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AWARDS
For achievements in 2020

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KENT TENNIS AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING

Hosted by John Ratcliffe

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Welcome

Video Presentation of 2020 Kent Tennis Highlights

Presentation of Awards for Achievements in 2020



Presentation of Awards for Achievements in 2020

The Awards will be presented in the following order. In some categories there is an outright winner and in others there is a shortlist of finalists. More detail about all those listed below are on the following pages.

AWARD CATEGORIES

PRESENTED BY

Junior Player:	Jack Pinnington Jones	John Ratcliffe
Junior Team:	18U Boys County Cup Team	John Ratcliffe
Player:	Emma Raducanu	John Ratcliffe
Team:	Kent Ladies Winter County Cup Team	John Ratcliffe
Club 1-4 courts:	St. John's Lawn Tennis Club	John Ratcliffe
Young Person:	Ethan Railton (Frindsbury LTC), Kati Rust (Bromley TC & Bridge TC), Kai Williams (The Parklanglely Club)	Mary Evans
Education:	Bridge & Patribourne CE Primary School, Deal Parochial CE Primary School	Mary Evans
Community & Parks	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club, Tennis for Free (Bromley)	Mary Evans
Club 5+ courts:	Gravesham LTC, Old Wilsonians' LTC, The Sundridge Park Club	Tim Freeman
Development Coach	Daniel Shearing (Bethersden TC), Michel Suleau (Gravesham LTC) Sam Tyler (The Parklanglely Club)	Sandi Procter
Competition:	Gravesham LTC Summer Spectacular, Jack Petchey 21st Birthday Celebration Series (Old Wilsonians' LTC), The Parklanglely Performance Lockdown Team Challenge.	Sandi Procter
Official:	Sarah Langford, Angie Suleau	John Watton
Volunteer	Andrew Crickett (Oakwood TC) Anna Wilson (The Sundridge Park Club), Diana Winters (Tunbridge Wells LTC)	John Watton
Lifetime Achievement:	Janet O'Sullivan (Gravesham LTC), Mick Proffitt (The Parklanglely Club)	John Watton

Some categories are included in the British Tennis Awards and winners are nominated for the Regional Awards.

History of the Kent Tennis Awards

The Kent Tennis Awards began in 2004 with eight categories – Player, Coach, Club, School, Local Authority, Volunteer, Team and Outstanding Contribution. In 2007, Junior Player and Junior Leader were added and in 2011, the Club Award was divided into small (1 - 4 courts) and large (5+ courts). Local Authority disappeared along the way. In 2015, the LTA created a new British Tennis Awards scheme and as a result we added Disability and Community Awards. In 2017, Awards for Official and Competition were added. For the 2019 awards Performance coach was a new category. In nine of the categories, Kent nominates winners for regional and national awards. This does not include Player and Team Awards which are done differently at national level.

Past winners in each category are listed in this programme for 12 years only.

Kent Tennis Awards of 2019

National Winner:

Girl Junior Player of the Year	Emma Raducanu
Boy Junior Player of the Year	Ben Gusic-Wan

National Runner-up

Performance Coach	Simon Grieve
Education Award	St. Peter's CE Primary School, Aylesford

South East Regional Winners & National Finalists:

Education Award	St. Peter's CE Primary School, Aylesford
Competition of the Year	Sadie Bristow Competition

Kent Awards

Junior Player	Ben Gusic-Wan
Junior Team	9U Mixed County Cup Team
Player	Hazel Lindfield
Team	Men's Summer County Cup Team
Club 1-4 courts	Maidstone LTC
Club 5+ courts	Frindsbury LTC
Development Coach	Nick Wibberley
Performance Coach	Simon Grieve
Official	Susan Finch
Competition	Sadie Bristow Competition
Education	St. Peter's CE Primary School, Aylesford
Disability Programme	Whitstable LTC
Community Venue	Tennis for Free, Bromley
Young Person	Sophie Campbell (Shooters Hill LTC)
Volunteer	Lisa King (The Sundridge Park Club)
Lifetime Achievement	Peter Marshall (Frindsbury LTC)

