

**CLOSED
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023/24**



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GRAND FINALS
AT
OLD CHELMSFORDIANS SPORTS CLUB
LAWFORD LANE, CHELMSFORD, CM1 2NS

MONDAY 15 January 2024

7.30 pm

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WELCOME TO FINALS NIGHT

The Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League Committee has the pleasure of welcoming you all to the Annual Closed Tournament Finals Night.

The earlier rounds of the events being completed this evening were played at the Mildmay Hall of Anglia Ruskin University over the extended weekend of Thursday 4 January to Sunday 7 January 2024. Other events were played in their entirety over that weekend and many of the winners and runners-up of these competitions are with us tonight to receive their trophies and medals. 149 players took part in this year's event – making this the largest of its kind in Essex.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Linda Mascot, and the Mayor's Consort, Mr Ian Mascot, to this evening's event.

We also welcome Chris Bryden, East Area Manager at Table Tennis England to Finals Night and Steven Funnell, director of F&S Energy, the tournament's sponsor.

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- **Dave Moles, Paul Sturton, Gordon Gatheral, Rod MacLennan, Neil Freeman, Ken Wilding, Robert Burton, Adi Kamma, Rev Matthews** – for their assistance helping at the Tournament Weekend
- **Jeremy Hill** – Press Reports
- **Gordon Gatheral** – MC for Finals Night and Bat & Chat organiser
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CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on THURSDAY 30th MAY 2024

at 7.30pm

at

Old Chelmsfordians, Lawford Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 2NS

**CHELMSFORD CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
FINALS NIGHT 2023 / 2024
ORDER OF PLAY**

1. MEN'S SINGLES – SEMI FINAL

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)
vs
Matthew Mulley (Old Chelmsfordians)

2. MEN'S SINGLES - SEMI FINAL

Paul Davison (Danbury)
vs
Duncan Taylor (Writtle)

3. JUNIOR SINGLES – FINAL

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)
vs
Harrison Hill (Chelmsford)

4. VETERAN'S SINGLES – FINAL

Kevin Read (Writtle)
vs
Duncan Taylor (Writtle)

INTERVAL

5. MEN'S DOUBLES – FINAL

Paul Davison (Danbury) & James Donald (Danbury)
vs
Mark Mulley (Old Chelmsfordians) & Matthew Mulley (Old
Chelmsfordians)

6. LADIES' SINGLES – FINAL

Evie Knaapen (Buttsbury)
vs
Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)

7. MEN'S SINGLES - FINAL

Winner of Semi Final 1

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Winner of Semi Final 2

DETAILS OF PLAYERS APPEARING THIS EVENING

Kevin Read (Writtle TTC) In his early years, Kevin won local league and county titles in Singles, Doubles and team events in Kent, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. He then gave up table tennis for a number of years before starting again in Essex. A former Men's Singles winner in the Burnham, Brentwood, Basildon and Southend Leagues, with a range of Doubles and team titles to his name, Kevin has represented his county as a Junior, Senior, and more recently in the Veterans first team for Essex. His last appearance at Finals Night was last year when he was beaten in the semi-final by eventual winner, Keith Adams.

Mark Mulley (Old Chelmsfordians TTC) - Mark started playing table tennis at the age 10 and went on to become an Essex Junior Champion, the top ranked player in London and as high as 26th in England as a junior as well as representing Essex as a junior. After reaching 105th in the England Men's senior rankings Mark stopped playing at age 23 because of injury. A couple of years ago he resumed playing and as well as playing in the British Senior League was an integral part of the OCA A team that won the Division 1 title of the Chelmsford League last season, along with his brother, Matthew.

Matthew Mulley (Old Chelmsfordians TTC) - Matthew is a former National Junior U18s doubles finalist and former Essex no.3 ranked junior. Reached No.26 in the England Junior rankings. Was part of the Old Chelmsfordians team that won the Chelmsford League Division 1 title last season, along with his brother Mark.

Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford TTC) – Aleesha is a former Junior Girls Champion, Handicap Doubles Champion and Under 15 Singles runner-up in Chelmsford. She was also the runner-up in the U16 event at this year's Jack Petchey London and Essex School Finals, represented

Essex in the County Championships and took part in the Junior British League.

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford TTC) Harry started playing in 2018 and as well as the being the reigning Chelmsford League Boys Singles Champion (beating Toby McLewin in the final), he also holds the Brentwood League Junior and Men's Singles Titles. He has already found success in this year's tournament with both a Hard Bat and Junior Doubles Title to his name. He is currently ranked nationally in the top 40 for his age group and competes on a regular level with some of the country's best representing Essex and Chelmsford at the likes of Senior and Junior British League and the County Junior Championships. ***Stop Press : Harry became the Essex Schools U19 Champion on Sunday 14 January 2024.***

Harrison Hill (Chelmsford TTC) Was last year's U13s champion, but school commitments prevented him defending his title this time round. An eventful year for Harrison - he was part of a Chelmsford team to win both the National Cadet League and the National Junior League, proudly represented the Essex Cadets in the Premier Division of the County Championships, made the last 16 of the National Championships and was a member of the Chelmsford team competing in the Junior British League. In recent weeks he won an U15s tournament at BATTs, finished runner up in the C&DTTL Junior Doubles (with Evie Knaapen) and won the C&DTTL division two singles event.

