



# KLT ONLINE

August 2023

With the summer tennis season in full swing, our 11U Boys are National Champions, we've had Kent representation at Wimbledon, our Ladies and Men's teams have been in County Cup action and players from across Kent are through to the Play Your Way to Wimbledon finals.

Kent's [County Championships](#) kick off on 20 August with a new inclusive tennis festival followed by events from 8U through to Open categories. It's not too late to enter (details in our section on What's Coming Up?), and all are welcome at Bromley Tennis Centre to watch some great tennis throughout the week. Finals Day is on 27 August when we'll also be presenting Junior Awards of the year and Junior County Colours.

There was Kent success at the LTA National Awards, with The North School in Ashford winning School of the Year, and three national runners-up from the county.

A reminder that if you're an LTA Advantage member, please log into your membership and update your ethnicity data if you haven't already done so.

With the [Davis Cup](#) on in Manchester this September, you can find details of how to get discounted tickets and hospitality in our section on What's coming up?

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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## KENT PLAYERS & OFFICIALS AT WIMBLEDON

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Ben Gusic-Wan from Canterbury and Hugo Coquelin from Sevenoaks played in the first round of the junior singles competition, with Ben reaching the second round of the junior doubles.

We spoke to 16-year-old Ben about his first Wimbledon win, behind the scenes at Wimbledon, fitting studies in with tennis, and what's next for him. [Read Ben's interview HERE](#).



And it wasn't just players representing Kent at Wimbledon - Sandi Procter, LTA President, was on Centre Court for the Finals Day presentations, and Georgia Lucey was one of the officials this year.



# KENT SUCCESS IN THE LTA NATIONAL AWARDS

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The North School in Ashford is the LTA's School of the year, with three National runners-up from Kent: Craig Allen (Performance Coach of the Year), Zane Cheeseman (Development Coach of the Year) and Whitstable Lawn Tennis Club (Tennis for All Award). [More information on LTA Awards HERE.](#)



## COUNTY CUP: KENT MEN STAY IN TOP GROUP

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In a close competition with mixed weather conditions at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, Kent's Men beat Suffolk and East of Scotland and won enough games against Surrey, Yorkshire and Hertfordshire to take fourth place in Group 1, staying up for 2024.

The Ladies had a young team, with five players making their debut in Nottingham, and battled hard to beat Cheshire, with close losses to Norfolk and Avon, but ultimately were unable to avoid relegation to Group 3 for next year.



# TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TENNIS LEADERS ACROSS KENT

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LTA Youth Tennis Leaders provides 11-18 year-olds with the opportunity to gain leadership skills on and off the court – and we're getting young people involved across the county. Nine teenagers from Shooters Hill Sixth Form Tennis Academy qualified as Tennis Leaders at Twist Fizz CIC in Greenwich, and 14 young people from clubs in East Kent completed a course in Canterbury. [Find out more about Tennis Leaders HERE.](#)



Click on the links below to book a place on a course:  
[Monday 23rd October, Avenue Tennis, 10-4pm](#)

[Tuesday 24th October, Bromley Tennis Centre, 9-3pm](#)

## NEW PARK COURTS IN KENT'S LONDON BOROUGHES

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Roger Federer was on hand at Bostall Gardens in Abbey Wood in Greenwich to open new courts. Kent Tennis has long supported tennis in the area, and the local Abbey Wood Tennis Club will be running the tennis programme. [Read more here about the courts in Greenwich HERE.](#)



Kent Tennis Board member Anna Wilson helped to celebrate the opening of new courts in Chinbrook Meadows in Lewisham, where the tennis programme will be run by South East London Tennis. [Read more here about the courts in Lewisham HERE.](#) [Find out more about the LTA's Parks Tennis Project HERE.](#)



# BRINGING TENNIS TO CARE HOME RESIDENTS IN KENT

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Whitstable Tennis Club in partnership with Inclusive Sport delivers dementia-friendly weekly tennis sessions at a local care home as part of Care UK's Let's Get Physical initiative, funded by Kent Sports. They are accessible for all, taking place in the home's lounge with soft balls and a tennis net designed to catch the balls. [Find out more about tennis in a care home HERE.](#)



# PADEL AT SUNDRIDGE PARK IS LTA CASE STUDY

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Three years on from the introduction of two padel courts and another court coming online this autumn, [read more about the Kent club's experience of one of the fastest growing sports in the world](#) and the benefits for members and local community.



## PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON

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42 junior players won singles events and 76 adult and junior doubles pairs won events at 31 venues across Kent as part of the UK's largest individual mass participation tennis competition.

County Finals were held at Bromley Sports Club, Tunbridge Wells LTC, Walmer LT and CC and The Sundridge Park Club, with all the winners below going through to the National Finals at Wimbledon this month.

Robbie Taylor from David Lloyd Kings Hill won the Boys Singles Final and Bella Thomson from Sevenoaks LTC won the Girls Singles Final.

