



## Ellenborough Girls A - JBL Premier Div. Champions for a Second Year

In the Girls' Premier division, Jasmin Wong was the star as Ellenborough Girls bounced back from defeat to closest rivals Burton Uxbridge to retain their title.

That defeat came in the last round of matches of the first section, a 4-2 scoreline in favour of Burton including a double for Charlotte Bardsley – the highlight a 3-2 (11-5, 5-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-8) victory over Denise Payet.

It meant Ellenborough qualified in third place – three points behind both Burton and Irish Girls, who shared a record of six wins and one draw.

The first sign that Ellenborough were up for overturning the deficit came in their first play-off against Irish, in which the Londoners clinched a 5-1 win despite going 1-0 behind when Katie McGlone beat Kate Cheer in five.

Payet levelled with her own five-setter against Rebecca Finn and the third 3-2 scoreline of the match saw Cheer overcome Mia O'Rahilly Egan.

Burton started with a 4-2 scoreline against Fusion to remain in pole position, and they put one hand on the trophy when they led 2-0 against Ellenborough in the penultimate round of fixtures. They were both five-set wins, as Zofia Wawrzyniak defeated Payet and Bardsley overcame Cheer.

It was Wong who began the fightback in four sets against Megan Gidney, and Payet bounced back to defeat Bardsley, also in four. Wong kept up her form with a 3-0 margin against Wawrzyniak and it was left to Cheer to complete the turnaround in four against Gidney.

Ellenborough ended with a 6-0 win against Fusion, though they needed five sets in matches two and three, but Burton were still in prime position as a victory over Irish would clinch the title.

Finn put Irish ahead as she held off Bardsley in five, but Mollie Patterson levelled the tie. Egan and McGlone enjoyed victories over Wawrzyniak and Bardsley respectively to put Irish 3-1 up but back came Burton, Wawrzyniak defeating Finn in three and Patterson levelling the tie once again.

It left Ellenborough celebrating by virtue of their superior sets difference as they retained their title.



**The winning Ellenborough team of Kate Cheer, Jasmin Wong and Denise Payet with Coach Anthony Constantinou and Sandra Deaton (Picture by Chris Rayner)**

## **Jeremy Clark-Williams - Not just an Average Guy.**

Each season the club awards the Wilf Carter Trophy to the Ellenborough player with the highest Average in the North Middlesex Table Tennis League.

For the 2015-16 season it was Jeremy Clark-Williams playing in the second Division for Ellenborough 7 with an average of 87.18%.



**Jeremy (right) Receiving his Trophy  
From Harold Webb**

## Ellenborough Ladies British League Veterans Report Final Weekend

The Ellenborough Veterans' British League squad of Sandy Nash, Sue Pingram, June Nelson and Faith Frankel returned to the superb Derby Arena to complete their Veterans' British League campaign over the weekend of 18th and 19th February 2017. The event was held over two weekends, with the first weekend played back in September 2016.

The division is made up of eight teams, with five matches played each weekend. So Ellenborough started the weekend with two teams from the division still to play to complete the first stage of the competition. First up were Halton, where we managed to overcome any first match nerves to win 4-2. Next, we had to face the team standing in top place at the end of weekend one, RTA. Something of an all Hertfordshire affair, with all bar two players in the match (and on the bench) representing Hertfordshire county teams. Played in great spirits, but we took the crucial maximum 2 points and won the match 5-1. June managed a 3-0 win along the way against higher ranked Pat Thorley, and Sandy and Sue remained consistent to pick up 2 wins each. Therefore, after playing all of the teams once, we had overtaken RTA to take the lead, albeit by just 1 point!

