



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Christmas spirit shines through at Cippenham

A well-attended practice session on the Tuesday before Christmas included 10 members participating in the now annual Festive Grand Prix where an abundance of mulled wine and mince pies helped to lubricate the Christmas spirit. However there was still time for some good quality and competitive table tennis with seven of the contestants regularly participating in the top division of the Maidenhead League.

Simon Wilde became the overall winner, possibly because he is tee-total (!! ) and therefore unaffected by the mulled wine. In a top quality final group Simon beat Steve Smith 11-9 in the fifth game of a match that swung one way and then the other. Simon also beat Ricky Hardcastle 3-0 while Steve defeated Ricky 3-1.

The earlier stage 1 group matches had been keenly contested. In group A Steve Smith and Hari Vennapusa both beat Graham Trimming in five games while in Group B Ricky got through despite suffering a surprise 3-2 defeat against Sebastian. Elroy Hull beat Sebastian 3-0 and Ricky beat Elroy also 3-0 and so Ricky progressed into the top group while Elroy had to play off for placed 4 to 6. In Group C Simon Wilde won both his matches 3-1 including a clash with his Cippenham Saxons teammate Albert Cheung while Albert only just got home 11-9 in the fifth against new member Simon Vine.

**VBL and VNL will be reported in the next issue**



Simon Wilde, flanked by Steve Smith, Ricky Hardcastle and organiser Naomi Hayes

## Team Open attracts maximum entry

A maximum entry of 24 teams battled it out on 12 January in the Cippenham Team 2-Star Open Championship. This is a unique event for teams of two players and featuring a progressive rather than straight knock-out format after the preliminary round groups.

The preliminary round groups went almost according to plan. Stumpede, a team consisting of current and hopeful Paralympians, were the only seeds that failed to top their group and that was hardly a surprise as they came up against a formidable Welsh duo in Scared Hitless.

Stumpede showed good value for their seeding by finishing ninth while Scared Hitless rose up the ranks to fifth after an exciting final match in which they de-

feated their Welsh rivals Oh What's Occurrin', a team comprising regulars Julie Furber and Claire Flannagan.

OLOP IMPACT and Fusion both reached the final by winning all their matches 2-0. The score was 1-1 when Daniel Moses prevailed 11-6, 11-5, 15-13 over Jamal Dennison to take the title a short distance down the M4 to Our Lady of Peace club in Earley.

Tony Stead and Steve Smith, two members of the Cippenham second team and masquerading as RAF & R.A.F. were the best of the locals finishing in seventh place. The "future of Cippenham", to quote Head Coach Ken Phillips, was also on show and the four youngsters acquitted themselves really well gaining valuable experience in the process. Team Ganador, comprising Jemma Walker and Megan Ashfield, finished fourteenth while Team Survivor, Ben Naylor-Smith and Shristi Ghosh, were one place lower. At the other end of the age scale a team comprising newly-weds Dave and Elena Tant finished seventeenth, top of the bottom section of eight teams.



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## Both teams consolidate their positions

**T**he second and third weekends have both taken place since the last Newsletter.

### Second weekend

Both Cippenham teams had encouraging results in the Senior British League at the second weekend and both moved one place up their respective league tables. The first team gained five points out of eight and moved from fourth to third in Division 1 South while the second team gained four points and that was enough to move them from sixth to fifth in Division 3 South.

The first team started the weekend in a dominant mood, sweeping bottom team Crusaders away 8-0.

Saturday afternoon's match was more of a contest with Cippenham beating York Gardens I 6-2. Mark was named player of the match as he set the standard for Cippenham with 3-0 victories against both Chris Bush and Khaled Alotaibi. However, it was the latter two who gained York Gardens their consolation wins as Owe suffered his only defeat of the weekend against Alotaibi and Martin Adams fell 3-1 to Bush. Martin Gray also maintained his 100% record thus far for the weekend.

Sunday offered a different perspective with matches against the teams placed first and second in the division and Cippenham having to draft in reserves from the second team to replace their unavailable captain Martin Adams. In the morning match against second-placed Bournemouth Sports, Cippenham made a dream start and when Owe had beaten Bournemouth number one Stephen Foster 3-1 and Mark had seen off the challenge of Nathan Bingham 3-2, the host team found themselves 2-0 up. However, that quickly became a 3-2 deficit before Owe completed his brace with a 3-2 win over Hugo Pang and the free-flowing Martin Gray overcame Nathan Bingham 3-0. How-

### Senior British League

ever, with the score 4-3, Bradley King was unable to secure the second point when he gave player of the match Chloe Thomas her second 3-0 victory.

Owe Karlsson completed a memorable debut weekend, in which he won seven of his eight matches, when beating both David Barr and Federico Viterbo against Kingfisher in the final match. However, none of his teammates were able to join in the points scoring and Cippenham finished off on the wrong side of a 6-2 scoreline against their local rivals from Earley.