LTA Meritorious Award	Denis Costelloe
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Trophies and Awards

The Charles Bailey Award for Outstanding Achievement

This is the most prestigious of the Kent Awards. The trophy is presented in honour of Charles Bailey, who made 80 appearances for the Kent Men's team. In 1983 he became captain and the team rose from division 3 to national champions in 1986 and retained the title in 1987. He was a member of the Kent Council for 23 years until his death in 2006. In 1998 a new tennis centre at Sevenoaks School was named the Bailey Centre. The trophy is a silver bowl and presented to a person who has made a significant contribution to Kent Tennis over many years in participation, performance or tennis administration. It is known in the LTA Awards as the Lifetime Achievement Award.



The Ian Wright Award for Junior Player of the Year

Ian Wright was a member and official at the Bexley Tennis Club for over 50 years, running the Bexley Junior Tournament and often known as Mr Bexley. In North Kent, he managed the league handbook for many years. For Kent, he was a long standing member of the junior committee, on the Kent Council for 27 years and a Life Vice-President for a further 16 years. The award is a shield and is presented to a junior player who has achieved significantly at a very high level, probably internationally.



The Sadie Bristow Award for Junior Team of the Year

This award was introduced in 2018. It is in honour of Sadie Bristow, who suffered an unexpected fatal anaphylactic shock in August 2018. Sadie represented Kent in the 9U team. She was a fantastic athlete and tennis was a huge passion. Although only nine years old she had achieved considerable success, ranked number 1 in GB, having won over 40 tournaments. Sadie's parents and friends have set up a foundation in her memory to raise funds to provide tennis opportunities for children in schools and raise awareness of allergies. The trophy is a cup and has been donated by the LTA. It is presented to a junior team which has achieved significant success at a high level.



The LTA Meritorious Service Award

County Associations are invited annually to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to tennis in their county. We do not nominate every year, only when there is a suitable candidate. From 2001 until 2017 the intention was to recognise the contribution of a person in any aspect of tennis either in clubs or for the county itself. From 2018, the criteria were changed to recognise a person who has contributed for a significant length of time to county tennis activities.

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Presented with the Ian Wright Trophy
by John Ratcliffe

Past Winners

2008	Lewis Burton	2014	Nell Miller & Anton Matusevich
2009	Francis Sargeant	2015	Anton Matusevich
2010	Lewis Burton	2016	Nell Miller
2011	Thomas Wright	2017	Jack Pinnington-Jones
2012	Nell Miller	2018	Anton Matusevich
2013	Emma Raducanu	2019	Ben Gusic-Wan

2020 Winner

Jack Pinnington Jones

Jack reached 35 in the ITF Junior World rankings this year. Won the ITF Grade 1 U18 tournament held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.



JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

Presented with the Sadie Bristow Trophy
by John Ratcliffe

Past Winners

2012	Sevenoaks Years 7&8 Girls team	2016	Kent Girls 10U team
2013	Kent Boys 12U team	2017	Kent Boys 10U team
2014	Kent Boys 14U team	2018	Kent Girls 18U team
2015	Kent Girls 14U team	2019	Kent 9U Mixed team

2020 Winner

18U Boys County Cup Team

Captain: Rob Smith

Vice-Captain: Tom Jarvis

Team:

Oscar Brown
Kean De Villiers
Alex De Sousa
Tommy Harrison
Kristofer Johnson
Furqan Lawal

Tomas Paskauskas
Luca Pavan
Jack Pinnington Jones
Oli Richards
Archie Turne

Results:

Beat Leicestershire 7-2
Beat South Wales 6-3
Beat Surrey 6-3

Promoted from

Group 2a to Group 1.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Presented by John Ratcliffe

Past Winners

2008	Paul Drane	2014	Robert Searle
2009	Marcia Ackers	2015	Hazel Lindfield
2010	Sean Thornley	2016	Bob Milner
2011	Holly Richards	2017	Niall Sweeney
2012	Ian Payne	2018	Jasper Cooper
2013	Anne Williams	2019	Hazel Lindfield

2020 Winner

Emma Raducanu

It has been a great year for Emma, as well as winning this award, she reached her highest WTA World Ranking of 333 this year, was selected for GB in Federation Cup, won WTA title in India, was crowned LTA's Junior Girls Player of the Year and won two LTA's Women's Premier singles title in the summer.



