



Colin Dyke – 5th July 1936 – 18th July 2018

Welcome to Kingfisher News

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Colin Dyke, one of the co-founders of Kingfisher Table Tennis Club, who passed away on 18th July 2018 aged 82.

'Mr Kingfisher', 'Kingfisher's Guiding Light': Colin was also our Chairman, our Treasurer and had held an officer role on the committee continually since the club was founded in 1987.

He was involved in Table Tennis at local, county and national level, most recently in 2016 as a Table Tennis England Vice President. He was well known and respected on the VETTS circuit both here in the UK, and abroad.

In this edition we celebrate his life in table tennis, and acknowledge the enormous contribution that he made to our sport, and to our club.

Gwynne Penny, Editor



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Introduction

By Peter Charters, President

Dear Club Member

The lead story for Kingfisher Club this issue, is the sad passing of our Chairman Colin Dyke.

The thoughts of all the members of our club, I am sure, will be with Colin's family at this time. They will miss him even more than we do at Kingfisher.

Such was his pride in the creation of the Club, its structure and its philosophy, that he wished for his final journey to start from Kingfisher before travelling to the Crematorium. He was dressed in his Kingfisher tracksuit. Colin's family arrived at the Club to see for the first time the venue of which Colin was so proud, before leaving to follow the Hearse and procession to Henley Road Crematorium. A small number of Colin's Club Committee were at the club to greet the family.

The Crematorium was packed with family, friends and colleagues to say goodbye to Colin. As a mark of Colin's esteem within the table tennis community nationally, the Chair of Table Tennis England, Sandra Deaton, travelled from Derby to be at Colin's funeral.

The Wake was held at the Walter Arms, Sindlesham, with Roger Woolven-Allen paying a tribute, in his own inimitable style, to Colin on behalf of the table tennis community and Kingfisher in particular.

Colin's ambition since we moved in to our new Kingfisher building, was to obtain a Lease from Wokingham District Council. Two days before his funeral, thanks to persistence from Allan Bruton, and a change of personnel at WDC, the new club lease arrived, giving us security for many years to come - potentially eighteen. Colin would have been so pleased.

Although we have not, as yet, filled Colin's Club Chairman position on the Kingfisher Committee, I am pleased to say that it seems that many of the numerous activities that fell to Colin in the running of the club have been taken up by other committee members.

We, at the Kingfisher Club, will miss Colin Dyke now and will continue to miss him for many years to come.

Peter Charters.
(President)

A Tribute to Colin Dyke, by Roger Woolven-Allen

This is a complete transcript of the speech made by Roger Woolven-Allen, on behalf of Kingfisher Table Tennis Club, at the Wake for Colin Dyke, on Friday 3rd August to a large gathering of Colin's family and friends at the Walter Arms in Wokingham:



Hello everyone! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Roger

First of all, I really must say how honoured and privileged I feel to have been asked to make this speech. I believe that Peter Charters, very appropriately, was asked first of all, but he declined on the grounds that he felt emotion might have taken the better of him and he would have broken down mid-stream. I can really sympathise with that feeling and I can only hope that such a thing doesn't happen to me.

Secondly, this is one of the saddest times of my life. Colin was a dear, dear friend and I already miss him more than words can say.

Thirdly, although speaking "on behalf" of anyone else is always very presumptuous, I hope that the table tennis fraternity amongst us will agree with most of what I have to say. This brings me on to the fact that my feelings and comments are mostly table tennis-based and, therefore, non-players amongst you will possibly not know, as I go along, who or what I am talking about. I can only apologise for that and hope that you will accept the sentiments in good faith.

Fourthly, there will be the inevitable bits of humour. Sad though the occasion is, I am sure that Colin would have approved. He had a somewhat dry sense of humour, but it was always there.

Colin was a few years older than I was but, had we gone to school together, I am sure that we would have been great chums. I hope he would have agreed with that thought.

I first encountered Colin in the early 1980s, long before Daniel Moses was born. A few years later, Colin invited me to become one of the founder members of the as-yet-unnamed Kingfisher Table Tennis Club. I was rewarded for saying "yes" by being given the low membership number of 006. Mike Harris, sadly also deceased, became the James Bond of the Club with 007.

For the first few years of our relationship, Colin and I were simply table tennis players who happened to play at and for the same club. We were sporting colleagues and that was about it. However, as the years passed, Colin and I became firm friends. Together with our respective wives Marion and Linda, we went to a number of theatre shows and later, mainly due to Margaret Civil's enthusiasm, many table tennis dinners and booze-ups. Colin and Marion also attended and loved Allan Bruton's Kingfisher Christmas parties.

Colin was born in Sidcup, Kent, in 1936. His father worked in what, today, would be thought of as a somewhat controversial profession but, at the time, he held the prestigious post of furrier with the Hudson Bay Company. Colin's tailoress mother, like so many women of her day, became a housewife when she married.

Having passed his 11-plus examination, Colin started his secondary education at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for Boys. His journey to and from school would be unheard of by today's standards.

I am fairly sure that many of today's youngsters leave their houses in the morning; walk as far as their driveways and are then driven to school. When school closes, they are picked up for the reverse journey. OK, OK, I know this doesn't happen to every kid, but I am prepared to bet that no-one today would even contemplate the journey that Colin made...

Colin's family lived in Bexleyheath and, to reach his school, Colin walked a mile to the local railway station; travelled by train for one stop and then took two bus rides.. To reach the "upper saloon" of the second bus, the adventurous passengers had to climb up a flight of stairs situated on the OUTside!

