



Annual General Meeting 2018 Reports

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Mark Sanders (Councillor) and Tim Arthur (Chair) wish to offer a joint report to the 2018 AGM to outline what have been our priorities during 2017.

Mark Sanders: LTA Councillor for Cambridgeshire

The role of LTA Councillor for Cambridgeshire is appointed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis and is subject to performance review by national LTA also on an annual basis. The role is to represent the county, its clubs and other places to play at both regional and national meetings. I am also involved in the shaping and reviewing of strategy at national and regional level prior to implementation. I consider my role as a back-bench MP for tennis representing Cambridgeshire!

1. Attendance: During 2017 I have attended all council meetings at Roehampton (4), all regional meetings (2) and all Cambs Executive meetings. I now sit on two national work stream committees. One is looking at the allocation of Wimbledon Tickets to County Associations. The second is involved with Seniors Tennis, looking in particular at adding to competitions for Seniors (aged 35 and over) and the allocation of small grants to clubs specifically to develop tennis for Seniors.

2. Major National Matters:

The following are the major national projects which impact on clubs. I will keep explanations brief but would happily talk at greater length to anyone who wish to know more.

- **Transforming British Tennis Together (TBTT):** The LTA is making £125 million available over 10 years for transformative tennis facility projects. The objective is to at least double this amount through contribution from partners linked to the project. It is a requirement that there are at least two stakeholders for each project. Priority is being given to floodlighting and indoor court facilities. The overall objective is to double the number of young people playing tennis and to double the frequency that adults play. Currently City of Peterborough is in the early stages of preparing a submission.
- **Safeguarding:** There is a very concerted drive to ensure all LTA registered clubs/places to play offer a safe environment for all who visit. There will be an enhanced registration process for renewal as at 01 October 2018. This will require club committees to self-declare that they have a safeguarding policy, have an appointed Welfare Officer that has undertaken training, that a Criminal Records Check has been undertaken for all necessary roles (renewed every 3 years). It will be strongly advised and may be mandated that all coaches working in registered clubs are Accredited or Accredited + coaches. This will provide assurance to clubs that coaches have undergone the necessary checks and that their level of qualification is verified. This can be verified on the "LTA Find a Coach" page of the website. **It is important that clubs plan for this now.**
- **British Tennis Membership (BTM):** A new paying tier of BTM had been introduced. This costs £20 per year for adults and provides a number of benefits such as priority access to tickets for major tennis events as well tennis projects. We would love to increase Team Membership in Cambridgeshire. See <https://www.lta.org.uk/member/>

- **Tennis for those with Disabilities:** The Tennis Foundation, which is commonly referred to as the charitable arm of the LTA, has been working tirelessly to assist and encourage clubs to “open their doors” to those with any type of disability. This is not just wheelchair tennis, but for those with any disability either physical or mental. In the County an Open your Doors workshop is being delivered at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club on 26 March at 6pm. If your club agrees to create and promote a 12 month action plan, then a £200 grant is available. At the AGM, Danny Sapsford will also tell you about his “I Play 30” scheme which is to be launched in six Cambridgeshire clubs shortly.
 - **Strategy for Women and Girls:** You will probably be aware of the challenge in recruiting and retaining girls and women into clubs and tennis generally. Counties are now promoting elements of Judy Murray’s “She Rallies” initiative. Cambridgeshire has a She Rallies Ambassador, Anita Duff, who will be training Activators to deliver four programmes specifically designed to attract female players. The LTA centrally is also about to launch a strategy which aims to inspire and support women/girls to coach and to play tennis.
 - **Tennis for Kids:** This is the initiative established to celebrate the 2015 Davis Cup victory. In 2017, 20,000 children aged 4-11 took part. The 2018 programme is already underway with some small changes. Participants will be charged £25 – the aim being to reduce no shows. As well as the six week course, participants receive an excellent goodie bag including a racquet and GB t-shirts. Many thanks to the coaches in Cambridgeshire who delivered Tennis for Kids in 2017 and who have signed up to deliver courses in 2018.
- 3. Regional Matters:** Over 2017 there has been a restructure of the East Region team. Their emphasis has moved to supporting varied tennis projects from schools to parks and clubs around the region. Should you require their support I recommend that your first contact point should be our recently appointed Administrator who can put you in touch with the right people. (See below)

Tim Arthur: Chair of Cambridgeshire County Association

The role of the Chair is appointed at the county AGM on an annual basis. The main duty is to co-ordinate the development of tennis in the county through chairing the main committee of volunteers and supervising a number of sub-committees which focus on key areas (Participation, Performance, Leagues and Communication & Media). To provide an overarching framework, the committee set the following key objectives for 2016-2018:

- Identify and support clubs that can make full use of improved facilities
- Identify and support clubs that can demonstrate ability to develop participation
- Support the expansion of tennis in parks
- Aim to attract mature players over 40 back into the sport
- Establish mutually beneficial contacts with key local authorities
- Work to involve and engage coaches in the county with our strategic aims
- Develop a coherent and well-supported performance pathway
- Improve opportunities for competition within the county (in addition to the Cambs Leagues)
- Ensure our governance is appropriate to support tennis needs in the county
- Develop a strategy to engage more women & young persons in tennis

The Performance Committee has done an excellent job this year at working with a number of the county's coaching teams and introduced a new tier of competitions to introduce young players to this aspect of the game. Our League continues to flourish (thanks to the efforts of Vernon and his team) and our men's first team achieved promotion to the top group of county tennis for the first time since 1956.

The Cambridgeshire Fund and Tennis4Cambridgeshire have continued to provide a strong platform for distributing funds to clubs to assist with both revenue and capital projects. We successfully made a start in increasing our sponsorship income (and therefore money available to clubs) as planned.

Communication with our clubs continues to be improved through our expanding website and focused e-mails to members. Members of the committee continue to visit clubs throughout the region and are available to provide support upon request. The LTA itself provides a significant number of resources which can be accessed through their website.

