

**CLOSED
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2022/23**



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GRAND FINALS

AT

OLD CHELMSFORDIANS SPORTS CLUB
LAWFORD LANE, CHELMSFORD, CM1 2NS

MONDAY 16 January 2023

7.30pm

WELCOME TO FINALS NIGHT

The Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League Committee has pleasure in 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 weekend of Friday 6 January to Sunday 8 January 2023. 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.

Taking part will be eight players who have appeared on Finals Night before - Kevin Read, Keith Adams, Lee McHugh, Duncan Taylor, Bruce Kettle, Trevor Lloyd, Paul Davison and Dawn Baldry - and four newcomers - Andrea Alleyne, Toby McLewin, Saul Chivers and Harry Chivers. In the preliminary rounds there were some excellent matches and we look forward to an enjoyable and competitive evening of table tennis.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following who have made both the Tournament Weekend and Finals Night possible:

- David Gatheral – Tournament Organiser
- Dave Moles, David Porter, Paul Sturton, Paul Nicol, Rod Maclellan – Assistance on the Control Table for Tournament Weekend
- Norman Smith – MC for Finals Night
- Gordon Gatheral – Catering at Tournament Weekend
- Steve Kerns – Press Reports
- Dave Moles, Martyn Green and Trevor Collin – Finals Night Umpires
- Paul Nicol – Photographer at Finals Night
- Matthew Brown – PA Equipment
- Gary Copsey – Supply of Trophies for the winners and runners up

CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on **THURSDAY 25th MAY 2023**

at **7.30pm**

at

Old Chelmsfordians, Lawford Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 2NS

**CHELMSFORD CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
FINALS NIGHT 2022 / 2023**

1. MEN'S SINGLES – SEMI FINAL

Kevin Read (Writtle)
vs
Keith Adams (Danbury)

2. MEN'S SINGLES - SEMI FINAL

Saul Chivers (Chelmsford)
vs
Lee McHugh (Writtle)

3. BOYS SINGLES – FINAL

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)
vs
Toby McLewin (Danbury)

4. VETERAN'S SINGLES – FINAL

Keith Adams (Danbury)
vs
Duncan Taylor (Writtle)

INTERVAL

5. MENS' DOUBLES – FINAL

Bruce Kettle (Danbury) & Trevor Lloyd (Danbury)
vs
Paul Davison (Danbury) & Toby McLewin (Danbury)

6. LADIES SINGLES – FINAL

Dawn Baldry (Maldon)
vs
Andrea Alleyne (Maldon)

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 Mens 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 saw him lose a thrilling Mens Singles Semi Final to Rik James in 2008.

Keith Adams (Danbury TTC) Began playing table tennis in the Silvertown League in 1982 at Fairbairn House, home club of Essex legend Skylet Andrew. Keith played there until 1996 when the League folded. After concentrating on Athletics he returned to table tennis in 2007 and has won the Brentwood Mens Singles title, the Basildon Veterans Singles crown on two occasions, and numerous Doubles titles. He currently plays in five local Leagues and the Veterans British League. Last year's Chelmsford Veterans Singles Champion, this year he will be looking to retain his Veterans singles crown and to add the Mens Singles title to his list.

Saul Chivers (Chelmsford TTC) This is Saul's first appearance at Chelmsford Finals Night. He began playing table tennis for Chelmsford TTC in the Chelmsford Junior League the age of 13. He was a member of the team which won the National Junior League top division in 2022, and he now plays in both the Senior and Junior British Leagues for Chelmsford TTC. He is currently ranked 128th in the National Junior Category. Last year Saul qualified for both the Jack Petchey Foundation Finals and the Regional Schools Tournament.

Lee McHugh (Writtle TTC) Braintree Mens Singles Champion in 2019, this is Lee's third appearance at Finals Night, having won the Mixed Doubles in 2020 and been runner up in the Mens Doubles the same year. Last year he won a new event – the Under 40s Singles, and this time round he was runner up in this event. Lee is a prolific and innovative Table Tennis Coach who has helped numerous Juniors at a wide range of local Clubs, including Chelmsford TTC, Buttsbury TTC, Danbury TTC, Tollgate TTC and Writtle TTC.

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford TTC) This is Harry's first appearance at Finals Night. He started playing in 2018 and like his brother Saul he has progressed rapidly through the world of Junior Table Tennis. He is currently ranked 102nd in the National Junior Category, and he has reached the Finals in various 1 Star and 2 Star tournaments across the country. Last year he played for the Chelmsford team which won the National Junior League Division 1 title, and he is currently playing in both the Junior and Senior British Leagues.

Toby McLewin (Danbury TTC) Toby began playing at Tollgate TTC in Colchester where he has won both the Cadet and Junior titles. He now trains at Britannia TTC in Ipswich where he is coached by Aad Kwakkelstein. He plays for Britannia TTC in both the Senior and Junior British Leagues and is currently ranked 71st in the National Junior Category. He has played for Essex Junior first and second teams and the first team finished runners-up recently in the County Championships Premier Division. This will be Toby's first Chelmsford Finals Night appearance.

Duncan Taylor (Writtle TTC) Vastly experienced player who was a top 10 ranked England Junior back in the day. Former Mens Singles Champion in the Basildon, Burnham, Chelmsford and Southend Leagues. Winner of both the Mens 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.

