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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION - CELINE GRANT

It has been a great honour to be President of The Recycling Association during its year of celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Of course, we are going through a time of great change with Simpler Recycling, Extended Producer Responsibility and Deposit Return Schemes all being rolled out in the UK.



Around the world, there are efforts to build the full circular economy and hopefully in the next 50 years that will become a reality.

The Recycling Association has been helping, supporting and guiding its Members through the changes we've seen over the last 50 years, as well as providing great networking opportunities. Over that time it changed from being the Independent Waste Paper Processors Association to The Recycling Association of course.

Over the coming years, I expect we'll see even greater change as technology takes us to places that could not have been imagined 50 years ago. But I know that The Recycling Association will be here working in the interests of its Members for many years to come.

This book reflects on some of those 50 years, while also looking at how we celebrated our half-century at the Tower of London in June.

Congratulations to us, and here's to the next 50 years.

HISTORY OF IWPPA AND THE RECYCLING ASSOCIATION

In January 1975, the Independent Waste Paper Processors Association held its first meeting at a hotel above a car park in Leicester.

Then in 2009, it became The Recycling Association to reflect that its members were increasingly dealing with a variety of materials.

From that handful of members that met at the first meeting, we have around 170 members across recycling of various materials, waste management, brokers, security shredders, equipment and service providers and others.



LIST OF PRESIDENTS



1975 - 1977	Mr H.J. Neilson	1994 - 1996	Mr C.R. Hoyland
1977 - 1978	Mr J.J. Dyer	1996 - 1998	Mrs V. Brown
1978 - 1980	Mr R.C. Humphries	1998 - 2001	Mr M. Nicholls
1980 - 1982	Mr B.F. Perry	2001 - 2004	Mr A. Bailey
1982 - 1984	Mr J.G. Cutts	2004 - 2006	Mr G. Coombs
1984 - 1986	Mr J.H. Holland	2008 - 2009	Mr R. Bolton
1986 - 1988	Mr F.B.O. Harris	2009 - 2011	Mr S. Marsden
1988 - 1990	Mr D.J. Stephens	2011 - 2019	Mr A. Jackson
1990 - 1992	Mr P.L. Dyer	2019 - 2024	Mr C. Curtis
1992 - 1994	Mr G.W. Swinnerton	2024 - 2026	Mrs C. Grant

1975 - 2025

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTRODUCTION - PAUL SANDERSON

I was born just three months before the Independent Waste Paper Processors Association was formed in January 1975.

Of course, those of us who were very young or not even born, stand on the shoulders of the giants who formed what eventually became The Recycling Association. Some of those people are no longer with us, but some remain helping to pass on that history.



Our story is a rich one and we've tried to give a flavour of that in this book, and thank you to those Members who provided photos that we could share.

But we are also making our own history and those who follow us will build on the work we have done.

Back in 1975, there was just a handful of Member companies who were largely independent paper merchants working together to cooperate against the power of all the mighty mills that the UK had then.

Now we are in a very different environment, and with around 170 Member companies, The Recycling Association represents a diversity of different businesses and organisations but still retaining an important sense of its history and where we have come from.

