## **Martin Hewett Maidstone Ping Pong Champion**

The Maidstone Table Tennis League starts on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November after an 18-month layoff due to Covid 19. As a pre-curser the league organised a hard bat (Ping Pong) tournament to get members together after such a long lay off on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the Larkfield Club. Working Mens Martin Hewett won the open event beating Barming's Tim Vaughan in the final 15-11, 15-14 and Hewett also took the 40-59 year event beating Larkfield's Mark Steeden in an excellent match with long rallies, with Hewett's topspin attack beating Steeden's defence 14-15, 15-12, 15-8. The O'60's event saw several surprises, Larkfield's Steve Conrad, beat top seed Barming's Ming Majoe 13-15, 15-6, 15-10 and then took out third seed Jill Shipton (Kingshill) 13-15, 15-11, 15-13 to reach the final, but there found Working Mens Bob Cox too hot to handle losing 4-15, 5-15. Cox had previously beaten second seed T T Traders Shev McDonald in the quarters 15-9, 15-8. The U 40's event saw Barming's Haydn Vaughan beat Sutton Valences Sam Woodcock 15-13, 2-15, 15-14 in the final.



Hard Bat (Ping Pong) Open Finalists Martin Hewett (Champion) Tim Vaughan (R/U)



Hard Bat (Ping Pong) O60's Finalists Bob Cox (Champion) Steve Konrad (R/U)



Hard Bat (Ping Pong) 40-59 Finalists Martin Hewett (Champion) Mark Steeden (R/U)



Hard Bat (Ping Pong) U40's Finalists Haydn Vaughan (Champion) Sam Woodcock (R/U)