Bruce Kettle (Danbury TTC) Bruce played as a Junior at the Fellows Cranleigh Club where he was coached by the legendary Wally Read in a group which included such luminaries as Bob Potton, Les Eadie, Ian Horsham, Stuart Gibbs, Bobby Stevens, Dave Brown, Dave Bowles, Leslie and Peter Radford, Peter Hunt, and Bob and Janet Hellaby. Working as a Youth and Community worker it became harder for him to play in local Leagues because of work commitments but despite this Bruce has played in the following Leagues in Essex at one time or another – East London, Central London. Ilford, Romford, Becontree, Waltham Forest, Brentwood, Basildon. Burnham, Chelmsford and Southend. Last year's Mens Doubles winner, he had a very good tournament weekend winning both the Over 60s singles and the Hardbat Singles.

Trevor Lloyd (Danbury TTC) Has already won two Over 40s Veterans Singles titles and three Over 60s Singles titles in Chelmsford since moving to Essex from his native Wiltshire. In Wiltshire he won no fewer than 12 Mens Singles titles in the West Wiltshire League as well as four Wiltshire County Mens Singles titles. Played over 100 times for Wiltshire in County matches. Current member of Essex Over 60s first team. Last year's Men Doubles winner he will be looking to retain that title.

Paul Davison (Danbury TTC) Six times Braintree Mens Singles Champion. Frequent title winner at the Chelmsford Tournament which includes successes in the Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles as well as

Semi-Final appearances in the Mens Singles. Plays in the Veterans British League having also played in the Senior British League

Dawn Baldry (Maldon TTC) - defending her Ladies' Singles title Dawn is also a multiple winner of the Ladies' Singles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles in the Burnham League Tournament.

Andrea Alleyne (Maldon TTC) Began playing aged 18, and gave up to start a family. She started playing again 12 years ago and now plays for Maldon TTC in the Chelmsford League and Blackwater TTC in the Burnham League. Andrea won the Ladies Doubles at the weekend with Dawn Baldry and last year she won the Mixed Doubles with Duncan Taylor in the Burnham League Tournament. This will be her first Chelmsford Finals Night appearance.

Thank you to the Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League's Press Officer, Steve Kerns, for writing the biographies of tonight's finalists

2022/23 HONOURS TO DATE

UNDER 13s SINGLES

Winner **Harrison Hill (Chelmsford)**

Runner Up Charlie Ware (Buttsbury)

UNDER 15s SINGLES

Winner **Aidan Lees (Chelmsford)**

Runner Up Dion Fernandes (Chelmsford)

JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES

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

Runner Up Annabel Sweeney (Chelmsford)

JUNIOR DOUBLES

Winners **Toby McLewin (Danbury)**
James Donald (Chelmsford)

Runners Up Saul Chivers (Chelmsford)
Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner	Annabel Sweeney (Chelmsford) Sam Phillips (Danbury)
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Runner Up	Frances Hutt (Buttsbury) Paul Sturton (Buttsbury)
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LADIES DOUBLES

Winners	Dawn Baldry (Maldon) Andrea Alleyne (Maldon)
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Runners Up	Melanie Bonnett (Highwood) Nicola Phippen (Highwood)
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DIVISION 2 SINGLES

Winner	Paul Sturton (Buttsbury)
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Runner Up	Ian Whiteside (Danbury)
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DIVISION 3 SINGLES

Winner	Chris Buer (Danbury)
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Runner Up	Denis Crapnell (Danbury)
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DIVISION 4 SINGLES

Winner **Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**

Runner Up Farooq Ahmed (Old Chelmsfordians)

DIVISION 5 SINGLES

Winner **Alex Ware (Buttsbury)**

Runner Up Steve Martin (Danbury)

UNDER 40's SINGLES

Winner **Ian Wall (Danbury)**

Runner Up Lee McHugh (Writtle)

UNDER 40's DOUBLES

Winners **Dan Anderson (Danbury)**
Sam Lowman (Danbury)

Runners Up Sam Phillips (Danbury)
Richard Storey (Writtle)

VETERANS DOUBLES

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

Runners Up Duncan Taylor (Writtle)
Babul McLeod (Danbury)

OVER 50s SINGLES

Winner **Keith Adams (Danbury)**

Runner Up Trevor Lloyd (Danbury)

OVER 60s SINGLES

Winner **Bruce Kettle (Danbury)**

Runner-up Babul McLeod (Danbury)

OVER 70's SINGLES

Winner **Ian Whiteside (Danbury)**

Runner Up Johnny Tendler (Danbury)

HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner **Oscar Hutt (Buttsbury)**

Runner Up Aidan Lees (Chelmsford)

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Winners **Peter Davenport (Chelmsford)**
 Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)

Runners Up Dawn Baldry (Maldon)
 Cleon Fernandes (Chelmsford)

BAT&CHAT SINGLES

Winner	Dave Deller
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Runner Up	Simon Hacker
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BAT&CHAT DOUBLES

Winners	Tony Berman Mark Gowers
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Runners Up	Ian Leff Shirley Pitt
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HARD BAT SINGLES

Winner	Bruce Kettle (Danbury)
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Runner Up	Eric Green (Danbury)
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