



Friday Photos 121: Celebrating John Hilton

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To celebrate John Hilton's wonderful achievement at the European Championships 40 years ago in winning the Men's Singles title, this week, Friday's Photos shows pictures of John over several years as a player, England Captain, entertainer in the Table Toppers and current President of the Veterans English Table Tennis Society.

Thank you John for some lovely memories.

Over the past six months I have received numerous requests for information or help with research from individuals and organisations both at home and abroad. It is always a pleasure to be able to help where I can. It can be time consuming however, so this week will be the last week for a while for 'Friday's Photos' to give me a little more time for my own research projects. I am still happy to help with any requests and can be contacted on DianeK1414@hotmail.co.uk

Photo 1

SEALINK PLAYERS



Back Row: Trevor Taylor, Skylet Andrew, Gary Lambert, Nigel Eckersley, John Hilton
Front Row: Jonathon Wright, Richard Yule, Douggie Johnson.

The Sealink MK BL team in 1979. Back: Trevor Taylor, Skylet Andrew, Gary Lambert, Nigel Eckersley, John Hilton.
Front: Jonathon Wright, Richard Yule, Douggie Johnson

Photo 2



John Hilton. Photo by Brian Ashton

Photo 3



The 1980 England Team: Paul Day, Desmond Douglas, Linda Howard, Peter Simpson, Karen Witt, John Hilton

Photo 4



On the podium at the 1980 European Championships, with runner-up Josef Dvoracek, (Cze)

Photo 5



John Hilton at Heathrow airport on April 14, 1980, showing his European Men's Singles Trophy. Photo by Press Association Photos.

Photo 6



John signing his contract to become professional after winning the European Championships.

Photo 7



John (right) in action at the Norwich Union Masters at Guild Hall, Preston, in May 1980

Photo 8



Another shot from the Norwich Union Masters at Guild Hall, Preston.

Photo 9



The England squad at the 1985 Commonwealth Championships, Isle of Man. Back: Graham Sandley, Desmond Douglas, Andrew Syed, Alan Cooke, Carl Preat, Skylet Andrew. Front: John Hilton (npc), Fiona Elliot, Alison Gordon, Lisa Bellinger, Karen Witt, Don Parker (npc).

Photo 10



Winner of the Veteran Men's Singles at the 1992 English Open

Photo 11



John Hilton, Larger than Life

Photo 12



At the Veterans' British League in January 2013. Photo by Trevor Parsons

Photo 13



At the 2019 VETTS National Championships, Wolverhampton. O70 WS Winner Sally Bax with John Hilton. Photo by Mike Rhodes.

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