

## **Johann Le star performer**

The Maidstone Table Tennis League Closed Championships were held on the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at the Maidstone Table Tennis Club based at the School of Science & Technology. Larkfield's 17-year-old Johann Le was the star of the weekend winning the Open Singles, Mens Doubles and U19 (Junior) Singles. In fact, the Mens final was a battle of the 17-year-olds with Le beating 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, 17-year-old Maxwell Antrim 11-7, 12-10, 11-6. Undoubtedly the best match of the day was the much looked forward to semifinal between 68-year-old Alan Watson and Le. Watson is a highly ranked national veteran combination bat player who defeats all but the very best local players. Le's combination of spin attack, resolute defence and quick killer hits won him the match to loud applause 11-9, 11-3, 5-11, 11-9. Le teamed up with Antrim to win the Mens Doubles beating 4<sup>th</sup> seeds Tim Vaughan / Will Wrapson 11-5, 14-12, 11-8. 2025 champion Delyth North was beaten by Patrick Jeffrey in the quarter final, who was then beaten by Maxwell 11-7, 6-11, 12-14, 10-12 in the semi-final. North won the Ladies singles as expected and also won the O'40's (veterans) singles, fighting back from two sets down to beat last year's finalist Will Wrapson 6-11, 11-13, 11-6, 11-4, 13-11. Terry Clapperton / Delyth North beat Shev McDonald / Claire Blackman to win the Mixed doubles with Clapperton also winning the Band 1 singles. The junior events were well contested with many from the MTTC taking part. Le as expected won the U19's beating East Peckham's Mack Borland 11-4, 11-2, 11-6 however earlier rounds were well contested with Flynn Kemp and Raffaele Andreatta making the semi-final with Andreatta losing to Borland 6-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 7-11. Flynn won the U15's beating Eon Bobby in the final and it was a pleasure to see four U11's doing battle with Jack Fissenden- Gold, Elliot Hegarty – Silver, Benny Marchant – Bronze, all showing great promise for the future.

**Open Singles** –Johann Le beat Maxwell Antrim 11-7, 12-10, 11-6.

Open Singles semi-final –Johann Le beat Alan Watson 11-9, 11-3, 5-11, 11-9

Open Singles semi-final – Maxwell Antrim beat Patrick Jeffrey 10-12, 11-8, 15-13, 11-9.

**Ladies Singles** – Delyth North beat Claire Blackman 11-6, 11-5, 11-6

**Men's Doubles** –Johann Le / Maxwell Antrim beat Tim Vaughan / Will Wrapson 11-5, 14-12, 11-8

**Mixed Doubles** –Terry Clapperton / Delyth North beat Shev McDonald / Claire Blackman 11-9, 11-7, 13-11

**Veteran Open Singles** –Delyth North beat Will Wrapson 6-11, 11-13, 11-6, 11-4, 13-11

**Ladies Doubles** – Delyth North / Christina Flinn beat Claire Blackman / Zhong J'ao Tan 8-11, 7-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-5

**O'50 Singles** – Claire Blackman beat Richard Bashford 11-6, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8.

**O'60 Singles** – Alan Watson beat Ming Majoe 4-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-4.

**O'70 Singles** –Graham Minter beat Richard Bashford 12-10, 11-5, 9-11, 5-11, 11-4.

**Vets Ladies Singles** – Delyth North beat Claire Blackman 11-9, 11-8, 11-6.

**Vets Men's Doubles** –Shev McDonald/Terry Clapperton beat Will Wrapson/ David East 11-4, 11-4, 3-11, 8-11, 11-7.

**Vets Mixed Doubles**–Terry Clapperton/Delyth North beat Shev McDonald/Claire Blackman 11-9, 10-12, 11-4, 11-6

Open Singles band 1 – Terry Clapperton beat Tim Vaughan 11-8, 13-11, 12-10

**Open Singles band 2** –Sam Woodcock beat Oliver O'Hare 9-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9.

**Open Singles band 3** –Richard Bashford beat Barrie Incedon 11-7, 13-11, 11-3

**Division 2 Singles** - David East beat Abdullah Kassim 11-4, 8-11, 11-13, 11-8, 11-5

**Division 3 Singles** –Oliver East beat Hugh O'Neill 12-10, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8

**U11 Singles** –Jack Fissenden- Gold, Elliot Hegarty – Silver, Benny Marchant – Bronze

**Cadet U15 Singles** – Flynn Kemp beat Eon Bobby 11-6, 11-8, 8-11, 11-6.

**Junior U19 Singles** – Johann Le beat Mack Borland 11-4, 11-2, 11-6

**U'40 Restricted Singles** – Flynn Kemp beat Abdullah Kassim 11-9, 4-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8.



