



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Cippenham Table Tennis Club wishes good health and good luck to all members, their families, the extended table tennis fraternity and everyone else as we pass through the current health crisis**

## Lockdown !

**W**e live in unprecedented times! Never in the lifetime of most of our members have we seen the current enforced closedown of so many parts of our society. We are bound to stay within the confines of our own home except for very particular reasons, laid down by the Government.

Even before the Prime Minister's announcement of last Monday, many parts of society had already closed down, including table tennis clubs and leagues following advice from Table Tennis England the previous week. We chose to close on March 17th and the notice sent out that evening by email and social media from our Club is shown opposite.

When we will be back cannot be known at the moment but we hope it is not too distant in the future. Whether the two unfinished leagues that Cippenham

participates in, the Senior British League and the Maidenhead League, are able to resume is also not known at present. If not, how will the season end? Will they finalise at current positions—afterall, our Trojans team has already mathematically secured the Maidenhead League title, but the two other divisions are not yet decided—or will the season be voided as has been the case of many football leagues. We wait for information from those empowered to make such decisions.

All we can do now is to keep safe and well, support our fellow human beings to the extent possible, and hopefully emerge from these uncertain times in good health and good spirit.

Needless to say, this Newsletter is the last for a couple of months or more—table tennis related news is going to be hard to come by!

### Statement re: Coronavirus

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Cippenham Table Tennis Club this evening (Tuesday 17 March) it was decided to close from 11 pm to night until further notice.

This follows advice given today by Table Tennis England to clubs and leagues and the announcement of the cancellation or postponement of all sanctioned Table Tennis England events from now until 30 April.

We live in uncertain times and the Club will be monitoring further advice as and when it is received. The health and wellbeing of our members and others that use our facilities remains our foremost priority.

In consequence, all our weekly Tuesday and Thursday practice sessions and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday coaching groups are suspended for the duration. The Maidenhead League already made the decision yesterday to suspend the season until further notice.

The following events have been cancelled: Regional Qualification Event (scheduled for 21 March); National Cadet Cup (28/29 March); Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open (26 April).

The following event has been postponed: Senior British League 4<sup>th</sup> weekend (4/5 April).

We hope that all our members stay safe and well in the coming weeks and months and that we will be able to resume operations as soon as possible.

**Cippenham Table Tennis Club**  
17 March 2020

## Keith "Charlie" Childs 1950-2020

**E**nglish table tennis sadly lost one of its great stalwarts last week with the passing of Keith "Charlie" Childs. Charlie became a Board member of Table Tennis England last summer, was a respected coach, previously having given service as Vice-Chairman Coaching for the ETTA, and was founder of the Generation 2 TTC in Fareham. Charlie also gave great service to para table tennis. He was well known to many at Cippenham. Our picture shows Charlie, apparently in good health, coaching during the Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open in December. He suffered a stroke earlier this year and, although recovering well, unfortunately developed sepsis.

Charlie played for Cippenham, as well, for four seasons, between 2006 and



2010, Charlie represented us in the Veterans' British League, making 23 appearances alongside Mike Rhodes, Paul Baker and Roger Hookey.

We extend our condolences to Charlie's family and friends and all those at Generation 2 at this sad time.

## Girls have to settle for runners-up in JBL

Before all table tennis activity was temporarily suspended in the country, the Junior British League season did manage to come to a conclusion. The Cippenham girls' team travelled to Derby in the hope of overhauling a two-point deficit and win Division 3 in their first season. Needing to win their final match against St. Neots and with anticipation high, unfortunately they were unable to secure that vital win and a 3-3 draw left them with the runners-up medals, a successful but ultimately disappointing conclusion to an otherwise excellent weekend.

The Cippenham team of Hannah Silcock, who hails from Jersey in the Channel Islands, plus locals Rachael Iles and Anna Piercey, set about their business from the start. The Saturday morning fixture with Lillington resulted in a 4-2 win for Cippenham with Hannah easily winning her two matches and assisted by one each from Rachael and Anna. The lunchtime match against Britannia went one better as Cippenham eclipsed the team from Ipswich 5-1. This time it was Rachael and Anna who starred with two wins each while Hannah suffered her only reverse of the weekend, beaten by Isobel McGerty. Better still, the late afternoon match resulted in a 6-0 romp over bottom team Halton 2. With St. Neots having dropped their first point of the season in a 3-3 draw with Ackworth, the gap at the top of the table had narrowed to one point.

