



Annual Review 2017/18





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Editor's note: This review covers departmental and financial matters for the year to March 31, 2018. For competition and performance matters, obituaries and notable achievements, the period covered is the 2017/18 season.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Looking back on the past 12 months, it has probably been the most turbulent period of my time in office. We have experienced some incredible highs but also some devastating lows.

However, it is fair to say that we have now come through the rocky waters, as a better and stronger organisation. One fit for purpose to continue to deliver table tennis to an ever-increasing audience.

Reviewing the way we work

At last year's AGM, we were hugely disappointed when the memberships' representatives at county and league level chose to reject our proposals to comply with the Government's requirements on 'governance' - that is the way we structure ourselves as a National Sports Governing Body.

That meant that our funding from the public purse - £9 million - was suspended with immediate effect, which put the very future of organised table tennis at risk in this country.

It is an old saying that every cloud has a silver lining - and in this case, it was true. That decision forced us to re-examine how we operated and question how we could better serve our core membership.

Our solution was to invite an independent panel of experts from outside and within the table tennis world to review our governance and structure in an unprecedented way.

They asked our membership - mainly table tennis players, coaches, clubs and volunteers from the local leagues and other forms of competitive play - what they



wanted from us.

They have just reported with a series of recommendations which will change the way we interact with our members. I am pleased and proud that this initiative has been driven from and by the membership. And I look forward to implementing changes and working with our members in a new and modern way.

Clubs and leagues

A considerable part of our funding is from the Government, but this does not come without conditions. When I travel around the country meeting clubs and leagues, I am often asked why we do not ear-mark more money for grass-roots benefit.

We have to spend the money we are given in a specific pre-determined way. In

previous years, this has often been outside the remit of our clubs and leagues, as the Government's focus has previously been more on wider participation and health benefits of sport. However, this year that has changed, and we are able to invest more in our grass roots community - the clubs and leagues.

To service this, we have introduced our Be TT programme, aimed at supporting our clubs and leagues. You will be able to read more about its targets and successes later in this review.

I would encourage all clubs and leagues to look at how we can help you to help yourselves. We do not have a limitless pot - but we do now have funds earmarked for local level, and will be looking to use these

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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where they are sustainable and can have the most impact.

It's come home

When Susie Hughes, Keith Thomas and I were elected as Board Directors, one of our early commitments was to bring top class international table tennis back to England. I was delighted that in February we were able to honour that promise by hosting the ITTF Team World Cup at the Copper Box Arena in London.

The atmosphere was electric as the best players in the world competed in front of a knowledgeable and enthusiastic crowd.

I was particularly delighted that our own 'home-grown' talent was more than capable of competing on par with the world's top players. I hope this is the beginning of many more prestigious international tournaments coming here, and that we are able to continue to show-case the best table tennis possible to our supporters.

The week after the Team World Cup, we held our own PG Mutual National Championships at the Copper Box. The quality of performance of our players was again outstanding.

For our National Championships, we want to create an opportunity for our elite men and women, boys and girls, to compete in an environment suitable for the best players in the country. However, we also appreciate that our membership would like to be part of the National Championships, and feel ownership and involvement with it.

To this end, we are reviewing how we stage this premier event, and intend to move forward with a new qualification tournament so that anyone can earn their place to compete alongside our elite athletes.

International Matters

During this past year there have been significant staff changes within the International Table Tennis Federation, with

Steve Dainton becoming the CEO. The emphasis is to become a professionally run organisation whose role is to strategically develop our sport at every level with transparency and integrity.

As a member of the Board of Directors I am actively involved in many of the new initiatives and, working very closely with my colleagues, we are able to argue concepts which are important to the associations in Europe. Sara Sutcliffe was appointed as a corresponding member of the Rules Committee and has had an integral part in supporting the new constitution which was accepted at this year's AGM. Phil McCallum from Scotland continues to be a full member of the Equipment Committee and I have once again been appointed to the Nominations Committee for the period of 2018-2020.

Our strong relationship with the ITTF was a significant factor in securing the Team World Cup and the financial underwriting of the tournament. We were also extremely honoured that the Executive Committee decided to hold a meeting in London during the event. This demonstrates how closely they want to work with English table tennis. We are having continual dialogue about future events and strategic development programmes.

Our relationship with the ETTU continues to be extremely positive and we were delighted to commence our major events strategy with the Europe Youth Top 10 in Worcester in September 2017. It was very successful with a high standard of organisation and delivery.

In my role as the ETTU Youth Chair I attended the European Youth Championships in Portugal, where England had significant representation.

Sara and I also attended the European Championships in Luxembourg. During the AGM there was a difficult debate around the remuneration of the president and financial transparency. This has continued throughout the ensuing months and is a big distraction for the staff and Executive Board.

We accepted the explanation given by Richard Scruton on behalf of the president and continue to hope the union can move on to carry out the many new initiatives they have introduced to develop European table tennis.

We continue to strive to keep a strong and positive relationship with our international bodies. As a result, Sara is working very closely with Birmingham 2022 and the ITTF to bring home the best Commonwealth Games table tennis event.

Thanks to

This year started off with a fair amount of uncertainty, particularly for our staff, at Table Tennis England. The weeks and months after the AGM, was a difficult time for many people, including Table Tennis England's employees who did not know if they would have jobs in the longer term.

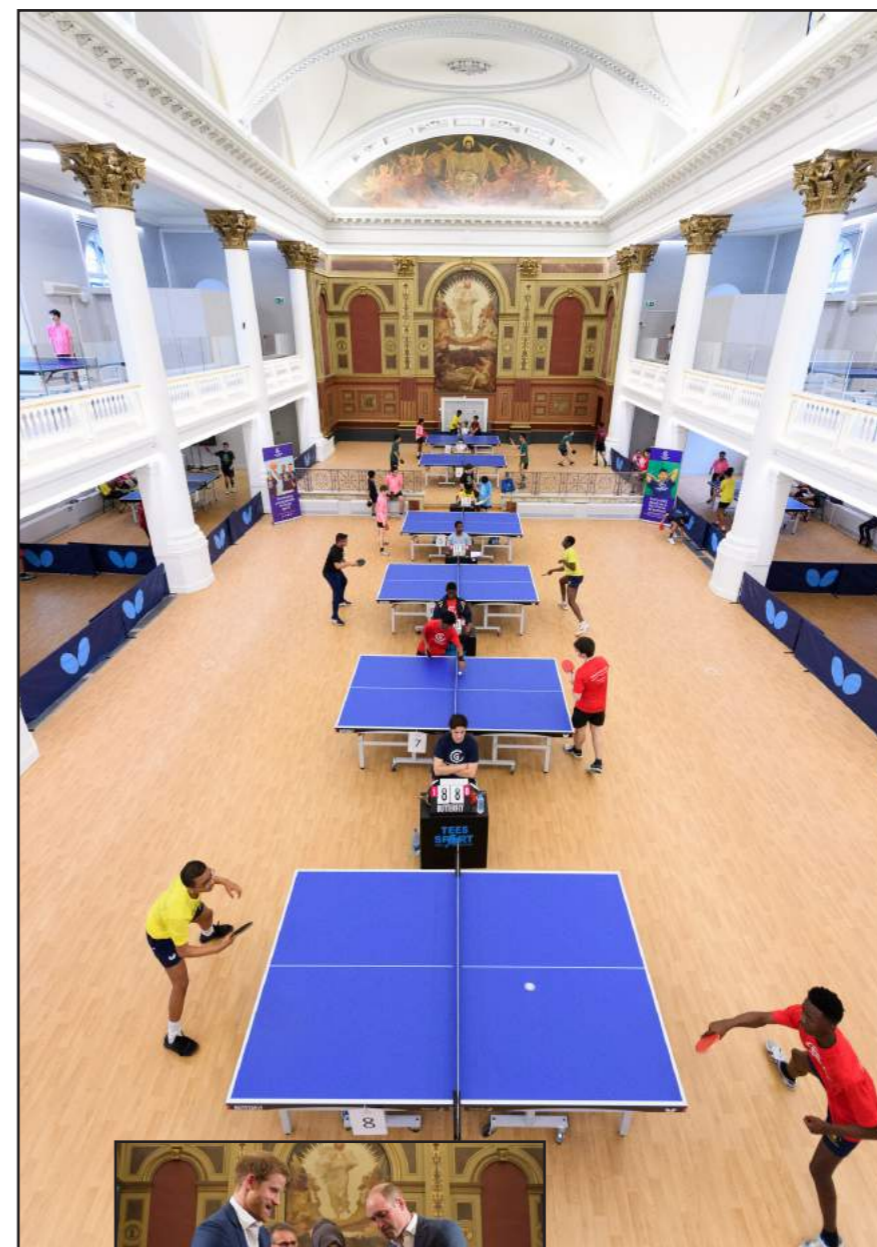
I am very grateful to the professionalism and faith they showed in us throughout that difficult time. Now we have come through this, I would like to pay a public tribute to the commitment of our staff, led by CEO Sara Sutcliffe, and am pleased that we can go forward together on a firm footing.

One of the highlights of the year is our opportunity to recognise the role our volunteers play in every aspect of our sport through our annual Pride of Table Tennis Awards. These awards have gone from strength to strength each year and give us an opportunity to recognise the work of a few of our wonderful volunteers, and to say 'thank you'.

However, we recognise that the people who receive these awards are there not only because of their own achievements, but also as representatives of the wider family of volunteers.

Whether as coaches, organisers, helpers, supporters or officials - our sport could not run without you. On behalf of everyone at Table Tennis England, thank you.

Sandra Deaton
Chairman



The new Greenhouse Centre in London was opened by Princes William and Harry

As I reflect on the last 12 months, we have certainly faced a few challenges as well as achieving some of the milestones we set out to achieve in Mission 2025.

The year started off on a rocky footing as we are all aware. The public suspension of our funding by Sport England was an embarrassment. I found myself needing to explain to the ITTF, sponsors and members how we had found ourselves in this situation.

The general principles in the Code of Governance are well founded, they represent good governance generally. However, without doubt, the short timeframe imposed on NGBs to make the changes did not leave us with sufficient time that was clearly necessary to sell the principles to the membership. This was common to a lot of NGBs who only narrowly escaped our fate.

Never waste a crisis, I was once told. The commitment from the Board to a root and branch review by an independent panel whilst ensuring that every member had an opportunity to 'have a voice' in the process was crucial to obtaining the 97% support for the changes at the EGM and the reinstatement of our funding.

The terms of reference for the review very clearly stated that we wanted to put the membership and its volunteers at the heart - not only of the review but of the structure of Table Tennis England. It is not possible to go back to the days of National Council being the decision-makers however we must tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience within the membership.

The Board consists of three elected directors, five appointed member directors, three appointed independent directors and myself as the Chief Executive. Other than myself, they are all volunteers and eight come from table tennis. However, the network of volunteers is wider than that - we already rely on an army to organise and officiate at tournaments but that army is

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not growing and we need to address that. On the Independent Review Panel, we also included three individuals from table tennis to complement the independent governance experts. This was to ensure that the recommendations that they would publish would be right for table tennis. I am looking forward to embarking on the series of around the country in June 2018 culminating in the Annual Conference to present the recommendations.

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into force in May 2018. This represents the biggest change in data protection regulations for a couple of decades. It has been a lot of work to be ready. As a membership organisation we hold a lot of data and we take our responsibilities in this regard very seriously. We have also produced some guidance documents available on our website for clubs and leagues who also manage data at their own levels.

Politically, the sports sector has had a tricky year with the culture of elite programmes in the spotlight. As one of the group of Olympic and Paralympic sports not to receive public funding for our elite programme, we have been lobbying as a collective under the banner of 'Every Sport Matters'. With the public consultation for the 2021-2025 Olympic and Paralympic cycle due to start this summer we will be making the case that every Olympic and Paralympic sport should receive baseline funding for an elite programme to keep them on track to represent the country internationally.

An important milestone was reached this year with the strategic alliance of ESTTA joining forces with Table Tennis England through the creation of a new Schools Committee, chaired by Mike Smith (Board member) and with Deputy Chair John Arnold (Former Chairman of ESTTA). We are grateful to the Executive Committee of ESTTA for agreeing to this historic step which will strengthen the development and competition arms of schools table tennis for the future. Thank you to Butterfly, long-time supporter of ESTTA, which will continue its

support of schools table tennis.

Our relationship with the Jack Petchey Foundation for schools table tennis in London and Essex is now entering its eighth year and we continue to be grateful for the substantial grant we receive from the Foundation.

Our schools work in East London has been further boosted by a £25,000 award from the Mayor of London as part of the legacy work from hosting the Team World Cup which had a very successful school ticket promotion that saw almost 2,000 London schoolchildren come and enjoy a session at the event. They certainly generated lots of atmosphere that put broad smiles on the face of the ITTF staff and Executive Committee members present.

We were also delighted to witness the opening by the Duke of Cambridge and the now Duke of Sussex of the Greenhouse Centre in Marylebone, London. An iconic and inspiring (if not traditional!) table tennis centre bringing together the Greenhouse talent programme alongside community programmes and outreach into local primary schools.

