

# Kingfisher Table Tennis Club

# KINGFISHER NEWS



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## Prologue

Hello everyone! Well, the playing season is over and I expect you will all be as excited as I am with regard to your personal average/s printed later in this newsletter.

Although I was just a tiny bit disappointed with the number of reports from our Team Captains, response from other members has reached an all-time high. I have been snowed under in the last couple of weeks and I admit that, mainly because I am involved in other activities, I have been occasionally struggling to cope. But I wouldn't have it any other way! Many thanks to all my contributors. Please keep up the good work!

I am afraid that you will have to wait until the next issue of *Kingfisher News* before you read our Chairman's latest report. But this report WILL arrive, that I promise you.

But Colin HAS written about the Club's Senior British League and this report appears later on in the newsletter. Well worth reading! *(I'm sorry that my SBL pictures don't reflect the correct contingent, but they're the best I've got. Must try harder... Ed.)*

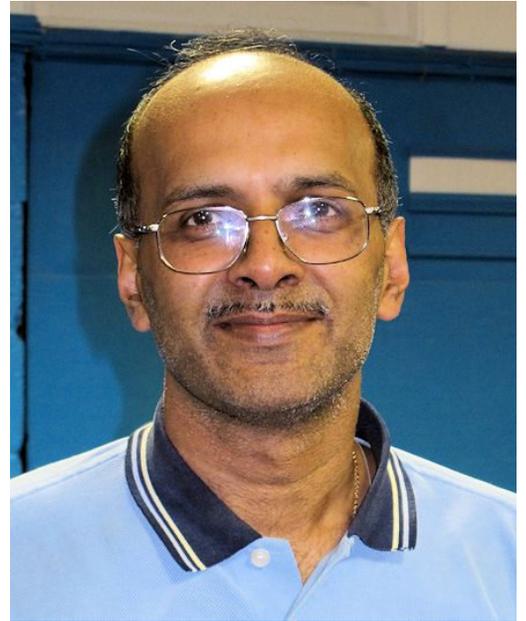
Peter Charters has sent me a story about poor old John Witt; Adam McTiernan has written about several of the Club's high-flying youngsters; Paul Beck has told me all about his gold medal achievement at the English Closed Championships; Diane Taylor has written about the Tuesday Club; there are a couple of letters from members, and the inimitable *Sneakles* has come up with another great cartoon. My sincere thanks, too, to Dids for his fabulous photographs!

There is also the usual plethora of stuff unashamedly stolen from various newspapers and websites, most of it to do with our wonderful sport.

I should like to thank Hari Gehlot, Allan Bruton, Allen Pack and new contributor Derek Wood for their superb “space-fillers”. Great stuff, chaps – and some of it actually printable! Please keep it coming...

Finally, I make no apologies whatsoever for leading with Hari’s Reading Kingfisher A team’s performance. Our Club’s ace team is top of the pile! Sincere congratulations are due to Hari, Mark, Elson, Stuart and Tony. Well done, fellers!

# Kingfisher A wins R&DTTA title!



(By Hari Gehlot)

**Kingfisher A squad:** Hari Gehlot, Mark Banks, Elson Costa, Stuart Williams and Tony Reynolds.



RTT 11

Home Team OLOP A v KINGFISHER A Away Team

Division ONE Date 8/4/13

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Since my last newsletter entry KF A has cleared its backlog of postponed matches against Sonning Common & Peppard A, OLOP B and, at the very end of the season, OLOP A.

Crucially, in our fixture against Polish A, we didn't slip up and ran out comfortable winners (around 8-2 if memory serves me right). Yours Truly beat Martin Adams (his first loss of the season) so you can gather I was well 'chuffed'. This meant we were still ahead of OLOP A by a single point at this crucial stage.

After our victory over Polish A, all the other matches leading up to our cliff-hanger against OLOP's top team went comfortably our way. The match against OLOP A was as tough as we had expected – we turned up with Tony Reynolds, Mark Banks and me. Elson was injured so he was not even considered. OLOP turned up with their regular (and only) team of Daniel Moses, Mike Childs and Ian Cole. We didn't start too well – through no fault of our own – Tony lost to Dan Moses and Mark to Mike Childs. Come the third match I went 0-2 down to Ian Cole before clawing back to win 3-2. It would have been a big slip up if I had lost! Without going into every game's details it boiled down to the doubles being absolutely crucial – and we managed to sneak this at 11-9 in the 5<sup>th</sup>! To sum up we all beat Ian Cole; I beat Mike Childs and we took the doubles for a draw. This was the minimum we needed to win the league. So we are this year's Reading Division 1 Champions!

Also, a good crowd of young and old alike was in attendance to watch the match. Derek Crombie and Paul Jarvis between them umpired the games for us – so many thanks to them from both Kingfisher A and OLOP A. It gave us the opportunity to concentrate on playing and supporting our respective teams at all times.



On a finishing note, Tony and I finished a creditable 3rd and 4th respectively in the *Reading Masters* tournament recently held at Kingfisher.

*(Hari)*

*And here is the R&DTTA's report on the same match. Worth reading! (Ed)*

## R&DTTA REPORT

### EPIC MATCH DECIDES DIVISION 1 TITLE:

#### Kingfisher A reclaimed their Division 1 title after an epic match with Our Lady of Peace A

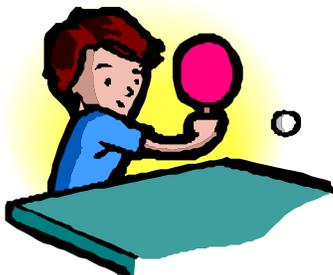
Our Lady of Peace, needing a win, started well by going 2-0 ahead after wins by Michael Childs against Mark Banks and Daniel Moses over Tony Reynolds. The next set proved key with Ian Cole heading for a shock win against Kingfisher's No1 Hari Gehlot after he took a two game lead. However Hari hit back to win 6-11 5-11 11-8 11-6 11-2.

Daniel Moses put OLOP back on track with a win over Banks, before Kingfisher got themselves back into the match with Hari Gehlot's 11-9 11-9 11-9 success over Michael Childs and a four-game victory for Tony Reynolds against Ian Cole. At 3-3 the doubles was crucial and Gehlot & Banks just did enough to beat Childs and Moses 11-9 2-11 9-11 11-7 11-8. Moses then won his showdown with Gehlot in style 11-2 11-6 11-5 to make it 4-4 on the night.

This left Mark Banks with the chance to seal the title for Kingfisher and he duly did so by beating Ian Cole comfortably 11-4 11-5 11-3. Childs took the last set against Reynolds to leave the match score at 5-all, but giving Kingfisher the title by a single point.

## Junior Club Championships

SATURDAY  
APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> 2013



**(From Nick Heaps)**

With 24 entries in the Junior Singles, plus events for U-11, U-13 and Cadets (U-15), it'll be a busy day.

Play commences at 11am and will continue until approximately 5pm. Your help would be much appreciated.

For many of the youngsters this will be their introduction into competitive table tennis and, as such, it would be great if all matches could be umpired by adult members.

# Senior British League



## *KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB*

SENIOR BRITISH LEAGUE 2012 – 2013

**PREMIER DIVISION**

(by Colin Dyke, Team Manager)

### **A VALIANT EFFORT ENDS IN RELEGATION**

Our brief excursion this season in amongst the British élite clubs is over for the time being. A valiant effort by the team ended in relegation from the Premier Division of the Senior British League.

Earlier, the British League Committee was faced with a massive problem when the scheduled matches to be played on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at BATTs Harlow were snowed off. With teams travelling from all parts of the UK they rightly adjudged that the weather conditions would not provide safe conditions for everybody to travel to and from the venue, particularly as there was no guarantee that the weather would get any better. So an ingenious plan was drawn up wherein we would all travel to the last weekend at Ormesby Middlesbrough and play six matches over the weekend (four on Saturday and two on Sunday) instead of the originally scheduled four. The Organisers were worried about the players' stamina for this but they had nothing to worry about as players at this level have to keep themselves very fit to consistently compete for long periods. However one body of officials it did effect were the poor umpires who were wilting by the end of the first day's play. Referee Aubrey Drapkin and his team came up with a novel arrangement of playing two matches on three tables to cut the playing time down and it worked a treat.



Despite all of this, we were unable to pick up enough points to avoid relegation back to Division 1 but my, didn't we give it a go! So much so, that we were involved in the sensation of the weekend and caused quite a few ripples and ruffled a few feathers, possibly affecting the outcome of the competition (see reports). So the Kingfisher side will long be remembered for its valiant efforts and hopefully won't be away from the top division in Britain for too long. Again, the level of commitment in playing, coaching and supporting each other and excellent use of time-outs could not be faulted. Our squad for the weekend was Garry Dodd, Richard Andrews, Conor Edwards, Sam Logue and Charlotte

Carey. This is how the weekend unfolded:

### **Kingfisher 2 Wymondham 6**

We looked to be making a great start when Garry went two up against top Swedish player Emil Holmsten but in the end was just pipped at 7 in the fifth in a great match. It could have been the start we were looking for but it was not to be. Richard was the star of our team beating two more good Swedish players, Tobias Bergman and Thomas Bennborn, an awkward defender – but that couldn't prevent us suffering an opening defeat. The losing margins in the remaining matches were slim but we had to move on.

