-	Avenue

North Kent LTA League - Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Veterans Mens
A	Bromley Wendover I	Sundridge Park I	Crescent I
B	Bromley LTC I	Wickham Park I	Sundridge Park I
C	Sundridge Park II	Hartley CC	Sundridge Park II
D	Sidcup Recreation	Sundridge Park III	David Lloyd Sidcup I
E	Willett Recreation I	Bexley II	Parklangley III
F	Sundridge Park III	David Lloyd Dartford I	Sundridge Park III
G	Bromley CC I	David Lloyd Dartford II	Bexleyheath II
H	Willett Recreation II	Willett Recreation I	-
J	Old Wilsonians II	Bexley III	-
Division	Mixed	Veterans Mixed midweek	Veterans Mens 60s Midweek
PREMIER	Sundridge Park I	-	-
A	Blackheath	Sundridge Park I	Parklangley
B	Sundridge Park II	Knoll	Catford Wanderers
C	David Lloyd Dartford I	Sundridge Park III	Bexleyheath
D	Sundridge Park III	-	-
E	Sundridge Park IV	-	-
Division	Veterans Ladies	Veterans Ladies 60s midweek	Veterans Ladies 70s midweek
A	Bexley	Bexley	Parklangley
B	-	-	Bexley



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