The Future:

Should we be reappointed for 2018, we aim to continue to increase our interaction with clubs and places to play. We want to help all clubs develop and, especially this year, assist them in complying with the new registration requirements. To assist us all further, in 2018 we employed a part time county administrator, Rachel Mayne (admin@cambslta.org.uk) who is now the first point of contact for clubs to help with all matters. Rachel will be based at Hills Road and will be working Tuesday through Thursday. We hope that by working more closely together and by sharing best practice, we can get more people playing tennis more often in Cambridgeshire.

We remain happy to address any issue or question – as we said last year, the only dumb question is the one not asked! We are keen to have further volunteers join us – either on the executive team, one of the sub committees or in some other less time consuming manner. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to help out

Finally, we would both like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly within the county – especially those who have given so much for an extended period.

Mark Sanders and Tim Arthur
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Performance Committee Report including Junior teams (Sue Rich)

Cambridgeshire teams had a very successful year in 2017 and are about to embark on trying to better this in 2018. The County also had some fantastic individual performances at the top end from **Harry Wendelken who won the 16 and under Nike National Championships at both singles and doubles.**

The boys 14 and under team won their group and reached the National Finals for the second year in a row and finished fifth overall.

The **mini red boys and girls team finished second overall behind Hertfordshire** at the inter County Mini Red Team event. Boys won their event and the girls came third.

The **mini orange team won the Festival of Tennis at Corby.**

The **County 9 and under team won their group in August.**

Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis (formerly County Closed) had a revamped format and **was very successful** engaging far more of the Clubs in the County.

12 and under Nationals

Weiqi Ye represented Cambridgeshire in the 12 and under singles and doubles.

14 and under Nationals

Yujiro Onuma and Zach Cox represented Cambridgeshire in 14 and under singles and doubles. Zach reached the second round.

16 and under Nationals

Harry Wendelken was seeded one in both the singles and doubles and won both events. He beat Alex Solonenko in the final 4/6, 6/2, 6/2 and paired up with James Story to win the doubles beating Matthew Clegg and Alex Maggs 6/2, 4/6, 10-6 in the final.

18 and under Nationals

Charlie James represented Cambridgeshire in the 18 and under singles and doubles. With Tad Maclean he reached the semi-finals of the doubles.

County Cup Events

The County Cup Race recognises a County's performance in all 7 of the County Cup Events starting with the 18 and under event in February and ending with the Senior Indoor event in November. The County with the most points across all the events is then recognised as the overall County Cup Race Champion for that year.

- Points are awarded per County Cup Event (male and female events).
- For the Summer, Winter and 18U County Cup Events counties will receive 'initial' base points according to the group they are in and then additional ('group') points according to their final group position.

- The points for the 14U, 12U and 10U County Cup Events are cumulative based on their success at the group stage and the finals stage (if applicable)
- 9U teams are allocated group points only.

What are the point allocations?

'Base Points' (Summer, Winter & 18U)	Group Points (Summer only)	Group Points (Winter & 18U)
Group 1 = 10	Winner = 15	Winner = 8
Group 2 = 7	Runner-up = 12	Runner-up = 6
Group 3 = 6	3rd place = 10	3rd place = 4
Group 4 = 5	4th place = 8	4th place = 2
Group 5 = 4	5th place = 6	
Group 6 = 3	6th place = 4	
Group 7 = 2	7th place = 2	
	8th place = 1	

Qualifying Points (14U, 12U & 10U)	Finals Points (14U, 12U & 10U)	Group Points (9U only)
Winner = 8	Winner = 10	Winner = 10
Runner-up = 7	Runner-up = 7	Runner-up = 6
3rd place = 6	3rd place = 6	3rd place = 5
4th place = 5	4th place = 5	4th place = 4
5th place = 4	5th place = 4	5th place = 3
6th place = 3	6th place = 3	6th place = 2
	7th place = 2	
	8th place = 1	

Overall Cambridgeshire finished 9th equal which is our best showing so far and top of all the smaller Counties.

18 and under County Cup 2017 and 2018

Cambridgeshire Girls

Cambridgeshire girls played in Group 2 in 2017 and unfortunately were relegated.

This year the team of Sama Malik, Aisha Brown, Megan Carmichael, Chaaya Malik, Laurie Cruickshank, Natasha Scott, Lydia Sivirentsava and Charlotte Laing have just played in Wrexham in group 3b for 2018 and despite very narrow losses to Dorset 4/5 and North Wales 4/5 they beat North of Scotland 6/3 to stay for 2019. Really good team effort as so many of the matches were close.

Cambridgeshire Boys

In 2017 the boys team were promoted from 4b at Easton

Cambridgeshire boys team of Charlie James, Nick Ghaznavi, Zach Cox, Vincent Chen, Yujiro Onuma, Sam Clark, Alex Wardley and Jan Ortonowski played in Group 3a in Southampton in 2018 and after two poor day when they lost 3/6 to Sussex and Hampshire and IOW 2/7 they came back strongly on the last day to beat Buckinghamshire 5/4 having been 0/4 down and saved match points in two matches. Well done to Charlie James on winning all his matches. As a result they stayed in Group 3.

14 and under County Cup 2017

Boys 14 and under Aegon County Cup Report.

Cambs qualified for the 14 and under Aegon County Cup Finals for the second year in a row thanks to a spirited team effort in the U14 County Cup qualifying stages.

The team, of Yujiro Onuma, Zach Cox, Darius Fatemi-Ghomi, Leon Kewney and Rohan Iyengar beat Wiltshire, Somerset and then Gloucester in a closely fought group at Sutton Tennis Club over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The team, led by Yujiro Onuma at number 1 came through a close opening match against a spirited Wiltshire team. Leon Kewney and Darius Fatemi Ghomi - playing at 4 and 3 respectively got Cambs off to the perfect start with two convincing wins before the match got tense.

Yujiro Onuma lost his singles while Zach Cox, at number two was on court for over two and a half hours and with the match at 2-1 in rubbers, Zach's match was vital. Zach stayed calm and mentally strong finally coming through 6/4 in the 3rd set while to take a very good 3/1 lead going into the doubles.

Cambs boys were too strong in the doubles and Cambs won 5/1 but it could have been so different.

