

# Bristol Civil Service

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## Welcome from Marcus Berry, Chairman

Yes, I'm still here and looking forward to the 2012/13 table tennis season which starts this week with the first round of the Mordecai Cup. However, I won't be staying in Bristol very long as, if all goes according to plan, my wife and I have now sold our house in Bradley Stoke and have had our offer accepted on a house in Westward Ho! on the North Devon coast. On my departure Terry Toghill will be taking over as Chairman of the BCSTTC and I am sure that you will all give him your support.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break, even if the weather's been a bit iffy, and are suitably refreshed ready for the new season. If you have not already done so, your entry forms for the League should be with the Secretary by now.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and successful season. I will be keeping in touch even though I won't be seeing you from week to week. I hope to call into the Club on a Sunday evening from time to time.

Marcus Berry



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**Team kit** is now available so see your team captain to get your league handbook and club T-shirt which is to be worn for league matches. Please be sure that you are happy with the size of your shirt before you cut off the label! Paul Barlow has a small number of spares in case a swop is needed.

## Membership details—update

Table tennis club membership lasts for one year from 1 July to 30 June. You must be a Full or Linked member of the Civil Service Sports Club (CSSC) to become a member of the Civil Service Table Tennis Club (CSTTC)—this costs £43.20 per year. The rules have changed and if you have been an Associate member you now need to be linked to a Full member. Please get in touch with me if you need help with this. It was agreed at the AGM in June that the Club and its players should present a club identity and that all team players should wear a club shirt bearing the CSTTC logo when representing the club; it was therefore decided that the fee for membership should be increased to £28 per year, which includes £10 towards the cost of the club T-shirt. These shirts, French navy blue with an embroidered logo, will be provided by the club.

Paul Barlow

## Summer League

The club entered one team in the Summer League this year, with five players alternating for the seven matches (Martyn Bryan, Charlotte Taylor, Steve Williams, Dean Barmby and Stuart Murray Williams). As usual, the Summer League format gave players from different divisions the opportunity to compete against each other, and the handicap system in our experience worked very well, producing a number of very close matches. The Civil Service team had mixed fortunes, starting and finishing the competition strongly, but flagging in the middle. Our final mid-table position is a pretty accurate reflection, although a couple of the matches we lost could easily have gone the other way.

Stuart Murray Williams

**Mordecai Cup** matches start off the 2012–2013 season, with Civil Service Warriors, Vikings, Trojans and Saracens in action in the first round; the Saxons, Cavaliers and Partizans have a bye to the second round.

## Fees

First 6 visits cost £3.50 per session

After 6 visits you must apply to become a Full or Linked Member of the Civil Service Sports Club (£43.20 p.a.)

Membership of the Civil Service Table Tennis Club is £28.00 p.a.

Sessions for Members cost £1.50 per session

### Me and my bat: an occasional series in which club players talk about their choice of bat— Mark Kinlocke gives us an insight into how he has achieved Nirvana

#### My Bat

Blade: American Hinoki (Western Red Cedar)  
9mm, 1-ply with cork handle.

Rubbers: Tenergy 25FX red and black 2.0mm.

Total Weight = 150g

It is in man's nature to experiment just because we can. I am an equipment Junkie. That is, I like to try out many different blades and rubbers. Over the years I've tried Long pips, anti, pips in/ out plus all the different speeds and shapes in blades. I've done it all, much to the detriment of my game.

However, in the last 6 months or so, I've reached Nirvana with my present combination and I am playing as good as I have ever done.

This combination allows me to play close to the table as it is good at flipping backspin and blocking incoming loops. I am thus able to maintain a fairly aggressive game.



The only downside is that the bat cost nearly £200 and to replace the rubbers will be £100.

I will continue to use this bat until.....well I just bought some cheap Chinese which I have been testing recently.

To be continued...



### Table tennis club committee

#### President

Ken Simmonds

#### Chairman

Marcus Berry

#### Deputy Chairman

Terry Toghill

#### Secretary

Paul Barlow

#### Treasurer

Richard Oram

#### Welfare Officer

Mark Kinlocke

#### Publicity Officer

Charlotte Taylor

### Coaching Sessions at BCSTTC:

No formal coaching is available at present but, in the future and if enough interest is shown, a session may be available on Friday evenings for juniors and senior players. Please contact Mark Kinlocke for the latest update.

### Key dates coming up

**Monday 24th September** : Start of League Season.

**Monday 31st December** : Closing date for Hard Bat and Bristol Closed Tournament entries

**Saturday 12th January** : John Mycroft Boucher Hard Bat Competition Cup

**Sunday 20th January** : Bristol Closed Tournament

### The Club Room



You may have noticed the huge improvements to the Club Room, thanks to the efforts of several volunteers (particularly Terry Toghill, Marcus Berry and John Bedwell) who have fixed and painted the wall panels, redone the ceiling and spent many hours working on this space to make it into a welcoming area for club members and visitors. There is still more work to do, however, to finish off this project, so please get in touch with Terry Toghill or Paul Barlow if you would be willing to offer some time.