Although he later served in Hong Kong and The Philippines, Colin's National Service stint started in Wolverhampton. "What was National Service?" I can hear some of you youngsters asking... All his life Colin remembered the Midlands accent, which he could skilfully imitate (much better than I can, I have to say) with affectionate amusement.

"What's the difference between a buffalo and a bison?" he once asked me, sounding like a character out of *Crossroads*.

"Go ahead," I said, "what's the difference between a buffalo and a bison?"

"You can't wash your 'ands in a buffalo," he replied.

When the square-bashing was finally over, Colin decided to become a surveyor and rose to the top of his tree, eventually becoming a Corporate Fellow of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors. Towards the end of his career, Colin became director of a large building company, and for the last ten years of his working life, he owned his own practice.

One day, while working for his first professional company in Westminster, Colin happened to bump into a young lady named Marion, who worked for a different firm "down the corridor". This actual initial meeting took place in the communal tea cupboard! How romance blossoms...

You can't say that Colin didn't know how to pamper the fairer sex. For their very first date, he took Marion to watch his beloved Chelsea Football Club lose 1-2 to Sunderland! How romantic can you be? Despite this (shall we say?) "interesting" start, the happy couple were married in 1960.

Colin and Marion have three children – Andrew, Stephen and Tracey – and numerous grandchildren and great-grand-children. I know of Harriett, Thomas, Sebastian, Jade, Shannon, Dean, Liam, Kyle, Brad and Cody. My sincere apologies for any omissions.

When he was 18 years old, Colin used to play "footie and cricket" with his friends. One day, one of his pals said "Why not come and try table tennis?" This, of course, arguably turned out to be the biggest life-changing question in Colin's life.

Having said "yes" to that all-important question, Colin went on to play table tennis for the Bexley Civil Defence Club and then for King's Park in the Woolwich League. Here he met and was subsequently coached by Kent's Number 1 player – who went by the name of Stan Basden.

Colin's major table tennis activities have taken place since he became a veteran. He first started "playing county" as a vet, and went to the very first VETTs' (that's VE double T S) tournament in Watford in 1985.

From a playing point of view, Colin met with many successes. He won the Maidenhead League's Men's Singles in 1972 and he won the Over-70s section of the VETTS' "Eastern" in 2007. He also brought home a bronze medal from Liberec, in the Czech Republic, in 2011.

Colin's table tennis travels have taken him all over the world. Usually, on each of these foreign expeditions, Marion accompanied him and they stayed longer than the actual tournament, making full holidays out of their many table tennis trips abroad.

Colin's history of table tennis administration is even more impressive than his playing career – and I cannot think of anyone who might even start to equal it.

He originally served on the Northwest Kent Committee, mainly as Press and Divisional Secretary and eventually became a Vice-President.

Colin and Marion came to Reading in 1970 and, until he became seriously ill, stayed ever since. Colin originally played for Woodley TTC at Holme Park, Sonning, a part of the Reading League. Colin did not like inaccuracies or inefficiencies and, as was his wont, he complained, justifiably, about various things in the world of local table tennis. Consequently, he was asked if he would like to help...

Prominent posts held by Colin on the Reading Committee included Division 1 DFS, Development Officer and, on the County front, he became Berkshire's Treasurer and National Councillor. He took over as Treasurer for both town and County from Brian Lathan who, at the time, said "You'll never sort this lot out." So Colin did...

It was Colin who devised the Reading Masters championships and also the Divisions 1 and 2 Cup. Colin also devised the highly-successful Kingfisher Grand Prix series of tournaments.

Marion apart, Colin's main love affair was with our own Kingfisher Club. He was part of the Inauguration Committee when the Woodley and Omega Table Tennis Clubs amalgamated to form the Kingfisher Club, named after nearby Kingfisher Drive. Indeed, Colin wrote the original minutes! But, by far the best thing, he told me, was that the Club was built in the first place.

I asked Colin about his vision for the Club's future.

"Onwards and upwards!" he replied. To become and stay one of the very top Clubs in the country."

Finally, I asked Colin if he had a message for the general membership.

"Enjoy!" Colin enthused. "Get fit!" That's what we're here for! Promote the good name of the Kingfisher Table Tennis Club!"

At this point, I should like to insert a couple of comments from Marcus Giles's Dad Steve. And I quote...

"I will always remember three things about Colin... How much he loved his Table Tennis, how committed he was to the Kingfisher Table Tennis Club and how strong his character was although, when you got to know him, you discovered that he was really as gentle as a teddy bear.

"If there were more Colin Dyke characters around, Table Tennis would generally be so much better off in the UK.

"My sympathies and condolences go to Colin's family and also to Peter Charters and all at Kingfisher. My thoughts are with you all."

Thank you, Steve.

Before I sign off, I really must inject a little humour into the proceedings.

One day, Dave Calcutt, Colin Dyke and I were in the Club's rest area discussing Sky Sports and I mentioned that I had cancelled my subscription.

"Apart from tennis," I said, "I rarely watched it. Most people pay to watch football on these channels and, I am ashamed to admit, I am not very interested in football."

"My wife Marion watches football all the time," said Colin.

"Does she really?" asked an incredulous Dave.

"Yup," replied Colin, "She has no choice."

And at that point, everyone, I shall close. To me, Colin was a really, really wonderful man and a damned good friend. I shall miss him enormously as, I am sure, so shall you all. But I shall unashamedly repeat myself when I say that his main love (apart from Marion and their family, that is) was our very own Kingfisher Table Tennis Club. To me – and I am sure to most of you here today – Colin was – and still very much is – the personified "Mr Kingfisher".

Rest in peace, my friend...



