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ANNUAL REPORT: 2021-22

Colebridge has seen the welcome return of pretty much normal table tennis this year. Local league matches have returned, along with County and National events across the country in all age groups.

Colebridge have seen for the first time, four representatives in England Schools Teams. Rex Ho, Aarif Li and Charlotte LokChing Wong were selected to play in the Under 11 British Primary Schools Championships in Guernsey; whilst Nathaniel Saunders (a member of the England Aspire Squad) was selected for the Under 16 Boys England team for the Senior Schools International Championships in Largs, Scotland. All four players successfully brought home medals.

The junior membership has increased significantly at the club, with more junior coaching sessions taking place on a weekly basis to cope with the demand from new members. The standard of performances at junior level has also increased, with more players once again representing Warwickshire at County level. Both the Warwickshire Cadet and Junior County teams have gained promotion to the Premier Division for next season, which will be an exciting and challenging opportunity for any Colebridge player selected.

The hard work and commitment of **Ian Scott** and the **coaching team** have helped provide many opportunities for all the cadet and junior players; as well as the introduction of more adult coaching into the club programme. A special thank you to **Alex Setchell** and **Sophie Rinnhofer** for their support in assisting at junior coaching sessions on a regular basis throughout the year.

More success took place in the **Birmingham & Solihull League**, with Colebridge C winning Division 1 and **Mark Georgevic** winning the individual averages, whilst Colebridge F won Division 2 with **Dean Hicks** topping the averages.

This season has seen more senior and veteran members represent both Warwickshire and Worcestershire in the County Championships.

The season finished with Birmingham hosting the **Commonwealth Games** this summer, with the Table Tennis taking place at the NEC. The following Colebridge members volunteered and helped with the event: **Inky Moss, Alan Hall, Nicola Rinnhofer and Kate Hughes**.

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CLUB TEAMS AND RESULTS

Women's British League

Colebridge had two teams in the Women's British League event this season.

<u>Colebridge A</u> (Premier Division) P10 W6 D1 L3 Pts 13 **Position 3**rd Individual results: Lara Whitton 10/18; Sara Williams 10/18; Amy Marriott 8/14; Kate Hughes 0/4.

<u>Colebridge B</u> (Division 2) P10 W3 D0 L7 Pts 6 **Position 5th** Individual results: Lisa Rinnhofer 6/14; Sophie Rinnhofer 4/14; Olivia Fletcher 7/14; Georgia Harris 0/12.



Colebridge B were awarded 'Team of the Weekend' on the second WBL weekend in January.

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National Cadet League: Midlands

<u>Colebridge A</u> (Division 1) Position 2nd

Team members: Rex Ho, Aarif Li, Angus Li and Hong Kit Harold Ng.



Colebridge A in NCL (Rex Ho missing from photo).

<u>Colebridge B</u> (Division 1) Position 6th

Team members: Hong Kit Harold Ng, Hong Wing Bertie Ng, Yahya Nawis, Ben Lee, Ashlee Badger and Charlotte LokChing Wong.



Colebridge B in NCL (Hong Kit Harold Ng, Yahya Nawis and Ashlee Badger missing from the photo).

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Position 1st **Colebridge C** (Division 2)

Team members: Musa Hassanjee, Mohammed Shahid Salam, Sam Lee and Luke

Curd.



Colebridge C in NCL.

National Junior League: Midlands

Colebridge A (Division 1) Position 3rd Team members: Rex Ho, Aarif Li, Sheung Yin Sean Lee and Tom Hoskins.



Colebridge A in NJL (Rex Ho and Sheung Yin Sean Lee missing from photo).

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<u>Colebridge B</u> (Division 2) Position 1st

Team members: Angus Li, Thom Bryant, Abdur Rahman Surty, and Yin Ching Ng (Jaymas).



Colebridge B in NJL (Thom Bryant missing from photo).

<u>Colebridge C</u> (Division 3) Position 4th

Team members: Salmane Nasri, Jack Mobberley, Hong Wing Bertie Ng, Hong Kit Harold Ng, Flyn Williamson and Radu Hudita.



Colebridge C in NJL.

