

## **WILTSHIRE 2018**

- Number of Registered Venues 47
- Number of British Tennis Members (BTM) in Wiltshire 8592
- Number of LTA accredited coaches in the County: 53
- Comprehensive Coach Education programme was delivered across the South West with Level 1 and Level 2 courses in Wiltshire as well as First Aid courses and Safeguarding courses
- 85 Tennis For Kids Courses took place in Wiltshire with 579 bookings
- 21 venues formed links with local schools to deliver a school to club link programme
- 25 Great British Tennis Weekends were held by 16 venues in Wiltshire during the summer. People took part
  in a range of activities that included cardio, mini and junior tennis coaching as well as family and free play
  tennis sessions.
- Ramsbury's Lewis Fletcher helped Great Britain win the silver medal in the Dresse Cup, the men's competition at the World Deaf Tennis Team Championships. Esah Hayat (East Finchley, London) and Lewis narrowly lost out to second seeds Germany 2-1 in the final in Antalya, Turkey.
- Louise Hunt from Wanborough has had another great year in Wheelchair Tennis and has won 5 doubles titles during the year.
   Louise is ranked number 14 in the World's Doubles Rankings and 21 in the singles rankings.



- Wiltshire and Swindon Disability Tennis Network action plan developed. Weekly Disability Tennis sessions take place at Delta TC, Riverside TC and Royal Wootton Bassett TC. Monthly camps and a week long Development camp was held at Tedworth House for the Help for Heroes.
- A She Rallies and Female Coach Network workshop was held at Delta TC in September. The workshop is part of the scheme championed by Judy Murray, in a bid to Get More Girls Playing, and More Women Coaching Tennis.
- Amelia Bissett (Team Bath) has had a fantastic year. Millie played for GB in the U16
  Winter & Summer Cups this year only 3 girls were selected for this event and also
  played for GB U16 in the European Championships where only 2 girls were
  selected. Amelia also played at Junior Wimbledon in the Doubles, won first round,
  and played at Junior Wimbledon in the qualifying singles.
- There are 4 Wiltshire boys and 3 Wiltshire girls who have gone to American Universities on scholarships: Will Bissett, Ross Gilbert, Joseph Blakeley, Giles Hussey, Ema Lazic, Sophie Clark and Francesca Beg.
- The following players were selected for Regional training camps: William Burridge (Delta), Lewis Chattey (Delta), Amelia Pirt (Delta), Rebecca Heaps (Delta), Georgia Ifil (Delta), Woody Walker (Bath), Jessica Longjohn (Delta) and Anthony Longjohn (Delta).
- The following players have been selected for Inter-regional matches: Olivia Adkins
  (Delta), Jaydan Mitchell (Delta), Rebecca Heaps (Delta), Jessica Longjohn (Delta), Anthony Longjohn (Delta)
  and Flossie Watts (Devizes).
- The Delta 12U Girls team won the South West Regional Team Tennis league and then came 2<sup>nd</sup> at the National Finals at Roehampton.
- Salisbury's Mens 1st team won the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Div 1 title for the first time ever. Salisbury joined the league in 1968 and West Hants and Winchester have since dominated the league through this period. Congratulations to the Salisbury team.





# **COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2018**

## **TEAM TENNIS WILTSHIRE WINNERS 2018**

Team Tennis is a singles based team competition open for all LTA Registered Venues. It aims to provide players of all ages (8&U – Open) with regular league matches, against similar standard players in a competitive team environment. Roger Witt is the Wiltshire Team Tennis Organiser and can be contacted on email notoverthenet@gmail.com

Age Group	Division	Winner
8U Mixed	Division 1 North B	Biddestone
9U Mixed	Division 1 North	Delta
10U Mixed	Division 1 North	Delta
16U Boys	Division 2 A	Delta
16U Girls	Division 2	Delta
18U Boys	Division 2	Delta
12U Boys	Division 1	Devizes
16U Boys	Division 2 B	Highworth
12U Boys	Division 2	Marshfield
14U Boys	Division 2 A	Marshfield
10U Mixed	Division 1 South	Ramsbury
14U Boys	Division 2 B	Ramsbury
Open Men	Division 1	Riverside
8U Mixed	Division 1 North A	Royal Wootton Bassett
14U Girls	Division 2	Royal Wootton Bassett
8U Mixed	Division 1 South	Salisbury
9U Mixed	Division 1 South	Salisbury
14U Boys	Division 1	Salisbury
Open Women	Division 1	Salisbury

