

## Mark is our direct debit winner

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Mark Balant is the lucky winner of a signed England shirt in our membership direct debit competition.

He was chosen at random from all those who signed up to renew their membership for the 2016/17 season by direct debit during July.

The four athletes in the Team GB squad in Rio – Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall, Sam Walker and reserve Tom Jarvis – have signed the shirt.

Mark is from Lichfield and plays in the Tamworth League for Lichfield TTC and in the Walsall League for Burntwood Recreation Centre.

He has been a member of Table Tennis England for about five years, having returned to the sport in his mid-40s after giving it up on leaving school. He said he signed up for direct debit for the ease and convenience of renewing his membership.

He said: "I do try to keep up with how the England players get on and I watch table tennis on TV or the ITTF website when I can. It's really nice to win the shirt – I might have to wear it in one of my league matches!"

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