

Newsletter Spring 2026

Our club is one year old

In January 2026, our club celebrated its first anniversary, what a fantastic first year it's been! Welcome to our first newsletter, where you can read about our activities and achievements so far. We're delighted to now have a waiting list for junior players on Tuesday evenings. To meet growing demand, we plan to purchase three additional table tennis tables and we're always looking for more volunteer helpers.

Our club was established in 2025 thanks to the hard work of our volunteer committee, generous support from local table tennis supporters and sponsors, a successful grant from Sport England, and the valued assistance of Valley Invicta Academy Trust and School of Science and Technology, who provide us with excellent sports hall facilities and storage. Our aim is to coach and develop players — especially young people — helping them enjoy the game, improve their skills, build confidence, support their fitness and wellbeing, and take part in competitive matches.

We're proud to be an inclusive, friendly club open to everyone in our community.

We held our official opening evening with Ryan Jenkins and Paul Drinkhall in February 2025, who showed us a fantastic exhibition match and gave lots of coaching advice to everyone in the presence of the Mayor of Maidstone. We staged our first Junior club closed championships and hosted a friendly inter-club junior match against Chatham TTC in the summer of 2025.

Johann Le kindly organised a **Maidstone summer junior league** for young players and in September we held a **Bat workshop** with Bribar Table Tennis for all members. In November 2025, the club played a **friendly match against the Pingsters TTC** (Worthing) including both adults and young players. Our venue has been used by both the Maidstone and District TT Association and the Kent County TT Association to host their annual tournaments and a Kent Junior ranking tournament, as well as the Matrix organisation for various tournaments.

***We need more GIRLS
to play our sport!
Suggestions welcome.***



Friendly match Maidstone TTC against Chatham TTC

**REMEMBER the
WORLD TEAM
Table Tennis Champ's
are being hosted by
London
(Wembley and the
Copperbox) 28th April
to 10th May in 2026**



Maidstone TTC team in the British Cadet League 2026



Our juniors and cadets played a friendly match against **Cleeve Park TTC** in January 2026.

Our cadets (U15's see above) represented our club and played some excellent closely fought matches against many teams in the **British Cadet club League in Horsham**. Also, many club players represented their school in the Kent Schools Team (and then the southeast regionals) and Individual Champs in 2025-26. And 19 of our club Junior players enjoyed playing in many age group events of the Maidstone TT Champs in February 2026.



**U11 boys
Maidstone
Closed top
3 positions**

‘Ping’ us a message on social media
www.maidstonettc.co.uk

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 15th March 2026 final day of British Cadet Club League (Horsham)

Saturday 21st March 2026 – Kent Junior Closed tournament at the Maidstone TT Club venue

28th April – 10th May 2026 World Team Table Tennis Championships at Wembley Arena and the Copper Box

Sunday 3rd May 2026 Club trip to the World TT Championships (Wembley Arena)

Saturday 16th May 2026 Maidstone TTC World Team Champs. Kent Club invitational tournament for cadets/Jnrs. (teams of 2 playing as countries at our club)

Tuesday’s 2nd & 9th June 2026 evenings Maidstone Junior club champs.

Tuesday 23rd June 2026, 8pm Maidstone TTC AGM at our club venue

July 2026 dates TBC friendly match against Chatham TTC and Cleeve Park TTC

July-August 2026 Tuesday evenings- Maidstone TT Junior League

September 2026 date TBC friendly match against the Pingsters TTC in Worthing

HELPERS ALWAYS WELCOME:

We welcome volunteer parent/adult player helpers with the coaching of young players on Tuesday evenings as feeders/helping with umpiring (contact Delyth, Safeguarding Officer).

Helpers also welcome to set up/put down equipment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We need help fund raising, promoting our club, and make suggestions on future events.

Please contact any club committee member if you are interested in joining the MTTC committee.

Young and old volunteers time and expertise is much welcomed. Your help ensures our community club continues to grow, and that our players can enjoy the sport and thrive both on and off the table.