

# Annual Report 2013/14

For the year ended 31 March 2014



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**Lauren Charles**  
(photo courtesy of Michael Loveder)





# Our journey is only just beginning

## Sandra Deaton on a momentous year of change at the ETTA

It is not an over-statement to say that the last year has been an unprecedented one in the history of English table tennis.

Twelve months ago we began a journey together which we knew would change the shape and future of the sport in our country. A new team, led by Andy Seward, took over the reins of the ETTA. It was at a time when the ETTA had been put on notice by our financial partners, Sport England, that we had to change the way we, as an organisation operated. We needed to modernise our governance and improve our approach to encouraging participation, performance and communication about table tennis in this country. We had a year to set in train these changes and we knew that our future funding was at stake if we failed.

Andy Seward, and the team he put together, shared a vision of where we wanted the ETTA and English table tennis to be in 12 months' time.

Our remit as the new Board was to re-examine the way table tennis was administered and organised in this country.

This meant not only looking at what was good and building on it, but also taking action where improvements could be made and where wholesale changes were needed.

As a result, the past year has seen a root and branch reform of the governance of our sport. One of the first major changes was when the National Council gave their overwhelming support to the Board's proposals to move themselves from a policy-making body to an advisory and communications role. When the National Councillors supported us then, we sent an early signal to Sport England that we were preparing to work together, to modernise and change for the benefit of our sport. The support of the National Council was fundamental to beginning our journey of change.

Since then, the former system whereby part-time, volunteer Board members had operational responsibilities for day-to-day management of staff has been replaced by a new structure with senior, professional staff heading up four new departments which focus on specific areas within table tennis. Our staff are supported and advised by a new non-Executive Board and advisory expertise.

The Articles, the rules by which we operate as a governing body, have been modernised in line with

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the way a 21st century governing body is expected to operate; the geographical areas have been realigned to allow greater teamwork and efficiency. The ETTA head office has relocated to a modern, central base in Milton Keynes with plans to move into a purpose-built complex in the next couple of years. Talent Development Centres, aimed at identifying and nurturing our international athletes of the future have been created.

I look back on these past 12 months and I am so proud and pleased with how far we have come. But we are still at the beginning of the journey rather than the end. This past year has been about laying the right foundations for the future. We have achieved that and we are ready to build on that achievement. We will be working together to expand the breadth, depth and reach of our sport from social players, through clubs, league and counties, up to our elite athletes, encompassing all ages and standards.

My only regret is that the Chairman who set us on this journey, Andy Seward, is not with us to see how far we have come to realising his vision. Sadly, Andy passed away in January 2014, a few days after leading the key presentation to Sport England which laid out our achievements so far and our plans for the future. Less than a week after Andy died, we learnt from Sport England that they had sufficient confidence in his vision for change that we had been awarded the funding we needed to secure our immediate future and plan for the future. It was a fitting legacy to Andy.

I am proud to take on the role of Chair of this organisation and to work to achieve our vision for the future. The past year is just the beginning.



**Much missed:** Former ETTA chairman Andy Seward, whose vision for the future ensured Sport England funding before his sudden passing

# Chief Executive's statement



**Sara Sutcliffe**

It is with great pleasure and a huge honour that I write my first Chief Executive's statement for the Annual Report. It has been a rollercoaster of a ride over the last 12 months for everyone involved with Table Tennis England but one which we are coming through and are now setting out in a new direction.

I took up the post as Interim Chief Executive in July 2013 with a clear mandate to drive through sufficient change to satisfy Sport England's criteria to ensure funding for 2014/2015 and beyond was secured. I am grateful to the past Chairman Alex Murdoch and, at that time, the incoming Chairman, the late Andy Seward for working together alongside Sport England to make my appointment.

The new Board dedicated themselves to implementing necessary changes working with myself. In the first three months of taking office we announced a relocation of the Head Office from Hastings to Milton Keynes and a wide restructuring of the organisation.

Both of these decisions obviously affected all members of staff and I am very grateful to all of them, those that have left us and those that have remained, for the professional manner in which they continued to carry out their functions throughout this difficult time. I would like to thank Rob Sinclair, Bill Shearer and Brian Skinner for their dedication and seamless project management of the move from Hastings.

The restructure saw the nine previous departments merged into four with a new senior management

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team appointed. We also took the decision to create Area Development Teams where there used to be individual Regional Development Managers and Regional Coaches. Change necessarily takes time to bed in and with an approach of 'continuous improvement' we will always constructively challenge everything we do to ensure it serves a purpose which is aligned to our strategic priorities.

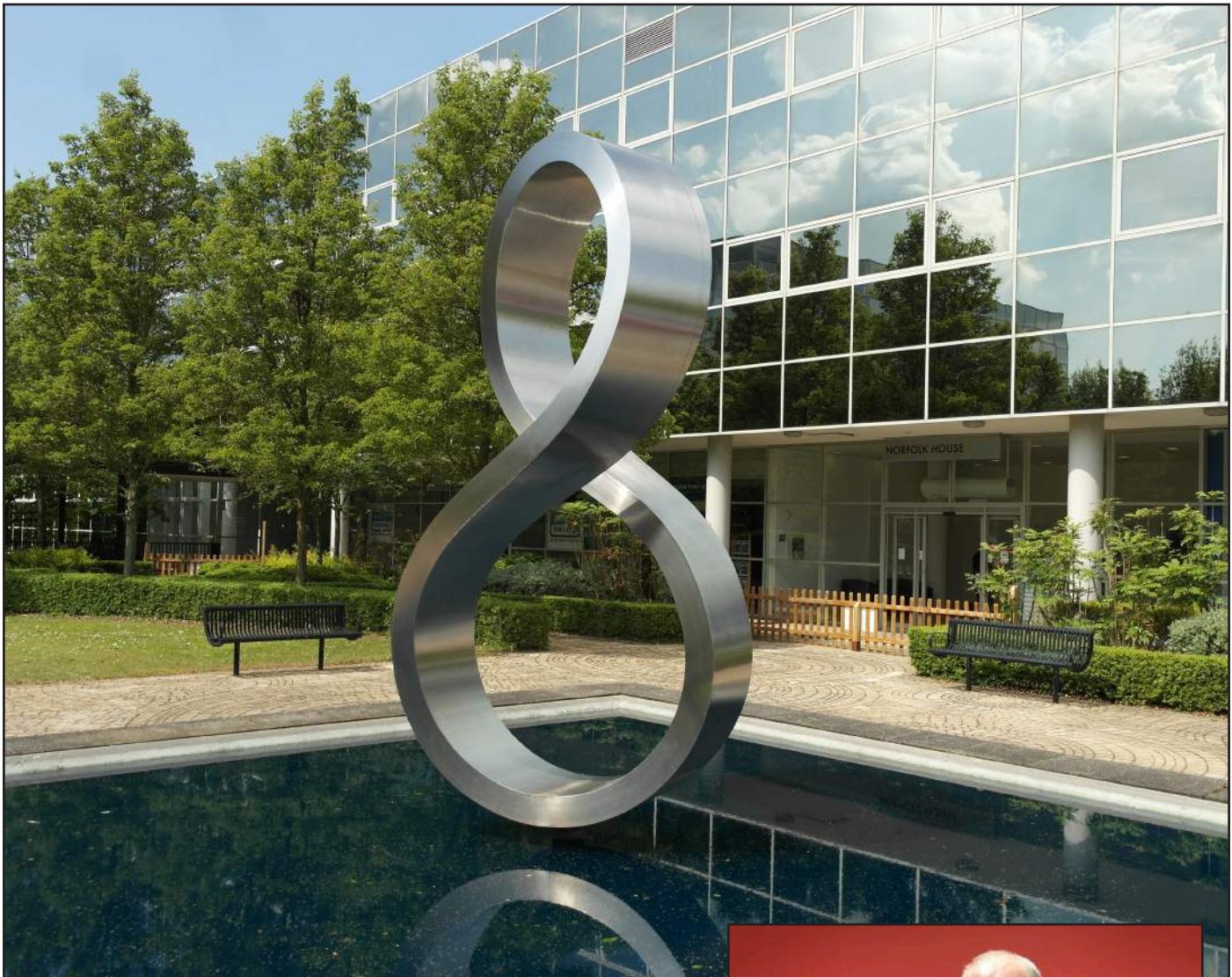
On a personal note I was delighted when, after six months, the Board asked me to accept the role of Chief Executive on a permanent basis. I am passionate about how we can continue to grow the number of people regularly playing table tennis and at the same time improve our performances on the international stage.

Our focus now is to grow the sport through a variety of programmes, through supporting the club and league structure and through working with key partners including ESTTA, Youth Sports Trust, Jack Petchey Foundation, Street Games, Greenhouse, Sing London, Women Sports and Fitness Foundation, to name a few.

Central to so much of this is the army of dedicated volunteers, to whom we give thanks.

As we reach the halfway point in the four-year Olympic cycle, it is a good time to reflect. As a sport we ceased to receive UK Sport elite funding after 2012 due to the 'no compromise' funding criteria. Notwithstanding this blow and the need for the organisation to self-fund a limited programme,

# Chief Executive's *statement*



I am immensely proud of the dedication of our performance staff and squads who have produced some excellent recent results on the table.

We do, however, receive a significant amount of public funding from Sport England, aimed primarily at growing participation in our sport and for talent development. What a lot of people do not necessarily realise is that a considerable portion of our Sport England funding also supports the core functions of the governing body such as membership support, operational staff and the running costs of Head Office. It is this area of funding that is likely to come under increased risk and uncertainty over the next cycle.

We must adopt a policy of seeking to become decreasingly reliant on public funding for core costs and increasingly self-sufficient in that regard. In the end, public funding is a privilege and not a right and the same level of funding cannot be guaranteed in the future.

Finally, whilst I do not come from a strong table tennis background myself I immediately understood the potential and attraction of this sport for people of all ages and abilities.

My passion for it continues to grow, as does my knowledge. I am very grateful to all the staff and volunteers who have helped show me the ropes and endured my endless questions.

I am excited by what the future holds and look forward to reporting on the next 12 months in a year's time.

**New home:** Our head office in Milton Keynes (above) which was officially opened by European Table Tennis Union president Ronald Kramer and ETTA chair Sandra Deaton (inset).

Top left: Our England players have produced some excellent recent results in international competition – one of the key aims of our organisation



# Departmental reports

## Archives, Museum and Records

Much progress has been made. Most results and scores for National Championship finals and nearly all divisional winners and runners-up for Junior British League have been listed. Scanning of photographs has helped to rebuild the Archive Photograph Library after storage losses.

Website access has been enhanced, e.g. to Table Tennis News, and more is planned. Future links with Badminton England are being progressed. Much time was spent preparing for relocation, leading to better displays of important valuable artefacts. Research for ETTA and to meet external requests has been undertaken. Donations – notably from Pat Archdale – have been received with gratitude.

## Board of Appeal

There has been one appeal by an aggrieved person against a County Association decision on an appeal. After much time was spent on a preliminary point, it was concluded by default when the Appellant failed to submit documents and information as required, leading to the abandonment of the Appeal under the Regulations. Much time has also been spent in revision of wording and preparing to update Board of Appeal Regulations.

## Disciplinary

There have been two disciplinary cases. In one case, the

## Administration

Mike Smith



respondent asked for a personal hearing, with the major allegation being found not proved but a lesser allegation was. The other case was more minor and the respondent did not request a personal hearing and apologised unreservedly.

The Disciplinary Regulations have been completely revised and approved by Board. The most important change is that allegations involving child welfare or safety will now be considered by the National Safeguarding Panel for Sport.

The Committee was concerned about the length of time a respondent can be under interim suspension while a case is investigated by the police; as a result the Disciplinary Secretary will review each interim suspension monthly and report any concerns.

## Elections

Apart from the elections of Vice-Chairmen, National / Deputy Councillors and Trade Committee which take place annually, there has been the additional election for Chairman due to the sad passing of the previous Chairman, and preparations for an election for Deputy Chairman, which has now taken place. All elections have been conducted in a timely and effective manner with appointments to all positions as required under the Rules.

## Rules

The main task has been the revision of the Company's Articles to meet the criteria set by Sport England for continuing financial support and the consequent amendment of the Appendices to the Rules to enable them to be published as regulations. The revised Articles were accepted by the EGM on 12th April and a number of amended regulations, covering the essential administrative aspects, were approved by the Board the following day. The second batch of regulations, mainly covering the various competitions, is being reviewed with the collaboration of the responsible committees for Board approval so that they can take effect for the 2014/15 membership year.

