

KLT ONLINE

October 2023

We're now into the winter season and there's been lots happening around the county. Five of our **Kent Seniors** teams have won through to the National Finals, our **12U Kent Girls and Boys** county teams played in the National Finals, with the Girls finishing as National Runners-up. We had a fantastic **Kent Tennis Day at Meopham LTC** in September and we've run our first **Kent County Volunteers Day**.

And, you may have seen former Kent player, **Annabel Croft**, on your screens in the latest series of Strictly Come Dancing.

All the **Junior County Cup** events have now been played for 2023 and it's been a great year for the Kent teams, with 2 National Champions, a National Division 2 winner, 4 Regional Group winners and 5 National Runners-up.

Looking ahead, the **LTA and Kent Tennis Awards, presented by Lexus**, are now open - read on to find out more and get nominating!

We've a **Learning Disability Regional Tour** event at Bromley Tennis Centre this month, part of a drive to expand competitive opportunities across the UK for people with disabilities. [To find out more about Learning Disability Tennis click here](#)

Scroll down for more news from Kent Tennis. You can keep up to date with the news as it happens on Instagram and Facebook.



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NOMINATE FOR THE LTA AND KENT TENNIS AWARDS

Is there a tennis hero you know in Kent who deserves to be recognised? You can nominate for the **LTA and Kent Tennis Annual Awards, presented by Lexus**, which celebrate the incredible achievements and contributions of people in tennis, until 30 November 2023. [Full details of the 14 awards categories here](#). [Find out more and submit a nomination here](#).



SUCCESSFUL KENT TENNIS DAY

Kent Tennis' 2022 Club of the Year, Meopham LTC, opened up its facilities to host the annual Kent Tennis Day, with over 100 people of all ages and abilities enjoying free coaching, including fun, sociable group-fitness Cardio Tennis sessions and Rusty Rackets, for those who hadn't played in a while.

Pupils with autism from the local Helen Allison School enjoyed coaching sessions run by the club, there was a Family Cup for adults and children to compete together, and an exhibition match by four of the county's top female players: Daisy Rowland, Eloise Newberry, Lois Newberry, Leticia Romanova.



KENT TENNIS HEAD INTER-CLUB SUMMER LEAGUES

Over 2,000 players in Kent took part in the leagues, with the division finals on 9 and 10 September. Winners of the top divisions for summer 2023 were **Freedom Leisure 1** in the Ladies Doubles and **Bexley's first teams** in the Men's and Mixed Doubles competitions. In the Midweek events, **David Lloyd Kings Hill** won the Ladies doubles, **Bearsted** won the Men's Vets doubles, and **Canterbury 1** won the Mixed Vets doubles.

[To see all the Kent Tennis leagues results click here.](#)

SAFEGUARDING IN TENNIS AWARENESS WEEK

The high standard of safeguarding protocols at **Tunbridge Wells LTC** was highlighted by the LTA in the lead up to the LTA Safeguarding in Tennis Awareness Week.

There were a number of sessions throughout the week with practical tips and examples around safeguarding in tennis, including one on the [Young People's Welfare Ambassadors project and how you can get involved.](#)

[Watch the Safeguarding in Tennis Awareness Week replays here](#)



KENT'S FIRST COUNTY VOLUNTEER DAY

19 volunteers from around the county came together at The Parklangle Club on 8 October to discuss some of the important issues facing tennis in Kent, try out Walking Tennis and find out more about the importance of social media for tennis. LTA President, Sandi Procter, helped lead the day, bringing her wealth of knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm throughout.

[Click here for more on Walking Tennis](#) or [contact Janice White](#) if you'd like to speak to someone about introducing it at your club.



LEARNING DISABILITY REGIONAL TOUR IN KENT

The event on 28 and 29 October at Bromley Tennis Centre is key to expanding competitive opportunities across the UK for people with disabilities. It's for players of all ages and skill levels, who will be grouped according to their tennis ability and experience, playing both singles and doubles matches.

Entries are now closed, but if you'd like to [find out more about Disability Tennis](#) click [here](#) or contact Tom Debrates, Kent's Disability Tennis Lead: disability.tennis@kenttennis.org.uk



12U COUNTY CUP NATIONAL FINALS

The 12U Kent girls, captained by Tom Samson and vice-captain, Katy Taylor, won their group, losing out to Surrey in the National Final and finishing as National Runners-up.

The 12U Kent boys, captained by Will Carnegie and vice-captain, Stefan Coney, finished 3rd in their group, in the National Finals in a very tight competition, where 3 teams all beat each other.

