



# KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR TENNIS CLUB

## NEW COURT UPDATE

We are pleased to confirm that the surface of the courts is now fully laid and complete! Temporary lines will now go down on it until it can be painted in the spring! The ramp and digital gate are now installed too! The final piece of the puzzle will be the LED floodlights that will be installed once they arrive! Take a look at them!



## MEET THE COMMITTEE

Here are some more members of our committee for you to meet!

### JUSTINE CARDY MATCH SECRETARY



**Favourite Player:** Boris Becker - showing my age!  
**Favourite Shot:** Forehand

**One thing not many people know about me:** I love going on safari and have been fortunate enough to witness the Wilderbeest migration in the Maasai Mara in Kenya on one of my trips. I'm looking forward to being able to go back to Africa at some point after the pandemic.

"I first played tennis at secondary school and made the school team - as much for my enthusiasm as for any degree of skill. At 16 I was lucky enough to go on a school trip to Wimbledon where I completely fell in love with the game and became an avid spectator. However, I didn't play again until my early 30's after the White Horse Tennis Centre opened in Abingdon. I rather hesitantly joined their beginner group coaching sessions but progressed to intermediate level and subsequently started playing competitively in the singles ladders. After having my daughter, I found it difficult to get to the sessions in Abingdon and was frustrated by the lack of court availability. So I joined KBS instead where I was welcomed by players of a similar level who persuaded me to go to Sunday morning Open sessions and start group coaching. As my daughter got older, I had more time and tennis became my regular exercise as it was flexible enough to be able to arrange to play to fit in with my family commitments. I was then co-opted onto the women's C team and started playing League matches. I found the matches really sociable and surprisingly unpressured as we were playing in the lowest Division in the League. As I was getting so much out of the club, I decided to give something back and took on the role of Match Secretary when the vacancy arose. Subsequently, I then became Captain of the then women's B team. I've really enjoyed mixing with players of all levels within the club and taking part in the annual club competition. I also now enjoy playing mixed doubles competitively - although I do feel sorry for whoever gets me as their partner as they have to work a lot harder to compensate for my limitations!"



## JONATHAN SHORTER



**Favourite Player:** I don't follow tennis on TV but when I did I always liked Steffi Graf for some reason

**Favourite Shot:** Cross court forehand, great when it comes off!

**"One thing not many people know about me:** I was once lead chorister at Christchurch in Oxford for a weekend music festival

"I am a late starter and have only been playing tennis since joining the Club about 5 years ago! I run a local building company called Lemontree and as a member of the Committee have used this experience to help with the planning process for and construction of the new courts, we should feel really lucky to have such a great facility in our community."

Jonathan has been an integral part of our court building project, particularly by overseeing the construction stage of the project. We can't thank him enough for all the work and effort he has put into this project! Thank you Jonathan!

## TENNIS SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES VIDEOS

The Excel Tennis Academy would like to help keep you all active, have fun and learn new skills.

They have created short 20 minute videos that you can watch at home and join in with all for FREE.

The sessions have been created for children to participate in no matter what their ability or experience and you do not even need a tennis racket or ball to get involved.

Every Monday and Friday they upload a new video to keep you all engaged and active.

They want to help support the community and all children get ready for school again and a summer of fun and games.

Please visit our website using this link to view the videos:

<https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/online-resources>

# 2021 TENNIS FESTIVAL

Entry into our 2021 Tennis Festival is now live! To enter, fill in our entry form which can be found on our website.

Every year, KBS Tennis Club hosts a 'Tennis Festival' where Club members have the chance to compete against each other in various categories! It's a great opportunity to test out the tennis skills you've been practicing all year! The finals of our 2020 tournament are still due to be played (delayed by various lockdowns!) but we are still getting started on 2021!

The events include singles and doubles for men and women as well as mixed doubles and age-restricted events. The initial rounds are run as round-robins with a subsequent semi-final knock-out. This will culminate in finals taking place on Finals Day on Sunday 26th February.

Excel Tennis Academy will also be organising a Juniors and Family Competition as part of our Tennis Festival. We will send out more information about this when it is closer to the time.

For more details and the full rules and regulations, please visit our website.

Entries close on 20th March!

Photos from 2019 Finals Day:



## AGM REMINDER

All Club members are cordially invited to attend the Club's Annual General Meeting at **8pm on Monday 22nd March on Zoom.**

The agenda can be accessed via our website. A link to the zoom will be emailed to all members on Friday 19th March.