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The President



Sally Jones

Sally Jones is a journalist and broadcaster, specialising in sport, particularly tennis, plus news, comment, obituaries and education.

She was the BBC's first woman TV sports presenter and also presented Central News, BBC Olympic coverage, Woman's Hour and Transworld Sport.

She represented Warwickshire at junior and senior level from her early teens and captained Warwickshire Ladies throughout the 1990s including in 1997 when they won the County Week Group 1 Championship.

During her time at Oxford University she captained the university's tennis, squash and netball sides and also gained Blues for cricket and modern pentathlon.

She was women's world Real Tennis champion from 1993-95 and now uses her media experience to promote organisations including charities and schools plus sports particularly tennis.

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The Chairman



Sherrie Meaking

Welcome to all Warwickshire affiliated clubs and venues.

At last in 2022 we have been free of COVID restrictions for Tennis. The vast majority of our clubs have kept the membership levels of 2021, which were boosted by people on Furlough, and being able to play outdoor sport. Our junior and Senior County teams, with an age range of 10U to 75U have had a successful season.

The County's Management Committee have been very busy progressing our new Articles of Association, as well as Safeguarding, Events, Tournaments, Junior County Training to name but a few.

I am very pleased to announce that at the AGM of the Lawn Tennis Association, held in December, our Secretary, Roy Collabawalla, was announced as Vice President of the LTA. It will be wonderful for Warwickshire in three years time when Roy will take the Presidency of our National Governing Body.

With sadness, I have to report the passing of our Sponsorship Chairman, Bob Malden, a few weeks ago. He will be sadly missed by Warwickshire.

My thanks go to all of our County players and Clubs who have competed, played and supported Warwickshire in 2022.

Here is to a successful 2023 on and off the courts.

Bob Malden Memories

Bob served Warwickshire tennis a long time and we admired his dedication. He did so much to promote Warwickshire sport. I had known him for over 35 years - a sad loss indeed.

Bob starred when he and Ann Hall under the banner of LCP ran the hospitality boxes at the DFS. Those boxes were exactly what the tournament needed, and I was sad that the LTA failed to recognise that as well as their lack of support for marketing the event. Bob was very reliable and committed to finding sponsors who regarded a commitment to the sport of tennis as important as entertaining their clients.

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Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Committee



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Warwickshire County Captains 2022

Age Group

Mens Men 45 Men 50 Men 55 Men 60 Men 65 Men 70 Men 75 Womens Women 40

Women 50

Women 55

Women 60

Women 65

Women 70

Women 75

Age Group

8U Girls

Gavin Henderson Alex Reynolds

Captain

John Watson Robert Pocknell Rov Meddinas Graham Hollway Andy Clifford Mike Perkins

Katie Shaw Kate Young Sara Butler Sandra Jepson Chris Scott Caroline Rhodes Jackie Robinson l iz Graham

Captain

7U Girls George Frankham 7U Boys George Frankham Jay Troth DLL 8U Bovs Jav Troth DLL 9U Girls Tom Holmes 9U Boys Tom Holmes 10U Girls Lianne Candappa Rvan Bolton 10U Bovs 11U Boys Jordan Begley 11U Girls Rachael Baker 12U Girls Natasha Hillver 12U Boys Tom Sutheran Brian Heathcote 12UB Boys 14U Girls Claire Williamson 14U Bovs Collen Mhlanga 18U Girls Claire Williamson 18U Boys Simon Ferguson 7U assistant Jenny Barr 8U assistant Jack Smith 911 assistant Ren Stride 10U Girls assistant Scott Smith Jack Smith 10U Boys assistant 11U Girls assistant Joanna Vale 11U Boys assistant Karan Tumber 12U Girls assistant Jake Hersey 12U Boys assistant George Frankham 12UB Boys assistant Joanna Vale 14U Girls assistant Josie Williamson 14U Boys assistant Harry Malone 18U Girls assistant Josie Williamson 18U Boys assistant Cameron Malik

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Club

Blossomfield/Tudor Grange Blossomfield/Tudor Grange Solibull Solihull Warwick University Warwick University Warwick TC Stratford Four Oaks Clifton TC Ruaby LTC Blossomfield Clifton TC Rlossomfield Berkswell & Balsal Common Blossomfield Four Oaks Warwick TC/Tudor Grange Warwick TC Warwick University Warwick TC Warwick TC Clifton TC Four Oaks Beechwood Blossomfield Clifton TC Rlossomfield Berkswell & Balsal Common Blossomfield Warwick Boat Club

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County Results

Age	Captain	Team	Result
8U Trial Event	Jay Troth	Boys A- Arjun Harj, Ishaan Genu, Izenosa Paschal- Oasgie and Kingsley Johnson	Boys A - 1st
8U Trial Event	Jay Troth	Boys B- Harry Rudolph, Edward Keating, Kavis Arunkumar and Aryan Asthana	Boys B - 2nd
8U Trial Event	Jay Troth	Girls A- Frankie Simcox, Aanya Chahaun, Freya Syazeddy and Ana Clara Wagner	Girls A- Joint 1st
9U Girls	Tom Holmes & Natasha Hillyer	Jacob Askey, Jack Brindley, Isaac Fox, Zakaria Guittoune and Lionel Zhang	1st in Group F. 3rd in National Final
9U Boys	Tom Holmes & Natasha Hillyer	Neila Aulehlova, Anya Cooner, Jessica Parker, Hollie Ruck and Freya Simcox	1st in Group F, 4th in National Final
10U Boys	Ryan Bolton & Scott Smith	Sebastian Crawley, Henry Zhang, Tin Ching Jeremy Man, Freddie James Simcox, Willoughby Orchard, Adam Saray	1st in qualifying, 7th in National Final
10U Girls	Lianne Candappa	Xiaoyu Bai, Mila Angrave, Poppy Harman, Charlotte Hall, Elsie Washbourne and Mollie Lucas	1st in qualifying, 4th in National Final
11U Boys	Collen Mhlanga	Sam Atcheson, James Lea, Ben Stevenson, Arnau Garcia and Anand Dhillon	1st in qualifying, 8th in National Final
11U Girls	Rachael Baker	Tanishka Naveen, Lucy Prescott, Xiaoyu Bai, Petra Fabelo and Ambreena Dhillon	1st in qualifying, 5th in National Final
12U Boys	Tom Sutheran	Veer Tumber, Sebastian Wood, Dylan Ram, William Harvey and Rehan Redza	1st in qualifying, 5th in National Final
12U Girls	Natasha Hillyer	Tanishka Naveen, Julia Zybura, Isla Turner, Paige Edginton and Lucy Prescott	3rd in Group D
14U Boys	Simon Ferguson	Billy Moxon, Matthew Gardner, Veer Tumber, Max Emil Kunze, Sebastian Wood, William Ellis, Charles Fielding	2nd in Group G
14U Girls	Claire Williamson	Alice Wilson-Marsh, Maddie Pellow, T'Nae Paisley, Arvani Saini, Jessica Morrison, Lily-Ann Southwell and Shennai Chahal	3rd in Group D
18U Boys	Lianne Candappa	Luca Pow, Sam Parsons, Csongor Mar, Ferran Redza, Denis Ivanov, Sukhraj Malhi, Goerge Adam, Dylan Pillinger and non travelling reserve Luca Vladau	3rd in Group 3B
18U Girls	Claire Williamson	Lois Porter, Holly-Grace Ashford, Alice Wilson- Marsh, Charlotte Eaton, Sophie Smith, Marina Beckinsale, Isabella Taylor and Sophie Vale	1st in Group 3B, promoted to Group 2
Mens Summer	Gavin Henderson	Mason Recci, Cameron Malik, Richard Partridge, Oliver Plaskett, Simon Ferguson, Alex Griffiths, Harry Lazell, Karan Tumber and Daniel Bird	2nd in Group 4
Mens Winter	Gavin Henderson	Jake Hersey, Simon Ferguson, Mason Recci, Richard Partridge, Arran Trainor, Harry Lazell, Alex Griffiths, Cameron Malik and Nathan Ensor	2nd in Group 2a
Mens 035s	Miguel Espada	Thomas Wride, Simon Ferguson, Stuart Maidment and Will Bramley	1st, promoted to Group 4
Mens 045s	Alex Reynolds	Andrew Davidson, Miguel Rojas Espada, Harry Green, Mark Hughes and Alex Reynolds	3rd in Group 2b

