

## **LEWIS GRAY ENGLAND SELECTION FOR SLOVAK CADET OPEN**

Following his and fellow Weald Club player Yolanda King's selection to represent England at the Stockton 4\* Junior Open Championships on 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November, Lewis Gray, 14, from Benenden has now been selected to play for his country in the Slovak Cadet Open from 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The Angley School, Cranbrook pupil has played in West Europe, and last summer he was part of an England squad that trained in Saudi Arabia, but this will be the first time he has gone to Eastern Europe as part of an England team. He is sponsored by P&O Ferries and for Joola equipment by Canterbury company Bribrar Table Tennis. Lewis is currently spending half term training at the English Institute of Sport (EIS), where he will next week be joined by Yolanda King.

Last weekend, representing from the no.1 position Staffordshire Club, Burton Uxbridge in the Bribrar Junior (under18) British League at Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton, he won 8 out of 10, singles, losing (closely) only to Sam Logue (Ireland) and Stewart Mudie (Lincolnshire), to take them top of the Boys Division 1 with 4 wins and 1 draw. The team is therefore in pole position to gain promotion to the premier position at the second British Junior League weekend in the new year.

Yolanda King, 14, represented Irish Club Ballina at no.1 in the Girl's Premier Division, winning 6 out of 10 sets to help her side finish the first weekend third with 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss against very tough opposition. Amongst her victories she beat, for the first time, the England no.5 junior Mary Fuller (Yorkshire) and the no.13 Ayonija Sundararajan (Berkshire), but she lost to her old rival Chloe Whyte (Cleveland), who at England no.22 is ranked 11 places below her.

Kent's Kirsty Wilson, from the Howard Club, Gillingham, also represented Ballina at no.2 and did really well in winning 7 out of 9 singles, including beating Dominique Jones (Lincolnshire) 11-5 in the fifth game from 2 games and 9-10 down. Jasmin Ould, 14, of the Byng Hall club, Tunbridge Wells won 3 out of 4 singles while playing for Burton Uxbridge 2 in the Girls Division 2 and also won 5 out of 6 sets playing for Burton Uxbridge 1, her side finishing second in the 1<sup>st</sup> division

Jasmin also won the women's Band 3 title, in which she overcame Katherine Le Fevre (Cleveland) 11-8, 12-10, 6-11, 7-11, 11-7, and came runner-up in the women's Band 2 at the Newcastle Open Butterfly Grand Prix senior championships at Eldon Square Leisure Centre. Tenterden's Robert Worrall, a member of the Weald Club, Angley School, Cranbrook, won the men's Band 6 singles, beating Ian McPherson (Scotland), 11-9, 11-9, 6-11, 11-6 in the final. He also reached the final of the men's Band 5 where he lost to Edward Fambely (Yorkshire).