

### ***Agile action at the Age Groups!***



**Jon Dawkins leaps into action  
at the Age Groups!**

*Photo by Paul Sutherland*

### **Age Group results**

### **GBR squad - Veterans World Championships**

### **Vets in Malta**

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## Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

June was a busy month with the Age Groups, selection of GBR squad for the Veterans World Championships and the GER v GBR match in Darmstadt, Germany.

The Age Groups were very ably organised by Marcia Stretch and run smoothly with the help of her team, John Crouch, John Mason and Janet Baron. Thanks to all for a successful and enjoyable event.

Congratulations to all those who have been selected to fence in Limoges. The squad list is on the website and in this newsletter.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> the memorial service for Dame Mary Glen Haig was held at St Martin's-in-the-Fields, London. A beautiful and fitting celebration of the life of such a remarkable lady. HRH The Princess Royal attended together with representatives of the many organisations that Dame Mary worked with and supported during her life. Representatives were invited to attend by the family. Lawrence Burr attended as President of the Epee Club and Georgina Usher, CEO of British Fencing gave one of the tributes. I attended as Chairman of BVF and there was a good representation from BVF members.

I was honoured to be invited by our German hosts to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Germany v Great Britain match, Darmstadt, the city where the first match took place in 1990. Darmstädter Fecht-Club also celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year so this was a very special event. David Sweeney was GBR Event Manager and he was one of those who fenced in the first match. Germany won overall by 32-22 bouts, but GBR men's foil and men's epee teams both won their matches. Well done all fencers and many thanks to our hosts on their excellent organisation and hospitality which made a very enjoyable weekend for all.

The Ashton Charity Competition for Veterans and Wheelchair fencers is being held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July at Dukinfield, Tameside in aid of Age UK and Dementia UK. Details can be found on page 13.

I am sure that you have heard the very sad news that Sir Nicholas Winton died on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Sir Nicholas, known as the 'British Schindler' organised the rescue of 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Second World War in an operation later known as the Czech Kindertransport, which he kept secret for nearly 50 years. He was a notable fencer, and after WWII, with his late brother Bobby, founded the Winton Cup. The brothers donated the Veterans Winton Cup in 2008 and the 8<sup>th</sup> Veterans Winton Cup event will take place in September.

Sincerely,



**Gillian Aghajan**  
**Chairman**



## BVF CALENDAR 2015

July 26-27	Ashton Veterans & Wheelchair Open 2015, Dukinfield, Tameside
Aug 23-28	Veterans Training Camp, Valles (BZ), Italy
Aug 29-30	Ohrid Lake Cup, Struga, Macedonia
Sep 5-6	Veterans Winton Cup 2015, Lilleshall Event Manager - Marcia Stretch
Oct 10-11	WVFA Championships, Aberystwyth (WVFA members only) Details - Catherine Bowd
Oct 20-25	World Championships, Limoges Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
Nov 29	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President 72 St Katharine's Way, London. E1W 1UQ Event Manager: Peter Baron

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - [www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)

### ET16 fund raising

Don't forget the Pig Swig and Jig Gig!

18<sup>th</sup> July - Salmon Springs, Stroud - 7.30 pm

Tickets still available - £20 each

Contact David Sweeney for details:

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### BVF 100 Club

#### MANY THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BVF 100 CLUB

We have already raised **£2,000** for ET16

It has been decided to launch one more, and definitely the last, 100 Club.

This time there will be **10 prizes of £100** each

Numbers will cost £20 as before

Choose your lucky number and contact Sue Church

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## Age Group Medallists

Full results can be found on the website:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results.shtml#agegroups>