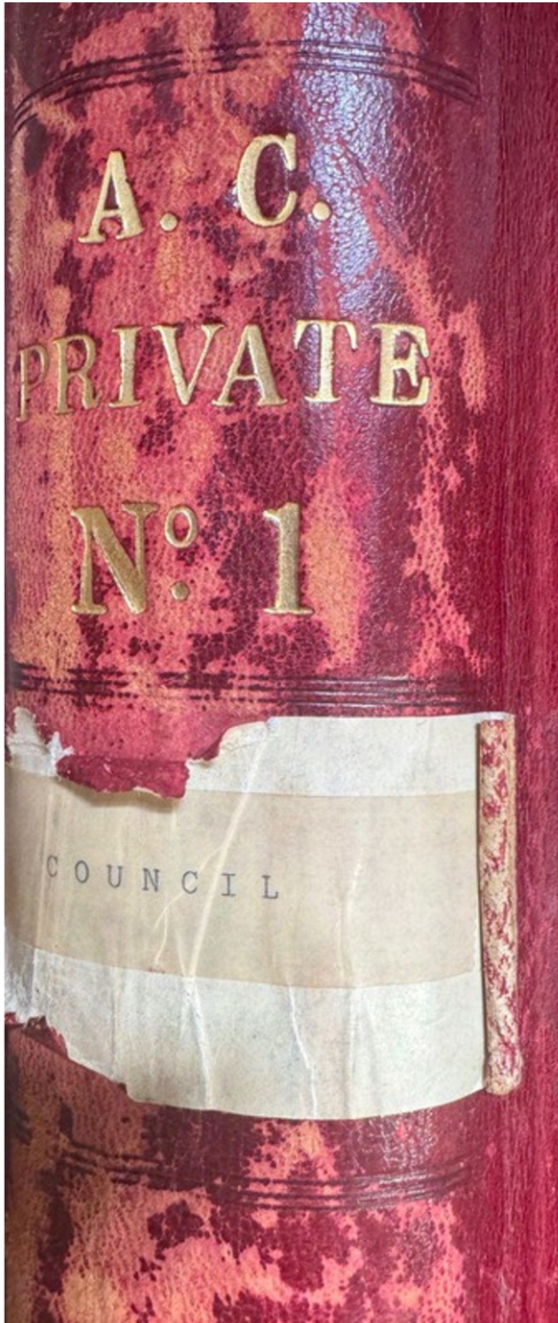
In the two and a half years I have been Chief Executive, I want to thank all of those on the Council and the Membership who have supported the work of myself and the team here especially the Presidents Craig Curtis and Celine Grant I have worked with. Thanks also to our team Chris Burton, Donna Sanderson, Lee Thickett and Jen Skehan who continue to support our work at our trading arm IWPP and at The Recycling Association. My gratitude also goes to Simon Ellin and David Symmers who had this role before me and built the foundations I am building on.

I feel privileged to have led us during this special year, and to continue to do so as we grow and develop The Recycling Association even further.

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MEETING MINUTES FROM THE EARLY DAYS

THE FIRST MEETING RECORDED BACK IN 1975:



SUGGESTED AGENDA

FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON

23RD JANUARY, 1975, AT

LEICESTER

1. To discuss the general set-up of an INDEPENDANT MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION and benefits of same.
2. To discuss and decide name of new association.
3. To discuss membership requirements and amend where necessary.
4. To discuss possible election of Management Committee.
5. To discuss objects of the association and general rules.
6. To discuss finance of the association.
7. To discuss registration of the association.
8. To discuss Secretariate.

INDEPENDANT WASTE PAPER PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION (U.K.)

Minutes of meeting held
by parties interested in forming an
Independant Waste Paper Association

A meeting was held and a discussion took place at the Abbey Motor Hotel, Leicester on the 23rd January, 1975.

1. It was agreed by the representatives present of seven waste paper companies that an association be formed and the name of the association to be: INDEPENDANT WASTE PAPER PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION (U.K.) The name proposed by Mr. Neilson i.e. U.K. Independant Waste Paper Merchant's Association was thought unsuitable and various alternatives were suggested and finally the above name was selected.
2. The benefits of the association to independant merchants were discussed and various temporary rules and objects were suggested. A list of these have been drawn up.
3. Membership requirements were discussed and a proposed list of membership rules were prepared; and these to be put to the first general meeting for their approval, acceptance or alteration where necessary.
4. We agreed as a temporary measure to form the members present into a council or management committee to get the association formed and to organise the first general meeting. The following persons were elected:

H. J. Neilson	-	Chairman
J. Dyer	-	Vice - Chairman
B. Harris	-	Secretary
D. Coombs	-	Treasurer

Committee members were:

B. Perry
A. Sharpe
D. Stevens

This committee was formed and can be re-elected or confirmed in office at the General Meeting or alternative members and officers can be elected.

5. The possible financing was discussed and it was agreed that of any tonnage sold by the association a certain percentage profit to be decided at the general meeting would be taken by the association to defray any expenses and to help towards building a small fund. Other means of obtaining finance will be decided at the first General Meeting.
6. Secretariate was discussed but it was thought it would not be right for the present committee to appoint a Secretariate as it had not been elected by members. The matter was left until the first elected committee was formed.

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PHOTOS FROM MEMBERS



A BRIEF HISTORY OF CS RECYCLING

Chas Storer Ltd was established in 1937, and is now known as CS Recycling Ltd.