Already, the centre has had a distinguished visitor in the guise of ITTF Development Director Leandro Olvech,

who also spent time on two occasions with Brighton TTC to see at first hand how they foster inclusivity through table tennis, working with the refugee community and in a local prison, among other projects.

It was another milestone moment as we hosted the ITTF Team World Cup in February in London's Copper Box Arena. It was made possible thanks to an innovative partnership model whereby, thanks to our ever stronger relationship, the ITTF's confidence in Table Tennis England encouraged it to underwrite a major event. This allowed us to undertake hosting the event without carrying the financial risk. Our thanks first and foremost to the ITTF and secondly to the Mayor of London (£75,000 grant) and sponsors British Airways, 12Bet and GoDaddy as well as the equipment suppliers.

We sold more than 7,500 tickets, achieved domestic live streaming on the BBC and had over 56 million viewers in China alone (the mind boggles!) To top it, England men's team won the bronze medal.

This event was the first time the new bespoke England kit was on display after we extended our contract with our Official Clothing Supplier, Butterfly, by another four years. We are delighted to continue our

relationship with a world-class brand.

The following weekend it was straight into the PG Mutual National Championships. Our thanks to PG Mutual who were supporting the event for the third year. Our relationship with PG Mutual goes deeper than just sponsorship, it is a partnership. As an income protection mutual society they work with a large number of umbrella and membership bodies. Mike Perry, the table tennis-playing CEO of PG Mutual, often puts me in touch with other people to explore ideas of support or ways in which we can grow table tennis through our Loop programmes. Table Tennis England members continue to benefit from a discount on PG Mutual income protection plans.

We are working hard to diversify our revenue. Sponsorship is therefore really important, but the sponsorship market is squeezed and congested. We are always looking for people to help open doors for us and where better to look than within our own table tennis family. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who thinks they might be able to offer any help.

A highlight of my year was being at the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast to witness English table tennis players

bring home six medals, two of each colour. Congratulations to the whole team, with particular mention to our gold medallists Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford (men's doubles) and Ross Wilson (TT6-10, where there was silver for his team-mate, Kim Daybell), Liam and Tin-Tin repeating their success of Glasgow 2014 with mixed doubles silver and the girls on the historic bronze medal in the women's team event.

I spent valuable hours meeting with ITTF colleagues and facilitating meetings for them with the Birmingham 2022 observer team to ensure we can get the best possible schedule for table tennis as well as the inclusion of para table tennis into the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Within less than 10 days, the teams were back on duty in Halmstad, Sweden for the World Team Championships. The men blazed their way through their group, topping it unbeaten including beating both Chinese Taipei and then Japan on the same day. 'One of the biggest upsets in history' was how the ITTF described it.

Unfortunately, the host nation Sweden halted our progress to the semi-finals but the team proved yet again they are rightly in amongst the top nations, providing inspiration to the next generation coming

through. My congratulations to any player, coach or official who has had the honour of representing England abroad this year, whether it was for their first time or, in the case of Kelly Sibley, her final time. My thanks to Kelly for her stellar 15-year international career and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

I would like to record my gratitude to all the staff at Table Tennis England. The year has been challenging and we have lost a number of members of staff. But we are bouncing back and meeting those challenges. On top of doing their usual jobs many of them undertook additional roles related to the Team World Cup.

Thank you to all the volunteers who the staff work with week in, week out supporting each other to deliver competitions and events as well as rolling out our Be TT project, which is focussed on supporting our volunteers to develop their clubs and leagues.

My final thanks to Sandra Deaton and the rest of the Board for meeting the challenges of the last year with eyes open to find the right solution for the sport.

Sara Sutcliffe
Chief Executive





PARTICIPATION AND PLACES

Membership

This season has seen another busy season for renewals and at the time of writing we have reached a total of 42,521. At March 31, the total was 41,941. This is an increase on last year (34,571 as at 31st March) with the majority of the increase due to a 7,668 growth in Associate members.

There is a small decrease in player members (331), while there is a small increase in licensed members (33).

It is important to note that the organisation's strategy is one of retention and providing better experiences for the members, rather than a sole focus on growth. This led to the creation of Better Experience in Table Tennis programme (Be TT), which delivered more than 50 projects in clubs and leagues last year.

While the total number has increased the cadet and junior licensed members remains reasonably static whilst the seniors and vets show growth of around 10%.

We continue to have a high proportion of males (87%) to females (13%) and older (74%) to younger players (26%). However, both ratios have moved positively and the continuation of this trend is a strategic priority for the next few years.

As we begin to collect more data and information from Be TT and understand its impact, we will begin to introduce interventions which we believe may continue to impact this imbalance.

We now have more than 3,000 members who affiliate directly and a further 15,000 who join online. This leaves a large number of members who still join either via a phone call directly to the office or through their club or league. An increase in members who either join online or use direct debits would



reduce the pressure on local leagues, clubs and Table Tennis England in processing applications.

Clubs & Leagues

The **Be TT programme** was launched as part of Table Tennis England's work to support clubs and leagues up and down the country, with the main purposes to improve retention of players and create a better experience for all players, but also to encourage new participants in order to grow the game.

The programme aims to replicate what is working and, by listening to what our members are telling us, to ensure we adapt to the changing relationships people of all ages have with sport.

Taking into account participation data collected from current playing habits, membership surveys and the consultation work we carried out with clubs, leagues and key volunteers, the key focus areas in the first year of Be TT were established as:

- Developing different competitive formats at a local level for both young people and adults, e.g. shorter format leagues and junior leagues
- Introducing more opportunities for adults to play, e.g. adult coaching, 50+ sessions
- Supporting clubs to offer the right

opportunities to retain more young people in their clubs

- Recruiting, retaining and developing volunteers and coaches

Clubs or leagues were able to come forward individually or as a cluster. There were 65 applications from around the country, involving more than 80 different applicants, of which 25 were leagues. We were able to select 51 of these projects to work with in the first phase, with the remaining projects being supported in the second phase of Be TT, which began in spring 2018.

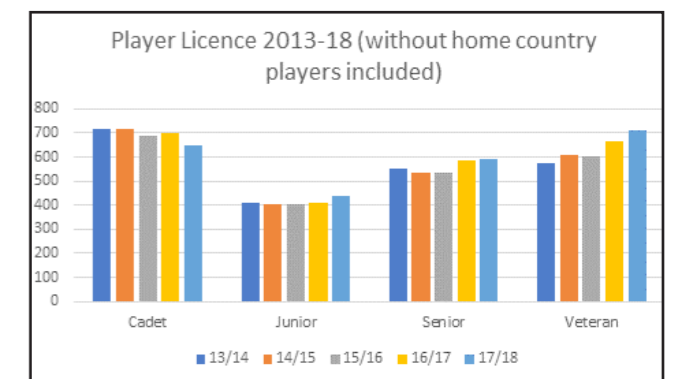
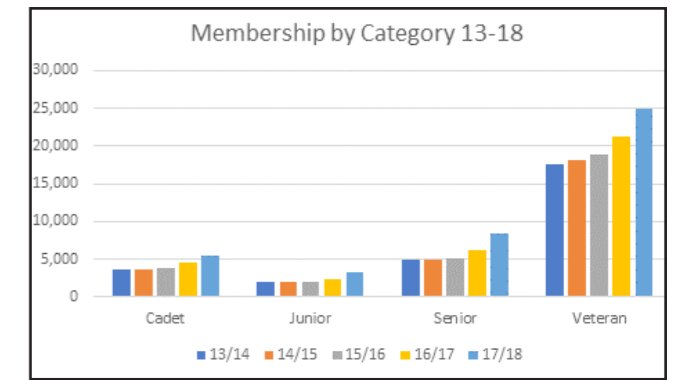
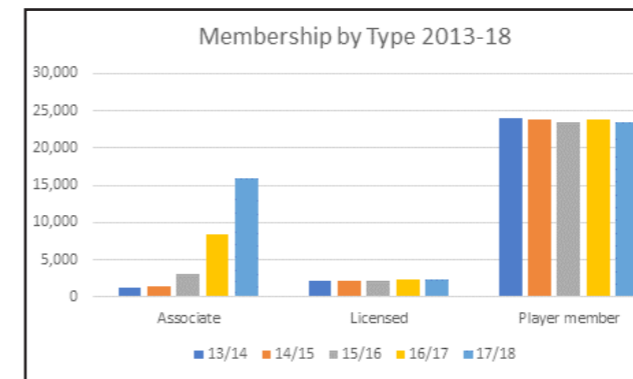
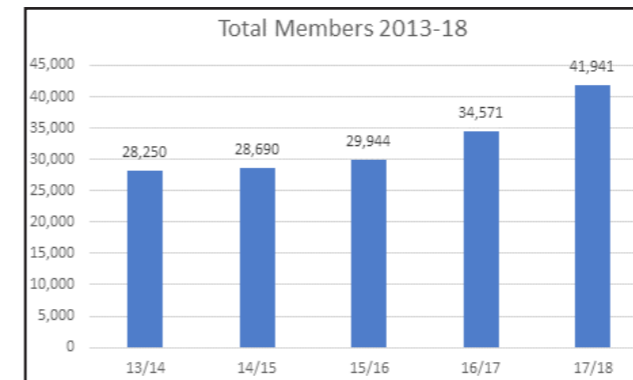
Included within those 51 projects were:

- 22 new shorter format leagues established
- 20 new junior leagues
- 19 new adult coaching sessions
- 29 clubs supported to keep more young people involved in the sport
- 13 new 50+ programmes
- 44 clubs or leagues being supported with coach and volunteer development
- 20 clubs being supported to find/develop their facilities

Three Club & Volunteer Conferences were held in the year to March 31, in London, Manchester and Newmarket. Around 40 organisations attended, with more conferences in the pipeline in the South West, South East and Yorkshire for the 2018/19 season.

The number of affiliated Premier Clubs rose from 179 to 181 and the number of Free Clubs rose from 65 to 103. As of March 31, we had 16 ClubMark clubs and a further 15 working towards ClubMark accreditation.

We were one of only nine sports to receive additional funding from Sport



England to fund the creation of new Satellite Clubs, and 26 new ones were established, targeting female participation in areas of low income. They reached just over 900 participants, exceeding the Sport England target of around 650, with a relatively high percentage (35%) of female participants.

We have also worked with organisations including WheelPower and the Inter Spinal Unit Games to engage more disability players.

Schools

The merger between Table Tennis England and the English Schools' Table Tennis Association (ESTTA) took effect on September 1, 2017 with the creation of a new Schools Committee to oversee the partnership.

Many of the ESTTA committee continued to play an important role, including the President, John Arnold MBE, who became Deputy Chairman of the new committee. John steps down at the end of the season but will continue to support the new committee, and members of the ESTTA volunteer workforce will continue to play key roles moving forward.

The Schools Committee delivered successful team and individual events, with an estimated 10,000 pupils involved across the various geographical stages of the competitions. The committee also organised the Senior Schools International tournament. A new Schools Strategy is being developed to allow us to engage with more schools to deliver table tennis and to take part in competitions.

Our partnership with the Jack Petchey continued on page 10



Clubs such as Halton (above) have been a major focus of the Be TT programme. Below: A Loop in the Community project





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Foundation was extended into an eighth year, during which 168 indoor tables were delivered to 45 schools and colleges in London and Essex and 50 outdoor tables to 25 schools and colleges. More than 5,800 pupils have used the tables donated to schools and more than 1,200 competed in the Jack Petchey Schools individual and team qualifying competitions. In addition, 20 tables were delivered to 10 youth organisations in London and Essex and 46 young people attended table tennis young leaders' training courses.

A participation survey revealed:

- 100% of teachers agree table tennis has engaged less active/sporty pupils
- 95% of teachers agree table tennis has increased pupil well-being
- 86% of teachers agree table tennis has reduced anti-social behaviour
- 82% agreed table tennis has improved pupil fitness
- 77% agreed table tennis has improved educational attainment

Mass Participation

Our Mass Participation projects receive ring-fenced funding from Sport England because it is recognised that we are well placed as a sport and governing body to deliver on the wider Government agenda to help people lead more active lives.

We know that most people have played and enjoyed table tennis at some point in their lives and our programmes respond to demand and help to overcome barriers which prevent people from taking part.

Most of the projects are delivered through partnerships with various organisations rather than directly by Table Tennis England, and involve placing subsidised equipment in areas where people want to play. Many also include links to local clubs and leagues, providing opportunities for participants who want to play more regularly or competitively and allowing clubs to recruit new members and volunteers.

Our three major programmes are Ping!, Loop and Ping Pong Parlours.

Ping! 2017 was the largest to date in terms of locations, with 24 towns and cities

and more than 750 tables in the programme and the support of 270 volunteers.

The number of participants was around 805,000, which exceeded our Sport England target by 155,000. The number of table visits was around 1.2 million.