The second team, also playing at Cippenham, got off to a great start with a hard-fought 6-2 victory over Horsham II. Only Simon Dilkes, who beat both Paul Baker and Bradley King, came between Cippenham and the whitewash that would have matched the first team's opening round performance, but in truth the score could have been closer. Tony Stead was man of the match as he beat both Harry Collins and Tony Catt while, with the score at 4-2 Paul Baker beat Catt 11-9 in the deciding game to secure the win for Cippenham and then Steve Smith followed this up with 11-8 in the fifth against Collins.

The celebrations were short-lived as Cippenham II then fell to a surprising 7-1 defeat against Generation 2 in the afternoon. Only Bradley King, who beat Daniel Lucking 3-0, stemmed the tide against a Fareham-based team who included former Cippenham mainstay Mike Rhodes in their ranks.

Sunday started in the same vein with a 7-1 defeat at the hands of Fusion III who won all their matches over the weekend. Ricky Hardcastle score Cippenham's only point with an 11-9 fifth game success against Jack Merton.

The final match, though, had a dif-

ferent complexion as a revitalised Cippenham side beat York Gardens IV 5-3, leapfrogging over their opponents in the league table in the process. Bradley was the star of the show, beating both Marios Michaelides and Craig Brown while Tony also beat Michaelides and Steve and Paul both beat Murray Wilson.

### Third weekend

There were mixed results for the Cippenham teams in the third weekend of the Senior British League on Sunday. A weakened first team managed only one point from four yet managed to hold on to third position in Division 1 South while the second team gained two points yet slipped one place to sixth in Division 3 South. Both teams can approach the final weekend of matches in March with the comfort of knowing that they will almost certainly retain their places in the same divisions for next season.

With only three of their squad of players available, the first team had to call up Anthony Gardner for their first match on Sunday morning. The absence of a fourth regular member of the squad made a difference as all three regulars won one of their two matches in a 5-3 defeat at the hands of Greenhouse II. They all won against the player ranked one place below them in the opponents' ranks. Mark Scutts, Cippenham's number one, got the better of Greenhouse number two Chris Lewis, while Owe Karlsson beat Sherwin Remata and captain Martin Adams beat Curtis Welsh.

Meanwhile, the other side of the hall the Cippenham second team ran up a 6-2 victory over basement team Urban II with all three of Cippenham's "local" players bagging a brace. Bradley King, playing at the top of the order, was the player to lose out, not playing anything near his best and succumbing to Tommy Gritton after winning the first two games. Tony Stead was named



## Maidenhead League players on the rostrum

### Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1\* Open



player of the match for his two victories over Mateusz Mikosz and Lucas Papantoniou while Paul Baker and Ricky Hardcastle both also won two and both included a hard fought 12-10 fifth game win over Jamie Fisher to achieve that. Paul also beat Gritton while Ricky handed Mikosz his second defeat of the match.

Anthony and Bradley swapped teams for the afternoon's matches in an attempt to gain extra momentum for the first team's encounter with Godalming Coversure whilst the second team viewed their match against divisional leaders Property Street with less expectation. They were right with that as Property Street ran out easy 8-0 victors with only three of the sets being extended even to a fourth game.

The first team, though, made a great start to their match with Owe beating Michael Chan from two games down and Mark beating Alain Choo-Choy 3-0 to put Cippenham 2-0 up. Godalming hit back three times to reverse the lead but Cippenham responded again. Owe and Martin Adams beat Alex Forshaw and Choo-Choy respectively, both 3-0 to put Cippenham 4-3 ahead but in the final set Bradley was easily outplayed by Andreas Pusch and Cippenham had to settle for one point from a 4-4 draw.

Maidenhead League players Federico Viterbo and Mark Banks were the local stars at the Cippenham Five by Two Senior and Veterans' 1-Star Open on 30 November. Viterbo came through a strong field to win the main event, the Open Singles, while Banks was runner-up in the morning's Veterans' Singles.

The day started with the Veterans' Singles. Neither of the top two seeds remained unscathed in their preliminary round groups. Top seed Jojo Seniorin lost twice but still managed to qualify for the main event by virtue of a count back.

In Group 2, Neil Wright was the seed to lose and fittingly it was to the event's organiser Paul Baker. Paul went on to win this group. The other two groups followed the form guide with Mark Banks and Martin Gray comfortably easing through.

Seniorin may have lost twice in his group but the top seed was warmed up for the knock-out stages. A win over Martin Gray 3-2 earned him a place in the semi-finals where he defeated Paul Baker. The final saw Mark Banks pitted against Seniorin. Banks led 2-1 at one stage and the Cookham Social player looked set to claim the title. However, when Banks ran out of steam in the decider Seniorin took full advantage.