Next up was Somerset and it was a comfortable win, with Rohan Iyengar coming in for the doubles and Cambs turned in a 6/0 whitewash.

It meant Cambs were to play Gloucester in the playoff to see who would reach the finals at Nottingham on 12th to 14th May.

Again, Kewney and Fatemi Ghomi came through their tests with flying colours before Cox lost in straight sets.

It was Onuma's turn to be on court for a long time and after winning a close first set on a tiebreak and leading 4/0 in the 2nd set, Yujiro allowed his opponent to come back and it was down to a match tiebreak. Yujiro showed some fantastic passion and it helped him come through in the tiebreak 10/7 to give us a healthy lead of 3/1 going into the two final doubles.

Kewney and Fatemi-Ghomi teamed up in torrential rain to seal the win for a place in the National Finals at Nottingham.

It was a great weekend and captain Chris Johnson said "It was a very spirited performance from the team, and while on paper it looked quite straight forward we had to fight hard for a couple of those tight matches and it was great that the boys came through those two singles (Cox and Onuma) as it could have been different if we had gone into the doubles tied at two rubbers all. Most of these players played in the finals last year and so will have got some good experience and we are hoping that we can get Derrick Chen (unavailable this weekend) to boost our chances of success in the finals".

Cambs bt Wiltshire 5-1

Cambs bt Somerset 6-0

Cambs bt Gloucestershire

14 and under Finals.

Cambridgeshire beat Hampshire and I of W 4/2; lost to Middlesex 2/4; lost to Hertfordshire 2/4 and drew with Essex 3 all but won the deciding tiebreak.

Cambridgeshire Girls 14 and under team 29th April to 1st May 2017

Cambridgeshire girls' team of Megan Carmichael, Sama Malik, Chaaya Malik, Laurie Cruickshank and Lydia Sivirentsava travelled on Friday all the way to Wrexham to play in the Aegon County Cup group stages.

On the Saturday the team played the South of Scotland. The number 1 and 2 players played first and Megan Carmichael beat Robyn Harvey 6/0, 6/0 and Sama Malik beat Felicity Walls 6/1, 6/0. Laurie Cruickshank at number three beat Lia Matteoni 6/1, 6/2 and the Lydia Sivirentsava beat Lucy Paterson 6/1, 6/1 to give Cambs a 4/0 lead after the singles. Megan and Sama won the top doubles 6/0, 6/0 and then Chaaya Malik and Laurie Cruickshank won 6/2, 6/0 to give Cambs the perfect start.

In the second group match Cambs played Shropshire and again the whole team performed very well dropping only 12 games in the 4 singles and 2 doubles matches! Megan beat Amy Humphries 6/0, 6/1; Sama beat Imogen Dudson 6/0, 6/0; Laurie beat Eleanor Yeats 6/2, 6/2 and Lydia beat Tamzin Pountney 6/1, 6/3. Megan and Sama won their doubles 6/3, 6/0 and the Chaaya teamed up with Lydia and they won 6/0, 6/0 to give Cambs another 6/0 win.

Having won their group Cambs then played the winner of the other group which was Somerset. This was always going to be a close match and with Chaaya (slight injury) unable to play singles they were going to be up against it. Megan at number one had a terrific match against Grace Piper and this ebbed and flowed before the Somerset player eventually won 7/5, 2/6, 6/4. Sama Malik then played a really solid match and served very well to overcome Caitlin McLoughlin 6/3, 6/2 – much closer than the score suggests to level the scores. Laurie at number 3 had a great match against Francesca Davis but narrowly lost out 7/6, 3/6, 6/4. At number 4 Lydia got off to a good start and took the first set 6/1 and was leading 5/3 in the second before her opponent Tresha Kumar fought back and it went to a tie break. Lydia went 3/6 down but then fought back to take the set 8/6. After the singles all square at 2 matches each. The top doubles pair of Megan and Sama beat McLoughlin and Davis 6/3, 6/0 but after a great second set Chaaya and Lydia lost to Piper and Megan Rundle 6/1, 7/5. With the match resting at 3 rubbers all then it was decided on a doubles tie break shoot out. Unfortunately Megan and Chaaya lost to Piper and McLoughlin 5/10 to narrowly miss out on joining the boys in the final.

Captain Sue Rich said 'It was a great team effort and everyone played really well and had we had more luck with players not getting injured we would have made the finals. Well done to Sama who won all her matches and a special mention for Megan who is such a great team player.'

12 and under County Cup 1st and 2nd July 2017

Cambridgeshire girls

Girls U12 County Cup 2017 - Group D Eastgate Club, Lincoln

Saturday 1st July 2017

The Cambridgeshire Team of Weiqi Ye, Isabelle Harvard, Sophie Tjurina and Gabriella Zailer-Fletcher were up against Essex and Bedfordshire on day one in the U12 Girls County Cup 2017

Group D at the Eastgate club in Lincoln.

vs Essex: L 2-6

First up for the girls was a strong Essex team. Sophie at number 3 and Isabelle at number 2 played some great tennis, but fell short to superior opposition in Aimee Bromfield 0-4 0-4 and Imogen Brooker 1-4 1-4 respectively. Weiqi at number 1 put in a fighting display to come back from a set down to fall only just short against Ellie Blackford 2-4 4-2 5-10. So the girls were 6-0 down (2 points per rubber) going into the doubles, where Weiqi and Sophie played some disciplined and exciting Tennis on their way to win against Ellie Blackford and Selena Brathwaite 4-0 3-5 10-3. So the final score was 6-2 to Essex.

Singles

1) Weiqi Ye vs Ellie Blackford: L 2-4 4-2 5-10

2) Isabelle Harvard vs Imogen Brooker: L 1-4 1-4

3) Sophie Tjurina vs Aimee Bromfield: L 0-4 0-4

Doubles

1) Weiqi Ye & Sophie Tjurina vs Ellie Blackford & Selena Brathwaite: W 4-0 3-5 10-3

vs Bedfordshire: W 8-0

The second match of the day was against Bedfordshire. The same singles line up of Weiqi at number 1, Isabelle at number 2 and Sophie at number 3, were all too strong for their opponents, winning fairly comfortably. Weiqi beat Elizaveta Verzhbitskaya 4-2 4-0, Isabelle got the better of Megan Brook 4-1 and a well battled 5-4 and finally Sophie came through against Madeleine Whitley 4-0 4-1. This meant the girls took a 6-0 lead into the doubles, where Isabelle teamed up with Gabriella. Following a slow start and so losing the first set 1-4, the girls played more aggressively and patiently in their shot making to come back with a fine 4-0 set and then kept it going to take out the championship tie-break 10-6, sealing a well deserved 8-0 win for Cambs.