More than 60% of participants were classed as inactive and more than 30% of these played for 10-20 minutes. 22% of participants were from the country's most deprived areas. 99% of participants said they would play table tennis again after their Ping! experience.

Clubs play a role in most of the Ping! locations, from delivering the entire project in the case of Brighton TTC, to providing volunteers and organising events and coaching sessions at the Ping! tables.

We have been able to expand the project year on year despite the budget remaining the same, due to securing more partnership funding from local councils and other organisations.

The Ping! website was revamped to provide a more user-friendly experience.

As at March 31st, there were 11 Ping Pong Parlours around the country. Interest in the project is very high, with new Parlours opening all the time. These are not pop-up venues and many remain in situ for several months.

The success of the project has been based on building relationships with shopping centre management companies and using empty retail spaces – research shows the Parlours help attract more people to the centres and that they stay longer and spend more while there. Just under half of visitors are families, meaning Parlours are potentially a good way to get more women and girls into sport, while 65% of visitors play for 30 minutes or more.

Parlours are a very cost-effective means of getting people playing – the centres get rate relief on the premises and pay for branding, cleaning and security, while Table Tennis England provides equipment and insurance. Highly visible branding means they act as a literal shop window for our sport, and each Parlour has hundreds of visitors every week.

The Parlour in Norwich was shortlisted for a Purple Apple – a shopping centre

industry award – in recognition of being an innovative marketing partnership between the centre and Table Tennis England. It also worked with Wensum TTC and Norwich City TTC to provide coaching sessions and help and advice to customers who wanted to play beyond the Parlour.

Loop in the Community is now fully up and running, with 88 projects delivered in 2017/18 in partnership with organisations such as retirement villages, care homes, Scout groups, NHS Trusts, disability groups, religious groups and youth clubs.

Early evidence suggests Loop in the Community is having a positive impact on lives, as illustrated by the 'Bat and Chat' sessions for over-50s which have been piloted in seven leisure centres and have been well received.

Just under half of the projects are targeted at deprived local authority areas and around 60% of participants were inactive before taking part in the project. Loop places the opportunity in front of them and removes barriers to participation, and several new clubs have started in Loop in the Community projects.

Loop at Work continues to attract a steady stream of new customers. During the year, we have developed a website which facilitates networking between colleagues and the ability to organise competitions, which will encourage more regular playing and also allow us to engage more closely with customers.

We commissioned a study by the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine at Loughborough University, which found significant benefits to the mood, wellbeing and job satisfaction of people who play table tennis at work.

The Team World Cup Legacy Project, funded by the Mayor of London's office by way of a £25,000 grant, saw 11 Loop at Work and 15 Loop in the Community projects set up, as well as the installation of five new public tables and five upgraded public tables, in East London.

We have begun a partnership with David Lloyd Leisure to provide recreational table packages, and the company has reported a spike in interest in more 'formal' table tennis at sites where our tables are in use.



PEOPLE

Coaching

The Level 1 coaching course has been revamped over the past 12 months to make it more accessible and engaging, reducing it from three to two days, with online content and videos being introduced, alongside a more practical delivery over the two days.

Over the past 12 months we have run 27 Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses, with 270 participants, and been able to increase the number of coaches completing their qualification and going on to be able to coach from 52% to 65%.

A second cohort of applicants took the new Level 3 qualification in association with the University of Gloucestershire, with the practical element of the course delivered by our England Performance coaching team. There were 25 applications for the course, 12 of which were accepted onto the course. We are helping the other candidates to work towards taking a future L3 course.

In total, the number of Coach Licences

went up from 595 in 2016/17 to 603 this year.

Volunteers

The Pride of Table Tennis Awards were in their second year, with a total of 113 nominations received, 65 of those being recognised by clubs and leagues at a local level as Club or League Volunteers of the Year, and the rest being considered for regional and/or national awards. Two new categories were introduced – Inspirational Story of the Year and Partner of the Year. For 2018/19, a League of the Year category has been added. This year's winners are featured on p24 of this Review.

Our database of volunteers continued to grow, with many helping out at our competitions and events, most notably the Team World Cup in London, which recruited 135 volunteers. These ranged in age from 12 to 77 and were 58% male and 42% female. Together, they accumulated 3,005 volunteer hours.

PROFILE

Live coverage of table tennis on the BBC website was watched by more than 400,000 people across three events - the Team World Cup, PG Mutual National Championships and Commonwealth Games, the first two facilitated through our partnership with 1080 Media.

Of those, 64,448 watched live coverage of the Nationals and a further 55,296 watched catch-up coverage, according to BBC figures.

The BBC has indicated a willingness to cover more events in future.

In addition, we again live-streamed coverage from the age group National Championships on both Facebook and YouTube.

The Table Tennis England social media reach continues to grow and on March 31,

2018, the number of followers was:

- Instagram: 6,589
- Facebook: 16,821 (plus 16,528 likes)
- Twitter: 13,318

More than 400 media releases were sent out over the year, covering domestic and international athlete performance, sponsorship news, governance and sundry other subjects. Our media monitoring service shows these generated a reach of more than 50 million readers online and 4.1 million in print and had an advertising value of more than £500,000.

Among the high-profile media appearances facilitated by Table Tennis England were Charlotte Bardsley on the cult 5Live show *Flintoff, Savage and the Ping Pong Guy* and Jamie Myska-

Officials

A total of 40 people took a Level 1 Umpiring course, 24 of whom were aged 18 or under as we look to engage more young officials.

In addition, 18 people took Tournament Organiser courses. We will continue to organise courses around the country to make it easier for people to qualify as officials.

We supported a number of officials to further their international careers by attending overseas tournaments and working towards higher qualifications. They included Josh Reynolds and Brian Jackson, who are working towards Blue Badge Umpire status - the highest international qualification - and umpired the women's and men's finals respectively at the ITTF Team World Cup.

As documented elsewhere in this Review, we also had three umpires at the Commonwealth Games in Australia, and Stuart Sherlock was Deputy Referee at the ITTF Team World Cup.



Leading Light Liam	
World Team Championships	
Vladimir Samsonov (BLR, #37)	3-2 (11-7, 11-9, 11-13, 10-12, 11-6)
Chen Chien-An (TPE, #30)	3-1 (6-11, 11-8, 11-9, 15-13)
Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE, #16)	3-0 (11-7, 11-4, 11-8)
Tomokazu Harimoto (JPN, #13)	3-0 (11-5, 11-5, 11-3)
Jun Mizutani (JPN, #11)	3-2 (11-4, 9-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8)
Cedric Nuytinck (BEL, #44)	3-0 (16-14, 11-8, 11-6)
Team World Cup	
Tomokazu Harimoto (JPN, #11)	3-0 (13-11, 11-8, 11-5)
Hugo Calderano (BRA, #16)	3-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-6)

PERFORMANCE

2017/18 was a unique year during which three major events – Team World Cup, Commonwealth Games and World Team Championships – fell within a period of a few weeks.

Ensuring the players arrived at each one fit and ready to perform to their best was a challenge and the largely successful results at all three were a tribute to the hard work and mindset of the players and support staff.

The men's team of Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall and Sam Walker won bronze at their home Team World Cup at the Copper Box and reached the quarter-finals of the World Team Championships, losing to hosts Sweden.

The latter competition saw England win all five group matches to qualify directly for the quarter-finals, including beating both No 6 ranked team Chinese Taipei and No 3 team Japan on the same day.

At both events, all three players picked up some impressive victories, but it was a string of performances by Liam which underpinned the team results as he defeated eight higher-ranked players across the two tournaments (see above).

It is also important to acknowledge the contribution of squad members David McBeath and Tom Jarvis in support of the three frontline players at these two events.

At the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, England secured a record medal haul and a first ever women's team medal (beating hosts Australia to take bronze), as well as golds for Paul and Liam in the men's doubles and for Ross Wilson in the men's para singles.

On the debit side, the men's team went in as one of the gold medal favourites (seeded



2) but in a disappointing performance were defeated by Nigeria in the semi-finals, though they managed to re-focus for the bronze medal match an hour later, beating Singapore.

The Commonwealths was a last international appearance for Kelly Sibley, for 15 years a mainstay of the England senior team, who retired after the Games. She had played some of the best table tennis of her career and reached the singles quarter-finals for the first time, losing to the world No 4. We wish Kelly every success in future endeavours.

At the European Championships, Paul and Liam were rested from the men's squad – nevertheless, England's finishing position of 25th was below par.

The women's squad finished 23rd at those Europeans to ensure they qualified for the World Team Championships where, with a three-player line-up of Tin-Tin Ho, Maria Tsaptsinos and Denise Payet, they finished in the 40th-44th bracket – England's worst performance at a Worlds.

However, the Commonwealth Games performance, coupled with a European Championships Stage 1 victory away to Greece soon afterwards, gives reason for optimism for the future of a young and improving squad, more so since Tin-Tin broke through into the top 100 of the world rankings after the Worlds, our first female player to reach those heights in some 20 years.

Denise's development has been accelerated by competing on bigger stages and she picked up three wins against substantially higher-ranked opponents at the Worlds. Charlotte Bardsley has also made great strides, competing well at the



Clockwise from left: Kelly Sibley during her final international tournament at the Commonwealth Games; Charlotte Bardsley, Denise Payet and Maria Tsaptsinos at the Team World Cup; Millie Rogove; England men with their Commonwealth Games team bronze medals; para gold medallist Ross Wilson; England women on the podium to receive team bronze; Liam Pitchford at the Team World Cup

European Championships – September 2017		England results	
Men's Group E		Quarter-final	
Netherlands 3 England 0		Brazil 1-3 England	
Denmark 3 England 1		Semi-final	
England 3 Ireland 1		China 3 England 0	
Positions 25-32		Women's Group C	
England 3 Serbia 0		Hong Kong 3-0 England	
Positions 25-28		Singapore 3-1 England	
England 3 Switzerland 2		European Championships Stage 1	
Positions 25-26		Men	
England 3 Finland 2		England 3 Bosnia-Herzegovina 0	
Women's Group G		Serbia 3 England 0	
England 3 Greece 1		Women	
Slovenia 3 England 2		England 3 Norway 1	
England 3 Israel 1		Greece 1 England 3	
Positions 17-24		Commonwealth Games – April 2018	
Azerbaijan 3 England 2		Men's Group 2	
Positions 21-24		England 3 Ghana 0	
Serbia 3 England 1		England 3 Guyana 0	
Positions 23-24		Quarter-finals	
England 3 Lithuania 0		England 3 Northern Ireland 0	
ITTF Team World Cup – February 2018		Semi-finals	
Men's Group B		Nigeria 3 England 2	
Japan 3-1 England		Bronze medal match	
England 3-1 Egypt		England 3 Singapore 0	
		Women's Group 4	
		England 3 Guyana 0	
		England 3 Vanuatu 0	
		Quarter-finals	
		England 3 Canada 1	
		Semi-finals	
		India 3 England 0	
		Bronze medal match	
		England 3 Australia 1	
		World Team Championships – April-May 2018	
		Men's Group C	
		England 3 Belarus 0	
		England 3 Chinese Taipei 1	
		England 3 Japan 1	
		England 3 Singapore 0	
		England 3 Belgium 1	
		Quarter-final	
		Sweden 3 England 0	
		Women's Group H	
		England 3 Dominican Republic 0	
		England 3 Switzerland 2	
		England 3 Chile 1	
		Canada 3 England 1	
		Serbia 3 England 0	
		Play-off round	
		Cuba 3 England 2	

Europe Youth Top 10 where she registered the only English victory, and moving into the senior ranks as part of the Team World Cup squad.

Away from the big team events, Paul Drinkhall reached the semi-finals of the Australian Open with a string of impressive performances, including beating world No 26 Yuya Oshima. He was defeated in the last four by Vladimir Samsonov.

Tom Jarvis continued his successful transition into the senior ranks, including a breakthrough result at the Swedish Open, where he defeated world No 43 Gao Ning.

At the junior levels, the National Talent Academy at Ackworth School and the network of Centres for Excellence continue to develop and a number of players are emerging from those centres

and performing well. They include Ruby Chan, who reached the quarter-finals of the Belgian Cadet Open and Jasmin Wong, who partnered her in reaching the doubles quarter-finals.

The introduction of the England 9-13 Squad was a success, with the large number of high-quality applicants for a place demonstrating that the future is exciting.

The support of a large number of volunteers is crucial to the success of these parts of our performance pathway, especially moving into the next few years, when resources will be constrained. They give their time on and off the table in a variety of roles and we would like to thank them all for their commitment and hard work.

