**Table-tennis League Report**

**20th November, 2015**

**St Georges B set themselves on course for 3rd position in Division 1 when they crushed close rivals Free Church A 9-1. Lawrence Sweeney and Ron Vose posted maximums and it was left to Charlotte Spencer to beat her former coach Mark Jackson and salvage a point. Rugby A moved top by one point after an 8-2 win over Free Church A in a nonetheless close tussle. Matt Outhwaite and Ryan Stockham were undefeated, though Outhwaite was taken to deuce in the 5th by Dorning and Ryan Lines won twice, again being taken to deuce in the 5th by Cooper. Lee Dorning replied and partnered Timmy Cooper to a comfortable doubles win. County Council B look assured of a top half finish and defeated current third placed Free Church B 8-2. Simon Griew won three, Nilton Green two and Martin Hunter two with Griew and Green taking the doubles. Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins had a win apiece. Colebridge B did their chances of avoiding relegation a power of good with a battling draw at County Council A. Vikas Bakshi starred with a hat-trick and John Chandler and Farooq Kakar chipped in with singles. Clive Irwin and Phil Paine bagged braces and combined for the doubles to keep the home side level. Wellesbourne pipped struggling Free Church C 6-4 despite a terrific treble from Martyn Todd. Harry Purewal added one but Alan Cotton and John Price each won two and Pete Dunnett claimed one. Cotton and Dunnett won the vital doubles.**

**In Division 2 second placed Free Church D fell 4-6 to Rugby B who remain 10 points adrift. Danny Orr’s triple was the difference and he paired with Sam Cafearo for the doubles. Sam Cafearo, who lost deuce in the 5th to Jack Green, won once as did Jo Outhwaite. Mark Bolshaw and Green nabbed doubles for Church. At the other end of the table Rugby C got home 6-4 against Colebridge C with Thomas Jacko winning three. Hugh Crosfield gave great support, winning twice and Jacko won the doubles with Liz Adams who will be remembered by lots of locals as Warwickshire and Free Church junior, Liz Haynes. Neil Wheatley (2) Mike Evetts (1) and John Overton (1) kept Colebridge in contention. St Georges D sit eighth after a 6-4 win at two man Whitnash A. Andy Caine, Tracey Fletcher and Mark Rose all won once to add to their 3 set bonus with Kevin Ariss, who took the doubles with Dennis Woodhead, undefeated for Whitnash. St Georges C eased past Rugby C in the table after defeating them 7-3. Len Coonan, Kevin Finn and William Fletcher all had two wins with Coonan and Finn taking the doubles but none could master Ben Holvey. Free Church D bounced back from defeat to nail Eathorpe D 7-3. Jack Green and Anthony Smith grabbed hat-tricks and Cherry Matthews supplied a useful point. Pete Titmas and Steph Hawkins won singles and notched the doubles. Rugby B continued their momentum to beat two man Millennium A 6-4. Sam Cafearo and Danny Orr both won a single and the doubles, with Christian Ward and Rob Warnes taking braces for the depleted Banbury team. Leaders Nomads Enigmas were held to a draw by Phoenix O. Callum Martin won three for the Coventry side with Paul Calloway adding two. Syed Moyinnudin (2) Malc Macfarlane (1) and Charlie Somerton (1) plus the doubles forced the stalemate.**

**Division 3 leaders Rugby E snatched a 6-4 win against struggling Eathorpe B with Milly Bradshaw, Dave Cox and Freddy Jones all winning twice. Binh-Khoi Nguyen won his three for the villagers and steered James Keay to the doubles. Rugby E followed this win up with an 8-2 victory over Snitterfield A. Bradshaw and Jones were undefeated with Jones joining Mark Jackson for the doubles and Michael Loizou winning once. Dave Milton and Geoff Shepherd responded. Finally, Rugby ended a busy period with a draw against WCC D who look very threatening in second spot. Cox (2), Bradshaw (1) and Jones (1), Bradshaw/Jones the doubles, were Rugby’s scorers with Mark Freeman (2), Cliff Jackson (2) and Tony Ford (1) ensuring parity. Flavels A moved into 3rd with an 8-2 win over Millennium B. Trevor Bradley was in impeccable form winning his singles and taking the doubles with Roger Potts. Steve Lyons and Dot Macfaralane added twos. Colin Astbury and Bob Clarke took the visitors’ points. Free Church F are 4th and pasted Rugby D 9-1, James Robertson (3), Lewis Singleton (3) Jenny Singleton (2) plus the doubles from the Singleton twins. Oliver Fowler prevented the whitewash.**

**Eathorpe D and Free Church K are both vying for promotion in Division 4 and drew their encounter. Stuart Mills won his three for Church, son Joe won once and Dan Shaw also posted a single win. Eathorpe’s Jon Ablett won twice and partnered Charlie Wragg to the doubles. Wragg and John Ablett claimed singles. Two 100% records fell the following week as Free Church K defeated Ashorne A 8-2. Stuart Mills lost his perfect start to Paul Rouse but still won twice. However, Joe Mills rectified matters when beating Rouse, his only defeat, on his way to an outstanding maximum. Nick Darwen won twice and took the doubles with Joe. Eathorpe D recovered from this set back when overwhelming 4th placed Free Church J, the two Abletts and Wragg refusing to concede a point. A concession of 3 points helped Free Church I get home 6-4 against WCC E. Jason Grey won his three for Council and Carl Morgan took one but Chris Jones and Fiona Wyburn won singles and Wyburn and Marc Briscoe secured the doubles.**