On Sunday morning it was Cippenham's turn to play Ackworth and, unlike St. Neots, they ran out easy winners 5-1 with Hannah and Anna both winning twice. The season was set up for a grand finale with Cippenham still one



Medal presentation (l-r): Hannah Silcock; Rachael Iles; Anna Piercey

point behind St. Neots and therefore needing to beat them in the last match. Rachael lost to Stefania Pope in the opening set but Hannah equalised for Cippenham against Chloe Pryke. St. Neots then reasserted their lead when Aditi Dhillon beat Anna leaving Cippenham needing to win all three remaining sets to take the divisional title. Hopes were kept alive by Hannah who recovered from two games to one down to beat Popa in the closest of encounters 14-12 in the fifth game. Rachael then beat Dhillon 3-1 and it was left to Anna to defeat Pryke in the final set. Unfortunately, that was not to be and the St. Neots player won 3-0.

Junior British League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Girls' Division 3							
St Neots	10	8	2	0	43	17	18
Cippenham	10	8	1	1	45	15	17
Lillington	10	5	1	4	32	28	11
Ackworth TTA	10	3	2	5	27	33	8
Britannia	10	3	0	7	26	34	6
Halton 2	10	0	0	10	7	53	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Hannah Silcock	10	20	18	90			
Anna Piercey	10	20	14	70			
Rachael Iles	10	20	13	65			
Results:							
4-2 Lillington	5-1 Ackworth TTA						
5-1 Britannia	3-3 St Neots						
6-0 Halton 2							

## The National Junior League champions in action !!



Jaiden Caldeira

William Saint

Pranav Gudipati

## Champions of National Junior League

Two other competitions were able to conclude before the shutdown of all table tennis activity due to the Coronavirus issue. These were the National Junior League and the National Cadet League.

Pride of place goes to the Cippenham A team in the National Junior League who won Division 1 in a canter, amassing 85 points over the season with runners-up Ashford accumulating only 55. The last time that Cippenham won this league was in 2004, before any of the current successful team of Pranav Gudipati, William Saint and Jaiden Caldeira were born. Incidentally, two of that 2004 team, brothers Oli and Ashley Shaw are now part of the successful Cippenham Saxons team, champions last season of the Maidenhead League.

Pranav Gudipati can be especially proud of his record as the outstanding player in the League, having tasted defeat only once in his thirty-five matches. William Saint and Jaiden Caldeira backed him up well with 26 and 23 wins respectively in their 34 matches.

Cippenham's other three teams in the National Junior League did not vie for honours in the other three divisions but there were some good individual performances, notably from Douglas Claridge-Hansen and Nick Carter.

In the National Cadet League, Cippenham's top team of William Saint, Rudii Richards and Edward Meacock finished third altogether in Division 1 while the B and C teams were mid-table in their divisions and the D team completed the final phase of the season top of Division 4, a huge improvement on their showing in the first two phases. Congratulations also to their team of Louis Alexander, Thomas Zontanicki, Finlay Carter and Mateusz Skowera.

See page 2 <<< for photos of the successful Cippenham A players

### Welcome to Zoe, our new Tuesday Duty Officer

The recent appeal for a new Duty Officer has been answered. Zoe Mizel, who is the daughter of new member Jack Mizel, thankfully answered the call. Welcome, Zoe, and we hope you enjoy your time working with us.