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LOCAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Birmingham, Solihull, and District League:

Winter 2021-22 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES
Premier	Colebridge A Colebridge B	2 nd 7 th	Ben Willson 4 th (39/51) Hawley Ellicott 8 th (35/42) Tony West 10 th (35/51)
Division 1	Colebridge C Colebridge E	1 st 8 th	Mark Georgevic 1st (34/36) Vikas Bakhshi 2 nd (34/42) Rizwan Akbar 10 th (22/36)
Division 2	Colebridge F Colebridge G	1 st 7 th	Dean Hicks 1st (39/45) Darius Mrowinski 7th (24/30) Frank Cotter 9th (21/39)
Division 3	Colebridge H	3 rd	David Flynn 2 nd (27/36) Christian Welsh 4 th (24/36)
Division 4	Colebridge I	3 rd	Stephen Davies 9 th (15/24)

Summer 2022 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES
Division 1	Colebridge A	5 th	Dean Hicks (18/30)
Division 2	Colebridge B	6 th	Yashwanth Channegowda (6/6) Thomas Park (5/9)
Division 3	Colebridge C	5 th	Kenny Wah Chung Kee (20/27)

Leamington and District League:

Winter 2021-22 Divisions	TEAM	PLACE	INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES
Division 1	Colebridge Aces	4 th	Ben Willson (47/60)
Division 2	Colebridge Braves	7 th	Jason Rainey (13/21) Dean Hicks (20/36)

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JUNIOR PERFORMANCES

We are privileged to have so many young people representing our Club, both locally and nationally, however, lan has picked those who he feels deserves a special mention across all levels of experience.

Nathaniel Saunders; current England Junior ranked no. 40, continues to improve. Nathaniel represented England Schools in the Senior Schools Internationals in Scotland this year. Playing for England B against the Home Nations he and his partner won a gold medal beating England A in the final. He also played for Warwickshire County Juniors winning 11 of 12 matches and beating three higher ranked opponents as the team finished second. As Birmingham U16 Schools champion Nathaniel played in the National Schools Finals and reached the quarter final stages in the U16 competition only losing to the eventual winner. Finally, Nathaniel had a good year at the Birmingham Closed where he won the Junior competition and also came second in the Men's Singles.

Sophie Rinnhofer; current England Junior ranking no. 37, represented Warwickshire in the Junior County team winning 75% of her matches and helping the team finish second in the division. The team has subsequently been promoted to the Premier division for next year. Sophie also played Junior British League for Wensum and Women's British league for Colebridge. Her JBL team Wensum gained promotion to the Premier division this season. Despite working for her A Levels this year Sophie also still qualified for the Junior National Championships.

Aarif Li; current England ranked no. 1 U11 Boys and no.10 U13 Boys. Aarif has been very busy this year. He was selected to represent England Schools in the British Primary Schools International Championships in Guernsey with Rex where they won a team silver medal and Aarif also won an individual silver medal for England.

"The most memorable tournament is British Schools International Championship in Guernsey. This is my first time to travel overseas alone and represent a team of England. I believe that this is just a beginning of my dream to be a professional table tennis player. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity and I am so proud to be part of Team England."

Aarif qualified for the National Schools Finals U11 Boys after becoming Warwickshire champion where he reached the final and won a silver medal. He also played very well for Warwickshire County Cadets early in the season and helped the team to second place with a 100%-win average in his matches. He won four 2* competitions across U11, U12 and U13 categories with additional runner up places at other events through the year. Finally, he won a silver medal for Colebridge A in National Cadet League Division 1 despite the team being hit with several absences due to covid over the season.

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Rex Ho; current England ranked no. 8 U12 Boys and no.17 U13 Boys. Rex was selected to represent England Schools in the British Primary Schools International Championships in Guernsey with Aarif. They had some great matches and finally finished with a silver medal after narrowly losing to Ireland 4-6. He also played very well for Warwickshire County Cadets early in the season and helped the team to second place with 100%-win average in his matches. Another silver medal for Colebridge A in National Cadet League Division 1 and improving results in the Nottingham 2* competitions, means Rex has had a very good first season in England.

Charlotte LokChing Wong; current England ranked no. 10 in U11 Girls and no. 28 in U13 Girls. Charlotte was selected to represent England Schools in the British Primary Schools International Championships in Guernsey and with her team mates she won gold for England! Charlotte also qualified for the National Schools U11 Girls Finals as Warwickshire champion where she reached the quarter-finals and only lost to the two eventual finalists. Charlotte has continued to improve her results in the Cadet tournaments at Nottingham and also represented Colebridge in the National Cadet League earning a place in Division 1 for Colebridge B. She has really improved this year and is training hard. For a 10-year-old she hits a fast ball!

Ashlee Badger; current England ranked no. 40 in U13 Girls. Ashlee was selected to play for Warwickshire County Cadets this season and helped the team to a second-place finish and promotion to the Premier division. She won 50% of her matches in a real step up in level. She also qualified for the National Championships U13 Girls this year and represented Colebridge in the National Cadet League earning a place in Division 1 for Colebridge B.

Sam Lee; current England ranked no. 36 in U11 Boys. Sam qualified for the U11 Boys National Championships for the first time this year after having a great season for Colebridge C in the National Cadet League. He even got to appear on the live stream court at the Nationals and had the chance to face some very highly ranked players. In National Cadet League he won a gold medal with his team in Division 2 despite still being at primary school.

