



Triple Success For Sandy Nash

Sandy Nash has been volunteering with the weekend coaching team at Ellenborough Table Tennis Club since the start of this season and in April 2018 successfully qualified for the UKCC Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Table Tennis.

At the start of this year she helped to start up a new weekday coaching evening (run together with Richard Bailey and Gordon Izatt) for our national league squad players. Pictured below she is shown collecting the Jack Petchey Foundation Outstanding Leader Award from dignitaries during a ceremony in March. Several of the children have also been nominated for Jack Petchey Achievement Awards this year, and they will be presented with these by the Mayor of Enfield at our Junior Open Day this Summer.

Sandy was also nominated for and received an Enfield 100 hours Volunteering Scheme Award. She was presented with her certificate at the Enfield Civic Centre, also receiving their awards were Charlie Izatt, Terry Wilson and Richard Graneau. They've all contributed more than 100 hours of their time over the last year to help with the running of the club. A couple of them for more than just a year or two! Thank you so much for all you do.



<<< Sandy at the Jack Petchey Leaders Award with Clockwise Deputy Mayor of Enfield, Cllr Doris Jagge, Deputy Mayor of London, Joanne McCartney, Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Enfield, Ann Cable MBE, and Sandy.

Enfield 100 hours Volunteering Scheme Award L to R Charlie, Terry, Richard & Sandy >>>



Birthday Boy Seth Mayuga

Seth asked if it would be ok to bring a cake along to the Sunday coaching session closest to his birthday in order that he could celebrate his 12th birthday with his table tennis buddies. As it turned out, his family came along to the club armed with an incredible feast of home made treats, which they invited everyone at the session over the Easter holidays to stay to enjoy. The cake was amazing, and even tasted just as good as it looked! We hope that Seth enjoyed his little Ellenborough birthday celebration and it was certainly a privilege to be able to mark the day with you and meet some of your family.

Seth only started playing at the club in November 2016 and has been a regular at the weekend coaching sessions ever since. He played in his very first tournament in April 2017, the North Middlesex Table Tennis League Annual Tournament, where he finished as runner up in the U13 singles. At our club Junior Open Day last Summer Seth was presented with the John Danson Award for the Most Promising Junior. He continues to go from strength to strength, and trains hard to improve his game. This season Seth played in Ellenborough's National Cadet League side where he helped our B team to win the tightly contested Division 3. We're sure that with Seth's enthusiasm for the sport he'll be one to watch out for in the future.



Seth and that wonderful Cake



Ellenborough Table Tennis Club

AGM

Friday 15TH June 2018

The Meeting will commence at 8-00p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO TABLE TENNIS PRACTISING DURING THE MEETING

SBL Final Weekend - 14/15th April at Cippenham TTC. Ellenborough Champions

Ellenborough's Senior British league team won their division and became champions without the loss of a single match at Cippenham Table Tennis Club on the 14th and 15th April, finishing with a record of played 14 won 14.

Team captain Roger Pyle had picked the teams for the 2 days, 3 weeks earlier, but with Jamie Fisher going ill on the Friday before he was due to play on the Saturday, it left the team with only 3 players as Daniel Fielding was on holiday, Andy Trott otherwise engaged and Roger still injured.

This left a Ellenborough team for the Saturday of Mitchell Jones, Sara Williams and Lukasz Lewandowski, with Roger Pyle registering to play on the day so the club would not get fined for not having a full team, this just shows that it is essential to have at least 7 or 8 players registered in a team.

Starting both games on Saturday at 2- 0 down there was no room for any mistakes and there wasn't, as Newton Abbot were dismissed 6-3 and Cippenham 7-2

On the Sunday Ellenborough were back to full strength with Andy Trott coming in at number 2, this resulted in a 9-0 win against Ashford and a 8-1 defeat of second placed Horsham Spinners.

With such a strong squad in place it should be possible for this team to gain promotion again next season as it strives to put Ellenborough back amongst the elite clubs in the Championship and Premier division where it surely belongs.



British League National C-4 Winning Team - L to R Mitchell, Sara, Roger, Lukasz, and Andy - Inset Left Jamie and Inset Right Daniel

Denise Payet Playing for England at the Commonwealth Games



Denise Payet
16 years old
Ellenborough TTC, Enfield

Women's Team bronze medal; Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals; Women's Singles last 16, Womens Doubles last 16

Before the Games - Debut Maker Relishes Games Test

Payet is one of the youngest members of Team England and the 16-year-old described her selection as "mind-blowing".

"It's amazing, I'm really excited for the experience and really happy that I get to be in the team and hopefully learn a lot from the experience," said the Enfield player.

"It's a huge event and will be something totally new which I'm looking forward to. I've seen it on TV before but to actually be there is mind-blowing.