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County Results

Age	Captain	Team	Result
Mens 050s	John Watson	John Blenkinsop, Andrew Cowden, Andrew Davidson, Peter Hodgson and John Watson	4th in Group 1a
Mens 055s	Robert Pocknell	lan Armfield, John Brain, Mark Cresswell, Robert Pocknell, Clive Stallan and Richard Whitwell	5th in Group 2a
Mens 060s	Roy Meddings	Graeme Adams, Chris Bentley, Paul Bradshaw, Richard Butler, Simon Cull, Neil Glasspool, Jonathan Hofstetter, Roy Meddings and Martin Todd	3rd in Group 1b
Mens 065s	Graham Hollway	Paul Bradshaw, Graham Hollway, Tony King, Alan Roberts and Alastair Scott	1st, promoted to Group 1
Mens 070s	Andy Clifford	Steve Attridge, David Bradbury, Geoffrey Cliff, Richard Harris, Roy Meddings, Will Rogers, Philip Shaw-Hamilton and Michael Webt	2nd in Group 2a
Mens 075s	Mike Perkins	Michael Adams, Lincoln Allison, Simon Ballard, Derek Bradshaw, Geoffrey Cliff, Roger Davies and Michael Perkins	3rd in Group 2b
Ladies Summer	Katie Shaw	Natasha Hillyer, Souemeya Anane, Maddie Rumney, Summer Yardley, Lois Porter, Marianne Lancaster, Kara Biggs, Tamara Malazonia and Leyla Ogan	5th in Group 2
Ladies Winter	Katie Shaw	Marina Beckinsale, Lucie Butler, Sophia Espada, Elizabeth Massie, Sophie Mezzone, Lois Porter, Katie Shaw, Isabella Taylor and Summer Yardley	2nd in Group 2a
Ladies 035s	Leyla Ogan	Lianne Candappa, Lucie Butler, Sara Butler, Emma Hubbard	4th in Group 2b
Ladies 040s	Kate Young	Jennifer Barr, Kirstin Bryce, Sara Butler, Lizzie Cooke, Susan Hopcraft, Arancha Jimenez, Jaren Mothersdale, Rachel O'Reily, Fiona Roche, Antonia Shepherd and Helen Simpson	1st in Group 2a, Promoted to Group 1
Ladies 050s	Sara Butler	Sara Butler, Lizzie Cooke, Tracey Davies, Lynda Flynn, Susan Hopcraft, Melanie Jennings, Margaret Simcox and Kate Young	2nd in Group 2b
Ladies 055s	Sandra Jepson	Cate Bell, Jette Cowan, Lynda Flynn, Judy Hanley, Melanie Jennings, Carolyn Lindsay, Julie Newman and Kate Perkins	5th in Group 2a
Ladies 060s	Chris Scott	Mem Aldridge, Candy Carslake, Maggie Chantrey, Elizabeth Fidler, Jenny Gowans, Hiroko Hirakawam, Marianne Macleod, Chris Scott, Sarah Tolliday and Susan Topchick	/3rd in Group 3b
Ladies 065s	Caroline Rhodes	Linda Clements, Christine Clewer, Alison Ker, Linda Lisle, Hazel Mason, Ruth Price, Caroline Rhodes Jane Robbins, Margaret Simcox, Fiona Singer, Wendy Supperstone and Sheila Vaughan	6th in Group 2a
Ladies 070s	Jackie Robinson	Elizabeth Graham, Anna Potts, Jackie Robinson, Susie Rowe, Jacqueline Sadler, Sheila Vaughan and Jennifer Waggot	2nd in Group 2a
Ladies 075s	Liz Graham	Hilary Bramley, Elizabeth Graham, Liz Litherland, Isobel Ollis and Margot Rowdon	3rd in Group 1a

The Marjorie Dove Project



The Marjorie Dove Project, designed by Warwickshire Tennis.

As we are coming to the end of this project, we look back at the highlights from 2022.

The County organised several events, at different venues in Warwickshire, delivered by a number of our coaches.

- We ran events to encourage juniors to begin competing.
- We ran Tennis Leaders training courses, so girls could get on the tennis coaching ladder and use their skills to support county events.
- We gave bursaries to help women and girls complete their Level 1 or Level 2 coaching qualifications.
- We ran training sessions with our County Captains for players not involved in our county cup training programme hoping to inspire them to learn new skills.
- We ran doubles clinics to encourage players to gain valuable experience.

All the events we have organised have been accessible to Warwickshire players. We have had great engagement with 38 venues represented at 18 Marjorie Dove events across Warwickshire and 293 players engaged during 2022.

For more information on 2023 events please email: marjoriedovewlta@gmail.com



WARWICKSHIRE TENNIS

Warwickshire Junior Tennis Foundation



Registered Charity No. 517416 Website: www.wjtf.org.uk (under construction) Patrons: Ann Jones CBE, Jeremy Bates

Supporting junior tennis activities in Warwickshire

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The Warwickshire Junior Tennis Foundation – or WJTF as it is generally known – raises and distributes funds to support, enable and encourage young persons within the County.

We support players – ranging in age from 5 to 18 – who are dedicated and committed to tennis, keen to progress, but for a variety of reasons, are not always able to fully fund the expenses incurred in participating in the game.

We provide financial assistance to such players, and also assist with disabled, visually impaired, and wheelchair tennis, whilst also helping disadvantaged juniors in the wider community, who may not have an opportunity to play tennis, or become a member of a Club. We have, for many years, been a co-sponsor of the Warwickshire County Closed Tournament, providing funding for junior trophies and prizes, particularly the Sportsmanship Awards for Fair Play to the most deserving male and female junior player.

Our income arises from donations, annual subscriptions, and fund-raising events. We would welcome potential new sponsors who would like to support our Foundation, and welcome new members, who can join for just £10 a year. All money received is ploughed back, to help nurture local players, and every penny goes to support them, as our work is entirely voluntary.

