

Framsden Annual Parish Council Meeting 9th April 2026 – Report from the Framsden Table Tennis Club

The Framsden Table Tennis Club that meets every Wednesday evening is now in its 15th year.

The Club currently has a membership of 14 as recorded in Club's register and is fully subscribed. Taking holidays, sickness and other commitments into consideration, not everyone can be expected to turn up at once and, according to the records, there has been an average weekly attendance of 8.75 representing a small increase of 0.55 participants during last year (02/04/25 to 01/04/26). We were closed only 3 out of 52 weeks of the year during the Christmas and the new year period.

It should be noted that in some weeks there are more than 10 participants and with limited space and only just room for 4 table tennis tables any more players would result in overcrowding. This could lead to frustration by those who would have to wait too long in order to have a game. Whilst we are fortunate to enjoy the facilities we have, we can hardly be regarded as a sports hall.

Further individuals seeking to join this club are invited to add their name to the waiting list.

The age range of participants is currently between 16 and 75 plus (7 male and 7 female).

The weekly attendance subscription has remained at £1.00 per session and the bank balance is adequate to fund replacement table tennis tables and equipment when considered necessary.

Transparency – The current Club's file (volume 3) is brought into the village hall every Wednesday evening and is available for all participants to see. The file contains the weekly attendance register, individual subscription payment records, bank statement printouts and receipts for all necessary purchases.

More village hall space would be beneficial for this and other village hall activities if all general tables, table tennis tables and the stack of chairs could be housed in a new lean-to store room in accordance with

architect's drawings previously produced. This would require effort to secure grant funding for such a village hall project. Such separate storage facilities are typically a feature most other village halls.

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