



## **Surrey County Fencing Union - Foil Team Championships**

St Paul's fielded two teams in the above event; David Knott, Monica Costa and Tim Slesinger made up Team A with Fenella Nicholas, Don Brown and Martijn Kool comprising Team B. Linda McMahon supported the teams on the day with coaching and tactical advice.

There were fifteen teams, of which nine were all male, three were female and three were mixed.

St Paul's Team A got off to a flying start, beating Surrey University D Team 45-7. Team B fenced Kingston High School in a tense, hard-fought battle that eventually went Kingston HS's way and ended 45-35.

St Paul's A's next opponents were a very strong team from Salle Coton, who defeated St Paul's A with a score of 45-8. St Paul's Team B then fenced a formidable University of Surrey B Team, losing 45-6 but taking comfort from the fact that one of the members of the opposing team was current British National Foil Champion, Elizabeth Ng.

In the quarter-final of the Men's Foil Trophy, St Paul's A were defeated 45-10 by University of Surrey Team A, who went on to defeat Salle Coton 45-28 in the final. St Paul's B lost to University of Surrey D in the semi-final of the Plate in a frustrating match, with Team B managing to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, having been in the lead for most of the way but eventually losing 45-37.

Despite the lack of trophies, this was a great day of fencing and a terrific experience for the St Paul's fencers, many of whom were competing in their first competition.