'Unsung Hero' ... Colin Dyke wins national award

The following article is reproduced from ETTA and Kingfisher Websites

March 2nd 2013

Congratulations are due to Chairman, Colin Dyke, on becoming the most recent winner of the ETTA's 'Unsung Hero' award.

A co-founder of the club, Colin has also held the positions of Kingfisher's Treasurer and Secretary. Now, as our hard-working but modest Chairman, he is a worthy winner of this accolade which marks further recognition of Kingfisher's status as one of the country's most progressive table tennis clubs.

Colin received his trophy and certificate today at the ETTA National Coaching, Club and Volunteers Award ceremony held during the National Championships in Sheffield.

The following citation is extracted from the ETTA's website:

Unsung Hero Award - Colin Dyke

Without doubt, Colin's long dedication to table tennis in Reading and Berkshire needs to be showcased.

Back in 1985, two major table tennis clubs in Reading decided to join forces to form a new club that would cater for national and international-class table tennis players, as well as for people who wished to play at a more modest social level.

Colin was a member of the 'social' Woodley TTC when it amalgamated with the inspirational Omega TTC to form Kingfisher TTC. He was one of a small group of volunteers who physically built the new clubhouse from ground level.

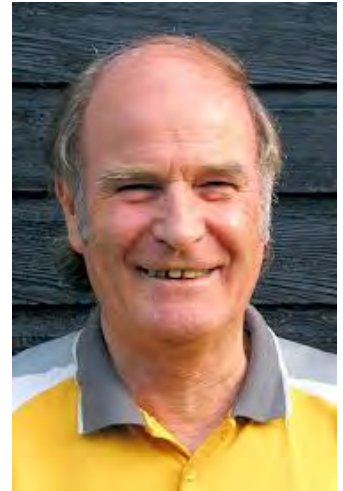
Colin was the new club's first General Secretary. Because Kingfisher was a purpose-built, 24/7, four-table venue with a social area, changing rooms, showers, meeting room, etc, the time and effort required of its Secretary was considerable. And Colin did not disappoint, neither did he falter in the onerous work required of him. But this was just the start...

Colin's dedication to table tennis, to Kingfisher, to the town of Reading and to the County of Berkshire has remained constant ever since. He was Kingfisher's Secretary from 1987 to 1998, Treasurer from 1998 to 2009 and Chairman from 2009 to the present time – a period of service spanning more than a quarter of a century! He has given 25 years' superb (some would say flawless) service without a break. This is one huge commitment to any table tennis club – let alone one that can boast, as at January 2013, no less than 174 members.

At the age of 76, Colin continues to play in the local leagues – Reading and Bracknell – performing well in the second highest division of the former and in the top flight of the latter. He has managed the Kingfisher British League team which, this year, has competed in the Premier Division of the SBL. Here he has shown all the required skills of enthusiast and motivator.

Colin is also the Berkshire TTA Treasurer and the Royal County's National Councillor. And, if this were not enough to keep him busy on table tennis matters, he has been heavily involved over the last three years with a project to create a Reading Table Tennis Centre.

As Kingfisher Chairman, Colin's style of leadership, enthusiasm and infectious delegation really inspires other volunteer committee members. And, if you throw his personal phenomenal attention to detail into the melting pot, it is very easy to see how poor the local table tennis world would be without him.



Colin Dyke – Mr Kingfisher



Colin Dyke Presents the 2010 Grand Prix trophy to Daniel Moses at the old Kingfisher Club.



Colin with Peter Charters at the 2014 Kingfisher AGM



Colin presents Alan Bruton with an award at the 2014 AGM



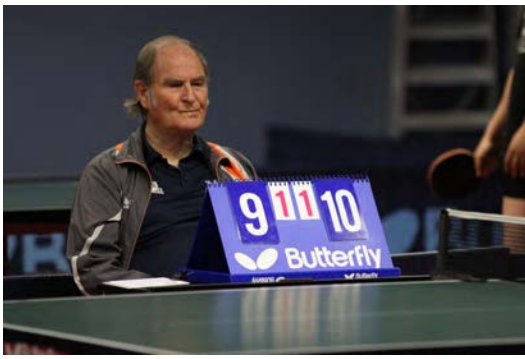
Competing at the Kingfisher Grand Prix



Colin presents an award to Allen Pack at the 2014 AGM



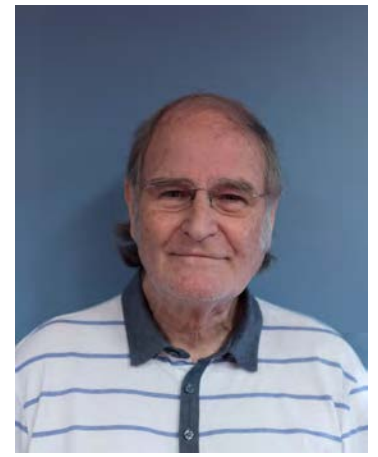
Colin and Hari Gehlot at a Grand Prix match in 2015



Umpiring duties during the Grand Prix



Presenting an award to Sandra Shepherd at the AGM



Posing for a profile photo for Table Tennis England



Presenting the Grand Prix trophy to Daniel Moses



Playing at the old Kingfisher Club House



Playing at the new Kingfisher Club House in 2015



Relaxing between matches in the social area with David Gostelow and Allen Pack in 2014.



Colin in one of his VETTS England Shirts

KINGFISHER SUCCESSES AT THE NATIONALS

Its an achievement to win anything at the Nationals, but for one club to come away with three successes must be rare.