Duncan Taylor (Writtle TTC) Vastly experienced player who was a top 10 ranked England Junior back in the day. Former Men's Singles Champion in the Basildon, Burnham, Chelmsford, and Southend Leagues. Winner of both the Men's Singles and Veterans Singles in the 2022 Burnham tournament. Vast County playing experience including playing for the Essex Veterans first team. Duncan currently plays in the Veterans British League.

Paul Davison (Danbury TTC) Six times Braintree Men's Singles Champion. Frequent title winner at the Chelmsford Tournament which includes successes in the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles as well as Semi-Final appearances in the Men's Singles. Current Braintree Men's Singles Champion taking a record 7th title last season. Also, the current Braintree Veterans Champion. Plays in the Veterans British League having also played in the Senior British League and has played County table tennis for both Essex and Suffolk.

Evie Knaapen (Buttsbury TTC) - Evie first started playing table tennis at junior school with Sidney Dorn. She has been playing in the Southend League for a couple of years, initially for Ashingdon, but due to lack of players, joined Hullbridge/Matchpoint being coached by Liam Squirrell. This season she also joined the Chelmsford League and has really enjoyed playing for Buttsbury A. In June 2023, Evie became U13 National Doubles Champion alongside her partner, and has joined with her to play in the Junior British League. Evie is currently part of the Essex County cadet team, and a reserve for both the junior and senior teams. Evie enjoys competing in lots of different competitions and is looking forward to the upcoming Jack Petchey Competition.

James Donald (Danbury TTC) James is 16 years old and currently plays for both Danbury and Tollgate and trains at BATTs with Adam Nutland. James plays for BATTs in both the Senior and Junior British Leagues and is currently ranked 32 nationally in U17s. James has played for Essex Junior and Cadet first teams, both teams are currently in their Premier divisions. In 2022 James won gold medal at the National Inter-Regionals representing East of England in the U15s event and silver medal last season in the Jack Petchey U16's event. This will be James's inaugural Chelmsford Finals Night appearance.

2023/24 HONOURS TO DATE

UNDER 13s SINGLES

Winner **Charlie Ware (Hutton)**

Runner-Up **Joshua Freeman (Hutton)**

Trophies presented after match 3

UNDER 15s SINGLES

Winner **Sami Osman (Chelmsford)**

Runner-Up **Joshua Freeman (Hutton)**

Trophies presented after match 3

JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES

Winner **Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)**

Runner-Up **Evie Knaapen (Buttsbury)**

Trophies presented after match 3

JUNIOR DOUBLES

Winners **Josh Bickles (Chelmsford)**
 Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)

Runners-Up Evie Knaapen (Buttsbury)
 Harrison Hill (Chelmsford)

Trophies presented after match 3

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner **Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**
 Evie Knaapen (Buttsbury)

Runners-Up Ella Sach (Maldon)
 Dan Anderson (Danbury)

Trophies presented after match 3

LADIES DOUBLES

Winners **Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)**
 Evie Knaapen (Buttsbury)

Runners-Up Frances Hutt (Buttsbury)
 Lucy Elliott (Buttsbury)

Trophies presented after match 3

DIVISION 2 SINGLES

Winner **Harrison Hill (Chelmsford)**

Runner-Up Chris Buer (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

DIVISION 3 SINGLES

Winner **Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**

Runner-Up Dave Moles (Writtle)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

DIVISION 4 SINGLES

Winner **Cleon Fernandes (Chelmsford)**

Runner-Up Alex Ware (Buttsbury)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

DIVISION 5 SINGLES

Winner **Richard Pond (Buttsbury)**

Runner-Up Adhuna Das (Chelmsford)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner **Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**

Runner-Up Peter Davenport (Chelmsford)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Winners **Lucy Elliott (Buttsbury)**
 Saul Chivers (Chelmsford)

Runners-Up Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)
 Robert Burton (Old Chelmsfordians)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

BAT&CHAT SINGLES

Winner **Barry Gould**

Runner-Up Fred Hodges

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

BAT&CHAT DOUBLES

Winners **Adam Pitt**
 Mark Day

Runners-Up Doug Blaber
 Liz Hendle

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

BAT&CHAT SINGLES PLATE

Winner **Georgina Riches**

Runner-Up Mark Day

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

HARD BAT SINGLES

Winner **Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)**

Runner-Up Lee McHugh (Writtle)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval

UNDER 40's SINGLES

Winner **Ian Wall (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Matthew Stringer (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 6

UNDER 40's DOUBLES

Winners **Ian Wall (Danbury)**
 Matthew Stringer (Danbury)

Runners-Up Dan Anderson (Danbury)
 Sam Lowman (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 6

VETERANS DOUBLES

Winners **Kevin Read (Writtle)**
 Keith Adams (Danbury)

Runners-Up Duncan Taylor (Writtle)
 Paul Davison (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 6

OVER 50s SINGLES

Winner **Keith Adams (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Eric Green (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 6

OVER 60s SINGLES

Winner **Bruce Kettle (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Eric Green (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 6

OVER 70's SINGLES

Winner **Steve Buer (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Ian Whiteside (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 6