



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Both teams medal at Veterans' British League

# Ladies win division; men are runners-up

**B**oth Cippenham teams were decorated with medals when the Veterans' British League finalised in Doncaster in January. The women's team took nine points from a possible ten as they became champions of Division 2 while the men failed by the narrowest of margins to emulate this feat and had to content themselves with the runners-up awards in Division 2B. For both teams it means a promotion to Division 1 next season.

Cippenham Ladies had led the way in their division after the first half of matches and it required an unbeaten performance over the final five matches to maintain this position. The first four matches were dominated by Cippenham as they beat Carpe Diem 6-0, RTA 5-1 and lastly Halton 6-0 in Saturday's matches. Carpe Diem, despite losing 6-0, did put up some resistance when Sue Hayes and Wendy Porter were both taken to a deciding game by Sue Horton and Christine Scaysbrook. Wendy did lose to Pat Thorley in the match against RTA but, apart from that, Cippenham romped to three team victories with only three other sets out of the fifteen requiring a deciding game.

Sunday morning followed a similar pattern in the match against Market Rasen II. Sue needed five games to beat Margaret Dignum but Denise Weller and Wendy mopped up the rest as Cippenham gained yet another 6-0 victory.

The final match of the weekend was against Fusion B and, with the teams level on points, it was a case of winner take all although a draw would be good enough for Cippenham thanks to their superior sets ratio. This turned out to be a hard-fought match in which all the first three sets went the full distance. Julie Dean went 2-0 up against Lorraine Perryman but was pegged back to 2-2 before clinching it 11-6 in the fifth. Sue then suffered her only defeat of the entire season when beaten 3-2 by Des Norbury as Fusion equalised the score 1-1. Wendy made Cippenham hearts



**Women's Div 2 champions (l-r): Denise Weller; Julie Dean; Sue Hayes; Wendy Porter**



**Men's Div 2B r-u (l-r): Paul Baker; Martin Adams; Christos Hannides; Mike Rhodes**



**Martin Adams: 20 out of 20!**

beat a little faster in the same way as Julie had earlier when she let a 2-0 lead slip against Carol Day but eventually won through also 11-6 in the fifth. With Cippenham 2-1 up at the half-way stage, Julie then lost to the impressive Norbury and Wendy missed out against Perryman. Cippenham were 3-2 down and desperately needed the final set to clinch the draw they craved. In the end it turned out to be easy as Sue saw off Day 11-6, 11-6, 11-5 and Cippenham were divisional champions, their membership of Division 2 lasting just one season having secured promotion back to Division 1.

The men's team almost emulated their counterparts, inspired by a flawless performance from Martin Adams, who won all his matches during the season. Having drawn each of their five matches in the first half of the season, Cippenham began the second phase in third place. The remarkable sequence of drawn matches went one further as the spoils from Saturday's morning's match with XLNT Sports Drayton 2 were shared 3-3. Naturally, Martin won his customary brace and Christos Hannides added a win over Jeff Rigby.

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## Festive cheer for Seb

Seb Nimier demonstrated his potential at the Club's annual pre-Christmas Festive Grand Prix, winning a closely fought battle with the young Club champion Shae Thakker in the final. The final itself could hardly have been closer with all five games being decided by the narrow margin of 11-9.

But the evening was much more than a friendly, yet competitive, table tennis event. The mulled wine and mince pies were popular attractions and managed to instil a party atmosphere into proceedings.

The 14 players were split into four groups for the preliminary stages. Seb stated his intentions early on, coming back from 2-1 down to defeat Hari Prasad, the seed in Group A. Another

seed to be defeated in his group was Bas Mocharrarie, beaten by one of the Club's newest members Shaun Cuffin. Shae Thakker and Laura Feldmann, the other seeds, did prevail but both lost a game en route, Shae to Graham Trimming and Laura to Zsolt Varga. Another new recruit, Sama Pandher came close to causing another upset when taking Graham close in the fifth. Zsolt also had to dig deep to recover from 2-0 down against Bhanu Murlitharan.

The top four thus qualified for the semi-finals and, at this stage, Seb ended Shaun's aspirations 3-1 while Shae was too quick for Laura.

All in all, a great way to close before Christmas and thanks to Rebecca and Naomi Hayes for the organisation.



Shae Thakker; Seb Nimier; Laura Feldmann



Seb Nimier

## Veterans' British League (contd.)

Then came the break-through with a first win of the season, 4-2 against Topspin Fusion B. When Martin had finished, the score stood 2-2 and the pivotal contribution came with team captain Paul Baker's first win of the season over Rodney Farquharson. What a match that was, 11-5, 6-11, 13-11, 14-16, 18-16! That left Mike Rhodes with the task of beating Everton Waite to secure the much awaited victory and he accomplished that feat 3-0.

Once started, the wins kept coming. Saturday was completed with another 4-2 over Wirepoint Bulldogs. Mike and Paul both beat John Monk to add to the Martin's efforts. Sunday continued in the same vein with another 4-2 win, this time over the eventual champions Custom St. Marys. Chris and Mike both got the better of Neil Hough.