## General

I would wish to thank all the Committee Chairs, their colleagues and the staff for all their significant and positive efforts in a busy and challenging year, and to welcome Jonathan Bruck as new Head of Operations



The 100 Club was formed in 1966 and was the brainchild of the then treasurer Tom Blunn. The purpose was to provide a social side of table tennis for partners etc, with half the proceeds being put into premium bonds and any winnings being shared, half to ETTA and remainder to members. There are three draws each year for £100, £50 and £10.

In the early days there were three functions each year, but when things became costly this was reduced to just one with two draws, and the other draw being made at senior nationals.

We have a social chairman who reigns for three years, and a committee of Chairman Mike Holt, Treasurer Aubrey Drapkin (over 30 years' service) and Doreen Stannard as Secretary (37 years' service). Albert Shipley was the first secretary from 1966 until 1977.

Notable chairmen have included Nancy Roy Evans, Arthur Upton, John McDonnell,

## 100 Club

Doreen Stannard



Cyril Burden, Tom Blunn, Johnny Leach, Ron Crayden, Brian Kennedy, Jose Ransome, Tony Chatwin, Mike Holt, Keith Ponting and Aubrey Drapkin.

Some memorable dinners took place, at Drusillas in Sussex (two events there – a Sussex feast and a 1920s evening with everyone in 1920s costume, other venues have been the Houses of Parliament on three occasions and Lord's cricket ground. We took over a bistro in Holborn called Slightly Oliver (which did not usually open on Saturday but were persuaded to for us). John McDonnell from Norwich Union was social chairman and won the £100 prize, bought everyone a drink and ended up with a bill for £110.

Several celebration events have been held: The 80th anniversary of the formation of the ping pong association, the 75th anniversary of ETTA, and in 1999 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Johnny Leach winning the world singles title, with Mike Holt conducting a "this is your life Johnny", with many players and friends playing their part. The year 2000 was the 50th anniversary of the formation of the NURC, speakers being George White and Hans Giesecke of the ITTF.

We have had many sorts of entertainment at the dinners, and notable speakers include Ivor Montagu, Denis Howell the Minister for Sport, Sussex MP Michael Foster and John Pulman from snooker.

Our social chairman for the next three years is Martin Clark and he will chair the dinner being held after the AGM, where it is hoped current and retired umpires will join us for a reunion.

# Departmental reports

## Membership

Tom Purcell



The Membership Department was created after the 2013 ETTA elections to concentrate on improving the recording and processing of membership records and also to develop ETTA membership of players involved in recreational table tennis.

During the current season the result of the Portas Review, which carried out a root and branch examination of the ETTA, was reported to the Board and one of the major conclusions from the review was that the organisation needed to radically change its approach to membership.

Currently the ETTA concentrates on affiliated membership through tournaments, Premier Clubs and local leagues. There is a massive untouched market where table tennis is played by recreational players in schools, universities, leisure centres and other organisations. The Membership Department has started to examine ways in which players involved with these organisations can be encouraged to join as members.

A vital function of the ETTA is the accurate recording of membership records. The intention is to hold one central Individual Membership (IM) database containing the details of all affiliated members.

Local Leagues and Premier Clubs currently underpin the recording of this data through individual player membership, associate membership and also player licences.

The ETTA holds a number of separate databases containing details of Premier Club members, coaches, umpires, referees and tournament organisers. The Membership Department has started to examine these separate data sets and is arranging for them to be uploaded onto the Individual Membership database.

Current records show that members are joining:

- online (43%)
- local league using Membership Manager (30%)
- directly to the ETTA (27%)

An increase in members who join online would reduce the pressure on local leagues and ETTA administration in processing applications. Ideally, each local league and Premier Club will have an identified role of Membership Administrator who will be responsible for ensuring membership records on the IM database are accurate and up to date.

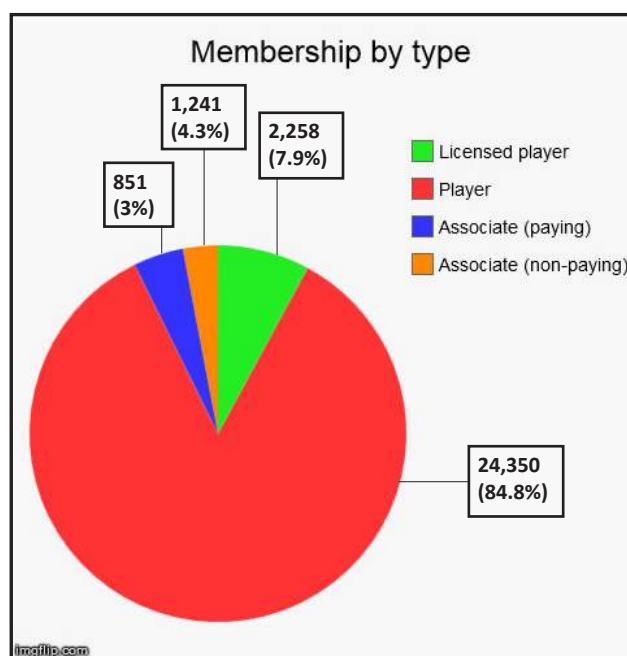
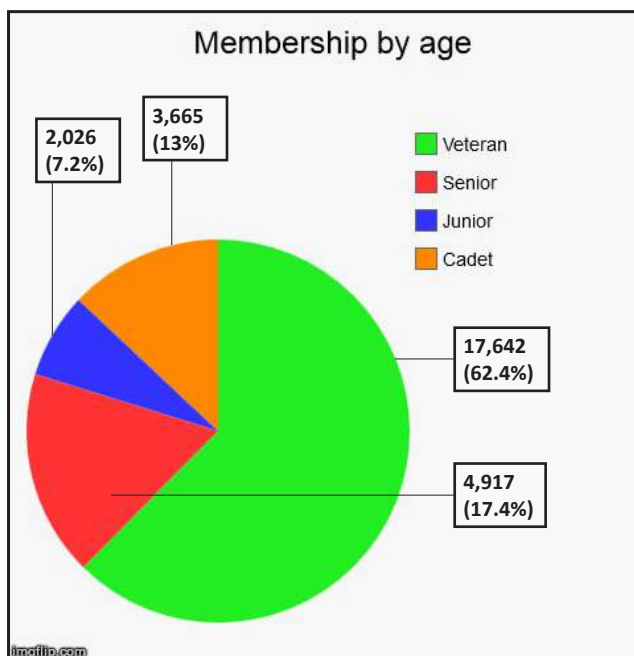
An examination of membership data also reveals the gender split is heavily weighted towards males at 90%, with female membership at 10%. The figures below reveal an over reliance on senior and veteran



members. The Portas Review also identified this issue and over the next few years the organisation will be looking at ways of increasing overall membership but concentrating on female, cadet and junior participation and membership.

The last 12 months have revealed a massive change in the way the ETTA is governed and functions. During the next 12 months the ETTA (or Table Tennis England as it now is) will be developing methods by which social and recreational players can be brought under its umbrella, and to improve internal processes, allowing greater access and analysis of membership data.

I would like to thank the Administration staff who were involved in dealing with membership and members who contacted the office at Hastings for advice and information. Some of the staff have left the organisation as a result of the move to Milton Keynes but their help and professionalism is recognised and will be missed.



Figures correct as at 31/03/14

# Departmental reports



## Communications & Marketing

Susie Hughes



A little over 12 months ago, I received an out-of-the-blue phone call from the then Chairman-elect, Andy Seward, asking if I was interested in becoming Vice Chairman of Communications at the ETTA. It allowed me to combine my life-long involvement in the sport of table tennis with my professional career of media communications.

The creation of a specific communications brief was a bold step. Although it was a new position and functional area, there were components of it which already existed. However, it gave a clear signal that communications, openness and transparency were going to be key drivers in the vision for the future of table tennis.

Our aim was clear: to promote table tennis by co-ordinating and managing information from the ETTA to its members, stake-holders, volunteers, partners, media, the wider table-tennis family and the public.

This was always going to be an ongoing project which revolved around creating a culture where information about table tennis and linked activities and projects could be promoted in a variety of formats, so that communications is a basic part of the all aspects of the organisation.

This was, and will be, achieved in a wide number of ways and will become an integral part of everything we do within the ETTA. The past year has been an opportunity to review how we operated, to build on what was good and to improve areas which could benefit from change.

Some examples of how this has been achieved in the past year have been:

- The introduction of a Chair's email newsletter, which is sent directly to every member of the ETTA, covering latest news and events and linking back to the website for more information;

- Reviewing the style and content of the website,

and implementing a system whereby best practice becomes common practice;

- Increasing the use of social media, Facebook and Twitter feeds, to disseminate information;

- Reviewing and revising press relations and media liaison;

- Introducing an internal diary of events so departments could feed in their own information;

- Reviewing, improving and formalising the way we use photography at events;

- Introducing an online programme and draw system for major events;

- Providing our own live feed with commentary from major events;

- Updating and improving static pages on our website and general content;

- Promoting events for social players, such as Ping! as well as our own events and competitions by our partners or related organisations;

- Introducing an online entry system;

- Reviewing 'Spotlight', a location-finding online tool with a view to improving its accuracy and functionality;

- Proactively seeking media opportunity directly and indirectly related to events and personalities.

For the future, we now have a new, dedicated communications team in place led by Gerry Cronin and supported by Paul Stimpson and Russell Moore.

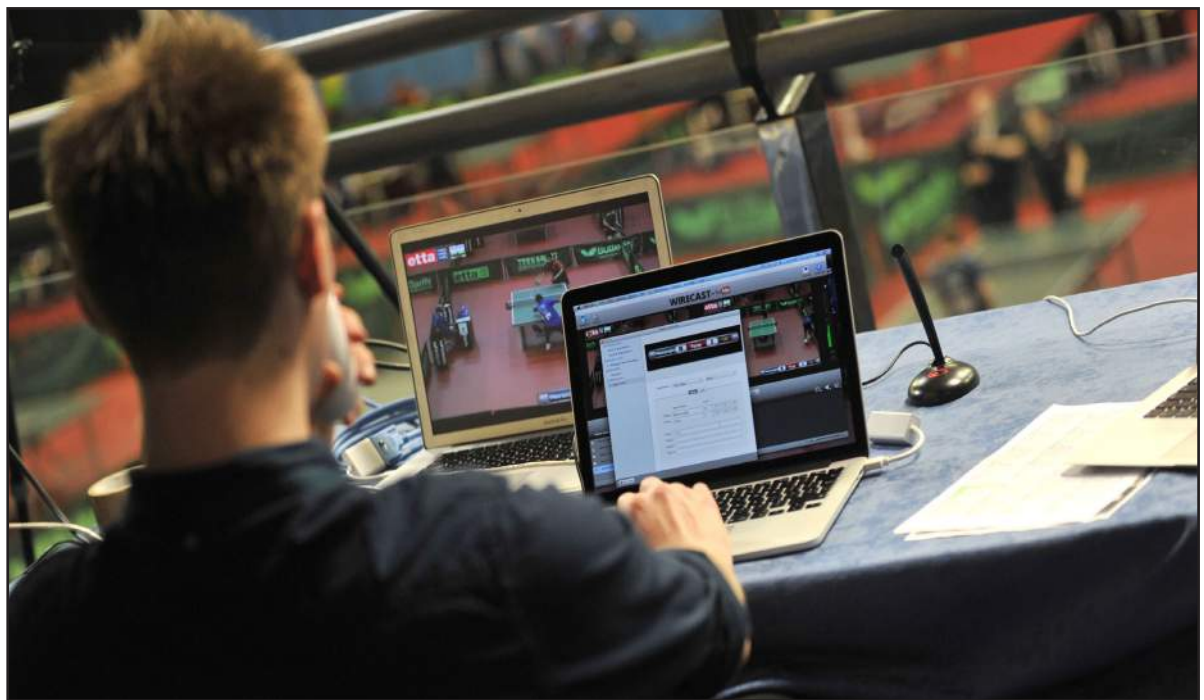
We will be developing new ideas and improving the way we promote table tennis to our members and to a wider audience. We will also be assisting local leagues and clubs to generate their own publicity. We will be looking at the way we disseminate information through various media, including our own website.

Our aim is to integrate the importance and value of communications into all ETTA departments and areas, and thereby enhance the profile of table tennis in this country.

“ We will be developing new ideas and improving the way we promote table tennis to our members and a wider audience ”



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**Live action:** Joanna Drinkhall and Kelly Sibley compete in the National Championships Women's Singles final (left), which was streamed live on the ETTA website, under the watchful eye of Communications Officer Russell Moore (right)



## Introducing our new brand

In line with the move to Milton Keynes, the Association took the opportunity to move forward with the way it is viewed by our members, key stakeholder and the public.

