



## Friday Photos No 12: Go west!

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As I will be at the Bristol GP this weekend, I thought I would have a bit of West Country flavour to this week's pictures – plus two from the Birmingham area for the older Brummies to look at.

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**Photo 1**



Occasion: Finalists at the Devon County TTA Western Trust Championships.

Date: 29th March 1981.

Venue: Devonport Guildhall.

People: Jim Brown, Branch Controller of Western Trust and Savings presenting a cheque to Frances Jarvis, president of Devon County TTA.

**Photo 2 – copyright Bristol Evening Post**



Front Row (l to r): Ivor Eyles, Edward Christopher, x, Victor Barna, x

Back Row: all unknown.

**Photo 3 – sent in by John Ruderham**



Date: Probably 1940s.

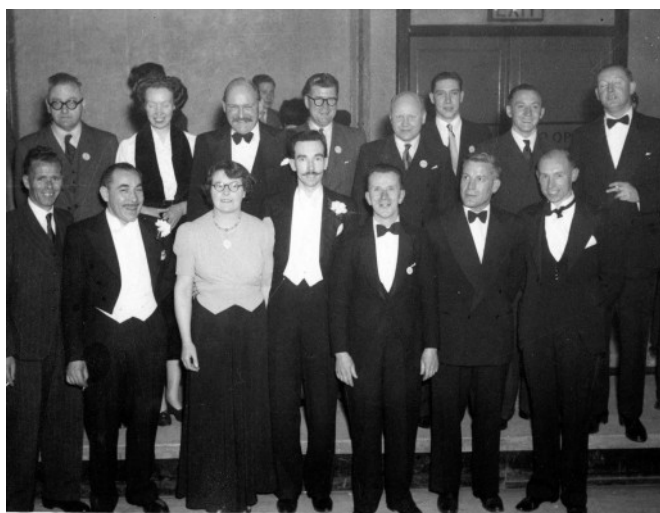
Players: All probably from Exeter.

Back Row: x, x, *Ron Litten*, **Fred Hipkins**, **Cliff Pickett**, **Doug Shipton**, **Charlie Dawes**

Front Row: *Joan Brock (Mrs Crosby)*, *Dora Beregi (Mrs Devenney)*, *Elizabeth (Betty) Blackburn*, x, **Nellie Mason**

John has identified the players in bold and I have added the names of the italicised players. At this time Exeter was an exceptionally strong league. Ron Litten and Charlie Dawes were England Internationals and the ladies went one further. Dora Beregi (Mrs Devenney) won two World Championship medals and Elizabeth Blackburn, one. Joan Brock (Mrs Crosby) reached two World Championship finals and along with Elizabeth Blackburn was the winner of the first ever J M Rose Bowl competition in 1939.

#### Photo 4



Occasion: It looks like a gala dinner for the Birmingham League (I could be wrong) as there are no clues as to the occasion, date or venue.

Two people are recognisable, Maurice Goldstein, second left, and Adrian Haydon, far right – both on the front row. The Haydons were a true table tennis family of exceptional talent. Adrian played in no fewer than 17 World Championships between 1928 and 1953 and was Non-Playing Captain of the winning Swaythling Cup team in 1953. His sister, Marjorie Haydon (Mrs Maisey), was also an England International. Adrian's wife, Miss Doris Jordan, became an England International too and reached world No 8.

The next generation saw Adrian and Doris's daughter, Ann (later Mrs Pip Jones of tennis fame), reach world No 2. Ann won team silver at the World Championships in 1956 and bronze in 1954 and 1955 with very creditable fourth



places in 1957 and 1959. 1957 was the year Ann reached all three finals at the World Championships but was unable to convert any medal into gold. The following year, however, she was a member of the winning team in the first European Championships.

**Photo 5 – sent in by Jose Ransome**



Occasion: Birmingham Presentations –  
sometime in the 1950s.

People: The two ladies in the centre are Pam Mortimer (Warwickshire and England) and Pat Baird (Warwickshire) .

Additional information: I think it must have been a Birmingham City or Nomads team.

A good response this week from many different sources so my thanks to all who have contributed in helping to identify players, coaches etc. All photos are from the final weekend of the 1994/1995 Junior British League season held at Andover Leisure Centre, Hampshire, in April 1995.

In those days there were only four boys' divisions (Premier, Division 1, Division 2A and Division 2B) and two girls' divisions (Premier and Division 1).

There is an article covering the event in Issue 231 of Table Tennis News, March/April 1995.

**Photo 1**



**Stiga Fellows Cranleigh** (Girls Premier Winners – equal points with BFL Grove A but winning by one set on count back).

Back Row – Tony Chatwin (ETTA Deputy Chairman), Chris Byrom (Woolwich Marketing Manager).

Front Row – Sarah Stedman, Glenda Ashison, Michelle Haynes and Shelly Ruocco. The team were coached by England International, Skylet Andrew.

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**Michelle Haynes** – National Junior champion and Masters champion in 1996. Represented England in the 1993 and 1996 European Youth Championships.

**Shelley Ruocco** – National U21 Women's Singles champion 1998 and 1999.

### Photo 2



**BFL Grove 1** (Girls' Premier runners-up)

Tony Chatwin, Chris Byrom, Debbie Pestka, Karen Lockwood, Lindsey Thornton.

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**Lindsey Thornton (Mrs Reynolds)** – England International who played in the World Championships in 1997 and on the India Tour in 2009. At the National Championships, Lindsey reached the quarter-finals of the Women's Singles on five occasions. In the Women's Doubles she was runner-up in 2006 with Linda Radford (March) and in 2008 with Abigail Embling, and semi-finalist in 2010 and 2011 with Hannah Hicks. The Mixed Doubles saw three semi-finals, with Gareth Herbert in 2003, Gavin Evans in 2008 and Danny Reed in 2010.

### Photo 3



### **Spicer Girls (Girls Team of the Weekend)**

Chris Byrom and Tony Chatwin with Karen Ashley or Victoria Lampkin, Anna McNamara, Sara Lane.

**Photo 4**



### **Bristol (Boys' Division 2B winners)**

Chris Byrom and Tony Chatwin with players from the squad of Tom Orlick, Graham Long, Leigh Iles and Brian Smith.

**Photo 5**



### **Lennox House (Boys' Division 2A winners)**

Chris Byrom and Tony Chatwin with players from the squad of Kevin Doyle, Robert Abbott, Harry McCarney and Martin Simms.

**Photo 6**



### **Launceston (Boys' Division 1 runners-up)**

Chris Byrom and Tony Chatwin with Coach Derrick Marples and the middle player could be Jason Bamford.

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