It was all set up for the finale. That victory over Custom St. Marys had pushed Cippenham up into second place in the division and equal on points with the leaders. Cippenham just needed a better result against Dewsbury that Custom would manage against Wirepoint. Martin continued his winning ways but Cippenham were 3-2 down when Mike lost to Nick Ryder. Chris rescued one point for Cippenham against Steve Kosmowsky and Cippenham's match had finished 3-3. However, Custom St. Marys and Wirepoint Bulldogs also drew 3-3 on an adjacent table and Cippenham had agonising failed by a single set to wrest the divisional title from Custom.

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### Veterans' British League

#### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Men's Division 2B</b>							
Custom St. Marys	10	5	3	2	34	26	13
Cippenham	10	3	7	0	33	27	13
Dewsbury	10	4	3	3	31	29	11
Wirepoint Bulldogs	10	3	4	3	31	29	10
XLNT Sports Draycott 2	10	2	3	5	26	34	7
Topspin Fusion B	10	1	4	5	25	35	6
<b>Women's Division 2</b>							
Cippenham	10	8	1	1	50	10	17
Fusion B	10	8	1	1	43	17	17
Market Rasen II	10	6	1	3	31	29	13
RTA	10	3	1	6	25	35	7
Halton I	10	1	3	6	22	38	5
Carpe Diem	10	0	1	9	9	51	1

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Men:</b>				
Martin Adams	10	20	20	100
Christos Hannides	6	12	5	42
Mike Rhodes	8	16	6	38
Paul Baker	6	12	2	17
<b>Women:</b>				
Sue Hayes	8	16	15	94
Denise Weller	7	14	12	86
Julie Dean	7	14	11	79
Wendy Porter	8	16	12	75

#### Results:

<b>Men:</b>	<b>Women:</b>
3-3 XLNT Draycott I	6-0 Carpe Diem
4-2 Topspin Fusion B	5-1 RTA
4-2 Wirepoint Bulldogs	6-0 Halton I
4-2 Custom St. Marys	6-0 Market Rasen II
3-3 Dewsbury	3-3 Fusion B



Laura Feldmann



Akeel Mir



Shaun Cuffin

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## Saxons challenging for 2nd place in Maidenhead

The Maidenhead League season is now two-thirds completed with each team still to play their opposition once more. Saxons are still vying for the runners-up spot in Division One while the acquisition of Paul Baker to play alongside Simon Vine has strengthened Trojans no end. However they have recently lost to both Saxons and Old Gords Vultures and that has stifled their challenge a little.

Vikings are propping up Division 2 and need to improve their results in they are to climb away from this position.

Saracens are also struggling a little in Division 3 and will do so all the more now that Akeel Mir is unavailable for the remainder of the season.

### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Cookham Social Typh	12	10	2	0	92	28	92
Cippenham Saxons	12	7	2	3	77	43	77
Old Gords Vultures	11	6	1	4	67	43	67
Cippenham Trojans	12	6	2	4	66	54	66
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	11	4	3	4	46	64	46
NWCA Blue Jays	11	0	3	8	32	78	32
Castle Hill Pumas	11	0	1	10	20	90	20
<b>Division 2</b>							
NWCA Raiders	11	9	0	2	75	35	75
Boyne Hill CC	12	7	2	3	71	48	71
BBC Bears	12	5	2	5	59	61	59
Old Gords Kestrels	10	5	3	2	54	46	54
Old Gords Harriers	9	6	0	3	51	39	51
Outcasts	10	1	2	7	35	65	35
Cippenham Vikings	12	0	1	11	34	85	34
<b>Division 3</b>							
SportsAble Whirlwinds	14	12	1	1	98	46	98
Bovingdon Green Kites	14	9	3	2	94	46	94
NWCA Sharks	14	9	1	4	85	54	85
NWCA Seahawks	14	5	4	5	66	74	66
Cookham Social Lions	12	5	3	4	62	57	62
Cippenham Saracens	14	4	2	8	55	82	55
SportsAble Wizards	13	2	2	9	45	85	45
SportsAble Warriors	13	0	0	13	31	98	31

### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Saxons</b>				
Ricky Hardcastle	9	26	21	81
Albert Cheung	9	26	18	69
Graham Trimming	10	29	19	66
Laura Feldmann	7	21	8	38
Steve Smith	2	3	0	0
<b>Trojans</b>				
Simon Vine	8	24	22	92
Paul Baker	7	21	17	81
Shaun Cuffin	4	12	7	58
Terry Osborne	5	15	5	33
Denise Weller	5	15	4	27
Sue Hayes	7	21	4	19
<b>Vikings</b>				
Armando Borges	5	14	6	43
Zsolt Varga	8	24	10	42
Dave Tant	10	28	8	29
Elena Tant	9	25	0	0
<b>Saracens</b>				
Akeel Mir	12	35	24	69
Brian Platt	3	9	5	56
Charles Mitchell	8	22	11	50
Suzette King	10	30	7	23
Lee Wirkhani	2	6	0	0

## Team Open a huge success



Kingfisher: Andy Trott & Hari Gehlot

A huge entry was received for the tenth running of the Cippenham Team 2-Star Open. The unique format, of a team competition and progressive rather than straight knock-out, proved so popular that the event could have been filled with eager participants nearly twice over.