## **TEAM TENNIS SCHOOLS YEAR 8 & 10 WILTSHIRE WINNERS 2018**

**42 teams competed in the 2018 competition.** Roger Witt is the Wiltshire Team Tennis Schools Organiser in 2019 and can be contacted on email <a href="mailto:notoverthenet@gmail.com">notoverthenet@gmail.com</a>

Division	Winner	Division	Winner
Girls 7&8 Div 1	Dauntsey's A	Boys 7&8 Div 1	Bishop Wordsworth's
Girls 7&8 Div 2	Dauntseys B/South Wilts	Boys 7&8 Div 2	Dauntseys B
Girls 9&10 Div 1	Marlborough College	Boys 9&10 Div 1	Bishops Wordsworth's
Girls 9&10 Div 2	Dauntsey's B	Boys 9&10 Div 2	Dauntseys B

# **WILTSHIRE WINTER JUNIOR LEAGUE 2017/2018**

In the 2017/2018 Wiltshire Winter Junior League, there was over 67 matches scheduled. Winners of the divisions below:

Division	Winner	Division	Winner
8U	Delta	9U	Delta
10U	Highworth	12U Boys	Marshfield
14U Boys	Malmesbury	14U Girls	Highworth
16U Boys	Royal Wootton Bassett	18U Boys	Pewsey



# **COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2018**

## THE WILTSHIRE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

A big thank you to Royal Wootton Bassett TC for hosting the 10U green and yellow ball events during the week and to Delta TC for hosting the red 8U and orange 9U events indoors due to the torrential rain. 111 players competed.

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18U Mixed Doubles	1	Alex Heaps & Jessica Doerr	Delta TC
	2	David Morris & Thashania Nulliah	Royal Wootton Bassett TC
18U Boys Doubles	1	Alex Heaps & Edred Opie	Delta TC
	2	Oliver Martin & Rio Moss	Riverside TC
18U Girls Singles B Draw	1	Olivia Mackellar	Royal Wootton Bassett TC
	2	Caroline Peters	Devizes TC
18U Girls Singles	1	Jessica Doerr	Delta TC
	2	Rebecca Heaps	Delta TC
18U Boys Singles	1	Alex Heaps	Delta TC
	2	Edred Opie	Delta TC
16U Girls Singles	1	Jessica Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	Rebecca Heaps	Delta TC
16U Boys Singles	1	Jack Goodwin	Delta TC
	2	George Wardley	Ramsbury TC
14U Mixed Doubles	1	Jack Goodwin & Jessica Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	William Burridge & Georgia Ifil	Delta TC
14U Girls Doubles	1	Rebecca Heaps & Jessica Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	Louisa Fuller & Georgia Ifil	Salisbury TC/ Delta TC
14U Boys Doubles	1	William Burridge & Jack Goodwin	Delta TC
	2	Stanley Brown & Lewis Chattey	Oxstalls / Delta
14U Girls Singles	1	Jessica Longjohn Delta TC	
	2	Georgia Ifil Delta TC	
14U Boys Singles	1	Stanley Brown	Oxstalls
-	2	Sahan Weerasekara	Delta TC
12U Girls Singles	1	Georgia Ifil	Delta TC
-	2	Sarah Farmer	Delta TC
12U Boys Singles	1	Anthony Longjohn	Delta TC
-	2	Leonti James	Delta TC
10U Boys Doubles	1	Samuel Clague & Michael Mitchell	Ramsbury TC/ Delta TC
	2	Oliver Flynn & Jaydan Mitchell	Delta TC/ Delta TC
10U Girls Singles	1	Flossie Watts	Devizes TC
	2	Olivia Adkins	Delta TC
10U Boys Singles	1	Anthony Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	Michael Mitchell	Delta TC
9U Girls Singles	1	Ella Bennett	Delta TC
	2	Sophie Napp	Team Bath
9U Boys Singles	1	Hayden Mundy Salisbury TC	
, ,	2	Harry Mitchell	Delta TC
8U Girls Singles	1	Libby Hemming	Salisbury TC
<b>5</b>	2	Madi Ambrose	Delta TC
8U Boys Singles	1	Joel Brewer	Trowbridge Westbourne
	2	Harvey Anchors	Team Bath
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## **COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2018**

# THE WILTSHIRE ADULT & SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

A big thank you to Salisbury TC for hosting these events.