The Foundation is currently in the process of revising/updating all its documentation. The 'Request for Financial Assistance' form (and associated guidance notes), the 'Application for Membership' form, and the 'Gift Aid Declaration' form can all be downloaded directly using the links from our WJTF page, located in the dropdown menu section of the main WLTA website.

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Sue Chopra WJTF Chairman

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Harbury Tennis Club at Wimbledon



Harbury Tennis Club Members, Emma, Jane and Jeunine were invited to spend the middle Saturday at the Wimbledon Championships as guests of the LTA President, Dave Rawlinson. The special event was created to help celebrate members of clubs across the country who have given their time to grow grass roots tennis at their club and in their communities.

The trio were welcomed in the Agapanthas Suite and were given the opportunity to meet other members from all over the UK and to hear about their efforts at their individual clubs. Before lunch the guests heard from both Dave Rawlinson and Stuart Lloyd about the LTA's vision for tennis participation in the coming years and the hard work that has gone into making it the second most participated sport behind Football.

After the speeches and special awards given for lifetime achievement to three of the members in attendance, the guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, finishing just in time to enjoy the first match on Center Court, Paula Badosa vs Petra Kvitova.

Following a tense match that ended in a win for the Spaniard, guests were invited back to the Agapanthas Suite to enjoy an afternoon tea, of course with plentiful strawberries on offer! The afternoon's tennis was just as lively and enthralling with an all American battle in the ladies, with Coco Gauff being beaten in three sets by Anna Anisimova. The final match of the day was a masterclass by legend of the game, Rafael Nadal, who beat his opponent, Lorenzo Sonego in three straight sets.

It is safe to say that the Harbury Tennis Club ladies had a fantastic day, completely immersed in all things tennis. It was such an honour to be able to represent Harbury as Warwickshire Club of the year and see all of the wonderful work the LTA does to keep this much loved sport progressive and inclusive across all levels.







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Winner

Rich Partridge Alice Wilson-Marsh Rich Partridge and Richard Harrison Lois Porter and Marina Beckinsale

Numbers in brackets denote seeded players.

The week started well, hitting off with the U9 event, and continued in good competitive spirit despite some rain!

Players and spectators enjoyed the events, bringing their own picnics and frequenting the local deli and shops.

There was more participation and circulation outdoors this year, creating a friendly atmosphere. Players spent more time watching the matches and supporting their fellow competitors.

Looking forward we will look to provide light refreshments next time.

The purchase of new scoreboards was a resounding success! - reducing spectator communication during matches, easier for officials to ensure matches are ready thereby reducing waiting time for players.

Well done to all players!

Bev Lancaster Tournament Referee

Next WCCC will be on 20th-26th August 2023

Press Report: Warwickshire County Week



Warwick, Coventry and Stratford players on song as Warwickshire men win promotion at Summer Inter-County Cup Championship

Coventry and Warwick/ Stratford-upon-Avon players were on song as Warwickshire Men's tennis side won promotion from Group 4 of the Inter-County Cup Championships with a rousing 6-3 defeat of Durham and Cleveland. Unbeaten after a tense 5-4 win over Dorset the previous day, the Midlanders needed victory on Day 4 to remain group leaders.

Second pair Oliver Plaskett, 28, from Wellesbourne, a former Stratford-on-Avon player and Solihull's Alex Griffiths, 21 (Hampton-in-Arden Tennis Club) proved the stars of the show. With the match evenly-poised at 3-all after the first two rounds, they faced the accomplished Durham firsts Matthew Hollingworth and Callum Todd. At set-all Plaskett and Griffiths, who was only selected for the side three weeks earlier after trials, snatched the deciding match tiebreak 10-8 to make it three rubbers out of three, Warwickshire firsts Mason Recci from Solihull newly-paired with 18-year-old Harry Lazell (Warwick Boat Club) dropped only one rubber, to Hollingsworth and Todd.

The big-serving Richard Partridge from Coventry partnering Warwick Boat Club coach Cameron Malik from Stratford-upon-Avon at third pair duly defeated their opposite numbers in straight sets, to the delight of captain Gavin Henderson from Warwick. "I'm thrilled at how our boys came together in a match that was always going to be tight," said Henderson. "Griffiths and Plaskett have played outstandingly all week and everyone played their hearts out to clinch promotion. After three good days at first pair, I split Mason Recci and Cameron Malik and they each combined well with their new partners."

Warwickshire now meet unbeaten Berkshire, likewise promoted and led by Wimbledon player Marcus Willis, the Warwick Boat Club coach in the final match, to decide the group winner.

Depleted Warwickshire Ladies, battling to avoid relegation from Group 2 in Manchester after a disappointing loss to Avon 4-5 on Wednesday, faced tough resistance from dogged Gloucestershire. The Warwickshire firsts Natasha Hillver (Coventry) and Summer Yardlev from Solihull won their first two rubbers to level the match at 3-rubbers all. In the final round, the Warwickshire second pair Kara Biggs (Warwick) and Birmingham's Tamara Malazonia thrashed their opposite numbers while the young Warwickshire third pair Lois Porter, 17, and Madison Rumney, 20, clinched the winning rubber after a nerve-wracking match tiebreak. Lving fifth behind Avon on rubbers, the Bears now need a comfortable win against second placed Nottinghamshire in their final match to have any chance of staying up.

Unfortunately Friday was a rain day so Warwickshire Ladies were very unlucky to be relegated to Group 3



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Warwickshire 11U Boys County Cup report



Team

Sam Atcheson, James Lea, Ben Stevenson, Arnau Garcia, Anand Dhillon Captain – Collen Mhlanga Vice-captain – Harry Malone

Our weekend in sunny Wrexham started with a tough match against a strong Hampshire & IOW team on Friday. Arnau (4) was beaten narrowly, before Ben (3) took on a tough opponent and played brilliantly to win the first Bears point. James (2) played better than the eventual scoreline suggested, then Sam (1) lost in cruel circumstances, a 10-8 3rd set tie break defeat in spite of a brilliant fighting performance. Despite 2 hard fought doubles matches, Ben and Anand (2) and Sam and James (1) were both defeated after

more set and match tie breaks. Final score Bears 1-5 Hamps & IOW

On Friday night, just before the close of play, Arnau (4) got us off to the perfect start in our match against Bedfordshire with a convincing 4-0 4-2 victory. Ben (3) followed this up with another resounding win on Saturday morning, before James' (2) topsy turvy match ended in another 3rd set tie break defeat, after some excellent competitive tennis. Sam (1) was beaten in another tight match vs a strong number 1 seed, which left us at 2-2 going into the doubles. Arnau and Anand played fantastically to win our first match tie break to put the Bears 3-2 up, before Sam and James (1) were edged out 4-3(5) 4-2 in another close match. This meant a shootout decided the tie; James



and Anand came up just short in another tie break battle. **Final score Bears 3-3 Bedfordshire**

Cheshire, a very tough team, were our final group opponents on Saturday afternoon. This time it was Anand (4) who was calm, composed and clinical, winning 4-14-1 to give us the best possible start. However, the remaining singles matches involving Arnau (3), Ben (2) and James (1) went against us, as Cheshire showed they were a formidable team. who would end up finishing 2nd overall. Special mention here to Ben who stepped up to play with phenomenal spirit to challenge and push a much higher ranked opponent, 3-1 after singles. Arnau and Anand (2) almost pulled off a superb comeback, but were thwarted by another match tie break, before Sam and Ben (1) fought brilliantly to push a very strong Cheshire pair all the way, falling just short in 2 tie break sets 3-4(5) 3-4(1). Final score Bears 1-5 Cheshire.

