



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!

Malcolm, Martin and Shae honoured at Annual Awards

Cippenham Table Tennis Club celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the purpose-built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre with a party and awards presentation. The evening was organised and presided over by Charles Mitchell who began by presenting chocolate gifts to the Club's many volunteers.

The first of the main presentations of the evening was for the Senior Player of the Year. This went to Martin Adams, the mainstay of the Club's first team in the Senior British League for many years. Under Martin's captaincy, the team gained its highest ever league position, second in Division 1 South, last season and as a consequence qualified for the newly created national Championship Division for the current season. On a more personal note, Martin won all twenty of his matches in the Veterans' British League Division 2. His team were promoted as a result of this and this has prompted the Club to enter a second men's team into this league for the current season.

Next was the Alan Farral and Terry Boxall Junior Player of the Year Award. There was an obvious choice for this award which went to Shae Thakker for



the second year running. Shae is a GB Para international and is still only thirteen years old. He has won many medals in local events and in national disabled events but the main reason for the award was the stupendous achievement of winning all thirty-five of his matches in the National Junior League for Cippenham last season. Shae is currently at it again – having started the season with unblemished records in this season's National Junior League and National Cadet League.

The main event on such an evening is the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This award, not open to the Officers of the Club, is made to the person who, in the eyes of the Committee, has made a big

difference to the Club. This year the award went, for an unprecedented third time, to Malcolm Makarian. Malcolm spends more hours each week at the Cippenham Club's premises than almost anyone else and is always on hand to take on those tasks that no-one else seems to want to do. Malcolm is also the DIY man at Cippenham, lending his various skills on many occasions and in a variety of different ways. In recognition of this award, Malcolm has also been entered by the club into the Table Tennis England Pride of Table Tennis awards as its Club Volunteer of the Year and was presented with a certificate in recognition of this by Cippenham TTC founder and General Secretary Graham Trimming.

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2nd team jump top then slump

Joy, then despair, were the emotions of the Cippenham second team when the Senior British League staged its second weekend of the season at Cippenham. However, for the first team there was little joy, only despair, as they lost ground on the other teams in the relegation battle from the Championship Division.

Cippenham II started level on points but second on sets aggregate to National Division C-5 leaders Cardiff City III and faced those opponents in the very first match on Saturday morning. However, the match did not live up to its billing with Cippenham romping to a 7-3 victory with four of the sets being won by very comfortable 3-0 margins. Kevin Gray was the star for Cippenham, opening up with a 3-1 win over Cardiff number one Pouyan Javanmard and then later destroying Benedict Watson to give Cippenham an unassailable 6-2 lead. However, thing did not go so well for Cippenham at the start of the match with Tony West and Shae Thakker losing to Cade Short and Watson respectively and at that point Cardiff led the match 2-1.

Cippenham then reeled off the next five sets, dropping only three games in the process as Anthony Ellis, Tony and Kevin, helped by the two doubles sets, carved their way through the card. Shae then easily beat Ryan Crowley in the final set to conclude a fine team performance in which each of the four Cippenham players had won at least one of their singles plus a doubles.

Buoyed by this result, which saw Cippenham leapfrog Cardiff and take up top position, the next opponents were local rivals Ashford II. This was even more straight-forward for Cippenham and Kevin's loss to Yun Song Cheang was the only one suffered by Cippenham who thrashed their local rivals 9-1.

A change of personnel for the Sunday matches saw Simon Vine and Paul Baker replace Tony West and Kevin Gray. This change weakened the Cippenham team, pushed Anthony Ellis up two places to number one, and was an important factor in a change of fortunes. To say that Sunday's results, two 6-4 losses to Kingfisher III and a three-man Fusion II, were disappointing is an understatement but at the end of the weekend Cippenham are still in second place but now in a much more com-

pressed table with only sets aggregate determining the second to fourth places.

The Kingfisher match was closely fought throughout with five of the ten sets being decided by either two or three points in the deciding game. Kingfisher won three of these while Cippenham stole the other two. The three locals in the Cippenham side, Simon, Shae and Paul won one singles each while Simon and Paul combined to win one of the doubles.

When Simon beat the Fusion number one Dimitry Khakhamov in the opening set of the final match, and with three walkovers to count later, effectively putting Cippenham 4-0 up, they could not have dreamt that all the other sets would go against them. However, that is exactly what happened with the doubles lost by Anthony and Shae from 2-0 up being the most frustrating.

On the other side of the playing hall, the Cippenham first team found that their opening opponents, Drumchapel Glasgow II, had brought a much stronger team than had crossed the border in the first weekend. Josh Bennett and Rob Hansell both beat Sephr Bidhari, the only player who had appeared back in September, but the Glasgow team ran through the rest of the card to make the final result 6-2.