"I'm really excited that it's outside Europe and also that the training camp is in Japan. I'm over the moon that it's there because I've always wanted to go to Japan to practise and I idolise their players."

Payet believes England will have a chance of a medal in the team competition.

She said: "Hopefully we can get a medal and I can be part of that. I think we've got a chance as a team, all the girls work hard and I'm really happy I can be with them – I idolised them when I was younger.

They all look after me and make me welcome like a family, I don't feel left out at all. Having them be so welcoming is great, and comforting.

England Take Bronze in Aussie Thriller!

England have their first table tennis medal of the Commonwealth Games after sinking hosts Australia 3-1 in a brilliant, mesmerising clash to take bronze in the Women's Team event.

Tin-Tin Ho won two five-setters and Kelly Sibley & Maria Tsaptsinos the doubles as England made up for the disappointments of previous games to get on the podium – and let's not forget the vital supporting role played by the fourth squad member, 16-year-old **Denise Payet**.

It was an emotional rollercoaster for team and spectators in a match that lasted more than three hours and even delayed the gold medal tie.

Payet Set for Games Action.

After the drama of the Commonwealth Games team events, attention turns to the individual competitions on Tuesday.

The men's and women's singles group stages get under way from 12.30am UK time. The first English athlete in action will be **Denise Payet**, who takes on Ruqayyah Kinoo of Mauritius on 3.50am.

Payet's second group match is against Ishara Madurangi of Sri Lanka at 10.10am and there are a number of Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish athletes in action on a busy day, with the final matches due at 11.30am UK time.

Singles - Payet Starts with Two Wins

Denise Payet picked up two wins as she made her Commonwealth Games debut in Australia today.

Payet, who was part of the England team which won bronze but did not feature in any of the matches, made a confident start in the group stage of the Women's Singles, beating Ruqayyah Kinoo of Mauritius 4-0 (11-2, 11-4, 11-7, 11-2).

Her second game was closer but she overcame Ishara Madurangi of Sri Lanka 4-1 (11-6, 14-12, 9-11, 11-8, 11-6).

Into the Main Draw

Round of 32 - A 4 - 0 win over Grace Yee of Fiji and into the Round of 16. **Denise** was now up against a strong Canadian, Mo Zhang and went down 0 - 4.

Doubles - Partnering Kelly Sibley

Straight into the main draw and a bye in the round of 32, then in the round of 16 up against Alicia Cote and Mo Zhang of Canada. This was always going to be a tough ask to win this match and so it proved losing 1 - 3.

Mixed Doubles - Partnering Sam Walker

Round of 64 starting off with a good 3 - 0 win against Gary Nuopula & Lalmah Sifi of the Solomon Islands.

Round of 32 now against Godfry Sultan and Christy Bristol of the Seychelles, another 3 - 0 win.

Round of 16 beating Javen Choong and Karen Lyne of Malaysia 3 - 1.

Round of 8 now opposite Ning Gao and Mengyu Yu of Singapore, unfortunately this was a match too far and **Denise** and Sam were beaten 0 - 3.

Denise's Reaction

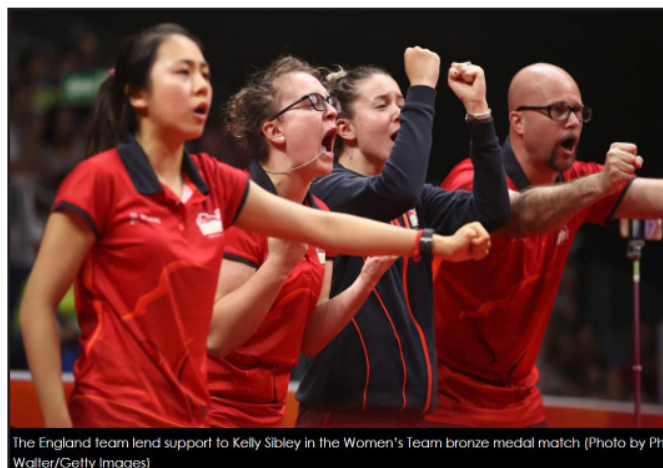
It was my first big games and it's been great. Coming third in the team - I'm speechless being part of that.

I'm so happy for the girls. They definitely kept me on the edge of my seat. I can't describe how happy I am to be in the team and I thank them for welcoming me and making me feel part of the team.

Our bench spirit was unbelievable and I tried to give them everything I could from the bench to lift them. In the singles, I'm happy with the last 16. I beat two ranked much higher than me, so I'm quite happy with that.