This all meant that we competed in the 7th/8th play-off on Sunday against Devon. Anand (4) carried on his great form in singles to win 4-2 4-1, before Arnau (3) was narrowly beaten in yet another tie break, after competing hard as always in the Welsh sunshine. Ben (2) once again showed amazing character, staying focused to almost complete a comeback win but falling just shy (3-4(4) 3-4(6)). Sam (1) played some brilliant tennis to go toe to toe with another strong number 1 seed, once again going all the way to the tie break before losing 4-2 2-4 5-10. Needing a win to keep our hopes alive, James and Anand (2) did the business, prevailing 4-3(1) 4-1 in a super display of doubles. Sam and Ben (1) came so close to levelling the tie, going down 10-12 in another match tie break. They performed at an incredibly high level, carrying each other when they needed to, and a special mention must go to Sam for an outrageous 'roundthe-net' forehand winner. Final score Bears 2-4 Devon

All 5 of the boys contributed to a brilliant weekend; they supported each other relentlessly, and were a credit to themselves, their families and their county, showing maturity, fight and team spirit where some other teams didn't manage to. They represented Warwickshire with pride, and could've finished much higher than 8th had a few tight matches (tie break practice needed) gone their way.

Well done boys, from two very proud coaches.

Warwickshire 12U Boys County Cup report



Team

Veer Tumber, Sebastian Wood, Dylan Ram, William Harvey, Rehan Redza Captain – Tom Sutheran Vice-captain – George Frankham

We arrived in Nottingham on Saturday morning 9:30am for a practise ahead of the weekends tennis. The boys are all in good spirits and very much looking forward to the event.

We are in a box with Staffs and Oxfordshire. Staffs up first.

We go with William at 4 and he starts very well with solid tennis all round in windy conditions,

wins the match comfortably to take us 1-0 up. Dylan is on at 3 and equally puts in a good performance, always in control of the match and gives Warwickshire a 2-0 lead. Its then Seb's turn to take to the court and wins very convincingly to make it 3-0 Warwickshire. Veer is still waiting to play his first match due to the Oxfordshire and Staffs 1s were 2hrs into there and only 1 set all! So, while Veer had to wait we started our singles v Oxfordshire: Rehan in at 4 and battles hard to win the first set and then goes on to take control of the match and dominate the second set to give Warwickshire 1-0 lead. William is then on at 3 and plays a solid game again to take us 2-0 up v Oxfordshire. Veer finally gets to go on v



Warwickshire 12U Boys County Cup report

Staffs 1 and starts well taking the first set 4-1. Second set is a lot closer as the Staffs 1 player played very well, but Veer takes the second set on a tiebreak... Warwickshire 4-0 up after the singles!

So by 2:30pm: We are 4-0 v Staffs and 2-0 up v Oxfordshire: great start from the boys!

Seb is up v Oxfordshire 2 and wins after some great shot making and just too strong for the Oxfordshire 2. Warwickshire 3-0 up! Veer to step straight back on from winning v the Staffs 1 to play Oxfordshire 1 and he plays well to make it 4-0 overall to Warwickshire.

Doubles

Dylan/Seb v Staffs 1&2; Warwickshire boys take it on two tight tiebreaks to make the score 5–0.

William/Rehan v Satffs 3&4: A convincing win for the Warwickshire pair to win the match 6-0 overall. Some great net play from both boys in that match!

Player of the day: William Harvey

Sunday

Early morning run, good breakfast and over to the centre for a practise: we are all excited for the day...

Doubles v Oxfordshire: Rehan/Veer v Oxfordshire 1&2; won the first set 4-2 and then the Oxfordshire player retired injured so a 4-2, 4-0 win: 5-0 Warwickshire.

William/Dylan v Oxfordshire 3&4: Some good points from both sets of players in this tight match, Warwickshire winning the first 4–1, then losing 1–4 and into a champ tiebreak, coming out 10–8 winners! Warwickshire 6–0 overall!

Play off v Notts

We have had a chat as a team and we go with the same team we played against Staffs, so William is at 4, Dylan at 3, Seb at 2 and Veer at 1 for the singles. Notts are all fired up playing at home and we know we are in for a fight today...

William and Dylan both start well, winning tight first sets; both playing great tennis against competitive opponents. William then loses the second set on a tiebreak.... Into a champ tiebreak for Will... Dylan takes the second set, and we go 1-0 up. It's tight with William's match and he is 7-3 down in the champ tiebreak... He turns it around with some fantastic fight and determination to win 10-8... Probably the best turn around I've seen all year; he stuck to his game plan, and he came through in the end! Amazing to go 2-0 up!

Seb and Veer go on to play their singles matches, Seb is playing a very good baseliner in Kieran and Veer is playing Elijah; a top national player.

Seb is playing well and wins a tight first set on a tiebreak after being down and turning it around winning 8–6. Veer starts so well: wins the first set 4–1. Seb comes out in the second set and is in command and control going 3–1 up, Kieran fights back and takes the second set to another tiebreak. Seb plays so well and wins 7–3, so we go 3–0 up!

Veer is in a real battle in the second set and drops his level a little, Elijah steps up his level and so they are in a second set tiebreak: unfortunately, Elijah takes the tiebreak 7-5. 1 set all, into a Champ tiebreak, both boys are playing well but Elijah is just a little too strong and so he takes the win 10-7. 3-1 Warwickshire after the 4 singles, onto the doubles...

Warwickshire 12U Boys County Cup report

After a chat with the team: we go with Veer and Seb as our number 1 pair v Elijah and Joshua (Notts 1&4) and Dylan and Rehan v Brody and Kieran (Notts 2&3).

Veer/Seb play solid tennis and win the first set 4-2, looking strong and in control. Notts pair fight back and win the second set 4-2 after 2 sudden death deuce points! Champ tiebreak again and the boys are so much more positive and control the tiebreak and win 10-6!

Dylan/Rehan start so well and race into a 3-1 lead in the first set, Notts pair fight back to 3-3: into a tiebreak: Warwickshire boys come through playing great tennis to take it 7-5. Second set they keep the pressure on and change tactics a little and run away with the second set 4-1 and clinch the win before the other pair win the champ tiebreak! 5-1 win overall! Off to Nationals we go! Just a special mention to Sam Atcheson who came up and supported the boys all weekend long, great to see a younger county player supporting his teammates. Fifi, thank you for being the official photographer! A big thank you from George and I to all the parents for the support you showed the boys as there were a few tight moments on the Sunday!!

Player of the Day: Dylan Ram

Supporter of the weekend: Rehan Redza

Tom Sutheran





Nottingham Tennis Centre

Warwickshire Team

Veer Tumber, Sebastian Wood, Dylan Ram, William Harvey, Rehan Redza

We are placed in a box with Middlesex, Sussex and Cheshire.