#### **Details:**

Garry Dodd lost to Emil Holmsten 10 8 -4 -2 -7  
Richard Andrews beat Tobias Bergman 10 8 6  
Conor Edwards lost to Sean Doherty -9 7 -6 -7  
Sam Logue lost to Thomas Bennborn -6 -7 -4  
Garry Dodd lost to Tobias Bergman -10 -9 -7  
Conor Edwards lost to Emil Holmsten -9 4 -11 -9  
Richard Andrews beat Thomas Bennborn 9 -5 12 10  
Sam Logue lost to Sean Doherty 9 -8 -8 -7



### **Kingfisher 4 Drumchapel Glasgow 4**

We lost to this team in the first half so at least this was an improved result. In fact we could so easily have turned a draw into a win with a bit more luck in the five-setters. Garry again was just unable to clinch the fifth game in the opener against Richard Main, having led 2-1. Richard levelled the scores with a great 3-1 win over the Scottish No 2 Craig Howieson, whom he had also beaten in the first half. Conor and Sam could make no headway against Scott Barton and Chris Main respectively and we found ourselves 1-3 down. Then came the fight-back with Garry squeezing past Howieson deuce in the fifth, Conor producing some of his best stuff to beat Richard Main 3-0 and Richard doing likewise to Chris Main. 4-3 up. Could this be it? Unfortunately not, as Sam was narrowly beaten at 7 in the fifth by Barton.

#### **Details:**

Garry Dodd lost to Richard Main -9 9 7 -8 -5  
Richard Andrews beat Craig Howieson 7 5 -7 8  
Conor Edwards lost to Scott Barton -7 8 -5 -7  
Sam Logue lost to Christopher Main -8 -2 -1  
Garry Dodd beat Craig Howieson 9 10 -8 -4 10  
Conor Edwards beat Richard Main 9 7 5  
Richard Andrews beat Christopher Main 9 6 8  
Sam Logue lost to Scott Barton 6 -5 -6 7 -7



### **Sycamore 4 Kingfisher 4**

This was always going to be a tough match against the then league leaders but eventual runners-up. What a sensational match! Richard got us off to a great start with a deuce-in-the-fifth win over Irish International Paul McCreary. Garry and Charlotte lost comfortably to England Top Ten players David McBeath and Matt Ware whilst Conor very nearly caused a surprise when losing 6 in the fifth to England No 14 Sean Cullen. At 1-3 down nobody gave us a chance. But we fought on and Garry came up with a great 3-1 win over McCreary followed by Richard winning a humdinger over Matt Ware at 8 in the fifth. At this point Richard had won 6 out of 6 for the weekend! This hadn't gone unnoticed in the hall. Conor took a game off McBeath so we had no chance of getting anything now. WHO SAID? Charlotte was up against the England No 14 Senior. Won the first, (flash in the pan?), lost the second (told you it wouldn't last), won the third (the whole hall stopped to take note – this could affect the final table – £3,850 prize money at stake here), lost the fourth (knew it wouldn't last), then in a dramatic fifth game she was 6-10 down only to put over a barrage of backhand winners to clinch it 16-14. The whole hall had stopped play and the noise was fantastic. Videos appeared on the British League website and Charlotte and Richard were interviewed. What a point for the team!



#### **Details:**

Richard Andrews beat Paul McCreary 10 -7 -8 3 10  
Garry Dodd lost to David McBeath 6 9 11

Charlotte Carey lost to Matt Ware -5 -13 -8  
 Conor Edwards lost to Sean Cullen 8 -6 -7 9 -6  
 Garry Dodd beat Paul McCreary -7 8 9 7  
 Richard Andrews beat Matt Ware 10 10 -8 -8 8  
 Conor Edwards lost to David McBeath -3 -7 8 -8  
 Charlotte Carey beat Sean Cullen 6 -8 6 -8 14



### **Kingfisher 1 B-BATT Pavilion 7**

B-BATT were now the league leaders and deservedly so. A very powerful team. Could we go one better? Unfortunately not, as the opposition showed its class. Nevertheless Garry got us off to a tremendous start by beating Giovanni Le Borgne 3-0. Richard at this stage was 100% on the day so we had some hope. He couldn't quite pull off more wins here but by taking both England No 6 Chris Doran and No 11 Michael O'Driscoll to five before losing showed what fine form he was in. Charlotte also took games off O'Driscoll and Scottish International Niall Cameron but there was not going to be a repeat of her earlier heroics.

#### **Details:**

Garry Dodd beat Giovanni Le Borgne 6 7 6  
 Richard Andrews lost to Chris Doran -7 3 -2 13 -8  
 Sam Logue lost to Niall Cameron -6 -8 -10  
 Charlotte Carey lost to Michael O'Driscoll -5 9 -4 -9  
 Garry Dodd lost to Chris Doran -8 4 -6 -8  
 Sam Logue lost to Giovanni Le Borgne -10 -6 -8  
 Richard Andrews lost to Michael O'Driscoll -10 -6 3 3 -3  
 Charlotte Carey lost to Niall Cameron 4 -8 -6 -10



### **Kingfisher 3 Barrow Tornadoes 5**

It was still mathematically possible to survive at this point but a narrow defeat put us down. Garry again started us well with a deuce-in-the-fifth win against Craig Bryant but Richard's heroics against Scottish No 1 Gavin Rungay petered out when he had looked like winning at one stage, losing 8 in the fifth. Conor put us back in front with a 3-1 win over Scott Crawford whilst Charlotte looked like she was off again when she nicked the first off England No 1 lady Joanna Parker. But Joanna is class and came back strongly. Richard suffered the same fate losing to Joanna but put up a much stronger fight than in the first half of the season and could have easily won the first two games. Just to let everyone know she was still about, Charlotte waded in with another good win over Scott Crawford.

#### **Details:**

Garry Dodd beat Craig Bryant 6 8 -8 -8 10  
 Richard Andrews lost to Gavin Rungay 6 4 -6 -4 -8  
 Conor Edwards beat Scott Crawford 9 10 -5 7  
 Charlotte Carey lost to Joanna Parker 9 -1 -7 -4  
 Garry Dodd lost to Gavin Rungay -3 -8 4 -12  
 Conor Edwards lost to Craig Bryant 3 -6 -6 -6  
 Richard Andrews lost to Joanna Parker -11 -12 -5  
 Charlotte Carey beat Scott Crawford 9 -7 13 7



### **Fusion 5 Kingfisher 3**

We went 2-0 up in this last match. Was it going to be a grandstand finish? I'm afraid not but we took them to the wire. Richard squeezed out Kazeem Adeleke in five whilst Garry had a solid win over England No 1 veteran Lorestas Trumpauskas. But they were soon 4-3 up with only Richard adding another by beating Tom Cutler in five to give himself a great record of 8 out of 12 for the weekend. It was left to Charlotte to try and salvage a draw and, in a marvellous game with Matt Dodd, she just succumbed at 7 in the fifth.

#### **Details:**

Richard Andrews beat Kazeem Adeleke 8 7 -7 -5 4  
 Garry Dodd beat Lorestas Trumpauskas -6 8 10 6  
 Charlotte Carey lost to Tom Cutler -6 -6 9 -6  
 Sam Logue lost to Matt Dodds -7 -10 9 -3  
 Garry Dodd lost to Kazeem Adeleke -4 -3 -7  
 Richard Andrews beat Tom Cutler 7 -9 -8 6 9  
 Sam Logue lost to Lorestas Trumpauskas -8 -4 -6  
 Charlotte Carey lost to Matt Dodds -7 10 -10 10 -7



## Final Table:

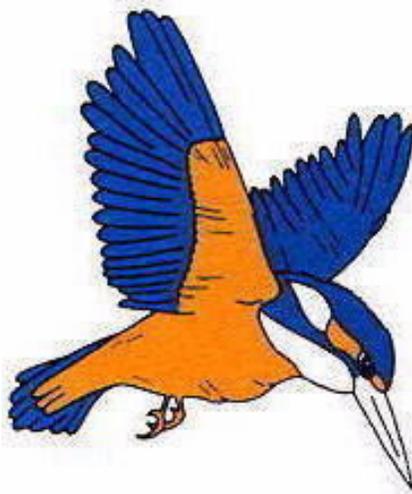
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Sycamore I	14	9	3	2	77	35	21
Wymondham	14	6	4	4	59	53	16
Drumchapel Glasgow I	14	5	2	7	48	64	12
Ormesby I	14	4	3	7	49	63	11
Fusion I	14	3	5	6	49	63	11
Barrow Tornados I	14	2	6	6	43	69	10
Kingfisher I	14	0	5	9	39	73	5



Richard has our best average for the whole season with 16 wins out of 28 – pretty good at this level! If you want to see more details of the remainder of the matches, some pictures and all other divisions, averages, etc, then turn on to the brilliant Senior British League website <http://www.tabletennis365.com/SBL>.

A great experience. We shall have a new policy for representative teams next season, so watch this space. Announcement to be made soon. Thanks to everyone for their support.

(Colin)



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# KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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# *GRAND PRIX*

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The *Kingfisher Grand Prix* series, sponsored by *Tees Sport*, will start on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, at 7.30 pm prompt. The series will run for 12 weeks, the last session taking place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July**. There WILL be a session on the Spring Bank Holiday of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**.

The entry fee per session will be 50p per player.

The *Grand Prix* is open to ALL playing members of the Kingfisher TTC.

Monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded to the players who finish the series in overall first, second and third places. Trophies will also be awarded to those who finish top in various other categories.

This year, for the first time, the *Grand Prix* tournaments will be (mostly) electronically-operated. It is quite amazing what can be done with the latest version of the *Excel* spreadsheet system – and it is even more amazing to see what Andy Parker has managed to come up with! Mind you, I am sure that it is some kind of black art, and Andy sits round a cauldron at night bubbling and troubling away...

Intrigued? Make your merry way down to the Club for a *Grand Prix* evening (preferably the first one) and witness this state-of-the-art gizmo for yourself!

# English Schools

## Kingfisher Members To Represent English Schools

**April 22nd 2013** - Congratulations are due to Kingfisher members Maria Tsapsinos, Liam McTiernan and Amy Blagbrough on being selected to represent England schools at the International Schools' competition being held in the Isle of Man.

All three took part in the ESTTA English Schools tournament in Doncaster on Saturday and walked away with a medal: Liam with gold in under-19s, Maria silver in under-16s and Amy with a silver in under-13s.

**(And a much more comprehensive report from Adam McTiernan appears immediately below. Many thanks, Adam! [Ed])**

Seventeen-year-old Waingels College sixth-former Liam McTiernan has won the English Schools' Boys' Under 19s' title at the ESTTA Butterfly 40th National Individual Championships in Doncaster on Saturday 20 April.

Liam won the Under 16 title last year and this year represented Berkshire in the Under 19 event for those in years 12 and 13. He started the event as second seed and faced Group opponents representing schools from Cornwall, Merseyside, Birmingham and London West. He promptly won all four matches dropping just one game in the process.

The Round of the Last 16 saw him playing Karim Khassal of London North and he struggled a little in the early stages but came through it a three games to one victor. The Quarter-Final pitched Liam against Chinese-born Ho Jin (John) Lee from London Central and a fantastic exhibition of table tennis ensued, which required him to use all his experience to keep the attacking Lee at bay for another 3-1 win.

Matches were now coming thick and fast with the semi-final being played soon after against classy Luke Walsh (Hertfordshire) who had just disposed of the third seed and defending champion Michael Ho in straight sets. Liam started very well and never looked in trouble as he romped to a 3-0 victory to set up a final against the surprise player of the tournament Bryan Kwan who was representing East Sussex but had previously played internationally at Under-13 level with Hong Kong. Kwan had earlier put out top seed Danny Lawrence 3-2.

The final started at 9.30pm and was incredibly the 815th match of the day, which started with the Under-11 event. In a fairly tight match it was Liam's clinical finishing which was the difference and once he got ahead there was simply no stopping him and he took it in straight games to become the English Schools National Under 19 Champion, the first from Berkshire Schools since Martin Adams in 1991. In doing so he became only the third Berkshire schoolboy to win at two different age groups in the 40-year history of the tournament – the other two being Andrew and Mathew Syed who attended Maiden Erleigh School.

In other events at the Championships, second seed Maria Tsapsinos (Abbey School) had a successful day finishing as Runner-Up in the Girls Under-16 Category. Maria had good wins over Emily Boton (Cumbria) in the Quarter-Finals and Yuki Wat (East Sussex) in the Semis.



Unfortunately she couldn't repeat this in the final where she was up against the European Number 1 Cadet and top seed Tin Tin Ho (London East). Despite a spirited showing Maria lost 1-3. This was, however, her best performance at the championships to date and secured her a place (alongside Liam) in the England Squad for the Senior Schools International Invitation which takes place in June on the Isle of Man.

The other star of the day in Berkshire colours was undoubtedly nine-year-old Jamie Liu (The Hill Primary). He started as fifth seed in the Boys Under-11 event and won all five of his group matches in fine style against players representing schools in Cleveland, Dorset, London East, Staffordshire and South Yorkshire. In the Round of the Last 16 he faced seventh seed Sam Walsh (Merseyside) and, with much support from the travelling Berkshire contingent, he fought hard and played some good shots but could not overcome his more experienced opponent, losing an entertaining match by one game to three. Nevertheless he gained useful experience and still has chances of winning this event as he is only in Year 4.

Waingels College Year 9 pupil Daniel McTiernan won his Boys' Under-16 Group but also went out to a more experienced player in the Last 16 in the guise of David Thompson (South Yorkshire). Katie Shepherd (The Abbey) and Chris Johnson (Waingels College) represented Berkshire at Under-13 level and found the going tough but never stopped working hard and were unlucky not to pick up wins.



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# John Witt

*(BY PETER CHARTERS)*

John Witt was a gentle giant of a man. He became involved with table tennis because his daughter, Karen, became an enthusiast. He first helped in the construction of the Omega Club in Green Road and then used his skills in the building industry to be part of the founder member team that built the Kingfisher Club. During this time he was treasurer of Omega, a role he then served the Kingfisher Club from its opening in 1987 to 1998. In the days when computers were a mystery to me, many a time I would visit the Witt household to find John sitting at his ancient PC providing Kingfisher with its financial control, a job he seemed strangely to enjoy. Karen became a World and European class player for England and during this time John was always supportive, funding the essentials of equipment, travel and accommodation to tournaments around this country. He was justifiably, but quietly proud of her achievements. Quietly because he never broadcast locally just how good a table tennis player his daughter was. Below, please find the text from the eulogy read out at his funeral.

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## Easthampstead Park Crematorium, 7th Feb 2013

I know that you would want me to express our sympathy to Gloria, and to all the family, in your loss, and I want to thank you for what you have told me about John, and his life to the age of 76, a life filled with love and care for his family.

John was born in Morden in Surrey. He grew up with his two sisters and he did his National Service in the Royal Air Force in Malta. After the Air Force he studied for the qualifications of his profession and he kept a keen interest in sport. He played cricket and football in local leagues and he was a lifelong supporter of Fulham.

It was in the office at work that John met Gloria. They met, they courted, and they married.

They set up home in London and started their family with the births of Cheryl and Karen and David, in London, until they moved to the house in Earley.

And the family continued to grow with the arrival of the many children that Gloria and John welcomed over the years.

Some came for short stays and others stayed indefinitely, and Gloria and John were Mum and Dad to them all, with the whole family sharing in caring for each other.

And John was at the heart of the family, working for you, travelling to his job in London to provide, and to sort out, the money, looking after the house and garden and supporting Gloria, and caring for, and encouraging the young ones. He encouraged all your achievements, in life, and in competitive sport and at work and he gave time to you all. And

somehow he was still able to follow some interests of his own, in photography and knowledge of London and in serious cooking .... including the Christmas puddings.

You have your own memories of so many good times, the family occasions and the holidays , with John at the centre, with that sense of humour that meant he could laugh at himself - right back to the time in courting Gloria when he took her to see him play cricket and was out for a duck, or on holiday with the children, bathing in the sea and losing his teeth,

You have memories of John not minding too much when he was beaten to the answer when watching TV quiz shows and not grumbling too much when everyone insisted on seeing the soaps on TV instead of sport.

You have many memories of the good times, And it was as a family that you faced the bad times together.

You saw how John adapted to retirement as the family had grown still larger, with the grandchildren that John cared about. And then more recently as Johns health began to fail, you saw how after a life caring for others John started to need care for himself, having to give up driving his car to be driven instead, with those frequent visits to hospital.

Until last Christmas when John's illness got worse and he went into hospital where illness became too much, even for him, and he went to his rest. And as you are still facing the shock of his death you know how you are going to miss him.

In this service, as we give thanks for John, we can give thanks for the Christian hope, the simple faith we learn when we are young, that can stay with us all our lives.

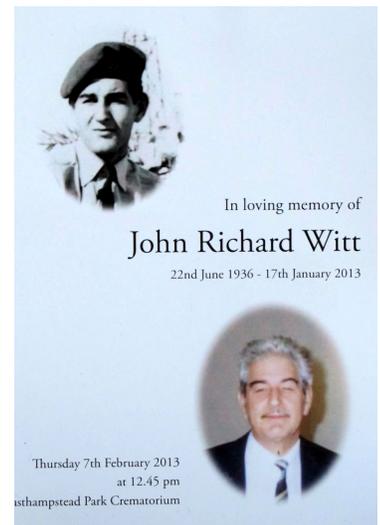
the belief that God has given each one of us life for a purpose and that purpose is not finished when we die.

God loves us so much that Jesus lived and died and rose again to give us the promise of new life for ever, new life when we will be reunited with those we love.

and as we wait together for the time when everything will be made clear, in some mysterious way, John is still with you.

He is with you in your memories. Memories of everything that he was to you and what you learned from him and what you have become, because of him. He is with you in your memories, and in your love

May he rest in peace.



## A Word About Our Sponsor : Tees Sport

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*Tees Sport* has agreed to supply Butterfly, Karlsson, Andro and Adidas equipment via Brian with a 25% discount. Donic equipment is available with a 20% discount while the remainder of *Tees Sport's* merchandise (with the exception of tables) attracts a 15% discount.

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# 2013 Club Championships

newsletter as a sort of reminder. By the time you read (hopefully “re-read”) the details, I’m afraid the Senior Singles will probably be over. But the rest remain! Even your friendly editor can afford the entry fee; so it must be pretty good value for money! Go on; give it a go! You know you want to... (Ed)

## From Eric Van Looy

day by 7.15pm for a timely 7.30 start! The restricted event is open to players who do not play in the Reading first division or British league players.