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SENIOR PERFORMANCES

Craig Allen has continued to improve in his return to National and International competitions this season. He is currently ranked number 2 in England, number 3 in GB and 44 in the World within his Para Table Tennis Class 9 category. Nationally he has won a silver medal at the Cippenham Para Grand Prix, and a bronze medal at the Sheffield Para event. Internationally, he won a bronze medal in the team class 9 event at the French Para Open, and two bronze medals at the Mexico Para Open, which are fantastic achievements. At a local level, Craig continues to play in the Bromsgrove and Redditch Division 1 League, where he topped the individual averages winning 94% of his matches.

Ian Ferguson represented West Midlands Police in the Police Sport United Kingdom Championships in May. Ian won the Veteran Singles title for the third consecutive year, the Veteran Doubles, and lost in the semi-finals of the Men's Singles. Ian has now won 19 National Police titles.



Left to right: Kieran Smith (Men's Singles Champion), Sarah Hudson (Women's Singles Champion) and **Ian Ferguson** (Veteran Singles and Doubles Champion).

Mark Georgevic has had a great season in the Birmingham, Solihull and District Leagues – division 1, securing the individual averages, winning 34 out of 36 matches played. **Vikas Bakhshi** also had a great season, winning 34 matches out of 42. The commitment of both Mark and Vikas, along with their team mates helped gain promotion to the Premier Division for next season.

Dean Hicks dominated the averages in Division 2, winning 39 out of 45 matches, securing promotion for Colebridge F to Division 1 for the 2022-23 season. Dean's awkward style created difficulty for many opposing players throughout the year.

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Lisa Rinnhofer has confidently juggled playing table tennis as well as working as a physiotherapist this season. She has represented Colebridge in Women's British League, as well as the Warwickshire Senior County 1st team. Lisa successfully qualified in 4th place for the Senior National Championships, which she then took part in at the end of March at the University of Nottingham.



Lisa Rinnhofer (left) and Bethany Ellis (right) with Table Tennis England Chairperson Sandra Deaton (centre).

LEAGUE AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Warwickshire County representatives (2021-22)

Cadet: Wajid Wafid (4/4) Rex Ho (4/4), Aarif Li (4/4) & Ashlee Badger (2/4).

Junior: Sophie Rinnhofer (9/12), Nathaniel Saunders (11/12) & Waiid Wafid (6/12).

<u>Senior</u>: Kate Hughes (10/12), Lisa Rinnhofer (8/10), Sophie Rinnhofer (3/10), Ben Willson (2/10), Tony West (1/12) & Olivia Fletcher (1/8) & (0/2).

<u>Veteran</u>: Ben Willson (8/14), Tony West (2/4) & (10/12), Michael Browne (3/8), Michael Rinnhofer (7/10), Jody Bevington (8/10) & Anthony Ellis (3/4).

Over 60s: Michael Browne (0/6).

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Warwickshire Senior 1st and 2nd team, along with umpires Inky Moss and Alan Buttle.

Worcestershire County representatives (2021-22)

Cadet: Alex Setchell (9/10).

Senior: Hawley Ellicott (5/8) & Ewelina Sychta (2/4).

Veteran: Kwok Ng (0/4).

Worcestershire Closed Championships (May 2022)

Hawley Ellicott: Under 21 winner; Mixed Doubles winner (with Ewelina Sychta). Ewelina Sychta: Women's Singles winner; Mixed Doubles winner (with Hawley Ellicott).

Birmingham Closed (May 2022)

Nathaniel Saunders: Men's Singles runner up; Junior Boys Singles winner.

Ben Willson: Men's Doubles winner (with Michael Bree); Veteran Doubles runner up

(with Jason Thompson).

Michael Browne: Over 60 Singles winner.

David Flynn: Restricted B Singles runner up.

Wajid Wafia: Junior Boys Singles runner up; Cadet Boys Singles winner; Restricted A

Singles winner.

Alex Setchell: Cadet Boys Singles runner up.

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WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS - February 2022

Under 11 Girls

Winner: Charlotte LokChing Wong

Runner-up: Hazel Lam

Under 11 Boys

Winner: Aarif Li Runner-up: Rex Ho

Under 13 Boys

Runner-up: Hong Wing Bertie Ng

Under 16 Boys

Runner-up: Wajid Wafiq



Charlotte LokChing Wong, Hazel Lam; Aarif Li and Rex Ho (with Kevin Taylor).