Saturday afternoon saw Cippenham lose heavily 8-0 to championship contenders Urban I with only Martin Gray extending Adrien Costea to a fifth game. Cippenham were without a match on Sunday morning following the withdrawal from the league of Bristol Academy and then faced relegation contenders Wymondham in the afternoon. Josh Bennett won both of his matches, against husband and wife Neil and Lauren Charles and Martin Adams just held off Jake Collins 12-10 in the fifth. At that point Cippenham were 3-2 up and the taste of victory was getting stronger. Owe Karlsson then lost 3-1 to Ryan Collins to make it 3-3 and Martin was 2-0 against Lauren Charles but eventually lost 3-2. In the final set, Tom Windram led Jake Collins 2-1 but he too could not find the finishing line and Cippenham had lost important points in a 5-3 defeat.

Senior British League

League Tables:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Championship Division | | | | | | | |
| Nottingham Sycamore I | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 11 | 12 |
| Urban I | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 9 | 11 |
| London Academy I | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 11 | 11 |
| Kingfisher I | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 38 | 6 |
| Wymondham | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 37 | 5 |
| Drumchapel Glasgow II | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 42 | 3 |
| Cippenham I | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 44 | 0 |
| National Division C-5 | | | | | | | |
| Cardiff City III | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 26 | 13 |
| Cippenham II | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 30 | 11 |
| Haywards Heath I | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 49 | 31 | 11 |
| Kingfisher III | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 43 | 37 | 11 |
| Ashford II | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 34 | 46 | 8 |
| Fusion III | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 41 | 39 | 7 |
| Okehampton Oilers | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 52 | 3 |
| Haywards Heath II | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 21 | 59 | 0 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|---------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Cippenham I | | | | |
| Josh Bennett | 7 | 14 | 7 | 50 |
| Martin Adams | 5 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| Robert Hansell | 4 | 8 | 1 | 13 |
| Owe Karlsson | 5 | 10 | 1 | 10 |
| Martin Gray | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Tom Windram | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Cippenham II | | | | |
| Tony West | 4 | 8 | 6 | 75 |
| Simon Vine | 4 | 8 | 6 | 75 |
| Shae Thakker | 8 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| Paul Baker | 4 | 7 | 4 | 57 |
| Kevin Gray | 4 | 8 | 4 | 50 |
| Anthony Ellis | 8 | 16 | 7 | 44 |

Results:

| Cippenham I | Cippenham II |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2-6 Drumchapel Glasgow II | 7-3 Cardiff City III |
| 0-8 Urban I | 9-1 Ashford II |
| 3-5 Wymondham | 4-6 Kingfisher III |
| | 4-6 Fusion III |

5 out of last 8 for Martin Gunn

It was business as usual at the Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open with Old Windsor resident Martin Gunn defeating Reading's Hari Gehlot in a repeat of the final when the tournament was last played in April. Gunn's record at Cippenham is quite phenomenal, having won five of the last eight veterans' titles that have been contested.

In the knock-out stage of the competition all the top three Cippenham players had the unfortunate experience of being drawn against Hari Gehlot in successive rounds. Paul Baker was first to go, then Simon Vine suffered the same fate in the quarter-final. Meanwhile Mike Rhodes had a magnificent win against third seed Anthony Corbin in the quarter-final. Like the others before him, though, Mike was no match for the impressive Gehlot in the semi-final.

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Shae unbeaten in NJL and NCL



Cippenham teams have made some good starts to the National Junior League and National Cadet League season and especially Shae Thakker, who remains unbeaten in both leagues, having also won all 35 of his matches in the NJL last year.

The results have been especially good in the National Cadet League. The A and B teams top their division while C are handily placed second in theirs. Douglas Claridge-Hansen, Pranav Gudipati, Jaiden Caldeira, Luke and Jack Mailey have all won at least two-thirds of their matches.

Only the A team is really impressing in the National Junior League, being placed third in the top division after the first round of matches. B were bottom of Division 3 and will therefore play in Division 4 in the second round.

The tournament was organised by Graham Trimming, refereed by Sue Hayes and attracted a decent entry of 37 despite to the unfortunate clash of dates with the VETTS Eastern Masters.

For a filler report please go to the Club's website.

| Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| Event | Winner | Runner-up |
| VS | Martin Gunn (Av) | Hari Gehlot (Bk) |
| VC | Paul Martindill (E) | Trevor Davies (Hr) |

Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
Saturday 7 January 2017
 Teams of 2 players. Preliminary round groups of 3 followed by progressive knock-out to rank all teams from 1 to 24
 Entries close 24 December