Denise, Kelly, Maria & Tin Tin



The England team lend support to Kelly Sibley in the Women's Team bronze medal match (Photo by Phil Walter/Getty Images)



Men's and Women's Squads on the Beach with their Bronze Medals



After Receiving Their Bronze Medals

Tin-Tin spearheads England win in Greece Author: Paul Stimpson

Two victories for Tin-Tin Ho led England to a 3-1 victory in their European Championships Team Stage 1 match away to Greece last night.

The trio of Ho, Maria Tsapsinos and **Denise Payet** were on duty in the first match since Kelly Sibley announced her international retirement, and it was Tsapsinos who led off.

The 20-year-old was up against Greek No 1 Aikaterini Toliou, ranked No 154 in the world, and it went to a decider before Toliou came through 3-2 (7-11, 11-8, 11-4, 6-11, 11-9) to give her country the lead.

However, the rest of the Greek team are ranked substantially lower, and Ho was able to level the match with a routine 3-0 (11-3, 11-9, 11-7) victory over Georgia Zavitsanou, ranked at 538, before **Denise Payet** came from a game down to defeat world No 407 Maria Christoforaki 3-1 (6-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-8).

It was left to Ho to seal the overall triumph when she played Toliou, clinching it in three straight (11-6, 11-6, 11-7). It was a second victory for England women in the competition, having beaten Norway at home in their first match, also by a 3-1 scoreline.

[Click here to watch video of Denise's match in Greece](#)

For those who don't know, Tin Tin played at Ellenborough some time ago, so you could say that 2/3 of the England team are Ellenborough Girls.



England Team that Faced Greece
Coach, Maria, Tin Tin & Denise

Scorecard Against Greece

2018 Stage 1
ITTF European
Team
Championships

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION
ITTF European Championships 2018-2019
Score sheet

Home Assoc: GREECE Visiting Assoc: ENGLAND
Venue/City: ATHENS, PEPA SPA Date: 24/04/2018 Time: 19:00 a.m./p.m.
Men Women Group A Group B Round: 1
Referee: Michael Zwiff Assoc: EBB

Home team: GREECE Visiting team: ENGLAND

No	Home	Visiting	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Games	Points	Match Points
1	TOLIOU AIKATERINI	1	Tin-Tin HO					3-0	0	0
2	ZAVITSANOU GEORGIA	2	Maria TSAPSINOS					0-3	0	1
3	CHRISTOFORAKI MARIA	3	Denise PAYET					1-2	0	1
4	PARIDI KONSTANTINA	4						0-3	0	1
5	TOLIOU AIKATERINI	5								

Team Captain: KOSTOPOULOS Team Captain: MARQUE GUSTAFSSON

Match details:

No	Home	Visiting	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Games	Points	Match Points
1	AT TOLIOU	BT TSAPSINOS	2-11	8-11	7-11	6-11	11-9	3-0	0	0
2	AT ZAVITSANOU	BT HO	3-11	9-11	7-11			0-3	0	1
3	AT CHRISTOFORAKI	BT PAYET	11-6	9-11	8-11	11-8		1-2	0	1
4	A114 TOLIOU	BT HO	6-11	6-11	7-11					

WINNER: ENGLAND

Present Visiting Team: yes no
 Present Host Team: yes no
 TV coverage (internet): 144 Number of spectators: 250 End of the match: 21.24 a.m./p.m.
 Live Streaming: yes no Referee Comment: yes no Attachment: yes no

Please send the Score Sheet by email IMMEDIATELY after the match to the ETTU Press Secretary (press@ettu.org), ETTU Secretariat (info@ettu.org) and UET Chair (chair@ettu.org). PLEASE COPY THIS SCORE SHEET FOR YOUR HOME MATCHES.

KOSTOPOULOS MICHAEL ZWIFF GUSTAFSSON

By Royal Appointment – Pam receives her MBE **Author: Paul Stimpson**

Pam Butcher was a long time member of Ellenborough TTC.

Pam says she enjoyed “a lovely day” at Buckingham Palace, as she received her MBE from Prince Charles.

The over-85 world champion was awarded the MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours last year, and was among a host of people to receive their honours during at investiture ceremony with the heir to the throne today.

Pam said she had shared a few words with Prince Charles and had been able to look around a small part of the Palace.

She said:

You don’t get much chance to chat, you only have a few seconds, but he said he wouldn’t take me on at table tennis!

The Palace is magnificent, not that we saw that much, but there were very long corridors with red carpets all the way along, beautiful pictures on the walls, lovely high ceilings and not a speck of dust anywhere.

Pam was accompanied by her daughter Janis, son-in-law Keith and son Gary, who travelled from his home in Cyprus for the ceremony.

