



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Peter is the Grand Prix Champ

**P**eter Gajdus picked himself up from the despair of losing to Amar Abid-Ali in the first match of the final session of the Grand Prix to win not only that session but the overall title itself. That first eventful match that saw Amar go 2-0 up, Peter get back to 2-2 only for Amar to win the fifth game 11-9, nearly knocked the stuffing out of Peter. However the realization that he could still make the final by beating his friend and rival Ollie Valdez in the semi-final stirred his fighting spirit and resulted in a re-match with Amar in that final. By now Peter was firing on all cylinders and managed to defeat Amar 3-1.

It was close, though. Had Amar won the final then he and Peter would have finished level on points and faced a play-off—yes, a third match between them on the same night. In the end it did not come to that with Peter finishing 60 points ahead of Amar who, in turn, was five points ahead of Choi Lee (he played only two of the five events and won them both) and a further five ahead of Ollie.

A total of 25 players participated during the series of competitions. That was more than enough for the Club organizers to deem it a success and to advertise that another event (Grand Prix 2) will commence August 1st and run for six weeks to September 5th.

All members are welcome to join in although the Grand Prix is aimed primarily at newer and less established members who want to taste competitive table tennis in a less formal environment—and hopefully prepare them for playing in the local league.



Peter Gajdus and Amar Abid-Ali

### How they finished

	Pts
1. Peter Gajdus	265
2. Amar Abid-Ali	205
3. Choi Lee	200
4. Ollie Valdez	195
5. Eddie Mitchell	100
5. Bassam Mocharrafi	100
7. Tina Winn	75
8. Salman Tanveer	70
8. Tim Kiteley	70
10. Patrick Williams	65

## Cippenham Sign Up with Bribar

**C**ippenham Table Tennis Club is pleased to announce that it has signed a new kit and equipment deal with Bribar. The arrangement is for a period of three years and Club Chairman Graham Trimming said "I hope that it will be a long and mutually beneficial arrangement in which both Cippenham and Bribar can enhance their already good reputations for quality and excellence".

Although the details of the agreement are not being made public, Graham was able to say that all Cippenham teams in the various British leagues will be kitted out in Joola clothing at no expense to the players. Bribar will benefit by the Club actively assisting them in marketing their products and these will be available on selected dates throughout the season at events organized and hosted by Cippenham.

The kick-off took place at Cippenham on 25th July. Barry and Sue Chap-



Graham Trimming and Barry Chapman shake on the deal

man, the proprietors of Bribar, attended the Club and assisted members in the choice of a Club kit for the next three seasons. A striking combination of a yellow shirt and blue shorts was chosen and this choice fits superbly with the corporate image created by the colours used for signage and court surrounds at Cippenham. A

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Club of the Year 1996  
Club of the Year 1997



Come and join in the fun  
Cippenham Table Tennis Club

## Barbeque

Saturday 12th August , 1 pm  
This is a bring and share event!



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## Nets and Edges

### Marc on the Radio

Who says TT does now get publicity? Whilst driving to work on 6th July and listening to BBC Radio 5 Live, the Editor was astonished to hear Marc Armstrong, an attendee for many years of the Cippenham coaching scheme, interviewed as a London 2012 hopeful, one year after the momentous decision in Singapore. Well done, Marc.

## 2005-6 :

### August



## Hall and Donovan to the Fore

Cippenham  
Veterans'  
Summer 2\* Open

Hardy table tennis players from all over the south of England and some from the midlands and Wales braved the 30 degrees temperature to participate in the Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open Championships on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. After eight hours of play it was the fittest of the players, all aged over forty and having played five matches just to get into the knock-out stages, that lasted to compete in the finals. Although both the men's and women's championships were won by the top seeds there were some upsets to the rankings along the way including the appearance of Robin Pretty in the final.

Pretty did not even win his preliminary round group, having been beaten by the very fit 60-something Colin Dyke. Dyke won that group but only after losing to bottom placed John Barnes. It was that sort of a day! Both Pretty and Dyke beat the top ranked player in the group Steve Giles.

