



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Another Title for Eddie at Bumper Festival

The Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival provided another feast of table tennis at this hugely popular event. This summer event and its New Year equivalent have become the jewels in the crown of the open tournament season at Cippenham Table Tennis Club, always attracting in excess of 300 entries. Once again, 17 tables were kept busy for the two days with four age groups each for boys and girls. There were seven different winners of the eight events with only Patrick Thomas, one of a strong Welsh contingent that are always popular visitors to events at Cippenham, doing the double of U18 and U16 Boys' Singles.

Thomas has become a real force on the junior scene and has won many previous events at Cippenham. On this occasion, he beat his Welsh compatriot Daniel O'Connell in the higher age group and Cippenham's own Edward Mitchell in the U16s. In fact, the two players beaten in Thomas' two finals met each other in another final, the U14s. To the delight of the local organizers it was Eddie that took the honours. To round up the boys' events, the U12 final was contested between two boys from Middlesex. Connor Neenan beat Igor Morais.

There was Welsh success also in the girls' events but it was restricted to the U14s in which Chloe Thomas prevailed. She beat Bethany March, one

of three Essex players to lose in girls' finals. However, the other two lost to their county team-mates as Essex provided the four players that contested the U18 and U16 finals. Charlotte Callcut beat Evangeline Collier but was not so successful in the U16s in which she lost to Rebekah March. Middlesex made it a double in the U12 events when Charleigh Kirby beat Tressa Armitage in the final of the youngest age group.

The seeds did not have it all their own way, there were shocks en route. The second and third seeds in the U16 Girls' Singles, Megan Sparrey and Chloe Thomas, were both beaten in their preliminary round groups by Stephanie Francis and Grace Collier respectively. Miss Thomas also came a cropper in the U18s when beaten in the semi-final by Evangeline Collier. Edward Mitchell, seeded second in the U18 boys' event, lost his quarter-final to Sullivan Morais who then lost in turn to O'Connell.

Eddie, with one winner's medal and one runners-up, was far and away the most successful of the local players. The next best was Peter Gajdus in reaching the quarter-final of the U16s while Jonathan Evans was eliminated one round earlier in the U18s. In addition, Alex Polding, Alex Parkinson, Matt Ashfield and Angela Oetiker all qualified for at least one of the main events.



- U18 Boys' Singles:**
Patrick Thomas (WAL) bt Daniel O'Connell (WAL)
- U16 Boys' Singles:**
Patrick Thomas (WAL) bt Edward Mitchell (Bu)
- U14 Boys' Singles:**
Edward Mitchell (Bu) bt Daniel O'Connell (WAL)
- U12 Boys' Singles:**
Connor Neenan (Mi) bt Igor Morais (Mi)
- U18 Girls' Singles:**
Charlotte Callcut (Ex) bt Evangeline Collier (E)
- U16 Girls' Singles:**
Rebekah March (E) bt Charlotte Callcut (E)
- U14 Girls' Singles:**
Chloe Thomas (WAL) bt Bethany March (E)
- U12 Girls' Singles:**
Charleigh Kirby (Mi) bt Tressa Armitage (Ha)
- U18 Boys' Consolation:**
Thomas Dantzuig (Mi) bt Joseph Seal (So)
- U16 Boys' Consolation:**
Jack Cleminson (E) bt David Whealy (E)
- U14 Boys' Consolation:**
Jack Basterfield (Mi) bt James Han (Mi)
- U12 Boys' Consolation:**
Lewis Bray (Sy) bt Marvin Obi (E)
- U18 Girls' Consolation:**
Oyin Alabi (E) bt Emma Elliston (Bu)
- U16 Girls' Consolation:**
Jasmin Ould (K) bt Charlotte Carey (WAL)
- U14 Girls' Consolation:**
Hannah Hoskin (E) bt Estelle Purkis (E)
- U12 Girls' Consolation:**
Francesca Barnes (E) bt Louise Ola (E)



Cippenham TTC Summer Picnic

Sunday 8th July, 1:00 pm

bring and share some picnic food
test out Bribrar's new blades and rubbers

More details?
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3rd in England

Unofficially, Cippenham are ranked third out of England's elite clubs for season 2006-7. This is one place lower than 2005-6 as Ormesby, that old established and yet most progressive club from Middlesbrough, have leapfrogged over Cippenham. A survey conducted by Club Chairman Graham Trimming, awarding points for teams' positions in all the various British leagues reads as follows:

