INFORMATION LETTER ABOUT SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

To all players and team secretaries - From Cis Palmer

There are a whole lot of changes to our County Table Tennis Championships due to be played in 2016 in the hope of getting more players entering.

The entry forms for the **Senior** day’s events are attached NOW and the closing date for them will be 24th January and the Tournament will be on 21st February and Finals Night will be on February 26th . Please fill the form in **NOW.** You can bring your completed form to the Vet / Junior Tournament on January 3rd. The Vets and the Junior entries were very slow coming in and I had the bother of sending repeated reminders – involving a lot of extra work. If you are not intending to enter this year please let me know by replying to this email.

If you want to pay the entry fees by direct bank transfer, please contact me for the details and you can send the entry form by email and save yourself postage. If you have already sent in your vets entry this way, please do the same again.

There are no catering facilities at the School but there is a convenience store just at the end of the road – a few yards to the right out of the school gate, where you can get sandwiches etc. but please remember that we do not have a break in play during the day so if you leave the main hall - **for any reason ­**– please let the control table know so we can keep the tables occupied. We do provide facilities for making hot drinks – courtesy of Steve Brown. All he asks is that you wash up your mug and return it to the shelf in the dining area afterwards.

All entries will be acknowledged straight away by email. Your start time will be sent to you by email or phone after our committee meeting when we do the draws. Anyone wanting to practise needs to be there earlier as no practice is allowed after the start of matches. Knock up times will be limited. Tables will be, hopefully, set up on the previous Friday evening and there will be some time available for practice. Help will be appreciated then and after the end of play on the Sunday.

The Men’s Singles will be in Round Robins run near the start of the day. Seeded players will be kept until they meet the winners of the Round Robins. The Handicap Doubles will be run differently. All players entered will be drawn from a hat on the day and will play in that partnership for one match. The winners will then be put in the hat again so that you have a different partner in each round. It should be very interesting!

The Nimmie Hodges and Audrey Lawrence competitions – like the two restricted events - will not be open to players who have won them in the last 5 years.

**These are the players who HAVE WON MAIN COMPETITIONS AND RESTRICTED EVENTS SINCE 2011**

and are therefore ineligible for the restricted events, Audrey Lawrence and Nimmie Hodges events

Year Mens Audrey Lawrence Nimmie Hodges

2011 Ola Andersson Nigel Foreshew

2012 Ola Andersson Stephen Halford James Dance

2013 Mark Owen Harry Hales Nigel Foreshew

2014 Mark Owen Patrik Kowacz Ade Marshall

2015 Mark Owen Nigel Foreshew Craig Preece