TEAM OF THE YEAR

Presented by John Ratcliffe

Past Winners

2008	Kent Ladies team	2014	Kent Men's team
2009	Kent Men's 55s team	2015	Kent Ladies 55s team
2010	Bromley LTC Men's team	2016	Kent Ladies & Kent Men's teams
2011	Kent Ladies 70s team	2017	Kent Ladies team
2012	Kent Ladies 70s team	2018	Kent Men's 35s team
2013	Kent Ladies team	2019	Kent Men's Summer Team

2020 Winner

Kent Ladies Winter County Cup Team

Captain: Holly Richards

Vice-Captain: Jacqueline Darby

Team:

Florence Abbott
Tiegan Aitken
Gabby Chidwick
Phoebe Ecuyer-Dale
Alice Gillan
Sofia Johnson,
Olivia Parson
Sophia Thomas
Sarah Wray

Results:

Beat Middlesex 6-3
Beat Essex 6-3
Beat Surrey 5-4

National Champions for
the 4th consecutive year.



CLUB OF THE YEAR 1-4 COURTS TrevorMay

AT THE SURFACE OF SPORT

Presented by John Ratcliffe

The winning Club will receive a voucher for £500 from Trevor May Contractors

Past Winners

2011	Oakwood TC	2016	Bethersden TC
2012	Bethersden TC	2017	Chipstead LTC
2013	Hythe LTC	2018	Brenchley and Matfield LTC
2014	Deal Indoor TC	2019	Maidstone Tennis Club
2015	Oakwood TC		

2020 Winner

St. John's Lawn Tennis Club

St Johns successfully constructed two new grass tennis courts by refurbishing and reseeding the redundant bowling green. Backed by a host of volunteers, giving up spare hours which in turn provided benefit not only to their own mental wellbeing but also uplifted morale and the club's team spirit. This inspired and encouraged other volunteers to step forward to help, creating a positive and attractive atmosphere within the club in a Covid friendly manner.

St Johns now has six courts offering two different surfaces with new CCTV monitoring, refurbished clubhouse and watering system Their playing membership has increased by over a staggering 40% this year. There was huge demand for coaching and many new initiatives were introduced welcoming people back to tennis, all held in a very Covid responsible manner. St Johns LTC now feels like an attractive buoyant facility offering tennis to all ages in the wider community.



YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Presented by Mary Evans,

Chair of the Awards Panel and Kent Tennis Deputy President.

Past Winners

2008 Claire Jones
2009 Jack Heimann
2010 Matthew Snow
2011 Not Awarded
2012 Sam Leighton
2013 Emre Saridogan

2014 Robyn Enslin
2015 James Carlton
2016 Ulysse Abbate
2017 Daniel Hodgson
2018 Marcelle Lowe
2019 Sophie Campbell

2020 Finalists

Ethan Railton (Frindsbury LTC)

Ethan is a tennis leader much admired by all of the club's kids and parents. He is usually found hard at work at the club both on and off the courts. He is always keen to help out at competitions and has been active on social media, amongst other things, supporting the club during these challenging times. Ethan has progressed well at the club and has demonstrated his abilities to take the lead on court and is always prepared to help other less experienced tennis leaders. Ethan is a terrific role model for young players.



Kati Rust (Bromley Tennis Centre & Bridge TC)

Kati joined BTC on a voluntary basis to develop her skills and progress along the coaching pathway. Since joining BTC her confidence has grown and her enthusiasm on court has been infectious. She is setting a great example to our juniors who may be aspiring coaches in the future. She is half-way through her Level 1 Coaching Course and is keen to learn from all sources available. Kati works very closely with Stewart Bristow and has been a vital part of the Sadie Bristow open days. She is fantastic at welcoming everyone to the events and at making the sessions fun and inclusive for everyone.



