

## **TABLE TENNIS**

Thankfully, playing under the restrictions of Covid now seems a distant memory. Since October we have been playing our normal format of Doubles and Singles games. We regularly have 20 - 25 of our members enjoying themselves on Friday afternoons at Allithwaite Community Centre. Fortunately we are able to have four tables in use so sitting down time is minimal. There is no need to book as we operate a “just turn up, pay, and play” system and new members are always welcome. All you need is the Session Fee of £1. We start at 2:15pm and can play for up to two hours if required.

In the last issue of our Newsletter I forecast that, hopefully, we would be able to play other u3a table tennis teams in “friendly” matches and this came to pass at the end of February. We hosted a match against South Lakes u3a and met 10 of their players to do battle in both Double and Singles games. Despite the temporary absence of one of our star players we managed to win! The score after 6 Doubles and 33 Singles matches was 23 /16 in our favour so we retained the Cup.

Well done to the Team and my thanks to everyone who provided the excellent refreshments. My special thanks to Bob Lear who managed to sort out the order of play in his usual efficient way.

I look forward to seeing members, old and new, on Friday afternoons to enjoy this physically and mentally stimulating game.