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS - February 2022

Under 16 Boys

Winner: Nathaniel Saunders

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NATIONAL SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (April 2022)

Under 11 Boys: Aarif Li – runner up

Under 11 Girls: Charlotte LokChing Wong – quarter-finals

Under 16 Boys: Nathaniel Saunders – quarter finals

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under 13 Girls: Ashlee Badger Under 13 Boys: Samuel Lee

Under 17 Boys: Nathaniel Saunders Under 19 Girls: Sophie Rinnhofer Under 19 Boys: Nathaniel Saunders Senior Women: Lisa Rinnhofer

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Primary Schools – England (April 2022 – Guernsey)</u>

England Girls (Under 11): Charlotte LokChing Wong (Team Gold)
England Boys (Under 11): Aarif Li (Team Silver, Individual Silver) & Rex Ho (Team Silver)



Colebridge players Rex Ho (second left); Aarif Li (centre) and Charlotte LokChing Wong (right).

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<u>Secondary Schools – England (June 2022 – Largs, Scotland)</u>

England Boys (Under 16): Nathaniel Saunders (Team Gold) Kate Hughes – Non-playing captain (Under 16 Girls)



Charles Brown (Tournament Referee); Joseph Dennison & Nathaniel Saunders.

World Schools Gymnasiade (May 2022 - Normandy, France)

Kate – Non-playing captain (England Girls).



Kate Hughes with the England delegation at the World Schools Gymnasiade.

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England Aspire Squad

Nathaniel Saunders

VETTS NATIONALS - May 2022

The following Colebridge members played in the VETTS National Championships at Aldersley Leisure Village:

Michael Browne: Over 60s singles quarter finals.

Michael Rinnhofer: Over 40s singles consolation quarter finals.

Rajinder Singh: Over 50s singles consolation last 16.

Ben Willson: Over 40s group stages.

COLEBRIDGE 2021 AGM AWARDS

Due to the Covid pandemic, there were no awards presented for the 2020-21 season.

MEMBERSHIP

On 30th June 2022, our membership numbers had increased compared to previous years, with a particular increase in the number of junior members. Our youngest member is 6, our oldest member is 91 and the average age of a member is 36.

Our 2021-22 membership was made up of the following members:

Category	MALE	FEMALE	Total
Junior	73	20	93
Young Adult	11	4	15
Senior	92	9	101
	176	33	209

FINANCIAL REPORT

The club's finances remain healthy, however with high costs of electricity for heating there is still a requirement to raise additional funds for the replacement of the roof. The current bank balance is approximately £52,000.

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SITE & DRIVE

The maintenance team continue to try and keep things working and the club looking respectable. Thank you to all the members who gave up their time on the Clean-up Day on Sunday 5th September 2021, in addition to those who did other jobs outside of this day.

Numerous people have helped in various ways over the last 12 months completing different tasks including cutting down the weeds, applying weedkiller, trimming the overgrowth, clearing the guttering and the valley, repairing table tennis tables, replacing wall heaters, painting, repairing concrete around the manhole, and repairing drain covers. Thank you to all those who have given their time to help look after the club.

The committee are continuing to work hard in relation to the ongoing roof issues. As previously mentioned, this is a time consuming and complicated task, but one which the committee believe is slowly moving forwards.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, there were no social events over the last year. It is hoped some of our previous events may be able to return for the forthcoming season.

DEVELOPMENT

Inky Moss and Alan Buttle continue to umpire at many events, at both local and national level across the country, including British League and the County Championships. They give up many hours to support the officiating of many events throughout the season.

Following the return to normality post Covid-19, the Tuesday afternoon 'Golden Oldies' session has continued to thrive and is the most popular session within the club programme. Thank you once again to Frank Wilkins who continues to oversee this session.

The Colebridge coaching team have delivered two TT Kidz Programmes, an initiative to attract 7–11-year-olds into table tennis. The programme has been led predominantly by Kate Hughes, with Ian Scott, Ian Ferguson and TT Kidz Activator Sophie Rinnhofer assisting throughout the season. The delivery of the programme has been followed up by the TT Kidz Awards, which has attracted new junior members to Colebridge. The TT Kidz programme next year will be financially supported with a £1000 grant from Baron Davenport.

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A new girls only coaching session has been introduced into the coaching programme, again attracting additional female juniors to the club, and giving some of the current members an additional coaching session each week on a regular basis. The sessions are being financially supported by a 'Level the Table' grant from Table Tennis England.

For the first time in several seasons, there has been more adult coaching sessions available for members, and the coaching team are hoping to deliver additional sessions in the future.

The 2021-22 season has certainly seen table tennis return to a greater level of normality, which has been gratefully received by all players. Colebridge has had many outstanding achievements this season, and I would like to say thank you for your continued support, and wish you every success for the forthcoming season.

September 2022