

# CIPPENHAM NEWS

## Weekend Diary September/October

### September

Sun 1st	10:30am	British League Divisions 1S/2S
Sat 7th		Bucks Junior/Cadet Trials
Sun 8th	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training
Sun 15th	9:00am	Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open
Sun 22nd	9:30am	Southern Region Preliminary Trials
Sat 28th	9:00am	Bucks Junior Inter-League

### October

Sun 6th	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training ETTA Regional Conference
Sat 12th	9:30am	National Junior League (1)
Sun 13th	12:30pm	Slough League Youth Division (1) (prov.)
Sun 20th	9:00am	Cippenham 2-Star Open
Sat 26th	10:00am	Maidenhead Charity Handicap Tourn't
Sun 27th	9:00am	Bucks Men's Inter-League



## The Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

Nov 2/3	County Champs Junior Premier Division
Nov 17	Slough Youth Division (2) (prov.)
Nov 23	Bucks Junior Closed
Nov 24	Southern Region Final Trials
Nov 30	Bucks Cadet Inter-League
Dec 8	Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open
Dec 14	National Junior League (2)
Dec 15	Slough League Youth Division (3) (prov.)
Dec 22	Southern Region Junior Training
Dec 22	Cippenham TTC Christmas Party
Jan 4	Southern Region Junior Training
Jan 11	National Junior League (3)
Jan 12	Cippenham U13/15 1-Star Open
Jan 19	Cippenham TTC Closed Championships
Feb 2	Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open
Feb 8/9	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Feb 15/16	Reading Closed Championships
Feb 23	Slough League Youth Division (4) (prov.)
Mar 2	Slough Closed Championships
Mar 15/16	British League D1S/2S weekend (4)
Mar 23	Berkshire Inter-Town Competition
Mar 29	National Junior League (4)
Mar 30	Southern Region Training
Apr 5/6	ETTA National Junior Masters
Apr 12/13	ETTA National Cadet Masters
Apr 19	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
May 3	Southern Region Junior Training
May 4	Slough League Youth Division (5) (prov.)
May 31	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 1	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 14	Southern Region Junior Assessment
Jun 15	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 12	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

### Other Cippenham TTC Events

Sep 7/8	Women's British League (1)
Oct 12/13	Junior British League (1)
Oct 20	National Cadet League (1) (Chesham)
Nov 10	National Cadet League (2) (Chesham)
Nov 16/17	Veterans' British League (1)
Dec 14/15	British League (2) (Progress)
Jan 19	British League (3) (Progress)
Jan 25/26	Women's British League (2)
Feb 8/9	Veterans' British League (2)
Feb 15/16	Junior British League (2)
Mar 9	National Cadet League (3) (Chesham)
Mar 23	National Cadet League (4) (Chesham)
May 10	British League Annual Conference
May 24/25	National Team Finals

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### Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2002-03

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£10.00	£5.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£17.50	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.00	£0.50
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.75	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Super League Registration	£5.00	£2.50
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Slough Youth Division Match Fees	£0.50	£0.50
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£3.00	**£1.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 <sup>st</sup> group)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 <sup>nd</sup> group)		£15.00
* plus £1.00 (50p) for non-members		
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## Double Gold

Two Gold Medals for  
Gareth at Commonwealth  
Games



Cippenham's table tennis hero Gareth Herbert had his finest hour yet as he brought home two gold medals from the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. After having been part of the England men's gold-winning team in the early part of the Games, Gareth sensationally won gold again when he and Andrew Baggaley, from Milton Keynes, won a thrillingly close Men's Doubles final.

For all his undoubted star quality Gareth confessed to having nerves. "It felt like I was holding a brick instead of a racket and my feet felt like they were sticking to the floor. It was pretty much the most nervous time of my life".

Gareth and Baggaley commenced their assault on the doubles title by eliminating the Australians Lavale and Brown 3-1 and then went through Casaba/Kassam (Canada) 3-2, Jackson/Li (New Zealand) 3-0 and then in the semi-final the talented Indians Baboor/Subramanian 3-2 at 11-8 in the fifth. The final produced an all-British match with Welshmen Ryan Jenkins and Adam Robertson, the former European Boys' Singles silver medallist. Gareth and Baggaley won the first game 11-9 and then were pegged back with a close 11-13 reverse in the second. A third game loss by 8-11 left them with a mountain to climb but the young English pair (Gareth is 21 and Baggaley only 19) fought back the win the fourth 11-9. Television viewers watched in awe as they then went 5-9 down in the fifth game before embarking on a marathon series of



deuce points in which both pairs held three championship points before Gareth and Baggaley converted their fourth for a 17-15 victory.