The adult County Championships took place at Salisbury LTC with a snow flurry on the Saturday and then snowed off on Sunday. The Club kindly allowed use of the floodlit courts during the following week which saw 2 great semi-finals between Jamie Barry (Riverside) and Francis Smith (Salisbury) with Francis winning 6-4, 7-6 (6). His brother Rory then beat George Nixon 4-6, 6-2, 10-6 (both Salisbury). The final saw Rory retain the title winning 6-4, 6-4. In the doubles George with his brother Archie beat Rory and Francis 6-3, 6-4.

In the Seniors 45 mens - Jeremy Du Toit beat Richard Farr 4-1, 4-1 both from Chippenham TC.





#### **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT 2018**

Many thanks to Devizes Tennis Club for hosting the tournament. The Mens event had the Champions from Devizes, Downton, Salisbury and Royal Wootton Bassett whilst the Ladies were from Chippenham, Devizes and Riverside. Simeon Holmes and Ian Dunston (Devizes) won the mens event and Carolyn Barry and Eila Barron (Riverside) won the ladies.





## **MINI TENNIS RED FUN TEAM FESTIVAL 2018**

The County Mini Tennis Red Festival was held at Delta TC Swindon and was a great success with 20 teams from across the County entering the event. 80 children enjoyed fun activities and matches.

The winners were the 'Royal Wootton Bassett 'Wootton Winners', 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the 'Trowbridge Trojans' and 3rd went to the 'Salisbury Smashing Sensations'.







## **ROAD TO WIMBLEDON 14U COMPETITION 2018**

6 Clubs and 1 School from Wiltshire ran events at Club/School level. The winners were then invited to a County Final.

Alexander Sedcole (Marshfield TC) beat Guy Mitchell (Bishop Wordsworth's School) in the boys final and Holly Bryan (Marshfield TC) won the girls competition making it a Marshfield double. Many thanks to Neil Allen for refereeing and Swindon Community Tennis who hosted the County final.



## **DISTRICT LEAGUES 2018**

#### CHIPPENHAM & DISTRICT LEAGUE www.chdtl.co.uk/

	Summer League – 2018 Mens, Ladies & Mixed Doubles	Winter League 2018/19 Mixed Doubles
Teams Entered	25 clubs:	8 clubs:
	42 Mens Teams	12 Mixed Teams
	32 Ladies Teams	
	33 Mixed Teams	
Divisions	7 Divisions	2 Mixed Divisions
Matches Scheduled	252 Mens Matches	60 Mixed Matches
	174 Ladies Matches	scheduled
	186 Mixed Matches	

## SWINDON & DISTRICT LEAGUE www.swindontennisleague.org.uk

	Summer League – 2018 Mens, Ladies & Mixed Doubles	Winter League Mixed Doubles
Participating Clubs	24	21
Teams Entered	56 Mens Teams 35 Ladies Teams 40 Mixed Teams	42 Mixed Teams
Divisions	8 Mens Divisions 5 Ladies Divisions 5 Mixed Divisions	6 Mixed Divisions
Matches scheduled	336 Mens Matches 280 Ladies Matches 210 Mixed Matches	252 Matches

# SARUM LEAGUE MATCH SECRETARY REPORT www.thesarumleague.com

#### The 33rd Summer season saw 17 teams in 3 divisions.

Andover won Div 1. Wellow "A" were runners-up, Salisbury "B won Div 2 with Winchester runners-up. Victoria Park "B" won Div 3, Goodworth were runners-up.

211 players.

## The 22nd Winter season (2017/18) had 22 teams in 4 Divisions.

Riverside "A" won Div 1 for the 7th time, Winchester "A" runners-up, Div 2 Andover with Victoria Park "A" runners-up. Division 3 Winchester "B" with Salisbury "B" 2<sup>nd</sup>. Division 4 Victoria Park "B" were champions with Pythouse runners-up.

252 players.

The Mixed Knockout Cup had 10 teams entering this year with Riverside beating Salisbury "A" in the final.

#### **Sarum League Mixed Tournament**

The "A" event had 7 pairs with Wellow's Stuart and Jeanette Martin beating last years winners Ben Wallis and Cathy Tarvin on a tie-break to win the event for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.



The "B" event had 9 pairs with Wellow's Andy Hart and Elaine Pickering winning the event for the 1<sup>st</sup> time beating Salisbury's Geoff Naish and Judith Cutler.

#### Sarum League Mens and Ladies Tournament

The Mens Doubles will take place 30<sup>th</sup> December. The Ladies event saw Salisbury's Judith Burns and Sue Burt win both their matches with Judith Cutler and Roz Gray 2nd

# **ADULT COUNTY CUPS 2018**

Thank you to the Men's and Ladies Team Captains Neil Watts & Becky Prince for all their efforts & support.