The Division was then split in to two halves, with the Ellenborough ladies heading division 2a we had to play return matches against the teams standing in 2nd (RTA), 3rd (Billwood), and 4th (Sutton at Hone). The first of these was against our 'bogey' team from the first weekend, Billwood. We had lost to them 5-1 in our Sunday morning match back in September, so we knew it wasn't going to be easy. Could we do better on a Saturday late afternoon? Both Sandy and Sue remained unbeaten throughout Saturday and secured maximum points with a 4-2 win. Along the way, Sandy and Sue showed good form to reverse the scores from their previous encounter against Linda Hales, to both win in close 5 game sets. All in all a very successful Saturday, with only one point still required to guarantee overall division victory.

Sunday and both Sutton at Hone and RTA came between us and the division title! All was not to go Ellenborough's way. Sunday mornings clearly do not bring out our best table tennis! First on was our number two, Sue against Sutton's number 1, Heidi. Heidi, a new vet, with a fast, attacking playing style, who, like Sue, had only lost one match in the division up until their game was always going to be a challenge. Unfortunately, despite all very tight games, Sue could not get the better of Heidi on this occasion. Next Sandy had to play Sue Adamson, who she had lost to in close games back in September. It was looking good when Sandy went 2-0 up and was close in both the 3rd and 4th games. A win looked likely at 4 points ahead during the 4th, but as we all know, being ahead and getting to 11 first are often not the same thing! Sandy lost in 5, leaving June to go on against an on-form Carol Homewood to try to get us back in the match. June also got to 2 games first, but eventually lost in a very close 5th. We were so nearly 2-1 up, but could Ellenborough come back from 3-0 down to level the match and claim the one point needed to guarantee that nobody could catch us at the top? It looked unlikely. However, table tennis is a funny game, where different playing styles can and do play a big factor in results. The captain, Sandy, led the comeback with a hard-fought 5 game battle against Heidi. Next was June against Sue Adamson. Fighting hard, as always, June started to see the match slip away from her at 2-1 down and with Sue gaining a big lead in the 4th game. A run of points saw June come back from 10-6 down to win the 4th 14-12. There was no looking back in the 5th, which she won 11-5. Well done June for such a super fight back. If only we could bottle up the amount of grit and determination that went in to that comeback. All that was left was for our Sue to beat their number 3 Carol. Easier said than done when the final match score depended on it. Carol won the first game 11-9, but after that Sue upped her play and won the next 3 games to secure our point and the division title. We had to double check the points table, but it was confirmed, and whatever happened in the final match, we were division champs!

The teams around us were all still fighting for second place, and the other promotion spot. Meanwhile, we had a re-match against RTA. Lots of very close games, and perhaps we were a little unlucky to not at least get ourselves another draw, but the final 4-2 score line wasn't quite enough for RTA to hang on to the 2nd place spot, with Sutton-at-Hone overtaking them to runners up spot on count back.

As in the first weekend, there were lots of very close, competitively fought games and enjoyable matches played with good sportsmanship. Everyone contributed to the great team effort over the two weekends. Looking forward to promotion to division one next season and the challenges that will bring.



**British League Veteran Ladies Division 2 Champions  
L-R Faith, Sandy, June & Sue. Photo by Mike Rhodes**

## Denise Payet Bronze Medalist

### PG Mutual English Closed National Championships 2017.

Denise Payet was attending the PG Mutual National Championships for the second time. At 15 years old it was more a learning experience rather than an expectation of going very far in any of the four competitions she was entered in.

#### Under 21 Ladies Singles

In the Under 21 Ladies Singles, Denise had two fairly comfortable wins over Lauren Evans (St) and Hannah Ward (Ng) beating them both 3 - 0.

In the round of 16 Denise was up against Middlesex County teammate Zahna Hall. Things didn't get off to a good start with Zahna winning the first two games -8, -9. Denise regrouped and won the next four games 7, 5, 7, 8 to complete a 4 - 2 victory.

In the Round of 8 Tin Tin Ho also of Middlesex and reigning U21 Champion completed a 4 - 2 win over Denise 8, -7, -9, 1, 8 & 6.