She said:

They were very proud and I was pleased to be able to take them. I feel very proud and very lucky to have the MBE. Table tennis has been a great life for me because of all the places we’ve been to and the friends we have made. I try to promote the game to young and old, because it’s such a great game.

Obituary: Jack Melnick, blue riband umpire Author: Diane Webb

Jack Melnick was a long standing Vice President of Ellenborough TTC.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Jack Melnick. Jack was 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, the sole English representative; three World Championships in Birmingham (1977), Novi Sad (1981) and Gothenburg (1985); two European Championships in Prague in 1976 and Berne in 1980; and two Commonwealth Championships, Cardiff (1973) and Edinburgh (1979).

Other umpiring appointments around the world included the Belgian Open (1974), the Scandinavian Open (1977), the Welsh Open (1983), the US Open in Miami in 1986 and the Irish Open in 1988.

The number of occasions Jack officiated at domestic competitions are too numerous to record. No doubt he would have been a Blue Badge Umpire if that scheme had been in existence when Jack was umpiring. Jack's was a truly remarkable career.

Jack was born in Highbury, North London, and was a lifelong Arsenal supporter. He was bombed out of his home in Stoke Newington during the war in 1940 and went to live in Perivale, West London, before moving to Wembley.

Table tennis was in the family as his uncle, Arthur Melnick, was an England international in the 1930s. Jack followed the traditional route of playing at the local youth club before joining the RAF and playing for his station team in 1953. At one time Jack played in three local leagues and so was active as a player as well as an official.

Jack was introduced into the world of umpiring by Doreen Stannard in 1969 when she spotted him at the Gunnersby Triangle Championships. He passed both his National and International Umpiring Exams in the same year, 1974, and is perhaps the only umpire to achieve this. The quality of Jack's umpiring was recognised when he was awarded the honour of umpiring the Ladies' Singles final at the World Championships in 1977.



Jack with Doreen Stannard (left) and Heather Masters. Photo from TTE Website.

Weekend 2 JBL, Derby Arena 10/11th February 2018

Three Ellenborough teams made the trip to Derby. Ellenborough Girls A lying second in the Premier Division trying to hold on to their title, the team was made up of Kate Cheer, Jasmin Wong and Amelia Chan.

Ellenborough Girls B currently in second position in Division 1. Their line up was Anaya Patel, Millie Rogove & Samadhi Udamulla.

Ellenborough Boys in Division 4A are made up of Lehman Chan, Jaycee Chan and Ray Jiang Yan.

Girls Premier Division

In the girls' Premier Division, with two rounds to go before the top four teams play a mini round robin to see who would be this year's Champions, Ellenborough are lying second to Burton Uxbridge 1, just one point behind.

There two matches were against both of the Burton Uxbridge teams. This would be a tall order as no. 1 player Denise Payet was again unavailable as she was concentrating on her England duties, preparing for the ITTF Team World Cup 2018.

First match was against BU 2, and resulted in a 3 - 3 draw, then a defeat against BU 1, 1 - 5, our chances of retaining the title were now all but over, but with two disappointing results could we hold on to second position. In the three previous years of being in the Premier division we were either 1st or 2nd and did not want to drop any lower.

First match in the mini round robin was London Academy, a 3 - 3 draw, then a 5 - 1 win over XLNT Draycott 1. Final match was against this year's Champions Burton Uxbridge 1, another 1 - 5 defeat. However we managed to hold on to second place which kept up our record on being either 1st or 2nd for the last four years.

In the mini-round robin series all of the girls played well and won 6 out of 12 games, so all three ended on 50%.

Girls Division 1

Unlike the Premier division, division 1 and below have only six teams and play two sets of five round robin matches over the two weekends.

Ellenborough B were in second position after the first weekend two points behind Swerve Girls A who were on 9 points and on equal points with Joola Plymouth on 7 points.

First up were Joola Plymouth with a not surprising 3 - 3 draw based on their current table positions. Then a surprising defeat to Burton Uxbridge 2, 2 - 4 and finishing off day one with a win over Great Stuckley 4 - 2.

Day two, a win against Cardiff City CTC Girls 4 - 2 and a draw against Champions Swerve Girls A 3 - 3.

The girls averages were Anaya Patel 90%, Millie Rogove 65% and Samadhi Udamulla 20%.

Boys Division 4A

After the second weekend the boys finished in fourth position with one win, a draw and three losses.

The win was against Brighton LA, 4 - 2, and the 3 - 3 draw was against Rotherham Scorpions.

The boys averages are Ray Jiang Yan & Lehman Chan both 45% and Jaycee Chan 40%.



Girls Premier Div. R/up. - Kate, Amelia, and Jasmin.