Tittor and Luke from Avenue Tennis Club won the Junior Boys doubles and Ilse and Ella from Chipstead Lawn Tennis Club won the Junior Girls doubles.

Harry and Chris from Kings Hill Community Tennis Club won the Men's Doubles and Hannah and Delphine of Oakwood Tennis Club won the Ladies doubles.

In the disability tennis competition, Canterbury's Ruben Harris won the Wheelchair Men's singles and doubles regional finals, to earn his place in the National Finals.

[Read more about Play Your Way to Wimbledon.](#)



## IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY WITH LTA PLEDGEBALL

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You can pledge to take action to support the environment and reduce carbon emissions on behalf of your tennis club in the [LTA Pledgeball League](#) as part of an LTA initiative to support, promote and encourage the uptake of sustainability practices. [Find tips on sustainability for your venue.](#)

# KENT'S JUNIOR TEAMS UPDATE

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Our **11U Boys** are National Champions, beating Surrey in the final, following on from their win at 10U in 2022 and 9U in 2021. The **11U Girls** were National runners up, losing narrowly to Surrey in the final.



Kent's **10U Boys** finished as National runners up, losing out to Surrey in a three-way tie with Surrey and Avon in the National Finals, decided on percentage of games won.

[Click HERE](#) for all our junior County Cup results.



Five teams from Kent took part in the inaugural **Jack Draper 8U Team Trophy**, with players from **The Parklangley Club, Bromley Tennis Centre, Avenue Tennis, Deal ITC and Canterbury LTC** competing in a festival of tennis against teams from Surrey, Middlesex, Sussex.



Our **16U Boys** reached the final of the **Surbiton Trophy** South East competition, when rain stopped play, with the **16U Girls** taking third place.



Kent's **18U players** came third in the **Salisbury Cup** against Surrey, Middlesex and Sussex, beating Sussex in the 3/4 place play off in this mixed event giving a fun but competitive send off to those in their last year of junior tennis.



## SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

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**Newstead Wood School's** Anvita, Chloe, Eloise, Lois and Nikita came 5th in the LTA Youth Schools National Championships Finals of the girls **Aberdare Cup**, with **Sevenoaks School** taking 11th place in the boys **Glanvill Cup** event.



26 teams from 14 schools in Kent competed in the **LTA Youth Division 1** league this year – and the winners were:

Boys Year 7&8: Sevenoaks School  
Girls Year 7&8: Sevenoaks School  
Boys Year 9&10: Dulwich College  
Girls Year 9&10: Newstead Wood School

Canterbury Lawn Tennis Club hosted 24 teams from 14 schools in the **LTA Youth Schools Division 2** Finals. The winners were:

Boys Year 7&8: Colfes School  
Girls Year 7&8: Walthamstow Hall  
Boys Year 9&10: Eltham College  
Girls Year 9&10: Kings School Canterbury

[LTA Youth Schools results can be seen HERE.](#)

165 pairs from 22 schools played in the **Kent Primary Schools Doubles Championship Qualifying** events at Bromley Tennis Centre and Canterbury, with winners and lucky losers going through to the Finals, won by:

Red Ball Girls: Bromley High  
Red Ball Boys: Amherst A

Orange Ball Girls: Sevenoaks Primary  
Orange Ball Boys: Eltham College

Green Ball Girls: Granville  
Green Ball Boys: Sevenoaks Preparatory

[More information on primary schools tennis in Kent.](#)





## WHAT'S COMING UP?

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**Sunday 20 August** – Inclusive Tennis Festival at Bromley Tennis Centre from 12-3pm. A fun competition open to players of all ages and abilities. Entries close 19 August. [Click here to enter.](#) To find out more contact [siobhan.butler@kenttennis.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.butler@kenttennis.org.uk).

**Mon 21 – Sun 27 August** – Kent County Championships at Bromley Tennis Centre. Entries close on 6 August. [Find out more here about the County Championships.](#)

**Sunday 27 August** – County Championships Finals Day at Bromley Tennis Centre, with Kent Junior Awards and County Colours Presentation at 4pm and refreshments afterwards. There's still time to nominate an outstanding junior or volunteer from your club. Contact [janice.white@kenttennis.org.uk](mailto:janice.white@kenttennis.org.uk) with your nomination by 10 August.

**12-17 September** - [Davis Cup](#) Group Stage Finals at A0 Arena, Manchester. Ticket prices start from £10. Details of offers on tickets and hospitality:

- 10% discount when booking a group of 10 or more [click HERE.](#)
- 10% discount when booking First Serve or Level 6 hospitality [click HERE.](#)
- 15% discount on booking tickets (no minimum number) to watch – France v Switzerland, Australia v France, Great Britain v Switzerland, Australia v Switzerland [click HERE](#)

**Saturday 16 September** - Kent Tennis Day at Meopham LTC. [Contact Janice White](#) for more details.

**Tuesday 26 September** - Kent Tennis Coffee Morning. [Contact Janice White](#) for more details.

**3-7 October** - Safeguarding in Tennis Awareness Week, [click HERE.](#)

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