

Norfolk Ladies 65's team of Caroline Blincoe (Captain), Mary Ogden, Tish Peal and Sue Rich travelled to Sheffield to play the National Senior Inter County Final on Friday 27th October. The team won Group 1A and were up against Hampshire and Isle of Wight who were also unbeaten winning Group 1B. Norfolk were defending the title so needed to win at least three of the five rubbers.

The two singles were on first. Caroline and Mary both lost their first sets and Caroline went 5-1 down in the second but managed to claw her way back to a tiebreak which she won. Mary also won her second set so two nail biting match tie breaks were played. Mary won hers 10-5 but Caroline went down 7-10 leaving the match delicately poised at 1-1. Tish and Sue then won their first doubles 6-4, 6-2, with a solid performance putting Norfolk 2-1 ahead. Tish and Sue and Caroline and Mary went on to play the remaining two doubles matches, Norfolk needing to win one to secure the title. Tish and Sue were up against the two Hampshire & IOW singles players who proved too strong winning 6-3, 6-1 leaving the match finely balanced at 2-2. Caroline and Mary put in a strong performance winning 6-2, 6-1 and so securing the National title again. A great team performance.

Special thanks to Lesley Cooper and Jane Ling for coming along to support the team, much appreciated. Thanks also to Jenny Coady for standing by as reserve. Finally thank you to Norfolk LTA for their financial support towards the cost of travelling the country.