The following have represented England

Senior: Charlotte Bardsley, Josh Bennett, Evie Collier, Kim Daybell, Paul Drinkhall, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Karina Le Fevre, Matt Leete, David McBeath, Denise Payet, Lois Peake, Felicity Pickard, Liam Pitchford, Kelly Sibley, Maria Tsaptsinos, Sam Walker, Helshan Weerasinghe, Ross Wilson

Junior: Josh Bennett, Reece Chamdal, Ruby Chan, Sam Chesterman, Tom Jarvis, Sam Kwan, Anaya Patel, Denise Payet, Shayan Siraj, James Smith

Cadet: Charlotte Bardsley, Naphong Boonyaprapa, Ruby Chan, Megan Gidney, Amirul Hussain, Gemma Kerr, Jamie Liu, Anaya Patel, Louis Price, Darcie Proud, Millie Rogove, Ethan Walsh, Josh Weatherby, Jasmin Wong

In addition, the following have competed at ITTF tournaments

Senior: Andrew Baggaley, Emily Bolton, Paul Drinkhall, Hannah Hicks, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Karina Le Fevre, Sam Mabey, David McBeath, Denise Payet, Lois Peake, Liam Pitchford, Luke Savill, Kelly Sibley, Maria Tsaptsinos, Sam Walker

Junior: Reece Chamdal, Sam Chesterman, Joe Clark, Joe Cope, Matthew Daish, Megan Gidney, Sam Kwan, Denise Payet, Shayan Siraj, James Smith, Olly Tyndall, Jasmin Wong

Cadet: Charlotte Bardsley, Megan Gidney, Joseph Hee, Amirul Hussain, Jamie Liu, Robert Pelc, Darcie Proud, Josh Weatherby, Jasmin Wong

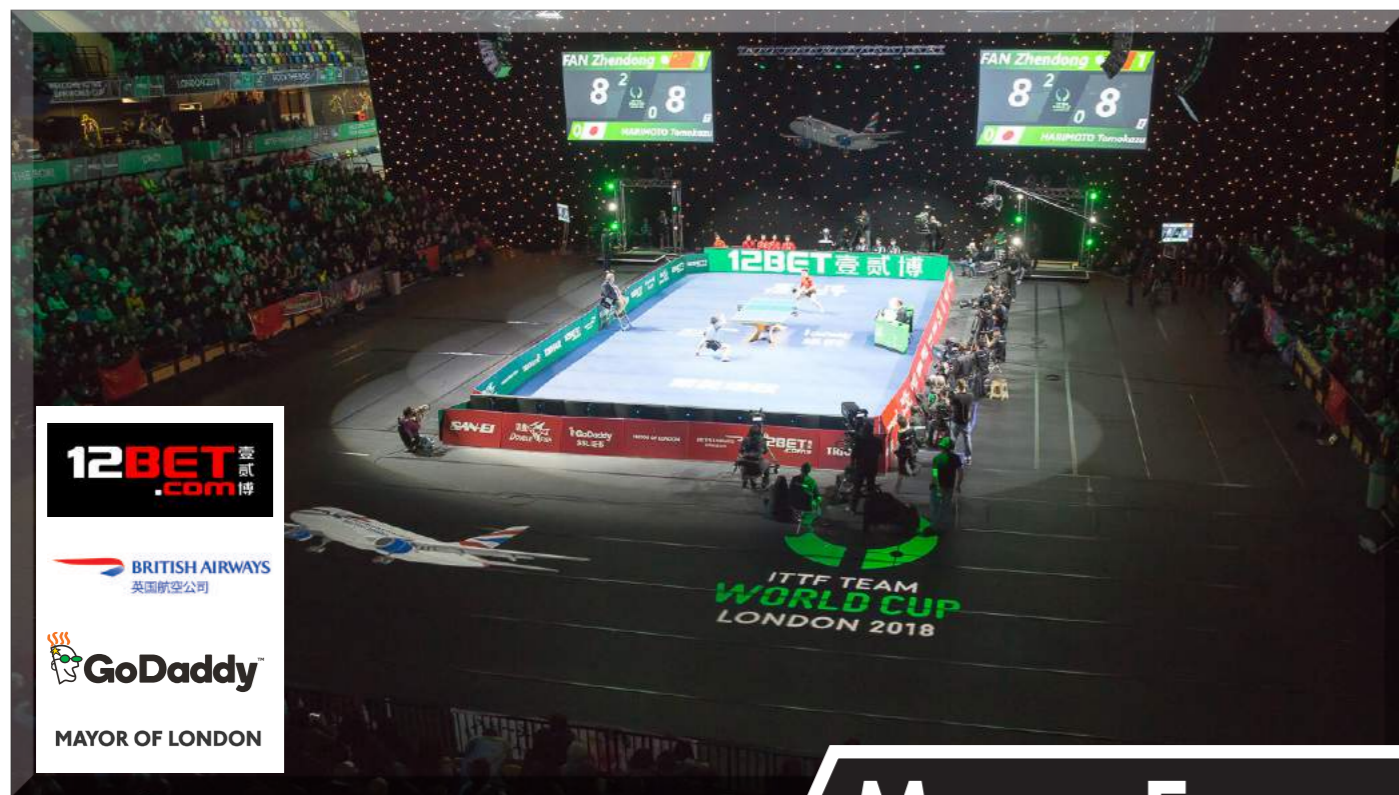
Mini: Naphong Boonyaprapa, Sophie Chiang, Anna Green, Connor Green, Isabelle Lacorte, Amy Marriott, Jakub Piwowar, Felix Thomis

** Editor's note: The first list covers funded entries; the second list comprises self-funded entries*

The following officials were selected for foreign events

Nico Caltabiano, Dave Cochrane, Neil Curtis, David Edwards, David Gough, Lyndon Griffiths, Brian Jackson, Harry Jutle, John Mackey, Alex Mercer, Tom Purcell, Lynda Reid, Josh Reynolds, Stuart Sherlock, Derek Sidaway, Lester Smith, Alan Thomas, Karen Tonge MBE





MAJOR EVENTS

ENGLAND is back on the map as a host of major international table tennis tournaments.

Forty of the best young table tennis players in Europe gathered at Worcester Arena for the Europe Youth Top 10 in September 2017, and the very best in the world converged on London in February 2018 for the ITTF Team World Cup.

The Youth Top 10 saw English players in every category - Tom Jarvis qualified in Junior Boys but unfortunately had to withdraw on the eve of the tournament through illness, and was replaced by Josh Bennett. Charlotte Bardsley qualified in the Cadet Girls' category, while Denise Payet (Junior Girls) and Ethan Walsh (Cadet Boys) had host-nation places.

Despite some good performances by all, Bardsley was the only player to pick up a victory.

The ITTF Team World Cup was staged at the iconic Copper Box Arena on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, with 12 men's and 12 women's teams competing. England men qualified by rights thanks to their bronze medal at the 2016 World Championships, while the women had a host place.

Around 12,500 spectators enjoyed the action across four days, including around 2,000 pupils from local schools who were given free tickets. The finals were played in front of a sell-out crowd, generating an atmosphere worthy of the venue's reputation as *The Box That Rocks*.

More than 56 million unique viewers watch TV coverage around the world, including live on the BBC Sport website.

England men won bronze medals by reaching the semi-finals, where they were defeated by China, who went on to win both men's and women's trophies.

England supplied Deputy Referee Stuart Sherlock and eight umpires for the tournament, including Brian Jackson, who officiated in the men's final, and Josh Reynolds, who umpired in the women's final.

A team of 135 volunteers, ranging from translators to media assistants to spectator services, was recruited to help the event run smoothly.

A grant of £25,000 from the Mayor of London's office enabled legacy projects to be funded in east London, as detailed on page 10 of this review.



Above: Some of the 2,000 local pupils who received free tickets to the Team World Cup

Below: The individual winners at the Europe Youth Top 10 (from left) Samuel Kulczycki (POL, Cadet Boys), Sophia Klee (GER, Cadet Girls), Cristian Pletea (ROU, Junior Boys), Adina Diaconu (ROU, Junior Girls)



Clockwise from top: The England men's squad show off their bronze medals; the England women's team are introduced to the crowd; some of the 135-strong team of volunteers; 14-year-old Japanese star Tomokazu Harimoto; China women's team pose for a selfie with the trophy; the winning China men's squad; the English contingent of tournament officials.



PG MUTUAL NATIONALS



Senior Nationals Copper Box – March 2018

Men's singles
Liam Pitchford
Women's singles
Tin-Tin Ho
Men's doubles
Paul Drinkhall & David McBeath
Women's doubles
Kelly Sibley & Maria Tsaptsinos
Mixed doubles
Liam Pitchford & Tin-Tin Ho
Under-21 men's singles
Helshan Weerasinghe
Under-21 women's singles
Tin-Tin Ho

Men's Para classes 7-10

Aaron McKibbin
Swaythling Club International Fair Play Award
Charlotte Bardsley

Cadet & Junior Nationals Wolverhampton – April 2018

Junior boys' singles
Joe Clark
Junior girls' singles
Charlotte Bardsley
Junior boys' doubles
Shayan Siraj & Joe Clark
Junior girls' doubles
Mollie Patterson & Kate Cheer



Junior mixed doubles
James Smith & Mollie Patterson
Cadet boys' singles
Amirul Hussain
Cadet girls' singles
Jasmin Wong
Cadet boys' doubles
Amirul Hussain & Jamie Liu
Cadet girls' doubles
Jasmin Wong & Ruby Chan

U10-U13 Nationals Wolverhampton – June 2018

U10 boys' singles
Louis Cheung-Turner
U10 girls' singles
Sienna Jetha
U11 boys' singles
Oliver Maric-Murray
U11 girls' singles
Maliha Baig
U12 boys' singles
Connor Green
U12 girls' singles
Anna Green
U13 boys' singles
Naphong Boonyaprapa

U13 girls' singles
Amy Marriott
U13 boys' doubles
Naphong Boonyaprapa & Connor Green
U13 girls' doubles
Lauren Loosemore & Scarlett Anders
▪ Clockwise from top left: Aaron McKibbin, Louis Cheung-Turner, Jasmin Wong, Joe Clark, Charlotte Bardsley (receiving the Swaythling Club International Fair Play Award from Alan Ransome OBE), Helshan Weerasinghe, Maliha Baig, Paul Drinkhall & David McBeath, Amy Marriott; Main pic: Liam Pitchford & Tin-Tin Ho



Clockwise from far left: Pam Butcher MBE at Buckingham Palace; the England team at the European Open for athletes with Down's Syndrome; the GB team at the World University Games; Umpires John Mackey, Tom Purcell and Harry Jutle at the Commonwealth Games; Evie Collier won a coaching internship at the Commonwealth Games; three GB athletes on the podium at the European Para Table Tennis Championships; Joseph Hee reached the Slovak Cadet Open final
Bottom left: Liam Pitchford at the Ultimate Table Tennis League in India



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Greenhouse founder Michael de Giorgio was presented with his OBE by Prince William.
- 2016 Over-85 world champion Pam Butcher received her MBE from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.
- British Para Table Tennis Team's head coach Greg Baker became an honorary member of UK Sport's Coaching Fellowship.
- Evie Collier was awarded a prestigious place on the inaugural Women's Coach Internship Programme (WCIP) piloted at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Table tennis volunteers Bev Scott-Johns of New Milton TTC in Dorset and Vernon Hughes from Yatton Keynell in Wiltshire were honoured with prestigious Torch Trophy Awards, presented by the Duke of Gloucester.
- Tom Purcell umpired the women's final at the World Team Championships in Sweden.
- Harry Jutle, John Mackey and Tom Purcell officiated at the Commonwealth Games.
- Brian Jackson umpired the men's final at the ITTF Team World Cup; Josh Reynolds umpired the women's final.
- Harry Jutle umpired the men's final at the European Team Championships.
- At the World Junior Championships, Harry Jutle umpired the girls' final and Brian Jackson the boys' doubles final.
- David Evans, Kim Mudge and Lester Smith passed the International Umpires' exam.
- Guernsey TTA President Derek Webb was awarded the MBE for services to table

tennis in the New Year Honours. Diana Murdie, a coach and local league player from Worcestershire, received a British Empire Medal for services to sport for visually impaired people.

- Anaya Patel won Reading Young Female Sports Personality of the year.
- Craig Allen won Hereford and Worcs Disabled Sports Person of the Year.

Performance - Senior

- The England squad of Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker, David McBeath and Tom Jarvis won bronze at the ITTF Team World Cup.

- England won a record medal haul at the Commonwealth Games in Australia:

- Men's doubles gold – Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford
- Men's Class 6-10 para gold – Ross Wilson
- Men's Class 6-10 para silver – Kim Daybell
- Mixed doubles silver – Liam Pitchford & Tin-Tin Ho
- Men's team bronze – Paul Drinkhall, David McBeath, Liam Pitchford, & Sam Walker
- Women's team bronze – Tin-Tin Ho, Denise Payet, Kelly Sibley, Maria Tsapsinos



- Paul Drinkhall reached the semi-finals of the Australian Open.

- Sam Walker broke into the top 100 of the men's world rankings; Tin-Tin Ho achieved the same milestone in the women's list.

- Liam Pitchford was Most Valuable Player at the inaugural Ultimate Table Tennis League in India as his Falcons team won the title.

- Danny Reed, Adam Harrison, Maria Tsapsinos and Yolanda King represented GB at the World University Games in Taiwan.

- Harry Fairchild won gold and Jenny Turner bronze at the European Open for athletes with Down's Syndrome.