Girls Div. 1 R/up. - Millie, Anaya, & Samadhi



Boys Div 4A 4th place - Jaycee, Ray, & Lehman

IT'S BACK! THE BIG QUIZ

Saturday 12th May 2018

7.30 p.m. bar open and table rounds available, 8 p.m. start

at: Ellenborough Table Tennis Club, Craddock Road, Enfield Town, EN1 3SP



Prizes! Raffle



**Joker round
(double points)**

Picture round

Fun!



Music round

Drinks & nibbles on sale at bar



Table rounds

Great brand new and improved Yamaha sound system!

The small print: Strict maximum of 8 per team/table. £5 per person. Book a table for your team or book as an individual, couple or small group and we will fit you into a team.

£10 per table booking deposit payable in advance (non refundable) and balance payable on the night. Cash or cheque (payable to 'Ellenborough TTC') to Peter Bayman or pay by PayPal to: ellenboroughquiz@gmail.com (send as gift – no charges)

Contact: Peter Bayman, Tel: 020 8245 2733,

Email: ellenboroughquiz@gmail.com

All Proceeds to Ellenborough Table Tennis Club (Regd. Community Amateur Sports Club)

Over 50's Section

The Over 50's section meet four times a week and also have their own coaching session.

If you are interested in joining the Over 50's, then contact Ron Smith on 07957 450792 or by email [Ron Smith](mailto:Ron.Smith).

he'll be pleased to let you have all of the details. Also see our webpage

www.ellenboroughttc.com/ellenborough_2/over-50s/over-50s.html



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Newsletter

Newsletters will be sent out to all those who have registered their email address with Ron Smith (Membership Secretary).

Those who haven't can view the newsletter via the website.
www.ellenboroughttc.com



Ellenborough Quiz Night

Don't forget the Ellenborough Quiz Night on Saturday 12th May. Eight per team £5.00 per head. To enter contact Peter Bayman on 020 8245 2733.

In the next Newsletter, July 2018, a full report on the Ellenborough Closed Championships and how all the Ellenborough teams got on in the North Middlesex, Cheshunt, and Shaw Leagues.

If you have anything interesting to say, why not tell everyone in the Club, let me have your Stories, Anecdotes, Gripes, Successes, disasters, Jokes (keep them clean) and Photo's. send to me [Bernie Kelly](mailto:Bernie.Kelly).

Ellenborough Ladies VBL Report Final Weekend 2017/18

The Ellenborough Veterans' British League squad of Sandy Nash, June Nelson, Sue Pingram and Carol Eckersley returned to the superb Derby Arena to complete their Veterans' British League campaign over the weekend of 24th and 25th February 2018. Faith Frankel joined the ladies in spirit only as family birthdays kept her supporting from the south. The event was held over two weekends, with the first weekend played back in September 2017.

A close division 1 awaited, and two sides still to play before the division split to 1a and 1b.

Our mission after mixed fortunes the first weekend was to get points from both these fixtures to attempt climb from 5th to the top half of the division. Sadly it was not to be. Despite some very close games and even several match points which may have put the side in the top half of the division, these games did not go in our favour and we had to settle for one point draws against both the Sutton at Hone and Ashford Ladies sides. This placed us in 6th place on 7 points, with four teams above us all on a crucial 8 points and in a countback situation. So, we were split to play again against the other three teams in the bottom half.

Our safety in the division was immediately assured by super confident performances in the repeat fixture versus Sutton at Hone, where both Carol Eckersley and Sue Pingram made up for narrow losses earlier in the day and came out fighting to win the match and a valuable maximum two points. In the other bottom half fixture, HEL Ladies won against Ashford, which meant the teams to be relegated were decided. With 9 points we now couldn't be caught and our place in the division for next season was assured. The Sunday unfortunately saw the side lose both matches, first to Ashford and then to HEL Ladies. A little frustrating the way the draw worked out that two of the same sides had to be played twice over the one weekend.

Well done to the division winners, Fusion Ladies B and runners up, MK Girls for your superb results and for gaining promotion this year. Many thanks and well done to all of the ladies who took part and represented Ellenborough Table Tennis Club.

Congratulations also to Ellenborough's Senior British League player, Sara Williams, who was a key player in the Premier Division winning side, Ppong.



Ellenborough's Ladies VBL Team - June, Carol, Sue & Sandy - Inset Faith

Ellenborough players dominate the 2018 Cheshunt Championships

This year's championships, held at Ellenborough TTC on Saturday 10th March, were again ably run by Digger Lamprell and provided excellent competitive matches throughout the day. Ellenborough players were prominent, winning four of the five events and providing many of the semi-finalists.

Open Singles: The star of the day was probably Huseyin Cakir of Ellenborough, who beat Semi Idowu, also of Ellenborough, in an excellent and highly competitive semi-final and then went on to beat Paul Martindill of Ellenborough A in the final. Paul had beaten Alan Pearse of Ellenborough in the other semi-final.