The new name, Table Tennis England, gives a clear indication of what we do, and where we do it. The colours chosen are red and white, with black as the accent colour. The font is simple, yet professional, and the motif gives a sense of movement.

Brand guidelines are available from the Marketing Department, and all usage of the logo must be signed off prior to use.  
[marketing@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:marketing@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

GERRY CRONIN  
Head of Marketing and Communications

## Social media

If you're struggling to catch up with the latest table tennis news through your regular channels, you can keep abreast of developments both in England and overseas through the ETTA's social media platforms.

The ETTA is a proactive user of popular networks such as the video-sharing site YouTube, photographic gallery domain Flickr, social networking giant Facebook and online microblogging application Twitter.

Coverage includes both the latest news and information, as well as event coverage for both

domestic competitions (such as the National Championships, Masters, Grand Prix and British League) as well as international tournaments featuring English players (including World Championships, European Championships, World Tours and foreign domestic campaigns).

If you're looking for the latest news, views, events, videos and photographs or want to get in touch with the ETTA over social media, connect with us by following any of the links on the right.

RUSSELL MOORE



# Departmental reports

## Development

Phil Goulding



This year has seen great change in the department, with a full staffing restructure and the introduction of new and changed roles while continuing to deliver current development programmes. Along with other departments, we have recruited a new member of senior management – Emily St John, who has been appointed as Head of Development.

Successes of our programmes are detailed and we wish to express our thanks to those partners and organisations that have supported these programmes: The Jack Petchey Foundation, English Schools Table Tennis Association, ETTA Committees, Sport England, Premier League For Sport, Change For Life, County Sport Partnerships, regional committees, county committees, leagues and clubs.

### PremierClubs

- 12 new PremierClubs joined the programme this season, making a grand total of 169 PremierClubs who submitted annual affiliation forms and paid fees.

- The declared PremierClub membership totals increased by 607 to 10,852.

- The number of Clubmark accredited clubs has had a steady increase, with three more clubs having achieved the status.

- The total number of table tennis clubs that have achieved Clubmark status is now 114.

### Satellite Clubs & Premier League For Sport (PL4S) Satellites Programme

- The new Satellite Clubs Programme is on track to achieve its year one target of 80 satellites and 2,000 participants.

- 84 satellites have been planned, with 71 now operational. Early participant figures show a strong uptake with 979 having attended from 38 satellites which have submitted attendance registers.

- The PL4S programme goes from strength to strength – eight new football clubs agreed to work with table tennis for the first time this year.

- Table tennis achieved a grand total of 87 operational PL4S satellites from working with 27 partner football clubs. Both totals were the highest achieved by any single sport from the 12 different NGB sports working with the Premier League.

- Year one figures show a total of 2,182 engaged participants, of which 1,807 are over 14 years of age.

- Portsmouth FC are currently the strongest, with six satellites and more than 200 participants playing regular table tennis.

### Sainsbury's School Games

The 2013 Sainsbury's School Games, held in Sheffield from 12-15 September 2013, was a great success with England South East winning both the Boys' and Girls' Team events.

There were 88 athletes competing, including 24 athletes with a disability, from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, alongside 1,600 athletes from 11 other sports. Table tennis has been invited to be a part of the games for 2014 in Manchester, a ninth consecutive year.

### Young Official Award & TT Networker Award

Both courses continue to be in high demand from schools and colleges:

- ETTA Young Officials Award: Four-hour course is the first step on to the umpiring and competition organising ladder for young people. (36 courses, 512 candidates).

- ETTA TT Networker Award: Six-hour course is the first



**They're all right by Jack:** Jack Petchey and ESTTA president John Arnold (back) with some of the London Schools Table Tennis Championships winners

step on the coaching, officiating or administration ladder for young people (31 courses, 414 candidates).

Free courses worth up to £380 have been offered to all accredited Premier Clubs to encourage young people to commit to volunteering within our existing club network.

### English Schools Table Tennis Association liaison

ETTA and ESTTA continue to work closely together in areas such as: School Games (levels 1 to 4) and the Jack Petchey Foundation London Schools Table Tennis Programme. Participation within schools continues to increase, with partner support from the Youth Sport Trust (YST) to help promote our products such as the Butterfly School League programme and Outdoor Table Initiative, which were promoted at the YST School Sport Conference in Telford.

### Jack Petchey Foundation (JPF) – London Schools Table Tennis partnership programme

- The partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation continues to thrive. They have supported the London Schools

Table Tennis Programme for a fourth year with a substantial grant of £173,472. The London Schools Table Tennis Championships continue to grow in popularity, with a greater number of entries and new schools participating in their first ever table tennis competition through the JPF/ETTA scheme.

- To date almost 665 indoor table tennis tables have been donated to schools in London, with a further 200 planned to be donated in the summer of 2014. This is moving towards our long-term aim, that every London secondary school will have access to a table tennis table.



**Passion play:** Danny Lawrence at the Sainsbury's School Games

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**Flying the flag:** The squad at the INAS FID World Championships (back from left) Chris Turner (coach), Patrick Cox, Adam Thompson and (front) Shaun Newcomb (team manager).

## Disability development

● 2013/14 has been a year of consolidation with the number of clubs registered under the Ability programme being maintained at 72. Nevertheless, the number of players entering disabled competitions has continued to grow, with the regional squads covering the South, Central and North of England still operating and offering opportunities for disabled players to improve and practice.

● The ETTA sponsored a team of learning disabled players, Adam Thompson and Patrick Cox, to go to the INAS FID World Championships in December in conjunction with Cathay Pacific and UKSA (UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disabilities) where they performed well, with Adam bringing home an individual bronze medal. Shaun Newcomb travelled as team manager and Chris Turner as team coach.

● A full squad of disabled players from England represented the five regions at the Sainsbury's School Games Held in Sheffield during September, all performing to a very high level, with some hard-fought individual finals with Nico Anderson (wheelchair) and Patrick Cox (learning disability) both winning gold for their regions.

● The ETTA supported coaches to attend the Inter Spinal Unit Games, the Wheelpower National Junior Games and the Limbpower Games, all held at Stoke Mandeville during the year.

JUDY ROGERS

● Through the generosity of the Jack Petchey Foundation, the Jack Petchey London Schools' Table Tennis Programme has directly benefitted 16,610 young people in London over the past three years.

● More details are available at [www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/jack-petchey](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/jack-petchey)

### Change4Life Sports Clubs

● We aim to sustain and support existing Change4Life clubs as well as providing opportunities for new schools to start table tennis clubs.

● We continue to work with School Games Organisers and County Sport Partnerships to arrange courses and encourage clubs to take part.

● More details are available at [www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/change4life](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/change4life)

### Summer of Ping!

● Once again the highly successful summer of Ping! has taken table tennis into surprising and highly accessible venues such as parks, city centre shopping malls and major landmarks.

● Ping! 2013 took place in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Brighton, Leicester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Oxford, Cambridge, Cornwall and Middlesbrough, thanks to Sport England funding. Northampton, Kettering and Bury secured funding to deliver Ping! independently.

● An estimated 355,632 people participated at one of 547 Ping! tables or at Ping! events.

### University Table Tennis

● We have begun piloting university table tennis offers to provide recreational and competitive table tennis to students who are not playing for the university team.

● Five universities have worked with our partner organisation Pongathon to deliver weekly table tennis nights in a fun social environment. Pongathon has created a unique support package including training, bespoke equipment, support recruiting student volunteers, mentoring, web-based tools and help accessing small grants to enable universities to deliver the weekly activity and competition.

● In addition, some universities have been given the Instant Table Tennis pack and some basic training to help them set up their own social table tennis initiatives. The success of these two initiatives, and participant numbers, are currently being collected.



**Ping when we're winning:** The Ping! initiative takes table tennis into surprising and highly accessible venues



# Departmental reports



The Association's competition programme can only be achieved by the dedication of dozens of volunteers. Our thanks go to all the Referees, Umpires and Tournament Organisers and many others who make the whole thing work.

This has been a difficult season for our professional Events team in Hastings, culminating in the office relocation to Milton Keynes when we lost two of our longest serving and most experienced staff, Diccon Gray and Vanda Jones, and we wish them both every success in the future, we will miss them both.

Zach Ferris took on the extra responsibility and workload and has done a fine job, and we have now appointed a Competitions and Events Manager, Amanda Robinson.

## Competitions

Harvey Webb



We have also lost some of our fantastic volunteers as Ken Eliot, Stan Clarke, Dot Macfarlane and Ken Tonge have all decided that it is time to retire. They will all be missed.

We have launched a new online entry system this season, designed and powered by TableTennis365, which has made registering for events quicker and easier.



It is used for Grand Prix events and the Senior National Championships and we believe it has helped to increase our entry numbers.

### Major events

We have not staged any major events this year as the uncertain financial situation and the massive changes we are undergoing in governance have been given priority.

However, now that we have addressed many of the issues raised, and satisfied Sport England of our direction as an NGB, it is hoped that

during the 2014/15 season we can look at Major Events again and try to bring one to England.

### National Championships

As has been the case for many years, the Senior National Championships were held at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield, and our thanks go to Sheffield City Council for their continued support.

**Cadet & Junior National Championships** – These took place at UCLAN in Preston, which proved to be an excellent venue.

An innovation here was live streaming of the event via our website which was carried out by our staff. We purchased the necessary equipment for around the cost of having it done by a professional company, which will save money in the long term. The statistics we received after the event were very encouraging and point the way for the future.

**11-14's National Championships** – These took place, as usual, late in the season at the Dome in Doncaster. The results can be found in the results section of this Annual Report.



David McBeath

# Departmental reports



Nicholas Leung

**Cadet Masters** – This was hosted by Burton Uxbridge and our thanks go to them for all their help in organising another successful event.

**Junior Masters** – Grantham College was the venue for this and again our thanks to them for their support.

## English League Cup Competitions

The oldest domestic competition in the ETTA calendar was again well supported this season by local leagues. The zonal rounds took place over the weekend of 12th and 13th April 2014 and the finalists will compete for the four trophies at Westfield Table Tennis Club, on 7th and 8th June 2014.

Thanks for their hard work in ensuring another successful competition go to Diane Webb and Richard Hudson.

As the finals fall after the deadline for this report, a verbal report will be given at the AGM.

## British League

A new committee this season under the chairmanship of Chris Dangerfield was tasked with the unification of all the various BL formats – Junior British League, Women's British League, Veteran's British League and Veteran's National League – under one committee, and to ensure there was consistency in all their rules and regulations. This they have achieved, together with improving press and publicity across the formats.

This season marked the 25th anniversary of the Women's British League and two of the founders, Jose Ransome and Christine Lewis, were invited to attend the second weekend where a presentation was made acknowledging their work in the early days.

## Calendar Working Party

Business as usual for the CWP, trying to fit a large events programme into the available weekends. There was also a review of the Priority List, which resulted in some minor adjustments and the addition of some more constraints.

## County Championships

With 34 divisions operating, this continues to be a very popular competition. This season we had 47 Senior teams, 49 Juniors, 91 Veterans, 38 Cadets and 24 Over-60s. There was a minor reduction in the Veteran teams but an encouraging increase of seven extra teams in the Cadets.

Our thanks go to Les Smith, who makes an enormous contribution to the Association in running this competition.

## Grand Prix

After disappointing entries in the previous season, it is pleasing to note that these have increased again, and the tour visited Liverpool,

Guildford, Newcastle, Bristol, Nottingham, West of Scotland, Blackpool and London. In addition there were Satellite GPs in Cardiff, Sussex, North Herts and Jersey.

## National Cadet & Junior Leagues

These highly successful events give many youngsters their first taste of competition, and this season we saw another increase in the number of teams; 193 in the NJL and 248 in the NCL which were played at a record 27 locations. Our thanks go to Mike Atkinson for his efforts in arranging this competition.

## Technical Officials

A new committee this year, with Stuart Sherlock chairing, combining the previous National Umpires and Referees Committee and Tournament Organisers Qualification Committee, with a remit to formalise and introduce new categories of Technical Officials, and continue the work of training, selection where necessary, with ongoing reviews of performance.

We nominated six individuals for the annual "Sports Officials UK" awards, four were shortlisted and two won their categories; Congratulations to Tony Chatwin and Josh Reynolds.