In the singles, Gareth played well to reach the quarter-final, the equal of any of the English players, but was disappointed to lose 1-4 to Chetan Baboor, the Indian player whom he had beaten in the team event. To reach that position Gareth had beaten Adam Robertson (Wales) 4-2 and the Scotland number one Euan Walker, to whom he had lost their last two encounters, 4-3. Cippenham members may remember Euan who practised a great deal at Cippenham before moving back to Scotland last year.

Previously, Gareth had played a major part in the success of the England team in bringing back the first gold medal. He recorded a win in the opening 3-2 win against Australia and then crucially beat

the 2001 Commonwealth Championships silver medallist Chetan Baboor in the 3-1 semi-final victory over India. The final provided a fantastic 3-0 win over Nigeria in which Gareth had his best win for many months, defeating Segun Toriola 3-1. Toriola went on to win the Men's Singles event, beating Canada's world ranked number 10 Johnny Huang in the final. Also in the England team was Terry Young, from Maidenhead, who was also a member of the Cippenham club in his formative years and, like Gareth, owes much to the nationally-renowned coaching set-up at Cippenham, headed by Ken Phillips.

Cippenham Table Tennis Centre also played a part in the preparation for other England players. British number one Matthew Syed and Terry Young finalised their preparation by training at Cippenham a few days before making the journey to Manchester.



Club of the Year 1996  
Club of the Year 1997

## New Record Membership Figure

The total number of members of Cippenham TTC rose again in the year to 31.8.02, albeit by only one, to a new record of 241.



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## News in Short

### Super League

It is unlikely that the Cippenham Super League will run this season. The lack of a sponsor has meant that no significant prize money is able to be offered, and this has resulted in London Progress deciding not to play. A few other players have indicated that they are moving away or can not play due to other reasons ... so it's looks like the Super League is finished after two years.

### Slough League

The good news is that the Slough League has grown by three teams for the forthcoming season. Chalfont, Cippenham and WAMDSAD have all found one new team to increase the total membership from 20 to 23. It is still the second lowest figure in living memory but small crumbs ...

### The new service law

Members are reminded that the service law changes from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Effectively, it will be illegal to shield the ball during the service action - the receiver must be allowed clear vision. So, get your free arms out of the way!



## Saudi Visit Culminates In Another International Occasion at Cippenham



Members of the England and Saudi Arabia deaf teams pose with dignitaries after the matches

For ten days in August Cippenham Table Tennis Club played host to the first ever foreign team for persons with disabilities to take part in an international exchange visit in table tennis. The Saudi Arabian team for deaf players trained at Cippenham twice a day during their stay and were joined by members of the English deaf team and by members of the Cippenham club.

The visit culminated on Sunday with international matches between England and Saudi Arabia with the guest of honour the First Minister from the Saudi Arabian Embassy. England were far and away stronger than their Saudi counterparts and ran away 9-1 winners in the "A" team match and 6-4 in the "B" team match. Three of the Saudi "B" wins came from an Englishman guesting in the Saudi team that had brought only seven players.

The England "A" team romped into a 9-0 lead with two wins each from Bela Hegedus (who plays for Kingfisher in the Reading League), George Buck and Hitesh Kanji, one from Elaine Butterworth plus two doubles victories before the Saudis got their solitary score when Al-Hassan beat Butterworth in the last set.

For England "B", Alan Cunningham and Martin Strutt won all their singles, while Bell won once but Andrew Drury failed to score. England's victory was secured by a doubles win from Drury and Bell.

The Annual Summer Barbecue enjoyed one of the hottest days of the year - it was even hotter for Tim Kiteley (left) who did a tremendous stint at the fire-side. The Kids also enjoyed the bouncy castle that was hired for the afternoon >>>



The match was supported by BAE Systems, the Saudi British Sports Co-operative programme and the British Deaf Sports Council.

The visit was organized by Judy Rogers on behalf of the ETTA. Locally, Ken Phillips was the key contact and was helped along the way by Peter Hillier and Graham Trimming. Pam Dickens, helped by other members of the Club, prepared a wonderful buffet for the official reception which followed the match. Sebastian Bielec, Andrew Dickens and Bassam Mocharaffie, who speaks Arabic and was therefore very useful as an interpreter, were all presented with momentos by the Saudis for their help with the training.