- Tom Jarvis beat world No 43 Gao Ning at the Swedish Open.

- At the Home Countries International, England won team golds in Senior Men, Junior Boys, Cadet Boys and Cadet Girls, plus team silver at Senior Women and Junior Girls. Individual golds were won by Josh Bennett (SM), Lois Peake (SW), Naphong Boonyaprapa (CB) and Gemma Kerr (CG), silvers by Matt Leete (SM) and Millie Rogove (CG) and bronze by Evie Collier (SW).

- Paul Drinkhall was on the shortlist of five for the Star Point in the ITTF Star Awards 2017.

- Defending champion Pam Butcher won Over-85 bronze at the World Veteran Championships in Las Vegas.

Performance - Youth

- Tom Jarvis reached the

singles last 32 and mixed doubles last 16 at the World Junior Championships

- Denise Payet earned a Bronze medal in the Junior Girls' Team event at the Slovenian Junior Open, alongside Jinnipa Sawettabut (THA) and Amy Wang (USA).

- Denise Payet and Megan Gidney won team bronze alongside Amy Wang at the Spanish Junior & Cadet Open. Ruby Chan & Jasmin Wong won Cadet Girls' Doubles bronze.

- Joseph Hee reached the final of the Slovak Cadet Open from 26th seeding.

- At the Cadet 6 Nations individual events, Amirul Hussain won gold, Ruby Chan silver and Josh Weatherby bronze. England girls (Chan, Anaya Patel, Darcie Proud, Jasmin Wong) won team silver and England boys (Hussain, Jamie Liu, Louis Price, Weatherby) won team bronze.

- At the Danish International tournament, Louis Price and Naphong Boonyaprapa won the Cadet Boys' Team event; Boonyaprapa won the Mini-Cadet Boys' Singles and Price was runner-up in the Cadet Boys' Singles.

- At the British Primary Schools' International Championships in Scotland, England boys and England girls both won the team competitions. The boys' line-up was Oliver Maric-Murray, Jakub Piwowar, Gene McGhee, Joseph Dennison and Cameron Driver and the girls' squad was Maliha Baig, Sophie Barcsai, Bethany Ellis and Connie Dumelow. In the individual events, Maric-Murray won silver, with bronze medals for Piwowar, Dennison and Barcsai.



Performance - Para

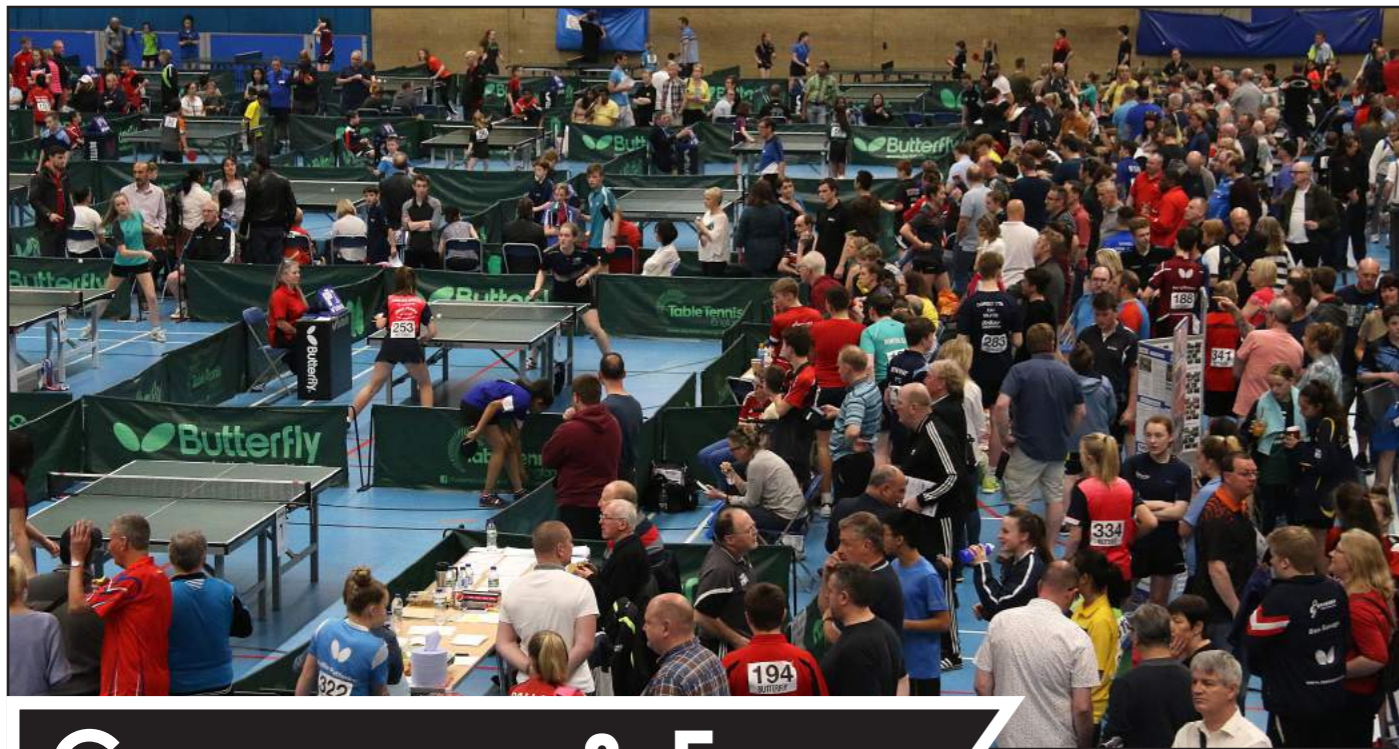
- Rob Davies retained his men's class one singles title at the European Para Table Tennis Championships in Slovenia, with Tom Matthews taking silver and Paul Davies bronze. David Wetherill took silver in men's class 6 and there were bronze medals for Sue Gilroy in women's class 4-5, Ross Wilson in men's class 8 and Will Bayley in men's class 7. In the team events, Paul Karabardak, David Wetherill and Martin Perry won gold. In men's class 6, Kim Daybell and Ashley Facey Thompson won silver in men's class 10 and Aaron McKibbin, Wilson and Billy Shilton took bronze in men's class 8.

- Jack Hunter-Spivey took gold in the men's class 5 singles at the PTT US Open. Kim Daybell took silver in men's class 10. Daybell and Josh Stacey won team silver in class 9-10 and Hunter-Spivey and his Swedish partner Bernt Norgren team silver in class 3-5.

- At the Lignano Masters, Tom Matthews (men's class 1) and Kim Daybell (men's class 10) claimed singles gold, Will Bayley (men's class 7) and Paul Karabardak (men's class 6) took silver and there were bronze medals

for David Wetherill (men's class 6), Aaron McKibbin (men's class 8), Ross Wilson (men's class 8), Ashley Facey Thompson (men's class 9) and Josh Stacey (men's class 9). In the team events, Daybell, Facey Thompson and Josh Stacey won gold in the men's class 9-10, Matthews took silver with his Swiss partner Sylvio Keller, McKibbin and Wilson took silver in the men's class 8 team and there were bronze medals for Bayley and Billy Shilton (men's class 8), Karabardak, Wetherill and Martin Perry (men's class 6) and Megan Shackleton (women's class 4-5).

- The British Para Table Tennis team ended the PTT Slovenian Open with three medals in the team events – silver for Paul Karabardak, Martin Perry, David Wetherill (men's class 6) and Tom Matthews with his Argentinian partner Guillermo Bastamante Sierra (men's class 1) and bronze for Commonwealth champion Ross Wilson and Aaron McKibbin (men's class 8). In the Individual events, there were silvers for Sue Gilroy (women's class 4-5) and Ashley Facey Thompson (men's class 9) and bronzes for Will Bayley (men's class 7), Ross Wilson (men's class 8) and Jack Hunter-Spivey (men's class 5).



COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

It was a challenging year for competitions and events, with a complete turnover of departmental staff during the season and a new team now in place.

A number of new venues were used, the most exciting being the Copper Box Arena on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London.

As well as the ITTF Team World Cup, the venue hosted two England European Championships Stage 1 matches, a Jack Petchey London Schools qualifying tournament, the finals night of the Corporate League, the National Under-21 Championships and, to end a busy period of more than 600 matches, the PG Mutual National Championships.

The hire cost was largely underwritten by the ITTF and this, coupled with the fact that the Team World Cup ended less than a week before the Nationals started, provided an unprecedented opportunity to give a huge number of players and spectators across the sport the chance to experience an iconic Olympic venue.

It is acknowledged that the size and location of the venue did not provide an ideal spectator experience for the Nationals and the addition of bad weather meant attendances were disappointing. We are currently assessing options for next season's Nationals venue.

Hiring suitable venues for our major competitions within budget is increasingly becoming a challenge.

In schools events, we received the news that table tennis was one of a number of sports to be cut from the School Games for 2018 after the Youth Sport Trust decided to change the make-up of the event based on



Urban TTC celebrate winning the Senior British League Premier Division

a government-commissioned review of the Games.

However, it was our turn to host the Schools International, which rotates between the seven competing nations. Around 70 teams competed over three days in Worcester.

The Calendar Working Party and Tournaments Committee merged to create the Tournaments Approval Panel (TAP), and Harvey Webb and his team do an excellent job to manage this as more and more tournaments come on to the calendar.

TAP was co-chaired at the start of season by Steve Welch, whose sad passing will be keenly felt across the organisation. He was also the long-term referee of the Junior British League.

In the coming season, our online tournament software project is planned to reach the test phase.

British League

The Senior British League Premier Division completed its second season of the home-and-away fixtures format, having made some alterations to the format.

A number of new, strong teams entered the division to challenge the established clubs, including Ormeau, the first Irish team in the competition, who were featured on the BBC Sport website. But pride of place goes to fellow newcomers Urban TTC, who won the division ahead of Ormesby.

The Premier Division relies on a joint effort from everyone involved to make it work, and thanks go to all the clubs for the efforts they have put in.

There were 10 teams in the Championship division, playing to an extremely high standard with some excellent matches. Play-offs were

introduced between the top teams and those in the bottom places of the Premier Division to determine relegation and promotion issues.

In the remaining divisions, this was the first year of a new format of one doubles match, rather than two, within each fixture, which has received mixed feedback.

The Junior British League saw another fantastic event at Derby Arena, with a lot of exciting matches played.

For next season, promotion and relegation will be replaced with a new format based on each team's combined ranking points – teams are advised to check the new regulations before next season.

The Women's British League received a lot of positive reports under the direction of new organisers.

Once again the Veterans' British League proved very popular, with further expansion likely next season.

The new electronic conference will be happening for the first time this summer and its success will be reviewed afterwards.

Roll of honour

Senior British League

Premier Division: Urban TTC

Championship: Portsmouth

National A-1: Ravenscroft

National A-2: Horsham Blades

National B-1: Wood Green

National B-2: Milton Keynes

National B-3: Woodford Wells

National B-4: York Gardens II

National C-1: Corby Smash

National C-2: Woodfield II

National C-3: St Mary's Hull

National C-4: Ellenborough

National C-5: Cardiff City III

National C-6: Joola Plymouth II

Women's British League

Premier Division: Burton Uxbridge

Division 1: Fusion

Division 2: Burton Uxbridge II

Division 3: Drumchapel Glasgow

Division 4: Burton Uxbridge III

Division 5: Joola Plymouth

Junior British League

Premier Boys: E-BATT Colebridge

Premier Girls: Burton Uxbridge

Division 1 Boys: Dublin A

Division 1 Girls: Swerve A

Division 2A Boys: Sycamore Rasen

Division 2B Boys: Cardiff City A

Division 2 Girls: Fusion II

Division 3A Boys: Bishop Auckland

Division 3B Boys: Lillington

Division 3 Girls: XLNT Draycott III

Division 4A Boys: Horsham Spinners

Division 4B Boys: Hunts Boys

Veterans' British League

Premier Men: Bribar St Neots Saints

Premier Women: PPong

Division 1A Men: Foresters A

Division 1B Men: The Musketeers

Division 1 Women: Fusion B

Division 2A Men: Foresters B

Division 2B Men: Westfield Nomads

Division 2 Women: Ips Tigers

Division 3A Men: Foresters C



Yorkshire won the County Championship Cadets' Premier Division

Our competitions and events would not happen without the selfless service given by our volunteers and officials.

In particular this year, we would like to place on record our sincere thanks to two key volunteers:

Gill Smith has stepped down from her role on the British League committee and her duties with the VBL after more than 25 years of dedicated service as a meticulous and professional organiser and a passionate supporter of the sport.

In the County Championships, John Alsop is retiring as Assistant Administrator for the Cadets and Juniors, due to his other table tennis commitments.

Both Gill and John will be much missed in their respective roles.

The organising committees of our events are listed on p26 of this Review and we thank everyone who gives their time, enthusiasm and expertise to help us maintain a busy calendar.

The relatively small number of volunteers and umpires does put a strain on the calendar and we are actively recruiting and training more people in a number of roles to try to address that.