First match up is against Sussex on the Friday morning: William Harvey plays first against a very resilient and consistent baseliner. William loses the first set 4-2 after a couple of sudden deuces games at 2-2. Second set comes out fighting and playing his tennis and wins a tight second set on the tiebreak 8-6! Into s champ tiebreak third.....he is battling hard and its so close but the Sussex player was just too consistent and takes it 10-6.

Warwickshire 1-0 down.

Dylan Ram comes on court and plays really well to dominate his opponent and takes the first at 4-2. Second set is close; the Sussex player is playing well and mixing the tempos up but Dylan comes through on a tiebreak 7-5 to draw us level!

Seb is on indoors in the bubble and he is taking on a really solid baseliner and starts a little slow and loses the first set 4-1. Seb turns it around and wins the second set with some great shot making and true grit as well 4-1. CTB it is: Seb shows his class and wins it 10-5 to take Warwickshire 2-1 up after the 3 singles.

Veer takes on Harrison; who he narrowly lost to in the final of Babolat Cup last weekend: this is going to be close...

Both players are playing some fantastic rallies and Veer obviously wanting revenge from last

weeks defeat dominates the big points to win the first set 4-0. Harrison gathers himself and starts to up his level and takes the second set 4-2. CTB again... after some incredible points: Veer loses 11-9.

2-2 after the singles... all to play for in the doubles!

Doubles parings

Veer & Seb, Dylan & Rehan

Both go onto together and both Warwickshire pairs lose the first sets. Veer and Seb turn it around to win the second set but unfortunately Dylan and Rehan lost on a second set tiebreak. 3-2 Sussex. CTB in the first doubles match... Veer and Seb play some fantastic and brave doubles to take the match 10-6 and we are into a shootout...!

We decide to go with Veer & Dylan in the shootout: They fought hard but we lost 11-9 in the shootout.

Really tough and long day to waiting around as its had rained all afternoon so no play on the outdoors courts, the boys are gutted but we know we still have two more matches tomorrow to play.

Player of the day: Seb Wood

Saturday

A quick run, breakfast and warm up the boys are really up for the challenge of Middlesex... (who are the highest ranked team here)

After an hour and half delay due to the courts being so wet... We go with the same singles players in order as Friday and so William and Dylan are both on first: William outdoors and Dylan indoors. Will loses the first set on a tiebreak against a good baseliner and server. Dylan is playing really well but the Middlesex boy is just too strong and takes the first set 4-2. Both Will and Dylan keep fighting but both Middlesex opponents were just too strong, and they both lose 4-1, so Warwickshire 2-0 down.

Seb and Veer both go on together and again both playing fantastic tennis and Veer dominates the first set and wins 4-1. Seb just narrowly loses on a tiebreak 7-5. Both Middlesex boys then take the second sets 4-2 so Warwickshire 3-0 down and into a CTB with Veer: Veer plays well and starts to dominate his opponent again and wins 10-8. Warwickshire 3-1 down and so we are all to play for in the doubles.

Doubles pairings

Veer & Will, Seb & Rehan

Veer and Will start really well and win the first set on a tiebreak 7-4. Middlesex pair then take the second set 4-2. CTB again: we eventually lose 10-8: the boys shows great fight and the tennis was fantastic to watch.

Seb & Rehan are indoors and struggle with the power of their opponents and lose 4-1. 4-1. The Warwickshire boys showed heart and fought for every point.

Middlesex 5-1 win.

Our final group match was v Cheshire.

Same singles players as before in previous matches, so Will and Dylan go on and play solid tennis and win both matches: Dylan in straight sets and William fought back from a set and break down to take it to a CTB: he wins that 10-5 after being 4-1 in that tiebreak too. Warwickshire 2-0.

Seb and Veer take to the court. Seb steamrollers his opponent 4-0, 4-2. Warwickshire 3-0.

Veer loses a tight first set and is in a real battle in the second being 3-1 down, brings the score back to 3-3 and into a second set tiebreak: unfortunately, he loses that tiebreak 7-5. Warwickshire 3-1 lead.

Player of the day: Seb Wood

Sunday - Doubles v Cheshire:

Veer & Will – they come through with a 2 sets victory after a tight first set. Warwickshire 4-1. Dylan & Seb: playing great doubles and win the 1st set 4-0 and are 3-0 up and lose a little concentration; 3-1, quickly turns into 3-3: second set tiebreak... We lose that 7-4 into a CTB: we couldn't gain control and then lose 10-6: tough one to take for the boys but still the team won 4-2 overall.

Play off 5th/6th v Avon

Singles player are the same again for this match: Will and Dylan both on together and both playing so well and win comfortably in straight sets. Warwickshire quickly 2–0 up.

Seb and Veer take to the court: Seb plays so well and wins comfortably too in straight sets. Warwickshire 3-0.

Veer battles hard against a tricky player but wins the first set on a tiebreak 7-5. Second set he loses 4-2... Into another CTB for Veer... he loses that 10-6 after both players playing great tennis. Warwickshire 3-1 after the singles.

Doubles

Dylan & Seb – the boys put the last match behind them and play great tennis to win in straight sets. Warwickshire 4–1.

Veer & Will – lose the first set 4-2. Win the second set 4-3 on a tiebreak... into the CTB we go: turn it around and win 10-4. Warwickshire 5-1 and finish 5th.

Player of the day: William Harvey Supporter of the weekend: Rehan Redza

The boys were great all weekend long and worked so hard and played so well in each match. All the parents were fantastic showing their support and there is a great team spirit amongst the boys. Sam Atcheson came to support both on the Saturday and Sunday too which is so good to see.

Well done boys on finishing 5th nationally.

Thanks

Tom Sutheran

Warwickshire 11U Girls National Finals report



Team

Captain: Rachael Baker Deputy Captain: Joanna Vale Players: Tanishka Naveen, Lucy Prescott, Xiaoyu Bai (Ella), Ambreena Dhillon, Petra Fabelo

8-10 July 2022

The National Finals event was held at Wrexham Tennis Centre, with the same team of Warwickshire players who earned their place from their victory in the qualifiers. Warwickshire's draw saw them have to face Essex, East of Scotland and Yorkshire in their round robin group. The event opened with Essex as their opponents on the Friday.

Essex were going to be the toughest county in the group. With this knowledge the girls had a 'nothing to lose' attitude. They chased every ball down and battled right until the end. Every match had good energy and ultimately the Warwickshire girls played some of their best tennis, pushing Essex in every game. Unfortunately many games saw sudden death deuces go against the Warwickshire girls, to give Essex the momentum to win the rubber 6-0 overall.

The first match of the tie against East of Scotland (EoS) was played Friday evening. After a nervous start for Ambreena, she came back out fighting in the second set to go 3-0 up after losing the first. Ambreena then became tentative trading the ball and not taking the opportunities to attack, which led to a comeback for EoS to make the score 3-2. A controversial line call saw Ambreena lose the game in a sudden death deuce to level the score back to 3-3. Ambreena was negatively



affected by the previous game, which followed by a loss of the tie break to go 1-0 down overall.