Singles

1) Weiqi Ye vs Elizaveta Verzhbitskaya: W 4-2 4-0

2) Isabelle Harvard vs Megan Brook: W 4-1 5-4 (2)

3) Sophie Tjurina vs Madeleine Whitley: W 4-0 4-1

Doubles

1) Isabelle Harvard & Gabriella Zailer-Fletcher vs Elizaveta Verzhbitskaya & Madeleine Whitley: W 0-4 4-0 10-6

Cambridgeshire boys 12 and under team

The boys team of Charlie Adams, Seth Briggs Williams, Christof Schaertlin Coffey. Dougie McKee and Ted Hope played in Harlow and had a good weekend and ended as runners-up to Essex with Charlie the star of the weekend. In their group they beat Bedfordshire 6/2, but lost 0/8 to Essex. In the semi-finals they beat Middlesex on the match tie break having been 4 all in rubbers. In the final they lost to Essex again 0/8.

County Cup 10 and under 27/28th May 2017

Cambridgeshire Boys

The boys' team of Ryan Parkins, Sam Slater, Cassius Jessup and Zach Tabaczynski played at Easton College and on the Saturday beat Bedfordshire in the match tiebreak but then lost to Essex 2/6. In the semi-finals they lost to Middlesex 2/6 and then beat Norfolk 6/2 to finish 3rd.

Cambridgeshire girls

Cambridgeshire 10 and under Girls just miss out on the Final

Cambridgeshire girls team narrowly missed out on the final in Aegon 10 and under County Cup last weekend at Woodbridge.

The Cambridgeshire girls team of Daisy Whooley, Daniella Pam, Rezi Onibere and Florence Pritchard –Gordon finished third at the Aegon 10 and under County Cup at Woodbridge.

There were 6 counties playing and they were divided into two groups of three with each County playing each other on the Saturday and then the winner and runner up in the box playing a semi-final and final on the Sunday. Cambridgeshire were in a box with Essex and Bedfordshire. While the other box consisted of Middlesex, Suffolk and Norfolk. First up for Cambridgeshire were Essex which was a tough match. Daisy lost at number one to Sophie Thompson 2-4, 1-4. Second up was Daniella Pam who played very well and beat Ishitha Golla 4-2, 4-1 and then Rezi Onibere beat Jorja Canoy 5/3, 4/1 to give Cambs a 2-1 lead after the singles. In the doubles Daniella and Rezi lost to Vanessa Mueller and Sophie Thompson 1/4, 1/4 to leave the match at 2 rubbers each. In the tiebreak shoot out with the same four players Cambs came out on top winning 11/9. In the second match Cambridgeshire beat Bedfordshire 4/0. Daisy won at number one against Katerina Verzhbitskaya 5/4, 2/4, 10-7. Daniella beat Jessica Gear 4/0, 4/2 and Rezi beat Sofia Amodu 4/1, 4/2. In the doubles Florence and Daisy beat Sofia Amodu and Jessica Gear 5/3, 5/4 to give Cambs a resounding win and finish top of their box.

In the semi-finals on the Sunday Cambs played Suffolk in a very close match. Daisy lost at number one to Ella Glanville 1/4, 2/4. Daniella beat Amie Hunt 4/1, 4/2 and Rezi lost at number three to Bethany Gardens 3/5, 1/4.

The girls then had to win the doubles which Rezi and Daniella did beating Bethany Gardens and Ella Glanville 5/3, 4/2 to take the match to another tiebreak shoot out. The same 4 girls played and despite some excellent play Cambs just lost out 13/15 in the shoot out to get into the final.

The girls were bitterly disappointed and then had to regroup and play the third and fourth play -off – against Essex again! This was a really hard match to play as they had already beaten them once over the weekend!

Daisy lost 0/4, 0/4 to Sophie Thompson. Daniella beat Ishitha Golla again 5/3, 4/0. Florence came in for the third singles and lost 1/4, 2/4 to Vanessa Mueller. The match went to the doubles again and Daniella and Rezi after a shaky start came back to beat Vanessa Mueller and Sophie Thompson 1/4, 4/0 10-7. At two rubbers all the match then went into yet another shoot out with the same girls playing! Cambs eventually triumphed and so finished the weekend a very creditable third but so nearly got to the final.

Captain Sue Rich was delighted with the girls team spirit and application over the whole weekend and all four should be very proud of themselves in the way they represented Cambridgeshire.

9 and under County Cup

Cambridgeshire's team of Rezi Onibere, Florence Pritchard-Gordon, Anya Taylor, Herbie Morris, Reva Onibere, Alexander Mills and Max Voss played against Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Norfolk. Each match consisted of 3 boys singles, 3 girls singles, a boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles totally 9 rubbers in each match.

In the first match Cambridgeshire played Suffolk with Herbie playing at number one getting the team off to a good start beating Henry Brice 7/4, 7/5 and then Reva Onibere beat Rocco Richardson 7/4, 6/8, 7/3 in the third singles Alexander Mills had a great tussle with Olli Knight just losing 10/12, 7/5, 2/7. The girls did the County proud with Rezi beating Erin Berry 7/1, 7/5 at number one; Florence beating Mia Spaul 7/4, 7/3 and then Anya Taylor beating Lilly Godfrey 7/2, 7/0 giving Cambs a winning lead of 5 matches to 1. Herbie played with Max Voss in the doubles and lost a tight 3 setter before Rezi and Florence won the girls doubles 7/4, 7/5. Reva and Anya lost their mixed but overall Cambs beat Suffolk 6/3. Great start.