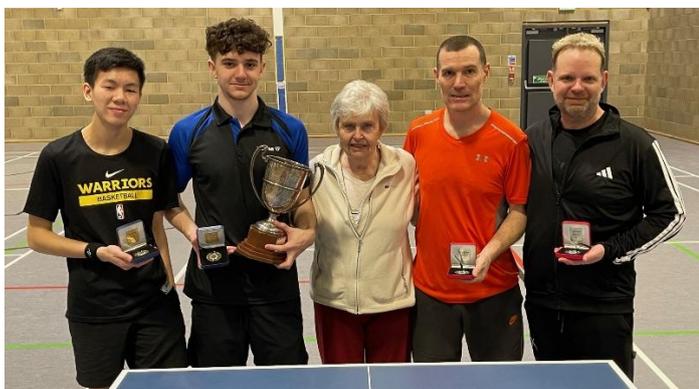
**Open Singles**

Johann Le, Julie Hall (organiser) Maxwell Antrim



**Ladies Singles**

Delyth North, Julie Hall (organiser) Claire Blackman



**Mens Doubles**

Johann Le/ Maxwell Antrim beat Will Wrapson/ Tim Vaughan



**Mixed Doubles & Veteran Mixed Doubles**

Terry Clapperton/ Delyth North beat Claire Blackman / Shev McDonald



**Veterans O'40s Open Singles**

Delyth North beat Will Wrapson



**U19 (Open Junior Singles)**

Johann Le (Delyth North MTTC Coach) Mack Borland



**U15 Open Singles**

(Delyth North MTTC Coach)

Flynn Kemp beat Eon Boby



**U11 open Singles**

(Adrian Moore MTTC Coach)

Jack Fissenden, Elliot Hegarty, Benny Marchant



**Ladies Doubles**

Delyth North / Christina Flinn beat Zhong J'ao Tan/ Claire Blackman



**O'50's Singles**

Claire Blackman beat Richard Bashford



**O'60's Singles**

Alan Watson beat Ming Majoe



**O'70's Singles**

Graham Minter beat Richard Bashford



Veteran Ladies Singles

(Julie Hall organiser)

Delyth North beat Claire Blackman



Veteran Mens Doubles

Barrie Incedon (Trophy Secretary)

Terry Clapperton / Shev McDonald beat Will Wrapson / David East



Open Singles Band 1

Terry Clapperton beat Tim Vaughan



Open Singles Band 2

Sam Woodcock beat Oliver O'Hare



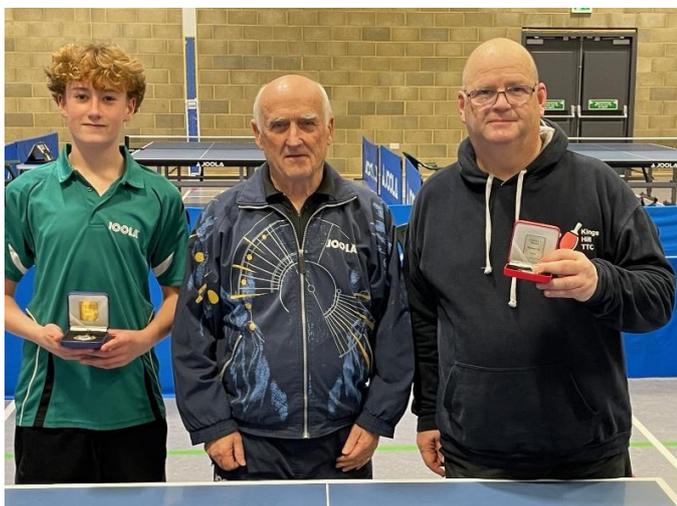
Open Singles Band 3

Richard Bashford beat Barrie Incedon



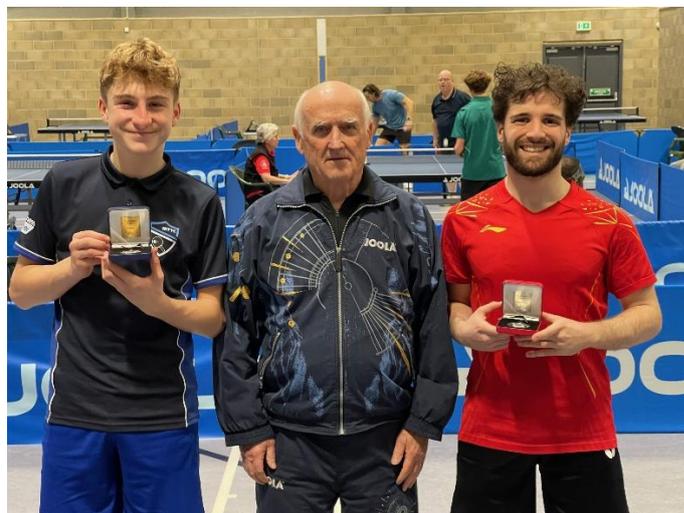
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U'40's restricted Singles

Flynn Kemp beat Abdullah Kassim



Most Enthusiastic player

7 year old Josh King

Special thanks go to **Julie Hall** for all her work in preparing for the event and to Crystal Jenkins (Hall) & Julie Parker who worked tirelessly over the weekend to ensure the events ran smoothly.

Many thanks to those who helped set up on the Friday evening and helped to tidy up after the event.