

A close-up photograph of a person's legs from the waist down to the feet. They are wearing white shorts with "PALLACORDA" written on the side, white socks with "JORDAN" on the top, and white Jordan sneakers. The person is standing on a green tennis court with white lines. The background is a blurred green field.

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## PENNY BATCHELOR

I have loved playing tennis for as long as I can remember. I am a licensed Level 4 Accredited+ coach, involved in many different aspects of the game, from junior tennis, Head Coach at a small three-court club, coaching in schools, member of the Awards Committee and Surrey Coaches Committee, having been secretary of the inaugural Surrey BTCA Committee, county training, and co-managing the U14 girls team. I have been lucky enough to win six County Cup titles with the U12/14 girls teams.

I had a son who represented Surrey from a young age at performance tennis, and the journey of being a tennis parent has given me a unique insight into both sides of performance tennis. At club level, I have run junior, adult, and school teams, strung rackets, run socials, and recently been on sub-committees to change the court surfaces at the club. Being involved at both grassroots and performance levels will hopefully give me a unique perspective to contribute to the continued evolution of Surrey Tennis.



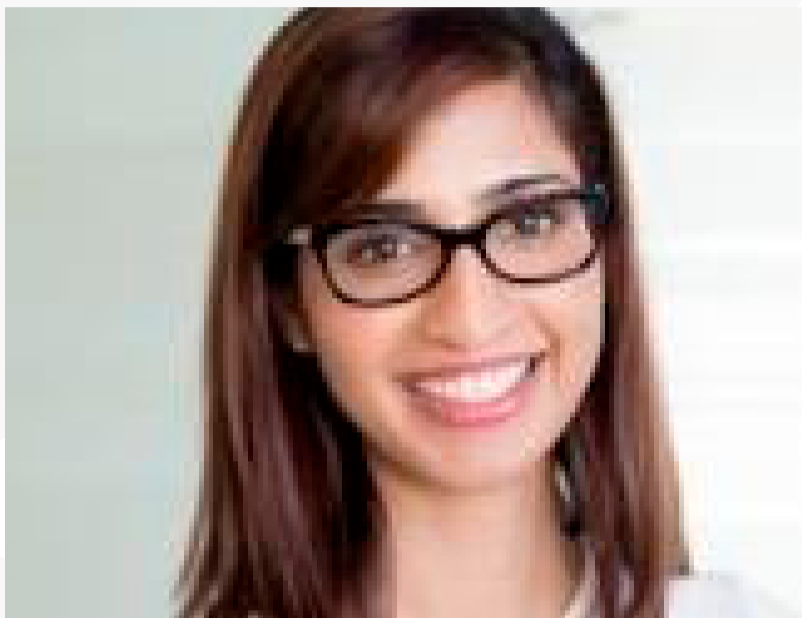
## MARK MAGRATH

I have been passionate about tennis since an early age and was inspired by my grandfather, a previous President of Tennis Ireland, and my father, who was an Ireland Davis Cup player. I played tennis at County and National level as a junior and captained my country on many occasions. I continue playing tennis competitively for my club and for Ireland in the ITF Masters events.

I became a tennis coach whilst studying for an MSc in Sports Science, and I have been an LTA Level 5 coach since 2012. I have vast experience in coaching programmes and board membership in both members and commercial clubs. I have worked collaboratively with governing bodies designing outreach programmes, such as the Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative, tennis programmes for the Olympics and Paralympic Games in 2012, and with the LTA in writing the Tennis For Kids programme after GB won the Davis Cup. For over 10 years, I designed and managed the ATP Ball Kid programmes and am passionate about inspiring young people of all backgrounds to be involved in the sport. I have been involved in tennis within Surrey for over 25 years and currently, I am Director of Tennis at Westside LTC and a member of the Surrey Coaches Committee.

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## SUPREET THOMAS

I've always been a devotee of tennis, having fallen in love with the sport as a youngster playing competitively in junior tournaments in Sydney, Australia. I got back into the sport in earnest during Covid, and getting to know others in our local community, as well as seeing my two children and their friends fall in love with the sport as much as I did, reignited my passion for the game.

I have served as a committee member of Woldingham Lawn Tennis Club for the past four years, drawing on my 15 years of professional experience in financial services and communications to improve the club's approach to engaging with the local community. I've worked with the club to innovate its membership offering and reach a younger audience – particularly those who would otherwise never have dreamed of picking up a racquet. Through supporting our local schools and encouraging children to start their tennis journey in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment, I'm delighted that the club today has a thriving young membership base that continues to grow.

Surrey Tennis has a huge opportunity to support our local communities and clubs, and I would love to support the committee throughout the next chapter, ensuring we continue to innovate in tennis and appeal to more youngsters from all walks of life.



## DUNCAN MCINTOSH

Following a successful 18 year commercial career within the Media and Publishing industry, I followed my passion and career changed into a role within tennis in Summer 2024. Now a full time tennis coach at Byfleet LTC, I've gained on court experience at the Esher Tennis Academy, Delgado & Lee Pro Academy, and the SotoTennis Academy in Spain.

As part of my move into tennis, I was also involved in the delivery of the 2024 British grass court season; working at Wimbledon and volunteering at both Surbiton and Queens. Tennis has been my lifelong passion since I began hitting balls with my Mum in the garden aged 2. As a junior I played to regional level, and I currently represent Byfleet LTC in their National and Surrey League teams, as well as competing in ITF Masters Tour events whenever possible. I believe my commercial skillset, tennis knowledge and passion for developing & introducing people to our amazing sport will be valuable assets for the Surrey LTA Council.



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