Next up were Bedfordshire who lost 3/6 to Norfolk in their first match.

Herbie again was too strong at number one beating Jayden Ogunwale 7/1, 7/4; Reva hit the ball too hard and beat Alfred Warren 7/2, 7/2 while Max Voss playing the third singles beat Lucas Thomas 7/2, 7/4.

The girls again proved too strong for their opponents. Rezi beat Poppy Whitford 7/5, 6/8, 7/4; Florence beat Georgina Harriman 7/2, 7/3 and Anya beat Surriane Griffith 8/6, 7/4 ensuring Cambs were 6 matches up before the doubles started. Herbie and Reva won the boys doubles; Rezi and Florence the girls while Alexander and Anya won their mixed to give Cambs an overall 9/0 win.

The final match was against Norfolk who up to this point had won one match and lost one. First up was Herbie who had a tough battle with Charlie Hutchinson and lost 6/8, 4/7 but Reva soon levelled the score beating Blyth Hammond 7/4, 7/2. Alexander Mills then beat Matthew Baker 7/4, 11/9. The girls continued their winning ways with all three winning. Rezi beat Charlotte James 7/3, 7/3; Florence beat Angela Sionosa 7/5, 5/7, 7/3 and Anya beat Frances Rowe 7/3, 7/5 to secure the medals for Cambs! Max and Alexander then won their doubles as did Florence and Rezi and then Herbie and Anya won the mixed to give Cambs a 8/1 win.

With Beds beating Suffolk all the other Counties had one win each but top of the group were the magnificent Cambs team who won the gold medals.

Team captain Sue Rich was delighted with the team effort and the way all the players had performed and had a special mention for Rezi and Florence who won all their matches.

Lionel Cox by Jon Rademeyer and Lisa Kennedy

After a marathon weekend of tennis, I am extremely proud to say Cambridgeshire finished overall 3rd in the Lionel Cox event 29/30th April, a joint best in my time at the event I think! We were only behind Herts and Essex in the final standings which is a tremendous effort, so many congratulations on all your great performances and thanks to the parents for the help and support!

Team by team....

U9 Girls team of Rezi Onibere, Florence Pritchard-Gordon and Sophie Johnstone came third and won bronze!

U9 Boys team of Herbie Morris, Reva Onibere and Zach Tabaczynski came third taking bronze. Reva saved a match point in a crucial first match against Herts which meant we got into the 3rd / 4th playoff! Great effort boys!

U10 boys team of Ryan Parkins, Sam Slater, Jonny Cross and Cassius Jessup also came third beating Norfolk to the bronze medal! Sam saved a match point to clinch the medal for us with Jonny also winning!

U10 Girls team of Daniella Pam, Daisy Whooley and Millie Hansgate came third in their group and eventually lost their playoff to come a very good 6th! Daniella won 4/5 matches leading the team superbly, saving 4 match points in one of them!

U12 Girls team of Weiqi ye, Isabella Havard and Sophie Tjurina also played very well and had a great win over Bucks to seal the bronze medal. Weiqi won 5/5 matches, only Cambs player to be undefeated this weekend (I think), Sophie and Isabelle both won good matches to secure the bronze medal!

U12 Boys team of Charlie Adams, Seth Briggs Williams, Dougie Mckee and Ted Hope fought hard but had a tough weekend and came 10th in a very strong event.

The theme of the weekend was our players saving match points and fighting hard to win crucial matches, well done! 4 out of 6 teams claimed a medal in their events, an awesome effort!

Inter County Mini Red Tournament 12th March 2017 **Congratulations to the Magnificent Minis.**

The boys team of Herbie Morris, Leo Runciman, Harry Voss, Yinghan Ho, Alexander Mills and Jon Tan WON the Inter County Mini Red Team Event at Redbridge on 12th March 2017 while the girls team of Sophie Johnson, Anya Taylor, Mia Jimenez, Thomasina Boothman, Bibiana Krall and Natasha Tomlinson came third.

Overall Cambridgeshire finished second behind Hertfordshire .Well done teams and what a day!

Corby 12 Counties

The 12 Counties event for 2017/8 Winter against Norfolk, Northants and Cheshire– results so far:

10 and under	Boys 2 nd ; Girls 2 nd
12 and under	Boys 3 rd ; Girls 1 st
14 and under	still to be played
16 and under	Boys 1 st ; Girls 1 st
18 and under	Boys 1 st ; Girls 2 nd

Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis (Formerly County Closed) 2017

Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis produced record numbers in 2017 with the introduction of team events for the 8 and under; 9 and under and also for the lower rated 12/14 and under players.

The clubs and coaches from around the County really supported the event this year so numbers reached a very healthy 210 players. There were 12 teams of 8 and under players with each team having 4 players in it totalling 48 players and then 9 teams at 9 and under totalling 36 players and then 16 two player teams in the 12/14 section.

Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis formerly known as the County Closed also had an open adult mixed event.

In the main events pride of place went to Megan Carmichael, a real supporter of County Tennis, who won 3 singles events – 14, 16 and 18 and under and also the 14 and under doubles with Laurie Cruickshank and had a fantastic week. Top seed in the 16, 18 and Ladies Open was Aisha Brown who unfortunately had to pull out mid tournament with an elbow injury. This opened up the draws in each of the age groups. In the 14 and under event Megan beat Laurie 6/2, 6/1 and also played her again in the 16 and 18 events with similar results to become triple champion! In the Ladies Open Cambridge University player Kadi Liis Saar beat Chaaya Malik 6/1, 6/4. Sama and Chaaya Malik won the 18 girls doubles. In the younger age groups Mareenah Prempeh won the 12 and under girls while Rezi Onibere won both the 10 and under and 9 and under events while the 8 and under event was won by rising star Olivia Kaser of the Cambridge Club.

The boys' events had a variety of winners with 12 year old Charlie Adams continuing his good form from Road to Wimbledon winning the 12 and under event beating Ganesh Mulla-parthi in the final and then making the 14 and under final before losing to Eduard Schofield 6/4, 6/1. Earlier Charlie had beaten second seed Rohan Iyengar.

