

Table Tennis Summary March 2020 - September 2021

The last meeting of the group in the Sports Hall pre-Covid was 19 March 2020.

First lockdown commenced Tuesday, 24 March and lasted for 12 weeks.

All our meetings were cancelled to the end of season (i.e. fortnightly until the end of July).

June 11th: Checked out the two tables in Heavitree Park (**thanks** to Norman King) and the group was then in action fortnightly to the end of July.

This morphed into weekly meetings commencing 10.00 with play some days continuing for 2 hours. (There were two meetings with poor weather in August – strong winds and heavy rain.)

Total meetings June until end of October: 15

The second lockdown occurred through November and 'Christmas' took precedence in December. (We therefore had 15 outdoor meetings in 2020.)

2021 The third lock-down was 13 weeks long, 5 January – 13 April 2021.

On April 15 weekly meetings were resumed. Covid vaccinations were occurring from end December through June and we were delighted to welcome the 'younger ones' back when they were ready!

April 27th, one table was vandalised but thankfully fixed before the following week. One date in May was cancelled with rain but we have been very fortunate most weeks to enjoy games, laughter and social times together.

Unfortunately when the same table was vandalised in August it was irreparable and there was not a replacement table in the parks' stores. Now the lovely adaptable gang have more social times (and Trevor enjoys walks around the park too)!

Currently we have played 21 weeks since April this year and also have enjoyed discovering the heavier outdoor balls. They have a great feel especially when trying to cope with gusty winds! Numbers vary of course but frequently are 8 or more!

Financially:

In Sports Hall: £2.50 /session	Parking (if lucky enough to find a space)	£1?
Outdoors: Free	Parking (if pay for 2 hours)	£2.20
	(There are some free roads nearby)	

Expenses:	Financed from the kitty:	
	2 boxes outdoor balls	£13.92
	Kitkats snack ('new tradition')	£17

**CONCLUSION: SO MANY WONDERFUL HOURS OF FUN AND LAUGHTER!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**