Kai Williams (The Parklangley Club)

Kai is a tennis leader who consistently exceeds expectations in his role. He is active in preparing equipment for sessions; communicating with players and parents; setting up a new junior social session; and volunteering to help with competitions and social tennis for juniors. Kai has been active in engaging with players and members during lockdown, utilising Zoom to set challenges, and by providing social media content. He is working towards his level 2 with a view to becoming a full time coach. Kai's attitude and maturity is amazing and he is an inspiration for the club's juniors.



EDUCATION AWARD

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The winning school will be presented with a prize from Head

Presented by Mary Evans,

Chair of the Awards Panel and Kent Tennis Deputy President.

Past Winners

2008	Sevenoaks School	2014	Bromley High Junior School
2009	Homewood School	2015	Sevenoaks School
2010	Sevenoaks School	2016	Glebe SEN School
2011	Not awarded	2017	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
2012	Amherst School	2018	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
2013	Lady Joanne Thornhill School	2019	St.Peter's CE Primary, Aylesford

2020 Finalists

Bridge & Patricxbourne CE Primary

The school have strong links with Bridge Tennis Club and The Sadie Bristow Foundation, and with their help were very communicative and responsive in keeping the tennis programme going whilst in lockdown. They engaged with parents through home-made videos involving tennis related skills, fitness advice and healthy eating challenges. All teachers got their classes involved to keep children active with tennis Innovation to develop skills and watching YouTube tennis lessons especially recorded to keep pupils and parents' interest. Once schools opened, they were the first to have tennis back in their daily school PE sessions. The coaches immediately returned to start coaching tennis in 'bubbles' and have managed to maintain engagement with the children and continue to inspire them during these challenging times. They organised a tennis 24-hour challenge where parents and children could play against the coaches or with their own partners.

Deal Parochial CE Primary School

A strong link with The Deal Indoor Tennis Centre is integral to the school's year-round tennis programme. During lockdown, the DITC was closed for several months. The school compensated for this by providing tennis videos through the school website, including a link to the LTA's Home Activities Hub. Following partial school return, all pupils' bubbles received weekly tennis lessons to promote a sense of normality and physical and mental well-being. Following full school return the bad weather sessions were replaced by fun science sessions on tennis-related topics (e.g. backspin and momentum) and the school continued with providing tennis based activities. As part of the schools' network, Deal Parochial assisted Sholden Primary School in their 'Tennis Foundation' membership and signposted them to LTA teacher tennis training.



COMMUNITY & PARKS AWARD

Presented by Mary Evans,
Chair of the Awards Panel and Kent Tennis Deputy President.

Past Winners

2015	Community Tennis at Ladywell Fields
2016	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
2017	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
2018	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
2019	Tennis for Free, Bromley

2020 Finalists

Kings Hill Community Tennis Club

The two-court facility was resurfaced by a community crowdfunding project. The government and LTA guidelines were communicated to all members when play could restart, as well as being clearly displayed at each court. The on court booking scheme was adapted to enable more players to participate, and junior coaching was restructured to allow for more social distancing. A very welcoming environment which encouraged more people to take up tennis and as a result an increase in membership going forward.



Tennis for Free, Bromley

This programme has shown a 13% increase in members since 2019. It includes a large coaching programme and teams playing in local leagues. The coaching programmes were run using the Clubspark programme, making it more easily accessible to all players. A change in booking for adults to a pay and play basis enabled people to continue to play, without having to make a longterm commitment in these uncertain times. This programme operates over a number of sites in the London Borough of Bromley.