[The 12U County Cup results can be seen here](#)



KENT 11U PLAYERS REPRESENT ENGLAND

Four of our Kent 11U County Cup players, Darnay, Tony, Kate and Rosie, were selected to represent England as the 12U team in the Junior Four Nations event in Wrexham. They beat Scotland but lost to Wales and Ireland, the eventual winners. The team was captained by Kent's Dom Cobby and Katy Taylor.



KENT PLAYERS SUCCESS IN UK PRO LEAGUE

Pat Brady, at the age of 18, won the Men's UK Pro League Tour Finals event, and Alice Gillan was Runner-up in the Ladies Final, both having won through the group stages. Previous winners include Kent players Emma Raducanu (2020) and Anton Matusevich (2021).

[More information on the UK Pro League can be found here](#)



JUNIOR COUNTY TRAINING UPDATE

This year's County Training programme is underway until the end of May 2024, with **240 children aged from 7U to 18U** taking part across 120 sessions at four Kent venues: Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre, Bromley Tennis Centre, The Sennocke Centre in Sevenoaks and The Parklangley Club.

Our 7U/8U County Open Day at Bromley Tennis Centre was attended by 99 players from 20 different clubs across the county, and at our 7U/ 8U County Selection Day in October, players were chosen for our 8U programmes which run at Canterbury and Bromley Tennis Centre.

We're keen to expand the programme where we can and cater for more players, while being mindful of the standard required at county level. County trials are available throughout the year. [Contact Craig Allen, our County Performance Manager, for details.](#)



KENT'S SENIORS HEAD FOR NATIONAL FINALS

Five Kent teams have qualified for this year's National Seniors Finals in Sheffield on 27-29 October: **Men's 45s, Ladies 55s, Men's 60s, Men's 70s, and Men's 75s.** Good luck to the players and their captains: Tom Knight (45s), Nayla Solh (55s), Keith Gill (60s), Chris Morgan (70s) and Keith Clark (75s).

Our Ladies 40s, Ladies 50s and Ladies 65 have all won promotion back to Division 1.

[Full results for Kent's Seniors teams can be found here](#)



RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

October is Parents in Tennis Month: the LTA is providing a series of free webinars focussing on keeping children safe in sport, the disability pathway, a competition parent workshop, nurturing talent and how to support budding athletes in lifestyle and wellbeing during their tennis journey. [Click here for the full Parents in Tennis Month programme and webinar booking information](#) - booking in advance is recommended as spaces are limited.

Take a look at the HUB where you can find details of the **Tennis Support Group** which partners with the LTA to help Volunteers, Officials, Coaches, Players and Parents in Tennis and Padel, encouraging communication with people involved in tennis. There are facebook groups such as the Tennis Volunteer Community and Tennis Parents Community, Q&A sessions, helpful videos and live events. [Click here for the YouTube video channel](#). [Click here for details of the Facebook groups](#).

BRITISH UNIVERSITY TENNIS PROGRAMME

If your child is in Year 10 or above and thinking about further education options and how they can continue their tennis at the same time in the UK, Kent Tennis has lined up a session with Alistair Higham, LTA University Tennis Manager.

Scan the QR code or [use this link to register](#) for the zoom session on 21 November at 7pm.



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SUE TEUBLER (1933–2023)

Former Kent Ladies Captain and Wimbledon player, **Sue Teubler**, has passed away, aged 90. She was a member of Tunbridge Wells LTC and, previously, St John's LTC. Our thoughts and condolences are with Sue's family and many friends.

[Read more about Sue and her tennis achievements here](#)



WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October:** Learning Disability Regional Tour at Bromley Tennis Centre
- **Friday 27 - Sunday 29 October:** National Seniors County Cup Finals 40s to 80s in Sheffield
- **Tuesday 31 October:** Kent Tennis Coffee Morning. [Contact Janice White](#) for more details. All club and county volunteers are welcome - discussion topics will be Venue Registration, Models of Governance, Easy Fundraising and LTA Awards
- **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 November:** Regional 8U Inter-County Cup at Chiswick Riverside
- **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 November:** [LTA Referee Course](#) at Bromley Tennis Centre
- **Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November:** [Billie Jean Cup GB vs Sweden](#), Copper Box Arena, London
- **Tuesday 21 November:** British University Tennis Programme information session, details above
- **Tuesday 21 - Sunday 26 November:** Davis Cup Finals, Malaga, Spain
- **Friday 24 - Sunday 26 November:** Men's Winter County Cup Group 1 at The Graves Tennis Centre, Sheffield
- **Friday 24 - Sunday 26 November:** Ladies Winter County Cup – Group 2 at Bromley Tennis Centre [More information on Winter County Cup here](#)
- **Tuesday 28 November:** Kent Tennis Coffee Morning. [Contact Janice White](#) for more details.

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We're here to help as many people as possible get involved with tennis, across the whole of Kent and with your support we can achieve our aim.

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