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## Eight Teams Once More in British Leagues

The Club will once again be running eight teams in the British leagues in the forthcoming season.

### British League

Once again, two teams are being operated in the main British League and the second team have been promoted to Division 2 South. With Wesley Bush-Harris unlikely to recover in time from injury, the first team has been bolstered by the signing of Richard Tilford. He will play at number one pushing Mark Butler, Martin Adams and Clive Payne all down one place, a move that should strengthen the team. With London Progress II set to dominate the division, having been denied promotion by the regulations, Cippenham will be vying for second place and looking to capitalise should the champions falter.

The second team will be without Mike Rhodes but otherwise will rely mainly on the players that performed well enough in Division 3 last season to secure runner-sup position.

#### Squad:

1. Richard Tilford
2. Martin Adams
3. Mark Butler
4. Clive Payne
5. Lee Dredge
6. Brian Burns
7. Mark Jackson
8. Robert Hansell
9. Paul Baker
10. Robert Lemon
11. Gemma Chapman
12. James Milton
13. David Hayes

#### Dates:

Aug 31/Sep 1 at Cippenham  
Dec 14/15 at London Progress  
Jan 19 at London Progress  
Mar 15/16 at Cippenham

### Women's British League

Cippenham's sole women's team will once again take up a place in the Premier Division having been crowned Division 1 champions last year. Lesley Keast has been signed up to partner Gemma and Becky.

#### Squad:

1. Gemma Chapman
2. Rebecca Fisher
3. Lesley Keast

Dates: Sep 7/8; Jan 25/26

### Junior British League

Four teams will again be run in this competition but this season there will be three girls' teams and only one boys'. The Evans family have received an offer from another club that they could not refuse so the option was taken to promote our National Junior League winning team to the higher competition. The girls' first team will be trying to wrest back the Premier Division championship they held for two years before being beaten into second place last term.

#### Squads:

##### Boys:

1. David Hayes
2. James Milton
3. Robert Lemon
4. Chris Hansell

##### Girls "A":

1. Joanna Parker
2. Gemma Chapman
3. Karen Shepherd

##### Girls "B":

1. Emily Tucker
2. Francesca Parnell
3. Rebecca Tweedy

##### Girls "C":

1. Sylvana Bielec
2. Melanie Farquhar
3. Caroline Linz
4. Eleanor Tweedy

Dates: Oct 12/13; Feb 15/16

### Selections yet to be made:

National Junior League  
National Cadet League  
Slough League Youth Division

### Last Year's Champions ...



Women's Division 1 champions



Veteran Men's Division 3 champions

### Veterans' British League

Following promotion last season, Cippenham have regained their place in Division 2 this time. Much depends on the fitness and availability of star player Clive Payne, unbeaten in 30 matches in the competition, but a second successive championship could be a possibility.

#### Squad:

1. Clive Payne
2. Mike Rhodes
3. Paul Baker
4. Graham Trimming (res)

Dates: Nov 16/17; Feb 8/9

## Slough League Teams Season 2002-3

The following teams have been selected to represent the Club in the Slough League:

**Rogues** (Div 1): David Bull (capt.); David Hayes; Mark Jackson; Andy Spiers; Peter Bradley (res)

**Pirates** (Div 1): Mark Banks (capt.); Robin Benwell; Geoff Harris; James Milton; Victor Mugabo

**Outlaws** (Div 1): Roland Clapton (capt.); Paul Baker; Mike Harris; Graham Trimming; Mike Rhodes (res)

**Buccaneers** (Div 2): Jeremy Bateman (capt.); Sue Hayes; Ron Hedley; Peter Hillier; John Lloyd; Clive Perry

**Villains** (Div 2): Terry Boxall (capt.); Armando Borges; Paul Campbell; Tim Kiteley; Denise Rolfe

**Vagabonds** (Div 2): Walter Aldridge (capt.); Kathy Dudley; Simon Mellish; Ivor Powell

**Scountrels** (Div 3): David Smith (capt.); Ray Burbridge; Martin Dorey; Chris Purvis

**Rascals** (Div 3): Abraham Joseph (capt.); Catherine Hayes; Babu Koria; Shahriar Mazandi; Georgia Veneer; Jim Hayes (res)

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