The only disappointment was the lack of involvement by local teams even though it was Reading's Kingfisher club that eventually prevailed against opponents who had travelled from as far afield as south Wales, Devon and Herefordshire.

The tournament was organised and refereed by Graham Trimming.

For full report please visit the Club's website.

## National Cadet League Round 1

### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Crusaders A	5	5	0	0	39	6	39
Reading A	5	3	0	2	31	14	31
Chiltern A	5	3	0	2	27	18	27
Warren Spring A	5	2	0	3	16	29	16
Cippenham A	5	2	0	3	15	30	15
Hillingdon A	5	0	0	5	7	38	7
<b>Division 3</b>							
Crusaders C	5	5	0	0	42	3	42
Oxford B	5	4	0	1	35	10	35
Chiltern C	5	3	0	2	28	17	28
Hillingdon B	5	2	0	3	12	33	12
Ashford B	5	1	0	4	10	35	10
Cippenham B	5	0	0	5	8	37	8

### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham A:</b>				
Shae Thakker	3	9	7	78
Pranav Gudipati	5	15	5	33
Amandeep Dhak	2	6	1	17
Sean Berry	2	6	1	17
William Fricker	3	9	1	11
<b>Cippenham B:</b>				
Rudii Richards	2	6	2	33
Sean Berry	3	9	2	22
Ryan Berry	5	15	3	20
James Western-Kaye	5	15	1	7

## National Junior League Round 2

### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 2</b>							
Kingfisher	5	3	1	1	20	10	20
Cippenham A	5	3	2	0	19	11	19
Chiltern B	5	3	0	2	19	11	19
Kidlington B	5	2	1	2	14	16	14
Chiltern C	5	1	2	2	13	17	13
Ashford A	5	0	0	5	5	25	5
<b>Division 3</b>							
Cippenham B	5	3	1	1	19	11	19
Ashford B	5	1	3	1	17	13	17
South West Herts A	5	1	3	1	15	15	15
Reading B	5	1	2	2	14	16	14
Chiltern D	5	2	2	1	14	16	14
Hillingdon	5	1	1	3	11	19	11
<b>Division 4</b>							
South West Herts B	5	3	2	0	19	11	19
Ashford C	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Reading C	5	1	4	0	16	14	16
Chiltern E	5	1	2	2	14	16	14
Cippenham C	5	1	1	3	12	18	12
Chiltern F	5	1	0	4	11	19	11

### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham A:</b>				
Shae Thakker	10	25	25	100
Nabeel Hussain	1	3	2	67
Carys Evans	7	16	8	50
Scarlett Jones	9	22	9	41
<b>Cippenham B:</b>				
Pranav Gudipati	8	19	12	63
Nabeel Hussain	9	21	12	57
William Fricker	9	21	11	52
Sam Garrett	3	9	1	11
<b>Cippenham C:</b>				
Sam Garrett	5	11	5	45
Marcus Richardson	7	18	8	44
Amandeep Dhak	8	20	7	35
Gustav Colliander	8	20	5	25
Murdo Binnie	2	6	0	0

## Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open

Sunday 28 February 2016

Preliminary round groups of 5 followed by championship and consolation knock-out

Entries close 14 February

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## Weekday Timetable

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

## Fees Season 2015-16

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
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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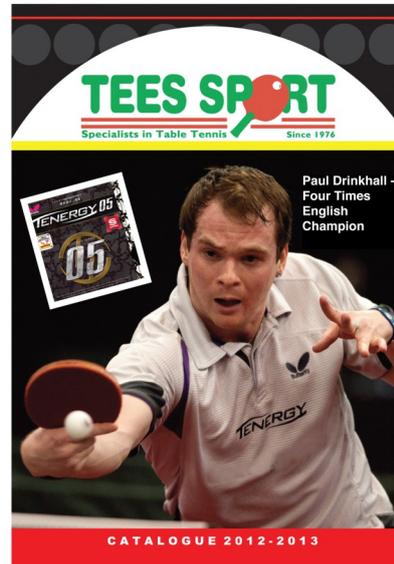


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## Weekend Diary

Feb	6	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open
	7	National Cadet League (3)
	21	Regional Qualification event
	27	National Junior League (4)
	28	Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star
Mar	5	County Championships Cadet Division 1B
	6	National Cadet League (4)
	12/13	County Championships Senior Division 2
	19/20	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Apr	9/10	Senior British League Div 1S & 2S (4)
	23	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
Jun	18/19	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

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