Tin Tin went on to retain her U21 title by beating Lois Peake (Sx) 4 - 0 in the Semi's and Maria Tsaptsinos (Bk) 4 - 1 in the Final.

#### Mixed Doubles

It was straight into the main draw, Denise partnered Alim Hirji (Mi) and faced the strong pair of Tom Jarvis (Li) & Maria Tsaptsinos (Bk) losing 3 - 1.

#### Ladies Doubles

Straight into the main draw again, this time partnered with her close friend and Ellenborough British League Teammate Kate Cheer (Sx). First up in the round of 16 were Evangeline Collier (Ng) & Lauren Evans (St), a 3 - 1 win for Denise and Kate, Round of 8 was as far as they would go losing 3 - 1 to Karina Le Fevre (Cv) & Emma Vickers (Dy).

#### Ladies Singles

In the Ladies Singles Denise wasn't expected to go very far looking at the draw. She should win her group, which she did against Mollie Patterson (Nk) and Charlotte Boston (Ca) 3 - 1 and 3 - 0 respectively.

Into the main draw, this is where Denise should have bowed out gracefully thanking everyone for the experience of playing in the Nationals. But it all went wrong, Denise hadn't read the script. In the round of 16 Denise beat Karina Le Fevre (Cv) 4 - 1 and then in the quarter-final she beat Yolanda King (Sx) 4 - 3, which is probably Denise's best competitive win of her career to date.

This meant that Denise had to come back on the Sunday and play on the Championship Table against Tin Tin Ho in front of a crowd of 500 spectators and television cameras. Tin Tin was once again too strong for Denise and ran out a comfortable 4 - 0 winner on her way retaining the Ladies Singles title against Kelly Sibley (Wa) 4 - 1.

Quote from Table Tennis England Website "Ho saw off surprise package Denise Payet in the last four, though It was the younger player who made the faster start, opening up a 6-1 lead and edging to 9-5 ahead before Ho found her range and took six points in a row to win the first.

The 15-year-old from Enfield had her moments, but was never in the match after that as Ho imposed her game and won 4-0 (9, 5, 7, 9)."



**2017 Ladies Singles Presentation**  
**L to R: Maria Tsaptsinos (Bk), Denise Payet (Mx), Kelly Sibley (Wa) & Tin Tin Ho (Mx)**

**Photo from Table Tennis England**

## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE (2016/2017) LONDON NORTH

### Day 3 of 4

The third quarter of the NJL competition brought no change to the juniors' top level brandishment of skills from the Division 1 Graham Spicer team. Each team in each division has now played 11 matches each 9 sets giving a total of 99 sets; well, Graham Spicer has won 96 of them. Mossford A and BATTS 1 are fighting for second place and have drawn closer together since the previous quarter.

Despite the overwhelming strength of the Graham Spicer team their average game was still fought competitively at an average win of around 11:5; so, not a complete annihilation. But, of course, even if Mossford A or BATTS 1 won all 27 sets in the next final quarter of 3 rounds, their highest points would still be under that of Graham Spicer's 96 points.

The Division 2 picture looks quite exciting as the current top five teams are in the running to move up or down by enough points to spring a surprise leap for a trophy/medal award. Abdul Raqueeb of Mossford B played with another mighty, vigorous hand this quarter and has notched up wins of 28 out of 29 sets so far. Close in the final build-up would be Victor Ramirez Rioja of Warren Spring B who has sprung up wins of 21 out of 24 sets.

### Day 4 of 4

Naturally, even before the final day of the NJL competition it was common knowledge that an ample buffer was stored up by the Division 1 Graham Spicer team who executed their portly medal win by a margin of 29 points above the runners-up BATTS 1 who, in turn, pulled the points harnesses of their close rival, Fusion 1, by taking wins of all three nine-set matches of the day (5-4, 6-3, and 5-4) with the help of Warren Spring A who beat Fusion 1 in the second round 6-3: and, this runners-up trail was despite Fusion 1 gaining points by beating Ellenborough A in the first round match 8-1.