CS Recycling has an expansive history spanning 85 years, and has remained a family-run business during the entirety of its establishment.

With 85 years in the recycling industry, CS Recycling is dedicated to transparent pricing and trading honestly.



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BIFFA

The company, which was originally engaged in the removal and sale of ashes and clinker from London power stations, was founded in Wembley by Richard Henry Biffa as Richard Biffa Limited, in 1912.

In 1958 Richard Henry Biffa's grandson, Richard Charles Biffa, joined the business and after becoming general manager in 1963, grew the business organically and by acquisition.

The business was acquired by British Electric Traction in 1971 and by Severn Trent for £212 million in 1991. It acquired the American-owned UK Waste for £380 million in 2000.

Severn Trent demerged the company to a consortium formed by Global Infrastructure Partners, Montagu Private Equity and Uberior Co-Investment in 2008.

It acquired recycling firm Greenstar UK for £135 million in 2010.

The company was re-listed on the London Stock Exchange on 17 October 2016. In June 2022, Biffa received a buyout proposal from private-equity firm Energy Capital Partners at £4.45 a share, a 37% premium to the share price, valuing the company at £1.36 billion.

In January 2023, the takeover was agreed, with shareholders receiving 410 pence per share and the shares were suspended on the London Stock Exchange on the 27th January 2023.

Biffa is now one of the largest waste management companies in the UK, employing around 8,000 people.



PHOTOS FROM MEMBERS

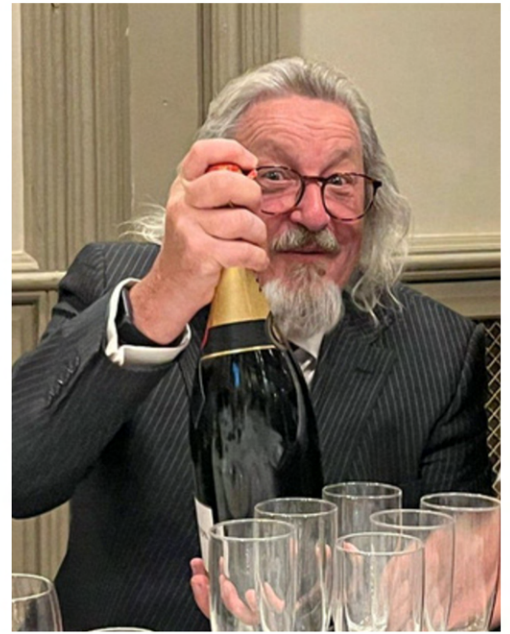


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OTHER PHOTOS FROM OUR MEMBERS





EVENTS OVER THE YEARS



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Public policy and local authority

A credit to its members

The British Recovered Paper Association's drive to have its members gain accreditation as part of a process that aims to improve industry standards is meeting with considerable success. Steve Eminson reports.

The first accreditation certificate was awarded in May of this year by (right) BPA's president John Cuthy to (left) David Perry of Perry's Recycling in Somerset.

More than 70% of recovered paper companies are members of Association (BPA) have now been formally accredited by the association.

Accreditation is a key part of the BPA's constitution and is seen as confirming that a member company keeps to the highest standards in the industry.

Mr Wainman, chairman of the BPA's executive committee, said: "The award of accreditation is a mark of distinction. It is a mark of excellence and a mark of achievement. It is a mark of excellence and a mark of achievement. It is a mark of excellence and a mark of achievement."

in regard to health and safety policies."

The association has about 80 members, including mills, merchants and processors, and some 50% of mill members have already received accreditation.

While there is no requirement to trade only with accredited businesses, Mr Wainman said that it would be a sign to those they deal with that the company is recognised as meeting high standards.

He added that in the future the hope is to create a high standard within the industry, whereby mills, in the future, are likely to seek the accreditation of their

infected percentages would seem to be with us for the rest of 1999. 19.1% to 4.3% tonnes, representing two weeks' supply in March.

Only Group 2 printed waste-line showed any week increase in May, a rise of almost 14% bringing the volume held by consumers to 2,680 tonnes - equal to one week's supply in two months. Consumption fell by 28.4% to 6,100 tonnes and intake by 32.1% to 8,217 tonnes, which has to be compared with declines of 28.7% and 29.1% respectively in the first five months of 1999, compared with 17.7% in the first four months and 11.2% in the first three months. However, raw fully well to establish a firm with a drop of 16.7% to 6,214 tonnes. The outcome was a 7.5% stock reduction to 7,345 tonnes, representing a 4.8-week supply against 5.6 in April and 6.7 in March.

