**League Report**

**Friday 25th January**

**Colebridge A maintained their place at the summit of Division 1 with a comprehensive 9-1 win over 10th placed Free Church C. Kate Hughes, Paul Lenormand and Ben Willson won all the singles but the two men lost 11-8 in the 5th to Harry Purewal and Sam Wiggins. The week before Colebridge had recorded a similar scoreline over Free Church B, the same trio appearing for the leaders but Willson dropping a singles to Lee Dorning. Free Church A sit second and walloped Whitnash A 9-1. Jack Green and Sam Weaving nabbed trebles and Dave Ramsey added two, falling to Mark Woolerton. Green and Weaving took the doubles. Church A then nailed their B side 8-2 , Green and Ramsey posting maximums and Weaving two, losing to Ricardo Bolanos. Bolanos and Nikit Sajiv won an impressive doubles for B. Third placed St Georges B showed no mercy to bottom side Free Church D, Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Andy Woodcock winning all 10 points. They followed this with a 9-1 drubbing of Phoenix, Ron Vose replacing Woodcock but dropping a single to Mark Rose. Free Church D also fell to Whitnash A 8-2 whose Tony Deren and Woolerton claimed hat-tricks. Tom Hunt and Milan Sajiv grabbed singles but their team are now 16 points adrift of safety. The other side in relegation trouble are Nomads who lost 10-0 to Phoenix in the shape of Taran Dhillon, Callum Martin and Rose and then 8-2 to Wellesbourne. Awais Muhammed and Gary Stewart accounted for 7 of Wellesbourne’s points with John Price adding one but losing to Paul Rowan and Tony Thomas. Nomads are 11 points away from survival. Rugby A beat Free Church C 8-2 with Ryan Lines and Adrian Pilgrim unbeaten in singles and doubles and Sam Cafearo winning once. Purewal and Wiggins got the better of the youngster. County Council B remain in the top half of the table despite suffering a 7-3 defeat at the hands of Wellesbourne. Dave Harvey (3), Alan Cotton (2) and Stewart (1) plus a Cotton/Stewart doubles win secured the victory with Nilton Green taking two for Council and Simon Griew winning once.**

**Millenium A’s stunning recent form has driven them to second spot in Division 2. A re-arranged match with St Georges C netted them 9 points courtesy of Peter Harris (3), Jack Shardlow (3) and Christian Ward (2) plus a Harris/Shardlow doubles. Brian Aston grabbed the consolation. They then beat St Georges A 7-3 to push their opponents into 3rd place. Andy Gorman (3) joined Harris and Shardlow, both of whom won twice, with Georges replying with singles from Damon Fenton and Barry Hook and the doubles from the same duo. Rugby B outfought Eathorpe A 7-3 with braces from Dan Burgess, Madu Ezedinma and Ben Holvey, Burgess and Holvey adding the doubles. Walter Warburton won his three for the villagers. The same player also took a single, and the doubles with Mike Bridgman, when his team played leaders County Council A but Council ratcheted up the remaining 8 points through Paul Calloway and Pat McCabe, who were unbeaten, and Martyn Todd who dropped just the one. Council A had earlier whitewashed St Georges C with Chris Maiden replacing Calloway in the line-up. Bottom side Nomads Enigmas put up a valiant fight against Whitnash B going down 6-4. Paul Riman and Dennis Woodhead each won two and combined successfully in the doubles with Greg Swan securing the winning point. Malc Macfarlane and Steve Proctor shared the Nomads’ points. However, Free Church F then took 9 points off them as Macfarlane won the consolation. Roald Myers and Anthony Smith won 7 of the Church points with Lewis Singleton taking two. The previous week, Church F had fallen to Snitterfield B 6-4 with Myers and Smith each winning twice. Tim Fell and Nigel Payne also won twos for Snitterfield and Gareth Hepworth won once and won the crucial doubles with Payne. However, St Georges C then took Snitterfield apart 8-2 to give themselves a 5 point cushion over the relegation places. Brian Aston won his three, reserve Richard Grover supplied two and Colin Aston one. Aston senior and Grover won the doubles. Hepworth and Payne responded. Rugby B trounced Free Church E 8-2 and moved above them in the table. Callum Ball and Dan Burgess took 7 of the points and Peter Ratcliffe won one, losing to EmilyBeasley and Eduardo Bolanos.**