	<b>Men's Epee</b>	<b>Men's Foil</b>	<b>Men's Sabre</b>
<b>Cat 1</b>	Gold John Prime Silver Tim Buzwell Bronze Kola Ayanwale	Gold Kel Brundle Silver Lee Hutchinson Bronze Chris Jennings	Gold Carl Moffat Silver Dave Bridges Bronze Mike Smith
<b>Cat 2</b>	Gold Pete Eames Silver Neal Mallett Bronze Will Miller	Gold John Troiano Silver Lindsay Watkiss Bronze Gerry Gajadharsingh	Gold Peter Howes Silver Barry Coulter Bronze Stephen Rennie
<b>Cat 3</b>	Gold Graham Paul Silver Anton Pollard Bronze Robin Davenport	Gold Anthony Bartlett Silver Graham Paul Bronze Steve Fox	Gold Chris Prevett Silver Mike Garrity Bronze Michael Compton
<b>Cat 4</b>	Gold Malcolm Fare Silver Rob Phelps Bronze Brian Millo	Gold Malcolm Fare Silver Andy Bornemisza Bronze Brian Millo	Gold Peter Baron Silver Bill Osbaldeston Bronze Chris Green
	<b>Women's Epee</b>	<b>Women's Foil</b>	<b>Women's Sabre</b>
<b>Cat 1</b>	Gold Helen Williams Silver Iracema Leroi Bronze Tracy Russen	Gold Ann Dawkins Silver Tracey Coates Bronze Paula Webster	Gold Tracy Russen Silver Caroline Martin Bronze Louise Dickson
<b>Cat 2</b>	Gold Jacqueline Hibbert Silver Maggie Tait Bronze Gillian Worman	Gold Kati Archer Silver Sheila Anderson Bronze Fiona Turnbull	Gold Jane Hutchison Silver Michele Narey Bronze Caroline Clancy
<b>Cat 3</b>	Gold Jane Clayton Silver Susan Brooks Bronze Kate Elvin	Gold Moya McNamara Silver Clare Halsted Bronze Kate Harris	Gold Vivien Frith Silver Yvonne Walls Bronze Silvia Earl
<b>Cat 4</b>	Gold Sylvia Brown Silver Janet Cooksey Bronze Patricia Shepherd-Foster	Gold Kristin Payne Silver Janet Cooksey Bronze Sue Church	Gold Connie Adam Silver Patricia Shepherd-Foster Bronze Sylvia Brown

## Age Group Winners



**WS 50-59**

photo courtesy of Jane Hutchison

**WE 60-69**

photo courtesy of Jane Clayton



**WF 70+**

**WF 40-49**

Photos courtesy of Marcia Stretch



*Apologies that other photos from Day 1 are not available - if you have some that you would like published please send them to me.*

**Editor**



**WE 70+**

**MF 70+**



**WS 60-69**

**MF 60-69**



# Age Group Winners

Photos by Editor



MS 50-59

WE 50-59



WF 60-69

ME 50-59



ME 40-49

WS 70+



MS 70+

MS 60-69



## GBR Squad Veterans World Championships 2015

Cat A (50-59)	Cat B(60-69)	Cat C (70+)
<b>Individual</b>		
<b>Men's Foil</b>		
Richard Sage	Paul Wedge	Brian Causton
John Troiano	Anthony Bartlett	Malcolm Fare
Lindsay Watkiss	Graham Paul	Andy Bornemisza
Gerry Gajadharsingh	Steve Fox	Brian Millo
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
Tony Williams	Paul Lowen	Peter Baron
<b>Women's Foil</b>		
Gillian Worman	Jane Clayton	Kristin Payne
Kati Archer	Moya McNamara	Janet Cooksey
Sheila Anderson	Clare Halsted	Sue Church
Fiona Turnbull	Kate Harris	Sylvia Brown
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
Karen Garvie	Sue Brooks	
<b>Men's Sabre</b>		
Steve Potter	Geoff Silverman	Andy Bornemisza
Peter Howes	Chris Prevett	Peter Baron
Barry Coulter	Mike Garrity	Bill Osbaldeston
Stephen Rennie	Michael Compton	Chris Green
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
Keith Rogerson	John Norrie	Brian Millo
<b>Women's Sabre</b>		
Michele Narey	Yvonne Walls	Sylvia Brown
Jane Hutchison	Vivian Frith	Connie Adam
Caroline Clancy	Silvia Earl	Pat Shepherd-Foster
Grace Coulter	Lynne Bornemisza	
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
Vanessa Hendra	Jane Clayton	
<b>Men's Epée</b>		
Nigel Fancourt	Ralph Johnson	Bill Osbaldeston
Pete Eames	Graham Paul	Malcolm Fare
Neal Mallett	Anton Pollard	Rob Phelps
Will Miller	Robin Davenport	Brian Millo
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
John Hyde	Lawrence Burr	Nigel Hinchliff