1. DHS London Progress	503
2. Ormesby	322
3. Cippenham	303
4. Barnet	242
5. Elgre Nottingham	203
6. Ellenborough	197
7. Oxford Fireplace Centre	188
8. TTK Greenhouse	174
9. DML Woolwell	173
10. Fusion	156

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Grand Prix

The eighth running of the Grand Prix starts on **Tuesdays** for six weeks from

Tuesday 3 July

to

Tuesday 7 August

My World's

David Hayes gives us an insight into something not many of us will ever experience—the thrill of representing one's country in the World Championships

by David Hayes

On Sunday 20th May I flew from London Luton to Zagreb to play my first senior international (*Ed: for Ireland*). As soon as I saw all the arrangements the Croatians had made for the competitors at the airport I knew that this was going to be a huge event in comparison with my normal tournament experience.

Play started on the Monday morning in a hall with more tables than I'd ever seen, with over 250 people playing qualifying rounds of the Men's Singles alone! In my first game I played a player from Lebanon ranked 750 in the world, expecting to have no chance of more than 5 points per game. It turned out my draw wasn't as bad as it had looked and, despite my nerves, I managed to win 4-1. My next opponent was England number 1, Paul Drinkhall. It was a shame for me to travel to a big event like the World Championships and play someone who I could play in a normal English Grand Prix. I played well in parts but in the end I lost 4-2 to a more experienced and overall better player.

Paul won the group but then lost in the next round of qualifying narrowly 13-11 in the 7th set. Another England player competing in Zagreb was Cippenham member Gavin Evans who played excellently having 2 match points against a Ukrainian player with a world ranking of 250. Had it not been for a very lucky net on the first match point, the Ukrainian would have been dead and buried, but unfortunately it was not to be and Gavin went out in the qualifying group.



Our New Duty Officer

As well as being a World Championships player, David Hayes is also the Club's new Duty Officer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. David is not entirely new to the role, having also performed these duties last year before his sister Catherine took over. Between them, the Hayes siblings have done a marvellous job and, no doubt, David will continue to enhance his family's reputation this time around.

For the remaining days of the event I was practicing twice a day, watching lots of matches and generally getting a feeling for this type of event in the hope of future selection. As anyone who watched any of the coverage on Eurosport would know, the matches in the later stages were excellent. It was disappointing to see no Europeans in the semi finals or finals but with prospects like Gavin I hope that will change in the future.



Slough Div 2 r/u
Cippenham Rascals :
Peter Gajdus; Amar
Abid-Ali; Ollie Valdez



Slough Div 2 H'cap r/u
Cippenham Scoundrels :
Vibhash
Mishra; Ray Burbidge;
Georgia Veneer

New Boy Steve makes his Mark in the Grand Prix

Steve Smith may have been out of table tennis for a year, and only recently joined the Club after moving to Marlow, but he is swiftly becoming known as a player with talent. Steve previously played (just the once, I'm told) at Cippenham for Kingshurst Bri-bar in the British League. Steve won the first two stages (his first two appearances) of the most recent Grand Prix but had to settle for a second, a third and two fourth places in the remaining events. However, the 400 points he amassed were enough to have won the series with plenty to spare and was only five short of the record set by Tim Kiteley in GP2.

The other stages were won by Krzysztof Zemelka, Paul Elliott, Gerald Finesilver and Graham Trimming but none of them played enough to hope to catch the runaway leader.

Peter Gajdus proved that he is still the most consistent performer in the Grand Prix. This was his third second position and he has also won two of the series. Only twice has he missed out on the medal placings.

See page 2 for details of the latest GP



First and second in GP7—Steve Smith and Peter Gajdus

	Pts
1. Steve Smith	400
2. Peter Gajdus	235
3. Gerald Finesilver	170
3. Paul Elliott	170
5. Graham Trimming	150
6. Neil Bird	140
7. Krzysztof Zemelka	100
8. Steve Crow	90
9. Paul Chandler	85
10. Malcolm Makarian	70

Third Masters Title for Gavin

Gavin Evans won his third successive English National Cadet Masters title at the beginning of May. Remarkably, Gavin, who only turned fourteen in April, still has a year left in this age group and is on course to complete a unique run of four titles next year. Gavin's rise up the national rankings has been remarkably swift. The signs were there when he first picked up a bat at the age of four. By six he became the youngest player ever to appear on the national ranking list and at the age of ten won the first international tournament he ever played in – the Luxembourg Youth Open for under-13s. He has never looked back and was part of the England team that won the European Cadet Championships and the World Cadet Challenge in 2005, a year he also became the individual European under-12 champion.