**Colin Dyke Over 60 Plate Winner
Ian Schwartz Over 50's Plate Winner
Christine Basden Over 50's Plate Runner-up**



Celebrating success at the Nationals with Christine Basden and Ian Schwartz



Presenting the award for most improved player to Jamie Liu at the 2014 AGM



Presenting the award for best performance to Maria Tsaptsinos at the 2014 AGM



Attending a Berkshire County committee meeting



During construction of the old Kingfisher Club House (from left to right: Derek Crombie, Peter Charters, Jim Hodder, Colin Dyke, Brian Halliday, Marion Dyke.



Decorating the new club house



At the new club house



Testing the ball bounce on the new flooring



Colin with the Cllr Ulla Karin Clark (Mayor of Wokingham Borough Council and Allen Pack at the opening ceremony of the new building on 18 June, 2014

Tributes to Colin from the VETTS Facebook Group

Colin was a well known, well respected regular on the VETTS circuit. Here is a selection of tributes from the VETTS facebook group:



Gillian Knightley ▶ VETTS TABLE TENNIS

R.I.P Colin Dyke, Who sadly passed away in the early hours of this morning he had been ill with motor neurone disease, my thought are with his wife Marion and Family. He is the person who got me involved with VETTS and also responsible for setting up The Kingfisher TT Club in Reading.



Alan Cummings

Very sad news. I played with Colin in the Reading league and county Vetts for many years. Colin was a good friend and a great team man to have in your corner. He fought for every point and so should you ! Condolences to Marion and the family.



Mark Banks

Very sad news. Mr Kingfisher himself. RIP Colin you will be sorely missed 😞



Hari Gehlot

RIP Colin. Very saddened to hear the bad news. I too played many matches with Colin in the Maidenhead league . Colin had a tremendous enthusiasm and was a life force of the KFTTC. He was being sorely missed at the club in recent times and will continue to be missed in the future. My heartfelt condolences to Marion and the rest of family.



Ramesh Gehlot

R.I.P Colin.
You will be sorely missed..
My Sincere Condolences to Marion and the family.



Lisa Sprackling

Very sad news. Such a lovely chap. R.I.P



Jill Parker

Very sorry to hear this sad news. Our thoughts are with his family.



Martin Adams

Great guy. Firm but fair to those his junior. I wonder how many volunteer hours he amassed. R.I.P.



Ian Girdler

So sad such a nice man rip Colin



Nick Heaps

Have known Colin for almost 50 years, ever since he moved to Reading from Kent. In that time I've known him as an opponent, a teammate and doubles partner, a team manager, a fellow committee member and a friend. A fantastic guy - his management skills, attention to detail, enthusiasm, diplomacy and humour will be sorely lost at the Kingfisher club, at table tennis in Reading and across Berkshire. R.I.P



Martin Gunn 🇬🇧

So sad, Colin introduced me to Kingfisher when I arrived in the area. A permanent smile. Thoughts go out to his family x



Gwynne Penny

A huge loss to our club, and our sport - he was a lovely man and a calculating TT player - He was good at reading his opponent and working out a good tactic to use. He will be hugely missed.

Tributes to Colin from the VETTS Facebook Group



Sue Collier ► VETTS TABLE TENNIS

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I announce the passing of our dear friend Colin Dyke (Reading) RIP my friend and love and sympathies to all of his family ❤️ funeral details to follow xx



Barry Meisel Colin was not a world champion but he was a champion of tables tennis he devoted many years of his life to the sport and helping others. It's good to see a tribute to a real gentleman . RIP Colin I remember you very well from a time now long gone



Simon Heaps

What a shame Sue, I was brought up playing with Colin when he was at Woodley TTC and had the pleasure of meeting him again at the Western Masters a couple of years ago. He will be sadly missed in Reading table tennis circles. Condolences to his family. RIP Colin



Graham Trimming

Very sad news. Colin was an inspiration, always thinking of ways to develop the sport he loved. A true gentleman that I had the pleasure of playing against many times over about 40 years. RIP.



Krishna Hooton

Thoughts are with his wife and family xx



Mike Ainsworth

Very sad news. RIP Colin.



Lynne Thompson

Aw that's so sad ...rip Colin condolences to his family .x I remember how lovely he and Marion were in Turkey... made me feel part of the group x



Tony Brown

Very sad news, R.I.P. Colin, my thoughts with Marion and family



Margaret White

R.I.P. Colin.



Marilyn Bawden

Very sad news, Colin was a lovely man RIP. 🍗



Tony Needham

Very sad news, always liked Colin, a committed competitor and a true gentleman.



Rob Jeffrey Doddsy

Nice guy RIP



Phil Prady

Very sad me and Colin had many a battle R.I.P My friend



Penny Mann

So sorry to hear this. R.I.P. Colin, always friendly and smiling.



Ron Bradburn

R .I.P Colin, many VETTS memories over the years.

Tributes to Colin from the VETTS Facebook Group



Chris Turpin

So sorry to hear this very sad news, Colin always had smile for me and time to chat at Vets tournaments and he was so supportive. His love and enthusiasm for TT was infectious and it certainly rubbed off on myself. His great work at Kingfisher TTC will be his legacy.

My condolences to Marion and the family

R.I.P. Colin 🙏🙏🙏



Norma Millward

This is very sad news. We first met Colin when we moved to Berkshire in 1984. John played against him many times over the years and we would often see him at the Kingfisher club even if he wasn't playing. We have very happy memories of time spent with Colin on the St Petersburg trip after the Europeans in Finland. He was his usual happy self, very good company and funny. Time to rest Colin...



Jimmy Scope

Very sad news. Another fine gentleman passed. R.I.P. Colin.