Over 55 Singles: This was won by Fred Burdett of HRC, who beat Terry Wilson of Ellenborough in the final. Fred had beaten Peter Bayman of Ellenborough A in his semi-final match and Terry had beaten Ellenborough teammate Alan Pearse in the other.

Open Doubles: Another win for Ellenborough's Huseyin Cakir here, this time with his teammate Anatol Gasiorowski. They beat Paul Martindill of Ellenborough A and Phil Shepherd of Kidston in the final. Huseyin and Anatol had beaten Alan Pearse and Terry Wilson in their semi-final whilst Paul and Phil had beaten Gill Toumbas and Abdul Olagboyega, both from Ellenborough A, in the other.

Division 2 singles: This was won by Rob Costa of Ellenborough B, who defeated Rai Liiv of HRC A in the final. Rob had beaten Denzyl Thorne of Cheshunt A in the semi-finals and Rai had beaten his HRC A teammate Mike Roberts.

Drawn Doubles: This event is always unpredictable, with partners drawn on the day. The winners were Ellenborough A teammates Gill Toumbas and Peter Bayman, who beat Semi Idowu of Ellenborough and Gunter Biemel of Ellenborough B in the final. Gill and Peter had defeated Fred Burdett of HRC and Joan Bayman of Ellenborough B in their semi-final whilst Semi and Gunter had beaten Paul Martindill and Rob Costa.

The doubles events were played mainly on the new blue TrioFlor flooring at Ellenborough and the singles mainly on the uncovered wooden flooring but everyone coped well with the both surfaces and the remainder of the new flooring will be laid very soon.

North Middlesex Table Tennis League

AGM

Tuesday 22nd May 2018

The Meeting will commence at 8-00p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO TABLE TENNIS PRACTISING DURING THE MEETING

Disappointing Singles, but Bronze & Silver in Doubles for Payet

The best 32 players in the country, including Olympians, Paralympians and Commonwealth champions, battled it out at the Copper Box Arena at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London from March 1-4.

At stake are singles, doubles and Para titles, plus men's and women's under-21 singles events – and the right to be called 2017/18 National Champion.

Women's Under 21 Singles

In the Group Stage of the under 21 tournament, Ellenborough's Denise Payet played Charlotte Bardsley (St) losing 1 - 3, her next opponet was Megan Gidney (La), a win would put Denise through to the Main draw, however Gidney won 3 - 2 and left Denise in third place and out of the Tournament.

Mixed Doubles

No groups, straight into the main draw, Denise partnered by Sam Walker were given a bye to the quarter-finals and played Joe Clark and Mollie Patterson, a 3 - 1 win and into the semi-finals playing Kelly Sibley & David McBeath. The new partnership of Denise and Sam were well beaten 3 - 0 and had to settle for a Bronze Medal.

Women Doubles.

Another new partnership with Tin Tin Ho and seeded 2. Quarter-Final, a comfortable 3 - 0 win against Charlotte Bardsley and Megan Gidney. Semi-Final, another comfortable 3 - 0 win against Evie Collier & Kate Hughes. So into the Final against no.1 seeds, Kelly Sibley & Maria Tsaptsinos who ran out comfortable winners 3 - 0.

Women's Singles.

Denise was in group 1 playing against Megan Gidney and Tiana Dennison. This time Denise turned the tables on Megan Gidney and ran out winning 3 - 2. Against Tiana Dennison, Denise had a more comfortable win 3 - 1.

Into the Main Draw. Up against Charlotte Bardsley again, but the result was similar to the u21 result, this time Charlotte Bardsley winning 4 - 1.

So all in all both singles events were very disappointing, made up with a Bronze in the Mixed Doubles and Silver in the Woman's Doubles.



Denise (back) with Tin Tin in the Womans Doubles

Supporter Fund Jan - Mar Draw Results

January - March 2018			
1st Prize	43	Mark Jones	£100.00
2nd Prize	8	Trevor Mansell	£50.00
3rd Prize	95	Father William Wilby	£25.00
Winning Tickets Drawn by Committee Members			

A Blast from the Past - Sarah Sandley in NZ

Located in the heart of the North Island, the Taupo Events Centre was the venue for the recently concluded 2018 New Zealand Open Veteran Championships.

A notable name on the roll of honour was that of Joanne Shaw, she won the Women's Singles titles in both the 40 to 49 years category and the 50 to 59 years category; now that makes me feel old, very old!

Joanne Shaw is from Yorkshire in England, the same county as myself; she excelled as a junior player, one of the most gifted you could ever wish to watch, left handed, her hand skills quite outstanding.