19/25 octobre 2015

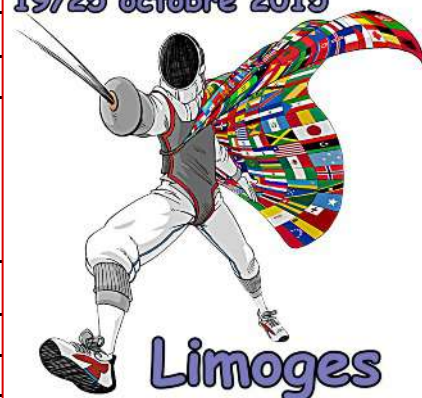


Photo from  
Facebook Group

Championnats  
du monde  
d'escrime  
vétérans 2015  
Limoges

<b>Cat A (50-59)</b>	<b>Cat B(60-69)</b>	<b>Cat C (70+)</b>
<b>Men's Epée</b>		
Nigel Fancourt	Ralph Johnson	Bill Osbaldeston
Pete Eames	Graham Paul	Malcolm Fare
Neal Mallett	Anton Pollard	Rob Phelps
Will Miller	Robin Davenport	Brian Millo
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
John Hyde	Lawrence Burr	Nigel Hinchliff
<b>Women's Epée</b>		
Jane Hutchison	Jane Clayton	Sylvia Brown
Jacqueline Hibbert	Sue Brooks	Janet Cooksey
Maggie Tait	Kate Elvin	Pat Shepherd-Foster
Karen Grant	Susan Uff	Carole Seheult
<b>Reserves (non-travelling)</b>		
Diane Pattison	Silvia Earl	Connie Adam

<b>Teams -</b>		
<b>Cat A (50-59)</b>	<b>Cat B(60-69)</b>	<b>Cat C (70+)</b>
<b>Men's Foil</b>		
Richard Sage	Paul Wedge	Brian Causton
<b>Reserves</b>		
John Troiano	Graham Paul	Malcolm Fare
<b>Women's Foil</b>		
Gillian Worman	Jane Clayton	Kristin Payne
<b>Reserves</b>		
Kati Archer	Moya McNamara	Janet Cooksey
<b>Men's Sabre</b>		
Steve Potter	Geoff Silverman	Andy Bornemisza
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Jacqueline Hibbert	Sue Brooks	Janet Cooksey

## Germany v Great Britain – Darmstadt 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The occasion of the 2015 GER V GBR match coincided with the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Darmstadt Fencing Club and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first match between British and German Veterans Fencers held in Darmstadt in 1990.

Most of the GBR Squad assembled in Darmstadt on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and we met our German hosts at a get together in the evening at a restaurant attached to a brewery in the centre of Darmstadt.

We all enjoyed the camaraderie and food and one or two alcoholic beverages were taken.

On the Saturday morning the teams gathered at the venue for the match and after an opening ceremony, at which several people were introduced and honoured, battle commenced.



*An enjoyable evening with our hosts - Photo courtesy of Harald Lüdgers*

Due to the fact that Susan Uff and Sue Brooks were having to double up in both Foil and Epée it was decided that the order of events should be Men's Foil and Women's Epée in the first round, Women's Sabre and Men's Epée in the second and finally Men's Sabre and Women's Foil in the last round.

Great Britain got off to a good start with the Men's Foil team going on the offensive. In some fights our boys had to fight back from a few hits down. Their determination, and support from non fencing captain Richard Sage, paid off with a match victory of 6-3. Our Women épéeists were not so fortunate against a strong German team. Our Team fought well but conceded a 3-6 defeat.



*Men's Foil team:  
Richard Sage  
Nick Mort  
Mike McKay  
Adrian Griffin*

At the end of the first round the match was all square at 9 victories each.

Our Women's Sabre team started the second round and after putting up a good fight finished 3-6 down. Our Men's Epée team gave a strong performance, much to the amazement of some of our German friends some of whom would have lost their houses betting on a GBR defeat, and emerged from the closely fought match with a 5-4 victory.

*Men's Epée team:  
John Leahey  
Leslie Macdonald  
Tim Buzwell*



At the end of the second round GBR had lost a little ground with the match being 19-17 in Germany's favour.

The Men's Sabre teams took up the cudgels and although getting off to a good start were eventually defeated 4-5. Our Women's Foil team faced an uphill battle from the start with two team members having fenced earlier in the Epée match and the other member very much under the weather. The team fought on gallantly but were overcome by the stronger and fresher German team. The result was an 8-1 defeat.

The match ended with a German Victory of 32-22. Throughout the match, the participants on both sides fought with good spirit and friendliness. Members of both teams took the opportunity to take part in some free fencing after the match.

On the Saturday evening our German hosts welcomed us to a private function and, after presentation of medals and Diplomas, we enjoyed a dinner and social evening in their company.

On the Sunday morning some of the team were given a guided tour of the Darmstadt Artists' Colony, with members of Darmstadt Fencing Club, before returning home.