Any questions, please let me know. Cheers! (Eric Van Looy – Kingfisher TTC Membership Secretary)

Hi all, Please find below the flyer for the upcoming club championships.

Dates are 23 April, 30 April and 2 May.

No need to enter beforehand, just turn up on the

# 2013 Kingfisher TTC Senior Club Championships

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>
<b>Senior Singles (MIL)</b>	<b>23/04</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Mixed Handicap Singles</b>	<b>30/04</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Restricted Singles</b>	<b>30/04</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Mixed Veterans Singles</b>	<b>02/05</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Finals</b>	<b>02/05</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

**Eligible: all members**  
**Entry: just show up on the day at 7.15pm**  
**Entry fee: £1/event payable on the day**

### ENTRY DETAILS

1. Senior Singles (Mens/Ladies), Vets Singles and Restricted Singles are played through a knock-out round, with a consolation round for players who have lost their 1st match. Players will be seeded.
2. Handicap Singles matches will be drawn from a hat.
3. Vets Singles qualification for events are those relating to the current season.
4. All matches are played as best of 5 games except Handicap Singles, which will be best of 3 up to 21.
5. All finals will be played on 2 May 2013.
6. Arrivals after 7.15pm cannot enter, as the organiser needs to draft the KO table in time before 7.30pm. A telephone call to the club before 7.15pm is allowed.
7. Would all holders of Trophies kindly return these to Eric Van Looy or any committee member before finals night.

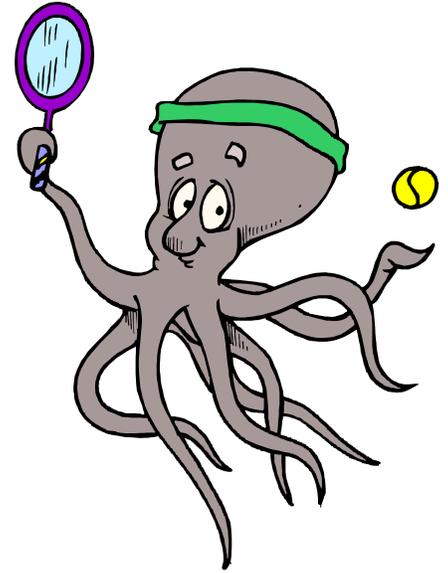
# Paul Beck

One of my (many) failings is that I am a little unimaginative when it comes to writing stories. Most of my material has been sent to me by other members, and the rest is about players that I personally come into contact with. And so there is a great big, gaping hole. We have quite a few members whose paths simply do not cross with my own and I tend to forget about them. I have no idea, for example, what Alison Broe, Andrew Syed and many others are getting up to nowadays. It would be good to hear from them if they feel the inclination! Having said that, among the “many others” we have Kingfisher member Paul Beck. Paul has just contacted me and given me a list of his achievements. They are indeed quite something!

Paul has just won the Over-40s’ men’s doubles at the English Closed Championships, making him the oldest ever winner of a title in the history of the competition.

To attain this goal, Paul and his partner Mike O’Driscoll beat Stephen and Andrew Horsfield, the Number 2 seeds, 11-9 11-7 9-11 13-11. These two brothers have played together for years.

They then went on to beat Jojo Senorin and Chris Beckley 13-11 11-4 11-5 before taking on the Number 1 seeds Jimmy Walsh and Costas Papantoniou. They won this match 11-3 11-6 13-11. After the match, Jimmy Walsh very kindly said to Paul, “I thought you were absolutely brilliant in the final. You were a wall!”



Paul has been trying for a national title for approximately 45 years, losing in a final and in semi-finals and quarter-finals. He’s done it at last!!

He wore his medal for the next couple of weeks, only taking it off to shower! He even slept with it on! It has taken so long to win it that he didn’t feel ready to take it off for quite a while!

Paul’s other achievements are as follows:

After his gold medal in Turkey, on his debut for England veterans, he played in the 2011 Veterans 6-Nations in Guernsey and didn't win a gold. No, he won two!! He won gold in the team event and also gold in the Men’s

Doubles with Maurice Newman.

In 2012, in the Veterans’ 6-Nations in Cardiff he retained his Men’s doubles title and also won silver in the Men’s singles.

In the BATT’S’ Super-League he played Chris Doran, ranked five in England at the time. He lost the first two games but managed to take the third and also extended Chris to 7-7 in the fourth end. Chris later admitted that he was very nervous!

In the Woolwell Open in Plymouth at the end of December 2012, having qualified on the Saturday, he played against Darius Knight on the Sunday. Paul took the first game 11-6 against England team member Darius before losing 1-3.

Because Paul and his partner played so fantastically in the Europeans in Liberec 2011, when the World Veteran’s Championships came along in Stockholm in June 2012, they were seeded Number 3 in the Mixed Doubles – a great honour indeed!!

Paul went on to tell me that, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, he enjoyed the best singles win of his life! But he won’t tell me yet what it is... He says that he is going to save his report on this achievement for the next issue of *Kingfisher News*. I, for one, am looking forward to reading all about it! Congratulations, Paul; this is one amazing history!

# BoJo and PiPi

challenge – to the Mayor of London.

The younger sister of the Duchess of Cambridge threw down the gauntlet in her column for weekly magazine *The Spectator*, inviting its former editor Boris Johnson to take part in a ping pong (or “whiff-whaff”, which he famously once said was the game’s original name) showdown.



Pippa, who says she loves the “discipline, routine and fitness” of endurance events, recently completed a 111-mile cross country ski marathon from Chamonix in France to Zermatt in Switzerland. But she revealed plans to “pursue less demanding hobbies in my spare time, such as ping pong”, before throwing down the gauntlet. “I’m informed that Boris Johnson wants to be ‘whiff-whaff’ world king even more than he wants to be Prime Minister,” wrote the 29-year-old. “I’m also told the Johnsons are almost as competitive as the Middletons. So I’d like to lay down a challenge to

the Mayor.”

Boris accepted via *Twitter*, adding “I’m game if she is.” However, he later confessed to being apprehensive about the match. “I’m very nervous because she seems to be very good,” he said. “But I’m happy to do it...”

Pippa also revealed she is an old hand at the sport. “My only stipulation is that I can use my favourite Dunlop *Blackstorm Nemesis* bat, which I used when I played in the Milton Keynes U13 National Championships, don’t you know. Bring it on, Boris.”

The following has been extracted from *Hello* magazine, issue dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013:

HAVING famously dished out special occasion tips in her book *Celebrate*, Pippa Middleton has served up something completely different – a table tennis



# William and Kate

border as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge) recently toured Glasgow and their final visit was to the Donald Dewar Leisure Centre in Drumchapel, where they played each other in a short game of table tennis. Onlookers cheered the pair on before they were joined in a doubles match by teenagers Yaser Razouk and Stephen Grimes, who are both members of the Drumchapel Table Tennis Club.

Both the boys agreed that Kate had won in her match against William, and Yaser said he thought they would make “a really good doubles team”. He added, “We knew before they came that we were going to give them the bats, but I never thought we’d end up playing against them.

“When they were playing each other at singles

The following has also been extracted from *Hello* magazine, issue dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013:

THE Earl and Countess of Strathearn (known to people south of the



William was convinced he was winning, but I think it was Kate who ended up the winner.”

Stephen, who was partnered with Kate in the doubles, said “They’re both quite good. The club played with David Cameron when he visited quite a while ago; I would say Kate is better than him.”



*The following snippets have all been extracted from Nigel Maltby's excellent weekly Reading Post articles. Thank you again, Nige! (Ed.)*

Kingfisher A to a single point with four matches left.

A 7-3 win against OLOP C was followed by a 10-0 whitewash of Kingfisher B with trebles from Michael Childs, Danny Moses and Ian Cole.

Tidmarsh A remain third after beating Kingfisher C 7-3.

In Division 4, Kingfisher H saw their promotion hopes severely dented by a 3-7 defeat at the hands of Curzon Club B, for whom Nick lean starred with a three-straight treble.

Kingfisher I kept alive their hopes of avoiding the drop by beating Tidmarsh D 7-3.

In Division 6, the battle for second place behind champions OLOP I continues. Sonning Common & Peppard G won 9-1 against Kingfisher K, while Kingfisher J got back to winning ways with an 8-2 success over Springfield D.

**(20<sup>th</sup> March 2013:** Sorry, folks; I missed this one! Ed.)

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2013:** In Division 1, Kingfisher C rounded off their season with an 8-2 win over relegated Kingfisher B, Steve Murgatroyd again leading the way with a treble.

In Division 2, second-placed Curzon Club A could only manage a draw at bottom side Kingfisher E.

Curzon trailed Kingfisher 1-4 before recovering to snatch a draw with Jon Willis beating John Morris 11-7 10-12 11-6 9-11 11-5 and John Willcocks defeating Peter Bennett.

Kingfisher D were 7-3 winners against Kingfisher F.

Trevor Organ, Colin Dyke and Ivor Hardman picked up the final six sets as the D side battled back from 1-3 down.

In Division 3, Kingfisher G enjoyed a 9-1 win against Pangbourne WMC, with Allen Pack and Dave Duncan remaining unbeaten against their two-man opponents.

In Division 4, Wokingham B clinched the title by beating Kingfisher H 7-3

thanks to doubles from Ken Park, Dan Buckle and Aiden Killian.