Fourth seed Andy Frain was the subject of an upset in the groups also. However, his conqueror, Derek Holman, is not ranked too much below, and is a previous winner at Cippenham. Frain went through in second place but that took him into the top half of the draw where he met third seed Steve Davis in round 2. Davis, winner of the last two veterans' events at Cippenham, won their clash in four close games.

With second seed Mark Wicker failing to show, the bottom half of the draw became devoid of seeds. That might have left the door open for Holman to progress but, after beating Geoff Grange in round 2, he succumbed to

the defensive skills of Tony Needham 3-0 in the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, Robin Pretty was making his progress by virtue of wins over Paul Beck and Roger Harris to meet Needham in the semi-final.

Steve Hall showed his class throughout. The man from Somerset with the unique style – his clever use of long-pimpled rubber on the backhand, a solid defence, and a mighty forehand attack makes him a formidable opponent. He regained the title he has won twice previously without dropping a single game.

Regina Donovan was the winner of the Women's Singles, a feat she has managed four times previously. After a long trip up from Wales, she progressed through the five matches in her group and the semi-final against Cippenham's Sue Hayes without dropping a game. However, Donovan could not quite emulate Steve Hall's performance as, in the final, Janet Brown took the first game and nearly the second before Donovan ran out a worthy winner 3-1. The other semi-finalist was Diane Melville.

The tournament was organized by Graham Trimming, refereed by Peter Hillier and attracted an entry of 50 players.

#### Men's Singles:

Steve Hall (So) bt Robin Pretty (Sy) 11,6,4

#### Women's Singles:

Regina Donovan (WAL) bt Janet Brown (Ox) - 7,10,4,8

#### Men's Consolation:

Paul Martindill (E) bt Keith Fung (E) 9, 2,-7,9

#### Women's Consolation:

Margaret Thornton (Sy) bt Flavia Wade (Mi) 7,9,5

What a start to the new season! Gavin Evans, fresh from England's cadet team gold at the European Youth Championships, wins an individual gold—European Under-12 Boys' Singles champion.

The Club rejoins the Maidenhead League with one team after an absence of six years.

A record ten teams are entered into British leagues.

### September

The Hayes family dominates the Bucks Junior Trials with David and Catherine winning the boys' and girls' sections.

The three British League teams make impressive starts winning 21 out of a possible 24 points in the first weekend.

### October



Eddie Mitchell kicks the local tournament season off to a great start by winning the Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open.

Gavin Evans is an important part of the England cadet boys' team that sensationally wins the World Cadet Challenge.

Gavin also features in the England team that wins the Hungarian Youth Open at U18 level.

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## Another Great Year for Cippenham

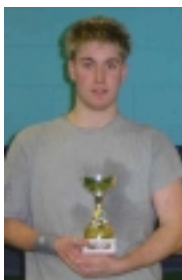


Jan Chapman is presented with the Club's Outstanding Contribution Award for the second time.

At the same Anniversary Party. Rob Lemon, Eddie Mitchell and Catherine Hayes are presented with the player of the year awards.

### November

Rob Lemon and Sue Hayes completed the double of Men's and Women's Singles at the Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open.



### December

This Newsletter celebrates its 100th issue. Its first, in May 1995, announced the future building of the Club's purpose-built premises, opened in October 1996.

Ben Wiseman, Eddie Mitchell and Rachel Farquhar all win their respective sections at the Southern Region Trials.

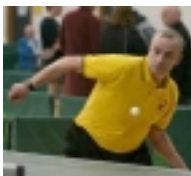
Bradley and Gavin Evans, representing England, win the junior team event at the Portuguese Youth Open.

### January

The first Cippenham New Year Young Players' Festival is a great success. Eddie Mitchell and the Farquhar sisters, Melanie and Rachel, win events to add the icing to the cake.

### February

Diccon Gray wins the Veterans' Men's Doubles at the Eng-



lish National Championships.

Cippenham Outlaws secure the Slough League title. It is the Club's 13th successive title and 22nd overall.

David Hayes and Melanie Farquhar win medals at the Junior Home International Championships.

### March

Myles Evans reaches the final of the Cadet Boys' Singles at the Catalunya International Open.

David Hayes wins the Irish Junior Top 8 Tournament.

All three Cippenham teams finish in the top three of their divisions in the British League.

A new event, the Cippenham Double Group 2-Star Open debuts and is a success.