National Junior League							
League Tables (Round 3)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham A	5	5	0	0	24	6	24
Hillingdon A	5	3	1	1	18	11	18
Ashford A	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Kingfisher A	5	2	0	3	15	15	15
Reading A	5	0	1	4	9	20	9
Chiltern A	5	1	0	4	8	22	8
Cumulative: Cippenham 85; Ashford 55; Hillingdon 55							
Division 2							
Ashford B	5	4	0	1	23	7	23
Warren Spring A	5	3	0	2	19	11	19
Guildford	5	2	3	0	18	12	18
Warren Spring B	5	2	1	2	16	14	16
Cippenham B	5	1	1	3	11	19	11
Ashford C	5	0	0	5	3	27	3
Division 3							
Kingfisher B	5	5	0	0	24	6	24
Chiltern B	5	4	0	1	19	11	19
Hillingdon B	5	2	0	3	18	12	18
Chiltern C	5	3	0	2	17	13	17
Warren Spring C	5	1	0	4	7	23	7
Cippenham C	5	0	0	5	5	25	5
Division 4							
Reading B	5	4	1	0	20	10	20
Chiltern D	5	3	2	0	18	12	18
Cippenham D	5	2	2	1	17	13	17
Warren Spring D	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Warren Spring E	5	1	0	4	11	19	11
Chiltern E	5	0	0	5	9	21	9
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Pranav Gudipati	15	35	34	97			
William Saint	15	34	26	76			
Jaiden Caldeira	15	34	23	68			
Cippenham B							
Douglas Claridge-Hansen	11	27	18	67			
Edward Meacock	10	21	9	43			
Kush Tanna	15	35	14	40			
James Russell	7	17	1	6			
Tom Brown	1	3	0	0			
Cippenham C							
Nick Carter	9	23	18	78			
Edward Meacock	3	9	5	56			
Esher Thind	2	5	2	40			
Kwame Sousseing	8	16	5	31			
Isam Sousseing	10	22	4	18			
Nathan Richard	13	30	4	13			
Cippenham D							
Mateusz Skowera	3	6	4	67			
Louis Alexander	5	10	6	60			
Jude Alexander	12	27	15	56			
Rishi Nanda	12	27	14	52			
Kwame Sousseing	3	8	4	50			
Jeeven Bancel	8	21	8	38			
Esher Thind	2	6	1	17			

National Cadet League							
League Tables (Round 3)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Kingfisher A	5	3	2	0	21	9	21
Ashford A	5	3	2	0	21	9	21
Kingfisher B	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Cippenham A	5	1	2	2	14	16	14
Bourne End A	5	1	1	3	12	18	12
Chiltern B	5	0	0	5	4	26	4
Cumulative: Kingfisher A 73; Kingfisher B 58; Cippenham A 54; Ashford A 54							
Division 2							
Chiltern A	4	2	2	0	16	8	16
Hillingdon A	4	1	3	0	13	11	13
Bourne End B	4	1	1	2	11	13	11
Cippenham B	4	0	3	1	11	13	11
Kingfisher C	4	0	3	1	9	15	9
Dacorum							
Division 3							
Reading	4	2	2	0	14	10	14
Chiltern C	4	1	3	0	13	11	13
Hillingdon B	4	1	3	0	13	11	13
Cippenham C	4	0	3	1	11	13	11
Kingfisher D	4	0	1	3	9	15	9
Oxford							
Division 4							
Cippenham D	5	3	1	1	19	11	19
Chiltern F	5	4	0	1	17	13	17
Ashford B	5	3	0	2	15	15	15
Hillingdon C	5	1	2	2	15	15	15
Chiltern E	5	0	3	2	13	17	13
Chiltern D	5	0	2	3	11	19	11
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
William Saint	15	35	29	83			
Rudii Richards	7	16	10	63			
Edward Meacock	15	35	13	37			
Tom Brown	3	9	2	22			
Cippenham B							
Nick Carter	14	33	26	79			
Mia Lakhani	14	32	21	66			
George Driscoll	11	23	12	52			
Isam Sousseing	3	9	3	33			
Cippenham C							
George Driscoll	3	9	6	67			
Ankush Srinivas	9	21	9	43			
Arnav Tyagi	5	14	6	43			
Isam Sousseing	8	16	4	25			
Kwame Sousseing	13	28	5	18			
Finlay Carter	4	7	1	14			
Cippenham D							
Louis Alexander	14	26	16	62			
Thomas Zoltanicki	13	28	17	61			
Finlay Carter	11	27	12	44			
Mateusz Skowera	8	20	8	40			

Zoe is actually a little younger than previous Duty Officers but father Jack, a regular if recent player at Cippenham, has kindly offered to support his daughter in her work.

Zoe started on 17th March and, unfortunately, we all know what happened after that! I expect Zoe is as keen as any of the rest of us for circumstances to return to some sort of normality!



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## Weekday Timetable (when resumed!)

<b>Mon</b>	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
<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 2019-20

	<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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## Weekend Diary

Jun 27/28 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival  
(subject to confirmation!)

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