

COACHING MASTER CLASS

On Friday 28th August, six of our younger and most promising players participated in a day long concentrated coaching master class run by John Camilleri, our top player and member of the 'A' team who are current BDTTA Division One champions.

The lads involved were: Michael Harrison; Jack Shardlow; Oliver Mason; Mark Pallett; Reuben Cox and Dominic de Groot (Bloxham TTC).

John who is a qualified ETTA Coach put the lads through a punishing schedule and at the end of the session came away satisfied that it had been a worthwhile exercise and would be quite happy to do it again and take it a stage further. Similarly the boys all appreciated what they had been taught and felt it would be a great help to start of the season on the 21st September. For some of them it was an ideal preparation for the forthcoming OTTA County Junior trials which are due to take place on the 12th September.

On this occasion the cost of the whole event was partially funded by the club from funds provided by the grants we received a couple of years ago from Banbury Charities and Banbury Sports Charity. The rest came from a course fee charge of £15.00 per player.

We hope to hold a follow-up Master Class, possibly during the Christmas break, and this time we will be applying for grant aid from Cherwell District Council, through their Bursary Awards Scheme and also Banbury Town Council, who also make small awards to sporting causes such as ours.

Finally, on behalf of Millennium Table Tennis Club we would like to say a big thank you to John for his invaluable contribution on the day, and to the players for taking part and showing such enthusiasm and application.