It is also pleasing to note that Alex Mercer and Josh Reynolds were accepted on to the ITTF Young Umpires scheme which resulted in Alex being selected to attend the Youth Olympics in China and Josh to the Global Youth Circuit Finals in Portugal.

## Tournaments Committee

Steve Welch and the Tournaments Committee continued their usual activities and approved more than 100 Tournaments during the season. The planned review of the Star Grading of Tournaments and Tournament Regulations did not happen due to other priorities but it is now hoped to achieve this in 2014/15.

Player misconduct seems to be worsening, especially in the younger age categories, and resulted in three players being suspended and therefore missing Junior 4 Star Tournaments and the National Championships. It is hoped that this sends out a strong message.

## Cadet 6 Nations

It was our turn to host this event, which took place at Lilleshall in May. It is an excellent opportunity for our top Cadets' to test their metal against some of the best from France, Germany, Sweden, Netherlands and Norway. France won the girls' team event and Sweden the boys' team competition, while both singles were won by players from France.

● Full results of all our competitions can be found in the results section of this Annual Report, on pages 16-21.

# Departmental reports



**Brains trust:** The performance coaching team keep an eye on play during an event

“ The surge up the world rankings by Liam Pitchford has been a performance highlight of the year and his ranking inside the top 60 in the world will hopefully provide the springboard for the rest of the team to achieve greater results ”

## Coaching & Performance

Suzanne Airey



This year has seen significant challenges and change in both the coaching and performance departments, many of which are extensions of what the whole organisation has been through. However, despite these there have been many notable positives and, as ever, adversity seems to inspire many people onwards to greater heights.

### Performance

The performance department has lost a number of staff over the past 12 months. The loss of UK Sport funding, post London 2012, resulted in the closure of the central programme based in Sheffield and resulted in the departure of Louise Larcombe and Jia Yi Liu from the ETTA.

The redeployment of the senior coaching resource was made possible through the additional Commonwealth Games funding received from Sport England, meaning that Alan Cooke can support the men's team and Nick Jarvis, the Head Coach, the women's team. These roles will continue at least until the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this year.

The surge up the world rankings by Liam Pitchford has been a performance highlight of the year and his ranking inside the top 60 in the world will hopefully provide the springboard for the rest of the team to achieve greater results in the coming year.

### Talent Development Centres

The funding from Sport England has been focused on the creation of a new programme with four Talent Centres and these will be critical to the development of talent in our sport.

The Centres at Nottingham, Plymouth, Harlow and Ormesby are a partnership with clubs and the ETTA to provide a significant training opportunity for the talented athletes in those areas. While at present these are limited to only four locations, there will be an increase in the number of Talent Development Centres in the next two years.

This move away from regional programmes has obviously meant the loss of our Regional Coaches, who had been providing support at this level of the pathway. A number of these coaches have been redeployed throughout the organisation and our thanks must go to them all for their work over the past cycle.



**Many thanks:** Jill Parker (right) with ETTA Chair Sandra Deaton on the occasion of her retirement

Jill Parker also retired in March and again our thanks must go to her for years of passion and dedication to table tennis and the ETTA.

### Coaching

The organisational relocation during March also resulted in the departure of Dave Berriman and Collette Sargent from Coach Education. Their experience and passion for the sport is a sad loss but with new staff joining the team, the coaching department will move into a new era.

Part of the new era in coaching is the commitment from the ETTA to encourage our coaches to continue to strive and seek out development opportunities. The change in coach licensing that comes into effect in the next financial year is an important part of the growth of our coaching workforce and, while it will present additional challenges, the benefits of better quality coaching support to our clubs, athletes and participants is worth the additional challenge.

Finally, the creation of a Senior Management Team has seen Simon Mills take over the leadership and responsibility for the departments. Simon joins us from British Triathlon and will be charged with leading the departments into the new era.

# Notable achievements



● ETTA Deputy Chairman Richard Scruton (pictured left) was appointed Secretary-General of the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU).

● Liam Pitchford broke into the top 100 of the world rankings for the first time, reaching a career high of No 54.

● Sam Walker reached the last 16 of the World Junior Championships in Rabat, Morocco.

● England's men and women returned from the Commonwealth Championships in New Delhi, India, with a haul of three silver and two bronze medals.

● England's men and women dominated the Senior 6 Nations event in Cardiff, securing all four titles on offer.

● The ETTA's outgoing chief executive Richard Yule (pictured left) was recognised for his long and glittering career in table tennis by being presented with the International Table Tennis Federation's Merit Award.



● Liam Pitchford beat three world top-30 players in a run to the quarter-finals of the German Open, before losing out to six-time European champion Timo Boll.

● Sam Walker won gold at the Malta Junior & Cadet Open in Cottonera, where he also won the team event alongside Helshan Weerasinghe and George Downing. At the same event, Maria Tsaptsinos, Tin-Tin Ho and Tom Jarvis also won medals.

● Tin-Tin Ho reached the top of the European Cadet rankings for the first time and was part



**Stellar year:** Sam Walker enjoyed success at the World Junior Championships, the Europe Youth Top10 and the Malta Open

of the Europe team which claimed silver medals at the World Cadet Challenge in Slovenia. She also reached the quarter-finals of the individual event.

● In the Cadet and Junior (Home) 6 Nations, England won all four team golds, while Maria Tsaptsinos won the junior girls' singles.

● The boys' team won silver for England, and Hugo Pang took individual bronze, at the Cadet (International) 6 Nations in Denmark.

● Tom Jarvis was the star at the Joola Hungarian Open, reaching the quarter-finals of the cadet boys' singles.

● Tin-Tin Ho and Sam Walker performed well on their first appearances at the Europe Youth Top10 event in Italy.

● Tin-Tin Ho returned from the European Youth Championships in Ostrava with two silvers and a bronze. At the same event, the England junior boys' quartet of Sam Walker, Igor Morais, George Downing and Helshan Weerasinghe secured promotion back to the top tier of European competition.

## From the wider table tennis family . . .

● European Para TT medals were won for GB by Will Bayley – silver (singles) and bronze (team), Sue Gilroy – bronze (singles) and Jane Campbell – bronze (team).

● The GB Para Table Tennis Team's head coach Greg Baker was chosen to join UK Sport's World Class Coaching Elite Programme.

● The England Girls' National team of Tin-Tin Ho, Maria Tsaptsinos, Emma Torkington and Yuki Wat scooped the bronze medal at the ISF World Schools' Championships in Clermont-Ferrand.

● Nottingham Trent University's table tennis team brought home a silver and two bronze medals from the European University Table Tennis Championships held in Zonguldak, Turkey.

## . . . and what a start it's been to 2014-15!

Paul Drinkhall ended England's 18-year wait for a singles victory on the ITTF World Tour circuit by winning the Spanish Open.

The England No 2, who was seeded 22 for the event, beat Japan's Masataka Morizono 4-2 in the final in Almeria, becoming only the second Briton to win a World Tour singles title and the first since Carl Prean in Rio in 1996.

Paul was also part of the England men's squad which won the Challenge Division title at the ITTF World Team Championships in Tokyo to clinch a place back in the top tier of world table tennis after a 17-year absence.

The team, also featuring Liam

Pitchford, Daniel Reed and Sam Walker, eased through the group before beating Nigeria in the quarter-finals and Slovakia in the semis to seal promotion. They added the title by beating Italy 3-1 in the final.

Tom Jarvis then kept the run of success going by winning the cadet singles at the Spanish Youth Open and a silver medal at the Cadet Six Nations.

Attention now turns to the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, with England hoping to be in the medal shake-up.

We would like to take this opportunity to give our thanks to Butterfly, the Official Team Clothing Supplier to our England squads.



**Reign in Spain:** Paul Drinkhall celebrates his victory in the Spanish Open and (inset) receives his prize

# National championships



**Forging ahead:** The crowd enjoy the action at the Senior Nationals at Ponds Forge.



**Alex Ramsden:**  
Under-14  
boys' singles  
champion

# Liam and Joanna t



**Eye on the ball:** Men's singles champion Liam Pitchford prepares to serve

## Senior National Championships

Sheffield – March 2014

Men's singles .....	Liam Pitchford (Dy)
Women's singles .....	Joanna Drinkhall (Sy)
Men's doubles .....	Paul Drinkhall (Cv)/Liam Pitchford
Women's doubles .....	Joanna Drinkhall/Kelly Sibley (Wa)
Mixed doubles .....	Sam Walker (Ng)/Tin-Tin Ho (Mi)
Under-21 men's singles .....	Gavin Evans (Bu)
Under-21 women's singles .....	Maria Tsaptinos (Bk)
Veteran men's singles .....	Mike O'Driscoll (He)
Veteran women's singles .....	Emma Rose (He)
Veteran men's doubles .....	Lorestan Trumpauskas (E)/ Mike O'Driscoll
Veteran women's doubles .....	Sanya Clements (Do)/ Emma Rose

## Junior & Cadet National Championships

Preston – November 2013

Junior boys' singles .....	Helshan Weerasinghe (Sx)
Junior girls' singles .....	Maria Tsaptinos
Junior boys' doubles .....	Daniel Lawrence(K)/ Adam Harrison (Li)
Junior girls' doubles .....	Tin-Tin Ho/Maria Tsaptinos
Junior mixed doubles .....	Tin-Tin Ho/Helshan Weerasinghe
Cadet boys' singles .....	Tom Jarvis (Li)
Cadet girls' singles .....	Kate Cheer (Sx)
Cadet boys' doubles .....	Luke Savill (K)/Tom Jarvis
Cadet girls' doubles .....	Kate Cheer/Kate Nixon (Y)

## U11-U14 National Championships

Doncaster – May 2014

Under-11 boys .....	Amirul Hussain (La)
Under-11 girls .....	Jasmin Wong (Y)

Under-12 boys .....
Under-12 girls .....
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## Cadet Master

Burton – January 20:

Cadet boy .....
Cadet girl .....

## Junior Master

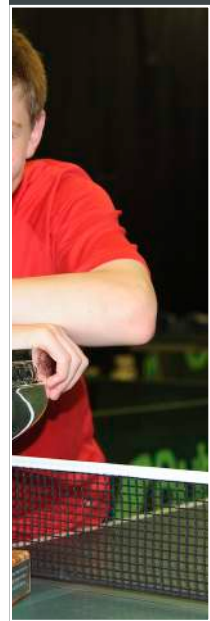
Grantham – January

Junior boy .....
Junior girl .....

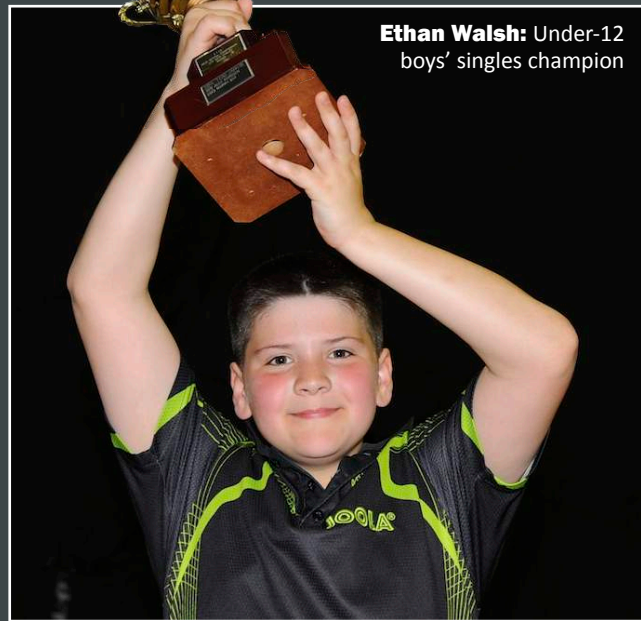




# National championships



**Kate Cheer:** Cadet and under-14 girls' singles champion



**Ethan Walsh:** Under-12 boys' singles champion

# take top honours

- .....Ethan Walsh (He)
- ..... Charlotte Bardsley (St)
- ..... Harry Dai (Y)
- ..... Denise Payet (Mi)
- .....Alex Ramsden (Np)
- ..... Kate Cheer
- doubles .....Alex Ramsden/James Smith (K)
- oubles .....Kate Cheer/Denise Payet

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- ..... Tom Jarvis
- .....Denise Payet

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- ..... Helshan Weerasinghe
- ..... Tin-Tin Ho

**Sheffield steel:** Joanna Drinkhall celebrates winning the women's singles and, below left, fellow national champions Helshan Weerasinghe and Charlotte Bardsley



# British League



**Just champion:** The Ormesby side which won the Women's British League (from left) Maria Tsaptsinos, Karina Le Fevre and Chloe Whyte with Alan Ransome OBE. Below: The girls' Premier Division winners from Burton Uxbridge (from left) Emma Torkington, Isobel Ashley and Megan Knowles



**Thanks:** British League founders Jose Ransome and Christine Lewis with the gifts acknowledging their work in the early days 25 years ago



**Paul Beck**

The Senior British League was won by Sycamore TTC, following an epic final weekend battle with closest rivals Urban TTC. Greenhouse TTC and Wymondham were relegated from the Premier Division. Kingfisher TTC and London Academy were promoted to the Premier Division via the play-offs.

