



## Club reaps the benefits of Ping Pong Parlour link

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The Ping Pong Parlour, based at Castle Mall Shopping Centre in Norwich, has held two high-profile events over the past few weeks.

The first event was a 'Ping-Pong-athon'. This involved a 12-hour table tennis marathon, hosted by Norwich City Table Tennis Club. Six players from the club – Stuart Laws, Doug Randall, Sam Carson, Leigh Claxton, Kevin Stone and Dan Millburn took part

The event raised funds for the Castle Mall charity for 2017, The Hamlet, which looks after Norfolk children and adults with learning disabilities and complex health needs.

Norwich City Table Tennis Club head coach, Stuart Laws, said it went very well, adding: "It is a bonus to have a charity involved. It is good to combine table tennis and do something for a good cause."

At the end of last month, the Ping Pong Parlour hosted a robot challenge, where Castle Mall shoppers were given to opportunity to win prizes by knocking down as many cups as possible in 30 seconds of table tennis from a robot feed.

Competitors made a suggested donation of £1 which went to Castle Mall's charities of the year 2018, OPEN and Headway Norwich and Waveney.

Club members from Norwich City Table Tennis Club were again on hand to help and Laws said they had benefited from the ping pong parlour.

He said: "We have left flyers around the tables here and we have had 12 new members join the club as a result of the ping pong parlour, as well as others who have come in for taster sessions."

Together the two days raised £250 for the charities involved, with more days planned for the future.

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