At the Masters, and playing at Cippenham, the club where it all started, Gavin was in a class of his own. Never really troubled, he dropped just one game all weekend against the best other players of his age in the country.

Cippenham had one other representative in the event. The up and coming Rachel Farquhar won one match against Natalie Slater on Saturday but that was not enough to secure her involvement for the second day..

There was less success the following weekend at the Junior Masters. With the top four boys away on international duty, the spotlight was likely to fall on Bradley Evans. However, an injury sustained in training put paid to his involvement. Bother Myles played but did not make it past the first day but Melanie Farquhar did manage fourth place in the girls' event, but that was disappointing for the newly crowned national champion.

Since his Masters success, **Gavin Evans** has won the gold medal in the Cadet Singles at the Spanish Junior Open and represented the England men's team at the World Championships, the Commonwealth Championship and the Korean Open.

Don't Forget

If you want to play for the Club in ANY league next season you must submit your membership form to Graham by July 15

Who's Who at Cippenham

Here are some of the main appointments (excluding for teams) made so far:

Management Committee:

Chairman: Graham Trimming

Deputy Chairman: Sue Hayes

General Secretary: Graham Trimming

Treasurer: Peter Hillier

Bookings Officer: Peter Hillier

Events Officer: Catherine Hayes

Social Officer: Jacquie Lovell

General members: Martin Adams, Terry Boxall, Gemma Chapman, John Lloyd, Steve Smith

Other appointments:

Auditor: Filippo Rotunno

Development Coordinator: Graham Trimming

Bucks CTTA Representative: Ken Phillips

Volunteer Champion: Jacquie Lovell

Child Protection Coordinator: Jacquie Lovell

Head Coach: Ken Phillips

Committee Secretary: Jacquie Lovell

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Calendar Coordinator: Catherine Hayes

Weekend Set-up Coordinator: Jim Hayes

Weekday Duty Manager: Jacquie Lovell

Weekday Duty Officer: David Hayes

Catering Manager: Jacquie Lovell

Westgate School Liaison: Jacquie Lovell

Health & Safety Advisor: Jacquie Lovell

Maintenance Manager: Terry Boxall

Supply Club Agent: Peter Hillier

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Weekend Diary July/August

July

Sun 1	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open
Sun 8	Cippenham TTC picnic
Sat 14	ETTA Tournament Organizers' course Gareth Herbert's coaching weekend
Sun 15	Gareth Herbert's coaching weekend

Weekday Diary

Mon	7:00	Advanced Coaching
Tues	7:15	Slough League matches (out of season)
	7:30	Practice Tables
	7:40	Grand Prix
Wed	7:30	Squad Training (out of season)
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Slough League matches (out of season)
	7:30	Practice Tables

Want a TO Qualification?

Here's your best chance ever. Cippenham TTC, in conjunction with the English Table Tennis Association, is organizing a Tournament Organizers' (TO) course at Cippenham on Saturday 14th July. The TO qualification is a necessary step towards qualifying as a Tournament Referee. Already, nine people have signed up for the TO course but there are still three vacancies. Contact Jacquie to book your place. The Club is committed to training a voluntary workforce in order to deliver an even better service to members and guests. **BE PART OF IT—PLAY YOUR PART!!**

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2007-08

	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		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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Nets and Edges

Graham Re-elected

Club Chairman Graham Trimming was re-elected as Fixtures Secretary for the thirty-third year by the Slough League at its recent AGM. Graham also accepted the office of Treasurer, a position he last held in 1975. However, there are plenty of vacancies still to be filled including Chairman and General Secretary. If anyone fancies having a crack at either of those, please speak to Graham.

Club titles for Avijit, Michael and Andrew

The final two events of the Club Championships were played out in early May. New member Avijit Kelkar won a round robin for the Tweenie Singles (that is, between junior and veteran age groups) with Paul Chandler in second spot. The Junior Doubles only provided two pairs but the result was a shock. Michael Bennett and Andrew Young came from two games down to defeat Peter Gajdus and Ollie Valdez.

Bronze for Rachel

Rachel Farquhar, fast emerging as a player to be reckoned with on the national circuit, reached the semi-final of the National Under-14 Girls Singles recently and gained a bronze medal. En route Rachel



(pictured with her coach Sue Hayes), seeded ten, beat the third and fifth seeds. To cap a great weekend Rachel also reached the semi-final of the Girls' Doubles with her partner Ayonija Sundararajan.

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