Kingfisher's Jean-Noël Thepaut maintained his 100% record with another maximum.

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013:** In Division 1, OLOP C were unable to do their club's A team a big favour when they played Kingfisher A.

Their two-man team crashed 0-10 as Kingfisher remain one point ahead of OLOP A in the title race with two matches remaining.

Hari Gehlot, Mark Banks and Tony Reynolds all got maximums for the Woodley side.

In Division 4, Kingfisher I managed a fine 6-4 win against Curzon Club B thanks to John Creighton's treble and an Andrew Talaga double, but it wasn't enough to avoid relegation.

They finished a point behind OLOP G.

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2013:** OLOP A set up a Division 1 title showdown with Kingfisher A by beating Polish A 6-4 in their penultimate match.

Danny Moses beat Martin Adams 8-11 11-6 11-7 11-9 and teamed up with Ian Cole to win the vital doubles 5-11 11-6 4-11 11-7 14-12 against Martin Adams and Richard Rosinski.

Hat-tricks from Hari Gehlot, Mark Banks and Stuart Williams saw Kingfisher A easily beat relegated Sonning Common & Peppard A 10-0 to remain just a point clear of OLOP A.



**17<sup>th</sup> April 2013:** Kingfisher A reclaimed the Reading and District Division 1 title after an epic match with OLOP A.

OLOP, needing a win to finish above their rivals, went 2-0 ahead thanks to wins by Michael Childs against Mark Banks and Daniel Moses over Tony Reynolds respectively.

For a time it looked as if OLOP would go further ahead when Ian Cole took a tw-game lead over Hari Gehlot.

But Kingfisher's No 1 Hari Gehlot hit back to win 6-11 5-11 11-8 11-6 11-2.

Daniel Moses made it 3-1 to OLOP with a win over Banks before Kingfisher got themselves back into the match.

Gehlot defeated Michael Childs 11-9 11-9 11-9 and then Tony Reynolds completed a four-game victory over Cole to make it 3-3.

The crucial doubles match saw Gehlot and Banks get the better of Childs and Moses 11-9 2-11 9-11 11-7 11-8.

Moses then won his showdown with Gehlot in style 11-2 11-6 11-5 to make it 4-4 on the night.

It was left to Banks to seal the title for Kingfisher by beating Cole 11-4 11-5 11-3.

Childs took the last set against Reynolds to leave the match score at 5-5, giving Kingfisher the title by a single point.



The following has been extracted from the *Reading Post*, dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (author unspecified):

LIAM McTIERNAN completed the perfect week by winning the Bribar and City of Derby 4-star Junior Boys' singles open title.

The Woodley teenager, who last week was made Head Boy at Waingels College, easily defeated Under-13 champion Alex Ramsden



(Northants) 3-1 in the final, having won the opening game 11-0.

up with Sam Liu to win the boys' doubles title.



The McTiernan family is on a good run as brother Daniel recently won the Under-21 and boys' singles titles at the Reading Closed Junior Championships, as well as teaming



The following has been extracted from *Get Reading* dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. The author is Brian Halliday.

Maria Tsapsinos justified her

Number 2 seeding position in the *Junior Masters* event held at Grantham last weekend.

Having withstood the challenge from eleven of the top under-18 players in the country, Tsapsinos sadly suffered defeat at the final hurdle.

The pace and power of her close friend Tin Tin Ho proved a step too far.

Maria's silver medal means she remains strongly in the thoughts of the selectors when they make their decisions on the players they want to take to the European Junior Championships, which will be held in the Czech Republic in the summer.

Kingfisher team-mate Megan Knowles finished in eighth position.

This was a very good performance, especially as Megan is getting used to the new type of bat rubber.

First moves are being made to try to join all three players in a Kingfisher squad for next season's Junior British League team.

Maria's next challenge comes in two weeks' time when she is off to Malta with the England Junior team to play in an ITTF Junior ProTour event.



She will play alongside Tin Tin Ho and Lois Peake, who finished in third position at Grantham. All three players will need to perform at their best, as the opposition will include China, Japan and Korea – as well as all the top teams from Europe.



Maria Tsaptsinos won a gold and two silver medals at an international junior and cadet tournament in Malta.

The Kingfisher Club member joined Tin Tin Ho and Lois Peake in the England team which beat Poland 3-1, a combined Denmark and Czech Republic side 3-0, Sweden 3-0 and Malta 3-0.

Maria secured one of her best wins by defeating Poland's Katarzyna Galus 4-0 in the semi-final but, in the final, she lost to Wales No 1 Charlotte Carey 1-4. The Reading player's second silver medal came with Peake in the doubles, where they lost 1-3 to Carey and Tin Tin Ho.

The following has been extracted from *Reading Post* dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The author is unidentified.



The following has been extracted from *Reading Post* dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The author was Nigel Maltby and the photograph was taken by Didier Garçon.



Martin Adams won the *Reading Masters* on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April in a tournament which featured ten of the top Reading League players.

Adams beat Hari Gehlot in the semi-final before going on to beat Daniel Moses 9-11 12-10 11-6 11-6 in the final. It was the third time he had won the event.

Adams cruised to victory in his group with wins over Tony Reynolds, Andrew Parker and Richard Rosinski.

Moses was the clear winner of his group after beating Gehlot, Neil Hurford, Ian Cole and Danny Ricks.

## From Derek Wood

I was doing a crossword and was stuck on one particular clue. So I rang that fountain of knowledge, my good friend Nick.

"Can you help me with a crossword clue?" I asked.

"Try me," replied Nick.

"It's a sport. Four letters, starting with a T."

"No idea, Derek," said Nick, "but I'll check it out." He rang off.

Sometime later Nick called back to say that he had looked at all the relative books and simply couldn't find the answer.

"That's OK," I replied. "I've cracked it!"

"I'm intrigued," said Nick. "What's the answer?"

"Golf," I said.

## From John Willcocks

Is "railway ping" different from "normal ping"? Are all the shots played very late or do you just turn up at the tournament to find that everything has been cancelled?

(I love you, too, John... Ed.)

Hi Roger, I was fascinated to read that you were off to Prague to play "railway ping".



# DIDIER GARÇON

Kingfisher H finished in third position. Kingfisher's Jean-Noël Thepaut (below right) was the champion player in this division, finishing the season with 29 wins out of 29 – a personal average that even the less mathematically-inclined amongst us will be able to work out as 100%. Great stuff, JN! Also depicted below is loveable Irishman Aidan Killian.

But this tiny article is really to emphasise the photographic skills of Kingfisher member Didier Garçon. Dids has taken literally thousands of top-quality pictures of people in the table tennis world and here are just two of them. They were taken during the above match itself, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013.



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## Sneakles by Gwynne



I tried exercise, but I was allergic to it. My skin flushed, and my heart raced. I got sweaty and short of breath. Very dangerous.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The cops say that they have nothing to go on.

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I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

# *(From Diane Taylor)*

Hi Roger,

I've been meaning to remind everyone about Tuesday club as Martin is no longer the contact. Please include the following in the next Kingfisher magazine.

## *KINGFISHER TUESDAY CLUB*

Contact: Diane Taylor ☎ 0118 942 8384

A reminder that Tuesday club will continue until further notice.

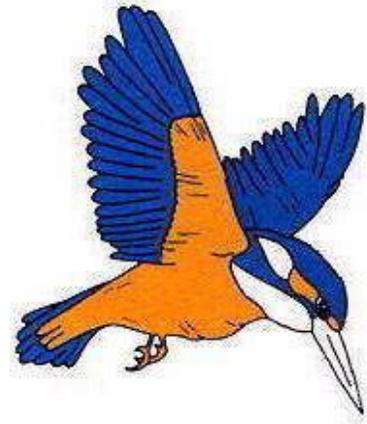
We meet every Tuesday morning 1000-1200 and the Club's sessions are open to all ages and abilities.

Family and friends are welcome, with a small fee per session to cover a visitor's insurance.

The activities include practice, some training, singles and doubles.

Fun and enjoyment is had by all with keeping fit a bonus!

Happy hitting and smashing!      Regards,      *Diane*



## *Player Averages*

Please find, below, the player averages for both the Reading and the Bracknell Leagues, as at the end of the 2012/2013 season. Some of them are praiseworthy and some are disappointing. My own personal attempt at Reading

Division 1 fame is certainly worth a little chuckle...

**READING DIVISION 1:** Graham Outrim (Kingfisher A) 3/3 = 100%. Hari Gehlot (Kingfisher A) 38/43 = 88%. Elson Costa (Kingfisher A) 19/23 = 83%. Mark Banks (Kingfisher A) 29/35 = 80%. Stuart Williams (Kingfisher A) 24/30 = 80%. Tony Reynolds (Kingfisher A) 31/39 = 79%. Steve Murgatroyd (Kingfisher C) 29/45 = 64%. Andy Parker (Kingfisher C) 19/36 = 53%. Niall McGrane (Kingfisher C) 20/48 = 42%. Lisa Williams (Kingfisher C) 18/51 = 35%. Richard Fifield (Kingfisher B) 15/45 = 33%. Geoff Civil (Kingfisher B) 6/39 = 15%. Roger Woolven-Allen (Kingfisher B) 5/45 = 11%. Daniel Grover (Kingfisher B) 5/51 = 10%.

