

Honours Presentations

2018/2019



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Sandra Deaton

For her service to Table Tennis England and internationally.

Involved in table tennis for more than 40 years at local, county, regional and national level, working in club development for most of that time notably at the Colin Deaton Academy in Derbyshire.

Chair of the East Midland Region for almost 14 years from 2000, bringing together the development and coaching groups under one organisation.

Elected as a Vice-Chairman in the Governing Body Management team from 2002 to 2007; Vice-Chairman of selection and performance 2013-14.

Elected as Chairman of the Board in 2014 following the death of Andy Seward, continuing as elected and then appointed Chairman until the present.

Elected to International Table Tennis Federation roles - as Board Director and Nominations Committee member.

Chair of the European Table Tennis Union Youth Committee.

Involved with the organisation of a number of National Championships and



an integral part of the team delivering the two most recent English Opens.

A member of the athlete services team for the London Olympics.

Her daughter Nicola was five times national champion and England No 1 for five consecutive years.

Andrea Holt

For her services as a staff member in Development, as an England international player and double Olympian.

Competed for Great Britain at the Barcelona 1992 and Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games.

Won the Women's Singles at the Senior National Championships five times between 1991 and 2004, in addition to winning four Women's Doubles titles and one Mixed Doubles title.



The following are recommended for re-election as Vice-Presidents for 2019-22

Len Pilfold John Arnold MBE Diccon Gray John Blackband **Gerald Gurney Rosemary Ponting** Paul Day Brenda Hudson Derek Schofield Ken Eliot Richard J Hudson Eileen Shaler Dave Fyans Martin Ireland Robert Sinclair Ken Field Diana Jermyn Mick Strode Malcolm Macfarlane Margot Fraser Geoff Taylor Stuart Gibbs Ian Marshall Ken Muhr George Tyler **Barry Granger**

Susie Hughes

For her service on the Board as Deputy Chairman (since 2014) and Vice Chairman Communications (2013-14) as well as to VETTS.

Started playing table tennis in the Liverpool League as a teenager, still plays as a veteran.

Played in leagues around the country, and has represented Lancashire, also plays in the Veterans' British League and on the VETTS domestic and international circuit.

Has been involved in the administration of table tennis at a local level with her club; as a former Chairman and current Deputy Chair, Newsletter Editor and one of the tournament organiser team with the VETTS.

A member of the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) Veterans Committee; and a member of the Board at Table Tennis England for six years, five of which as Deputy Chairman.

Had a long career in the media in Liverpool and London as a journalist, a Government press officer and a media/ political consultant.



Vice-President

Chris Newton

For his service as a staff member in Development and Events, as a volunteer at major events as well as in Staffordshire.

Volunteered a major events including 1994 Special Olympics (Sheffield); 2000 Olympics (Sydney); 2002 Commonwealth Games (Manchester); 2011 Pro Tour Final (London); 2012 Olympics and Paralympics (London); 2012 Team World Cup (Liverpool); 2014 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow); 2015 European Games (Baku); 2016 Olympics (Rio); 2018 Commonwealth Games (Gold Coast); 2018 ITTF Team World Cup (London)

Volunteer at several editions of UK and European Corporate Games, plus various Table Tennis England Senior Nationals and European Championships qualification matches.

ETTA/Table Tennis England member of staff from 1998 to present.

Chairman of Burton Uxbridge TTC from 1994-2015.



Vice-President

Shirley Pickering

For her service to the East Midlands Region as well as in Leicestershire.

East Midlands Region Secretary and then Chairman 2000-present.

Leicestershire County Table Tennis Association Secretary and Acting Chairman.

Leicester and District Table Tennis League committee member and divisional secretary.

UKCC Level 3 coach and Coach Educator and Coaching Officer to the County, League and Knighton Park Table Tennis Club.

Non-Playing Captain internationally with England Schools teams.

Volunteer assisting at many Table Tennis England competitions and at major events including the London 2012 Olympics.



Barry Snowden

For his service to County Championship Committee as well as in Yorkshire.

Started playing in 1969 in Halifax league and at the Boys Brigade. Took his BB company to the national team finals in Edinburgh (1971) and Nottingham (1972).

Joined Halifax YMCA in 1972, Moved up through the teams and divisions and gained representative honours for Halifax Juniors and Seniors in the Yorkshire League.

Won division one averages in Halifax League for six years from 1978; Won the men's singles at the Halifax Closed in 1979, 1980 and 1981 and won 13 closed championship titles in total before major surgery in 1982 halted his run of success.

As a veteran from 1996, selected to play for Yorkshire third team, playing 30 times over the next 10 years and captaining the team to the county championships veterans third division.

Joined the County Championship committee whilst playing for the county veterans and is still actively involved in organising county divisions, primarily the veteran and cadet premier



divisions. Also County Championships Press Officer.

League secretary at Halifax; was county championship secretary of Yorkshire for 12 years to 2018.

National table tennis organiser for the Civil Service Sports Council and regional organiser for the Health and Safety Sports Association.

Vice-President

Margaret Welch

For her service as a Technical Official and on Tournaments Approval Panel as well as in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

Involved in table tennis for more than 20 years, starting with local tournaments including Grimsby Closed, Lincolnshire Closed and School Tournaments in Grimsby.

Assisted in many 1, 2 and 4 star tournaments across the country, and attended many Senior, Cadet & Junior, and age-group National Championships as Referees Assistant or Umpires Manager.

Pro Tour Finals held (London, 2011); Junior British League; Grand Prix Series; para table tennis including British Open Para Table Tennis Championships (Sheffield, 20110; School Games for 10 years.

Technical Official at London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

Tournament Approval Panel for many years, including entry form checker and Sanctions Officer.