Saturday morning was the start of the remaining matches against EoS. The Warwickshire girls felt slightly more pressure after starting the day 1-0 down. Overall the girls showed signs of being overwhelmed and displaying negative body language through their singles matches. Ella and Tanishka managed to seal victories for Warwickshire despite tense situations, to make the overall score 2-2 after the singles. In the doubles the girls all came out on to the court looking like different players, communicating well, displaying more positive body language and passion. This created better quality tennis and a happy comradery amongst the pairs which was nice to see. Ella and Petra lost 10-8 in a championship tie-break so battled well. Tanishka and Lucy put in a solid performance to win and lead us to a shootout to decide the winners of the tie. Tanishka and Ella paired up for the shootout and from the start kept their focus, worked well together and created some amazing winning shots. It was lovely to see them smiling and enjoying it creating great quality tennis to give Warwickshire the overall win over EoS.

All of the matches against the final group opponents Yorkshire were played on the Saturday (as well as the completion of the matches against EoS), making it a long day in the sun and a late finish for the girls. The tie against Yorkshire almost mirrored that of the previous tie Vs EoS, where the singles matches displayed quite flat negative, tentative tennis. Tanishka, although dropping her head at times did manage to keep her focus and hit some great shots to take Warwickshire to 3-1 behind overall. Again the doubles revived new life in the girls to show good energy and teamwork. Tanishka and Lucy led Warwickshire to another win to make the overall score 3-2. Unfortunately the opposition was too strong for Ella and Petra although they put up a good fight and took Yorkshire to a tie break in the second set, making the final score 4-2 to Yorkshire. This cemented Warwickshire as 3rd place in the round robin group and into the 5th/6th play off's on the Sunday.

Warwickshire's final opposition was against Suffolk county. The team suffered a setback with Ambreena unfortunately suffering a fall at the park causing a fracture to her arm! The remaining team knew they had to 'step up' to compete in all of the matches. With Ambreena supporting from the sidelines they wanted to win 'for her', giving the Warwickshire girls an added motivation to succeed. Petra overcome her nerves and displayed great courage and fight to keep her focus and not drop her head, leading to a great start for the girls./Ella faced a very tough opponent and went 4^{2} Ø 1-0 down in her match. After a pep talk with her captain and encouragement from her teammates and the support of the Warwickshire parents, Ella changed her tactics. The opposition could no longer attack and as Ella started winning more points the girl started making more unforced errors. Ella started to believe/in herself and gained the confidence to start playing aggressively, hitting some amazing shots to win the second set 4-1. With her confidence and momentum increasing Ella managed to completely turn the game around to win the championship tie break, taking Warwickshire 2-0 up. Lucy was next on court and was very solid in the first set. Høwever like Ella's match before, things turned around guickly to force another championship tie break. Although Lucy went down in the tie break and even at the end had two match points against her, she showed great resilience to come back and

win it 11-9, furthering the lead over Suffolk. Tanishka was the final singles match on. Both players displayed good quality tennis and a battle ensued. Tanishka managed to maintain her focus and win vital points to close out the match with a 4-2 4-0 win. With that result taking Warwickshire to a 4-0 lead and meaning Suffolk couldn't win the tie, the opposition conceded the doubles, meaning Warwickshire got an overall 6-0 victory over Suffolk. This also meant Warwickshire secured 5th place in the County Cup National finals event!

Tanishka, Lucy, Ella, Ambreena and Petra should all be proud of themselves. They all contributed to getting to the National finals and to finish in 5th place overall is a massive achievement. There were times of nervousness, negativity and disappointment resulting in some learning curves for the girls. But more so there were moments of magic, with some quality tennis, great come backs and personal achievements. It was lovely to share the experience with the Warwickshire boys, with everyone supporting each other and getting along so well. The evening meals altogether was a highlight with all the children having smiles on their faces and enjoying the experience. The attendance of 'the Warwickshire LTA man' Graeme was also appreciated by players and parents who learnt a few things from him and respected the support of the Warwickshire LTA. The girls behaviour on and off the court was good and they have all done Warwickshire proud to have them representing the county. Thank you to all the team involved from captains, deputy captains, players, parents and Warwickshire LTA for making the weekend so enjoyable and an experience the children will never forget.



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Adult Player 2021	Lucie Butler
Senior Player 2021	Hugh Jaques
James Cooper Coach Award 2021	Simon Lancaster
Young Volunteer 2021	Elyza Blount
Volunteer 2021	Elvera Lencioni
Disability 2021	Steve McCoy
Referee 2021	Janet Asbridge
Official 2021	Chantal Miles
Club Team of the Year 2021	Leamington Ladies
County Team of the Year 2021	11U Girls
University of the Year 2021	University of Birmingham Tennis Club
Club of the year 2021	Harbury Tennis Club
Lifetime Achievment Awards 2021	Steve Drummond
LTA President's Award	Sara Butler

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Junior Player Mary Hoggard

This Award goes to a player who has been a member of Edgbaston Priory since she was 9 years old. She is a vital member of the club, not just being an integral part of the teams but also, she is actively involved in volunteering on the coaching programme.

Over the years, she has also been an essential member of various county cup teams. Team tennis is where she excels and always plays her best.

2021 was a fantastic year for this player. She was a key part of the following successful teams:

- Edgbaston Priory 18U Girls who reached the National League Premier National Finals and were runners-up.
- Edgbaston Priory Ladies' team who reached the National Finals in the National League Open competition.
- Edgbaston Priory Ladies' team who were the winners of the Birmingham Division 1 league.
- Warwickshire Ladies' County Cup team who gained promotion to Division 2.





Young Volunteer Elyza Blount

The winner of this award has made, as described by Head Coach Matt Hillman, a massive contribution to tennis at the club during 2021. She started volunteering to support the coaching programme three years ago and now volunteers 8 hours a week in the LTA Youth sessions.

She shows brilliant passion and commitment to supporting the coaching programme at Kings Norton Tennis Club. She has a great rapport with the children, especially the younger juniors. Due to her assistance, we have been able to offer more spaces in each session and now have, for the first time, over 100 juniors taking part in weekly coaching.

She not only volunteers weekly but also supports our holiday camps and various events we hold throughout the year.

She is a big role model that has a positive influence for a lot of the players, especially the young girls, who really look up to her.



County Team 11U Girls

This team attended the County Cup qualifiers in North Oxford and were triumphant by beating Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire and Berkshire. Through the weekend the players showed a great passion for the sport, displayed high energy, positive mental strength, and most of all great teamwork. The atmosphere on and off the court by the players and supporters was euphoric and resulted in Warwickshire taking home the medals and securing a wellearned place in the National finals.

The National Finals took place in Sheffield. The players were a little nervous, had to follow strict covid regulations and came across some very strong opposition in their group. They all battled hard but ended up in the 7th/8th play offs. Warwickshire regrouped and after applying team colour nail varnish, won this tie convincingly to finish the County Cup event in 7th place overall. This was the first time most of these juniors had played for the county and to get to the national finals is an incredible achievement. They should be very proud of themselves.

This team was captained by Rachael Baker who did a fantastic job. Unfortunately, Rachael is away on holiday with her father Graeme, who was the Assistant Captain for the team, so both are unable to attend tonight.