The Barnet team caused a stir of fury among the top teams when two of their players resigned in the last round for reasons of injury and time constraint and the third player brooding over his measure of time and making a difference, but after some persuasion a headliner win of all 3 sets came from that one Barnet player, Marco Plate, who gave his best and quelled the feeling of unfair points acquisition by Mossford A who would have nearly drawn with BATTS 1 if Marco had not played.

It seems that the past years' consistent excellence of the Graham Spicer team will next year lead them into the Junior British League. Their best individual contender this season has been Jaden Aulakh of Mossford A who won 4 out of 6 sets in the teams' 2 round-robin matches.

In Division 2, Fusion 2 came in as runners-up after beating Ellenborough B 7-2 and Chelmsford B 8-1 in the close fourth, third and second position struggle where BATTS 2 invigorated their upwardly stance in their wins of 9-0 against Warren Spring C and 6-3 against Fusion 3. A tougher Warren Spring B beat Ellenborough B 6-3 – no hardship for Ellenborough B discounting the fact that Ellenborough B was one unlikely winner-junior down in that last round.

But, Mossford B having held the top at all three previous events accelerated on to win 7-2 against BATTS 2, 9-0 against Fusion 3 and finally 9-0 against Warren Spring C - a great divisional 2 progression which landed the Mossford B team a happy winners' medal. This progression might perhaps mean that at least one or two of their best players who kept off the hungry fangs of Fusion 2, Warren Spring B and BATTS 2 from their door, and who are still to be juniors' category next season, might display their skills in Division 1.



**2016/17 London North NJL  
Division 1 Winners Graham Spicer**



**2016/17 London North NJL  
Division 2 Winners Mossford B**

# MAKE A DATE FOR : *THE BIG QUIZ*

**Saturday 6th May 2017**

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## Regional Contribution to Table Tennis Award 2016 - Harold Webb

Ellenborough's President, Harold Webb has been nominated as the London Region representative for the "Contribution to Table Tennis Award 2016". Full details of the Regional winners in each category can be found [here](#).

Duncan Jenkinson and John Andrews from Table Tennis England recently visited the Ellenborough Club and presented Harold Webb with his "Pride of Table Tennis Award".



**Harold with a few of the "Over 50" Club Members who were in attendance at his award Ceremony**

### **What Harold said about his involvement with Table Tennis-**

I started playing in 1946 at school and then on holiday at Butlins. Helped form a club called Achilles and entered the North Middlesex League in 1956. Had stopped playing for a short time because of night school (but I did arrange for a table to be put in the office).

Joined the Ellenborough Club in 1965 and became Secretary from 1972 to 1977 and was instrumental in negotiating the move from Tottenham to a small Nissan hut on the present site, our address became Kimberley Gardens. When the Tottenham pavilion had burnt down, we obtained a Sports Council Capital grant and with the Enfield Council's financial assistance from the fire insurance money as well as getting the agreement of Captain Forbes of the National Capital Playing Fields Association all in order, we built the original hall in 1975.

How has TT changed? Well the big changes are that before a Japanese player called Satoh won the World Championship in 1952 with a sponge bat there were only non sponge bats with just spot or pimple-studded rubber on both sides. There were those made by Dunlop and other companies with Johnny Leach's and Richard Bergman's name on the bats, Bergmann's bat was my favourite to play with. Now there are so many options for bats with so many different types' rubbers and different thickness of sponge to play with, the choice has become enormous. At League level table tennis has to compete with so many other interests.

Many clubs used to be associated with a local business and would play on the business premises which helped bring table tennis to the masses. This outlet for the sport no longer exists.

Thank goodness efforts to get Ellenborough to where it is now was well worth the effort by everyone concerned in the past.

