Torch table tennis exhibition in Parkstone

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To celebrate the arrival of the Olympic torch coming to Poole, two of England's top senior international table tennis players; Matt Ware, 21, and David McBeath, 20, put on an impressive exhibition of table tennis to wow a packed audience.

The table tennis exhibition was held in the Emerson Hall in Hermitage Road, Upper Parkstone – the home for the newly formed Parkstone Table Tennis Club.

A packed audience of Parkstone scouts, cubs and local budding table tennis players were treated to a showcase of table skills by Ware and McBeath.

Ware, ranked at number 8 in England along with David McBeath, ranked 9, played out a five game exhibition extravaganza of trick shots to dazzle the keen onlookers.

Following the performance, all the youngsters participated in a round the table competition with the internationals and afterwards there were photo and autograph opportunities.

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Matt Ware with budding table tennis star Lilly Rand, 8, from West Moors

The existing hall is mainly used as a meeting place for the Scout movement, but now a new table tennis club has been formed called 'Parkstone Table Tennis Club' that will meet every Thursday during the day from 10am to 1pm to offer a facility to enjoy a friendly practice session where all ages are welcome to join in and only for £3 a session.

Hopefully the Olympic flame will inspire people of all ages to join in the friendly club sessions every Thursday from 10am-1pm, on the three table tennis tables.

For further details contact the Parkstone TT Club Secretary; Geoff Ware on 07899012518

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