The Women's British League was won by Ormesby TTC; their squad consisting of Karina Le Fevre, Chloe Whyte, Maria Tsaptsinos and Karen Shepherd were too strong, picking up 19 points from a possible 20. This season also marked the 25th anniversary of the Women's event and two of the founders, Jose Ransome and Christine Lewis, were invited to attend the second weekend where a presentation was made acknowledging their work in the early days.

The junior boys' premier division was won by BBAT, the girls' premier division was won by Burton Uxbridge. We welcome Richard and Brenda Hudson, who were appointed the new organisers of the junior competition effective from the 2014-15 season.

Bribar St Neots Saints took the veterans'

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**Trophy time:** Junior boys' premier division winners BBAT (left) and members of the Sycamore team which won the Senior British League, Premier Division title (right), receive the trophy from ETTA treasurer Keith Thomas

# British League



premier title, thanks to consistent performances from Chris Rogers, Jason Ramage, Chris Bartram and Andrew Trott.

The veteran ladies' premier division was much closer-fought battle; Market Rasen Ladies winning the title thanks to a final-day win over second-placed Bribar Bunch.

As mentioned by Harvey Webb in this Annual Report, a new committee this season under the chair of Chris Dangerfield was requested to unify all the various BL formats under one committee, and to ensure there was consistency and equality in all their rules and regulations.

A review of the whole British League taking the opinions of a cross-section of players, clubs, officials and spectators into account, has been completed by the committee and an ambitious 10-year plan has been submitted to the Table Tennis England Board for their consideration.



Press and publicity has continued to improve this season thanks to the voluntary efforts of the press and publicity team that includes Matthew Shaw, John Upham and Chris Dangerfield.

At the end of this season Ken Eliot (JBL), Dorothy Macfarlane (WBL) and Stan Clarke (VNL) will retire from the British League.

The British League committee are actively looking to expand their team of volunteers in readiness for new initiatives and change over the coming years. Anyone interested in volunteering their time should contact the committee chairman in the first instance.

**CHRIS DANGERFIELD**



## Roll of honour

### Senior British League

Premier Division .....	Sycamore
Division 1 North.....	Burton Uxbridge
Division 1 Midlands .....	London Academy
Division 1 South.....	Kingfisher
Division 2 North.....	Cardiff City
Division 2 Midlands .....	Westfield
Division 2 South.....	Horsham
Division 3 North.....	Bankfield
Division 3 Midlands .....	Elgre Draycott III
Division 3 South.....	Property Street
Division 4 North.....	Travel Hub CIC Nomads
Division 4 Midlands .....	Whitworth Academy
Division 4 South and East .....	Horsham Spinners
Division 4 South and West.....	Portsmouth

### Women's British League

Premier Division .....	Ormesby
Division 1 .....	YHL
Division 2 .....	Drumchapel Glasgow Ladies
Division 3 .....	Formby
Division 4 .....	Sycamore
Division 5 .....	Draycott East Midlands III

### Veterans' British League

Premier Men .....	Bribar St Neots Saints
Premier Women .....	Market Rasen Ladies
Division 1A Men .....	Team Ecosse
Division 1B Men .....	Fullmarks
Division 1 Women .....	Lyncrest
Division 2A Men .....	Wirepoint Bulldogs
Division 2B Men .....	The Rams
Division 2 Women .....	Jacksdale Ladies

### Junior British League

Premier Boys .....	BBATT
Premier Girls.....	Burton Uxbridge
Division 1 Boys.....	Bournemouth Sports
Division 1 Girls.....	Ulster A
Division 2A Boys .....	Formby
Division 2B Boys .....	Northfield
Division 2 Girls.....	Sussex Alliance
Division 3A Boys .....	Colin Deaton
Division 3B Boys .....	Deutsche Bank Guernsey
Division 3 Girls.....	Munster Girls
Division 4A Boys .....	Deutsche Bank Guernsey II
Division 4B Boys .....	London Academy III

### Veterans' National League

Division 1A.....	PSP Insurance
Division 1B.....	Hereford Challengers
Division 2A.....	Blackpool
Division 2B.....	Whitworth Academy

### English Leagues Cup Competition (2012-13)

Wilmott Cup .....	Birmingham
JM Rose Bowl .....	Leeds
Carter Cup .....	Wembley & Harrow
Bromfield Trophy .....	Wembley & Harrow

# Results *Cadet Six Nations*



**The gang's all here:** The England squad at the Cadet Six Nations (from left): Matt Stanforth (coach), Zahna Hall, Hugo Pang, Denise Payet, Alex Ramsden, Kate Nixon, Kate Cheer, Luke Savill, Paul Whiting (coach), Tom Jarvis, Sally Shutt (coach), Helen Lower (coach)



**At work and play:** The boys practise (left), while the girls check out the day's photos at the end of play



**Winner:** Boys' champion Bastien Rembert



**Winner:** Girls' champion Vony-Ange Randrioantsoa

## County Championships – champions

<b>Cadet</b>	Division 2B..... Devonshire II	Division 2D..... Buckinghamshire	Division 3D..... Somerset
Premier ..... Yorkshire	Division 2C..... Nottinghamshire	<b>Veteran</b>	Division 4A..... Cambridgeshire II
Division 1A ..... Staffordshire	Division 2D..... Hampshire	Premier ..... Leicestershire	Division 4B..... Bedfordshire II
Division 1B ..... Kent	<b>Senior</b>	Division 1A ..... Yorkshire II	Division 4C..... Middlesex V
Division 1C ..... Hampshire	Premier..... Sussex	Division 1B ..... Kent	Division 4D..... Somerset II
<b>Junior</b>	Division 1A..... Nottinghamshire	Division 2A ..... Staffordshire	<b>Over-60</b>
Premier..... Sussex	Division 1B..... Kent	Division 2B ..... Surrey	Premier..... Lancashire
Division 1A... Northamptonshire	Division 2A.... Northamptonshire	Division 3A..... Durham	Division 1A..... Yorkshire II
Division 1B..... Devonshire	Division 2B..... Avon	Division 3B..... Cambridgeshire	Division 1B..... Gloucestershire
Division 2A..... Derbyshire	Division 2C..... Bedfordshire	Division 3C..... Buckinghamshire	

# Results *Cadet Six Nations*



**Silver lining:** Singles runner-up Tom Jarvis with his medal

It was a French conquest when England hosted the Cadet Six Nations.

Teams from France, Germany, Sweden, Netherlands and Norway competed in team and individual events at the National Sports Centre in Lilleshall. And it was France who took away most medals, winning both singles competitions and the girls' team event. Only Sweden prevented a clean sweep, winning the boys' team title.

Tom Jarvis ensured the hosts had a podium presence, reaching the singles final, where he was beaten 11-3, 16-14, 11-6 by Bastien Rembert. Luke Savill and Alex Ramsden reached the quarter-finals for England.

The England boys' squad, comprising Jarvis, Hugo Pang, Ramsden and Savill, finished third in the team event, having beaten Norway and the Netherlands 8-2 and Germany 7-3 and lost 6-4 to runners-up France and 8-2 to champions Sweden.

The girls' singles was won by Vony-Ange Randriantsoa of France, beating Germany's Natalia Mozler in the final.

England's girls' team of Kate Cheer, Zahna Hall, Kate Nixon and Denise Payet finished fifth in the team competition, the highlight being their 7-3 win over the Netherlands.

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**Hitting the heights:** Vincent Picard of France



## International matters

The priority for the ETTA during the past 12 months has been to position itself as a valuable and significant member of the international table tennis family. We have been working to build on relationships with overseas governing bodies as well as international governing organisations, such as the ETTU and the ITTF.

While we have had 12 months of re-examination and re-structuring, we have not been alone in this process of change. The ETTU's President Stefano Bosi from Italy resigned in August having held office since 1996. He has been replaced by Ronald Kramer (Netherlands) who visited and officially opened the new Milton Keynes office in April.

There will also be change at the ITTF in September when President Adham Sharara steps down after 15 years and is succeeded by the Deputy President Thomas Weikert.

We have been laying the groundwork in the past year to have renewed influence and input into the international community. It is our aim to have English table tennis fully and effectively represented at every level on the world stage.

A delegation of the then Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the ETTA, Andy Seward and Richard Scruton, accepted an invitation from the German association, the DTTB, to visit their offices in Frankfurt and meet their senior officials. A wide range of subjects of mutual interest were discussed and we are planning further and future cooperation between the two countries. We have extended a reciprocal invitation.

Our Chair, Sandra Deaton, and CEO Sara Sutcliffe have recently returned from the World Team Championships in Toyko, where they attended the ITTF AGM, the ETTU Extraordinary Congress and the Commonwealth TT Federation AGM. In addition they had a full schedule of informal meetings with their opposite numbers from within Europe and with key ITTF staff.

Sandra Deaton became a full member of the ITTF Nominations Committee and Richard Scruton a full member of the ITTF Junior Commission as the Europe representative. We wish to thank Valerie Murdoch for her past service as a member of the Nominations Committee.

A year ago Richard Scruton had just been elected as Deputy Chairman of the ETTA and also took on the role of Vice-Chairman of International Relations. At the time, we recognised his ability to place English table tennis to the forefront of international relations.

Since then, Richard has moved on to take up the major role as Secretary General of the ETTU. While we are sorry to lose his experience and expertise on a day-to-day basis, we are delighted that English table tennis has a friend and former colleague in such a senior position in the governance of the sport in Europe.

■ The 19th Commonwealth Championships took place in New Delhi, India, from 5-10th May 2013 with a total of 14 men's and 13 women's teams participating.

The most successful country, Singapore, won six of the seven gold medals, the exception being the Women's singles which was won by Mo Zhang of Canada. England won three silver medals in the Women's team, Women's doubles and Men's doubles and three bronze in the Men's team, Mixed doubles and Men's doubles.

The Annual General Meeting of the CTF took place in New Delhi and there was a General Meeting of members a week later at the World Championships in Paris.

A great deal of preparation has been undertaken for the Commonwealth Games which are to be held in Glasgow between 23rd July and 3rd August 2014 in which table tennis will be one of the 17 sports taking place, with television coverage on the BBC throughout.

The next Commonwealth Championships will be held in India from 6th-11th May 2015.

## Our sponsors



We would like to thank our commercial partners for their support and commitment during the course of the season



# Awards and thanks



## A special thanks from ETTA Chair, Sandra Deaton

I recognise that the past year has not been the easiest for many people associated with table tennis and the ETTA as we implemented the necessary changes to our structure and to our sport to prepare for the future. However, these changes have been conducted in a most professional and supportive manner – and for that I am grateful and indebted to you all.

It is difficult to single out individuals as the collective spirit of our volunteers, staff, Board, league and county representatives, partners, members and stakeholders has been tremendous. We would not have achieved so much so quickly without your help.

First to our staff. The move from Hastings to Milton Keynes has required a huge deal of effort and commitment from our staff. I am particularly grateful to our CEO, Sara Sutcliffe, whose calm and professional manner at the helm of the organisation has been a major factor in making the transition as smooth as possible. To all staff who have left the ETTA over the past year, our thanks for the work you have done in the past and we wish you much success in the future.

To our members of the National Council, Committees, County and League representatives, my sincere thanks and gratitude for the support you have given to implement the governance changes. I know Andy Seward was touched by the overwhelming backing from the National Council to our initial proposals and I am grateful that you have continued that support in recent months.

To our volunteers and technical officials – simply, we would not be here without you. We know that many hundreds of volunteers spend thousands of hours helping at clubs,

with young players, developing the sport in your area and organising county, British League, National League and local events. You are what our sport is about, your help is appreciated and you are very valued.

To our partners and trade suppliers, thank you for your continued involvement, support, backing and assistance with sponsorship, events, equipment and generosity.

Thanks to our players and members, who turn up week after week in local league matches as well as our elite international players who have recently showed much promise and found considerable team and individual successes on the table. It is your love of the game which provides the reason for all we do.