CLUB OF THE YEAR 5+ COURTS TrevorMay

AT THE SURFACE OF SPORT

Presented by Trevor May and Tim Freeman from Trevor May Contractors

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Past Winners

2008	Blackheath LTC	2014	Sydenham LT&CC
2009	Sevenoaks LTC	2015	Shooters Hill LTC
2010	Shooters Hill LTC	2016	Old Wilsonians' LTC
2011	Gravesham LTC	2017	Avenue Tennis
2012	Wye LTC	2018	Oakwood Tennis Club
2013	Bromley Tennis Centre	2019	Frindsbury LTC

2020 Finalists

Gravesham LTC

Gravesham LTC made significant achievements in 2020. These included completion of a self-funded £50,000 resurfacing project; successful funding bids to Sport England and Kent Sport; and membership growth with over 60 new adult members. The club introduced a number of initiatives to make facilities and coaching available to the wider local community, including key workers and their children. A very successful 'Summer Spectacular' tennis event was held adhering to Covid protocols. Social media was utilised to maintain club communications when face to face communication was restricted. Social media has also been instrumental in welcoming and integrating new members with a 'virtual hello' supplementing the Sunday morning social sessions.



Old Wilsonians' LTC

Old Wilsonians's had a very successful 2020. This included, amongst other things, recruitment of 100 new members and enhancing playing surfaces, thus increasing the capacity for coaching. The club redesigned the new members process to ensure that integration into the club is as engaging and welcoming as possible. During the pandemic members have remained loyal to the club and use of the club courts and grounds have been made available to the wider local community. Effective protocols were implemented post-lockdown to optimise use of the courts in a controlled manner with additional club play sessions resulting in the courts being busier than ever.



The Sundridge Park Club

The Club strategy for 2020 was to enhance the membership experience and to extend reach into the community via Pay and Play. Adult membership increased by 36% with court usage up significantly on 2019 levels. New member initiatives were introduced to ensure a friendly welcome and integration into the club community. The appointment of a full-time manager enabled operational improvements resulting in an increase in the club's operating surplus. Planning permission has been secured for two Padel courts with LTA funding. The club's community spirit was demonstrated during the pandemic with a number of initiatives to provide support to members with social media utilised to encourage engagement in at home activities.



DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR

Presented by Sandi Procter, LTA Deputy President

Past Winners

2008	Harry Bushnell/Alastair Filmer	2014	Jake Johnson/Luke House
2009	Phil Layfield	2015	Simon Grieve
2010	Martin Whitehouse	2016	Matt Borthwick
2011	Nick Cavaday	2017	Dave Von Ribbeck
2012	Zane Cheeseman	2018	Luke House
2013	Craig Allen	2019	Nick Wibberley

2020 Finalists

Daniel Shearing (Bethersden Tennis Club)

For about 10 years Daniel has been consistently developing his personal and coaching skills as part of the coaching team at Bethersden. In 2020, when maintaining contacts and morale has been so important, Daniel has really shone. During lockdowns he has helped the coaching team to maintain engagement with members through online messages, challenges and quizzes, and he has been instrumental in safely reinstating programmes and competitive opportunities as quickly as possible. He is a great team player, club committee member, team captain, junior coordinator, and active Kent Coaches network member and is a wonderful role model for teenagers and young players.



Michel Suleau (Gravesham LTC)

Michel has been the driving force behind the coaching team at Gravesham for many years. He is passionate about tennis and uses all his skills and experience to personalise his coaching and help every player to reach their full potential. This year Michel has been very active in maintaining engagement with members using videos of tennis skills and information appropriate to the various different member groups. He has also been helping the club to grow membership through initiatives such as supporting introductory coaching sessions, encouraging key workers to try out tennis, and then helping new members' integration into the club.



Sam Tyler (The Parklangley Club)

Sam is a County Training coach with a passion for tennis evident in both the group performance and individual lessons he delivers. Sam is constantly adapting his coaching to equip his players with the technical aspects of the game. During lockdown Sam was active in keeping in touch with players and setting up an online group for the youngsters. Sam set a number of fun challenges for his younger groups and demonstrated how to practice simple skills at home without worrying parents. Sam also made himself available to his younger players when they needed someone to talk to. After restrictions eased Sam returned to the tennis courts teaching lessons in full compliance with Covid protocols.