**READING DIVISION 2:** Phil Mead (Kingfisher E) 24/30 = 80%. Leo Long (Kingfisher F) 30/38 = 79%. Ivor Hardman (Kingfisher D) 26/39 = 67%. John Morris (Kingfisher E) 13/21 = 62%. Trevor Organ (Kingfisher D) 24/41 = 59%. Colin Dyke (Kingfisher D) 21/40 = 53%. Allan Bruton (Kingfisher E) 13/27 = 48%. Ashish Bahuguna (Kingfisher F) 13/32 = 41%. Allen Pack (Kingfisher F) 1/3 = 33%. Michael Houghton (Kingfisher F) 11/38 = 29%. Peter Bennett (Kingfisher E) 11/39 = 28%. Sharon Mitchell (Kingfisher D) 7/34 = 21%. Dave Gostelow (Kingfisher E) 7/42 = 17%. Steve Woolnough (Kingfisher F) 2/18 = 11%. Mike Dorrington (Kingfisher F) 1/12 = 8%.

**READING DIVISION 3:** Allen Pack (Kingfisher G) 32/47 = 68%. Dave Duncan (Kingfisher G) 15/29 = 52%. Carol Byers (Kingfisher G) 13/27 = 48%. Eric Holmes (Kingfisher G) 16/35 = 46%. Rogerio Albelo (Kingfisher G) 7/21 = 33%.

**READING DIVISION 4:** Jean-Noël Thepaut (Kingfisher H) 29/29 = 100%. John Creighton (Kingfisher I) 15/18 = 83%. Nils Wedi (Kingfisher H) 23/39 = 59%. Ken Robb (Kingfisher I) 16/35 = 46%. Andrew Talaga (Kingfisher I) 17/43 = 40%. Joaquin Munoz Sabater (Kingfisher H) 10/27 = 37%. Gabor Radnoti (Kingfisher H) 13/36 = 36%. Gianpaolo Balsamo (Kingfisher H) 9/30 = 30%. Leigh Mahoney (Kingfisher I) 1/5 = 20%. Derek Crombie (Kingfisher I) 5/35 = 14%. Derek Spicer (Kingfisher I) 1/18 = 6%. Phil Cunnington (Kingfisher I) 0/3 = 0%.



**READING DIVISION 6:** Leigh Mahoney (Kingfisher J) 33/37 = 89%. Gheorghe Milea (Kingfisher K) 13/17 = 76%. Phil Cunnington (Kingfisher J) 15/23 = 65%. Simon Lang (Kingfisher K) 18/29 = 62%. Diane Taylor (Kingfisher J) 24/40 = 60%. Gillian Bennett (Kingfisher J) 18/33 = 55%. André Bartlett (Kingfisher J) 18/41 = 44%. Jean-François Guegantou (Kingfisher K) 8/27 = 30%. Stuart Mitchell (Kingfisher K) 5/42 = 12%. Piotr Kuchta (Kingfisher K) 1/23 = 4%. Glenn Carver (Kingfisher K) 0/33 = 0%.

**BRACKNELL PREMIER DIVISION:** Trevor Organ (Kingfisher A) 3/3 = 100%. Jeff Huggins (Kingfisher B) 3/3 = 100%. Graham Outrim (Kingfisher C) 32/35 = 91%. Phil Mead (Kingfisher A) 27/32 = 84%. John Willcocks (Kingfisher A) 33/48 = 69%. Ivor Hardman (Kingfisher C) 38/56 = 68%. Richard Fifield (Kingfisher B) 24/36 = 67%. Trevor Organ (Kingfisher D) 34/55 = 62%. Jeff Huggins (Kingfisher C) 23/38 = 61%. Allan Bruton (Kingfisher C) 23/38 = 61%. Geoff Civil (Kingfisher A) 26/45 = 58%. John Morris (Kingfisher A) 13/24 = 54%. Colin Dyke (Kingfisher B) 25/47 = 53%. Ashish Bahuguna (Kingfisher D) 16/32 = 50%. Peter Bennett (Kingfisher B) 16/44 = 36%. Michael Houghton (Kingfisher D) 18/52 = 35%. Allen Pack (Kingfisher D) 15/44 = 34%. Roger Woolven-Allen (Kingfisher A) 10/33 = 30%. Ashish Bahuguna (Kingfisher C) 1/4 = 25%. Sharon Mitchell (Kingfisher B) 9/38 = 24%. Allen Pack (Kingfisher C) 1/6 = 17%. Allan Bruton (Kingfisher B) 1/6 = 17%. Trevor Organ (Kingfisher B) 0/3 = 0%. Peter Bennett (Kingfisher A) 0/3 = 0%. Michael Houghton (Kingfisher B) 0/6 = 0%. Michael Houghton (Kingfisher C) 0/3 = 0%.



**BRACKNELL DIVISION 1:** John Creighton (Kingfisher E) 13/23 = 57%. Dave Duncan (Kingfisher E) 26/46 = 57%. Ken Robb (Kingfisher E) 17/44 = 39%. Derek Crombie (Kingfisher E) 3/43 = 7%. Derek Spicer (Kingfisher E) 1/17 = 6%. Gill Bennett (Kingfisher E) 0/9 = 0%.

**BRACKNELL DIVISION 2:** David Wells (Kingfisher F) 14/39 = 36%. Gillian Bennett (Kingfisher F) 17/48 = 35%. Sylvia Bruton (Kingfisher F) 2/6 = 33%. Helen Sparks (Kingfisher F) 9/30 = 30%. Gwyn Penny (Kingfisher F) 5/63 = 8%.

# National Rankings

*The following names and associated rankings have been extracted from the latest (as at 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013) ETTA / VETTS lists. If I have omitted players who feel they should have been included, I hope they will accept my apologies. Ed.*

**UNDER 13 BOYS:** 27 Jamie Liu. 70 Angus Whittam. 74 Christopher Johnson. 108 Alex Squire. 150 Alex Duggan. 200 Thomas Breslin. 330 Joe Barraclough.

**UNDER 13 GIRLS:** 46 Katie Shepherd.

**CADET BOYS:** 20 Daniel McTiernan. 50 Leo Long. 57 Joshua Gallen. 70 Sam Liu. 75 Gus Thomis. 120 Jamie Liu. 201 Jonathan Abbott. 245 Angus Whittam. 253 Christopher Johnson. 360 Alex Squire. 366 Ted Allpress. 370 Isaac Farnworth. 460 Alex Duggan. 477 Kieran Warre. 485 Gareth Wheatley. 504 Kavan Warrender. 575 Thomas Breslin. 697 Aiden Lancaster. 716 Jim McAllister. 811 Joe Barraclough.

**CADET GIRLS:** 109 Katie Shepherd.

**JUNIOR BOYS:** 7 Liam McTiernan. 50 Daniel McTiernan. 156 Leo Long. 160 Sam Ricks. 246 Joshua Gallen. 253 Gus Thomis. 319 Sam Liu. 378 Michael McAllister. 422 Jonathan Abbott. 426 Danny Dockree. 494 Antony Talbot. 522 James Ellicott. 528 Kavan Warrender. 580 Siad Cole. 844 Isaac Farnworth.

**JUNIOR GIRLS:** 5 Maria Tsaptsinos. 12 Megan Knowles.

**SENIOR MEN:** 19 Richard Andrews. 21 Tom Maynard. 37 Dave Barr. 40 Liam McTiernan. 86 Hari Gehlot. 89 Martin Adams. 134 Daniel Moses. 252 Andy Misseldine. 322 Ross Saxby. 339 Elson Costa. 357 Mike Rhodes. 431 Daniel McTiernan. 490 Eric Van Looy. 570 James Olsson.

**SENIOR WOMEN:** 14 Maria Tsaptsinos. 19 Sue Collier. 41 Megan Knowles. 105 Denise Weller.

**VETERAN MEN:** 29 Dave Barr. 39 Hari Gehlot. 72 Andy Misseldine. 129 Mark Banks. 168 Mark Scott. 202 Eddie Herrity. 235 Ian Cole. 241 Mike Rhodes. 253 Neil Hurford. 254 Nick Heaps. 271 Derek Wood. 272 Clive Banham. 307 Keith Winter. 316 John Barclay. 389 Colin Dyke. 403 Richard Fifield. 405 Alan Cummings. 410 Richard Rosinski. 413 Peter Bradley. 423 Keith Swain. 435 Ivor Hardman. 437 Trevor Organ. 439 Allan Bruton. 444 Neil Bird. 449 Mike Harris. 459 Clive Dawson. 464 Andy Yon.



**VETERAN WOMEN:** 1 Sue Collier. 38 Rachel Smith. 41 Denise Weller. 78 Sharon Mitchell. 102 Denise Rolfe. 107 Pam Spooner. 119 Carol Byers. 121 Wendy Porter. 129 Sylvia Bruton.

**OVER-50 MEN:** 66 Eddie Herrity. 78 Andy Misseldine. 81 Graham Outrim. 85 Nick Heaps. 87 Mike Rhodes. 95 John Barclay. 106 Derek Wood. 165 Peter Bradley. 168 Clive Dawson. 217 Dave Gostelow.

