

## **ROSE JOHNSON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Rose Johnson was a patron of local table tennis beginning before WWII but details have long been lost in the mists of time. However, there are several cup competitions named after her of which the two longest running are organized by the County Association.

One of these which has been going for 70 years is the Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy, a competition for Ladies which has been ably run by Shirley Pickering for 25 years. Originally a team event it is now a handicap singles.

Shirley has won it twice, once in 2002 and again this season. This season 12 entered split into two groups with one group won by Shirley while Jan Nix was runner up. The other group was won topped by Gemma Hargrave who included a fine success over Karen Smith, who was runner up, 20-22, 21-19, 21-10.

Both group winners emerged undefeated and in the final Shirley gave 9 points per game to Gemma with the former winning two straight 21-16, 21-19.