The requirements were set at the BPA's AGM in November 1996, and from the time the accreditation process began several members have proper health and safety procedures in place and other appropriate training programs, and that members who are producing mill run bales in excess of 100 tonnes per week in properly banded premises.



A FLAVOUR OF RECENT EVENTS



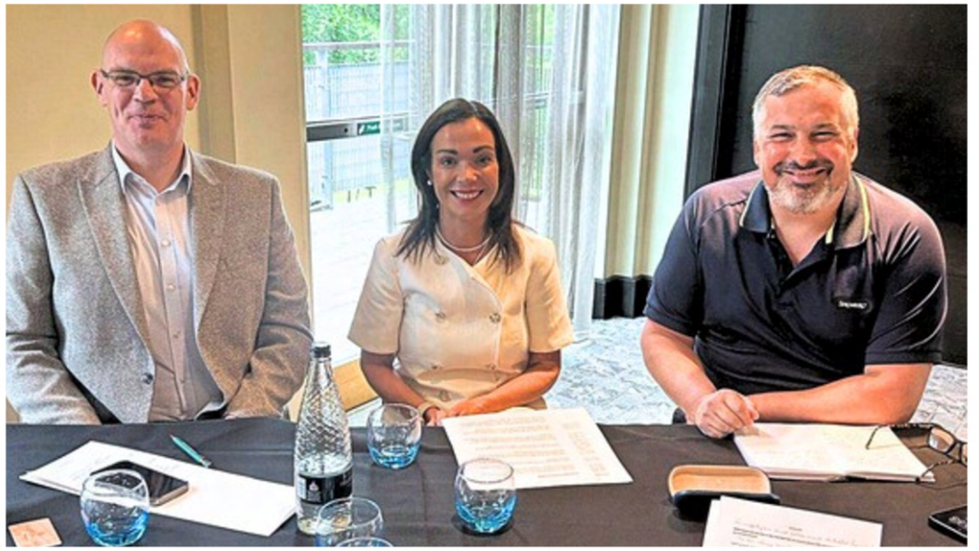
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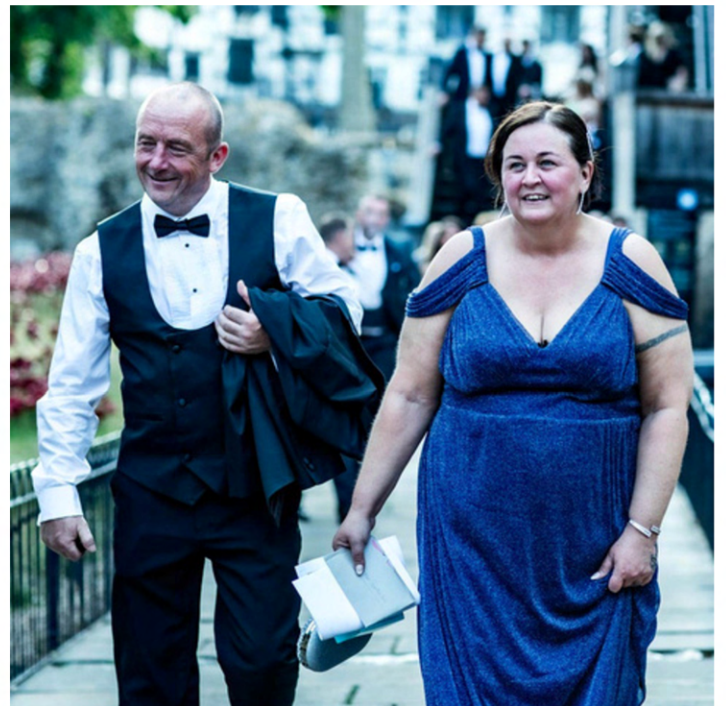


