

It was a day for previous winners from Eastbourne at the Sussex Christmas Party playoffs in a packed Clubcue Leisure in Worthing where, both for the third time in five years, Jim Withers won the Leukaemia Research Shield and Kelly Ryan took the Chairman's Trophy.

In the men's Singles Jim won the Shield final with a 3-0 victory against fourteen-year-old Lewis Gurney from Lancing. The losing semi-finalists were Andy Macintosh and Harry Jackson. Kelly defeated Denise Peake 3-1 in the final of the ladies Singles Trophy, Laura Macintosh and Julia Saldanha were the losing semi-finalists. The Youth competition had only ten entries and was won by Harry Jackson from Ringmer, beating Crawley's Tommy Sykes 2-0 in the final.

The opening Pairs events at the start of the day proved successful for Littlehampton's players with James Stephenson/Craig Stoner winning the men's event and Donna Rainsley/Karen Winter taking the ladies. Donna completed her day, partnering Newhaven's Paul Eves, to win the Laurie Allen Mixed Pairs Cup, defeating Karen Winter and Craig Stoner 3-2 in the final.

Total prize money paid on the day was £573 shared by twenty-one players.

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