**David Sweeney**  
**GBR Team Manager**



*Gillian Aghajan and David Sweeney accept a gift to BVF from our German hosts - photo Harald Lüders*



*Men's Sabre team:*

*Keith Rogerson  
Pete Hutton  
Peter Howes*



*Women's Foil team:*

*Sue Brooks  
Gillian Worman  
Susan Uff*

*Photos by  
Editor*



*Women's Epée team:*

*Mariette Mason  
Sue Brooks  
Gillian Worman  
(WF)  
Susan Uff*



*Women's Sabre team:*

*Lucy Wright  
Michele Narey  
Silvia Earl*

# GER v GBR - 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary match - Darmstadt



Photos by Editor

## Vets at the Malta Open

What makes the Malta Open so special a competition, is that while it is limited to around 28 competitors in each of the weapons, within that weapon as many 7 different nations can be taking part. For example in just one poule in the Men's Epee this year there were 4 different nations: Malta, GB, Spain and Italy. 18 years ago it started out as simply a Malta – GB event and was initiated in order to give the Maltese fencers a wider spectrum of fencing. It has had its ups and downs with one year 70 entering from GB, which was far too many, and was probably the cause the following year, of it dropping to just FOUR. Those 4 though, then took over its promotion in the UK and with the sponsorship of [www.salago.com](http://www.salago.com), it has stabilised and grown to a now truly international event.



*Sabreurs in  
Malta*

*Photo courtesy  
of Malta Open*

On a medal count GB was first with 2 golds, 1 silver and 1 bronze, followed by Spain with 1 gold and 1 silver. Malta was 5th and with 3 silvers and 4 bronzes and so much a challenge to the rest of us.

The other factor that has truly become so much part of the Malta Open is that it is not just a competition. In the words of Juan Formosa, it is also festival of fencing and this feeds through in the friendships that have developed over the years and invariably comes into practice with an evening together and any extra sparring that can be squeezed in during the week or so that we are out there. Then there are the team events that are usually put together to give equally strong teams and from a mixture of the nations. These are truly fun events. - **Jim Pilkington**

This year there were five British entrants from the Veterans in the 18th Malta open in Mtarfa: Kevin Heath, Jim Pilkington, Mark Richardson, Kevin Alexander and Dave Atkins. Unfortunately Mike Bradbury was injured so had to withdraw. As always it was a great two days of fencing with fencers from Italy, Spain, Canada, Malta and Sweden represented in foil, épée and sabre. There were individual sabre medals for Kevin bronze and Dave silver.

The third day was for team épée and this is a mixed event with fencers from different nations and abilities put into teams seeded on how they'd performed in the individual events. Jim Pilkington and Mark Richardson were teamed with a couple of veteran Maltese fencers, Juan Formosa and reserve Alex Micallef (a combined age of around 240), Dave with British fencer Paul Sanchez-Leetham and Swede Kirsten Warvsten and Kevin with Sebastian Lee and Romualda Vella. It was a great morning's fencing with some close matches that saw Dave's team winning in priority time 45-44 and Jim's team of old men beating Kevin's youngsters for bronze 45-35.

If you'd like to know more about next year's Malta open contact Jim or go to <http://www.salago.co.uk/acatalog/Malta.html> - **Mark Richardson**

# Ashton Charity Competition



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## Veterans & Wheelchair 6 Weapon Charity Fencing Competition July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2015

All entrants fees will be donated to:-



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## Competition results (top half)

### Herts Open Sabre - 24/05/2015

MS (18)	5	Julian Ghosh
	8	Kamal Yasin
WS (15)	2	Rachel Lasance
	5	Vivien Frith
	6	Emma Waller

### Luton Open - 30/05/2015

MF (56)	6	Gerry Gajadharsingh
	8	Nicholas Mort
	9	Paul Lowen
	21	Paul Abrahams
	23	Chris Jennings
	24	Tony Williams
	25	Kamal Yasin

ME (44)	3	Stephen Domek
	8	Stephan Munn
	11	Adam Steiner
	12	Tom Chrisp
	23	John Hyde
	25	Max Telfer
	27	Pete Eames

MS (9)	2	Clive Ambrose-Williams
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WE (14)	2	Helen Thouless
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WS (8)	2	Michele Narey
	3T	Caroline Clancy
	3T	Lucy Wright

### Bexley Open - 06/06/2015

ME (43)	12	Howard West
	15	Simon Pink

### Wrexham Open - 06/06/2015

MS (10)	5	Michael Swiffin
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### Bill Hoskyns Open - 27/06/2015

ME (106)	27	Hugh Kernohan
	45	Etienne Deburgh

Competition results compiled  
using Trawler software  
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*'Graham is devastated to discover that his plans for the evening will have to be changed.'*

**Paul Brenda**



## Caption Competition

June

send your entry to Editor

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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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*Photos  
by Editor*

## Caption Competition

May

Editor's choice -

*'Graham carefully explains, yet again, that he IS on the piste, IS on time and IS properly equipped for his next fight'*

**Paul Brenda**



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