

**CLOSED
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2024/25**



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

MONDAY 13 January 2025

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 weekend of Friday 3 January to Sunday 5 January 2025. 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. Details of all winners and runners-up of these tournaments are recorded later in this programme.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Janette Potter, and the Mayoress, Jackie Galley, to this evening's event.

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CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on **THURSDAY 29th MAY 2025**

at 7.30pm

at

Old Chelmsfordians, Lawford Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 2NS

**CHELMSFORD CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
FINALS NIGHT 2024 / 2025 – ORDER OF PLAY**

1. LADIES' SINGLES – SEMI FINAL

Dawn Baldry (Maldon)
vs
Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)

2. MEN'S SINGLES - SEMI FINAL

Keith Adams (Danbury)
vs
Reece Seddon (Danbury)

3. MEN'S SINGLES – SEMI FINAL

Duncan Taylor (Writtle)
vs
Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)

4. VETERAN'S SINGLES – FINAL

Sanjay Saptarshi (Danbury)
vs
Keith Adams (Danbury)

INTERVAL

5. JUNIOR SINGLES - FINAL

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)

vs

Aidan Lees (Chelmsford)

6. MEN'S DOUBLES - FINAL

Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury) & Josh Bickles (Chelmsford)

vs

Gary Young (Danbury) & Keith Adams (Danbury)

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

Dawn Baldry (Maldon TTC) - A previous winner of the Chelmsford Ladies Title, lastly in 2023, Dawn is also a multiple winner of the Ladies Singles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles title in the Burnham League Tournament.

Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford TTC) - Alesha is a former Junior Girls Champion (retaking her title last year), Handicap Doubles Champion and Under 15 Singles runner-up in Chelmsford. She was runner-up in last year's Ladies Singles competition.

Keith Adams (Danbury TTC) - Keith began playing table tennis in the Silvertown League in 1982 at Fairbairn House, home club of Essex legend Skylet Andrew. Keith played in Silvertown until 1996 when the League folded. After concentrating on Athletics, he returned to table tennis in 2007 and has since won the Brentwood Men's Singles title (3 times), the Basildon Veterans Singles crown (3 times), Burnham Veterans and many Doubles titles. He currently plays in five local Leagues, Veterans British League, and captains the Essex County over 40s second team. He was also the Chelmsford Veterans Singles Champion in 2022, Chelmsford Men's Singles Champion in 2023, and this year he will be trying to regain both of those titles and has a further opportunity in the Men's doubles.

Reece Seddon (Danbury TTC) - Reece has played table tennis for 7 years (over 11 years with a 4-year break in between) and has won the Men's Singles title in Burnham 3 times (being the defending champion). Multi-time doubles champion across the years culminating last year in winning the Basildon, Brentwood, Burnham and Southend Men's Doubles titles.

Duncan Taylor (Writtle TTC) - Vastly experienced defensive player who was a top ten ranked England Junior back in the day. Former Men's Singles and Doubles Champion in the Basildon, Burnham, Chelmsford, and Southend Leagues. Vast County playing experience and currently playing for the Essex Veterans first team. Duncan also currently plays in the Veterans British League for BATTs.

Harry Chivers (Chelmsford TTC) - Harry is the reigning Junior Chelmsford, Braintree, Brentwood, Burnham, and Colchester Champion, also having won two Brentwood Men's singles titles. He is currently ranked nationally in the top thirty-five for his age group and has represented Essex and Chelmsford in the Premier County Division and Junior British League, respectively. His two successive Chelmsford Hard Bat titles should also stand him in good stead as he travels to China later this month to compete in the Traditional Table Tennis World Cup.

Sanjay Saptarshi (Danbury TTC) - Sanjay first picked up table tennis during his school days in Mumbai (Bombay), where he performed fairly well at junior level. However, his passion took a backseat when he joined university, and he stopped playing. Now retired, he has rediscovered his love for the sport, competing regularly in local leagues and is an active member of the Danbury, South Woodham Ferrers and Hockley clubs. This year marks a significant milestone for him, as he has reached the Veterans' Singles finals for the very first time.

Aidan Lees (Chelmsford TTC) - Aidan started his competitive table tennis journey in 2022 at Chelmsford TTC. He went on to win both the National Cadet League (NCL) and National Junior League (NJL) in the 2022/2023 season with Chelmsford TTC. Last season, Aidan was part of the Chelmsford team that won the Junior British League Division 4 and was also selected to represent the Essex Junior B team in Division Two of the County Championship. This season he represented the Essex Junior A team in the Premier Division of the County Championship and

he is representing BATTs at the Junior and Senior British Leagues. This will be Aidan's inaugural Chelmsford Final Night appearance.

Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury TTC) - Jamie started playing 5 years ago when he was 13 and has progressed through Buttsbury TTC coaching under the supervision of Liam Squirrell, going up through the leagues from division four to division two with the Buttsbury A Team. Last year, Jamie won the Hill Dowsett Junior Trophy as well as both the Chelmsford League Mixed Doubles and Handicap singles titles. Jamie has recently started attending Loughborough University and is currently playing in the British University League.

Josh Bickles (Chelmsford TTC) - Josh began his table tennis journey in 2018, quickly developing a passion for the sport and showing promise in competitive play. Starting from the basics, he quickly advanced through local competitions. Currently, Josh competes in Division 1 of the Chelmsford League as well as representing Essex at county level.

Gary Young (Danbury TTC) - Gary previously played for Suffolk senior men's first team and currently plays for Essex veterans second team. He has twenty-three doubles titles from 6 Leagues across Essex. In singles events he is the 2020 Chelmsford Veteran singles champion and Clacton League 2004 Men's singles winner and 4-time Veteran's singles winner. He is also the current Colchester League Veteran's Champion.

2024/25 HONOURS TO DATE

UNDER 13's SINGLES

Winner **Joshua Freeman (Buttsbury)**

Runner-Up Charlie Ware (Hutton)

Trophies presented after match 3

UNDER 15's SINGLES

Winner **Kuzey Musabak (Chelmsford)**

Runner-Up Joshua Freeman (Buttsbury)

Trophies presented after match 3

JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES

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

Runner-Up Adhuna Das (Chelmsford)

Trophies presented after match 3

JUNIOR DOUBLES

Winners **Aidan Lees (Chelmsford)**
 Nikita Tkachuk (Chelmsford)

Runners-Up Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)
 Josh Bickles (Chelmsford)

Trophies presented after match 3

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner	Dawn Baldry (Maldon) Reece Seddon (Danbury)
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Runners-Up	Lucy Elliott (Buttsbury) Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)
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Trophies presented after match 3

LADIES DOUBLES

Winners	Dawn Baldry (Maldon) Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)
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Runners-Up	Francesa Hart (Buttsbury) Freya Hart (Buttsbury)
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Trophies presented after match 3

BAT & CHAT SINGLES

Winner	Dave Deller
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Runner-Up	Fred Hodges
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Trophies presented after Match 3

BAT & CHAT DOUBLES

Winners **Ian Leff & David Leff**

Runners-Up **Mike Fenech & Georgina Riches**

Trophies presented after Match 3

DIVISION 2 SINGLES

Winner **Sanjay Saptarshi (Danbury)**

Runner-Up **Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

DIVISION 3 SINGLES

Winner **Neil Freeman (Hatfield Peverel)**

Runner-Up **Harry Sawford (Buttsbury)**

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

DIVISION 4 SINGLES

Winner **Charlie Ware (Hutton)**

Runner-Up **Oscar Hutt (Buttsbury)**

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

DIVISION 5 SINGLES

Winner **Lee Vallis (Hutton)**

Runner-Up Gheroge Nita (Hutton)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner **Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**

Runner-Up Vicente Beco (Hutton)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Winners **Lucy Elliott (Buttsbury)**
 Charlie Ware (Hutton)

Runners-Up Josh Bickles (Chelmsford)
 Richard Pond (Buttsbury)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

HANDICAP SINGLES PLATE

**Joint Winners Shengbing Zhu (Chelmsford) & Alex Wilson
(Danbury)**

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

HANDICAP DOUBLES PLATE

**Winners Alesha Ellis-Austin (Chelmsford)
 Jamie Elliott (Buttsbury)**

**Runners-Up Jacqui Smith (Chelmsford)
 James Grimston (Chelmsford)**

Trophies presented after Match 4 before the interval.

HARD BAT SINGLES

Winner Harry Chivers (Chelmsford)

Runner-Up Dan Anderson (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 4, before the interval.

UNDER 40's SINGLES

Winner **Reece Seddon (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Ian Wall (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 5

UNDER 40's DOUBLES

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

Runners-Up Dan Anderson (Danbury)
 Arron Chandler (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 5

VETERANS DOUBLES

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

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

Trophies presented after Match 5

OVER 50's SINGLES

Winner **Gary Young (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Kevin Read (Writtle)

Trophies presented after Match 5

OVER 60's SINGLES

Winner **Trevor Lloyd (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Sanjay Saptarshi (Danbury)

Trophies presented after Match 5

OVER 70's SINGLES

Winner **Ian Whiteside (Danbury)**

Runner-Up Hamish Innes (Maldon)

Trophies presented after Match 5