## In Memory of George Dicker



Some of you may or may not know the devastating news that George Dicker, aged 26 sadly died in May 2016.

George suffered years of mental health issues and was diagnosed with Psychosis in 2009. No one will ever know the torment George went through.

George was a superb sportsman and whatever he turned his hand to he succeeded at greatly. From tennis, to cricket to the most recent, table tennis.

George will be forever in our hearts that we will carry with us forever and we hope he is now at peace. He is missed dearly.

In Memory of George there is an online auction of some of Georges Table Tennis Items, all proceeds will go to the Papyrus Charity. To participate in the auction please go to -

[http://www.ellenboroughttc.com/ellenborough\\_2/misc/dicker-auction.htm](http://www.ellenboroughttc.com/ellenborough_2/misc/dicker-auction.htm)

## George Brown

It is with much sadness that we have to inform you that George Brown died on Friday 27th January just a few days after his 81st birthday.

George had been an active member of the club for many years taking on a number of important roles. He captained teams in both the North Mid and Cheshunt leagues and continued to play for the club up to the 2012/13 season. George also did a regular bar duty and took on the role of bar manager for several years. Committee meetings were regularly held at his house and for 2 years he was our chairman. He remained a committee member up until the end of last season when he moved from his home in Enfield to Eye in Suffolk.

George will be fondly remembered by the many friends he made in table tennis.

## George Harris

It is with sadness that we announce the death of George Harris who passed away on Monday 20th March at the age of 88. George will be known by many of our older members and ran the Edmonton Table Tennis Club for many years. His funeral was held at the Enfield Crematorium on Wednesday 5th April at 12 O'clock.

## NATIONAL CADET LEAGUE (2016/2017)LONDON NORTH

### Day 3 of 4

This event, the third quarter in the NCL 4-day competition, brought a sense of improvement in playing skills during the cadets' journey along the varied art of table tennis during and after the previous two Sunday events. Some players were especially put into battle for three or more rounds on the day and came away with a spur of confidence after their wins. Both divisions showed this promising trend, a surely healthy one that shall reap the advanced, happy players of the future of table tennis in England.

A good example of the steady improvement in Division 1 is where Samuel Klein of Mossford A has played the top team, Fusion 1, in today's last round and notched up a fine performance of winning 23 out of 27 rounds so far. The lower/mid-division was given a boost by the delayed appearance of James Henry from Urban Highgate who mastered all four rounds. That was the boost needed to push the team two levels higher since the previous quarter – from sixth to fourth place. The Latin motto "labore et tenacitate" which loosely translates to "work hard and stick at it" generally came through in most of the players who kept a busy, steady momentum in play techniques resulting in no change in the first three teams' ranking order.

The Division 2 players, competed so strongly that it had the effect in simply reversing the order of the first three teams by marginal differences in points. Therefore, the final quarter to be held on Sunday 26th. March will be very interesting to watch. Akash Shah of Woodford Wells and Richard Huang of Ellenborough B are making good progress, and we look forward to their attendance at the final event. Maliha Baig of Mossford B is also showing strength in the fight (7 out of 9 sets in today's rounds and 21 out of 27 sets over all rounds so far), and as a female cadet, her frequent wins are markedly lowering the rating power of her male opponents.

### Day 4 of 4

This season's final national cadet league event was arranged in four rounds, each of three matches.

Despite the absence of the Division 1 team, St. Edmund's College, owing to their CCF (Combined Cadet Force) weekend activity away in Spain, Fusion 1 was still stronger than Ellenborough A in beating their common opponent, Urban Highgate. Over the same course of time, Mossford A made big wins against Urban UCS and Barnet, then they proceeded to gain the upper edge over Fusion 2, which led them into second place behind the winners, Fusion 1.