Dave Geezer Bowles

Sorry to hear that news. R I P Colin



Simon Narramore

That's an awful way to go. I had a patient for years who was a professional musician and one day he came in slurring his words. I thought he'd had a stroke but he said not. The following month he told me he'd been diagnosed with MND. How cruel to do that to someone who plays the piano or table tennis. In some ways death is a relief in such cases



Jan Johns 🇬🇧

So sorry to hear this. A lovely man.



Neil Brierley

A very good guy and always enjoyed his company.



Penny Mann

So sorry to hear this. R.I.P. Colin, always friendly and smiling.



Jose-Alan Ransome

Very sad news - condolences to his family.



Pauline Steel

such sad news always shared a laugh with Colin especially on all the trips abroad R.I.P, and sympathies to Marion and family.



Dave Harvey

So sorry to hear of this very sad loss. Colin was an inspirational figure and powerhouse in TT, a lovely man who will be hugely missed by his legion of friends in & out of our sport. His efforts in setting up Kingfisher Reading TT Club (one of the leading clubs in the country) stands as a lovely testimonial to him. My sincere condolences to his family. R.I.P Colin.

Tributes to Colin from the VETTS Facebook Group



Janice Crompton

So sorry to hear about Colin, a lovely guy and very helpful to me when I first joined VETTS. Condolences to his family. RIP.



Trevor Kerry

Very sad news, a true gentleman, RIP Colin.



Janet Brown

No more suffering, my thoughts are with Marion and the family.



Simon Vine

Colin made a massive contribution to his sport- a big loss indeed.



John Fairweather

I first met Colin and Marion in Vancouver for the World Vets in 1999 and met often at tournaments since then, a sad loss.



Paul Beck

Very sad news.



Jackie Wood

R.I.P Colin. Our paths crossed many times over the years and I will remember you and Marion with fond memories.



Dave Adamson

You will be sadly missed Colin R. I. P.



Martin Gunn ▸ VETTS TABLE TENNIS ...

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Family, friends and fellow TT players asked that a floral tribute to Colin Dyke be left at his beloved Kingfisher Table Tennis Club yesterday evening. Honouring this request was the very least we could do. Rest in Peace Colin.

 **KINGFISHER**
TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Awards at the 2018 AGM



Most Improved Player: Rayaan Asgar



Best Performance: Anaya Patel



Award for contribution to the club committee – Raj Patel, Coaching Officer



The President's Award: Maria Tsaptinos, with special recognition for the passion and enthusiams that she showed whilst supported fellow members of the England Team at the Commonwealth Games.

Kingfisher Players - at home and abroad

Kingfisher players Jamie Liu and Anaya Patel were part of the England team that took silver and bronze at the Cadet 6 Nations in Germany, in May.



England scoop two medals at 6 Nations



At the European Youth Championships, England's Cadet Girls team finished 26th after losing to Wales and Norway in the 2nd Group stage, followed by a win against Estonia, and a loss against Luxembourg

Congratulations to Maria Tsaptsinos, who was recently announced as the Star of the Year at the TASS Awards. This is in recognition of an outstanding achievement in sport or study and is in recognition of her achievement in winning the women's team bronze medal at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games whilst also working towards a first class honours Geography degree.



Kingfisher Club Night: Thursdays from 7:30pm

Club Night runs throughout the summer season, running from Thursday 19 April to the first week in September.

Club Night at Kingfisher gives club members of all levels the chance to meet and play table tennis in a sociable and friendly environment.

- Ideal for new and prospective members to experience the club – guests are welcome, but do need to be signed in by a member.
- Good for league players to keep their hand in during the off season.
- Players are encouraged to mix outside their regular practice group/team.



How it works:

- When you arrive, add your name to the bottom of the list on the whiteboard (near table 5) to indicate that you're waiting to play.
- When your name reaches top of the list and a slot becomes free, remove it and go on to play.
- Have a general knock and then play a 'best of 3'.
- Winner stays on for up to two matches then rotates off.
- When you come off remember to add your name to the bottom of the list again, and let the next person waiting know which table to go onto.

Guests:

- Guests are welcome but must be signed in by a Kingfisher member.
- A guest fee of £5 per guest, per visit, applies after the first visit.
- Guest fees paid during the month in which a member joins are refundable.

Refreshments:

Tea and coffee available in the kitchen area. Please wash, dry and put away any mugs/cups/glasses that you use.

Your Committee – 2018-19



Peter Charters

- President
- British League Secretary
- National Junior League Secretary
- National Cadet League Secretary
- Lease Trustee



Robert Gladstone

- General Secretary
- Tees Sport Agent



Ck Liu

- Treasurer



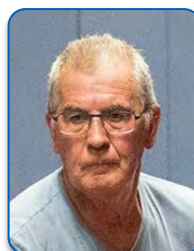
Mick Mitcham

- Welfare Officer
- Bookings Officer
- Lease Trustee
- Events Co-ordinator
- League Play Co-Ordinator



Raj Patel

- Coaching Officer
- Social Media



Rick Leachman

- Membership Secretary
- Website Manager



Richard Fifield

- Assistant Treasurer



Allan Bruton

- Committee Member
- Lease Trustee
- Cleaning Supervisor
- League Play Co-Ordinator
- Friday Club Contact



Andy Yon

- Committee Member
- Assistant Facilities Manager



Gwynne Penny

- Newsletter Editor
- PR & Facebook page
- Website Manager



John Liddle

- League Play Co-Ordinator



Tom Maynard:

- Facilities Manager

Additional Club Roles:

Team Kit Manager: Peter Charters

Robot Manager: Rick Leachman

Table Manager: Dave Duncan

Lost Property: Andy Yon

Guest Book Administrator: Carl Stanmore

Social Events Co-ordinator: Allan Bruton

Auditor: Nigel Lynch

Morning Club Contacts:

Contact the Morning Club leaders below for more information about Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday Club.



