

### *South West victorious again!*



**South West team - proud winners of the Winton Cup**

Photo by Editor

**Winton Cup  
Competition Results  
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## Vice Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

Many of you already know that our Chairman, Frank Mills, is not well and is currently undergoing tests to diagnose his illness so that he may receive appropriate treatment. At our recent committee meeting Frank suggested that we appoint a Vice Chairman to assist him in his duties and nominated me. This was agreed on and ratified by the committee and I have accepted this position. I know that you will join me in wishing Frank a good outcome of his results followed by speedy treatment and recovery.

The 6th Winton Cup which took place at Lilleshall earlier in the month was a great success. This is always one of the highlights of the year with new members joining BVF and established members all eager to enjoy two days of fencing and camaraderie. It was disappointing though that some regions were unable to send full teams. The event did clash with some other events this year. We are intending to hold it a week later next year. I hope that those of you who went to the Gala dinner, 115 in total, enjoyed the evening. The raffle raised £321 pounds and thanks go to those who donated prizes and to Marcia Stretch for helping with this. She sold most of the tickets!

Despite Frank being so ill he still managed to do a sterling job in organising the competition. Thank you Frank. Thanks also to Marcia and to John Crouch for ensuring that the event ran smoothly and to David Sweeney for his assistance throughout the weekend. On Friday a press ganged band of 'volunteers' went to the venue at 21:30 in convoy to set up the pistes in what turned out to be a very short time. Thank you to all of you. This made such a difference on Saturday. Everything was ready to go so there was no need for anyone to get up at an unearthly hour in the morning. Janet and Peter Huggins both worked like Trojans in setting everything up, running the armoury all weekend, and packing everything away. Thank you both.

Congratulations to the South West team on retaining the Winton Cup again. There are photos and a short report in this newsletter.

Plans for the European Team Championships to be held at Medway, 2016, are well under way. Although this seems a long way off there is much to be done to ensure that BVF hosts a superb event. We will be enlisting volunteers in the near future.

Early October sees the Veterans World Championships in Varna, Bulgaria. Good luck to all of you who are representing Great Britain. I hope that you achieve good results and enjoy the event.

Kind regards,

Gillian Aghajan  
Vice Chairman



# Winton Cup

The 6<sup>th</sup> Winton Cup at Lilleshall saw another weekend of great fencing. I have thanked, in my letter, all those who contributed to making it a success. Special thanks go to Frank Mills as event manager and making all the announcements in his indomitable style.

Apologies that there is not a lengthier written report in this letter. I hope that you enjoy looking at the photos!

It was a shame that some regions could not send full teams, but hopefully next year, the event will be held a week later and will not clash with other competitions. It was very encouraging to see so many new members; a warm welcome to 'Vets World' to all of you.

Yet again South West triumphed. Congratulations South West!  
The final positions were:

- 1 South West 8
- 2 South East 7
- 3 Midlands 5.5
- 4 Yorkshire 5
- 5 Wales 4.5
- 6 London 3
- 7 North West 2
- 8 Southern 1
- 9 North Britain 0

## Gillian Aghajan

**Veterans Winton Cup 2013**

	LON	MID	NORTH BRITAIN	NW	SOU	SE	SW	WAL	YOR	V	Pos
LON	570 0 225 21		89 0 228 29	99 0 626 28	70 0 606 27	460 0 216 19	50 0 605 15	70 0 415 19	60 0 617 23		3
MID	424 28 724		77 0 707 38	53 0 236 29	462 0 326 31	26 0 234 17	41 0 544 18	26 0 654 27	28 0 427 31	5.5	3rd
NH B	13 14 27	22 0 22 9		43 0 203 13	62 0 654 19	23 0 623 10	103 0 100 5	263 0 243 20	132 0 134 11	0	
NW	09 26 303	46 0 162 25	45 0 626 36		38 0 526 22	7 0 175 15	14 0 232 15	18 0 422 23	08 0 265 24		2
SOU	24 22 353	32 0 43 18	32 0 425 25	11 0 456 22		23 0 43 15	12 0 222 12	24 0 202 17	22 0 236 18		1
SE	39 35 23	73 0 25 37	78 0 206 44	62 0 824 28	76 0 326 39		61 0 504 19	36 0 229 40	44 0 256 22		7 2nd
SW	49 39 226	58 0 455 36	96 0 329 49	85 0 767 39	87 0 727 42	38 0 425 35		77 0 227 44	57 0 226 36		8 1st
WAL	29 35 584	53 0 305 27	36 0 726 24	81 0 527 31	79 0 627 37	63 0 650 14	22 0 222 10		55 0 246 20		4.5
YOR	39 31 22	71 0 522 23	62 0 228 39	4 0 234 25	77 0 723 36	55 0 243 22	42 0 213 18	84 0 254 34			9

