

## **Cup Run Continues for New Milton Table Tennis Players**

**There were no league matches in the Bournemouth and District Table Tennis League last week as the week was given over to the second round of the Times and Directory Handicap Cup. Both New Milton teams progressed through to the quarterfinals, one with an easier passage than the other.**

The A team sailed into the quarterfinals without hitting a ball in anger because their opponents Merton C were unable to get a team out due to illness.

The B team, who usually play in Div 2, had to work much harder to claim their place in the quarterfinals with an away win over Div 5's Winton YMCA B.

The Times and Directory Cup provides an interesting diversion from the usual league format in that, as well as the handicapping, the games are "31 up", best of 3 and with no doubles. The handicapping reflected the three divisions difference, ie Shaun Newcomb (+12), Bob Fagan (+15), Malcolm Floyd (+14), compared to Winton's John Read (+21), Pam New (+24) and Dave Lipsey (+22), and Milton had to battle hard to emerge 8-1 winners.

The match was won by the sixth game (5-1) with Newcomb losing out to New over three ends, but it was decided to play the remaining three games. Floyd, Newcomb and Fagan went on to beat New, Lipsey and Read respectively to complete a competitive but friendly evening's table tennis.

In the quarterfinals scheduled for week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> December, the A team entertain Lynwood A at home but the B team have to visit Bournemouth Sports J.