Finally, my personal thanks to our Vice Chairmen and our current Board. Your support first to Andy and then to me has been tremendous. Our governance changes have led to restructuring within our Board and I want to say a personal thanks to Phil Goulding, Suzanne Airey and Harvey Webb for their support, contribution and sound judgement as Vice Chairmen. To our other Vice Chairmen who are moving forward as Non Executive Board Directors, to our new Board appointees and to Keith Thomas, treasurer on both the old and new Boards, thank you for your commitment and I look forward to working with you.

Richard Scruton, the Deputy Chairman, has moved on to concentrate fully on his role as Secretary General to the ETTU. Richard has been a constant source of support to Andy and myself as Chair, his depth and breadth of knowledge is second to none. We thank you for your contribution and wish you much happiness and success in the future.

## Coaching & Development Awards

### Adult Coach of the Year

Matthew Porter

### Young Coach of the Year

Sam Rock and Jordan Gabriel

### Adult Volunteer of the Year

Carol Rodway

### Young Volunteer of the Year

Ben Towers

### Unsung Hero

Barbara Blanch

### Equality Award

Chris Turner

## PremierClub Awards

### Premier Club of the Year

Knighton Park TTC

### Runner-up Premier Club of the Year

Blitz TTC

## Tom Blunn Fund

### The following officials received grants:

Eric Pentland

Tom Purcell

Lynda Reid

Joshua Reynolds

## Ivor Montagu Junior Fund

### The following received grants:

L Hancock

M Hancock

N Jackson

C McCarty

B Mistry

L Peake

Z Premji

N Scott

R Scott

O Tyndall

# Awards and thanks



## Honours bestowed on members at AGM

### Honorary Life Members

Alex Murdoch  
Martin Clark  
Richard Yule

### Vice-Presidents

Rosemary Ponting  
Dave Evans  
Eileen Shaler  
Michael Wilson  
Diana Jermyn  
Diccon Gray

### Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement

Aubrey Drapkin

### Victor Barna Award

Tin-Tin Ho

### The Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved England Player of the Year Award

Sam Walker

### Ivor Montagu Award

Diane Webb

### Malcolm Scott Award

Peter Bradley

### Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

Dave Roden

### AK Vint OBE Staff Award

Stephen Gertsen

## Maurice Goldstein Awards

James Higham .....	Preston
Geoffrey Cadwallader .....	Reading
Edna Fletcher .....	Great Yarmouth
John MacGregor .....	Wembley & Harrow
Alan Peek .....	Lowestoft
Tim Pett .....	Didcot
Margaret Pugh .....	Isle of Thanet
Keith Walton .....	Didcot

● In addition, Doreen Stannard was elected president at the annual meeting



**Thanks a million:** The award winners line up (top) after their individual presentations (right, from top): Ben Towers with CEO Sara Sutcliffe; Carol Rodway with Chair Sandra Deaton; Sam Rock with treasurer Keith Thomas; Matthew Porter with Vice-Chairman (coaching) Suzanne Airey; Shirley Pickering of Knighton Park TTC with Vice-Chairman (administration) Mike Smith; Mark Dare, picking up the award on behalf of Jordan Gabriel, with Keith Thomas.



# England *internationals*



## Players who have represented England

### Senior men

Andrew Baggaley  
Chris Doran  
Paul Drinkhall  
Gavin Evans  
Darius Knight  
David McBeath  
Liam Pitchford  
Daniel Reed  
Sam Walker

### Senior women

Tressa Armitage  
Joanna Drinkhall  
Hannah Hicks  
Tin-Tin Ho  
Karina Le Fevre  
Kelly Sibley

### Junior boys

Marcus Giles  
Adam Harrison  
Danny Lawrence  
Sam Mabey  
Igor Morais  
Jared Patel  
Sam Walker  
Helshan Weerasinghe

### Junior girls

Tin-Tin Ho  
Emma Torkington  
Maria Tsaptinos



### Cadet boys

Tom Jarvis  
Omar Khassal  
Hugo Pang  
Alex Ramsden  
Luke Savill

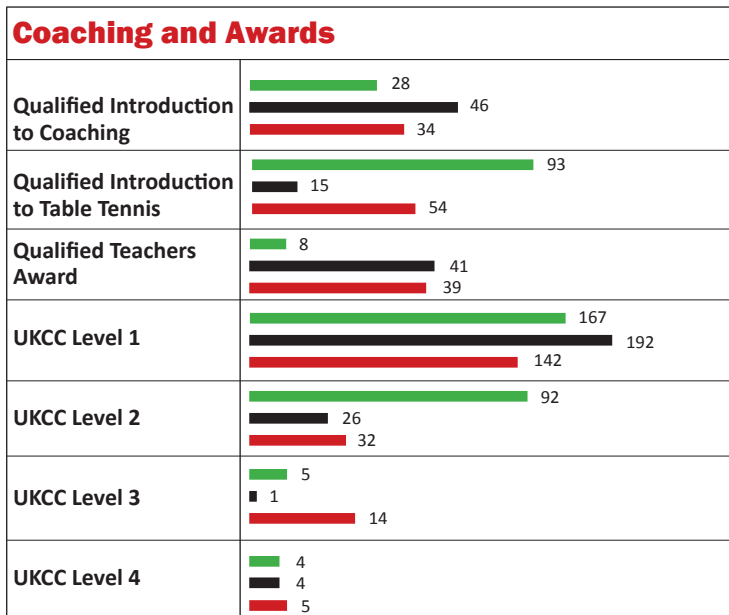
### Cadet girls

Kate Cheer  
Zahna Hall  
Kate Nixon  
Denise Payet

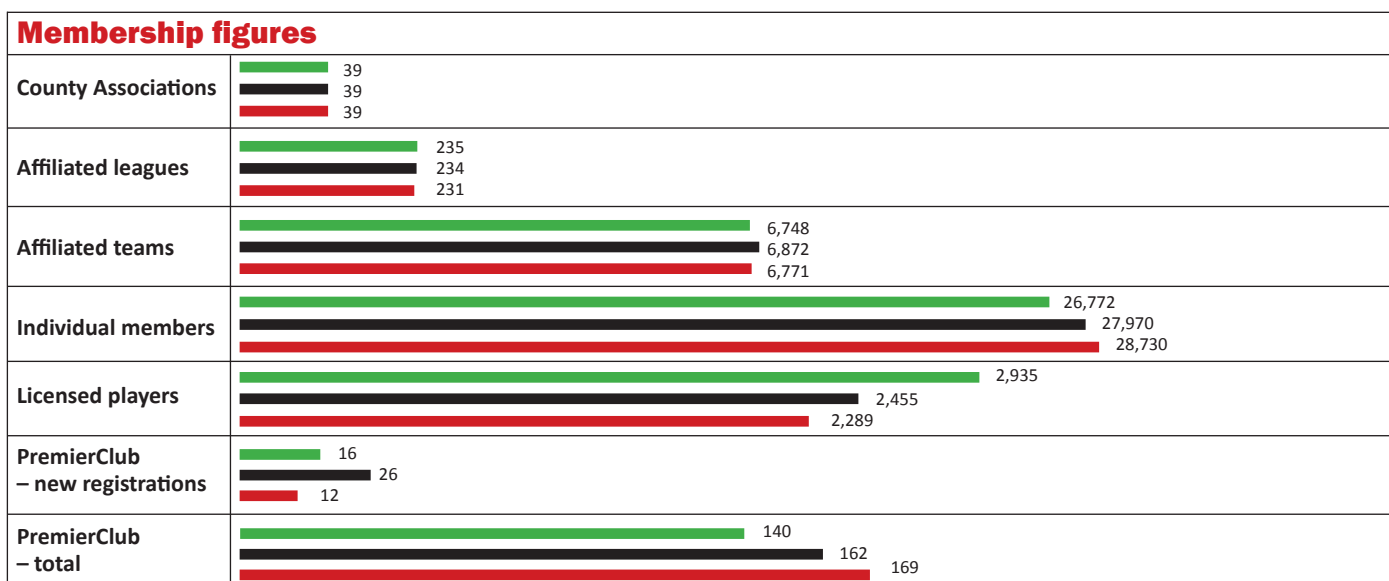
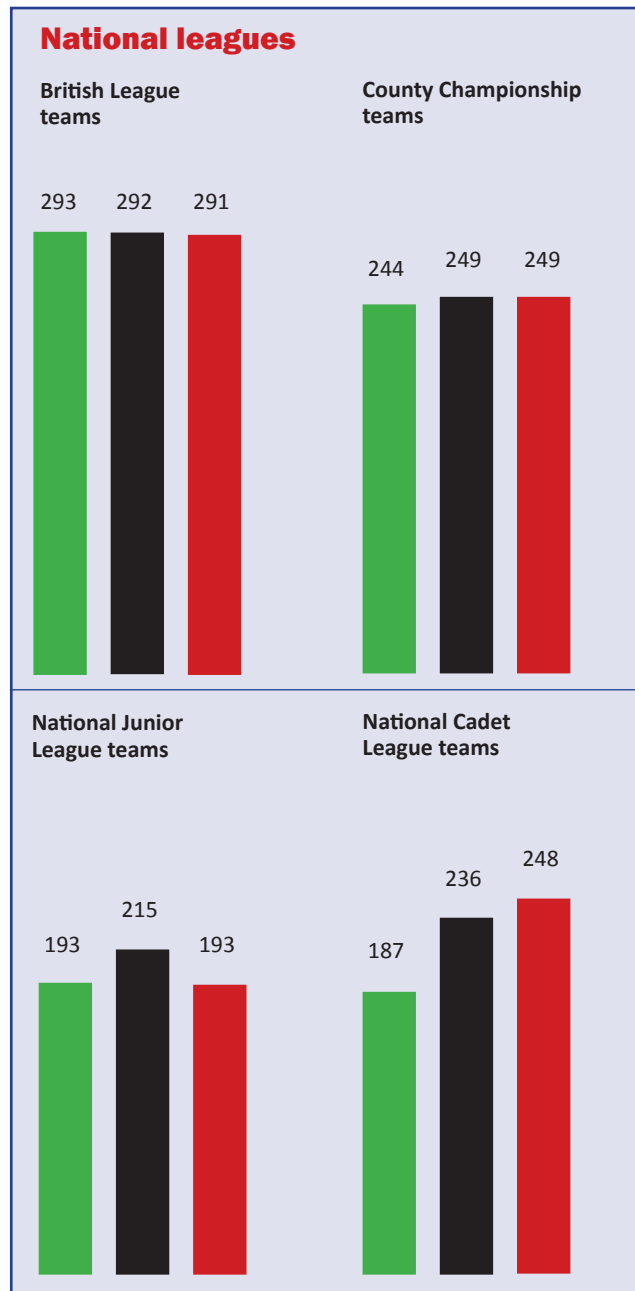
**England expects:** The England squad and support staff at the recent training camp at Lilleshall



# Facts and figures



**Adding value:** Competitions officer Zach Ferris lends a hand with the umpiring duties



Key: 2011/12 2012/13 2013/14

Figures correct as at 03/06/14

# Financial report

## Financial report

Keith Thomas



Year Ended 31 March 2014

The year 2013/14 was the first year of the new four-year Whole Sport Plan. The turnover in 2013/14 was approximately £4m which was £1.3m down on the previous year when the turnover was approximately £5.3m.

The element of Sport England income reduced this year compared with last year by £876,671 (£2,477,172 compared with £3,353,843). The Sport England reduction was principally a reduction in the Whole Sport Plan funding, but 2012/13 had also benefited from the final year of funding concerning the grants Playground to Podium and Club and Coach, which combined were worth £379,830.

As a consequence of the reductions it has been necessary to restructure the staffing of the organisation to reduce costs. Sport England have financially assisted with the restructure and also the relocation costs of the office to Milton Keynes with an additional award of £168,000.

We are carrying forward £115,624 of the Sport England Whole Sport Plan funding into 2014/15. This principally relates to Talent Development (£70,000),

Satellite Clubs (£12,000) and a balance concerning other programmes. Due to the restructure there was a delay in the setting up of the new talent development centres, which accounts for the majority of the carried forward funding.

Where we are showing a deficit is in the area of Performance, which is no longer funded through UK Sport, as it was in 2012/13. The Sport England talent development funding is primarily limited to the talent pathway.

This left a gap in funding for elite players' involvement in international competition until the Commonwealth Funding started in October 2013.

The new board taking office in July 2013 implemented immediate steps to reduce costs in this area but significant costs had already been incurred prior to July. Consequently, Other Performance is showing net expenditure of £127,595.

