

Table Tennis England

South West Area Newsletter



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We are currently in a period of change which sees us change our name to Table Tennis England, move into a new head office in Milton Keynes, and appoint a large number of new staff to replace those not making the move. This is all alongside a full staff restructure as a result of our Sport England Portas review. Full details of all the new staff roles will be available shortly on the Table Tennis England website.

Meanwhile we have done our best to understand what it is that you as clubs, leagues, coaches, and volunteers need. Our SW survey attracted over 100 responses which will help us plan our course and workshop delivery across the SW Area. We have replied to all respondents with information and advice on how we can help. We look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months to discuss and move forward with your plans.

I hope you enjoy our first newsletter, which keeps you up to date with all the happenings across our area. If you have anything you would like publicised in future newsletters please let Lisa Williams (SW Development Officer) know so it can be included.

Upcoming Events

South West Area Umpires Course
– Sunday 15th June 2014

Venue: Kingfisher TTC,
Woodlands Avenue, Woodley,
Reading, RG5 3EU

Time: 10am-4pm
Cost: FREE

To book your place please
contact Lisa Williams
lisa.williams@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Closing date for applications
Monday 9th June 2014.



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Ping! is back for 2014!

Ping! the innovative street ping pong project is returning this summer and will be taking place across 4 areas in the South West.

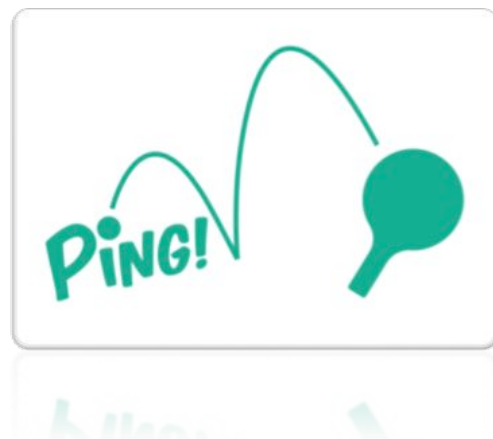
Ping! will be returning to Oxford, Bristol and Cornwall this year and will see Exeter joining the project as a new Ping! city for 2014.

The festival aims to provide the public with opportunities to participate in table tennis for free and takes place over the summer months. Outdoor tables pop up across cities in landmark locations for 4-8 weeks with a variety of events taking place throughout.

And we need your help!

We are seeking volunteers to support all of the Ping! projects this summer. Can you help at events, competitions or just table minding and encouraging people to pick up a bat and play?

If you feel you could help, please get in touch with the area team.



Ping! Dates for 2014

Oxford- 12th July – 7th September

Bristol- 21st July – 6th September

Cornwall- 19th July – 30th August

Exeter- Dates TBC



South West Area Team Support

The South West area team consisting of Chris, Aled and Lisa are always happy to help your club, league or county association with development and coaching plans.

Please do get in touch and tell us more about your ideas and projects and find out how we can help you.

Club Corner

Tony Halse introduces Newton Abbott TTC and explains how CLUBMARK has benefited them...

As an informal group of local players, whose Friday night venue was denied us at very short notice, we were forced into looking for a new venue. Teign School was approached and wanted to work with us, but there were several hurdles we had to cross to enable the link to be formed and the venue to be available.

We needed insurance and CRB checks as well as needing to be constituted as a formal club, as the school were not happy for us just to hire the hall, but were keen that we should work with and encourage their students to take part.

Having so few juniors in our ranks this seemed to be too good an opportunity to miss, so I pulled together a number of our senior players to form an official club and asked the ETTA to help. We chose to apply for ETTA Premier Club status as it promised help in setting up a club.

Originally I was not too enthusiastic about CLUBMARK originally, as I was just keen to establish the new club at a new venue, and initially the paperwork involved looked frightening! However, when I had time to look through everything thoroughly, rather than being an onerous task, the majority of it actually proved to be very helpful in establishing a new Club.

The templates and guidance provided by ETTA gave us a strong foundation to adapt and adopt good policies and codes of conduct for the Club, whilst at the same time ticking many of the CLUBMARK boxes.



Information and pictures courtesy of Tony Halse

So it was a natural progression to complete CLUBMARK accreditation, and we appreciated the support from South West Lead Chris Brown in achieving it. We feel confident that this process guided us to having a good, safe setup to encourage players, especially junior and new players, to join us.

Having forged strong links with the school where we set up, the newly-formed and accredited Club now has over 20 students regularly attending our Friday night sessions, with a further ten to fifteen players also enjoying our Club nights. With such enthusiasm we are extending our Club season through to summer, and have now added a Saturday morning session.

The publicity from gaining CLUBMARK has helped to promote table tennis as a sport in the area well as generate new players for the club, and we anticipate seeing a number of our junior players starting to play competitive League games next season as well as investing in more equipment and facilities.

We would never have imagined all this a year ago!

Coaches Corner

Aled Howell, Coach Development Officer, updates you on all the latest developments...