The winners of the WALTA County Team Award 2021 are the Warwickshire 11U Girls team, Jessica Morrison, Anusha Singh, Isla Turner, Kenza Kachloul and Paige Edginton.





Referee Janet Asbridge

This award goes to someone who has celebrated some 25 years plus as an official.

She worked alongside Tim Pyatt and Jayne Ashton in the WLTA office, where Jayne suggested she tried doing a Referees Course. She set up the first venture into U14 Road to Wimbledon, Junior Aegon Team Tennis and became an Assistant Referee at the Warwickshire County Closed.

This person, with Richard Marklow, ran Grade 4 weeklong events and helped Inspire 2 Coach establish and expand competition across a number of years.

Alongside this she also officiated at LTA Grade 3 events.

She has had major health issues since 2008, but this has not deterred her commitment to Tennis. Indeed in 2017, She set up County Tour events at Tudor Grange, and became a Midlands Regional Tour Organiser.

Her assignments have included officiating at various events as Referee, Supervisor and Organiser, which include:

- Mens and Ladies County Week
- Wheelchair Tennis
- Junior County Closed
- National and International events.



Volunteer Elvera Lencioni

During 2021 the winner has been an important figure at their club, volunteering at lot of her time to ensure the club stayed afloat. At the start of the year the winner took over responsibility of club room bookings, which provide valuable income to the club. Due to COVID bookings had severely dropped and despite navigating her way through all the regulations and guidelines for use during the pandemic we are seeing a return for all her efforts. We are now home to two local brownie groups, a rainbow group and a girl guide group.

As well as taking on the responsibility for the club room bookings the winner has dedicated her time to helping the Head Coach run a new mental health project at the club. She supports the 4 one hour sessions each week, by helping to set up, assisting in demonstrations and more importantly is approachable and welcoming to all the participants. To help run the sessions the winner also decided to a complete a Mental Health First Aid training course, to better equip herself to help the participants in the sessions. The programme has been a huge success, and this would not have been possible without the winners support.





Adult Player Lucie Butler

2021 was a fantastic year for this player. She led Leamington Ladies' team to victory in the Coventry & District league. She played in every fixture winning 24 of the 28 rubbers she was involved in.

In the Warwickshire National League Summer 2021 competition, she played at number 1 for Leamington and was a key reason why the club went on to win the County title.

Within the club, she once again won the Club Closed Ladies' singles and Ladies' doubles competition.

Even with all the above success, the highlight of the year was becoming Warwickshire County Closed Champion – defeating stiff competition over two days in August 2021. Typical of this player, no sooner had she won the final that she headed straight over to another court to represent Leamington in a County League competition!

She is an inspiration to all the members at Leamington tennis club, and the great success she had in 2021 was just reward for all of the hard work she has put in to her tennis.



Senior Player Hugh Jaques

The winner of this award has been playing seniors tennis since 2016, with a string of successes to his name. Having already won the British Indoor and Clay-court Doubles title in 2017 and reached a career high world seniors doubles ranking of No. 3, he proudly completed the British Seniors Doubles Grand Slam by winning the Over 35s Doubles Grasscourt Championships held Wimbledon in August this year. Competing with partner Jim May, the pair saw off tough competition with much younger players, without dropping a single set in the entire competition.

Hugh has twice represented GB at World Seniors team level, with his personal highlight coming in 2019 when as part of the GB over-40s team, Hugh was unbeaten in the ITF Young Seniors World Championships in Miami, helping GB reach the quarter finals. His current ITF doubles ranking 40+ is 109. These achievements following his bronze medal success at the European Senior Club Championships in 2018.

Closer to home, in Nov 2021 Hugh was a key team member for the Warwick Boat Club 1st team as they won a convincing victory recently against Sutton Coldfield for the title of Warwickshire Team Champions (Doubles) – a first for the club.

Hugh is now champing at the bit to get fully back to international tennis, and continue to represent GB, following the Covid hiatus. As well as his own court exploits, he was elected to the international Lawn Tennis Club of Great Britain in 2017, where his achievements include winning the Wallenberg trophy for GB in 2019 and leadership of the Communications and Marketing sub-committe.



James Cooper Coach Award Simon Lancaster

This coach is described as being very passionate and motivated. He takes pride in developing individuals as people and players. He has done an excellent job with the U10 programme at Edgbaston Priory Club. It is clear that he has a plan in the place to help all players on their journey. He has developed juniors into county players and onto the Regional Player Development Centre at Priory. He has helped grow the game in so many ways and is so engaged in the player's journey. He loves introducing children to tennis and engages with the local schools. During lockdown he went into local schools and delivered tennis and continued to deliver sessions on zoom throughout.

His love for tennis includes delivering sessions for Visually Impaired and wheelchair tennis. He has a clear desire to help enable individuals to play and stay in the sport, and his love for the game is to clear to see with any age and any level. Everyone needs a coach like him in their team. So positive, creative, and passionate all the time.

He is always looking at ways to develop himself and has worked closely with the LTA. He recently completed the mentoring scheme and is now on the U10 performance programme.



Disability Programme Steve McCoy

Warwick Boat Club is proud of its IPlay30 initiative offering up to 24 disadvantaged youngsters from Warwick's Evergreen School a weekly introduction to Tennis. The outreach scheme was set up by this nominee in September 2020, and comprises a pool of around 20 member volunteers, led by coach Cameron Malik.

Students visit WBC courts for a one-hour session including group games, individual skills and racquet technique training. Some have physical disabilities, some autism and all have learning challenges.

Funding is currently secured until October 2022 thanks to the generosity of club members and King Henry VIII fund. In June a coaching and exhibition afternoon at the club led by Danny Sapsford (MD of Bright Ideas) raised over £1500, enabling the Club to expand from a single session weekly to two.

The program benefits everyone involved. The students (60 over the year) love it and there are always lots of smiles. Teachers report improved behaviour and better concentration in class following their visit. According to Jamie Hammersley (Head of Year) 'We are seeing pupils become proud of their achievements and more engaged in class because they feel they can now achieve in activities where they wouldn't have felt comfortable before... Above all else, many of our pupils do not have the opportunities to access such fantastic extracurricular activities outside of school'. The volunteers find it fun and rewarding too - so a real win-win all round. This nominee is now in discussions with other local schools and clubs, keen to launch their own initiatives.





Official Chantal Miles

Working at the top level of the game the winner of this award has officiated at Wimbledon qualifying and Main draw which in 2021 meant three weeks staying in a secure bubble away from friends and family.

In the second week of main draw Chantal chaired her first Grand Slam matches in the Junior events with her strong performances culminating in her being selected to chair the Junior Girls Singles final on No.1 court.

Chantal also chaired three matches at the Nottingham Trophy and worked at the Viking Open Nottingham, two weeks of the UK Pro League and at the Tennis Europe Junior International at Repton and will be a line umpire at the UK Pro League Finals. Chantal has been working hard on her skills as a Chair Umpire since first qualifying in 2017 and she has made major steps during 2021. Having had the chance to gain her international ITF certification in late spring she was suddenly eligible to chair matches at a higher level during the grass court season and she really grasped that opportunity in great style.

In addition as an LTA Development group member Chantal is always eager to support and encourage fellow Officials and celebrate the successes of others.