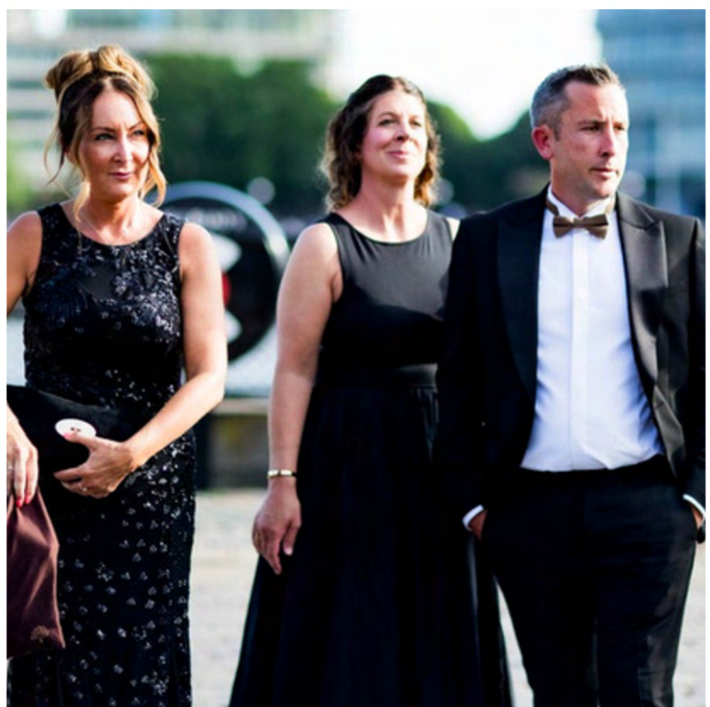




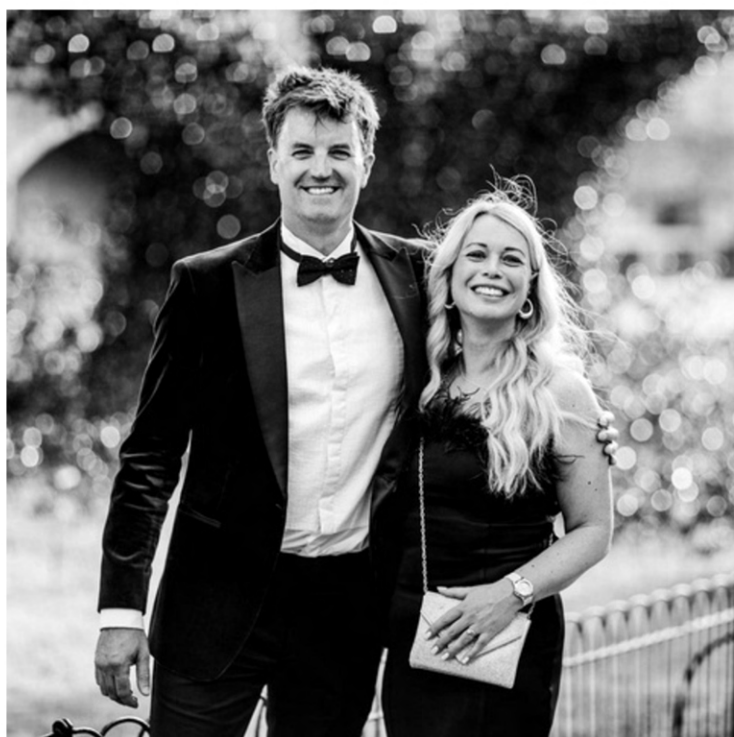




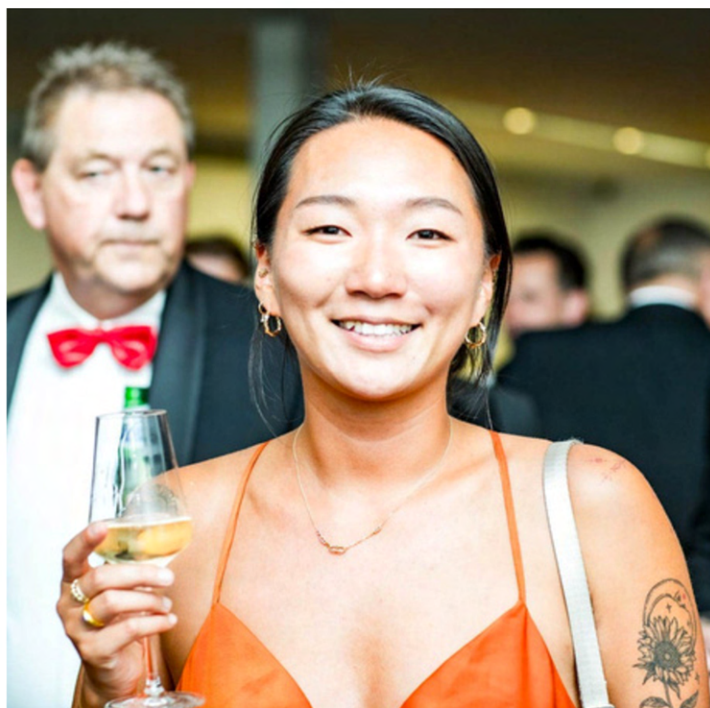














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50 YEARS
1968-2018

Banqueting

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Celine Grant May Gough-Watt Paul Sanderson Emma Burns Celia Clarke Sally Clarke Karen Sanderson Craig Curtis Chris Burton Helen Doherty	Angus Macpherson Tom Eckerley Andy Latham Tadell Lines Cath Brown Susan Keane Anna Green-Henry Shane Riches Simon DeSouza Matthew Denton	Pankaj Chaudhary Markus Ockind Peter McCann Vivak Samudravala Raf Peterson Chris Hargrove Craig Kanask Vicki Butterfield Andrew Ackroyd Stephanie Dalton	Adrian Jackson Clive Hayfield David Symmers Graeme Coombs Simon Marsden Lee Thickett Vicki Thickett Jan Skahan Wayne Sanderson Donna Sanderson	Julia Eling Josh Eling George Sim Susie Burrell Julia Turner Sarah Poulter Dan Cooke Eleanor Howes
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Paul Fazel Joni Smith Lynne Khamis Paul White Jonathan Ball Phil Cannon John Russell Katie Brown Graeme Richardson Sophie Armstrong	Rick Waterson Julia Waterson Frankie Chabwick Bella Chabwick Dan Killip Pat Killip Gail Killip Herman Van Der Meer Rick Tansley Julia Tansley	Matthew Perry Jessica Perry Ian Cook Michelle Cook Nick Perry Sue Spittle Samantha Perry Michael Jenkins Chris Perry Sarah Perry	Lynn Bolton Jodi Bolton-Smith Jason Smith Rosa Butler Cai Butler Muriel Bolton-Smith George Bolton Flo Bolton-Smith Isabelle Bolton-Smith Reuben Bolton	Robert Colford Lee Phelan Adam Murnieks James Greenwood Paul Shacker Oliver Lather Neil Mackey Alan Key Guest of Colford Group