**Flavels A look increasingly like promotion candidates in Division 3 and moved into second spot with games in hand after beating Free Church H 8-2. Trevor Bradley and Shivam Kapur won their threes and paired for the doubles with Mick Bennett winning once. However, Nicholas Ho and his young brother Chris, making his third division debut, both beat Bennett in 5. Leaders St Georges D were held to a draw by third placed Colebridge B. Andy Caine and Richard Grover each won twice and Jerry Simmons contributed one but the Brummies bounced back with two from Michael Credland and singles from Riz Akbar and Mike Evetts who also grabbed the doubles 11-8 in the 5th. Bottom but one side Free Church I had two encouraging results after the Christmas break. They lost narrowly to Rugby C 6-4 whose Martyn Lilley recorded a hat-trick. Sarah James added two and Jo Outhwaite one. Chris Jones (2) and Nick Darwen (1) kept it close when they won the doubles. This result was bettered when they forced a draw with Free Church J whose Gurudhutt Chandrasekhar won three and the doubles with Ben Hall. Hall also won a single. Jones (2), Darren Laffey (2) and Keith Knott (1) made it stalemate. Rugby D are a point above Church I and their C side did them no favours when defeating them 9-1. Alex Bowe and James won all their singles, Lilley won two and steered James to the doubles. Dave Cox gained the consolation. Free Church H drew with Nomads Codgers, Nicholas Ho and Owain Jones winning braces and Richard Pittaway taking one. Les Hoggins (2) and Steve Kurle (2) replied with Hoggins joining John Taylor to win the doubles. Codgers then did well to squeeze 7 points out of St Georges D. Hoggins, Kurle and Taylor all won once with Grover taking three for Georges, Tracey Fletcher winning twice and Simmons winning once. Fletcher and Grover took the doubles. County Council D defeated Free Church G 7-3. Colin Astbury, Derek Harwood and Steve Poole all won twice and secured the doubles through Astbury and Poole. Eleanor Fletcher probably recoded her best result at this level with two wins and Tom Yarrow won once.**

**Area Schools Team Event**

**Aylesford School entered a side in the Area Stage of the Schools under 16 Boys’team championships at Wood Green , Wednesbury on Sunday. The key to success at these championships is having strength throughout the side and so it proved for the local team. In the first match in their group, Marling School of Stroud were swept aside 8-0 with Josh Yarrow, Tom Yarrow, Joe Shrimpton and Owain Jones gaining vital confidence. This was followed by perhaps their toughest challenge as Wood Green Academy of Wednesbury, renowned for their table-tennis prowess, were faced. The Yarrow brothers each won a single playing at numbers 1 and 2, number three Shrimpton added a single and number 4 Jones demonstrated the value of that strength throughout by winning two matches against the opposing numbers 3 and 4, Tom Watson and Oscar Copson.**

**Thus, a semi-final place was booked. Chesham Grammar School from Buckinghamshire were dispatched 6-2 with Shrimpton beating Elliot Miller and Ryan Friend, Jones accounting for Friend and Tom Brown, Tom Yarrow beating Watson and Josh Yarrow eclipsing Miller as well as losing 11-9 in the 5th to Prawan Gudpati. This was followed by another 6-2 win over Holte School from Lozells in Birmingham. The Yarrow brothers each won two which included wins over number one Hadder Akib, and Shrimpton and Jones had walk-overs. The boys will now travel to Bristol on 10th February to compete in the regional Finals.**

**A young North Leamington School team found life much tougher in the Under 16 Girls competition but the experience should prove invaluable.**

**The quartet of Erin Darwen, Anna Gorvett, Eleanor Robertson and Cara Darwen faced a strong team from Wood Green Academy in their first match losing 7-1, a match in which Eleanor Robertson recorded an outstanding win over Kudashie Chideiya. Next up were Gloucester High School for Girls which they lost 6-2. Erin Darwen notched impressive wins over Rebecca Greenhough and Mary Pang. Finally, Prince Henry’s School of Evesham were encountered and a 7-1 defeat followed with Erin Darwen gaining the consolation against Anna Cole, ranked at number 67 in England as an under 15.**