Division 3B Men: St Georges

Division 4A Men: Graham Spicer II

Division 4B Men: Blackpool

County Championships

A total of 234 teams entered the championships, three down on the previous season.

The most exciting finish saw a three-way tie at the top of the Cadet Premier Division, with Yorkshire coming out on top on games countback against Nottinghamshire and Durham.

No fewer than 14 teams had 100% win records in their sections, including Premier Division winners Sussex (Senior), Nottinghamshire (Veterans) and Cheshire (Over-60s). The others were: Cadets – Devonshire (Division 1A) and

Lancashire (1B); Juniors – Durham (1A) and Devonshire (1B); Seniors – Surrey (1B) and Gloucestershire (2B); Veterans – Sussex (1B), Durham (3A), Cambridgeshire II (3C) and Herefordshire (3D); Over-60s – Hampshire (1B).

Roll of honour

Cadets

Premier Division: Yorkshire

Division 1A: Devon

Division 1B: Lancashire

Division 2A: Gloucestershire

Division 2B: Durham II

Juniors

Premier: Middlesex

Division 1A: Durham

Division 1B: Devon

Division 2A: Lancashire II

Division 2B: Buckinghamshire

Division 2C: Sussex II

Seniors

Premier: Sussex

Division 1A: Leicestershire

Division 1B: Surrey

Division 2A: Northumberland

Division 2B: Gloucestershire

Veterans

Premier: Nottinghamshire

Division 1A: Hertfordshire

Division 1B: Sussex

Division 2A: Yorkshire III

Division 2B: Norfolk

Division 2C: Sussex III

Division 2D: Gloucestershire

Division 3A: Durham

Division 3B: Middlesex IV

Division 3C: Cambridgeshire II

Division 3D: Herefordshire

Over-60s

Premier: Cheshire

Division 1A: Lancashire

Division 1B: Hampshire

National Cups

Junior Boys: 1 Shayan Siraj, 2 James Smith, 3 Joe Cope, 4 Ethan Walsh, 5 Naphat Boonyaprapa, 6 Gaurav Aravind, 7 Israel Awolaja, 8 Matthew Daish, 9 Sam Chesterman, 10 Artur Veeck Caltabiano
Junior Girls: 1 Mollie Patterson, 2 Megan Gidney, 3 Sarah Menghistab, 4 Tiana Dennison, 5 Amelia Chan, 6 Katie Holt,

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The Premier Division winning teams in (from top) the Women's British League, Junior British League Boys, Junior British League Girls, Veterans' British League Men and Veterans' British League Women

7 Danielle Kelly, 8 Lois Perryman, 9 Sophie Barlow, 10 Lisa Rinnhofer

Cadet Boys: 1 Amirul Hussain, 2 Josh Weatherby, 3 Naphong Boonyaprapa, 4 Louis Price, 5 Max Stevens, 6 Thomas Rayner, 7 Freddie Osenton-Brown, 8 Jamie Liu, 9 David Gofton, 10 Rhys Davies

Cadet Girls: 1 Ruby Chan, 2 Jasmin Wong, 3 Anaya Patel, 4 Millie Rogove, 5 Gemma Kerr, 6 Amy Marriott, 7 Mari Baldwin, 8 Erin Green, 9 Angharad Beman, 10 Isabelle Doyle

Under-12 Boys: 1 Connor Green, 2 Jakub Piwowar, 3 Nathaniel Saunders, 4 Oliver Maric-Murray, 5 James Hamblett, 6 Georgios Gerakios, 7 Ben Poulter, 8 Harry Yip, 9 Jake Haygarth, 10 Gene McGhee

Under-12 Girls: 1 Anna Green, 2 Bethany Ellis, 3 Isabelle Lacorte, 4 Saskia Key, 5 Sophie Richardson, 6 Connie Dumelow, 7 Katie Bates, 8 Jessica Moggeridge, 9 Kate Watkinson, 10 Annelise Williams

Inter-Regional Finals

Team

Cadet Boys: Yorkshire

Cadet Girls: South West

Under-13 Boys: Southern

Under-13 Girls: South West

Under-11 Boys: South West

Under-11 Girls: South West

Individual

Cadet Boys: Fraser Kent (SE)

Cadet Girls: Gemma Kerr (SW)

Under-13 Boys: Felix Thomis (Southern)

Under-13 Girls: Scarlett Anders (London)

Under-11 Boys: Jakub Piwowar (SW)

Under-11 Girls: Chloe Kay (SW)

Tonge Trophy (overall positions): 1 South West, 2 North West, 3 South East, 4 East, 5 Yorkshire, 6 East Midlands, 7 West Midlands, 8 Southern, 9 London, 10 North East

English Leagues Cup Competitions

Willmott Cup: Plymouth

JM Rose Bowl: Central London

Carter Cup: Plymouth

Bromfield Trophy: Loughborough

Grand Prix Series

Eight Main Grands Prix and three satellite events were held this season.

Men's Singles: Chris Doran

Women's Singles: Karina Le Fevre

Men's Band 1: Callum Evans

Women's Band 1: Emily Bolton

Men's Band 2: Finn Morgan-Bayliss

Women's Band 2: Mollie Patterson

Men's Band 3: Joseph Goss

Women's Band 3: Raquel Sao Pedro

Men's Band 4: Zak Cantor

Women's Band 4: Raquel Sao Pedro

Men's Band 5: Michael Kowalewski

Men's Band 6: Joseph Sheppard

Veteran Singles: Rory Scott

U21 Men: James Hobson

U21 Women: Mollie Patterson

Open Doubles: No qualifiers



Left: The South West team won the Tonge Trophy at the Inter-Regional Finals; Below: The Mike Watts Achievement Awards, presented to the boy and girl with the greatest improvement in ratings points between August 1 and July 31 each year, went to Sam Wilson and Mari Baldwin in 2016/17

NJL and NCL

A total of 248 teams played in the National Cadet League and 204 in the National Junior League, the total of 452 beating the highest total, set in 2012/13, by one team.

Butterfly Schools' Team Championships

Under-19 Boys: Whitgift School, Croydon

Under-19 Girls: Ackworth School, Pontefract

Under-16 Boys: Ackworth School, Pontefract

Under-16 Girls: Charles Read Academy, Grantham

Under-13 Boys: St Mary's College, Hull

Under-13 Girls: Wade Deacon High School, Widnes

Under-11 Boys: St Peter's CE Academy, Nottingham

Under-11 Girls: Greenway Primary, Berkhamsted

Butterfly Schools' Individual Championships

Under-19 Boys: Sam Wilson

Under-19 Girls: Charlotte Bardsley

Under-16 Boys: Joseph Hee

Under-16 Girls: Patricia Ianau

Under-13 Boys: Ben Hee

Under-13 Girls: Sandy Choong

Under-11 Boys: Oliver Maric-Murray

Under-11 Girls: Sophie Barcsai



Right: Schools International Cadet Girls' champion Raquel Sao Pedro

Below: The six National Cup champions - Ruby Chan, Amirul Hussain, Connor Green, Anna Green, Mollie Patterson, Shayan Siraj



Butterfly Schools' International Championships

Team

Senior Boys: England A (Josh Bennett, Gaurav Aravind)

Senior Girls: England A (Natalia Ianau, Naomi Lau)

Intermediate Boys: England A (Naphat Boonyaprapa, Amirul Hussain)

Intermediate Girls: England A (Patricia Ianau, Katie Holt)

Cadet Boys: England A (Ben Hee, Naphong Boonyaprapa)

Cadet Girls: England A (Mari Baldwin, Sandy Choong)

Individual

Senior Boys: Josh Bennett (ENG)

Senior Girls: Beth Richards (WAL)

Intermediate Boys: Dylan Curry (SCO)

Intermediate Girls: Mia O'Rahilly Egan (IRL)

Cadet Boys: Naphong Boonyaprapa (ENG)

Cadet Girls: Raquel Sao Pedro (ENG)





Top row, from left: Stan Clarke, Pat Chatwin, Keith Childs, Brian Davison, Jim Kenny; Middle row, from left: Ken Phillips, Tom Purcell, Lynda Reid, Matthew Syed, Estyn Williams; Bottom row, from left: Tony Chatwin, Simon Mills, Peter Baldwin, Gary Wood, Sam Garey

AWARDS AND THANKS

Pride of Table Tennis Awards

Countless volunteers all over the country give their time, enthusiasm and expertise in a number of roles to help people play table tennis in locations from clubs and leagues to schools and social settings.

Without them, many events and sessions would simply not happen, and our sport would not be able to function as it does.

At the Pride of Table Tennis Awards, we recognise and thank our volunteers for the huge contribution they make, drawing on nominations from within the table tennis family to honour individuals and organisations in a number of categories.

The 2018 award winners were:

Contribution to Table Tennis

Brenda Bailey

Volunteer of the Year

Jane Milward

Young Volunteer of the Year

Declan Garner

Coach of the Year

Roger Chipperfield

Technical Official of the Year

Brian Jackson

Inclusivity Award

Adam Wilson

Club of the Year

Torbay Table Tennis Academy

Partner of the Year

Leeds City Council and Carlton le Willows Academy



Above: The Pride of Table Tennis Awards winners at the ceremony in London.

Left: Brenda Bailey, who was unable to attend the main ceremony, receives her Contribution to Table Tennis award

Inspirational Story of the Year

Charlotte Binley

Ping! Personality of the Year

Peter Thompson

In addition to the Pride of Table Tennis Awards, individuals are honoured at the Annual General Meeting each year, many of whom have given a lifetime's service and commitment to the sport.

We also support officials and young players through two funds which help them meet the costs of travelling to overseas events.

This season, grants and awards were made as follows:

Tom Blunn Fund

The following officials received grants:

Harry Jutle

Alex Mercer

Derek Sidaway

Alan Thomas

Ivor Montagu Junior Fund

The following received grants:

Jamie Liu

Honours bestowed on members at AGM

Honorary Life Member

Stan Clarke

Vice-Presidents

Pat Chatwin

Keith Childs

Brian Davison

Jim Kenny

Ken Phillips

Tom Purcell

Lynda Reid

Matthew Syed

Estyn Williams

Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award

Tony Chatwin

Malcolm Scott Award

Simon Mills

Leslie Forrest Memorial Award

Peter Baldwin

Ivor Montagu Award

Gary Wood

AK Vint Staff Award

Sam Garey

Victor Barna Award

Will Bayley

Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved England

Player of the Year Award

Denise Payet

Re-elected as VPs for 2017-20

Pat Archdale, Dave Berriman, John Freeman, John Hilton, Richard B Hudson, Alan Hydes, Vanda Jones, Sheila King, Dorothy Macfarlane, Ken Matthews, Carole Moore, Valerie Murdoch, Jeff Neslen, Mike Payne, Erica Pread, Jose Ransome, Jackie Sands, Carol Seward, Stuart Sherlock, Ken Tonge, Graham Trimming, Ron Washington, June Watts JP

Maurice Goldstein Awards

John Birkin (Oxford)

Stanley Wainwright (Sheffield)

Terry White (Basingstoke)

Brian Whitehead (Aylesbury)

Paul Wilding (Portsmouth)



A special presentation was made to Colin Clemett who, after more than 200 meetings, retired as Technical Officials Committee (TOC) Secretary after 60 years on the committee.