It has to be the aim of the Association that it covers its core costs. The core costs came to £734,609 in 2013/14 and Sport England have provided £412,500 of this figure. The balance of £322,109 has been covered by our own income, the majority of which is affiliation fees. The balance of own income in the sum of £15,917 has been used to reduce the deficit caused by other performance costs.

The overall deficit includes £4,511 which relates to the regions, which means that overall we are showing a combined deficit of £116,179 in 2013/14. Full details are shown in the financial statements.

“ It has to be the aim of the Association that it covers its core costs. ”



Maria Tsaptsinos

# Financial report

## English Table Tennis Association Limited

### Income and Expenditure (Appendix to full Financial Statements Report)

#### For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

			2014 Net Expenditure (Net Income)	2014 Expenditure	2014 Income	2013 Net Expenditure (Net Income)	
<b>PROGRAMMES:</b>							
Workforce (Coaching)		167,536	88,753	78,783	167,621	127,446	40,175
Competitions		371,780	250,949	120,831	374,894	244,555	130,339
Clubs		32,053	0	32,053	41,876	0	41,876
Children & Young People	Note 1	179,572	116,969	62,603	264,084	202,009	62,075
Satellite Clubs		68,000	0	68,000	0	0	0
Talent Development		124,272	8,785	115,487	409,140	24,630	384,510
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE:</b>							
<b>Staffing:</b>							
Regional	Note 2	723,802	84,738	639,064	1,093,462	379,830	713,632
Communications Dept.		84,307	0	84,307	74,398	0	74,398
Other Infrastructure Staff		210,760	0	210,760	174,037	0	174,037
<b>Other Costs:</b>							
Marketing		10,312	0	10,312	61,138	0	61,138
IT		41,074	0	41,074	153,582	0	153,582
Communications Dept.		34,837	26,800	8,037	29,570	8,746	20,824
Development Miscellaneous		20,699	5,134	15,565	16,157	5,685	10,472
<b>CAPITAL</b>		200,000	0	200,000	490,000	0	490,000
		<b>2,269,004</b>	<b>582,128</b>	<b>1,686,876</b>	<b>3,349,959</b>	<b>992,901</b>	<b>2,357,058</b>
<b>CORE COSTS:</b>							
AGM, Board & Committees		74,817	0	74,817	62,948	0	62,948
Staff - Salaries & Expenses		372,634	0	372,634	360,528	0	360,528
Other Core Costs		268,740	0	268,740	283,597	0	283,597
<b>CORE INCOME:</b>							
Affiliation Fees	Note 3	0	225,469	(225,469)	0	140,204	(140,204)
Sponsorship		0	16,500	(16,500)	0	25,465	(25,465)
Ranking Levies		0	34,275	(34,275)	0	32,070	(32,070)
Tournament Levies		0	3,970	(3,970)	0	3,692	(3,692)
Bank Interest		0	5,428	(5,428)	0	11,806	(11,806)
Other Income		18,418	36,467	(18,049)	14,432	25,615	(11,183)
		<b>734,609</b>	<b>322,109</b>	<b>412,500</b>	<b>721,505</b>	<b>238,852</b>	<b>482,653</b>
Sub Total		<b>3,003,613</b>	<b>904,237</b>	<b>2,099,376</b>	<b>4,071,464</b>	<b>1,231,753</b>	<b>2,839,711</b>
Sport England Grant		0	2,099,376	(2,099,376)	0	2,839,711	(2,839,711)
		<b>3,003,613</b>	<b>3,003,613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,071,464</b>	<b>4,071,464</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Performance		195,968	68,373	127,595	0	0	0
Balance of Affiliation Fees	Note 3	0	15,927	(15,927)	0	53,535	(53,535)
BTTAD Performance Grant	Note 4	489,026	489,026	0	419,921	419,921	0
Other Grants		356,609	356,609	0	492,476	492,476	0
ITTF Mens World Cup		0	0	0	196,023	158,427	37,596
		<b>4,045,216</b>	<b>3,933,548</b>	<b>111,668</b>	<b>5,179,884</b>	<b>5,195,823</b>	<b>(15,939)</b>
Regions	Note 5	65,714	61,203	4,511	86,680	99,380	(12,700)
		<b>4,110,930</b>	<b>3,994,751</b>	<b>116,179</b>	<b>5,266,564</b>	<b>5,295,203</b>	<b>(28,639)</b>

# Financial report

## English Table Tennis Association Limited

### Notes to Income and Expenditure

#### For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Note 1 The Jack Petchey Foundation grant is included in income in 2014 (£101,969), and in 2013 (£202,009). The grant has been matched against related expenditure

Note 2 The 2014 income includes a Disability Grant of £41,202. The 2013 income includes the Playground to Podium Disability grant of £264,917 and Club & Coach grant of £114,913. The grants have been matched to expenditure.

Note 3	2014	2013
Total Affiliation Fees for the year:		
Included in Core Income	225,469	140,204
Balance	15,927	53,535
Total Affiliation Fees	<u>241,396</u>	<u>193,739</u>

Note 4 The British Table Tennis Association for People With Disabilities (BTTAD) is the governing body for performance of UK table tennis for people with disabilities and is funded by UK Sport. As the Lead Nation, the ETTA has been authorised through a service level agreement, approved by UK Sport to administer the funds and reports directly to UK Sport and the BTTAD Performance Monitoring Group.

Note 5 Ten regional committees operate around the country under the auspices of English Table Tennis Association Limited. All income and expenditure of Regions is included in the income and expenditure account. The net funds of Regions are included in the Balance Sheet.

## ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### BALANCE SHEET

#### AS AT 31ST MARCH 2014

	2014		2013	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible assets		37,911		48,747
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks	12,412		23,598	
Debtors	134,304		204,354	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>967,060</u>		<u>963,351</u>	
	1,113,776		1,191,303	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>710,731</u>		<u>646,114</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		403,045		545,189
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>440,956</u>		<u>593,936</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
<b>Reserves</b>				
Income and expenditure account		401,686		517,865
Testimonial Funds		39,270		45,271
Performance Fund		0		30,800
		<u>440,956</u>		<u>593,936</u>

Notes re Balance Sheet included in full Financial Statements Report

# Who's who

## Honorary Life Members & Vice-Presidents

**Honorary Life Vice-President**  
JA Leach MBE

**Honorary Life Members**  
LA Chatwin, MG Clark, CJ Clemett, PHM Hillier, MR Holt, LF Landry, AN Murdoch, AE Ransome OBE, NK Reeve, RC Scruton, LJ Smith, Mrs DM Stannard, HJ Webb, JM Wright, DA Young, R Yule

**Deceased Honorary Life Members**  
The Dowager Lady G Swaythling, AF Carris, GW Decker, LE Forrest, IGS Montagu, AK Vint OBE, PE Warden, CG Woodcock, M Goldstein, WE Stamp, IC Eyles, FGJ Mannoch, E Reay, LS Woollard, T Blunn, N Cook, G James, C Jaschke, PW Hyde, F Milligan, ME Scott, GR Harrower, CM Wyles OBE, K Watts, GR Yates, LLE Thompson, H Walker, AJH Wickens, AE Upton, EG White, J Jermyn, RJ Crayden, KTO Ponting, MWJ Lewis

**Vice-Presidents**  
Miss JM Adams, M Alsop, Mrs AP Archdale, J Arnold, J Blackband, PR Bradley, JM Burtenshaw, Mrs EM Carrington, PA Charters, S Clarke, M Close, A Cooke, Mrs W Cunningham, C Davison, P Day, Mrs S Deaton, JE Dignum, D Douglas MBE, A Drapkin, K Eliot, D Evans, J Freeman JP, BR Granger, DC Gray, G Gurney, BR Halliday, TM Honey, RB Hudson, A Hydes, CT Hyland, TF Inge, C Jacques, Mrs D Jermyn, Mrs G Johns, Mrs A Jones MBE, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, JY Liu, MC Macfarlane, KF Marchant, AI Marshall, WV Moran, J Neslen, Mrs DM Nightingale, Mrs J Parker MBE, LC Pilditch, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, Mrs R Ponting, Dr D Ryde MB MS FRC, A Sandford, D Schofield, Mrs E Shaler, SE Sherlock, AWC Simons, RH Sinclair, B Skinner, MGR Smith, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, GA Taylor, Mrs KM Tonge MBE, DR Tremayne, GP Trimming, GMG Twiss, DN Tyler, GE Tyler, C Villiers MBE, RR Washington, Mrs JL Watts JP, S Welch, GM Wilson, M Wolman, R Yates

## Committee chairmen

**Administration**  
Vice-chairman: MGR Smith  
Committee chairmen  
Archives: Mrs DM Webb  
Board of Appeal: J Freeman JP  
Disciplinary: EJ Williams  
Honours: AL Seward  
Rules: CJ Clemett  
Returning & Nominations Officer: N Le Milliere

**Coaching**  
Vice-chairman: Mrs S Airey  
Committee chairman  
National Coaching Mrs S Airey

**Communications**  
Vice-chairman: Ms S Hughes  
Committee chairman  
Communications Ms S Hughes

**Competitions**  
Vice-chairman: HJ Webb  
Committee chairmen  
British League: C Dangerfield  
Calendar Working Party: HJ Webb  
County Championships: LJ Smith  
English Leagues Cup Competitions: Mrs DM Webb  
European League: HJ Webb  
Grand Prix: D Evans  
Major Events Feasibility: HJ Webb  
National Cadet & Junior League: M Atkinson

## President



Doreen Stannard

## Directors of the Association



Sandra Deaton  
**Chair**



Richard Scruton  
**Deputy Chair**



Keith Thomas  
**Treasurer**

## Vice Chairs



Suzanne Airey  
**Coaching**



Phil Goulding  
**Development**



Phil Huggon  
**Marketing**



Susie Hughes  
**Communications**



Tom Purcell  
**Membership**



Mike Smith  
**Administration**



Harvey Webb  
**Competitions**

### The new Board of Table Tennis England will comprise:

CEO – Sara Sutcliffe; Chair – Sandra Deaton; Deputy Chair – Susie Hughes; Treasurer – Keith Thomas.

**Non-executive directors:** Simon Griew, Phil Huggon, Andrew Nixon, Tom Purcell, Kelly Skeggs, Mike Smith, Anna Lisa Tazartes, Colin Wilson.

**National Championships:** S Sherlock  
**Technical Officials:** S Sherlock  
**Tournaments:** S Welch

**Development**  
Vice-chairman: CP Goulding  
Committee chairmen  
National Development: CP Goulding  
Disability: CP Goulding  
Equality: CP Goulding  
Safeguarding: CP Goulding  
Facilities Panel: CP Goulding  
Regional chairmen  
East: B Davison  
East Midlands: Mrs S Pickering  
London: M Close  
North East: C Davison  
North West: Mrs KM Tonge MBE  
South & South East: D Turner  
South West: JM Burtenshaw  
West Midlands: N Wheatley  
Yorkshire: A Bray

**Finance**  
Vice-chairman: K Thomas  
Committee chairman  
Trade: S Clarke

**International Relations**  
Vice-chairman: RC Scruton

**Marketing**  
Vice-chairman: P Huggon

**Membership**  
Vice-chairman: TV Purcell  
Committee chairmen  
Membership: TV Purcell  
Membership Development: TV Purcell  
Women's: Mrs N Perry

**Performance & Selection**  
Vice-chairman: Mrs S Deaton  
Committee chairmen  
Ranking: MC Macfarlane  
Selection panel: Mrs S Deaton

# Who's who

## Staff based in Milton Keynes headquarters (May 2014)

Chief Executive ..... Sara Sutcliffe

### Operations

Head of Operations ..... Jonathan Bruck  
 Executive Assistant and General Secretary ..... Rob Sinclair  
 Finance Manager ..... Brian Skinner  
 Finance Administrator ..... Jenny Richards  
 Finance Assistant ..... Supriya Parthiban  
 Safeguarding & Ethics Manager ..... Judy Rogers  
 Receptionist & Office Administrator ..... Michelle Wrighting

### Marketing & Communications

Head of Marketing & Communications ..... Gerry Cronin  
 Senior Communications Officer ..... Paul Stimpson  
 Communications Officer ..... Russell Moore  
 Membership & Ranking Manager ..... Justine Campbell  
 Membership & Ranking Administrator ..... Angela Brown  
 Membership Officer ..... Carol Hackett (until July 2014)  
 Competitions & Events Manager ..... Amanda Robinson  
 Competitions & Events Officer ..... Zach Ferris  
 Competition & Events Officer ..... Post vacant

