



AVON TENNIS

Avon Tennis

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Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM

Mandy Stonier - Clubs & Venue's Volunteer Lead

Hello, I'm Mandy Stonier, and I have the privilege of serving as the Clubs & Venues Volunteer Lead for Avon Tennis.

My journey with tennis began at age 10, and the sport has woven itself through every chapter of my life. After joining the Royal Navy (WRNS) at 18, I represented the RN on several occasions. Though family life paused my tennis for a while, my return to the courts after my second son was born reminded me just how much I had missed the game.

Since then, tennis has shaped my life for the last 25 years. My formal coaching journey started in 1999 with a Tennis Assistants course under Peter Bendall (now Avon Tennis President), followed by my Level 3 qualification the next year. These milestones led me to become Head of Tennis (HoT) at Writhlington Indoor Centre in 2006, where I managed the 8-court facility and a thriving coaching programme, help to found a vibrant club which I chaired for 10 years out of 16 yrs, launched a performance programme (now in the capable hands of Tom Entwistle), and recruited numerous volunteers. I've had the joy of inspiring many young people to become tennis leaders, some of whom are now coaches themselves.

Leaving Writhlington as HoT in 2016 opened new avenues: I became a She Rallies Ambassador for Avon, set up a coaching programme at a local private school, and took on the role of Volunteer Engagement Officer for the Bath Rugby Foundation. I've



If you need advice on growing your club, running events, developing programmes, or anything club tennis-related, Mandy is available to visit your club or even have a phone call and offer support across a range of areas, she's here to help.

discovered the excitement of volunteering at major national LTA tennis events, alongside my ongoing efforts with Avon Tennis and Somer Valley Tennis Club.

Beyond tennis, my friends and family are my anchor, and my husband affectionately calls me a 'serial volunteer.' When I'm not answering emails, visiting clubs, or playing padel (my new sporting addiction), you'll likely find me in the garden, on the water, or spending time with my elderly father. I am passionate about contributing to the community and helping the next generation fall in love with tennis as I have.

Happy Days – enjoy Wimbledon 😊

✉️ **To arrange a visit, simply email:**

clubs@avontennis.org.uk

Let's work together to make your club the best it can be!

EVENTS/COMPETITIONS

Play Your Way to Wimbledon Finals 2025

Play Your Way to Wimbledon competitions are hosted at any LTA registered venues, as well as Schools in England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

The venue can choose the match format, which can be anything from tie-break sets to shorter formats or Timed Tennis.

The winners of these local events then go through to their County Finals – Ours took place on 21st June @ Sudbury Tennis Club and 28th June @ Kings Tennis Club. Below are the winners and runners up of the 4 events.

County Final champions are then invited to compete in the National Finals at Wimbledon from 3-9 August 2025. Good luck to the Winners at the finals.



14U GIRLS SINGLES

Winner - Patricia Gimenez (Brimsham Green School)

Runner Up - Nefeli Singer (UoB)



14U BOYS SINGLES

Winner - Christopher Chalmers (Backwell TC)

Runner Up - Lewis Mather (UoB)



WOMENS DOUBLES

Winners - Anna Webster & Abi Matthews
(Sodbury TC)

Runners Up - Megan Williams & Willow
Hancock (Chalford TC)



MENS DOUBLES

Winners - Clement Rondey & Jon
Jones (D&FTC)

Runners Up - William Edlin & Rafe
Llewellyn (UoB)

CLUBS & VENUES

Want to Stay in the Loop with Avon Tennis? 🎾

Are you — or someone at your club — keen to get more involved, share ideas, or pick up tips from others across the county?

Then why not join our friendly Avon Tennis Club & Venue Network WhatsApp group! It's a great place to stay connected, swap experiences, and find out what's happening.

➡️ Click the link below and join! - we'd love to have you on board!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GLQ7Xk9VJJi6CLWbzLh1fj>

*If the link doesn't work for you email the office and we can get you added.

👍 Stay Connected – Follow Us on Facebook!

Want to keep up with the latest from Avon Tennis?

it's all happening on our **Facebook page!**

👉 [Follow us here](#)

Be the first to hear about what's coming up, celebrate our players' successes, and get a glimpse into all the great things happening across the county.

Let's build the Avon Tennis community online — give us a like and join the conversation!

Make sure you tag us in any of your club/venue social media so we can share your news. #avontennisuk

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

SAVE

JUNIOR
SQUAD
SOCIAL

6 SEPTEMBER
2025
4 - 7PM

THE

DATE

REDMAID'S
HIGH
SCHOOL

COACHES



Missed the
Networking Event? Watch

It Anytime!

Our County Workforce Lead Kay Gilbert collaborated with our ED&I Lead Claire Callaghan this month to bring you an Avon Coach Network Event with a difference. Firstly it was held online, and secondly we invited venue volunteers to join us as well, which led to some great collaborative discussions.

Our guest Chris Marshall shared how he has created an inclusive programme which enables players from lower socio economic groups to not only join in but also access a performance pathway if they have ambitions to take their tennis more seriously.

We've recorded the session so you can catch up at your convenience.

Sit back, hit play, and enjoy the insights from Chris' success whenever it suits you

PLAY

PADEL

ARE YOU OVER 60 AND PLAYING PADEL?

Avon is looking to select 5 men and 5 women to who will be 60 or over in 2025 to represent the county in the National O60 County Cup.

This competition is being held over the weekend of 6th/7th September at Rocket Padel. We will be entering men's, women's and mixed teams. If you are interested in being selected, please join the group via the link below

https://chat.whatsapp.com/BbyweAaScdglyX7fBy5lps?mode=ac_t

AVON LEAGUES



League Update – As of Monday 30th June

Results are correct as of **Monday 30th June**. Please note that some match results from **Friday 27th June** are still pending entry.



Teams highlighted in yellow are newly topping their league tables since our last newsletter — congratulations!



A huge well done to all the players giving their all and representing their clubs with passion and determination. Keep up the great work!

Men's

Women's

UPCOMING DATES

- * 30 June - 13 July - WIMBLEDON
- * 24 - 31 August - County Closed @ Redland Green
- * 6 September - 4 - 7pm - Junior Squad Social

AND FINALLY!



Heard a Familiar Voice on the BBC?



Have you been tuning in to the BBC's coverage of the summer grass court season?

Our very own Rachel from the Avon Tennis office has been working behind the scenes as an official line-caller at both Queen's and Eastbourne. Rachel won a LTA Foundation competition to have her voice recorded to use as the official line calls, how amazing to have someone from our team involved! Well done, Rachel! **OUT!**

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