

## **Framsden Annual Meeting of the Parish, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Report from the Framsden Table Tennis Club**

Due to the residual impact of the Covid pandemic there has been some decline in table tennis participation across the country as evidenced by the reduction of the number of table tennis clubs and the number of divisions in the various town and county leagues; however, there has been no such decline in Framsden!

The Framsden Table Tennis Club that started in 2010 with two table tennis tables now has four and a register of 11 active and regular 'senior' players with space for one more if anyone is interested to join (7.30 to 9.00pm).

There are three regular juniors (from eight years old to early teens) who receive structured coaching and the Club could accommodate a couple more. Coaching is delivered from a Table Tennis England qualified coach (level 1) and juniors can work towards a Framsden Table Tennis Club certificate of achievement award (6.30 to 7.30pm). One Junior completed this award program last year and two others continue to progress.

From January 2022 to January 2023 the Club was open 51 out of 52 weeks and only closed for one week out of respect for the late Queen Elizabeth. This continues to bring in around £500 per year in village hall rent to help to maintain the village hall.

Although the Club fees are very modest, there has been a small reduction from £3.00 to £2.00 for each session as there is enough cash in the Club's account to replace two table tennis tables and equipment whenever necessary. A fairly good quality TT table is now likely to cost between £800 - £1,200.

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