University University of Birmingham Tennis Club

The winning university of this award has seen significant growth in recent years, from 140 members in 2019/20 season to a record 406 members from 21/22 season. With a 43 hours programme, 12 development and performance squads and 6 BUCS teams, they are now a vibrant club.

The university has implemented numerous new aspects to their varied programme, which has contributed to their success. From women-only squads to cardio for members and no members to forming new collaborations with Birmingham Wheelchair Tennis Club has led to new players accessing the programme.

The programme has enabled students to become increasingly involved in the performance and development programme to build on their coaching work experience. Our student workforce includes 15 committee roles, 10 coaches with offers of funding to put students on to LTA coaching qualifications to expand our workforce.





Club Team of the Year Leamington Ladies

This Award is going to a Club where several teams have excelled. The first team had an exceptionally strong season in 2021 and won the Coventry and District league title.

The Second and Third teams managed to win the 1st and 2nd Division titles in the Coventry and District League. The Second team won the 1st Division by an eleven-point margin with the first pair only losing two rubbers out of twenty all season. It wasn't just in doubles that the Leamington ladies had success. In the Warwickshire National League Summer 2021 competition, Leamington took the County division 1 title.

As a whole, the Ladies' teams had around 50 females representing the Club, with an age range of 14 to 63. With 5 summer and 5 winter teams there are more female teams than men's at the club!



Club of the Year Harbury Tennis Club

This tennis club is a three floodlit court community-based village club run by an enthusiastic and committed committee. The courts are owned by the Parish Council (PC) and in 2021 they secured a 25-year lease with the PC for an annual rent of £1! The Club also has a joint Maintenance fund with the Parish Council that currently stands at £30,000 making it a financially sustainable club.

The courts are always free of charge to children in Harbury and the surrounding villages when not being used by the club. As a result of initiatives membership in all categories has risen to its highest level since the club was formed in 1980.

There is a very popular coaching programme. It runs all year and caters for all Junior age ranges with sessions for Mini Reds, Orange/ Green and Teenagers. For adults there are groups for Rusties and Beginners, Improved and Advanced, a Ladies group, and a Cardio session. All groups are open to non-members and many are frequently full. The Club run teams in summer and winter, and it has been great that so many new members have felt comfortable enough to start playing (and enjoying!) league matches in the last couple of years and this has meant the Club have, for the first time, 3 winter floodlit teams.

This Club has developed an excellent link with the village school over the years, hosting Primary Schools Festival pre-Covid. In the spring term the Head Coach delivered a 10-week "She Rallies" course for girls. This was funded by a £300 Warwickshire County Council grant topped up by the Club. The club will be funding a further 10 weeks in 2022.

In the last 2 years the Club have welcomed a number of younger members onto the Committee and this has helped raise the profile to a wider audience and encouraged engagement and participation with the creation of an Instagram page and a number of WhatsApp groups.

I am sure you will agree this is not bad for a village of 2,500 people!





Lifetime Achievement Steve Drummond

The winner of this award joined their tennis club back in 1992, when he moved to the Midlands. It was to be a turning point in the club's fortunes. Back then, it's fair to say that the club had seen better days. The three tarmac courts looked a little tired and club membership was flagging. Fast forward 29 years and the Tennis Club you see now, is a vibrant, well run 21st century tennis club with three Euro-Clay and three astro-turf courts, all floodlit. Membership is booming and the club now has both thriving adult and junior sections and has recently begun a disabled tennis programme too. It is almost unrecognisable!

The transformation of the club is almost solely down to this individual's vision and selfless dedication. The award winner has acted as Club Chairman since 1994 - that's 27 years of Committee Meetings!

He attends almost every club social tennis session and has done so for years! That's every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, all year round, rain or shine, you'll be warmly welcomed. He runs each session, organising everyone into pairs, setting up matches, providing the balls and making sure the session runs smoothly. As if that's not enough, he is usually the first to make the teas/coffees or serve behind the bar afterwards and wash up! Any new members are instantly made to feel at home.

When not on court, he assumes various other roles too. If there's anything that needs a lick of paint, you'll find this person. Any running repairs or even club house cleaning – there he is. If the bar staff need an extra body, he will suddenly appear.

For over 20 years, he has organised Bank Holiday Tournaments at the club. If the weather looks kind, he even puts on his apron and wheels out the barbecue afterwards. Over the same period, he has also organised yearly tennis holidays abroad and many club members have benefited from these fun weeks away.



LTA Presidents Award Sara Butler

Having been forced by the pandemic to cancel the Jan-June circuit, Seniors Tennis GB - players and volunteers alike - were faced with the devastating loss of the remaining calendar of events. Despite the July relaxation of UK restrictions, the ITF's non-negotiable requirement was that no sanctioned tournament could be run without an onsite Covid officer and extensive Covid compliance. With little knowledge or budget for these Davis Cup level protocols, our loyal Tournament Directors felt resigned to cancellation.

This person, who is a regular Seniors player, team captain and popular volunteer, – a respected paramedic with the foresight to train in Covid compliance – offered to step in. Swiftly, altruistically, and professionally she took on the whole ITF Covid response for every day of four of the remaining weeklong tournaments, from Wimbledon to Wrexham, travelling massive distances and staying away from home: volunteering a phenomenal 29 days in total.

She didn't hesitate to help us through a seemingly impossible impasse and lack of resource. A successful player with accolades and selections to play for, she put her own tennis performance on the back burner in order to donate her exceptional skills. Juggling home and work life as well, she took total unflagging charge of the brief: a role that involved her fulltime presence, checking and advising every player as they arrived throughout each day ... no mean feat with these tournaments notching up between 200 and 400 competitors and many match schedules involving 12 hour days. Later each day she then took responsibility for the extensive digital reporting to ITF, usually

completed in the evenings from her simple accommodation.

And she did all this, cheerfully and modestly fitting in with each tournament team, administering and sharing her Covid response knowledge and ITF compliance with everyone involved and, at the end of the day, accepting only a very small contribution towards her general travel/accommodation expenses, and nothing for her time.

All associated players, tournament teams and Seniors Tennis GB feel overwhelming gratitude and appreciation to have someone from our own constituency volunteering at short notice to make such a serious and professional contribution towards the staging of our core events at such a difficult time.





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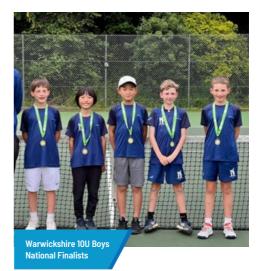
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Warwickshire players competing in the 12U Warwickshire Club Challenge, who got to have a Q&A Session with Katie Boulter at the Rothesay Classic







Training Session





Warwickshire 9U Girls County Cup Team Group Winners



Warwickshire 9U Boys County Cup Team Group Winners





County Training Session



2022 Warwickshire County Closed Mens Champions Rich Partridge, who defeated Ed Aveyard



2022 Warwickshire County Closed Ladies Champion Alice Wilson-Marsh, who defeated Lucie Butler



Warwickshire 2022 County Closed Ladies Doubles Finalists









Inter league Final - Kenilworth LTSC vs Edgbaston Priory





Commonwealth Torch visits Hampton-in-Arden Tennis Club

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