

We're under orders for #TableTennisDay!

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Our sport will be centre stage in communities across England tomorrow as the second annual #TableTennisDay kicks into spectacular life.

Thousands of players are set to be involved in hundreds of events, from Cornwall to Teesside and Kent to Cumbria.

They include record attempts, competitions, taster sessions, tournaments and open days, with clubs, bars, schools, businesses and other organisations pitching in to promote the sport.

More than 200 organisations downloaded our online toolkit to help them plan the day, and among the eye-catching events is a competition at the Centrale Shopping Centre in Croydon, where there will be a chance to meet or even play against Commonwealth Games gold medallist and England No 1 Paul Drinkhall.

At Woolton Hill TTC's open day, renowned defensive player Dave Barr, ranked No 50 in England's senior men's list, will be taking on all-comers – armed with nothing more than a frying pan.

The club, who play in the Newbury League, will be asking 'Can you beat the Man with the Pan?' from 5-8pm.

The event at Dorset Table Tennis Centre also promises to be huge, with a target of 1,000 people to play during the day. Adding to the attractions are an exhibition match at 8pm between England top-10 aces Matt Ware and David McBeath. There will also be a world record attempt – to be revealed on the day – at 9pm. They are one of several clubs to plan a world record attempt.

At the Walkabout Bar in Newquay players will be aiming to play the longest rally with a flip-flop.

Scores of clubs are holding open days or events in their local communities. They include Whitehaven Harbour Youth project, who will be challenging shoppers in the town's Market Place to give it a go.

Among the businesses taking part, Sheffield-based Jaywing are recent converts to table tennis, having bought a table under our [Loop at Work](#) scheme. They will be holding an office tournament – who will be their first champion?

Big names from football are also getting involved, with Arsenal, Derby County and Everton among those hosting table tennis events through the Premier League 4 Sport initiative.

Our friends at fellow National Governing Body England Hockey will be celebrating their finals day after an eight-week long office tournament.

A number of schools have organised 'pupils v staff' tournaments, while at Eggbuckland Community College in Plymouth the college's 30 tables will be humming with activity throughout as every class will be allowed time to come out of lessons and play, with the aim of having 1,000 people take part during the day.

It will be a busy day for England's record Commonwealth Games medal-winner Andrew Baggaley, who will be undertaking a 'mini tour' of #TableTennisDay events in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

Don't forget to enter one of our fantastic competitions on the day, with some great prizes up for grabs. Here are the details:



As well as the fun and games, there are events with a charity element, none more so than in Burntwood, where Brian and Barbara Watkins will be holding a ping pong coffee morning and garden party in memory of the inspirational Stephen Sutton, the teenager who raised millions for the Teenage Cancer Trust before his death

last year aged 19.

The Burntwood club set up a fund 'Let Stephen Inspire You' to continue his legacy and the event will help to raise money.

For those with an Amazon Kindle, Anne Borrowdale will be making her book 'Doubles' [available as a free download](#) for the day.

Ping! cities also have scheduled a series of events:



Whatever you are doing, good luck and don't forget to spread word about the day on Twitter, using the #TableTennisDay hashtag.

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