Out of Division 2 crystallized an overwhelming result of Ellenborough B succeeding as winners by a one point topple over BATTs. The Ellenborough B team, consisting of Victor Ostapenko, Richard Huang, and Kamari Jagdeo-Bailey seemed to have gone into overdrive, causing a whirlwind conquest in two of the competition's final three rounds involving the formerly high performing teams of Woodford Wells and Mossford B; then "the icing on the cake" followed in an easy win of 9-0 over Fusion 3 in the final third round. This was indeed a proud achievement for Ellenborough B; but, BATTs - the runners-up – although they did not play Ellenborough B in today's rounds, did not slip on the rungs of the Division 2 ladder – their having won each of their three rounds 9-0.

Needless to say, it was a truly deserving medal awards afternoon, and it must be remembered that while a team may be absent on one day, unless any opposing team has a full 3-players' team present the match would be treated as void – i.e. no points to the opposing team; therefore, it was good for the opposing teams that they had a full complement of players present to record a win of 9-0 for each of the absent team's three rounds. But, remember also, a team has to come prepared with a strong hand to win, not just relying on luck, and we saw that strong, skilful hand approach came true today.

The award ceremony photographs on our website will reveal the thrills of that moment and thumbs go up again in appreciation for the control desk volunteers – referee, Arthur Clark, and Charlie Izatt, and for the kitchen/lounge bar volunteers, including Peter and Joan Bayman without whom a meal or drink would not have formed such a resourceful part of the day's enjoyable activity. A swell in the number of cadet players is expected next season: be sure of it. Carry on cadets!



**2016/17 London North NCL  
Division 1 Winners Fusion 1**



**2016/17 London North NCL  
Division 2 Winners Ellenborough B**

## Table Tennis England - Coach of the Year

Some of you will remember Mark Dare who was a member of Ellenborough and also played for Ellenborough for a number of years. A few years ago Mark moved to the Norwich area and has not given up table tennis, so much so that he has been named "Coach of the Year" for his work in Norwich and the wider East Anglia area, with players of all ages and abilities from beginners to elite.

In 1976 when Peter Bussey started the junior coaching programme at Ellenborough, Mark was amongst the very first intake, probably around ten years of age, he went on through the divisions of the North Middx League to become a Premier Division, Interleague, County and British League player and coach before moving up to the Norfolk area.

Mark Said - "It feels absolutely fantastic to win the award since there are so many other coaches who do fantastic things, improving standards in table tennis.

"I got involved in table tennis basically because I was no good at anything else. I just gave it a go one day when I was 10 years old and have been playing and coaching ever since. It's really enjoyable to teach and work with young people."



Mark with his certificate.

## Table Tennis England - Mike Watts Achievement Award

The Mike Watts Achievement Award (to the boy and girl who made the greatest improvement in ratings points between August 1 2015 and July 31 2016): Girls winner Jasmin Wong.

Jasmin was part of Ellenborough's Junior British League team which won the Premier Division in February. (See Front Cover article).



Jasmin with her Trophy

## 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

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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](http://www.ellenboroughttc.com/ellenborough_2/over-50s/over-50s.html)



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## Ellenborough Quiz Night

Don't forget the Ellenborough Quiz Night on Saturday 6th May. Eight per team £10.00 per head, which includes Supper. To enter contact Peter Bayman on 020 8245 2733 or Ruth Edelston on 020 8886 3274.

## Don't forget your coaching sessions

### Coaching Sessions

Monday	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Junior Coaching Master Class
Wednesday	10.00am - 12.00pm	Over 50's Coaching
	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Junior Coaching Master Class
Thursday	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Advanced Junior coaching
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Senior Group Coaching Session
Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	George Spicer school in term time
	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Advanced Junior coaching
	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Junior coaching
**Saturday	10.30am - 12.30pm	General Junior coaching
**Sunday	10.30am - 12.30pm	General Junior coaching

\*\* Coaching may be suspended if a Competition is taking place, check Events.

## Denise Payet 2017 Junior National Cup Champion

Denise Payet added the Junior National Cup to her list of honours with a 100% record, upgrading the Cadet title she took last year.

