

## **HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS TEAM TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION**

The Autumn of 2015 has seen the investment of a huge amount of energy right across Hertfordshire in the organisation and playing of table tennis in the Hertfordshire Schools Team Table Tennis Competition. This took place initially in local areas and came under the aegis of the 12 or so local games organisers.

The competition was for teams in 8 categories these being boys and girls under 11, under 13, under 16 and under 19, Around 100 schools took part. Each area sent forward a team in each category to the Finals which were played at Queens School Aldenham Rd, Bushey, Hertfordshire WD23 2TY on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The finals day itself, organised this year by Tanya Angus with a team of professional helpers and apprentices was the frenzy of activity only to be expected with vibrant children competing for a place at the next stage. Although only a few of the children are regular players in one of the 7 Hertfordshire leagues, many are not. It was gratifying to see some of these less experienced players executing a variety of play including topspin on both wings with a little defence thrown in from time to time.

The one disappointment was the lack of Under19 girls. Hopefully this can be remedied next year.

Winners and some Runners-Up in each category have been invited to the English Schools Table Tennis (ESTTA) Zone 7 finals to be held at Morpeth School, Tower Hamlets, E2 0PX on Saturday 30th January 2016 (Under 11 and Under 13) and Sunday 31st January 2016 (Under 16 and Under 19).

Zone 7 comprises the counties of Berkshire, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Surrey and West Sussex – a strong grouping.

Zone 7 winners and runners-up go forward to the Regional Finals either in Bournemouth or Bristol on Saturday / Sunday 19th and 20th March and Regional Winners play in the National Finals in Hinckley Leicestershire on Saturday 16th April.

Hertfordshire have won the National Finals in one or more categories in the past with Bushey Academy having been prominent and we wish all teams success in January

Below is the list of winners and runners-up together with some photographs taken on finals day.

### **WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>UNDER 19 BOYS</b>	<b>Bushey Academy</b>	<b>Oaklands</b>
<b>UNDER 19 GIRLS</b>	<b>No entries</b>	<b>No entries</b>
<b>UNDER 16 BOYS</b>	<b>Bushey Academy</b>	<b>Parmiters</b>
<b>UNDER 16 GIRLS</b>	<b>Bushey Academy</b>	<b>Rickmansworth</b>
<b>UNDER 13 BOYS</b>	<b>Bushey Academy</b>	<b>St Edmunds</b>
<b>UNDER 13 GIRLS</b>	<b>Parmiters</b>	<b>Greneway</b>
<b>UNDER 11 BOYS</b>	<b>Welwyn St Marys</b>	<b>The Kings School</b>
<b>UNDER 11 GIRLS</b>	<b>William Ransom (Hitchin)</b>	<b>Wood End</b>

## PHOTOGRAPHS



**UNDER 11 GIRLS**



**UNDER 16 BOYS**