The 16 and under event was won by Yujiro Onuma who beat Zach Cox 6/2, 6/1. While in the 18 and under event Darius Fatemi-Ghomi had a good win over top seed Yujiro but then succumbed to Zach Cox in an excellent final 6/2, 2/6, 9-11.

In the men's event top seed Charlie James from Peterborough beat David Lloyd Coach Chris Kindred in another really exciting hard hitting match 7/5, 4/6, 6/4.

In the younger age groups Jonny Cross won the 10 and under event. Rising star Herbie Morris the 9 and under and Max Tjurin the 8 and under.

The team events were a great success and the clubs divided into two tiers. The host club, Cambridge Club won both mini red and mini orange but Haslingfield featured highly in the tier 2 orange event.

Cocks and Hens did well in the 14 boys event and the Cambridge Club in the girls events.

Overall it was a highly successful week and referee Sue Rich was delighted with the response from the clubs and their coaches and also thanked the host Club the Cambridge Club.

Well done to everyone who took part and keep the Cambridgeshire flag flying for 2018.

County Mini Red Tournament 2018

We held the mini red County Tournament on 7th January 2018 at Hills Road and had 39 entries up on last year. 13 girls and 26 boys

All the matches were well contested and of a good standard. Initially players competed in a group and then the winner and runner up progressed to the knock out stages. Each match was a tiebreak to 10.

The boys' winner was Arnas Simkus and the girls' winner Bibianna Krall.

Orange Festival Corby 3rd February 2018

A team of 3 boys and 1 girl competed in the Orange festival at Corby on 3rd February. Eight counties competed and the team of Herbie Morris, Alexander Mills, Yinghan Ho, and Mia Jimenez winning the event. The team also won the event in 2017 – not reported in last year's notes.

Road to Wimbledon

Cambridgeshire was represented by Charlie Adams,

Other Tournaments

Cambridgeshire was able to host **two grade 3** events both held at the Cambridge Club – one at Easter and one in July. Both were well attended and thanks to the Cambridge Club for hosting these.

ATA Cambridge (Hills Road)

We have reintroduced County training at Hills Road with sessions for 18 and under on Monday nights; 12 and under on Tuesday nights; 14 and under on Wednesdays; 9 and 10 and under on Friday nights. County Minis train most Sundays. This has been very well received and very successful.

Overall and summary

Overall the juniors have had a highly successful year and when all our top players have turned out the County can compete well with the top Counties. Special praise to Harry, the boys 14 and under team; girls and boys 9 and under teams and the mini reds on a very successful year.

My thanks to all the players, parents and coaches and referees who have helped the County over the past year and any new volunteers would be appreciated!

Thanks to the Performance Committee for their help – just need a bit more help in 2018 please!

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For your information

Please look up the County Cup Race Results on the LTA website, www.lta.org.uk go under Competitions and then Team and then Aegon County Cup and then County Cup Race.

Participation Committee Report incl Cambs Fund & T4C (Nick Tait)

In conjunction with the Cambs Fund, the Committee's objectives include the following county plan objectives:

- Identify and support clubs that can make full use of improved facilities
- Identify and support clubs that can demonstrate ability to develop participation
- Aim to attract mature players over 40 back into the sport
- Develop a strategy to engage more women & young persons in tennis

'Revenue' projects are supported by sponsorship revenues and are funded via Tennis4Cambridgeshire (T4C). During the past year, we have supported the following revenue projects throughout the county:

- Steve Goswell's reviews of strategies for club improvements and grants for both capital and revenue funding with several clubs (including Bourne, Cambourne, Fulbourn, and Cocks and Hens)
- visually impaired tennis
- park tennis at Jesus Green in Cambridge
- junior tennis at the Cambridge Tennis Academy – supporting starter schemes at North Cambridge Academy, Chesterton, Bottisham, and Trumpington
- junior tennis at Peterborough
- equipment at Houghton and Wyton
- equipment at Wisbech
- 'I play 30' events for players with disabilities at Chatteris, Ely, Peterborough, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and Haslingfield

My thanks go to Paul Ashley and Steve Shaw for their assistance and support for the last year. I look forward to working with the new committee members Rob Ellis, Bill Skead, Rachel Peacock and Alan Dignam during the next year.

The Cambs Fund

The Cambs fund was set up in 2016, using 50% funding from Central LTA, and 50% funding from Cambs LTA. The fund total is £200,000 and the fund will end in September 2020. In its first year the fund spent £60,000 on projects at Haslingfield, Cambourne, and Peterborough.

In the past year we have invested or agreed to invest £7,000 at Ramsey, £8,300 at Cocks and Hens, £25,000 at North Cambridge Academy, £9,000 at Fen Drayton, and a further £4,000 at Haslingfield in various projects aimed at expanding participation in tennis.

Any club seeking any of the remaining £86,700 in the fund as investment in any capital project should please get in touch with the fund's managers – Nick Tait and Tim Arthur.

County Seniors Report 2017 (Tisha Hug)

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Please visit <http://www.lta.org.uk/competitions/seniors-tennis> (Seniors LTA website) and Seniors Inter-County summer league results <https://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=A74A78F9-66F6-4EB9-975D-8DCCAC9D88C5> (click on Men's/Women's Age group, then Division, click other tabs for matches & Player Statistics).

We have 10 Summer & 4 Winter Seniors' County Tennis Teams. Any interested players reaching these age groups, please contact **Tisha** or any of the individual Captains (see below).

2017 has been a very successful season with 4 teams getting promotion in the Seniors National Inter-County Summer Tennis leagues, **Ladies 40s** to Div 2, **50s** to Div 2, **70s** to Div 1 and **Men's 60s** to Div 2 Congratulations on individual successes:- **Alan Jordan** reached **No.10** in the world **ITF 50s** Doubles rankings, making him **No.1 GB** and **Scott Martin** reached 39th and **No.3 GB** and they were **R/U** 50s doubles at the S. England Championships, Eastbourne. **Pieter Van Houten**, **R/U** in the British Clay courts 45s singles and **won** 45s doubles, **David Mills**, **R/U** in the British Indoors 45s doubles, **Bob Harrower**, **won** 70s men's doubles at Frinton, and was **R/U** in the mixed doubles at The International Adriatic Open and The Mallorca Open, and **Jenny Chin** **won** 60s singles at S. England Championships, Eastbourne, **R/U** in Frinton 60s singles and then **won** the Mixed.