| National Cadet League | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|----|-----|
| League Tables: | | | | | | | |
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham A | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 23 |
| Crusaders B | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 6 | 21 |
| Crusaders A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 9 | 18 |
| Oxford A | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Warren Spring A | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 5 |
| St Albans A | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 3 |
| Division 3 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham B | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 20 |
| St Albans B | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 9 | 18 |
| Oxford C | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 16 |
| Asford C | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Chiltern A | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Warren Spring C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 5 |
| Division 4 | | | | | | | |
| Ashford D | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 23 |
| Cippenham C | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 8 | 19 |
| Chiltern C | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 16 |
| Oxford D | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| Chiltern B | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 8 |
| Chiltern D | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 3 |
| Players' Averages: | | | | | | | |
| | M | P | W | Av | | | |
| Cippenham A: | | | | | | | |
| Shae Thakker | 3 | 9 | 9 | 100 | | | |
| Douglas Claridge-Hansen | 3 | 9 | 8 | 89 | | | |
| Pranav Gudipati | 3 | 9 | 6 | 67 | | | |
| Cippenham B: | | | | | | | |
| Sonny Dalston | 3 | 9 | 9 | 100 | | | |
| Jaiden Caldeira | 3 | 9 | 7 | 78 | | | |
| James Western-Kaye | 3 | 9 | 4 | 44 | | | |
| Cippenham C: | | | | | | | |
| Luke Mailey | 3 | 9 | 8 | 89 | | | |
| Jack Mailey | 3 | 9 | 6 | 67 | | | |
| Nikolai Hinterreither | 3 | 9 | 5 | 56 | | | |

Photo (top left) shows Shae with his Junior Player of the Year award (see front page for details)

| National Junior League | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| League Tables: | | | | | | | |
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Crusaders A | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 11 | 34 |
| Reading A | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 12 | 33 |
| Cippenham A | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 18 | 27 |
| Kidlington A | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 16 | 19 |
| Crusaders B | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 33 | 11 |
| Crusaders C | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 10 |
| Division 3 | | | | | | | |
| Hillingdon | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 9 | 36 |
| Ashford B | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 10 | 35 |
| Ashford C | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 18 | 27 |
| Chiltern C | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 30 | 15 |
| Dacorum | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 32 | 13 |
| Cippenham B | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 36 | 9 |
| Division 4 | | | | | | | |
| Kidlington C | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 8 | 37 |
| Ashford D | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 14 | 31 |
| Chiltern D | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 19 | 26 |
| Chiltern F | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 28 | 17 |
| Cippenham C | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 30 | 15 |
| Chiltern E | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 36 | 9 |
| Players' Averages: | | | | | | | |
| | M | P | W | Av | | | |
| Cippenham A: | | | | | | | |
| Shae Thakker | 5 | 13 | 13 | 100 | | | |
| William Fricker | 5 | 13 | 5 | 38 | | | |
| Pranav Gudipati | 5 | 13 | 3 | 23 | | | |
| Cippenham B: | | | | | | | |
| Holly Long | 3 | 9 | 4 | 44 | | | |
| Aiden Caldeira | 5 | 15 | 5 | 33 | | | |
| Marcus Richardson | 5 | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Amandeep Dhak | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Cippenham C: | | | | | | | |
| Harry Coles | 2 | 6 | 4 | 67 | | | |
| James Western-Kaye | 5 | 15 | 7 | 47 | | | |
| Jace Heath | 3 | 9 | 2 | 22 | | | |
| Nikolai Hinterreither | 5 | 15 | 2 | 0 | | | |

Start Christmas off with a bang!
Festive Grand Prix
Tuesday 20 December
 No need to book, no special fees, just turn up and register by 7:45 pm
Free mulled wine and mince pies!

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Weekday Timetable

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Mon | 19:15 | Advanced Coaching Group |
| Tues | 19:15 | Local league matches |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |
| | 19:40 | Grand Prix (when run) |
| Weds | 19:30 | Elite Coaching Group |
| Thurs | 17:15 | Beginners' coaching |
| | 19:15 | Local league matches |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |

Fees Season 2016-17

| | Full | Conc'n |
|---|---------|---------|
| Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8) | £18.00 | £9.00 |
| Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8) | £30.00 | n/a |
| Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month) | £1.80 | £0.90 |
| Family Membership (after 30/11 per month) | £3.00 | n/a |
| Maidenhead League Registration | £18.00 | £9.00 |
| National Junior League registration | n/a | £12.00 |
| National Cadet League registration | n/a | £12.00 |
| Practice Fees | *£4.00 | *£2.00 |
| Local League Match Fees | £4.00 | £2.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session) | **£6.00 | **£3.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term) | | £35.00 |

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members



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Liam Pitchford - England's No. 1.

Liam Pitchford uses a Butterfly Viscaria blade with Tenergy 05 rubber on both sides

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Weekend Diary

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Dec 3 | County Championships Junior Div 2C |
| Dec 4 | National Cadet League (2) |
| Dec 10 | County Championships Junior Division |
| Dec 11 | Senior British League (3) |
| Dec 18 | Drinkhall & Evans Training Camp |
| Jan 7 | Cippenham Team 2-Star Open |
| Jan 14 | County Championships Veterans' Div 1B |
| Jan 28 | County Championships Veterans' Div 1B |
| Jan 29 | National Cadet League (3) |
| Feb 4 | National Junior League (3) |
| Feb 12 | Reading Junior Closed Championships |
| Feb 18/19 | County Championships Senior Div 2B |
| Feb 25 | National Junior League (4) |
| Feb 26 | Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1* Open |

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