

## Guernsey 2017 Six Nations Veterans September 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Welsh Report.



Once again the Welsh Veterans went into competition against England, Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man and Guernsey, the event this year was hosted in the Guernsey.

This year's elite of Welsh Veterans were represented by:

Neil Wright, Lee Thomas, David Buck, Marilyn Morgan, Christine Watkins, Tony Collins, Steve Eades, John Hook, Paul Holiday, Harold Furber, Chris Richards, Peter Gordon, Tony Bartram, Bill Haddon, Roger Thomas and Dennis Bromage.

Some of the players experienced their first Six Nations event.

The team did not disappoint bringing home a hatful of medals once again.

Lee Thomas, Neil Wright and David Buck obtaining bronze in the 40 s Men event. Steve Eades, Tony Collins and John Hook obtaining silver in the 50s Men event, Roger Thomas and Dennis Bromage obtaining silver in the 75s Men event. Marilyn Morgan obtained a bronze in a joint team with Guernsey in the 40s lades team.

In the singles and doubles Christine Watkins obtained silver in the 60s doubles and singles plate. Marilyn Morgan winning the over 40s ladies consolation gold. Harold Furber & John Hook obtaining silver in the 60s doubles and then Harold Furber obtaining silver in the 60s men consolation. Dennis Bromage and his partner Roger Thomas obtaining silver in the 75 men's doubles.

Both the 60s team and 70s team made a tremendous attempt to get into the medals but just fell short on this occasion.

Other significant efforts were Harold Furber beating ex cadet European Champion Simon Heaps and Paul Holiday winning the battle of Wales in the 60s.



Harold Furber looking 'cool for cats' after beating Simon Heaps



Dennis Bromage singing away after his silver with Roger Thomas.



Tony Bartram and Bill Haddon after winning their doubles match against Guernsey.



Peter Gordon about to start his match against England and in the background Christine having a well-earned cup of tea.



Lee Thomas and Andy Trot from England about to engage on the table.



Tony Collins saying goodbye to his opponent after just winning his singles and John hook in black showing homage to the wizard from Eastern Valley

All players conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to their Country and I am sure they made many long term friendships.

The hospitality shown to us by our hosts Guernsey was exceptional.

One last word must go with Tony Bartram who was marooned on the Island for another week due to bad weather. I must thank the veteran's players and Dennis Bromage especially for organising for a donation to be provided to help Tony with the cost of his extended stay.

I look forward to us hosting next year's event in Wales and welcoming Jersey for the first time.

Steve Eades

Welsh Delegate