Tuesdays:
Diane Taylor



Wednesdays:
Roger Woolven-Allen



Fridays:
Allan Bruton

Current Vacancies:

- Chairman
- Premier Club Co-ordinator
- Clubmark Co-ordinator

Can you help?

Kingfisher, like many clubs, relies on a small group of dedicated volunteers to do the necessary jobs to keep the club running, that enable all of us to enjoy our table tennis. If there is anything that you can contribute, however small, please contact a member of the committee.

Newsletter Noticeboard

40-Minute Session Rule

There are times when practice facilities are at a premium and members are waiting to play. All members are reminded that, whenever the playing hall or individual tables are not pre-booked, table use must be limited to sessions of 40 minutes maximum (whether for 1-to-1 coaching, training or practice), if other members are waiting to play. To help manage this a whiteboard has been added near table 4/5. When you arrive and want to play, add your name and the time to the board.



Always Bring Your Key + Fob

Please ensure that if you are the last person to leave the building you check that the building is empty, the emergency exit doors in the playing area are securely shut, the lights are switched off and the front door is closed **and locked** with the mortice key.

Save yourself a wasted journey to the club!

The committee would like to remind members to check the club calendar prior to visiting the club to practice, to avoid disappointment. The calendar is available to download as a PDF from our website, and is regularly posted on the noticeboard in the social area.



Lost Property

Left something behind at the club?

The lost property cupboard is located below the kitchen worktop.

Contact the Lost Property Manager, Andy Yon for more information.

Non-Marking Playing Shoes

To reduce the amount of dirt being brought into the playing area, members are reminded to change into clean, non-marking playing shoes before entering the playing area.

Newsletter Noticeboard

Guests

Members may sign in up to 2 guests at a time – **the member must be present** at the club while their guests are at the club.

The first visit is free, but the subsequent visits are chargeable at £5 per guest, per visit.

Payment of Guest Fees:

The member signing in the guests is responsible for ensuring that the guest fees are paid to the treasurer.

Guests must be signed into the guest book (located near the front door) **BEFORE** they enter the playing area.

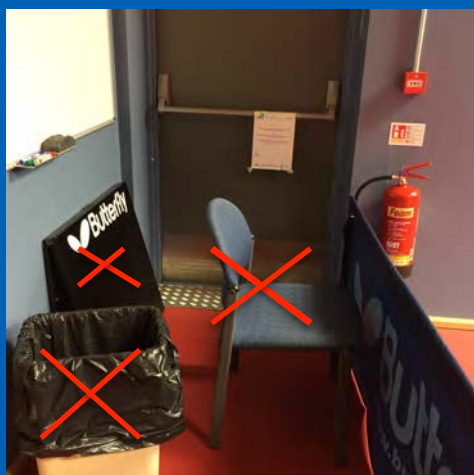
First Aid

There is a First Aid kit and AED/Defibrillator inside the playing area near the main door. The accident record book is stored in the social area at the far end on/in one of the green cupboards at the far end. All accidents must be recorded in the book, and if any first aid supplies are used, please remember to inform a member of the committee so that they may be replenished.



Emergency Exits

Please ensure that the emergency exits are left clear at all times with no chairs, scoreboards, bags or rubbish bins blocking the way to the exit.



Where to find information - Kingfisher Club Website:

- Membership information and application forms
- News and Announcements
- Newsletters
- Table Diary

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher>

Towel Holders

Each court has 2 towel/water bottle holders for matches.



Newsletter Noticeboard

Playing Area Ventilation System

The committee would like to politely remind members that the ventilation controls in the playing area (pictured) should not be adjusted manually – the system has been set up to run on a timer and is being monitored by the committee. If you have any concerns over the humidity or temperature in the hall, please contact a member of the committee.



Club Shirts

Remember you can order club shirts through the Tees Sport discount scheme printed with the name of the club and optional additional lettering for your name, nickname or team.

Clean, simple design featuring the butterfly logo on the front and Kingfisher on the back – the shirt features excellent moisture management and is 100% polyester Micro Dryfit. Available in Blue, Graphite, Green, Red or Yellow. In a range of sizes from XXXS to XXXXL.



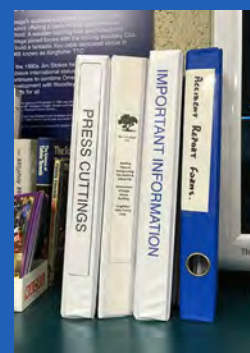
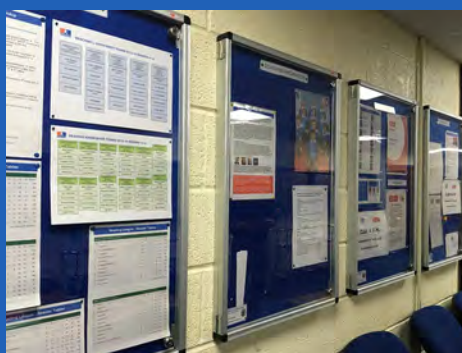
Contact Robert Gladstone for details.

