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# KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR TENNIS CLUB

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## REOPENING

On 29th March, we reopened our courts after months without tennis but with 2 additional tennis courts, 2 newly resurfaced existing courts, new floodlights and a digital gate.

To mark this momentous occasion, the management committee took to the courts first thing to celebrate the construction of the courts and the restarting of tennis after lockdown.

The morning included a presentation for Chairman, Duncan Smith. Without his hard work, the court construction wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to Duncan for everything.

We also were lucky enough to have three generations of chairman in attendance! The Club is grateful to both Phillip Candy and Nigel Shaw for the years of commitment they have shown to the club. After the presentation, the committee got on court and used the brand new courts for the first time since their construction. An official reopening for the whole club will take place later this year once the courts are painted and, hopefully, Covid restrictions are loosened.



We hope all our members have enjoyed being back on court! The court painting is still due to take place in May once the weather is a little warmer with the planting scheme being launched in the Autumn.

Now that we are back in full-swing, we can continue our plans to keep growing and developing our tennis offering to meet our community's needs!

## CLEARING OF TREES

A big thank you to Charlie Rogers and all his team for clearing the trees at the back of the courts! The area looks much better now - ready for planting later in the year.





# FREE RETURN TO TENNIS ACTIVITIES

Our **free** 'Return to Tennis' activities are now underway! In conjunction with Excel Tennis Academy, KBS Tennis Club are offering free tennis activities as we emerge from lockdown. Sessions are open to both members and non-members and there are still spaces left in upcoming sessions.

We are offering:

**Cardio Tennis:** High energy fitness activity that combines the best features of tennis with cardiovascular exercise. No tennis experience is required to enjoy and participate in these sessions.

Wednesday 9:00-10:00, Friday 9:30-10:30 and Saturday 10:00-11:00

**Return to Play:** A high energy fitness, technique and tactical session to help return to playing tennis after lockdown.

Monday 9:30-10:30 and Friday 18:30-19:30

**Beginners Tennis:** A technical coaching session for new players and rusty racquet players who haven't played in a while.

Saturday 10:00-11:00

**Junior Open:** A supervised session of games and matches for juniors to play some tennis in a relaxed environment.

Saturday 9:00-10:00 for 4-10 year olds and Saturday 10:00-11:00 for 11+ year olds

**In order to sign up please visit our Clubspark website.** Links can be found via our website. You must sign up separately for each individual session.





## NEW PROCEDURES FOR BOOKING

As I am sure everyone is aware, our digital gate is finally working! With this now in place, we can properly focus on expanding the club and improving our offering, particularly with a pay-and-play option.

A reminder of the new systems in place:

- Booking can still be done as usual via our Clubspark website
- Our new digital gate means that when a court is booked, Clubspark will generate a code to grant you access to the courts. The code generated will be unique to each member
- The unique code for each member will always stay the same but will only grant you access at times that you have a court booked
- The code will let you enter the courts 5 minutes ahead of your time and will work throughout the length of your booking

Floodlighting:

- Our floodlights are now controlled online via Clubspark
- If you book a court at a time when floodlights would be required, you will need to pay £1 per 30 minutes on court to cover the floodlight cost (floodlight tokens used to cost £1.50 per 30 minutes)
- Floodlights will then come on automatically 5 minutes before your booking time and will switch off 5 minutes afterwards
- Do not use the manual floodlight switch if you have asked for floodlights online as the online system will override this

For the codes to coaching, social sessions and team practice, please visit the 'Members' Area' of the website. All this information can also be found on our website under 'Court Booking'.

Any questions regarding the new system, please email [kbstennisclub@gmail.co.uk](mailto:kbstennisclub@gmail.co.uk)

## EASTER CAMP AND COACHING

KBS Tennis Club hosted a very successful Easter Camp over the holidays run by the fantastic team at Excel Tennis Academy. Excel runs sessions for all ages and abilities throughout the week during term time as well as one-to-one sessions being available. If you want to get involved in coaching, please visit: <https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/ourvenue-kbstennisclub>





## TENNIS FESTIVAL

Yesterday (25/4) finally saw the culmination of the 2020 (yes you read that correctly!) Tennis Festival with our annual Final's Day. A few finals had already been played but the majority of our finals took place with some great tennis on display! Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who played during our 2020 Tennis Festival. Special mention to Justine Cardy for winning all three of her finals!

Check out the results:

**Men's Singles:** Richard Jones beat Bruce Jobson 7-5 6-4

**Women's Singles:** Sarah Lloyd beat Karen Osman 6-2 2-0 (retired)

**Men's Doubles:** Garreth Anderson/Paul Gill beat Bruce Jobson/Lee Harris 7-5 6-1

**Women's Doubles:** Paula Eastwood/Justine Cardy beat Gill Collier/Flora McMeeking 7-5 6-3

**Mixed Doubles:** Justine Cardy/Adam Dudley beat Rachael Moon/Bob Deane 6-1 7-6 (7-4)

**Senior Doubles:** Jane Isherwood/Tim Sheard beat Sarah Lloyd/Andy Dance 7-6 3-7 7-6 (10-8)

**Men's Plate:** Paul Gill beat Trevor Isherwood (retired)

**Women's Plate:** Justine beat Chelsea De Koker 6-3 6-2



For more photos from the day, please visit our website.

Onto the 2021 Tennis Festival! Please start playing your matches! Good luck to everyone who has entered!

## SUMMER LEAGUE MATCHES

The Mixed A Team kicked off the summer league on Saturday with a narrow loss to Benson A Team 3-5. Well played to the KBS team of Duncan, Paula, Jane and Adam. Good luck to all our teams playing in the leagues this summer!