Who's Who (as at 31.03.18)

President: Jill Parker MBE
Hon Past President: Doreen Stannard

Board Members

Chairman: Sandra Deaton
Deputy Chairman: Susie Hughes
Treasurer: Keith Thomas
Chief Executive: Sara Sutcliffe
Simon Griew, Doug Livingstone, Andrew Nixon, Dee Paterson, Tom Purcell, Mark Quartermaine, Kelly Skeggs, Mike Smith

Honorary Life Members

Peter Bradley, Peter Charters, Tony Chatwin, Martin Clark, Stan Clarke, Colin Clemett, Michael Close, Aubrey Drapkin, Peter Hillier, Mike Holt, Laurie Landry, Alex Murdoch, Alan Ransome OBE, Richard Scruton, Les Smith, Mike Smith, Doreen Stannard, Karen Tonge MBE, Harvey Webb, John Wright, Richard Yule

Vice-Presidents

Malcolm Allsop, Leslie Allwood, Pat Archdale, John Arnold MBE, Mike Atkinson, Dave Berriman, John Blackband, John Burtenshaw, Barry Chapman, Pat Chatwin, Keith Childs, Jim Clegg, Alan Cooke, Brian Davison, Colin Davison, Paul Day, Sandra Deaton, Desmond Douglas MBE, Colin Dyke, David Edwards, Ken Eliot, Dave Evans, Ken Field, Margot Fraser, John Freeman JP, Stuart Gibbs, Barry Granger, Diccon Gray, Gerald Gurney, John Hilton, Brenda Hudson, Richard B Hudson, Richard J Hudson, Alan Hydes, Colin Hyland, Martin Ireland, Christopher Jaques, Nick Jarvis, Diana Jermyn, Gail Johns, Ann Jones CBE, Vanda Jones, Jim Kenny, Sheila King, Brian Lamerton, Christine Lewis, Philip Lewis MBE, Jia Yi Liu, Dorothy Macfarlane, Malcolm Macfarlane, Kenneth Marchant, Derrick Marples, Ian Marshall, Ken Matthews, Carole Moore, Ken Muhr, Valerie Murdoch, Denis Neale, Jeff Neslen, Doreen Nightingale, Mike Payne, Sir Jack Petchey CBE, Ken Phillips, Len Pilfold, Rosemary Ponting, Erica Preat, Tom Purcell, Jose Ransome, Lynda Reid, Graham Rogerson, Jackie Sands, Derek Schofield, Carol Seward, Eileen Shaler, Stuart Sherlock, Rob Sinclair, Brian Skinner, Gill Smith, Mick Strode, Matthew Syed, Geoff Taylor, Peter Taylor, Ken Tonge, Derek Tremayne, Graham Trimming, Geoff Twiss, George Tyler, Cyril Villiers MBE, Ron Washington, June Watts JP, Diane Webb, Steve Welch, Estyn Williams

National Councillors

Avon: David Hockney
Bedfordshire: Alex Murdoch
Berkshire: Michael Mitcham

Buckinghamshire: Susan Hayes
Cambridgeshire: Brian Freer
Cheshire: Karen Tonge MBE
Cleveland: Alan Ransome OBE
Cornwall: Diana Jermyn
Derbyshire: Tony Chatwin
Devonshire: Phil Goulding
Dorset: Reinhard Lindner
Durham: Allan Thompson
Essex: Phil Ashleigh
Gloucestershire: Les Smith
Hampshire: David Turner
Herefordshire: Harry Jutle
Hertfordshire: David Edwards
Isle of Wight: Vacant
Kent: Neil Le Milliere
Lancashire: Geoff Rushton
Leicestershire: Shirley Pickering
Lincolnshire: George Tyler
Middlesex: Michael Close
Norfolk: Trevor Vincent
Northamptonshire: Rod Barr
Northumberland: Gareth Pearson
Nottinghamshire: Malcolm Allsop
Oxfordshire: Neil Hurford
Shropshire: Chris Dangerfield
Somerset: Ian Hooper
South Yorkshire: Robert Loxley
Staffordshire: Clifford Bell
Suffolk: Brian Davison
Surrey: Margot Fraser
Sussex: Tony Catt (Chairman)
Warwickshire: Estyn Williams
Wiltshire: Charles Sewell
Worcestershire: Martin Clark
Yorkshire: Richard B Hudson

Support & Advisory Network Operations

Archives, Museum and Records Committee: Chairman Diane Webb; Secretary Rob Sinclair; Colin Clemett, Ken Eliot, Julie Etherden
Board of Appeal: Chairman Murray Rosen QC; Deputy Chairmen Graeme McPherson QC, Christopher Quinlan QC; Clerk Nigel Gibson-Birch; Secretary Sandra Pelizzoni; Katherine Apps; Mike Bishop; Angus Bujalski; Ashley Cukier; Peter Diver; Alan Darfi; Roger Fennemore MBE; Gary Whyman
Disciplinary Committee: Chairman Estyn Williams; Secretary Julie Etherden; Ken Field, Richard Habgood; Craig Milner; Lynda Reid; Gordon Sanders; Investigator Judy Rogers
Returning Officer and Scrutineers: Returning Officer Caroline Williams; Scrutineers Angela Bowness; John Bowness; Paul Nichols; Jim Palmer
Rules Committee: Chairman Colin Clemett;

Secretary Jonathan Bruck; David Adams; Lynda Reid; Estyn Williams

Talent, Performance and Events

British League Committee: Chairman Chris Dangerfield; Secretary Gary Wood; Brenda Hudson, Richard Hudson (Junior British League); Susie Hughes (Board); Jim Kenny (Women's British League); Malcolm Macfarlane (Senior British League); Carol Miles; Alan Ransome OBE (Calendar); Gill Smith (Veterans' British League)
Sub-Committees - Senior British League: Chairman Chris Dangerfield Secretary Gary Wood; Administrator Malcolm Macfarlane; Alan Ransome OBE; Referee Stuart Sherlock.
Junior British League: Joint Administrators Brenda Hudson; Richard Hudson; Referee Steve Welch.
Veterans British League: Administrator Gill Smith; Referee Cliff Bell Assistant Referee John Mackey
Women's British League: Administrator Jim Kenny; Referee Karen Tonge MBE.
Press and Publicity: Press Officer Matt Shaw; Photographers Melvyn Lovegrove, Chris Rayner
County Championships Committee: Chairman Stan Clarke; Secretary/Administrator Dave Goulden; Assistant Administrator (Junior/Cadets) John Alsop; Assistant Administrator (Senior/Veterans'/Over 60's) Ken Eliot; Premier Weekend Organiser (Senior/Junior) Lucy Power; Premier Weekend Organiser (Cadets/Over 60's/Veterans')/Publicity Officer Barry Snowden; Alex Mercer Referee Steve Welch; Deputy Referee Margot Fraser
English Leagues Cup Competitions Committee: Chairman Mike Smith; Secretary Richard Hudson; Referee Jim Kenny; Alex Mercer
National Cadet and National Junior Leagues Committee: Chairman Mike Atkinson; Carol Miles
Technical Officials Committee: Chairman Stuart Sherlock; Secretary John Mackey; David Edwards; Margot Fraser; Brian Jackson; Harry Jutle; Karen Tonge MBE; Greg Yarnall
Specialist Panels - Referee Review: Stuart Sherlock; Steve Smith; Karen Tonge MBE; Steve Welch; **Tournament Management Officials:** Stuart Sherlock; John Mackey; Carol Miles; **Tournament Organisers:** Stuart Sherlock; Carol Miles; **Training and Development:** Karen Tonge MBE; David Edwards; John Mackey; **Umpire Selection:** Margot Fraser (Secretary Foreign Competitions); David Edwards (Secretary Domestic Competitions); Lynda Reid

Special Adviser: Colin Clemett
Tournament Approval Panel (merger of Calendar Working Party and Tournaments Committee): Joint Chairmen Harvey Webb/Steve Welch; Secretary Di Jermyn; Mike Atkinson; Margot Fraser (TOC); Carol Miles; Margaret Welch, Gary Whyman

Regional Structure

Regional Forum
Chairman Susie Hughes; Secretary Jonathan Bruck; Regional Chairmen: East Brian Davison; East Midlands Shirley Pickering; London TBA; North East Colin Davison; North West Karen Tonge MBE; South David Turner; South East: Kim Mudge; South West Jos Kelly; West Midlands Martin Clayton; Yorkshire Bokmun Chan. Board Representatives: Sandra Deaton, Sara Sutcliffe; Keith Thomas. Good Standing Representatives: Karen Tonge MBE (BPTT); Mike Smith (BUCS); John Arnold MBE (ESTTA); Jan Johns (VETTS). Simon Mills; Greg Yarnall
Regional Committees
Regional Chairman (appointed by Board); Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Coaching Co-ordinator; Competitions Co-ordinator; (elected by Regional Committee), County elected Representatives: minimum 1, maximum 3 including preferably National Councillor or Deputy National Councillor and Coaching Officer; Good Standing Representatives: BPTT, BUCS, ESTTA, VETTS (appointed by their Organisation); Table Tennis England Area Development Lead or representative (invited)

Advisory - Individual Advisers Commercial

Sponsorship: Ray James
Development and Volunteering Adult: Dan Lines; **Children and Young People:** John Arnold MBE; **Clubs:** Jon Bayliss; **Disability:** Shaun Newcomb; **Leagues:** Vaughan Allington; **Universities:** Mike Payne; **Volunteering:** Graham Frankel
Operations
Child Protection Case Management Group: Phil Goulding; **Membership:** John Cowell; Russell Sutcliffe; **Procurement:** Ian Sidgwick with scrutineers Caroline Williams, Peter Wilson
Talent, Performance and Events
Performance: Kevin Satchell; **Ranking:** Malcolm Macfarlane; **Grand Prix:** David Evans; **National Championships:** Stuart Sherlock

Focus Groups Commercial

Major Events (with Talent, Performance



Members of the Technical Officials' Committee

and Events): Chairman Simon Mills; Secretary Carol Miles; Sandra Deaton, Mike Holt, Stuart Sherlock, Sara Sutcliffe
Development and Volunteering Clubs: Chairman Greg Yarnall; Lead Staff Claire Brockwell; John Bayliss; Others in progress of appointment
Coaching: Chairman Greg Yarnall; Lead Staff Aled Howell; Others in progress of appointment
Young Ambassadors Group: Lead Staff Zoe Lynch; David Adesanya, Kim Fung Chan, Paul Demetriou, Carys Evans, Amy Hutchings, Lauren James, Daisy Kershaw, Omar Khassal, Simon Price, Hugo Ursell, Amy Webster
Operations
Membership (with Commercial and Development and Volunteering): Chairman Jonathan Bruck Secretary Sandra Pelizzoni; John Cowell; Rachel Ismail; Tom Purcell; Russell Sutcliffe; Greg Yarnall

Board Committees and Groups Standing Committees

Finance Operations, Governance and Risk Group divided into two
Finance: Chairman Keith Thomas; Secretary Jonathan Bruck; Sandra Deaton; Sam Garey, Doug Livingstone, Dee Paterson, Kelly Skeggs; Sara Sutcliffe
Governance & Risk: Chairman Mark Quartermaine; Secretary Jonathan Bruck, Sandra Deaton, Simon Griew, Andrew Nixon, Mike Smith, Sara Sutcliffe
Remuneration Committee: Chairman Sandra Deaton; Keith Thomas
Nominations Committee: Chairman Sandra Deaton; Secretary Sara Sutcliffe; Susie Hughes; Andrew Nixon; Dee Paterson; Mark Quartermaine
Honours: Chairman Sandra Deaton; Secretary Julie Etherden; Tony Chatwin; Jill Parker MBE; Richard Scruton; Mike Smith;

Doreen Stannard
Network: Chairman Mike Smith; Secretary Jonathan Bruck; Sandra Deaton; Susie Hughes; Sara Sutcliffe; Keith Thomas.
Network Review sub-committee: Chairman Estyn Williams; Graham Frankel; Harvey Webb
Schools' Committee: Chairman Mike Smith; Deputy Chairman John Arnold MBE; Secretary Zoe Lynch; Steve Burge (International Competitions Organiser); Richard J Hudson (Team Competition Organiser/ General Secretary), Maria Ingles, Gail Johns (Individual Competition Organiser), David Maddison, Carol Miles, Charlotte Spencer, Greg Yarnall
Review Groups
Governance: Chairman Mark Quartermaine Secretary Jonathan Bruck; Tony Catt Sandra Deaton, Sara Sutcliffe, Estyn Williams
Governance - Independent Review Panel: Chairman Marc Mazzucco; Neil Hurford, Phil Ashleigh, Shaun Parsley, Jonathan Hall, Karl George
Voting: Chairman Tom Purcell; Secretary Jonathan Bruck; Margot Fraser; David Hockney; Neil Le Milliere; Sara Sutcliffe; Mike Smith; Caroline Williams; Estyn Williams
General Meeting Committee
Standing Orders Committee: David Hockney; Neil Le Milliere; June Watts

Staff Roles

The following roles are Staff roles under guidelines agreed by the Board:
Ivor Montagu Fund Panel: led by Simon Mills; Selection Panel: led by Simon Mills; Tom Blunn Panel: led by Greg Yarnall
NB Advisory input from outside Table Tennis England may be added to the Network as well as from members.

FINANCIAL REPORTS



The year 2017/18 is the first year of the 4-year 2017/21 Sport England funding cycle. This funding cycle has different priorities and financial reporting requirements. Whilst Income and Expenditure year on year figures have been provided the comparison between the two figures is difficult as they do not relate directly.

The majority of Sport England funding continues to be ring fenced with clear outcomes and outputs required to maintain this funding. The good news for the sport 2017-21 funding cycle is that the new focus is on the core (clubs, coaches, volunteers and leagues) of the sport. This is clearly illustrated in the expenditure graph below.

Despite a slow start to the year in respect of spend and delivery due to the uncertainty caused by AGM/EGM issues I am pleased to report a surplus of £29,891.

What is clear is that the income from Sport England has greatly reduced from the previous last two years and is unlikely to increase meaning that it is vital that Table Tennis England both generates its own sustainable income, attracts external funding through sponsorship, and more importantly makes the core of the sport more sustainable and self-sufficient. To this end a number of excellent best practice guides have been produced to support the core of the support and can be found on our website.