## Civil Service teams for the 2012–2013 season—good luck to all players! (Teams as known at 22 September—changes may yet be made)

### Premier division – Raiders

Chris Hansell  
Garth Kinlocke (captain)  
Dan Kolesnik

### Premier division – Nomads

Mauro Arruda  
Jun Cui (captain)  
Chris Price  
Dave Smith

### Division 1 – Saracens

Marcus Berry  
Rob Kendall (captain)  
Mark Kinlocke  
Bryan Taylor

### Division 1 – Warriors

Mickael Durand  
Jim McLean  
Sven Pettersson (captain)

### Division 3 – Vikings

Mark Curry  
Tim Harris  
Stuart Murray Williams (captain)  
Terry Toghill

### Division 4 – Saxons

Paul Barlow (captain)  
Rich Cable  
Pawel Rekawiecki  
Silfan Rhys-Jones

### Division 6 – Cavaliers

Dean Barmby  
Martyn Bryan (captain)  
Rob Dixon  
Alex Ono

### Division 8 – Trojans

John Bedwell (captain)  
Radek Mastalerz  
Mark Orriss  
Ken Simmons

### Division 8 – Partizans

Joe Ebdon  
Lawrence Harris  
George Mills  
Charlotte Taylor (captain)  
Matt Wheeler



## LIEBHERR MEN'S WORLD CUP EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS OFFER

This could be your best chance to see the Olympic medalists in action at Liverpool's Echo Arena. If you missed your chance to watch the Olympics live then you can catch the buzz of intense high-class table tennis and benefit from an exclusive membership offer as a field of Olympic athletes converge on the Echo Arena from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September!

Team GB's Olympians, Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford, will also be in action during the major international event while there will also be an opportunity for fans and public alike to share a drink, listen to some music and play a little ping-pong in the Echo's own superb facilities.

This isn't just a great table tennis event but an entertainment spectacle! There will be licensed bars and refreshments, live music from Brazil and also a spectator village where you can play with your friends, family or complete strangers!

There are six tables available in the Topspin Donic Come & Try Area featuring free-play, beat the robot, masterclasses and demonstration sessions for all to get involved with.

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity! Tickets are still available from the Echo Arena Box Office and as a member you can benefit from the offer when you **buy one full price daily ticket you get the second one at half the price**! This offer on tickets is available now at the Echo Arena box office when quoting the code: **MEMOFFER** online at [echoarena.com](http://echoarena.com) or over the phone on 0844 8000 400.

\*Offer excludes 2 & 3 day rover ticket packages

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#### PING! 2012

Ping 2012 installed 700 tables across 8 cities which were played on by hundreds of thousands of people. In addition to free play each city produced an array of extraordinary ping pong events. There were tournaments and bat making, ping pong raps and quizzes, ping pong music, dances and love matches.

Hardly any of the bats and balls were stolen. In Bristol, 46 tables were set up around the city, including at the M Shed, Colston Hall, the Zoo, Ashton Court, the Bear Pit and Millennium Square. 16 tables remain after the end of the initiative in parks all round Bristol. The City Council and sports organisations have been meeting to talk about the Ping Legacy and the potential next stage includes coaching sessions on the parks tables, setting up a new inner city club and a mini ping Bristol the same time next year...

#### More information?

If you have any questions about any aspect of table tennis at the Bristol Civil Service Table Tennis Club—membership, coaching, costs, how to get involved in a team, what happens at club night on a Sunday—please get in touch with Marcus Berry at [Marcus.Berry@tesco.net](mailto:Marcus.Berry@tesco.net) mobile 0792 982 3185

If you have any comments on this newsletter, or items for the next one, please contact Charlotte:

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The next newsletter will be prepared at the end of the autumn. All contributions welcome!

This is the third in our series where we say hello to some of our club members who hail from foreign parts. Here we say “Cześć!” to Pawel Rekawiecki

I came to Bristol from Poland in 2010 to seek new experiences and hoping to meet new people, make friends, learn English and earn some money. I started off with a job as a kitchen chef but now I work at Lidl. I enjoy it as it's only 5 minutes' walk



from my house, and I have lots of contact with people and am able to speak a lot of English.

I started playing table tennis at school in Lubikowo, when I was 10 years old. I just played at school with my

friends at break times but I never joined a club. The Civil Service club is my first club and I'm very happy to have joined as there are lots of players who are better than me and I can learn from them. There is a good atmosphere here. My favourite stroke is topspin and I'm trying to learn how to do this better. My favourite sort of opponent would be good at chopping and topspin and would combine good attack and defence. I play with a Butterfly Primorac-FL OFF- blade, with a Donic Barracuda rubber on my forehand and a Butterfly Sriver FX rubber for all round play on my backhand.

*Dziękuję, Pawel!*

#### Drop in and play table tennis sessions

##### St Paul's Community Sports Academy

Wednesdays 5–7 pm and Saturdays 1.30–3.30 pm

St Paul's, Newfoundland Road, Bristol, BS2 9NH

Cost: £2.50 per adult and £1 per child

Drop in and play session, turn up at any time through the two hours and join in with other table tennis players for a fun play session.

##### Pongwell Green TT Club

Recently-created Bristol Club, “Pongwell Green”, welcomes all players for practice. Great venue with 4 tables, singles/doubles, casual/social and serious play. Coaching also available from one of Bristol's top coaches, Dan Kolesnik.. Opportunity to join league teams.

Every Wednesday 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm

Longwell Green Community Centre (Phipps Room), Shellard's Road, Longwell Green, Bristol, BS30 9DU. £4.00 per session, no membership required.

For info, please call Pete on 07921 953471