Mollie Patterson and Jasmin Wong were second and third respectively, having started the competition at No 6 and No 7 on paper.

Already two players light after fifth seed Zahna Hall and fourth seed Charlotte Bardsley withdrew before day one with illness and injury respectively, the field was further depleted when third seed Gauri Duhan pulled out on the second morning with a leg injury.

It meant seven remained, and confirmed top seed Payet as gold medallist before a ball was hit on day 2, Duhan having been the only player who could have prevented that.

It also opened up the minor medals, and Patterson quickly took possession of silver with victories over Jasmin Wong and Sophie Barlow in her first two matches of the day, confirming it by defeating Ruby Chan in round 8 to finish with five wins from six.

Chan picked up her first victory in round 7, though not before seeing her opponent Sarah Menghistab fight back from 3-0 down to level.

The battle for bronze was still live going into the final round as Menghistab and Wong faced off, and it was the latter who controlled proceedings throughout a 4-0 win to claim the last podium place and put her in good heart for the Cadet National Cup next week, where she is seeded No 3.

Payet finished on a high with her only match of day 2, a four-end triumph over Kate Cheer, who by comparison endured a tournament to forget.

And Barlow ensured every player left with at least one win to their name as she defeated Chan in the final round of matches.

Finishing order: 1 Denise Payet, 2 Mollie Patterson, 3 Jasmin Wong, 4 Sarah Menghistab, 5 Kate Cheer, 6 Sophie Barlow, 7 Ruby Chan.

Denise's results

Round 1

Payet bt Barlow 4-1 (5-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-6, 11-5)

Round 2

Payet bt Chan 4-0 (11-8, 11-8, 11-9, 11-6)

Round 3

Payet bt Meghistab 4-0 (12-10, 11-5, 11-6, 11-4)

Round 4

Payet bt Wong 4-1 (11-6, 11-8, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8)

Round 5

Payet bt Patterson 4-2 (11-7, 11-6, 9-11, 3011, 11-3, 11-8)

Rounds 6 to 8

void due to withdrawals

Round 9

Payet bt Cheer 4-0 (11-4, 11-6, 11-5, 12-10)

Author: Paul Stimpson - Table Tennis England



Denise on her way to the title & with her Trophy presented by Table Tennis England chairwoman Sandra Deaton (Pictures by John Upham)

## Ellenborough Players Perform Well at the CHESHUNT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's Cheshunt League championships were held on the 11th March 2017 at Ellenborough TTC and the club's players put in some good performances. The tournament consisted of six events:

**The Open Singles** had a strong entry and was very competitive. In one of the quarter finals Atanas Shalev of Ellenborough beat Gill Toumbas of Ellenborough B. In the semi-finals Atanas beat Chris Wade of Herts Regional College. The final saw Atanas playing Dave Langham of Grundy Park and a hard fought match was eventually won by Atanas, who retained the title that he won last year.

**The Ladies Singles** had a small entry but nevertheless produced some very good play and close results. The deciding contest was between June Nelson of Ellenborough and Gill Toumbas of Ellenborough B. Gill got off to a good start, winning the first two games 18-16 and 11-7 but June fought back hard to take the next two games, both by 11 points to 8. Gill had been well behind at times but managed to fight back in the fifth and finally won it 11-8 to retain the title that she had won last year.

**In the Over 55 Singles** we were guaranteed a new champion, as last year's winner and runner up had not entered this time. In the semi-finals, Phil Shepherd of Kidston beat Peter Bayman of Ellenborough B and Chris Wade of HRC beat Fred Nash of Kidston. This set up a repeat of the Open Singles quarter-final between Phil and Chris, which Chris had won. This time, however, it was Phil who came out on top and he took the title, with Chris as runner-up.