CPD information

At the April 2013 National Council meeting it was decided that coaches would be required to complete additional pre-requisites and annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD). From the 1st August 2014 the following will be required, in addition to those detailed in the Terms & Conditions in this document:

- Certificated completion of a sports coach UK Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshop (or Table Tennis England approved equivalent) – valid for 3 years.
- Certificated completion of a St John Ambulance Essential First Aid for All Ages course (or Table Tennis England approved equivalent) – valid for 3 years.
- Have completed a minimum of 1 attendance at a CPD workshop per annum.

Please note that the above will be required for both Table Tennis England and UKCC qualified coaches.

Attendance at a Table Tennis England approved CPD event will be a yearly requirement of the Coach Licence from 1st August 2014, therefore all coaches will be required to provide evidence of such attendance prior to that date. Internal CPD courses and training providers will be added to the website when they become available. It is essential that coaches seek to constantly develop their knowledge and education, as the coaching environment is constantly evolving and changing: new coaching methods, changing equipment and techniques, cultural changes in society, all coaches must keep up to date with these changes in order to be the most effective in supporting and growing players.



Table Tennis England also has a duty of care to participants in the sport to ensure that the coaching environment is safe. As part of that obligation, Table Tennis England Coach Licence Scheme provides a regulatory framework within which coaches must operate, built around the Code of Practice for Licensed Table Tennis Coaches

Please see below the current accredited CPD list, however if you wish to partake in something not listed please contact us prior to enrolling onto it and we will clarify whether it can be accepted towards your annual CPD requirement.

Please note if you have completed a qualification in 2014 you do not have to complete the CPD element till 1st August 2015.

Current approved CPD events include:

- Table Tennis England CPD workshop
- scUK Talent Breakfast Club (£0-upwards)
- Sports Coach UK Workshops (£0-upwards)
- Table Tennis England disability coaching workshops
- Completion of the next qualification level (e.g. UKCC L1 up skilling to L2)
- Attendance at an Table Tennis England training camp (prior agreement with the Head Coach will be required) (Free)

Please keep checking the website as additional approved CPD workshops may be added.



Up and coming Workshops-

Bristol Civil Service Sports Club – 21st of June
10am to 2pm

Joola Plymouth – 22nd of June 1pm to 5pm

Oxford-Cokethorpe School- 6th of July 9am to 4pm
(price £35 and includes lunch)

Generation 2- Fareham- 26th of July 1pm to 5pm

Topics to be covered within the workshops are Multiball and Goal Setting. We have been fortunate to link up with Oxford Sport Partnership and offer a conference day. For further information please contact Aled Howell via the email below.

South West Area- Aled Howell E:
aled.howell@tabletennisengland.co.uk

What happens if you cannot attend a CPD course?

If you cannot attend a CPD course you can apply for deferment on an individual basis. The deferment form can be found on the website in the coaching section or can be requested from the Coaching Department. Deferment may be granted for up to 6 months and will be approved or rejected at the discretion of the Table Tennis England Coach Education Manager Matt Asbrey, each case will be considered on its own merits and subject to appropriate evidence.

UKCC Courses

Congratulation to all coaches who have recently passed their UKCC Level 2 course that took place in both Cippenham TTC and Joola Plymouth TTC. A big thank you to Eddie Rooft, Paul Whiting, Alison Broe, Greg Yarnell and Phill Ashley for their efforts on running the courses.

Up and coming courses

We will be looking to run a number of courses in the forthcoming season-

UKCC Level 1-

- Plymouth
- Bristol
- Reading

UKCC Level 2-

- Southampton
- Plymouth

(Dates to be confirmed.)

Please note that there is potential to run bespoke courses throughout the region. If you have any coaches who wish to attend a UKCC Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 please email their information to Aled Howell. Their information will be added to the coaches database and if sufficient numbers are run to run a course within an area we will make every effort to get a course up and running.

An Update from the Plymouth Talent Development Centre

Training is going really well at the Plymouth Talent Development Centre, with 20 players making up the main TDC squad. We've enjoyed some great success stories recently, most notably with Harry Nicholls being invited to the last two YDT training camps. On the coaching side, we have regular sparring partners (Harry Cutler, Toby Mattacott, Mike Short and Rachel Trevorrow) attending various sessions, whilst a Coaches Academy is in the process of being set up.

TDC coaches Paul Whiting, Marketa Myskova, Kevin Buddell and Mike Short have attended a number of events to support our players, travelling across the country to locations ranging from Cirencester to Sussex, Derby to Gloucester, as well as to the Under 11-14 Qualification Event and the ESTTA finals.

Joola Plymouth have been very helpful, working with us to run NCL and a 1* junior event. They also hosted Devon Senior and Junior events which had 24 under 11 players entering their first event. The players



These players are from the Satellite and taster days that Kev has been delivering. In fact, together Kev and myself have now delivered taster days to nearly 2000 primary school children this year, and we also had a joint 4 day camp in Plymouth with 10 greenhouse players. A busy year so far!

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