Where to find information at the club:

Check the noticeboards for:

- Member Listing
- Tees Sport Club Discount information
- Local League
- Coaching
- Committee
- Club Events
- Club Calendar and Diary

Looking for something else?
check the folder labelled



Reminder: Accidents/Incidents

In the event of an accident or incident at the club, please make sure that you inform a member of the committee at the first opportunity and complete a report form and forward a copy of it to the Club Secretary. Forms are located in the Accident Report Folder situated on top of the green cabinets in the social area.

Club Etiquette

A copy of the club etiquette guide has been circulated by email to all members, and is reproduced on the next page – please take a few moments to read it.



Table Tennis England Subscription

Table Tennis England subscription renewals are now due for 2018-19 season.

All members of the club must have a valid Associate/Player/Licensed Subscription with Table Tennis England, and it is the responsibility of each member to renew their subscription with Table Tennis England.

Subscriptions can be purchased via Table Tennis England website:
> <http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/play/membership/player-membership/>

Renewal by telephone (**Call on: 01908 208898**) and post is available via Table Tennis England from **1st August, 2018.**

Club Etiquette

1. Members should treat the Clubhouse, playing area and equipment with respect and apply due care at all times when using it. Fire extinguishers must not be used as doorstops but remain in position ready for use.
2. When entering the club please remove outdoor shoes and change into sports shoes before entering the playing courts.
3. Use the appropriate changing rooms when getting ready to play.
4. Please respect the ladies changing room. Only males with serious disability should use this facility.
5. Store sports bags under the chairs in the playing area, the changing room and the Social Area not on them.
6. Remember that you are not the only one using the club and keep noise levels to a minimum as it distracts players on other tables, who are either practicing or playing league matches.
7. If tables are moved for practice purposes please ensure that you return the playing area to its normal playing format of two match tables and three practice tables after your session.
8. If all the practice tables are in use and others are waiting to play, please ensure that you vacate a table after a maximum of 40 minutes use.
9. Please use the bins to discard any rubbish such as water bottles, wrappers etc. Do not leave them on the floor, window sills or seats.
10. If you use crockery and/or cutlery in the kitchen please ensure that it is washed, dried and put away again after use. It is not the job of the club cleaners to tidy up after you.
11. Switch off the lights over the table you have been using when finished.
12. When leaving the club please ensure that all the emergency doors are closed, all lights are switched off and, if you are the last to leave, Chubb-lock the main entrance door.

Approved by the Club Committee – Last updated: 1st September 2016

Club Discount Scheme with Tees Sport

Kingfisher has renewed the contract with Tees Sport through until 31st July 2021. Tees Sport provides kit for our British League and National League teams and provides members with generous discounts on all clothing and equipment.



Tees Sport is a leading supplier of specialist table tennis equipment in the United Kingdom, offering a wide range of most of the leading brands. Tees Sport is the largest retailer of Butterfly specialist equipment and Butterfly is the leading brand of blades and rubber. World Champion, Zhang Jike, European Champion, Timo Boll, and most of the England Team use Butterfly blades and rubbers. If you wish to obtain technical advice prior to ordering you will find Tees Sport staff knowledgeable and helpful and all of their sales staff have been involved in table tennis for many years and have played the game to at least British League standard. You can contact Tees Sport on 0800 458 4141 (freephone) or 01642 217844 / 249000 (standard).

Members wishing to take advantage of the generous discounts offered should place all orders via Robert Gladstone, who can also provide advice, if required.

Discounts off the catalogue prices are as follows:

- Butterfly, Karlsson and Andro products – less 25%.
- Some Tees Sport products such as cleaners, rollers etc – less 25%.
- Donic products – less 25%
- All other Tees Sport products – less 15%

(The above discounts exclude tables which can be quoted for separately.)

OR

If the online, website price works out to be lower, even after the above discount has been applied, then Tees Sport will allow a 5% discount off the online price!

Orders through our Kingfisher Agent, Robert Gladstone, should be made either by email at rgladstonekfttc@gmail.com. Any queries please contact Robert by email as above or by telephone: 07824 391219.

Tees Sport offers a same day shipment service for orders placed by telephone, internet or mail with a great saving on postage when ordered through our agent..

AND

We are delighted to have negotiated a deal with Tees to offer members the opportunity of ordering a Kingfisher Club Shirt. For details of this offer please follow the link below or go to the Kingfisher TTC website.

https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Club_T_shirt



Reading League

This year there are 48 teams in the Reading league, and the league has been restructured into 4 divisions of 12. This means that some teams have been moved up to a higher division. RDTTA have based the divisional placings on a team ranking taking into account the players in each team and their individual rankings in the official RDTTA ranking spreadsheet.

Fixtures are already available on the RDTTA web site: <https://www.tabletennis365.com/Reading>

