

Table tennis to take over Parliament!

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During this summer of sport and in celebration of the first ever National Table Tennis Day – and the launch of *Ping! London 2014* – Table Tennis England and Sing London are staging a Table Tennis take-over of the Houses of Parliament on 17th July.

Parliamentary Ping! Pong will bring Lords, MPs, sporting celebs and local school children – and even drag queens – together to kick-start a summer of table tennis for everyone. This showcase event will serve to present the game in all its social glory and validate that Table Tennis is indeed a game we can all get involved in this summer. Mark Lancaster MP for Milton Keynes, the new home of Table Tennis England commented *“I’m looking forward to joining in with National Table Tennis Day events at Parliament and the opportunity to challenge the opposition to a bit of ‘friendly’ Ping Pong”*.

Expect a series of spectacular events and challenges across England on 17th July as people play at mountain peaks and seaside piers as well as the Houses of Parliament and, as Table Tennis England CEO Sara Sutcliffe says *“Whether it’s for the first time or it reignites a passion for the sport you once played, the fun factor is undeniable”*.

Table Tennis England are challenging everyone to play their part and are offering outdoor tables as prizes for the most inventive table locations and events held as part of National Table Tennis Day. To register your event – and find out what’s happening in your area – please visit

www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/nationaltabletennisday

National Table Tennis Day also launches *Ping! 2014* – the public ping pong project well-known for bringing the sport to unexpected locations, from museums to markets, stately homes to stations, pubs to prisons. Over 600 public tables will be available to play on for free this summer as a record 16 cities and regions take part in *Ping!* To join in the fun, simply pick up a bat from the side of the table and play ball! For information about table locations please go to www.pingengland.co.uk

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