More congratulations to **Oundle TC** (using above players from our county Men's 45s team) **won the finals** of the 45s Men's National Inter-Club Championships.

See all Cambs Tennis news on <http://www.cambslta.org.uk/news>

Winter Midlands Counties League played @ Corby Indoor TC (Oct-March, Sat/Suns, 3 hours, 2 pairs)

40 Ladies - **Caroline Thornton** (01223-529950, 07469-408763) caroline.m.thornton@gmail.com - a VG **R/U**

50 Ladies - **Sue Mitchell** New Capt **Sara Matta** (07711-417473) sara.matta@icloud.com - **Mid-table**

60 Ladies - **Annie Clarke** (01799-530383, 07798-833425) annieclarke2007@hotmail.co.uk - **Mid-table**

55 Men's - **Ashley Martin** - (01733- 370010, 07801-434338) ashley.martin32@btopenworld.com - **Mid-table**

The Inter-Club Cambs Mixed Veteran League (40s plus) (1 men's dbls, 1 ladies dbls and 2 mixed dbls) commence in February. Contact your club Captains or Secretaries.

Super Seniors (60+) league (summer daytime matches) - **Congratulations** to the winners, **Histon Ladies**, **Risbygate Men's** & **Histon Mixed**. **NB: We desperately need more teams.** Please contact your clubs or email vernon.dudley@ntlworld.com to enter.

The National Inter-Club Championships - Ladies/Men's/Mixed 40/45s, 50/55s, 60s, 65s & joint ages for mixed 105 years

These are knockout cups commencing every March with Cambs League clubs playing any club in GB. **NB: No longer** have to pay a **membership fee**. Contact your clubs to enter teams. <https://www.lta.org.uk/competitions/seniors-tennis/seniors-competitions>

Ladies & Men's Trials/practices for 2018 - please contact the below captains for details. These are usually held at Hills Road TC, Purbeck Rd, Cambridge. **Ladies 60/65/70s** practices at GSTC, Gt Shelford, most Fridays 10.15am - contact **Tisha**.

MEN'S/LADIES SUMMER RESULTS - 35s @ Eastbourne in August (3days)

35 Men - David Mills (07748-140598) david.mills@mills-reeve.com. **Div 3B, 2nd** (2 sgls/3 dbls)

All very close matches with 2 champion match TBreaks. **Team:** A Blackman, C Johnson, R McDowell, A Moraghan, D Mills, P Van Houten

35 Ladies - Katie Jarvis (07921-258546) kjarvis@impington.cambs.sch.uk **Div 3B, 3rd** (2 sgls/3 dbls).

Team: V Chatterton, F Clegg, R Hill, K Jarvis, C Sprowell, L Pullinger

Summer National Inter-County Leagues - April-September

45 Men – New 2018, David Mills (07748-140598) david.mills@mills-reeve.com **Div 2B, 3rd** (2sgls/3dbls).

Team: 2017 Capt. A Jordan, P Collin, M Dakin, S Elliot, D Mills, J Pepper, J Suckling, N Tait, P Van Houten

55 Men - Ashley Martin (01733-370010, 07801-434338) ashley.martin32@btopenworld.com

Div 2B, 5th (2sgls/3dbls)

All matches very close as a tight division. **Team:** J Attfield, C Cope, J Fabisz, L Howadache, R Hesketh, A Martin

60 Men - Mark Sanders (01223-844840, 07970-025341) c.mark.sanders@gmail.com **Div 3A,**

Promoted to Div 2 (2 sgls/3 dbls). **Team:** M Dakin, P Eaves, J Hunter, P Jeffery, P Jenson, M Sanders, S Shaw

70 Men - Bob Harrower (01223-276919, 07816-975129) bobharrower3@gmail.com **Div 1A,**

6th (4 dbls).

Team: B Brown, T Griffin, S Goswell, R Harrower, M Moore, D Sabberton,

40 Ladies – Rachel Hill/ C Thornton (01223-508837, 07910-395334) rachel.hill7@ntlworld.com

Div 3A, Promoted Div 2 (2sgls/3 dbls) **Team:** T Catlin, F Clegg, C Deudney, C Heron, R Hill, E Mills, C Sprowell, L Montique, B Smith, C Thornton

50s Ladies - Trish Esplin (01763-838009, 07770-966216) trisha1957@btinternet.com **Div 3B,**

Promoted to Div 2 (4 dbls)

Team: L Birch, J Bowen, D Bowes, T Esplin, S Matta, J Payne, A Thomson

60 Ladies - Marie-Anne Rodolakis (01638-507815, 07557-870346) marodolakis@gmail.com

Div 3A, 4th (4 dbls)

Team: A Clarke, M Chambers, C Gratty, Y Mughal, S Westmoreland, M-A Rodolakis, C Varley

70 Ladies - Tisha Hug (01223-843142, 07890-731593) th10014@cam.ac.uk **Div 2B, Promoted to Div 1** (4dbls)

Team: A Clarke, T Hug, A McNaught, S Morton, P Saich

Mens Senior County Team report 2017 (Chris Little)

I have attached the following tables which can be found on the LTA website. However these can not even begin to tell the true tale. I know some people do follow the results on line, as the team and I are very grateful for messages of support as the week unfolds.

The boys and I are incredibly proud of the achievement, earning promotion to the top flight for the first time since the 1950's.

Our Team was all feeling confident and ready to do battle. Disciplined warriors each of them, 'Brother's In arms'. - Matt Taylor (VC), Matt Nicholson-Lewis, Matt Frost, Sam Fleck, Tom Hands, Robin Goodman, Ben Clark and myself, Chris Little.

We didn't play the matches in this order. However We played Derbyshire, the first day, losing narrowly 4-5 having chances in 2 of the rubbers. That night we decided that even though it was gutting, it wasn't that bad considering 2 years previously Derbyshire had won the entire competition with the same team.

