

## York Tour Report 2026

### Wiggington v GB Vets - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

The Vets enjoyed a narrow win against a strong Wiggie side. Defeats at the top of the order albeit both well contested, saw loses for Matt Stephenson and Allen Barwise. Lower down, wins for Robin Ridley against a fit and very quick 18-year-old, Joe McAuley using his experience to come through and the evergreen Nick Gollaglee brought the match score level at 3-3. Catherine Ruffle then played incredibly well to close out the match 11-8 in the fifth. Chairman Ian Graham lost a close match against Luke Hutchinson despite moving his much younger opponent all over the court.

### Dunnington v GB Vets - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Previous encounters between the two sides saw comprehensive wins for the home side, this time however, the Vets got the upper hand. There were three high class and close contests in a 6-2 win for the Vets. Allen took out a much younger and fitter opponent in Jordan Williams 14-12 in the fifth, Robin Ridley had another fine win again winning in five tough sets. The match of the day concerned Cath who guested for the Dunnington squad due to a late traffic issue for the Dinnie man against the unusual Nick Golaglee. Nick going two up before Cath came back in a topsy turvey encounter. Both players having match points in the fifth before the Dunnington ringer took it 16-14, a great match for the packed audience. Matt took his match against opponent Jamie Harlington playing some controlled lengths and decisive drops. Ian came a close second against a player who utilised his knowledge of the home court by out serving the Vets Chairman. Joe again came through with an excellent win.

Allen thanked both clubs for their hospitality and congratulated his team on two fine wins. We will return in 2028.

### Allen Barwise



*GB Vets team from left: Allen Barwise, Nick Golaglee, Ian Graham, Matthew Stephenson, Cathern Ruffle, Joe McAuley.*