SUMMER COUNTY CUP (23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018)			
LADIES		MEN	
CAPTAIN: BECKY PRINCE		CAPTAIN: NEIL WATTS	
GROUP 5: WORTHING		<b>GROUP 6: NORTH OXFOR</b>	D
RESULT: 4 <sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP		RESULT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP - P	ROMOTED TO GROUP 5
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Becky Prince	Wanborough	William Bissett	Team Bath
Niamh Townsend	Delta	Ben Rogers	Salisbury
Katy Hancock	Wootton Bassett	Giles Hussey	Millfield/Delta
Lauren Prince	Delta	Rory Smith	Salisbury
Rachana Patel	Swindon	George Nixon	Salisbury
Rebecca Poole	Swindon	Ross Gilbert	Team Bath
Jessica Doerr	Delta	Ben Langley	David Lloyd
Sophie Clark	Delta	Francis Smith	Salisbury
Ema Lazic	Delta		

# WINTER COUNTY CUP (23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018)

The Wiltshire Ladies competed at Taunton in Group 4B and the Men's team played at Redbridge in Group 6A. The Men's team lost the deciding match on the last day and finished runner-up in the group. The Ladies very nearly won promotion with a young team which was a great effort. The ladies finished runner-up in the group.

## **JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS 2018**

A big thank you to our Junior County Squad Captains – Neil Watts, Steve Yeardley, Becky Prince, Lee Mahony, Will Baillie, Lewis & Catherine Fletcher, Lauren Prince and Joe Revelle - who coached and supported our County Junior Teams. Over 60 players were chosen for County squads 2017-2018.

18U COUNTY CUP (23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February)			
GIRLS		BOYS	
CAPTAINS: BECKY PRINCE & WILL BAILLIE		<b>CAPTAINS: NEIL WATTS &amp;</b>	LEWIS FLETCHER
<b>GROUP 4A: NEWPORT</b>	GROUP 4A: NEWPORT		
RESULT: 1 <sup>ST</sup> IN GROUP – P	ROMOTED TO GROUP 3	RESULT: RELEGATED TO G	ROUP 5
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Sophie Clark	Delta	Yusuke Tamaki	Team Bath
Niamh Townsend	Delta	Matthew Daniels	Delta
Amelia Bissett	Team Bath	Thomas Dearsley	Delta
Jessica Doerr	Delta	Alex Heaps	Delta
Ai Tamaki	Team Bath	Edred Opie	Chippenham/Delta
Jessica Longjohn	Delta	Stanley Brown	Oxstalls
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	William Burridge	Delta
		Jack Goodwin	Delta



# **JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS 2018**

14U COUNTY CUP QUALIFYING (5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> May)			
GIRLS		BOYS	
CAPTAIN: BECKY PRINC	E & LAUREN PRINCE	CAPTAIN: STEVE YEAR	DLEY & NEIL WATTS
GROUP F – BURNHAM-	ON-SEA	GROUP C – TAUNTON	
RESULT: 3 <sup>RD</sup> IN GROUP		RESULT: 3 <sup>RD</sup> IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER CLUB	
Ai Tamaki	Team Bath	Stanley Brown	Oxstalls
Bea Watts	Devizes	Jack Goodwin	Delta
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	Lewis Chattey	Delta
Jessica Longjohn	Delta	Sahan Weerasekara	Delta
Amelia Pirt	West Hants	Sebastian Pasmore	Team Bath

12U COUNTY CUP QUALIFYING (30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July)				
GIRLS		BOYS		
CAPTAIN: BECKY PRINCE		<b>CAPTAIN: LEE MAHONY 8</b>	CAPTAIN: LEE MAHONY & JOE REVELLE	
GROUP F - CHISWICK		GROUP F: BROMLEY		
RESULT: 1ST IN GROUP & QUALIFIED FOR NAT		RESULT: 5 <sup>™</sup> IN GROUP		
FINALS WHERE THE TEAM	FINISHED 3RD			
Player	Club	Player	Club	
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	Charlie Dore	Delta	
Jessica Longjohn Delta		Leonti James	Delta	
Amelia Pirt	West Hants	Edward Oatley	Devizes	
Erin Neesham	Team Bath	Anthony Longjohn	Delta	

The Girls team qualified for the National Finals at Bolton on  $13^{th}-15^{th}$  July having won their qualifying event. The Girls produced a fantastic performance at the Finals and finished  $3^{rd}$  in the Country.