The Bucks junior team, comprised entirely of Cippenham members, retains the County Championships Junior Premier Division title.

Cippenham win the Junior Club of the Year award and Gavin Evans wins the Junior Sportsman of the Year award at the Mayor of Slough's Annual Sports Awards.

### April

Gavin Evans wins the Cadet Boys' Singles title at the National Junior Championships for the first time.

David Hayes retains his Junior Boys' Singles title at the Irish National Junior Championships.

Another title retained, this time Gavin Evans at the English National Cadet Masters.

### May

Cippenham are Junior British League Girls' Premier Division champions for the third time.



Cippenham's women's team win the national Gainsford Cup for the fourth time in five years. The Slough junior boys' team are third in the Carter Cup at the same event.

### June

There are three more titles for Gavin Evans at the National U11/12/13/14 Championships.

### Mel and Brad at the World's

Only just reported to me (sorry for the lateness), Melanie Farquhar and Bradley Evans starred in the England teams at the World Schools' Championships in China at Easter. Mel's team finished sixth and Bradley's fourth. Both our players then qualified from their groups in the individual events to complete a successful stay in Shanghai.

### Gavin and Matt at the Euros

Gavin Evans and Matthew Ware were the Club's representatives at the European Youth Championships at the end of July. Both were in the England cadet team that finished eighth while Matt reached the third round and the seeded Gavin one round further in the Cadet Boys' Singles.

### Grand Prix 2

Tuesdays, 1 August to  
5 September

Just turn up by 7:40 pm and  
register

Prizes for the top three at  
the end of the six weeks

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## Weekend Diary August/September

### August

Sat 12th Annual Club barbeque

### September

Sat 9th British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M

Sun 10th British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M

Sat 16th Bucks Junior Trials

Sun 24th Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open

Sat 30th National Junior League (1)



## Next Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

Oct 28/29 County Championships Junior Premier (1)  
 Nov 4 National Junior League (2)  
 Nov 11/12 County Championships Senior Premier (1)  
 Nov 18 Bucks Junior Closed (2005-6)  
 Nov 19 Cippenham Junior 2\* Open  
 Dec 2/3 Southern Region Trials  
 Dec 9/10 British League Div 1S/1S&M (2)  
 Jan 7 British League Div 1S/1S&M (3)  
 Jan 13/14 Cippenham YP New Year Festival  
 Jan 20 National Junior League (3)  
 Jan 27/28 Maidenhead Closed Championships  
 Feb 4 Cippenham Team 2\* Open  
 Feb 17/18 Reading Closed Championships  
 Feb 24/25 British League Div 1S/1S&M (4)  
 Mar 3 National Junior League (4)  
 Mar 17 Cippenham Cadet and U13 2\* Open  
 Mar 25 Cippenham Veterans' 2\* Open  
 Apr 1 Cippenham Double Group 2\* Open  
 May 5/6 ETTA National Cadet Masters  
 May 12/13 ETTA National Junior Masters  
 Jun 9/10 Cippenham YP Summer Festival  
 Jul 1 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2\* Open

### Events away from Cippenham

Sp30/Oct1 Women's British League (1)  
 Oct 14/15 Junior British League (1) (Stoke)  
 Nov 11/12 Veterans' British League (1) (Stoke)  
 Jan 20/21 Women's British League (2)  
 Jan 27/28 Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)  
 Feb 10/11 Junior British League (2) (Aldersley?)

## Weekday Diary

**Mon** 7:00 Advanced Coaching\*  
**Tues** 7:15 Slough League matches\*  
 7:30 Practice Tables  
 7:40 Grand Prix  
**Wed** 7:30 Squad Training\*  
**Thurs** 5:15 Beginners' Coaching\*  
 7:15 Slough League matches\*  
 7:30 Practice Tables

\* currently out of season

## Briar (contd. from page 1)

blue tracksuit has been chosen to complement the playing kit.

Members wishing to purchase the new Club kit will be able to do so and benefit from the 30% discount being offered. Other items of equipment can be obtained at a discount of 25%. Orders should be placed through Roy Linz who is going to continue his valuable role as the Club's agent and will be pleased to handle this on your behalf.

## Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2006-07

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.50	£0.75
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
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