COMPETITION OF THE YEAR

Presented by Sandi Procter, LTA Deputy President

Past Winners

2017	Kent County Championships
2018	Kent County Championships
2019	The Sadie Bristow Competition

2020 Finalists

Gravesham LTC Summer Spectacular

Gravesham LTC ran a 'Summer Spectacular' tennis event to support player morale during a period when competitive tennis was largely suspended. The singles and doubles event comprised six teams with ages ranging from 15 - 82 years and playing levels from novices to ATP tour players. Teams were organised to optimise the opportunities for new members to meet new people and play against others of a similar level of ability. Significant planning ensured strict adherence to the LTA issued Covid guidelines and the feedback from players and spectators was outstandingly positive.



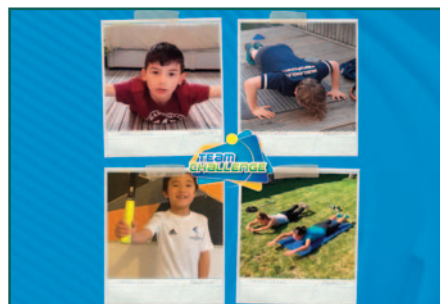
Jack Petchey 21st Birthday Celebration Series (Old Wilsonians' LTC)

Using a cash gift from The Jack Petchey Foundation, Old Wilsonians' organised two events specifically aimed at children and young adults denied their usual playing opportunities due to the pandemic. Box leagues, for youngsters aged 11-18, were played over six weeks, supervised by parents and adhering to the club's strict Covid protocols. A knock out, cash prize, singles tournament for players aged 18-25 was completed in one day. The incentive of cash prizes for winning matches stimulated the player's competitive instincts without undermining their sporting principles.



The Parklangley Performance Lockdown Team Challenge

This was the Parklangley initiative for encouraging players to remain active during lockdown by continuing with the LTA team challenge. Team challenges were demonstrated to the players by the coaches via Zoom meetings or social media videos. Challenges were undertaken by the players at home, recorded on video, and submitted to the club for posting on the Parklangley social media sites. To widen the range of engagement, quizzes were run to include the adult coaching groups in the fun.



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Presented by John Watton, Kent Tennis President

Past Winners

2017 Chris Mann
2018 Charlie Falconer
2019 Susan Finch

2020 Finalists

Sarah Langford

Having grown up competing in tennis Sarah's passion, since university, has always been the benefits of good competitions. Sarah understands the impact a bad experience can have on a child, especially at Mini Red level. During lockdown Sarah was furloughed as BTC was closed. However, once restrictions were lifted Sarah started collaborating with the coaching team to make sure that competition week is a regular part of their term time curriculum getting players back to competition and used to the pressure of a live match situation. She is up-skilling all the teams to be confident when talking to parents about competition so that everyone is in a position to advise players about their entry. Sarah is working hard to make competition at BTC inclusive for everyone and an enjoyable aspect of their game. Sarah is currently working with Tom Defrates (BTC's Disability Co-ordinator) in order to make sure the county's disabled players are able to be a part of next year's County Closed events. This has been an aim for the last few years, but hopefully with the extra planning that has been put in place, it should come to fruition in 2021.



Angie Suleau

Due to Angie being seriously ill during December 2019 you would assume that she would have taken time off work once she came out of hospital. Her dedication to the game meant that the following week, she ran a tournament with the help of her husband Michel and a junior assistant, for 19 children and continued with events for various age groups through January to March. During lockdown Angie attended a number of Kent LTA coffee mornings which covered the frequently changing COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, and the sharing of best practice with other Kent Clubs. Weekly training started in June with the launce of the LTA's new Competition Management system specifically for Referee's and Officials. She has been keen to support this initiative with constructive and helpful feedback. Once lockdown restrictions were lifted she was back in her role as a Competition Organiser organising club and official LTA tournaments, and running them as a referee. Angie was recently awarded her long service certificate for 20 years as an ABTO official.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Presented by John Watton, Kent Tennis President