Level 3 Tournament Organiser 2000.

Yorkshire TTA Minutes Secretary 2012-present; Treasurer 2018-present.



Caroline Williams

For her service as Returning Officer and for Operations / Governance as well as in Warwickshire.

National Returning Officer 2014-present.

Election Scrutineer 2013-2014.

AGM Scrutineer 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Voting Review Group 2016-present.

Individual Adviser for Procurement 2016-present.

Complaints and Appeals Review 2016.

Procurement and Contracts Review 2015.

Warwickshire County TTA: General Secretary 2008-present; Welfare Secretary 2015-present; Publicity Secretary 1997-2016; Warwickshire Executive Committee 1997-present.

Leamington and District Association: Welfare Officer 2007-present; Press Officer 1996-2007; Executive Committee 1996-present; Life Member 2015.



Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award

For exceptionally long and outstanding service to Table Tennis England

Colin Wilson

For his service as a Board member (2014-16), as an England International player and coach, as a former staff member in Development as well as in advisory and club development activity

Table Tennis England Board Member 2014-16.

National Coaching Committee Member 1993-2003; Membership Committee Member 1996-98; High Performance Coaches Group Member 2002-03; Strategy Group Member 2015-16; Competition Review Group Member 2015-17.

Top Players Representative at National Council 1987-88; Deputy Representative 1986-87.

Association of Table Tennis Players Secretary 1986-90.

UKCC Level 2 Coach.

England International with 10 Senior appearances, more than 50 Junior and more than 20 Cadet appearances.

Cadet boys' singles national champion 1976; Junior boys' doubles national champions 1979.

Ranked England No 1 Junior 1980.



Commonwealth Championships team silver medallist and men's doubles silver medallist 1979.

European Youth Championships junior boys' doubles bronze medallist 1980.

European Universities Championships men's singles winner 1982.

ETTA Regional Development Officer (Greater London) 1992-95.

National Tutor Trainer 1995.

Mike Smith

For his long and outstanding service to Table Tennis England as well as to British Para Table Tennis.

Board Member - Vice-Chairman Administration 1997-2003; 2013 -2014 and Appointed Director 2014- present.

Chairman of Committees (ELCC, Membership, Network, Schools facilitating the merger with ESTTA).

Key contributions to Operations and Governance - in particular involvement in achieving Incorporation in 2001 and Individual Membership in 2009 as well as in governance re-structure during 2013-14 and 2018-19.

East Midlands Region committee member 1990-present, including Chairman 1993-1999 and Secretary Administrator 2014-present.

British Para Table Tennis Secretary and Company Secretary 2005-present in particular roles in developing a centralised and sustainable World Class Programme and in achieving incorporation and other governance change.

British Universities and Colleges Sports **Table Tennis Management Group** member for 20 years; National Council



representative 2004-present.

Leicestershire National Councillor 2009-2013; Honorary Life Member; Vice-President, Leicester and District Table Tennis League - former Chairman, Secretary and Development Officer, founder of the Junior Development League 2004; Leicestershire Schools Table Tennis Association Secretary/ Competitions Organiser 2003-present.

Ivor Montagu Award 1998.

Malcolm Scott Award 2001.

Vice-President 2002.

Honorary Life Member 2015.

For service to table tennis in the County field

Karen Smith

For her service to Leicestershire in administering and promoting the County Championships.

Served on the County Committee as Treasurer 1980-present.

Represented County as a player over many years in the Junior, Senior and Veterans' teams - part of the Veterans' team that won the Premier Division four times and was runner-up five times, plus part of the Senior team that was Premier Division runners-up in 1994/95.



Malcolm Scott Award

For outstanding service to Table Tennis England

Mike Atkinson

For his service to National Cadet and National Junior Leagues and to Tournaments Approval Panel.

National Junior League local organiser 1990-present; national organiser 2007-present.

National Cadet League local organiser 2000-present; national organiser 2002-present.

Member of Calendar Working Party/Tournaments Approval Panel 2003-present.

Ivor Montagu Award 2009.

Member of ETTA Competitions Committee 2011-13.

Vice-President 2015.

Member of Ranking Policy Group 2018-present.



Ivor Montagu Award

For service to the administration of Table Tennis England

Phil Ashleigh

For his service on the Members' Advisory Group Implementation Committee.

Coach Tutor 2003-present.

Chairman of Mossford TTC; previously head coach.

Played in various leagues in Middlesex, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire.

Member of the Members' Advisory Group 2019.

Neil Hurford

For his service on the Members' Advisory Group Implementation Committee.

Has played table tennis for more than 50 years ago and been involved in table tennis administration for more than 40 years at local, county, regional and national level.

Secretary of Le Roi TT Club, Stevenage, 1979-1994.

General Secretary, Hertfordshire TTA 1984-1990.





Chairman, Oxfordshire TTA 2004-present; National Councillor, Oxfordshire, 2004-present.

Member of the Independent Review Panel on Governance 2017-2018.

Member of the MAG Implementation Committee 2018; Member of the Members' Advisory Group 2019.

For exceptional service as a staff member

Victor Barna Award For the most notable performance by an English player

Julie Snowdon

For her service to Mass Participation projects notably associated with Ping, Ping Pong Parlours and Loop.



Ross Wilson

For his achievements in becoming world champion in Para Class 8 Men's Singles and Commonwealth Games champion in Para Class 6-10 Men's Singles.



Chris Turner

For his service to the Talent and Performance team as a Coach and notably the Nottingham Sycamore Talent Development Centre.



Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved **England Player of the Year Award**

For a player representing England

Liam Pitchford

For his successful year leading to a major rise in the men's world rankings.