Our mindset was brilliant for the remainder of the week. Tough, gritty, resilient, proud, etc..... I could go on but I would run out of superlatives and can't really give some of the moments Justice. The Team ethos and work ethic that these gentlemen portray is very inspiring, leading to some scintillating tennis. We are all very excited, at the chance of performing in Division 1 down in Eastbourne this summer 2018.....

1	Derbyshire		3-3 Tie	7-2 Won	9-0 Won 🏆	9-0 Won 🏆	5-4 Won
2	South Wales	3-3 Tie		3-6 Lost 🏆	7-2 Won 🏆	6-3 Won	4-5 Lost
3	Yorkshire	2-7 Lost	6-3 Won		4-2 Won	6-3 Won	3-6 Lost 🏆
4	Hampshire & IOW	0-9 Lost	2-7 Lost	2-4 Lost		5-4 Won	2-7 Lost 🏆
5	Cheshire	0-9 Lost	3-6 Lost	3-6 Lost	4-5 Lost		2-4 Lost
6	Cambridgeshire	4-5 Lost	5-4 Won	6-3 Won	7-2 Won	4-2 Won	

	Poi nts	Playe d	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
Derbyshire	9	5	33 -	9 70 -	24 74.5%	514 -	372 58.0%
Cambridgeshire	8	5	26 -	16 56 -	44 56.0%	473 -	432 52.3%
Yorkshire	6	5	21 -	21 49 -	48 50.5%	471 -	462 50.5%

South Wales	5	5	23 -	19	50 -	42	54.3%	439 -	408	51.8%
Hampshire & IOW	2	5	11 -	31	32 -	63	33.7%	404 -	493	45.0%
Cheshire	0	5	12 -	30	29 -	65	30.9%	366 -	500	42.3%

Again, please see below for a quick summary of how the Winter County Cup exploits went. All the statistics are on the LTA website.

This was a very bitter pill to swallow after the highs of the summer. Having said that, I certainly learnt a lot as captain. I would hope that my teammates also learnt a lot about themselves as competitors. It is always difficult during the winter competition as 5 players of our summer team are unavailable. There were some great performances, most notably from youngster, Charlie James, who gets stronger each year. Congratulations to him for gaining a place at a top American university, apparently his team gets to play at Flushing Meadows, New York.

Our Team Consisted of:

Matt Frost, Matt Taylor, Charlie James, Greg Bacon, Chad Richard, CJ Kindred, Will Huyton and Myself, Chris Little.

Open Men's Division 4 - Mens Winter County

		1	2	3	4
1	West of Scotland		5-4 Won	2-7 Lost	5-2 Won
2	Durham and Cleveland	4-5 Lost		2-4 Lost	6-3 Won
3	Staffordshire	7-2 Won	4-2 Won		6-3 Won
4	Cambridgeshire	2-5 Lost	3-6 Lost	3-6 Lost	

Standings of Open Men's Division 4 - Mens Winter County

	Poin ts	Playe d	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
Staffordshire	6	3	17 -	7 36 -	19 65.5%	270 -	224 54.7%
West of Scotland	4	3	12 -	13 29 -	27 51.8%	256 -	260 49.6%
Durham and Cleveland	2	3	12 -	12 26 -	30 46.4%	252 -	274 47.9%
Cambridgeshire	0	3	8 -	17 22 -	37 37.3%	256 -	276 48.1%

Ladies Senior County Team report (Laura Nigri)

Summer County Cup Frinton Division 3.

Going into County Week I thought our chances were hopeful we had a good team out consisting of - Lisa Whybourn & Myself, Sophie & Anneka Watts, Kira Reuter & Lizzie Pam with Natalie Bacon as reserve.

The first few days went swimmingly for us gaining wins against Lincolnshire in some awful weather conditions played on hard courts, followed by East of Scotland. On Wednesday we face Northumberland who arguable had the strongest team for the week. Both Lisa and myself struggled with injuries having to pull out of our second match and Natalie Bacon step in for Lisa. We ultimately ended up losing to Northumberland but put on a good fight. However with no other reserves we had to try and find a winning combination of pairings for the remaining two days.

We paired Lisa and Kira together which proved very successful, they continued not to lose a match for Thursday & Friday. The Watts' stayed together at pair 2 and Lizzie and I partnered at pair 3. Unfortunately we lost out on promotion against Sussex on the Friday with it going down to the last match on court with the Watts sisters losing 11-9 in the third set tiebreak. It really was a heartbreaking week with so much effort being put in and playing through injuries to just miss out by the smallest of margins.

However on a positive note I am confident we can field another strong team this year and hopefully push for promotion once again to close the gap on joining the men in Division 1!

Winter County Cup Barnstaple Division 3a.

We were in Division 3a in Barnstaple for the weekend, we played Wiltshire on day 1, winning 8-1, losing only 1 singles match. We then had myself and Kira Reuter playing pair 1 doubles, the Watts sisters playing pair 2 doubles, and Meghan Carmichael and Chaaya Malik at pair 3 doubles all winning.

Day 2 we played Dorset who we thought would be a tougher match however, we had some really great singles performances from everyone. Victoria Nicholas came back from a set down to win a tight 3 set match, I also won a long 3 set match 6-4 in the third set. Kira Reuter played a great match to beat their number 1 player who had just won Liverpool Junior ITF earlier that week.

Day 3 was a direct play off between us and Somerset for promotion as they had also won both days. We had a fantastic start with Sama Malik and Megan Carmichael both performing fantastically winning at 6 and 5 respectively, I then had another very long 6-4 in the third set win. Giving us a great 3-0 lead, the rest of the team then followed suit with great performances to take a 6-0 lead securing promotion in style. Due to all results being decided we then did not complete the doubles matches so that all teams could get on the road to get home a little earlier on the Sunday evening.

Next year we will be in Division 2a and will be hoping to produce a similar performance again, it was a great weekend of tennis with a wonderful bunch of girls across varying ages, showing Cambridgeshire's strength in depth and future of the Women's team