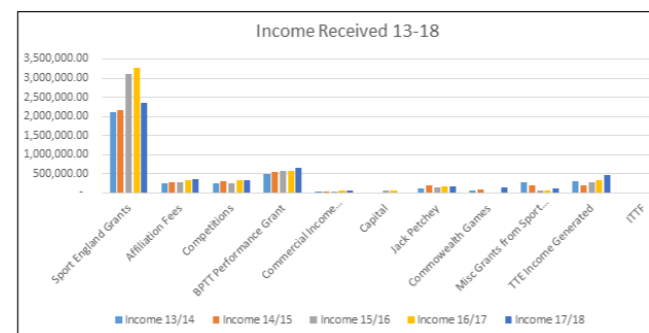
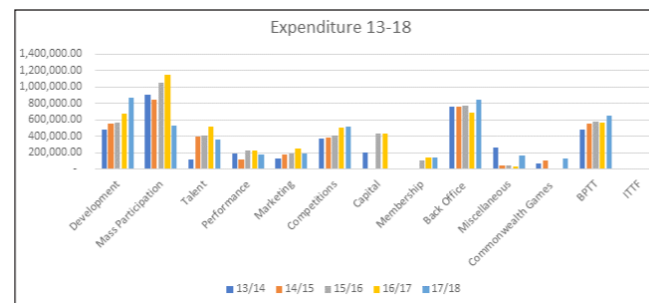
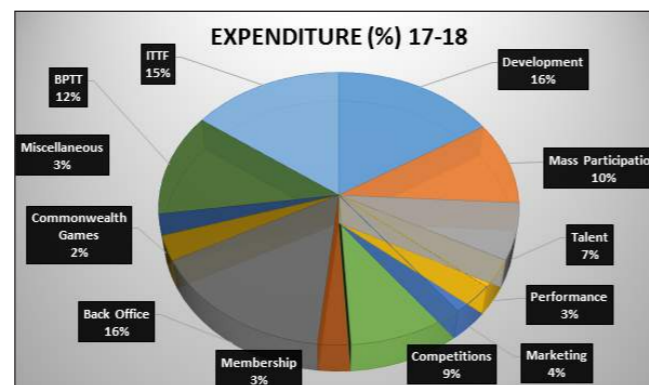
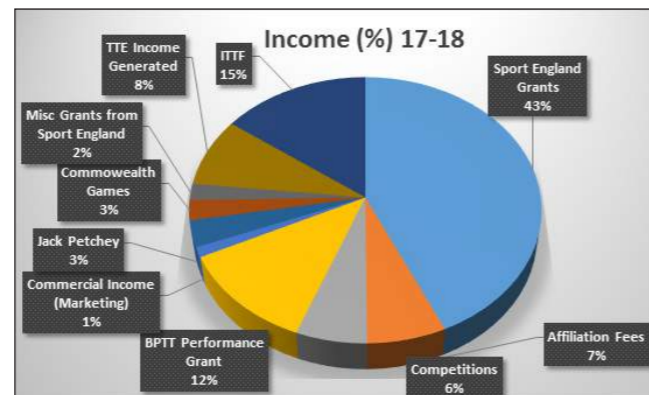
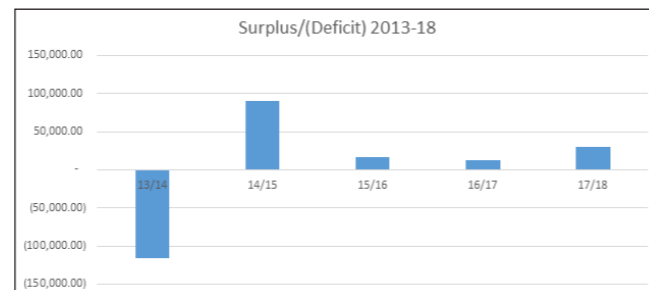
The income and expenditure figures below are skewed by the ITTF funding for the Team World Cup held at the Copper Box this year. However, if these figures are removed Sport England continues to be our largest contributor (51%) with affiliation fees at 8%. TTE income generated is made up from a number of budget lines, the key one being coaching course income.

Operational costs continue to be monitored carefully, whilst it would appear that they have increased from previous years this is due to the change in accounting procedure for the internal re-distribution of Table Tennis England funding to support the Performance Programme plus there has been an increase VAT liabilities due to some large invoices, for example for the cost of the Governance review.

This year we have been successful in attracting grants from Sport England in respect of the independent governance review and several IT projects which are under development and will benefit the members in 18/19.

The Jack Petchey Foundation continues to support Table Tennis England and the Children and Young People team. After 7 years the project goes from strength to strength enriching the lives of young people in London and Essex through table tennis.

Keith Thomas
Treasurer



English Table Tennis Association Ltd

Income and Expenditure

for the year ending 31st March 2018

Talent & Performance

Talent & Infrastructure
Commonwealth Games
Performance

Development

BeTT Delivery
Clubs
Children & Young People
ESTT
Satellite Clubs
Disability
Officiating
Volunteers
Capital
Coaching

MASS

LOOP
PING

Marketing & Communications

Competitions
Marketing & Communications

Operations

Meetings
Staff Costs
IT Development
Membership Costs
Other Core Costs

Sport England
Affiliation Fees
Sponsorship
Ranking & Tournament Levies
Bank Interest
Other Income

Other

BPTT Performance Grant
Other Grants
ITTF
Regions

	2018			2017		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)
Talent & Performance	363,152	5,081	358,071	521,584	-	521,584
Talent & Infrastructure	136,635	133,403	3,232	-	-	0
Commonwealth Games	182,087	190,393	(8,306)	229,554	117,386	112,168
Performance	681,874	328,877	352,997	751,138	117,386	633,752
Development	364,928		364,928	659,792	14,424	645,368
BeTT Delivery	40,084		40,084	36,662	-	36,662
Clubs	189,453	174,691	14,762	268,222	161,940	106,281
Children & Young People	20,765	18,659	2,106	-	0	0
ESTT	35,000		35,000	123,409	-	123,409
Satellite Clubs	2,030		2,030	67,407	328	67,079
Disability	79,789	422	79,367	-	-	0
Officiating	12,347		12,347	-	-	0
Volunteers	-	-	0	431,228	56,228	375,000
Capital	125,854	86,777	39,077	237,063	98,345	138,718
Coaching	870,250	280,549	589,701	1,823,783	331,266	1,492,517
MASS	371,490	28,008	343,482	202,246	45,519	156,727
LOOP	160,400		160,400	292,127	39,766	252,360
PING	531,890	28,008	503,882	494,372	85,285	409,087
Marketing & Communications	513,991	326,120	187,871	512,222	338,372	173,849
Competitions	192,886	65,161	127,725	256,262	73,303	182,959
Marketing & Communications	706,877	391,281	315,596	768,484	411,675	356,809
Operations	64,693		64,693	50,334	-	50,334
Meetings	313,211		313,211	310,613	-	310,613
Staff Costs	87,271		87,271	88,302	-	88,302
IT Development	145,869		145,869	139,420	-	139,420
Membership Costs	380,255		380,255	240,134	-	240,134
Other Core Costs			0			0
Sport England	2,352,943		(2,352,943)	-	3,263,009	(3,263,009)
Affiliation Fees	361,237		(361,237)	-	339,860	(339,860)
Sponsorship	9,167		(9,167)	-	22,000	(22,000)
Ranking & Tournament Levies	49,832		(49,832)	-	47,438	(47,438)
Bank Interest	245		(245)	-	2,461	(2,461)
Other Income	53,469		(53,469)	-	56,710	(56,710)
	991,299	2,826,893	(1,835,594)	828,804	3,731,479	(2,902,676)
Other	653,872	653,872	0	567,448	567,448	0
BPTT Performance Grant	140,375	107,869	32,506	0	0	0
Other Grants	812,853	812,853	0			
ITTF	25,440	14,419	11,021	31,518	24,461	7,057
Regions	1,632,540	1,589,013	43,527	598,966	591,909	7,057
	5,414,730	5,444,621	(29,891)	5,265,547	5,269,001	(3,454)

Notes to Income and Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

- Note 1

The Jack Petchey Foundation Grant is included in Income in 2018. The grant has been matched against related expenditure.
- Note 2

The British Para Table Tennis Association (BPTTA) 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 BPTTA Performance Monitoring Group.
- Note 3

Ten regional committees operate around the country under the auspices of English Table Tennis Association Limited. All income and expenditure of the Regions is included in the income and expenditure account. The net funds of Regions are included in the Balance Sheet.
- Note 4

Income and expenditure relating to the 2018 ITTF Team World Cup is included in the accounts.

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED			
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)			
REGISTERED NUMBER:04268058			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
AS AT 31 MARCH 2018			
	2018		2017
	£		£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	32,105		36,309
Current assets			
Stocks	3,493	4,823	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	430,882	107,250	
Cash at bank and in hand	988,354	1,050,151	
	1,422,729	1,162,224	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(965,361)	(738,951)	
Net current assets	457,368		423,273
Net assets	489,473		459,582
Reserves			
Testimonial funds	32,682		34,207
Income and expenditure account	456,791		425,375
	489,473		459,582



From left: Jack Melnick; Tony Chatwin and Doug Young; Tony Chatwin with his wife Pat at a 100 Club dinner; Steve Welch

In Memoriam

Tony Chatwin: One of the longest-serving and most dedicated servants of table tennis in England, Tony spent a lifetime involved in the sport after taking it up in 1952, becoming one of the country’s most respected officials and administrators at every level from local to international.

He qualified as a National Umpire in 1966, was in the first group of National Referees in 1971, became an International Umpire in 1973 when the qualification was first introduced, and was the third English official to become an International Referee, in 1992.

Among his appointments, he was Deputy Referee when England hosted the World Championships in both 1977 and 1997.

He was an administrator at all levels and in many roles, including locally for Rolls Royce TTC, Derby TTL and Derbyshire TTA for many years, the latter as President since 1999.

Nationally, he was ETTA Deputy Chairman from 1997-2003 and was National Councillor for Derbyshire from 2006 to 2015.

He Chaired the National Umpire and Referees Committee and was also President of the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires and national representative of the England branch of the Swaythling Club International. He also served on several international committees for the ETTU, ITTF and Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation.

Tony became a Vice-President of the ETTA in 1985 and an Honorary Life Member in 1995. He was presented with the Ivor Montagu Award in 1993, the Malcolm Scott Award in 1996 and the Keith Ponting President’s Memorial Trophy in 2017.

Steve Welch: Steve was one of the foremost officials in recent times, qualifying as both a County Umpire and a Tournament Referee in 1996. In 2000 Steve became a National Umpire and then a National Referee two years later.

In 2002, Steve became an International Umpire and in 2005 an International Referee.

He gained a Tournament Organiser Level 3 qualification in 1999.

His most prestigious appointments were as a Deputy Referee at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and four years later when he held that same position on home soil at the Paralympics in London.

He held several positions on Table Tennis England Committees including Tournament Committee Chairman.

Steve was presented with the Ivor Montagu Award for his services to the Junior British League in 2010 and in 2012 was made a Vice-President.

Jack Melnick: One of England’s most respected and renowned umpires during the 1970s, 1980s and into the 1990s, Jack officiated at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992, three World Championships (Birmingham 1977 - where he umpired the Women’s Singles final), Novi Sad (1981) and Gothenburg (1985); two European Championships, Prague in 1976 and Berne in 1980 and two Commonwealth Championships, Cardiff in 1973 and Edinburgh in 1979.

Doug Young: Worcester League President, Worcestershire National Councillor from 1995-2013.

Doug became an International Umpire in 1975 and officiated at the World Championships in Tokyo in 1983. He also umpired at two European Championships in 1972 in Rotterdam (umpiring the first match in the Women’s Team finals) and 1988 in Paris.

In 1988 and 1990 Doug was the Referee at the English Opens and also refereed seven National Championships between 1979 and 1992. As Deputy Referee, he officiated at the World Championships in Gothenburg in 1993 and the European Championships in Birmingham in 1994.

Doug served on several ETTA Committees, including as County Championships Chairman

1987-96. He was made a Vice-President of the ETTA in 1994 and then an Honorary Life Member in 2004.

Carol Beames: British League Committee Secretary from 1992 until 2005; ETTA Vice-Chairman without Departmental Responsibility and a member of the ETTA Management Committee, from 2001-2003.

National Councillor for Sussex 1994-2001 and again for a short period after her term of office on the Management Team ceased. Chairman of the South East Regional Committee 1996-1999, became Devon General Secretary in 2013 and a member of the South West Region Committee in 2016.

Presented with the Ivor Montagu Award in 2000.

Roy Stevens: Table Tennis England Vice-President and former Administrative Secretary. Secretary to the National Council.

Linda Hales (nee Barrow): Former England No 2 Junior, Chelmsford & District League Ladies Singles Champion in 1974, 1975 and 1976, three-time JM Rose Bowl winner.

Tom Honey: Table Tennis England Vice-President.

Wilf Rhodes: International Umpire, Derbyshire TTA.

Editor’s note: We remember here those with honorary appointments or who gave international service as a player, official or coach. Full obituaries were published on the Table Tennis England website. We are indebted to Diane Webb for her help with compiling obituaries.

We also remember at National Council meetings all those members of the table tennis family who passed away in the last year. Please notify us of the passing of any individuals so they may be remembered in this way.

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