10U COUNTY CUP QUALIFYING (27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> May)				
GIRLS		BOYS		
CAPTAIN: STEVE YEARDLEY		CAPTAIN: NEIL WATTS		
GROUP F: HOVE		<b>GROUP F: CHICHESTER</b>	GROUP F: CHICHESTER	
RESULT: 4 <sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP		RESULT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP		
Player	Club Player		Club	
Flossie Watts	Devizes	Anthony Longjohn	Delta	
Olivia Adkins Delta		Sam Clague	Ramsbury/Delta	
Amber Seabrook	Riverside	Michael Mitchell	Delta	
Sienna Minton	Delta	Joshua Knight	Team Bath	

9U COUNTY CUP (18 <sup>th</sup> August)				
CAPTAIN: STEVE YEARDLEY VENUE: PORTSMOUTH				
RESULT: 7 <sup>™</sup>	RESULT: 7 <sup>TH</sup>			
Player	Player Club Player Club			
Emily Kirwan	Delta	Hayden Mundy	Salisbury	
Ella Bennett	Delta	Harry Mitchell	Delta	
Sienna Minton	Delta	Alex Greenouff	Delta	



## **SENIORS REPORTS 2018**

#### WILTSHIRE SENIORS LADIES TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT - KATH MORE email: kbrockmanmore@aol.com

Wiltshire Ladies have had teams competing across the country representing their various age groups. From Cornwall to N Wales the Ladies have hit the road and been proud to play their part in putting Wiltshire on the tennis map.

The <u>Over 35's</u> captained by Karina Weedon enjoyed their weekend by the sea in Eastbourne. Playing in a changed format due to grass court maintenance, the team of Karina Weedon, Ginny Dalrymple, Sarah Hosking and Fiona O'Sullivan overcame Northumberland 3-0, South of Scotland 2-1 and Staffs 2-1 to secure promotion.



The Over 40's were pleased with their efforts despite not winning promotion. 5-0 wins over both Norfolk and Essex and close 3-2 losses to Shropshire and Cornwall meant they headed to Dorset looking for a result. Unfortunately they came off second best at the end of a 4-1 defeat. There were lots of positives from the season and the introduction of some new players will give hope for next year. They also managed a trip to the longest pier in the world (Southbourne) whilst in Essex!

For the <u>Over 50's</u> match tie breaks were the deciding factors in all matches. The team was far more competitive than their previous venture into Div 2 but with a win/ loss ratio of 3/7 in MTB room for improvement girls!!

V Staffs 1-4. ( 1 MTB. 1L) V Bucks 2-3. (3MTB. W2 L1) V Devon 2-3 (1MTB. W1) V Surrey 0-5 (2 MTB L2) V Hants. 2-3 (3MTB. L3)

Squad: Kath More (C), Jo Adams, Angie Baldock, Eila Barron, Helen Brind, Hillary Coates, Mary Elliott and Alison Shepherd.

Over 60's were delighted to finish 3rd in Div 3 and enjoyed a lovely day out at Queens.

The team of Suzanne Bullimore/ Denise Coxhead (Capts.) we're supported by Anne Carroll, Becky Elliman, Mary Elliott, Clare Morgan and Helen Russi.

- v. Shropshire 2-6
- v. Middlesex. 0-8
- v. N Wales. 6-2
- v. Avon 4-4
- v Warwickshire 4-4

The <u>Over 65's</u> travelled to Shropshire 0-8 and Herts 4-4 and entertained Cheshire 2-6 and Somerset 6-2. Captained by Tessa McWhirter other team members included Caroline Altridge, Sally Bassinden, Anne Fisher, Pauline Medhurst and Rachel Wheatley.

For the 2019 season we will also be entering an <u>Over 55</u> team and would welcome enquiries from any players interested in participating in any of the age groups. Please email <u>Kbrockmanmore@aol.com</u> or contact the County Office. Dates for indoor County practice sessions are being finalised and will be circulated to clubs shortly.

Kath More - Wiltshire Seniors Ladies Organiser



#### **SENIORS REPORTS 2018**

#### WILTSHIRE SENIORS MENS TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT - MIKE POWELL E: angelaandmikepowell@talktalk.net

The good news is that none of our six Mens Seniors/Veterans teams (M35/55/60/65/70/75) were relegated. Three teams came close to achieving promotion (M35/60/65), M60 being a newly-formed team, whilst the other three struggled to complete their fixtures and in the end four long-distance matches were conceded for various reasons. Andy Dickinson (Minety) took on the M55 captain's role, as Andy Smith (Chippenham) moved up to captain the new M60 team. James Sinclair (Salisbury) and I managed the three older teams between us, while John O'Meara (Chippenham) led the M35s.