"I always try to play aggressive and play my own game and take the initiative, regardless of who I play. Overall it was really nice to play against a lot of players that I haven't played against before, it adds to the challenge. Since it was my first full New Zealand Veteran tournament, obviously I am really happy with my performance and the overall wins. If you'd offered me those results before the tournament I'd have taken them! It couldn't have worked out much better." Joanne Shaw

Likewise, the name of **Sarah Sandley** attracts my attention; she was the silver medallist in Women's Singles 40 to 49 years and bronze medallist in the 50 to 59 years category; like Joanne Shaw a player who enjoyed notable success as a junior. She is from north London and honed her skills at the **Ellenborough Club**, the same as 16 year old **Denise Payet** who recently gained a bronze medal in the Women's Team event at the recent Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Article by Ian Marshall



Medallists in Taupo (left to right) Gary Williams Bei Zhang, Jo Shaw, Sarah Sandley
(Photo: courtesy of Table Tennis New Zealand)

Three Ellenborough JBL Players in Cadet National Cup

Over the weekend of 17th/18th May, three Ellenborough JBL players were competing in the Cadet National Cup, where the top ten Cadet players play a round robin tournament.

Top seed going into the tournament was Jasmin Wong who plays in our girls JBL A team. Seeded fifth & sixth were two girls who play in the girls B team, Anaya Patel & Millie Rogove.

Day One

Jasmin Wong is out on her own, the top seed having won all five matches today.

She did so without dropping a game until her final match, when the day's surprise package Millie Rogove – who won her previous four matches against higher-ranked players, levelled at 1-1.

But Wong came back to lead the way, ahead of Rogove and third seed Ruby Chan on four wins each and second seed Gemma Kerr on three wins, alongside Anaya Patel.

The top three seeds started with wins, though Chan had to recover from losing the first game to Erin Green.

But the fourth and fifth seeds were both defeated in tight matches, Mari Baldwin (#4) three times leveling against Amy Marriott (#7) but going down 11-8 in the decider, and sixth-ranked Rogove overcoming No 5 Patel in six games.

Rogove went one better by beating Baldwin 4-2 in the second round, a protracted match with four deuces, and in which Baldwin saved three match points at 10-7 down in the sixth.

Patel got off the mark, against Isabelle Doyle, while Wong and Chan won in four straight, but Kerr had a real battle against Green, finally winning 11-9 in the decider after her opponent had battled back from 2-1 and 3-2 down, taking the sixth 11-0.

The only match in round three which required more than four games saw Rogove and Chan go the distance, with Rogove retaining her 100% record. She led 3-1 but saw the third seed level, but the left-handed Rogove won the decider 11-4.

All the other matches were decided in four straight, including Angharad Beman's first victory as she defeated Doyle.

Rogove cemented her unbeaten start in round four, when she took down second seed Kerr. Again, it went to seven, and this time she came from 3-1 down to do it.

Green and Baldwin both broke their ducks, respectively overcoming Beman in six and Doyle in four. Chan bounced straight back from her defeat in round three to beat Patel in four and Wong continued her untroubled progress against Marriott.

Rogove could not sustain her run of results when she took on top seed Wong in the final match, while victories for Patel and Chan closed up the hunt for medals.

Day 2

The closest of the four competitions saw Ruby Chan finish one victory ahead of Jasmin Wong, Anaya Patel and Millie Rogove, with the unlucky sixth seed Rogove missing out on a medal by fractions, despite beating both Chan and Patel and winning four of her five matches against higher-ranked opponents.

Patel, who celebrated her birthday on Saturday, broke the competition wide open in the first round of the day as she ended the perfect record of top seed Wong. The Berkshire player three times came from a set down before rocking through the decider 11-2.

On the other tables, Chan's day started with a routine 4-0 win over Isabelle Doyle, while Gemma Kerr bounced back from 2-0 and 3-2 down to defeat Mari Baldwin in seven.

With Rogove beating Angharad Beman in six, it left Chan, Wong and Rogove in a three-way tie on five victories, with Kerr and Patel one win back.

It looked as if round seven would see a swing back to Wong, who was troubled by Baldwin but won in six, while Rogove and Chan both had to dig deep to win in seven.

Rogove had to shake off Green in the archetypal rollercoaster as she led, trailed and led again before her opponent came back to take the sixth. The decider was close all the way, Rogove shading it 11-9.

Chan, meanwhile, pulled off a remarkable comeback against Kerr, saving several match points in the fifth and sixth (the sixth going to 16-14) and eventually triumphing 11-7 in the decider – and this having lost the first three games.

That comeback by Chan looked all the more important after round eight, when she defeated Wong 4-1 to move into the lead in the race for gold.

