



Friday Photos No 20: Three golden oldies

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Three golden oldie pictures this week. Some star former England players and National Champions amongst those in the photos.

Thanks as always for all information received. I can be contacted on DianeK1414@hotmail.co.uk if you have any comments.

Photo 1



Bryan Merrett (far left) next to Des Douglas at a training session. But who are the other players? Place and date unknown, can you fill the gaps?

Photo 2



Entitled "National Table Tennis Coaching Scheme in conjunction with Butlin's Holiday Camps. Picture shows coaches during a luncheon given by the "News of the World" at the Connaught Rooms on 29th April, 1960".

3rd left: Jack Carrington, 5th and 6th left: Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett. Can anyone identify the others in the picture?

Photo 3



This has been sent in by Ernest Jackson of the Doncaster Table Tennis League, with many thanks. It was taken in 1964/65 at Lilleshall Hall. Ernest is on the back row (3rd from the right). 5th from the right, back row, is Richard Padley who is the only other person known apart from Jack and Elsie Carrington on the front row. Does anyone recognise any of the other players or coaches?

Responses to 16th January 2015 Photos

Photo 1



Officers of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association 1979/80.

Left to right: Eddie Mitchell (Competition Secretary), Bob Wood (treasurer), Tom Matthews (President), John Arnold (Chairman), Mike Vickers (General Secretary).

Photo 2



Members of the English Schools' Executive Committee 1979/80.

Standing: Geoff Gardiner, Rea Balmford, Bob Wood, John Arnold, Robert Oldfield, To Matthews, David Lomas, John Barber.

Seated: Phil Burwell, Gail McCulloch (Johns), Mike Vickers, Ann Durnall, Eddie Mitchell,

Photo taken at Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock at the ESTTA National School Team Championships on 15th March 1980.

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John Arnold, MBE: ETTA Vice-President 1992 and awarded the MBE in 2013 for services to school sport. National Council for School Sport England (NCSS) President. English Schools Table Tennis Association from 1989 to date, Chairman 1978-89, General Secretary 1975-78, Assistant Secretary/Minutes Secretary (1973/75, Development Officer/International Organiser 1989 to date.

International School Sport Federation Table Tennis Technical Commission President/Chairman 1993-2010, Honorary Life Member.

John directed the inaugural UK School Games Championships in 2006 and has continued to be part of the Organising Committee ever since. A County Umpire and holder of the ETTA Coaching Diploma.

Rea Balmford: see week 3

Gail McCulloch (Mrs Johns): ETTA Vice-President 2000 and awarded the Ivor Montagu Award in 1994. Gail was ETTA Vice-Chairman Coaching, Teaching & Training. A Non Playing Captain, Individual Championships Organiser and Executive Member of the English Schools Table Tennis Association. A Tournament Organiser, Level 3 and ETTA Level 4 Coach. AS well as writing table tennis coaching books Gail has run Coach Education courses for the ITTF.

Photo 3



No information forthcoming.

All help is much appreciated. Please contact me on DianeK1414@hotmail.co.uk

Details of additional identifications on last week's images are below. On a couple occasions alternative first names and surnames have been given. Any clarification would be welcome.

Additional Information from Photos for 9th January

Photo 5

BFL Grove 1.



Players: Second left: Geriant Williams (Wrexham), Adam Robertson (centre). Also in the team but not the photo was Howard Quartey. Photo taken April 1995.

Coach: Barry Robertson.

Many thanks to Barry Robertson for providing this additional information.

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Diane Webb 22nd January 2015

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