### Development

Head of Development ..... Emily St John  
 Insight Officer ..... Rachel Elsley  
 Clubs & Disability Project Officer ..... Steve McFadyen  
 Adult Participation Manager ..... Keely Glenister  
 Children & Young People Project Officer ..... Jason Prescott  
 Development Support Officer ..... Michaela Clark

### Coaching & Performance

Head of Coaching & Performance ..... Simon Mills  
 Head of Workforce Development  
 & Performance Programme Management ... Jon Pett (until Aug 2014)  
 Coach Education Manager ..... Post vacant  
 Coach Education Officer ..... Miriam Beales  
 Coach & Performance Administrator ..... Sandra Pelizzoni

### Staff based remotely

#### Development

#### Regional Development leads

South West ..... Chris Brown

London & South East ..... John Andrews  
 Central ..... Mark Willerton  
 North ..... Martin Ireland

### Development officers

South West ..... Lisa Williams  
 London ..... Tom Browne  
 South East ..... Kieron Pelling  
 Central ..... Chris Newton  
 North ..... Andrea Holt

### Coaching & Performance

Head Performance Coach &  
 Talent Development Manager ..... Nick Jarvis  
 National Performance Coach ..... Alan Cooke

### Regional coach development officers

South West ..... Aled Howell  
 London & South East ..... Craig Bryant  
 Central ..... Helen Lower  
 North ..... Sally Shutt

### Regional talent development coaches

National ..... Matt Stanforth  
 South West (Plymouth) ..... Paul Whiting  
 London & South East (Batts) ..... Jane Barella  
 Central (Nottingham) ..... Chris Turner  
 North (Ormesby) ..... Hong Hong Peebles

**Table Tennis England would also like to extend special thanks to all the following who left the organisation in the past year and to wish them every future success.**

John Ainley, Shaun Alvey, Amanda Barber, Dave Berriman, Sam Brown, Adam Collins, Paul Cornell, Stephen Gertsen, Diccon Gray, Natalie Green,

Vanda Jones, Jane Judges, Karen Keech, Brian Keen, Sheila King, Jo Kuzu, Aad Kwakkelstein, Louise Larcombe, Andrea Leeson, James Lewis, Jai Yi Liu, Michael Moir, Mat Morris, Michael Naylor, Shaun Newcombe, Sophie Olyphant, Katy Parker, Jill Parker, Harry Peacock, Adam Proszko, Carolyn Ryan, Jackie Sands, Collette Sargent, Bill Shearer, Richard Yule.

## National Council representatives

County	National Councillor	Deputy
Avon	MWJ Lewis (deceased)	DL Hockney
Bedfordshire	Mrs VJ Murdoch	J Alsop
Berkshire	C Dyke	E Van Looy
Buckinghamshire	RR Washington	RJ Hedley
Cambridgeshire	BR Freer	Mrs V Parkes
Cheshire	Mrs KM Tonge MBE	R Jackson
Cleveland	AE Ransome OBE	C Davison
Cornwall	Mrs DM Jermyn	TR Vardon
Derbyshire	LA Chatwin	J Cowell
Devonshire	A Millman	No appointment
Dorset	LT Whittaker	N Hardisty
Durham	GM Wilson	D Bissett
Essex	BR Granger	N Brierley
Gloucestershire	LJ Smith	Mrs EJ Kirby
Hampshire	DB Turner	BP Lamerton
Herefordshire	H Jutle	J Dance
Hertfordshire	DJ Edwards	JM Barnes
Isle of Wight	BR Halliday	P Moore
Kent	N Le Milliere	EK Muhr
Lancashire	S Clarke	DD Goulden

County	National Councillor	Deputy
Leicestershire	G Sanders	Mrs S Pickering
Lincolnshire	GE Tyler	D Brown
Middlesex	M Close	R Sutcliffe
Norfolk	RR Drew	No appointment
Northamptonshire	R Barr	No appointment
Northumberland	J Donnelly	A Hedley
Nottinghamshire	M Allsop	B Rimmer
Oxfordshire	AR Hughes (deceased)	J Birkin
Shropshire	Mrs J Bevan	Mrs J Powis
Somerset	JM Burtenshaw	M Reading
South Yorkshire	R Loxley	J Kenny
Staffordshire	D Sherratt	C Bell
Suffolk	PF Fordham	No appointment
Surrey	Miss M Fraser	HA Laws
Sussex	J Skinner	A Catt
Warwickshire	EJ Williams	M Macfarlane
Wiltshire	S Cutler	CN Sewell
Worcestershire	MG Clark	Mrs LA Reid
Yorkshire	RB Hudson	B Snowden

# Obituaries

**A**ubrey Simons, a member of the England team which won the 1953 World Championship (Swaythling Cup), died peacefully at the age of 93 in May 2014.

A good all-round sportsman who captained Bristol Grammar School's cricket 1st XI and won his Gloucestershire Second XI cap in 1948, he started playing table tennis after entering – and winning – a competition on the Queen Mary while travelling to America as a 15-year-old Bristol Grammar School pupil in 1936.

He won the West of England Singles title five times, along with many other Open championships around the country, although surprisingly he never won the English Open Men's Singles title.

Aubrey (pictured in 1950) made 165 appearances for England between 1948 and 1955, with an 80 per cent win ratio, and reached a high of No 4 in the world rankings.



The highlight of Aubrey's career was in 1953 when he played a major role in England's one and only success in the World Championship (Swaythling Cup) in Bucharest, when the team beat Hungary.

He rated his victory over Vaclav Tereba, which finished at three o'clock in the morning and gave England a 5-4 victory in the semi-final as his best-ever performance. Later the same day, Aubrey won the first match against Josef Koczian of Hungary which set the mark for his team-mates to follow.

In 1964 Aubrey was elected the fifth President of the Bristol & District Table Tennis Association and set yet another record by holding that post for an incredible 50 years.

The B&DTTA's John Ruderham said: "Throughout his life, Aubrey was a quiet, unassuming and modest gentleman who also had an infectious sense of humour, but someone who you could trust wholeheartedly.

"He will be sadly missed by many, many friends in the table tennis world."

**J**ohnny Leach MBE, a two-time World Singles Champion, was England's last surviving male World Champion.

He died at the age of 91 in June 2014.

Johnny Leach, a former world No 1 who won the Men's Singles in Stockholm, Sweden 1949 and Vienna, Austria 1951, was also part of the 1953 England team who won the World Championships (Swaythling Cup) in Bucharest, Romania during a glittering international career. He is pictured with the singles trophy in 1951.

Born on Monday 20th November 1922 in Dagenham, Essex, Johnny Leach didn't pick up the sport until he was 17 years old when he was helped by his father to make rapid progress through the junior titles.

As with so many other sportsmen at the time, his progress was halted by the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939. However, despite serving in the Royal Air Force in Northern Ireland, he found himself playing partners in the forms of England internationals Jack Carrington and Ron Crayden. The trio would practise together and provide exhibition matches until hostilities ceased, whereupon he became England's No 1 player.

Able to fully re-establish his career, Johnny Leach embarked on becoming a World Champion and achieved this on three occasions. As a singles champion in 1949 and 1951 and as part of the England team that won the Swaythling Cup in 1953. That team included Richard Bergmann, Adrian Haydon, Brian Kennedy and Aubrey Simons (see obituary on this page).

In total he collected 16 World Championships medals (three gold, five silver and eight bronze) during his career, having been the only player who participated in all 10 immediate post-war World Championships.

During his career he won a host of Men's Singles titles including open international



tournaments in Wales (1947), Ireland (1948), the United States (1950), Belgium (1950, 1957, 1958) and France (1951). On the international scene he enjoyed Men's Doubles success with Victor Barna, Richard Bergmann, Brian Kennedy, Ron Crayden, Aubrey Simons, Mike Thornhill and Sweden's Tage Flisberg.

Off the table, he was just as successful, forming his own business selling table tennis equipment under the Johnny Leach racket and Halex ball brands. He also wrote several books on table tennis and was responsible for helping to establish the table tennis 'summer schools' – such to the extent that Butlin's Holiday Camps employed a table tennis coach in all their resorts during the summer holiday period.

His involvement in the sport extended to roles within the English Table Tennis Association where he became a Vice President in 1964, President in 1988-2011 and was given the role of Honorary Life Vice President in 2011.

During this time his services to the sport were recognised on a grander scale having been made an MBE in 1966 and inducted into the ITTF Hall of Fame in 1997.

## Friends remembered

**Chris Corlett:** Chairman of Leeds TTL.

**Jean Crayden:** Widow of Ron Crayden; ETTA Honorary Life Member.

**Aubrey Hughes:** President, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Sports Council Representative of Oxford & District TTL. ETTA National Councillor for Oxfordshire and founding member and treasurer of Kidlington Forum Table Tennis Club.

**Rod Hullah:** Former committee member of Yorkshire County TTA, Leeds TTL and

Bradfield TTL and County Umpire.

**Bob Johnson:** Former committee member of the Oldham TTL and Chairman of the Lancashire and Cheshire TTL.

**Anand Kaila:** Chairman and Secretary of Lichfield Table Tennis Club.

**Mike Lewis:** ETTA Honorary Life Member and National Councillor (Avon). Former ETTA Vice-President and Vice-Chairman (Development).

**Connie Miles:** Former England Women's team captain.

**Norman Reeve:** ETTA Honorary Life Member, former Deputy Chairman and Vice-Chairman (public relations). Former Management Committee member of the Wembley & Harrow TTL.

**Brian Webb:** ETTA Vice-President, and former member of the Disciplinary Committee, Board of Appeal and National Elections Scrutineer. Former President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Umpires Secretary of Buckinghamshire County TTA. President of High Wycombe TTL.

# Obituaries

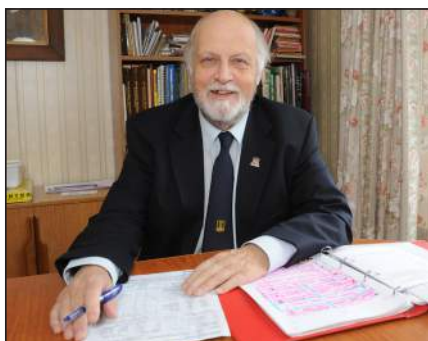
**Andy Seward**  
Chairman of ETTA  
December 1, 1944-January 15, 2014

Andy had been involved in table tennis for most of his life as a player, umpire, volunteer, administrator and representative at local, county and national levels.

However, it is probably the last six months of his life where he made his greatest contribution to table tennis and which could well be his lasting legacy to the sport.

Andy (pictured) became Chairman of the ETTA following an election in early 2013 and took over the post in July 2013. He arrived at what was probably the most difficult time in the history of the national sports governing body. Andy came in when the

Association was facing an uphill journey to reform itself, and demonstrate it could and would change. The sport's principal funders, Sport England, had made it clear



that changes had to be made if they were to continue funding English table tennis and there was limited time to show it was back 'on the right track'.

Andy set about making those changes with passion, determination and commitment. For the first six months of his tenure he worked tirelessly to lay new foundations for a national sports governing body which was fit for purpose in the 21st century. Some of the decisions were tough and he knew might be unpopular but he never wavered from a belief that he would do what was necessary to lay the foundations for the future.

In a very short period of time, he introduced the plans for a new internal structure of the organisation; he identified new purpose-built premises as a head office; he changed the governance of the ETTA in keeping with the ideals of a forward-thinking governing body; he introduced talent development centres to nurture young talent; he realigned the regions to make better use of resources – and, to use his own words, he wanted to demonstrate that 'the ship had changed direction and was back on course'.

Andy graduated with an Honours Degree in Mathematics, Statistics and Computing, and was employed in the IT industry for more than 32 years. During his professional career, he managed to continue playing table tennis in the Wirral, Cheltenham and Mendip leagues and represented Somerset in the County Championships Veterans divisions on many occasions.

His 'behind-the-scenes' involvement in table tennis started with the Wirral league and subsequently he served as Treasurer and Chairman of Cheltenham league and was a member of West Wiltshire league committee since 2002. He was elected National Councillor for Somerset in 1991 and attended every National Council meeting for the next 13 years; subsequently being elected as National Councillor for Wiltshire in 2004.

He was also involved in county associations; with Somerset as general secretary, umpires secretary, and press officer; and as vice-Chairman for Wiltshire. Andy qualified as ETTA national umpire in 1989, an ITTF international umpire in 1992, and achieved IU blue badge status in 2004. He officiated at Athens 2004 Olympic Games; and the World Championships in Manchester 1997, Osaka 2001, Paris 2003 and Guangzhou 2008. He was chairman of the National Umpires and Referees Committee from 2005-2007.

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