# Winton Weekend



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# BVF Calendar 2013

## BVF CALENDAR 2013

Oct 1-6	World Championships, Bulgaria There will be a test Team event at all 6 weapons.
Oct 12-13	Welsh Veterans Championships, Swansea
Dec 1	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President 72 St Katharine's Way, London. E1W 1UQ

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events -

[www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)



## Competition results (top half)

### Essex Open - 7/9/2013

MF (82)	28	Nicholas Mort
	39	Paul Abrahams
ME (100)	13	Leslie MacDonald
	29	Neal Mallett
	35	Anton Pollard
	38	George Liston
	42	Stephen Munn
	47	Hugo Veryzer
MS (6)	1	Duncan Rowlands
	3	Bill Osbaldeston
WF (40)	15	Gillian Worman
WS (41)	6	Georgina Usher
	9	Mariette Mason

### Bristol Open - 21/9/2013

MF (123)	52	Graham Paul
	53	Nicholas Mort
ME (100)	12	Chris Howser
	18	Neal Mallett
	23	Jonathan Stanbury
	28	George Liston
	38	Leslie MacDonald
	43	Stephen Domek
	52	Duncan Salter
	55	Anton Pollard
	66	John Leahey
	72	Robert Flatt
MS (73)	35	Duncan Rowlands
WF (66)	25	Kate O'Connell
WE (97)	9	Georgina Usher
	21	Nicola Hull
	29	Gillian Stone
	41	Chloe Hamilton
	47	Mariette Mason
WS (41)	3	Jane Hutchison
	19	Michele Narey

**Jane Hutchison  
wins Bronze at  
the Bristol Open**

**Photo by  
David Ingoldsby**

**Congratulations to**

**Duncan Rowlands - 1<sup>st</sup> MS,  
Essex**

**& Jane Hutchison - 3<sup>rd</sup> WS,  
Bristol !**

## Members' news

Richard Bonehill sent me an email last month to say that he had been in contact with Nena, from Galicia, to check that none of the Galician fencers had been involved in the tragic train crash which happened on July 25<sup>th</sup> in Santiago de Compostela. Fortunately none of them had although they were all of course very shocked.

I know that some of you posted messages on the Celtic Challenge Facebook page.

Nena sends her best wishes to everyone and says that she and the Galician fencers are all looking forward to seeing the Celtic Challenge fencers in Scotland next year.

(Apologies Richard that I overlooked publishing this in the August edition.)

Yvonne Walls sent in this photo with caption:



**Hard hitting at Women's Sabre--NEVER!!!!!"**

### Facebook

Many of you who are Facebook users have already joined the British Veterans Fencing Group, which is a group for BVF members and invited guests. It is a very effective way of seeing news and being able to post comments. Look us up if you haven't yet joined!

There is also a British Fencing group.



### Editor

## Wellesbourne Team Trophy - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013

This is an invitation event to which BVF is invited to send teams.

For those who have not been involved previously, details are as follows:

### Organisation:

Teams of 2 at each weapon. It has often been the case that the Sabre has been one event, due to lack of women sabreuses. I shall, however, be recruiting the latter.

Venue : Gateway Building, Bucks New University,  
Queen Alexandra Road, High Wycombe,  
Buckinghamshire, HP11 2JZ.

See map for directions;

[http://bucks.ac.uk/content/documents/campus\\_environment/maps/high\\_wycombe\\_map.pdf](http://bucks.ac.uk/content/documents/campus_environment/maps/high_wycombe_map.pdf)

I would add that after leaving the M40 at Jct 4 the A404 drops down a steep hill approximately where the road number is on the map and the car park entrance is IMMEDIATELY off the second of the mini roundabouts.

Time: 9.00 am start.

Entry fee: TBC - I believe it is £30 per team. Arrangements will be made to collect each individual's share prior to the event.

### Refreshments:

There is a cafeteria (I believe recently converted to a Starbucks/Costa coffee franchise) and there are vending machines, if I remember correctly.

If you would like a place in the BVF team(s) please contact me, preferably by email, stating, in case I don't remember, your weapon(s) in order of preference, if relevant. Please note; I shall be away from Sunday 30th September until Sunday 6th of October. Please do not expect an instant reply during that period and, if you choose to phone me on the mobile, be aware that it will cost you international rates – and you probably won't get hold of me anyway!

Places, as ever for such events, will be on a first-come-first served basis, subject to the need to fill weapon spaces.

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**Peter Baron**

**Caption  
Competition  
September**

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**Editor's Note:**

The BVF newsletter is your voice: a chance for you to put forward your views, send reports, letters, photos or articles.

Please speak up!

Send to me:

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**Caption  
Competition  
September**

*Editor's choice*

*'I can see why they don't like it when you do that Haka thing with your tongue John!'*

**Richard Sage**

*'Just try it. Trust me it will work.'*

**Kate Elvin**

*'What! Me? Be your partner? I thought you'd never ask.'*

**Paul Brenda**



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