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## Master John Taylor VIII Ely School of Taekwon-Do

# School News

First off we would like to say well done to everyone for their hard training, participation and the behind the scenes help that has meant since our last news letters Ely School has won the English Championship and also picked up an individual and a team bronze medal at the European Championships in Estonia this year.

With the last of the Grand Prix for this year fast approaching and the UK Open still to come it is still a busy time with a lot for the school to do and we hope to have everyone's full support in it and show what great students we have. Finally Wednesday December 19th has been set as the final day for training this year.

### European Championships - Estonia

Last weekend saw no less than seven student from Ely school compete at the highest level in the European Championships against some of the best. Everyone performed well and a lot of our competitors made it to the quarter finals. The school now has three new medal winners at this level to join our existing medalists. Both Conah Prosser and Gareth Francis were part of the first ever junior male team to compete and win a bronze in team patterns and Lanny James won bronze in the female I dan patterns also.

### Four Nations -

This year the Four Nations was not only a competition but a black tie dinner and Neville Thompson II, Wayne Brooks I and Tom Harris I were all selected for the team and also it was attended by some 40 odd people from Wales with almost half coming from Ely school. After a good show in patterns but only picking up one point Wales went into over drive in sparring as they defeated each of the other nations in turn and picked up a maximum 3 points. In power they were narrowly pipped by England to the 3 points so had to settle for a final runners up spot—but it was a great performance all round by the whole team.

### English Open

Saturday 29th September - another great day out for the school, with a long trip up the night before so as to get some sleep this must have helped as the competitors on the day seemed sharper and this showed through with the results. With 13 competitors in all and a lot of them in the same groups it was no small achievement to come away with 9 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze medals and once the totals were calculated we then were delighted to see Ethan Davis win the overall under 13 colour belt award—all this was then bettered by the announcement that Ely had won overall school on the day as well to add to joint 1st in the Welsh and 2nd in the London.



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### Coming Competitions

Grand Prix III    4th Nov  
UK Open            24th Nov  
RITA National    1st Dec

### Fund Raising

Thanks to some hard work by Mrs Sharon Matthews our first fund raising event can now go ahead. It is a bag packing event for Saturday 10th November 13:00 at ASDA in Cardiff Bay. Anyone able to attend please contact Mrs Matthews to arrange transport et cetera. Doboks will need to be worn. The aim of this is to raise money for the school to fund equipment purchase and events throughout the year to help not only keep up the high standards but raise them.



## UK Open

The UK Open has been moved from Sunday 25th November to Saturday 24th November at UWIC Halls, on the Sunday there is a free seminar with Grand Master Rhee Ki HA IX which will be open only to those

who enter the UK Open on a first come first served basis until it is full. Also this is the final event of the year that gives points towards the UKTA School of the year competition, which Ely school currently lead, so

it would be great to get a big turn out and finish the years events off in style with another victory.

Please see Mrs Phillips the club secretary for details.

### Squad Training

W National Squad Training, the next sessions are to be announced. All black belts welcome and colour belts by invite only.



Congratulations Miss Phillips on her promotion to II dan and to Miss James as she becomes our newest black belt. Seen here with Grand Master Rhee Ki HA IX and Senior Master John Taylor VIII

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ITF Wales website is now back up and running at [www.itfwales.co.uk](http://www.itfwales.co.uk) for everyone who wants to keep up with what is happening throughout Wales.

Medal total 2007 :

51 36 38



XIII Junior European Welsh team



Four Nations Welsh Team

Ely School English Open Champions



**Ely School - Welsh Champions 2007 (joint)**  
**English Champions 2007**  
**London Runners Up 2007**  
**Scottish 4th place 2007**

**UKTA school tournament League**

This is a new Cup for 2007, points for the wins in each of the championships are totalled to find the best school in the UK at the end of the year, scores after the Scottish/Welsh:

Ely	82
Fairwater	71
Elgin	63

Congratulations to the following for representing the school in the events so far this year:

*Neville Thompson II, Victoria Phillips II, Cassie Lund I, Wayne Brooks I, Tom Harris I, Gareth Francis I, Conah Prosser I, Lanny James, Ryan Davis, Ben Hull, Ethan Davis, Sarah Jones, Daniel Neale, Jamie Dare, Jade Cronick, Lewis Brooks, Amy Jones, Ella Hatherill, Danial Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Sam Walsh, Jake Ward and Shannon Jenkins.* - between them attending the XV Senior World Championships, XXII Senior & XIII Junior European Championships, the Scottish Open, the UKTA - ITF Slovenia team challenge, the Welsh Open, The English Open and Grand Prix stage I & II.

**Calendar of Events 2007 :**

- November 4th - Grand Prix V stage III
- November 18th - ITF Pro Tournament, Croatia.
- November 18th - Seminar/Grading Heath Hospital Sports Hall
- November 24th - UK Open, UWIC Cardiff
- December 1st - RITA Irish National Open, Dublin
- December 13th - ITF Wales Awards Night.
- December 19th - Last training day for 2007

Please check out the website for any events date changes or additions as more news become available.

New School Location:

The Barn  
 Michaelston Community College  
 Drope Road  
 Ely  
 CF5 4SZ

Wednesday 18:00-19:00  
 Saturday 10:00-12:00

Sharp left at St Fagan's Church in Wales Primary School.