

11TH FEBRUARY 2026
GAMES AND SOCIAL EVENT AT THE RING OF BELLS, WIDCOMBE

There was huge enthusiasm for this event amongst our members - we had needed to limit the numbers to 41 and still had a few people on a 'reserve list'. Despite it being a wet and dreary morning, 41 of us surged into the Ring of Bells to start the event with coffee in the downstairs bar. Pam was issuing name labels to everyone and the volume of chattering was deafening, the socialising part of this event was well underway!

As everyone moved upstairs to our private room the socialising flowed up the stairs - so even standing on a stool and ringing a handbell had little effect! However, Active Adventurers are basically polite, so the hub-bub died down and I was given a chance to explain the format and send each random group of four to their first game.

Everyone moved seamlessly round the room playing 10 silly games lasting 4 minutes each – from table top curling and quoits to weirder concepts such as bouncing ping pong balls into egg boxes and picking up draughts with 'chopsticks'! By the end, some winners emerged and were rewarded with very tiny prizes!

Richard and Tony then took over and led a short session on proposed activities, also encouraging everyone to help with the organisation of future events. The final excitement was the buffet, it was an excellent spread and we didn't manage to finish all the offerings!

The unanimous consensus amongst attendees was that it had been an extremely enjoyable morning, with plenty of varied fun activities and good food.

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13th Feb 2026