The M35 Team played at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne the weekend 24-26<sup>th</sup> August with 44 counties in 11 groups of 4, Wilts being in Division 6B. 5 players were used with M60 player Julian Mitchell only available on the first day. Captain John O'Meara won his three singles and Rogerio Machido his two, but all three doubles were lost. The other two players were Martin Ledbury & Simon Perry. Wilts beat IOMan 2-1 on the Friday, Norfolk 2-1 on the Saturday but narrowly lost to Northumberland 1-2, so ended up a close second to them and missed promotion.

**All other Age Group teams** played in round robin leagues from May to September, M70 & 75 playing 2 pairs of doubles rubbers only, whilst M55/60/65 played two singles & three doubles rubbers per match.

The M55 Team looked promising with a wide selection of players initially available and fielded ten different players in the three matches played. Singles players were difficult to find, in particular for the away Sussex match, which was conceded. Wilts lost 4-6 to Avon & 2-8 v Glos but beat South Wales 6-4. Instead of finishing third to Avon & Glos, we ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> position below SWales & Sussex. 6 rubbers went to the CTB (final set Championship Tie Break),4 of which we won, and 5 of which were against Avon & Glos, the stronger teams. The potential is there for this team to achieve much better results, especially if it uses M60 singles players, playing down. The ten team members were Andy Dickinson, Charles Faye, Nick Hewens, Alan Hunt, Carl Orlans, John Page, Livio Pavone, Alex Vandeleur, Craig Wensley & Paul Williams.

The new M60 Team fielded seven different players in four matches, with Paul Denyer (M65) playing down once and winning both his singles and doubles. Captain Andy Smith won one of his two singles and all four doubles. Julian Mitchell won two of his three singles and all three doubles. Kim Stuckey notched up two doubles wins with Nick Humpston. John Page & Colin Thomas the other players. Wilts lost winnable matches 4-6 to Avon and 2-8 to Devon, but defeated Somerset 6-4 and North Wales 10-0 and ended up third to Devon & Avon, missing out on promotion.

**The M65 Team** managed to play its four matches with only five players. Having narrowly lost its first match to Avon 4-6, Wilts were always chasing Avon for 2<sup>nd</sup> place promotion. In spite of defeating Northants 6-4 and Northumberland 10-0, Wilts travelled to Grimsby needing to improve on Avon's 2-8 loss to Lincs, but Lincs enlisted the services of a US-based player returning from America and were too strong for our lads, winning 10-0. Paul Denyer won 3 singles and 2 doubles, whilst captain James Sinclair won 2 singles and 2 doubles. Glynn Stevens won 3 out of 4 doubles with Glen d'Mello and Ian Wallace also played.

The M70 Team had six matches to play but conceded the last match to Cumbria, who won the group convincingly. An early win over Glos 6-2 raised our hopes but losses to Lincs 0-8, Oxon 2-6 & Devon 2-6 dashed them and the other match v Somerset 4-4 was lost by one set. With Mike Gourlay out injured and both James Sinclair and Ian Wallace playing for the M65s, only 7 players were available. Colin Gratton won 5 out of 8 rubbers, Peter Cooper 5 out of 10. John Saunsbury won 2 rubbers, with Edward Lea & John Willcock. Matt Holland and myself completed the team. 7 out of 20 rubbers went to the CTB, 4 of which we won.

The M75 Team entered with 9 players in the squad but this was soon reduced to only three, so having arranged the six matches, I obtained the agreement of the Referee & opposing Counties to us fielding M70 player John Willcock as our  $4^{th}$  member to fulfill our fixtures. Being "under age", John's results couldn't count and the Rules prevented us from being able to record a win but we took part with Andy Horey, Roger Hurley and myself as legitimate players. I partnered John in the first three matches – 2-6 v Beds, 0-8 v Warwicks, 0-8 v Sussex but not the  $4^{th}$ , officially 2-6 v Somerset (but unofficially we won 6-2!!). We had to concede to Suffolk as John was required by M70s and then conceded to Devon, also with an incomplete team.



# **WILTSHIRE JUNIOR PHOTOS 2018**



Junior County Championships



18U Girls County Cup Team



12U Girls County Cup Team at Bolton



12U Boys County Cup Team



County Mini Tennis Red Fun Festival



Junior County Championships

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