Reading & District Table Tennis - League Structure 2018/19

Divisional Placings

Division 1 (DFS: Mark Banks)	Division 2 (DFS: John Willcocks)	Division 3 (DFS: Derek Harrison)	Division 4 (DFS: Martin Wetherell)
1 Kingfisher B (Mon)	1 Springfield A (Wed)	1 Springfield C (Wed)	1 Springfield E (Wed)
2 * Kennet Valley A (Tues)	2 Sonning Sports A (Thurs)	2 Tidmarsh D (Tues)	2 * Kennet Valley B (Tues)
3 Kingfisher A (Wed)	3 * Curzon Club B (Tues)	3 * Curzon Club C (Mon)	3 SC&P G (Mon)
4 SC&P C (Wed)	4 Tile Maths A (Mon)	4 Tile Maths B (Thurs)	4 Kingfisher I (Tues)
5 Tidmarsh B (Wed)	5 OLOP B (Wed)	5 Reading F C A (Wed)	5 SC&P F (Tues)
6 SC&P B (Thurs)	6 OLOP A (Tues)	6 Tidmarsh C (Mon)	6 OLOP E (Tues)
7 Kingfisher C (Mon)	7 Kingfisher F (Mon)	7 Springfield B (Wed)	7 Springfield D (Wed)
8 Tidmarsh A (Tues)	8 Pangbourne WMC (Wed)	8 Sonning Sports B (Thurs)	8 Sonning Sports C (Thurs)
9 * Curzon Club A (Mon)	9 Kingfisher E (Wed)	9 Kingfisher H (Wed)	9 Reading FC B (Mon)
10 Kingfisher D (Tues)	10 SC&P D (Wed)	10 Kingfisher G (Tues)	10 Tile Maths C (Thurs)
11 Milestone A (Tues)	11 Milestone B / Saiyan (Tues)	11 SC&P E (Tues)	11 Milestone C (Tues)
12 SC&P A (Thurs)	12 OLOP C (Tues)	12 OLOP D (Tues)	12 Tidmarsh E (Mon)

* Denotes 7pm start for home matches.




READING KINGFISHER TEAMS 2018-19 SEASON

Team A Div 1	Team B Div 1	Team C Div 1	Team D Div 1		
KINGFISHER A DIVISION 1 HOME: WEDNESDAY	KINGFISHER B DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY	KINGFISHER C DIVISION 1 HOME: MONDAY	KINGFISHER D DIVISION 1 HOME: TUESDAY		
Hari Gehlot Captain	Artur Moar Captain	Nigel Keedy Captain	Clive Gold Captain		
Dmitry Khakhamov	Richard Rosinski	Phil Mead	Guy De La Villesbrunne		
Krasi Ivanov	Mark Banks	Ivor Hardman	Grant Wheatley		
Sagar Sawant	Neeraj Natu	Alan Cummings	Luca Bianchi		
	Martin Adams	Richard Fifield	Willis Ma		
Team E Div 2	Team F Div 2	Team G Div 3	Team H Div 3	Team I Div 4	
KINGFISHER E DIVISION 2 HOME: WEDNESDAY	KINGFISHER F DIVISION 2 HOME: MONDAY	KINGFISHER G DIVISION 3 HOME: TUESDAY	KINGFISHER H DIVISION 3 HOME: WEDNESDAY	KINGFISHER I DIVISION 4 HOME: TUESDAY	
Eric Holmes Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	Nils Wedi Captain	Poornesh Sagala Captain	Gill Bennett Captain	
John Liddle	Carol Byers	Gabor Radnoti	Ania Pytko	Meriel Low	
Tarik Ramjuan	Steven Woolnough	Joaquin Sabater	Ken Robb	Derek Crombie	
Ruben Hernandez	Rick Leachman	Didier Garcon	Peter Bennett	Miguel Caballero	
Dave Gostelow Reserve	Roger Pritchard	David Wells	Dmitry Merzlyakov	Roger Prew	
		Gwynne Penny	Maksym Schipka		

Bracknell League

BWDTTA website:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/BracknellAndWokingham>

 BRACKNELL KINGFISHER TEAMS 2018-19 SEASON				
KINGFISHER A PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY	KINGFISHER B PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY	KINGFISHER C PREMIER HOME NIGHT THURSDAY	KINGFISHER E DIVISION 1 HOME NIGHT FRIDAY	KINGFISHER F DIVISION 2 HOME NIGHT THURSDAY
Ivor Hardman Captain	John Willcocks Captain	Gwynne Penny Captain	Mick Mitcham Captain	Gill Bennett Captain
Neeraj Natu	John Morris	Carol Byers	Kenneth Robb	Poornesh Sagala
Sagar Sawant	Richard Fifield	Luca Bianchi	Cris Reynolds	Miguel Caballero
Eric Holmes	Phil Mead	John Liddle	Peter Bennett	Derek Crombie
Artur Morar	Roger Pritchard reserve	Clive Gold	Stephen Leggett	Roger Prew
Jeff Huggins reserve				Julie Weight
				Alan Goold

Useful Links

Kingfisher Web Site:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/kingfisher>

Kingfisher Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/kingfisherttc>

Kingfisher on Instagram

<http://instagram.com/kingfisherttc>

Kingfisher on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/kingfisherttc>

Table Diary:

https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Table_diary

Club Shirts:

https://www.tabletennis365.com/Kingfisher/Pages/Club_T_shirt

Related Sites:

Table Tennis England Web Site:

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk>

Reading League Web Site:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/reading>

Bracknell League Web Site:

<http://www.bwdtta.co.uk>

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What do you think?

Remember, this is YOUR newsletter, so please do let me know if there is something that you would like to see included.

Please send any articles that you would like me to include in the next edition via email at:

gwynnepenny@mac.com

And Finally.... “Onwards and Upwards”



On Friday I attended the funeral of Colin Dyke and although it was a very sad occasion, it was also a celebration of his life as a family man, as a professional quantity surveyor and businessman, and of course, as a table tennis player and dedicated volunteer. Colin passed away in the early hours of July 2018 – which was National Table Tennis Day.

The funeral was well attended by family, friends and the table tennis community including Table Tennis England Chairman, Sandra Deaton, VETTS members, Reading and Bracknell Committee members and of course many players from Kingfisher, including current and past members. Our club is a wonderful legacy to Colin, our very own Mr Kingfisher, and to all of its members, both past and current.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Colin, for all his vision and his hard work in making our club what it is today.

What could be a better tribute to him, than for all of us to remember and to stay true to his vision for our club:

“Onwards and upwards!

To become and stay one of the very top clubs in the country”