TABLE 11	TABLE 12	TABLE 13	TABLE 14	TABLE 15
Ben Morris Milla Karmes Susan Harvey Simon Morris Ian Gray Teresa Brothers Jemima Kane Chris Keme Hil Chard	Lee Evans Beverly Evans Jordan Evans Hannah Evans Beulah Evans Emily Jones Neil Bibby Susan Bibby Sophie Williams Andy Williams	Stephen Bailey Matthew Hoare Angelo Hoare Tracy Hoare Dan Hoare Andy Tye Lynn Fuller Mark Fuller Mike Jackson	Liz Mollard Amy Watkinson Arnold Van Mulligen Dominic Robinson Richard McCarthy Martin Cawley Eadain McVerry Christine Park Yvonne Manger	Will Nicholls Megan Nicholls James Lewis Laura Clingham Ollie Nicholls Pinar Mike Rose John Glover Robbie Warden Daryl Gilbert
TABLE 16	TABLE 17	TABLE 18	TABLE 19	TABLE 20
Heath Green Tony Beach Ben U Chris Pedlar Emma Sully Amy Cockayne Ben Cockayne Hannah Shaw Doreen Higgins	Tommy Williams Steve Roberts Jon Gomer Paul King David Saunders Emma Saunders Blair Smith Colin Van Den Berg Holly Tipton Lander Parfitt	Steve Skurak Anoush Skurak Marc Wye Clare Tolland Karen Bradford Marie Fisher Rosa French Ben Lewis Brandon Corash Gemma Corash	Danny Grody Hannah Shin Jan Melling Neil Gorman Dan Burman Andrew Fendick Vignesh Rajendran Seran Nagarajan	Mark Woolley Sarah Louise Wheatley Julia Woodley Craig Robinson Renny Crofts Dan Willis Garry Bowman Connor Gorman
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