Patel kept up her good form as she beat Green in four, but Rogove was defeated by Marriott, despite saving five match points in the sixth and one more as the decider went to 14-12.

That left Wong in second and Patel in third, by a fraction of a percentage over Rogove going into the final round. Incredibly, had Rogove won that set, she would have taken gold – instead she dropped to fourth.

Nothing changed in the final round with 4-0 victories for Chan, Patel and Rogove, and a 4-1 scoreline in favour of Wong.

What they Said -

Jasmin Wong (silver, Cadet Girls)

I played really well on the first day but not so well on the second. I'm not sure why that was. I kept calm but it didn't work out the same as the first day. But silver could have been worse.

Anaya Patel (bronze, Cadet Girls)

I didn't come here expecting to win a medal, so it's good that I did. I just kept calm and didn't try to think about the results but about how I was playing. It's a really long tournament and quite tiring, so you have to try to keep your energy up.

Final standings: 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

NATIONAL CADET LEAGUE (2017/2018) - ELLENBOROUGH TTC LONDON NORTH VENUE (Craddock Road, Enfield, Middlesex)

The Ellenborough hall players on the final day of the season's NCL were enthralled by the fluctuating team rank positions in the top two teams of Division 1 (Ellenborough A gaining silver and The Reach Academy A eventually succeeding in winning the gold). Fortunately for The Reach Academy A, it was helped upwards by the win of BATTs 1 over Ellenborough A through a match score of 6-3, whereas on the other hand, BATTs 1 lost 0-9 against The Reach Academy A which team then held great endurance and went on to win 9-0 against Mossford A to secure the first position.

In the same while, following on unwaveringly from previous days the Division 2 Brentwood team made an even bigger lead over Spins TT Academy with the help of the talents of Toby Kelly taking all 9 individual matches over 3 rounds of the teams' 9-set matches and his team partners Jason Yeh and Zach Antoniou who added 7 and 6 individual matches respectively to reach gold on the finishing line.

There was a heavy alternating current engaging the teams playing 5 rounds of 6-set matches in Division 3 as BATTs 2 domineered the way at the beginning closely with Ellenborough B but went through an unavoidable change of players on the final day that resulted in a slightly harder struggle that put it in third position after The Reach Academy C won all their 5 rounds of the day by substantial margins. The winning Ellenborough B team, despite the weakening of their first match against Mossford C by some void sets owing to the untimely arrival of one of its players, went on to reach a close win over The Reach Academy C - the results of which had to be calculated by the number of games won after drawing in sets.

Many thanks to the teams participating in this season's competition. We look forward to seeing you next season when the new NCL organiser of Ellenborough TTC venue will be Gemma Rice who has agreed to take over from me as planned.



Div. 1 Winners The Reach Academy A



Div. 2 Winners Brentwood



Div. 3 Winners Ellenborough B

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE (2017/2018) - ELLENBOROUGH TTC LONDON NORTH VENUE (Craddock Road, Enfield, Middlesex)

Held on Saturday 24th February.

In this final event of the National Junior League there appeared increased dexterity in the players' performance as the season's play moved on over the four days at Ellenborough TTC, and in this finale danced the most favourite match score of either 6-3 or 3-6. But, as in the Dance of Death, all people are equal, and to prove it the teams of both Divisions 1 and 2 enjoyed their fight against each other while they steadily kept their ranking positions from Day 1 to Day 4.

Watching the fights of the top two teams of both Divisions was a thrill and especially so in Division 2 as you can see from the Results tables attached.

In the award ceremony the medals went to Division 1 winning team Mossford A and runner-up team Mossford B, and to Division 2 winning team Ellenborough B and runner-up team The Reach Academy A.

The 3-player match sets' fight consisted as usual of "the best of five games" and not all players took part for the whole day as some teams employed more than three players; therefore, players achieving high wins of all 12 sets (i.e. all sets in all the 4 rounds) or even 9 sets (3 out of 4 rounds) were scarce. Briefly, the highlights went to Division 1 player Abdul Raqueeb of Mossford A (2,3,3 & 3 sets) and to the fabulous Division 2 player Samuel Klein of Mossford C (3,3,3 & 3 sets).

Many thanks to the teams participating in this season's competition. We look forward to seeing you next season when the new NJL organiser of Ellenborough TTC venue will be Mr. Gordon Izatt who has agreed to take over from me as planned.



Div. 1 Winners Mossford A



Div. 2 Winners Ellenborough B

A big thank you to Richard Graneau who has been running both the NCL & NJL Tournaments for the past few years.

Wishing Gemma Rice and Gordon Izatt the very best in taking over the responsibility for running the Tournaments from next season.



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