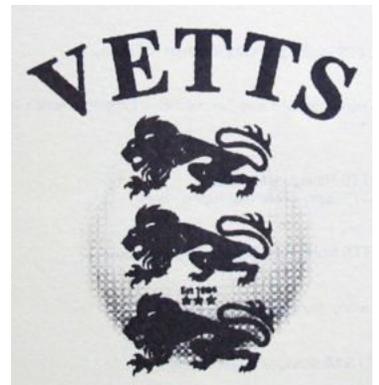
**OVER-50 WOMEN:** 32 Sharon Mitchell. 36 Gill Knightley. 38 Denise Weller. 59 Janet Dawson. 77 Diane Taylor.

**OVER-60 MEN:** 28 Graham Outrim. 43 John Barclay. 52 Derek Wood. 53 Nick Heaps. 63 Tony Brown. 97 Peter Bradley. 99 Colin Dyke. 126 Clive Dawson. 133 Dave Gostelow. 163 Mike Dorrington.

**OVER-60 WOMEN:** 17 Gill Knightley. 53 Diane Taylor.

**OVER-70 MEN:** 1 Dave Crowley. 3 Tony Brown. 17 Peter Bradley. 28 Colin Dyke. 57 Dave Gostelow. 70 Mike Dorrington.

**OVER-80 MIXED:** 18 Mike Dorrington.



## From Andy Yon

taking it a bit far, don't you think? Cheers, Andy.

(Note: Regarding the boo-boo mentioned by Andy, I hold my hands up! I do not know how I did it, but did it I did. In actual fact, neither of us regard JB as "an old woman" – true, true!

– but I couldn't resist printing Andy's criticism of my unfortunate error. My apologies to John. Ed.)

Hi Roger:

Issue No 70 of *Kingfisher News* refers:

Some people have insinuated that John Barclay is a bit of an old woman sometimes, but putting him in the veteran's women's section is

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## Kingfisher Table Diary

bookings can and do change as time goes by, so please double-check with the website before trotting down for a practice! Please note that I have omitted the Tuesday and Friday Clubs (1000-1230) because everyone is welcome at these sessions!



**APRIL 2013:** **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. 1900-2300 Club Championships. **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** 0850-0950 School use. 1115-1220 School use. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching and Practice. **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** 1400-1500 School use. 1900-2300 Club Night. **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** 1200-1900 Kingfisher Junior Championships. **Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** 0900-1100 Addington School. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. 1900-2300 Club Championships.

**MAY 2013:** **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** 0850-0950 School use. 1115-1220 School use. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching and Practice. 1900-2300 R&DTTA Cup Final (one table only). **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 1400-1500 School use. 1900-2300 Club Championships. **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** 0900-1800 Berkshire Intertown. **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** 0900-1100 Addington School. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** 0850-0950 School use. 1115-1220 School use. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching and Practice. **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** 1400-1500 School use. 1900-2300 Club Night. **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** 0900-1100 Addington School. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. 1900-2300 Grand Prix. **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** 0850-0950 School use. 1115-1220 School use. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching and Practice. **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** 1400-1500 School use. 1900-2300 Club Night. **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** 0900-1100 Addington School. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. 1900-2300



Here are the major table bookings, looking forward until the end of May 2013. Rather obviously,

Grand Prix. **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching and Practice. 2000-whenever **KINGFISHER AGM** (Please note that the AGM will occupy the entire playing area). **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1900-2300 Club Night. **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** 0900-1100 Addington School. 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. 1900-2300 Grand Prix. **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching. **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** 1700-1900 Junior Coaching and Practice. **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** 1900-2300 Club Night.



## Captains' Reports

# Hari Gehlot

READING LEAGUE  
DIVISION 1  
KINGFISHER A



**PLEASE SEE THE LEAD ARTICLE!!!**

# Geoff Civil

READING LEAGUE  
DIVISION 1  
KINGFISHER B



As was clear from some time ago, we ended up as the strongest side in Division 1 by virtue of holding up all the other teams in the table above us. Had we realised, in the heady days of mid-October (before the winter of our discontent set in), when we gained a point in a draw with Sonning Common & Peppard 'A', that that would be our sole point of the season, would we have carried on? Oh yes!

Indeed we were unlucky not to take both points that evening. Richard and Geoff took two each and Dan just lost out in two very close 5-setters, but shared a doubles win with Geoff. The run up to Christmas was the real killer though... December 3rd, against our 'C' team, Richard, Roger and Geoff all took one scalp each. With another doubles win, we went down only 4-6, but 'nul points' as they say. This was followed nine days later with another 4-6 defeat at the hands of Sonning Common & Peppard 'B'. This time Dan and Geoff took two each and it was Roger's turn to narrowly miss out losing 6-11 in the fifth to Brian Meheux. Our only other close match came in early February, again against Sonning Common & Peppard 'A', when Richard scored a sparkling maximum, aided and abetted by a single from Roger, and the pair of them only losing out in the doubles 8-11 in the fifth.

So that's how we ended up on one point. None of us seemed to play well at the same time. Had we managed to we might have overhauled Sonning Common & Peppard 'A' who finished the season only three points ahead of us, but with the third bottom team on nine points, and our 'C' team and the rest of the division out of sight, we were never going to avoid the drop.

Our star player by a mile was Richard. Although he had a slightly shaky start to the season he ended it strongly, winning overall a third of his matches, including the scalps of the higher ranked Andy Parker, Simon Berry, Duncan Groves and Niall McGrane. Dan, Roger and Geoff languished in the 10 - 15% region. [I did only about half as well as last season, but I'm still working out whether that was due to stronger opposition, or me being a year older!] *(Definitely due to the stronger opposition, Geoff – of that I have no doubt. Ed.)*

Happy Summer All,

*(Geoff)*

# Niall McGrane

**READING LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**KINGFISHER C**

Year end final result for Kingfisher C:

Survival assured and then some. Not only that but we provided the best coffee breaks in the league (Margaret Civil's quiche apart, obviously) with sandwiches, biscuits and even cakes sometimes.

A very mixed season for Yours Truly but happy with my overall average. Murgy was inspirational particularly in the second half (including a win over Mr Moses – Daniel get some sleep!!) and there is much more from him to come next season. Andrew pitched in with some great wins, some of the best forehand loops I've ever seen but sometimes struggled for consistency (he has more rubbers than a Durex machine). But the star of the team was undoubtedly Lisa. Not only is she by far the best-looking member of the team (not my opinion but hers), but her performances just got better and better through the season. She had some great wins and some very close ones and I am still convinced she hits the ball harder than anyone else in the League. *(Apart from possibly Miss Yon. Ed.)*

Lots of things to work on through the closed season and still looking for our best doubles combination as once again we had some very mixed results

However, the Big News from KFC (not the Zinger Tower) is that Murgy will be our new team captain next year, so obviously the newsletter reports will suffer in quality!!

Well done to everyone who achieved their goals; commiserations to those that didn't (there's always next year) and looking forward to getting down to some of the Grands Prix over the summer. I hope everyone has a great break and I'm looking forward to next season already.



*(Captain Crock)*

# Ivor Hardman

**READING LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 2**  
**KINGFISHER D**

Team: Ivor, Colin, Trevor and Sharon.

As I had predicted at the start of the season that we would finish third or fourth in Division 2 (and well done team!) we came fourth. Safe for another season in 2!!

We have had many great battles over the season and some great performances from all; thanks go to Colin, Trevor and Sharon for making the season a lot of fun.

Your Team Captain

*(Ivor)*

# Allan Bruton

**READING LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 2**  
**KINGFISHER E**

A rather disappointing season. From our class of 2013 five players we ended up with three injured long term, so no wonder we were the strongest team in the division!!

This team will need a rethink for next season; having said all that I believe the division was certainly competitive this season.

# Allen Pack

**READING LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION 3**  
**KINGFISHER G**

Four good wins from the last six matches helped secure our mid table position. Not bad considering we had a bit of a shaky start to the season in that Dave had to take a break due to injury and Rogerio missed a lot of matches due to work commitments. Good place to thank Carol for stepping in and covering these absences.

Next year should see us progress up the table with Rogerio finding his best form (more table time needed) and Dave being fully fit.

Sorry to see [PANGBOURNE WMC](#) going down, nice venue and good team.

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# John Willcocks

**BRACKNELL LEAGUE**  
**PREMIER DIVISION**  
**KINGFISHER A**



After an enjoyable and competitive season we finally had to settle for third place as we just lost out to our C team for the runners-up spot. Our bid for second place was not helped by us struggling a bit with injuries and availability problems during the second half of the season, including Phil missing the last five matches with a shoulder injury.

Phil was our most consistent player throughout the season and Geoff played very well from December onwards winning, apart from against OLOP A, two or three each week. John and Roger both played better as the season went on but both were unable to play as many matches as they would have liked. I had a good first half to the season but have struggled a bit with injuries since Christmas which affected my form.

Hopefully we will all be fit for the start of next season so we can try to at least get our runner's-up spot back next year.

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# Allan Bruton

**BRACKNELL LEAGUE**  
**PREMIER DIVISION**  
**KINGFISHER C**

It seems we have achieved a well-earned runners'-up spot although this has got to be finally rubber stamped.

I am aware that the team was more than helped by the inclusion of Graham Outrim who played far more games than originally intended. Nevertheless this was very much a team performance with Ivor and Jeff performing consistently well over the season.

One more star to join Graham next season and we could push OLOP off their perch!

Well done team!

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# Allen Pack

**BRACKNELL LEAGUE**  
**PREMIER DIVISION**  
**KINGFISHER D**



With Ashish out due to injury, I knew it was going to be a battle to retain our position in the Premier league. Kingfisher B, although below us in the table, were coming back strong and for our last match we were up against Kingfisher C, who we previously had been unable to win a game against.