**The Division 2 Singles** did not include last year's champion Abdul Olagboyega (an Ellenborough member), as he now plays in division 1, but it did include at least two previous champions as well as some other strong contenders. The semi-finals saw Peter Bayman of Ellenborough B beating Tony Cutbush of Cheshunt and Gill Toumbas of Ellenborough B beating Dudu Souleiman of Cheshunt C. This set up the final between the two Ellenborough B team-mates, both of whom had won the title in the past. It was a very close match but Peter finally came out on top, regaining the title that he had held three years ago.

The final event, the **Drawn Doubles**, always produces some interesting combinations and is a very enjoyable event, matching up players who have often never played together before and may never have seen each other play. In the first semi-final, Dave Langham of Grundy Park and Joan Bayman of Ellenborough B beat open champion Atanas Shalev of Ellenborough and Alan Hill of Ellenborough B. In the second semi-final, Fred Nash of Kidston and Sam Flaum of Grundy Park beat Over 55s champion Phil Shepherd and Joe Torres of Cheshunt C. The hard-fought final was won by Dave Langham and Joan Bayman, who proved just a bit too consistent and aggressive for their opponents.

Thanks go to Digger Lamprell for doing a great job, as usual, organising the tournament.

### Ellenborough Table Tennis Club

#### AGM

Thursday 8<sup>TH</sup> June 2017

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

**THERE WILL BE NO TABLE TENNIS PRACTICING DURING THE MEETING**

## Sophie Chiang 2017 U12 National Cup Winner

### U12 Girls

Sophie Chiang dropped only one game all tournament as she romped to the title, which she secured with a 3-0 win over previously unbeaten second seed Amy Marriott.

Marriott took the silver, ahead of Romy Sawyer in the bronze medal position.

With Molly Rhodes withdrawing because of illness after day one, only nine girls started day two. The first clash with a possible bearing on the medal positions saw Marriott come back from losing the first game against Romy Sawyer to win 3-1.

All paths continued to lead to a deciding clash between the top two in the final round, as both Chiang and Marriott won their round seven ties in three straight – against Sawyer and Chloe Ambridge respectively, leaving their Paris-based opponents in a straight fight for bronze.

Chiang dropped her only game in the penultimate match – Ambridge taking the lead – but turned it around to ensure she and Marriott would indeed meet in the winner-take-all final clash.

Sawyer's 3-0 win over Gimbuta ensured bronze with a game to spare – by virtue of having beaten Ambridge on day one.

Megan Jones notched her first win on the table – she had beaten Rhodes by walkover – when she overcame Isobel McGerty 3-2 in round 8.

Marriott held her own against Chiang, taking the first to deuce, but the top seed was just that bit too good for the rest.

Final positions: 1 Sophie Chiang, 2 Amy Marriott, 3 Romy Sawyer, 4 Chloe Ambridge, 5 Lola McGhee, 6 Isobel McGerty, 7 Lara Gimbuta, 8 Megan Jones, 9 Alana Richardson, 10 Molly Rhodes

### Sophies results

#### Round 1

Chiang bt Richardson 3-0 (11-2, 11-4, 11-5)

#### Round 2

Chiang bt Gimbuta 3-0 (11-5, 11-4, 11-2)

#### Round 3

Chiang bt Rhodes 3-0 (11-3, 11-5, 11-3)

#### Round 4

Chiang bt McGerty 3-0 (11-7, 11-0, 11-1)

#### Round 5

Chiang bt Jones 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-4)

#### Round 6

Chiang bt McGhee 3-0 (11-7, 11-6, 11-6)

#### Round 7

Chiang bt Sawyer 3-0 (11-3, 11-5, 11-7)

#### Round 8

Chiang bt Ambridge 3-1 (9-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-4)

#### Round 9

Chiang bt Marriott 3-0 (12-10, 11-7, 11-7)

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**Table Tennis England President Jill Parker MBE presents the trophy to Sophie Chiang (picture by Trevor Parsons)**



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