

**7 November**

**1921:**  
Formation of the Ping Pong Association

**1923:**  
First England international versus Wales

**1929:**  
Fred Perry becomes men's singles world champion



**1948:**

World Championships held in London – England women are world team champions again; Richard Bergmann is men's singles champion and Peggy Franks & Vera Dace-Thomas win women's doubles gold

**1937:**  
Patronage by King George VI

**1939:**  
Richard Bergmann wins world men's singles title for England; Bergmann and Victor Barna win men's doubles

**1949:**

Johnny Leach is world men's singles champion



**1954:**  
World Championships at Wembley – Diane & Rosalind Rowe are women's doubles champions; first all-sponge final at the World Championships

**1956:**  
National Umpire qualification introduced

**1953:**  
England are men's team world champions

**1966:**  
London hosts European Championships

**1967:**  
Swaythling Club International inaugurated; Ivor Montagu retires as ITTF President after 40 years

**1970:**  
First Junior National Champs



**1984:**  
Formation of VETTS

**1962:**  
Diane Rowe & Mary Shannon win European women's doubles title

**1977:**  
World Championships are held in Birmingham



**1987:**  
Women's British League formed

**1988:**  
Table tennis included in Olympics for the first time

**1994:**  
Birmingham hosts European Championships

**2000:**

Larger 40mm ball introduced



**2001:**  
Scoring changed from up to 21 to up to 11

**2002:**  
Table tennis included in Commonwealth Games for the first time – England are men's team gold medalists

**2010:**  
First Ping! tables installed in London

**2012:**  
London Olympics & Paralympics



**2019:**  
TT Kidz launched



**2021:**  
Centenary of ETTA/ Table Tennis England



**1921**

**1931**

**1941**

**1951**

**1961**

**1971**

**1981**

**1991**

**2001**

**2011**

**2021**

**1935:**  
Table Tennis magazine first published; first National Team Championships held (now English Leagues Cup Competitions)

**1927:**  
Name changes again, to English Table Tennis Association (ETTA)

**1926:**  
ITTF founded in London; 1st World Championships held in London



**1922:**  
Name changes to Table Tennis Association; First English Open is held

**1947:**  
England women are World Team Champions; County Championships begin; flat-hand projection of serve introduced

**1950:**  
County Umpire scheme published; Dora Beregi is world women's doubles champion, alongside Scotland's Helen Elliot

**1938:**  
Wendy Woodhead becomes first English female world champion, partnering Laszlo Bellak of Hungary in the mixed doubles

**1951:**



Johnny Leach wins world men's singles title for a second time; Diane and Rosalind Rowe are women's doubles champions

**1964:**  
Diane Rowe & Mary Shannon win European women's doubles title for a second time; women's team also win gold

**1961:**  
Racket colour on both sides standardised

**1960:**  
First Senior National Championships Table tennis included in first Paralympics

**1958:**  
First European Championships – England are women's team champions

**1968:**  
English Schools Table Tennis Association formed

**1971:**  
First Commonwealth Championships

**1980:**  
John Hilton wins European men's singles title

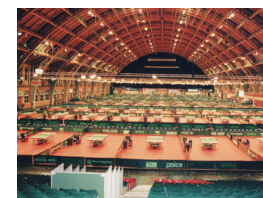
**1986:**  
Different coloured rubbers (red/black) introduced

**1979:**  
British League begins

**1976:**  
Jill Parker wins European women's singles title; ITTF offices open in St Leonard's



**1998:**  
World Veterans Championships in Manchester



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World Championships in Manchester

**1996:**  
Grand Prix series established



**2016:**  
First Ping Pong Parlour opens

**2015:**  
Plastic balls replace celluloid for all competitions and local league; Mission 2025 launched

**2014:**  
ETTA becomes Table Tennis England and moves to Milton Keynes; plastic balls replace celluloid at National Champs and Grand Prix