In the afternoon's Senior Singles event Seniorin was again up to his old tricks. The second seed was beaten by Ed Slot in his group. Fourth seed Martin Gray also fell, beaten by Mohammed Owadally. Top seed Federico Viterbo and third seed Neil Wright both emerged from their groups with their records intact although Wright was made to work hard by Cippenham's Simon Wilde who led the Welshman 2-1 at one stage.

All four seeded players qualified for the knock-out event in the top half of the draw with three of them in the second quarter. Jojo Seniorin won the fight for this semi-final place by eliminating Martin Gray and Neil Wright. He met his match in the semi-final, though, against top seed Federico Viterbo.

The bottom half of the draw, devoid of seeds, was open for anyone to come through. Mohammed Owadally was unable to take advantage as, after beating Martin Gray in the groups, he was eliminated by Martin's brother Kevin. The player who emerged in the final was Billy Ho.

The final, though, proved too much for Ho and the power of Viterbo saw the Italian player from the Old Gordonians club take the title after four fast and furious games.

#### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1 South</b>							
Kingfisher I	10	8	2	0	61	19	18
Bournemouth Sports	10	6	2	2	48	32	14
Cippenham I	10	3	4	3	44	36	10
Greenhouse II	10	4	2	4	40	40	10
Godalming Coversure	10	2	5	3	35	45	9
York Gardens I	10	3	2	5	35	45	8
Fusion II	10	3	2	5	33	47	8
Crusaders	10	1	1	8	24	56	3
<b>Division 3 South</b>							
Property Street	10	8	2	0	62	18	18
London Academy II	10	7	2	1	58	22	16
Fusion III	10	6	1	3	50	30	13
Generation 2	10	5	2	3	46	34	12
York Gardens IV	10	4	1	5	35	45	9
Cippenham II	10	4	0	6	29	51	8
Horsham II	10	0	2	8	20	60	2
Urban II	10	0	2	8	20	60	2

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham I</b>				
Owe Karlsson	6	12	10	83
Martin Gray	8	16	11	69
Mark Scutts	10	20	13	65
Martin Adams	8	16	7	44
Matt Squires	4	8	3	38
Bradley King	2	4	0	0
Ricky Hardcastle	1	2	0	0
Anthony Gardner	1	2	0	0
<b>Cippenham II</b>				
Richard Johnson	4	8	4	50
Bradley King	8	16	7	44
Ricky Hardcastle	4	8	3	38
Tony Stead	9	18	6	33
Paul Baker	6	12	4	33
Steve Smith	8	16	5	31
Anthony Gardner	1	2	0	0

#### Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
8-0 Crusaders	6-2 Horsham II
6-2 York Gardens I	1-7 Generation 2
4-4 Bournemouth Sports	1-7 Fusion III
2-6 Kingfisher I	5-3 York Gardens IV
3-5 Greenhouse II	6-2 Urban II
4-4 Godalming Coversure	0-8 Property Street

#### Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1\* Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS:	Federico Viterbo (ITA)	Billy Ho (Wi)
VS:	Jogenes Seniorin (Mi)	Mark Banks (Bk)
OCon:	Danny Cox (Li)	Daniel Lucking (Ha)
VCon:	Daniel Lucking (Ha)	Syd Montgomery (Bk)

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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
<b>Weds</b>	18:00	Elite Coaching Group
<b>Thurs</b>	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2013-14

	<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)		£30.00

\* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members

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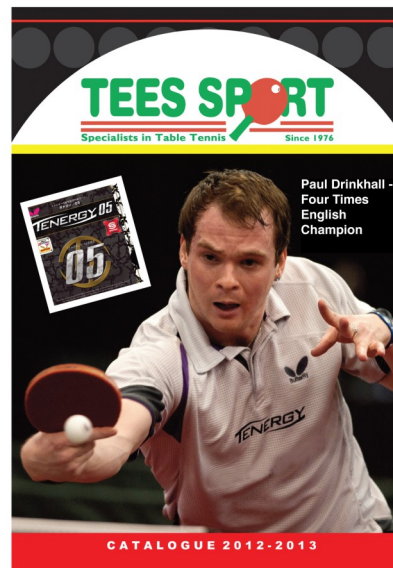


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## Weekend Diary

Feb	1	County Championships Junior Div 2D
	2	National Cadet League (3)
	9	Bucks Closed Championships
	15/16	UKCC Level 2 coach education course
	22	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open
Mar	1	National Junior League (4)
	2	County Championships Veterans' Div 3C
	8/9	Maidenhead Closed Championships
	15/16	Senior British League (4)
	23	National Cadet League (4)
Apr	12/13	UKCC Level 2 coach education course
	19	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
May	10/11	Senior British League Play-offs

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