Past Winners

2008	Jeff Richards	2014	Jim Gore/John Ratcliffe/Diana Gaines
2009	Ken Mills	2015	Judith Heayberd
2010	Martin Ruddick	2016	Caroline Ratcliffe
2011	Vanessa Webb	2017	Hilary Casey
2012	Caroline Ratcliffe	2018	Nigel Jordan
2013	Peter Abbotts	2019	Lisa King

2020 Finalists

Andrew Crickett (Oakwood Tennis Club)

Andy has been the lead volunteer for the building of a new clubhouse. Andy's incredible hard work and determination delivered a wonderful new clubhouse which includes new toilet facilities and a viewing area of all courts.

Andy designed the building; sourced the materials; went through planning permission; and project managed the whole self-build for 6 months, using his spare time, evenings and weekends. As a result the club have acquired a 200k building for 47k. Andy's volunteering did not stop there and he then helped turn an old clubhouse into a new office, for the coaching team, and a shop to service the players visiting the site.



Anna Wilson (The Sundridge Park Club)

In 2020 Anna's dedication, leadership, professionalism and energy has been exceptional. Anna was responsible for hiring a new club manager; a major upgrade to the existing website; securing new physical advertising; and starting an instagram account which now has a 1000 followers. Anna has facilitated weekly playing sessions providing pay and play opportunities for non members, and cross-promoting with local businesses and schools. Anna has led a number of LTA initiatives at the Club and her involvement to develop a padel project has seen the successful application for LTA funds. This has all been achieved whilst managing compliance with Covid restrictions and optimising member safe, playing opportunities.



Diana Winters (Tunbridge Wells LTC)

Diana has been Treasurer at Tunbridge Wells for a number of years. In 2020 the chairman left the club at the start of lockdown, followed by the club manager who left shortly after. Diana stepped up as acting chair and got involved more in the day to day management of the club. Diana already had a lot of work and responsibility as club treasurer, and has now taken on so much more. Her hard work and dedication to the club has kept the Club operating to its usual standards during these especially difficult times and she is now even more respected by members and staff alike.



CHARLES BAILEY AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Presented with the Charles Bailey Award for Outstanding Achievement by

John Watton, Kent Tennis President

Past Winners

2008 Roger Smith
2009 Angela Darby
2010 Mary Evans
2011 Roger Bottomley
2012 Austin Smith
2013 John Darby

2014 Sandi Procter
2015 Tony Beddoe
2016 Andy Burgoyne
2017 Denis Costelloe
2018 Peter Stotesbury
2019 Peter Marshall

2020 Finalists

Janet O'Sullivan (Gravesham LTC)

Janet is a longstanding member of Gravesham Tennis Club having joined in 1982. She joined the committee and four years later became Club Secretary. Janet was heavily involved in setting up a junior coaching programme well before the club had employed a coach. Currently she is the Fixtures Secretary. She was a member of the Ladies 1 team and captained them for a long period during their successful participation in both North Kent and Kent leagues. She also served as League Secretary for the North Kent League for 10 years.

Mick Proffitt (The Park Langley Club)

Mick has been groundsman at The Park Langley Club for almost 33 years. In this time he has tended the grass courts there, lavishing a great deal of care and attention on them, and maintaining them to a very high standard. His working day in the summer starts at early morning, rolling, cutting and marking the courts out to ensure that they are ready for members to use by mid morning. Winter work on the courts also requires the application of a great deal of knowledge and expertise, carried out in all weathers. On top of the grass courts, the other courts all receive close attention as well. This has enabled the club to attract and maintain a very strong tennis playing membership who enjoy some of the best facilities in Kent.





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Thanks to the 2020 Awards Panel

Chair: Mary Evans

Nigel Jordan, John Ratcliffe, Vanessa Webb,
Harri Izzard, & Janice White

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