**Free Church l faltered for the first time in Division A when falling 2-3 to Snitterfield B. Henry Lu (2) and Kim Wong (1) became the first players to take points off Church. Dave Ramsey won a singles and joined Robbie Fitchford for the doubles. However, Snitterfield had no joy against Flavels B who crushed them 5-0, Mick Bennett and Dot Macfarlane amassing the points. This was followed by another whitewash in favour of Flavels as Macfarlane and Roger Potts saw off Fissc A. Rugby F defeated Free Church M 3-2. Callum Ball won his two and Archie West one, falling to Jay Virdi who nursed Phil Booth to doubles success. Bottom side Free Church N lost to Norton Lindsey A 1-4 with Gareth Hepworth winning two and the doubles with Ron Shakesheff who won once. Eve Briscoe avoided the whitewash.**

**The division B derby between Eathorpe E and F resulted in a 4-1 success for second placed E. Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret only conceded the doubles to Richard Freeman and Dave Hawker. Leaders Free Church O went further ahead, taking all 5 points against Norton Lindsey B, courtesy of Ashley and Keith Knott. Eathorpe G went second in Division C with their 4-1 victory over Rugby G. Luca Bloodworth and James Stone took the singles but lost the doubles to Karen Buckby and Lesley Summers. Rugby G then fell to Free Church R 2-3. Buckby and Summers claimed a single each but they were matched by Sarah Costa and Dominic Priest who also pocketed the doubles. Rugby G tasted defeat for the third consecutive match when losing 2-3 at Free Church Q whose Ben Hall won both singles and the doubles with Findlay Douglas. Grace Newman and Summers enjoyed a win apiece. Q could not better Eathorpe G however, falling 2-3. Hall won once and partnered Richard Hancox to the doubles but Bloodworth (2) and Stone (1) claimed the remaining points. Eathorpe’s good run came to an end at Ashorne B where Steve Handsley won his two and guided Tony Philpott to the doubles.**

**Fissc B moved away from relegation in Division D overcoming Eathorpe H 4-1. Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar won all the singles but lost the doubles to Marcel Bloodworth and John Gymer. Fissc then lost 1-4 to Free Church U with Joshua Yarrow winning his two and Chris Hearn recording his first League win, the pair combining for the doubles. Takhar avoided the whitewash. Finally, Fissc lost out to leaders FreeChurch T 2-3 despite Hamer winning twice. Alex Costa and Amie Goldsmith secured victory. Free Church S also squeezed home 3-2 at Eathorpe G for whom Marcel Bloodworth won his two. Dan Gunthorpe and Nicholas Ho each took a singles and the doubles. Norton Lindsey’s doubles win from Guy Harrison and Edward Rogers, who won one apiece, ensured a 3-2 victory over Free Church U whose Joshua Yarrow was again in fine form to grab two singles.**

**Free Church W replaced Free Church V in second place in Division E after nudging past them 3-2, despite two wins for Eddy Bolanos. Brody Speller and Jake Simmons both won singles and claimed the doubles. Free Church V then did their best to spring a surprise against runaway leaders Rugby I. Bolanos ended William Chen’s perfect average and he was 2-0 up against Angel Chen before losing in 5. He also lost the doubles deuce in the 5th with his partner Ben Holding who was making his League debut. Rugby held their nerve to wrap up 4 points. Ashorne C pinched all 5 points off Free Church X, Steve Bolton and Steven Kay the in-form duo but Ashorne were rousted by Free Church W who won 4-1, Brody Speller (2) Dylan Speller (1) and the doubles. Corinne Such gained Ashorne’s consolation.**

**National Cadet League Report**

**Wellingborough, 15th November 2015**

**Two local clubs were represented in the National Cadet League held in Wellingborough on Sunday.**

**Lillington Free Church A finished second in Division 1 on 24 points, a point behind the leaders Nottingham Sycamore. Great Stukeley of Cambridgeshire were beaten 5-1 and Rugby A, Lillington B and Cliffedale Chambers (Grantham) were dispatched 6-0 but a 1-5 defeat to Sycamore in the last match denied them top spot. Jack Green, Nikit Sajiv and Robbie Fitchford had outstanding 80% averages with the highlight for Green (ranked 112 in England) being a win over England 87 Louis Roper-Gibbs.**

**Rugby A finished third on 13 points beating Lillington B, Cliffedale and Stukeley 4-2 but losing to Sycamore 1-5. Sam Cafearo proved a great number one returning a 70% average and Callum Ball and Dan Burgess both claimed 30%.**

**Lillington B finished joint 5th losing 2-4 to Sycamore and Stukeley and drawing with Cliffedale. Ricardo Bolanos won 5 out of 10, including wins over Ball of Rugby and England number 27 girl Hannah Ward and Ciara Hancox beat 4 strong boys including Rugby’s Burgess and England number 60 Josh Kettle.**

**Lillington C were given a hard task being placed in Division 2 but this inexperienced side gave a good account and forced three draws against Westfield (Wellingborough) Cliffedale B and Cliffedale C. They lost 0-6 to Bedford A and St Neots A and finished 5th. Debutant Joshua Yarrow won an eye catching 50% playing as number 2 and Milly Green, the lead player, and Findlay Douglas showed their potential to win 2 apiece.**

**Lillington D were another team of debutants appearing in Division 3A. They soon saw the level of competition as St Neots B and Milton Keynes A sank them 9-0 but they adapted as the day wore on and Seb Priest (3 wins) Nicholas Ho (2) and Chris Hearn (1) defeated Bedford C 6-3 in their last match.**

**Rugby B were placed in Division 3B and did well to finish second. They beat Westfield B and Cliffedale D 6-3 and lost narrowly to Bedford B 4-5. Angel Chen led the way with 77%, Jack Davidson had 66% and William Chen 50%.**