With Kingfisher B, C and D all playing their last match on 11th April at home, it was a tense evening. If only we could win two games then our position would be safe! We had the best start with a fine win by Trevor over Allan but it took until the seventh match before we could relax after Michael beat Jeff Huggins in four games. The next two matches for Allen and Trevor both went to 5 but we could not overcome the strengths of Allan and Ivor. Still two games were enough and we knew we would be above OLOP B and Kingfisher B in the final league position, just one point being the difference!

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# From Allan Bruton

## BRACKNELL, WOKINGHAM AND DISTRICT TTA'S AGM

In accordance with Rule 3.7 of the Association's Constitution and Rules, I cordially invite all relevant players and members to the BWDTTA AGM for the season 2012-2013.

The AGM will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm in the rear clubroom of the Our Lady of Peace Social Club.

**AGENDA:** 1) Acceptance of standing orders. 2) Minutes of previous AGM. 3) Report from the Chairman. 4) Report from the Treasurer. 5) Rule change propositions. 6) Election of officers. 7) Formation of divisions. 8) AOB.

Following the AGM there will be the presentation of the trophies for the season 2012-2013.

*(Allan, Acting Secretary)*

## New balls, please

Table tennis is used to changing equipment (bats, rubbers, sponges etc) and the ITTF has announced this week that, from July 2014 onward, there will be an introduction of 'poly' balls to all ITTF competitions – replacing the current celluloid balls.

As approved by the BoD 2012, the ITTF has been testing seamless 'plastic' balls in comparison to the celluloid balls to see if both the scientific effect and player impression of the ball is similar.

The study was conducted to find out how much speed and spin is generated when the two types of balls hit the racket under conditions that correspond to typical table tennis strokes.

The testing helped to highlight the two production methods: one by glueing two halves together, as used for celluloid balls, while the second one is a different process called rotational moulding.



May to 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013.

The ÖVB-Arena has an incredible 132 competition tables and 30 practice tables which are all placed under one roof.

Bremen will be hosting the "Europeans" having hosted the "Worlds" in 2006 and the venue is now ready to accommodate up to 3100 participants. The entry fee is €160 per person and you can [register here](#).

*The following has been received from the ETTA:*

Entries are now being taken for the 2013 European Veteran Championships, which this time are being held in Bremen, Germany.

More than 2400 players (including some Kingfisher members) have already entered these Championships which will be held from 27<sup>th</sup>

## Kingfisher Shop

## Club Lapel Badges

lapels of your track suits. Let everyone know which club you are proud to play for! £2 each. Please contact Colin Dyke on 0118 978 3770 or via email at [colindyke@waitrose.com](mailto:colindyke@waitrose.com).

## Club Shirts

Has your team discussed the idea of playing in Club Shirts? If not for the remainder of this season, then why not think about it for the next? You and your team-mates would look really, really smart in this top-quality merchandise and, at the same time, you would be showing pride in our great Club name. We are delighted to have negotiated a deal with *Tees Sport* to

Please be reminded that, if you would like to sell, buy, swap or donate something through these pages, do not hesitate to contact me. My address, as I'm sure you have worked out, is [roger.woolven-allen@virginmedia.com](mailto:roger.woolven-allen@virginmedia.com).

Very attractive enamelled Kingfisher lapel or pin badges, suitable for sports bags, bat cases or, as the name suggests, for the



supply Kingfisher members with a Club Shirt which should remain available for quite a period of time. This Tees 2 shirt is available in four colours – black, red, navy or light blue – and each comes with different colour features. It is made from 100% Micro Dry fit Polyester which allows air circulation and absorbs perspiration. It will have the Kingfisher name on the back plus the Butterfly and Tees Sport logos. We have negotiated a price of



£21.25 each which is well below catalogue prices and includes all lettering, logos and postage. If you want to personalise them with your own name or team name on the back it would cost 25p per letter extra. The new Tees 2 shirt can be found on the *Tees*



*Sport* Website – there is no catalogue available for the current season as yet.

The shirts must be ordered direct by you from *Tees Sport* by post on the forms available in the Clubhouse. Alternatively Colin Dyke or Brian Halliday can email you a form by request or you can download one from our own website. Any queries on these shirts can be referred to Colin or Brian.

Tees Sport Website: [www.teessport.com](http://www.teessport.com)

Kingfisher Website: [www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher](http://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher)

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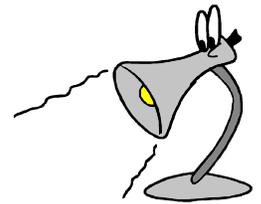
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## Halogen Lamps

Club and surplus to requirements. If of any use to anyone contact me either face-to-face or by telephone on (0118) 978 3770.

(From Colin Dyke)

I have at home seven 300W and twelve 500W halogen lamps (118mm) belonging to the



If deemed appropriate, a small donation to the Club would be appreciated.

(Colin)

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## Milestone Quiz

table tennis questions! Honest...

As most of you will know, Milestone has a table tennis club on the premises and so, if you get bored with the questions, you could always trot off for a knock! Teams of four invited. Go on; you know you want to! For further details, please contact me in passing, or give me a tinkle on (0118) 947 8833.

How 'bout four of you entering my General Knowledge Quiz on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June? It would be simply great to have a *Kingfisher* team taking part, and, if you did, I'd put in lots and lots of



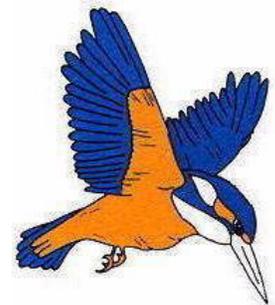
(Roger)

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## Kingfisher AGM

The next issue of *Kingfisher News* will possibly contain further details but, in the meantime, please make a firm note of this date in your diary or on your calendar, or whatever. No-one will be pressurized into doing work that they don't want to do, but the meeting will offer everyone a chance to have their say about the running of the Club. Please do your very best to attend. Thank you.

Please note that the Kingfisher TTC's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place, in the main playing arena of the Club, **on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, starting at 8pm.**



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## Epilogue

Well, everyone, that's it for another issue. As always, I hope that you found something interesting or amusing somewhere in one of the newsletter's nooks and crannies.

I am optimistic in thinking that the next issue of *Kingfisher News* will contain something of great interest and of even greater importance. Please

watch this space!

As you know, the playing season is now over. I hope that you had a great time winning, drawing or even losing. It's all part of the game, you know!

Before long, the *Grand Prix* series will be upon us. These are evenings that possibly surpass even the most exciting of "in-season" matches. If you haven't attended before, give it a try! Monday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Hopefully, I'll see you there...

Meanwhile, if you're off on holiday, or simply lounging about your own house and garden, have a great summer. Yup, it really will be with us sometime soon... But keep pinging...

*Roger*

# The Kingfisher Club

The *Kingfisher Table Tennis Club* was inaugurated on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1987 and opened on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1988.

It is an accredited FOUR-STAR PREMIER CLUB bringing great benefits to the Club and its members. The Club also has

SPORT ENGLAND CLUBMARK status. More information can be obtained from Sylvia Bruton on 0118 901 9119.

The Club aims to cater for all standards of play but actively encourages and trains younger players and has good links with The Bulmershe School in whose grounds the clubhouse is situated. Any information regarding coaching at the Club can be obtained from Nick Heaps on 0118 901 7819.

The Club enters teams in the local Berkshire leagues as well as the National leagues. League play starts in September each year and tends to finish some time in April.

There are many internal events as well, including the Club Championships, the *Grand Prix* evenings, a pre-season Grouping Tournament and the very popular Thursday evening Club nights.

For members old enough (or lucky enough!) to have some free time on midweek mornings, *The Tuesday Club* and *The Friday Club* offer some great practice opportunities. The Friday Club tends to consist of players of a slightly higher standard, but there are no rules. Apart from participants having to be Kingfisher members, that is! Both Clubs start their sessions at 1000, unless rare school bookings call for minor *ad hoc* amendments.

Any membership queries should be directed to Eric van Looy on 01628 621322, while other queries should be addressed to the Chairman, Colin Dyke, on 0118 978 3770.

And, of course, until they throw me out, please feel free to send your *Kingfisher News* stuff to me! My email address, in case you are unsure, is [roger.woolven-allen@virginmedia.com](mailto:roger.woolven-allen@virginmedia.com) and my telling-bone numbers are 0118 947 8833 and 07771668881.

Colin, I believe, still has one or two Kingfisher pin badges in his possession. At £2 a throw, these are a real snip!

## CLUB OFFICERS and COMMITTEE:

President Peter Charters. Chairman Colin Dyke. Hon Treasurer Colin Dyke. Hon Gen Sec Peter Charters. Coaching Officer Nick Heaps. Membership Secretary Eric van Looy. Club Welfare Officer Eric van Looy. Committee Members Andy Yon, Allen Pack and Peter Bradley.

Finally, remember the web! Kingfisher's website is in the hands of some real experts (mainly Allen Pack and Nick Heaps) and is always worth having a squint at. The address is [www.kingfisherttc.co.uk](http://www.kingfisherttc.co.uk) but, if you bung "kingfisher ttc" into any search engine, you are bound to find what you are looking for. Enjoy!

