



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Clean Sweep at Bucks Junior Closed

Even though the star players were away at other tournaments, Cippenham members kept up their incredible winning ways at the Bucks Junior Closed Championships on 29 November. Two titles for Ashley Shaw, another for his brother Oliver, and others also for Matthew Tucker and Chris Witchell maintained Cippenham's record of having only ever lost one title in the last eight years.

The entry was lacking in both quantity and quality and the girls' events were cancelled altogether. However, the Shaw brothers showed what tremendous progress they have made in the past two years training at Cippenham as they led the host club's domination.

The main event, the Junior Singles produced a final between the Shaw brothers with 14-years old Ashley beating 16-years old Oliver in four games. They also combined to take the Junior Doubles event by beating another Cippenham pairing of Michael Steadman and Alex Polding three-straight in the final.

The Cadet Singles event produced the only defeat of the day for Ashley Shaw when beaten by Matthew Tucker 12-10 in the fourth game of the final. Completing a quartet of Cippenham members in the semi-finals were Ben Wiseman and Chris Witchell. Chris was the only player to successfully defend a title from last year when he beat Alex Polding 11-9 in the fifth game of an exciting final in the Under-13 Singles.



Oliver and Ashley Shaw with their spoils

- Junior Singles:**
Ashley Shaw (SI) bt Oliver Shaw (SI) 11,-5,6,8
- Cadet Singles:**
Matthew Tucker (SI) bt Ashley Shaw (SI) -7,8,9,10
- Under-13 Singles:**
Chris Witchell (SI) bt Alex Polding (SI) 12,-7,14,-8,9
- Junior Doubles:**
Ashley Shaw & Oliver Shaw (SI) bt Michael Steadman & Alex Polding (SI) 7,5,9
- Junior Consolation:**
Aman Kantaria (Chi) bt Mark Anstey (SI) 8,7,7
- Cadet Consolation:**
Anthony Shapland (Chi) bt Sam Harrison (Chi) 5,9,7
- Under-13 Consolation:**
Stephen Hawkes (SI) bt Sam Helm (Chi) 9,10,-9,8



Matthew Tucker



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apologises to members and visitors
for any inconvenience during the
current building works



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Robert & Melanie the Champs

Robert Hansell, a player who has progressed through the coaching structure at Cippenham retained his Men's Singles title at the Club's annual championships on 9 November. The 19-years old Oxford University student justified his top seeding by winning the final in three straight games against the younger James Milton. Robert, the current Buckinghamshire champion, came through his group in top place and then beat his father Nick in the quarter-finals. Semi-final victim was Slough Closed champion David Hayes while James eliminated previous champion Mike Rhodes in the semis and second seed Mark Jackson in the quarters. A star-studded line-up was completed in the quarters by Chris Hansell and Earl Sweeney while former Basingstoke champion Sean Pickin failed to qualify from his group.

Another player to retain her title was Melanie Farquhar in the Junior Girls' Singles. Mel also picked up the Women's Singles and Cadet Singles titles to become the day's most successful player. In the female events Melanie beat Jenny Hansell into second place on each occasion while the runner-up in the Cadet Singles was Alex Polding who also retained his Under-13 Singles crown against Rachel Farquhar.

Bucks first team player Mike Rhodes beat county second team player Nick Hansell to land the Veterans' Singles. Tournament organizer Dave Bull got some reward for his efforts when partnering David Hayes to victory in the Championship Doubles with a nail-biting fifth game win over the fancied Robert Hansell and Mark Jackson.

Successful Exchange Visit Arranged with Irish Club



Over the Autumn half term week Cippenham TTC had the pleasure of hosting a group of four junior boys, two junior girls and their coach from Kinneigh TTC in the south west of Ireland. Links were established with this club when David and Catherine Hayes became members while visiting their Irish relations.

The visit got off to an inauspicious start with a mix-up over flight bookings which shortened their stay but this proved to be the only set-back. The players were hosted by various families within the Club who made them most welcome. They took part in an excellent training day, joint with Peniel Academy, led by our own Ken Phillips and enjoyed a relaxing evening of ten-pin bowling with

many of the Club's junior and less junior players. Their visit concluded with a social evening, or should I say night, at the Dickens' household before being whisked off to Stansted airport at around 4am.

All in all it was voted a resounding success by everyone who took part and we are looking forward to the opportunity to pay a return visit in the not-too-distant future. Many thanks to the Dickens, Hansell, Linz and Tucker families and to Ken and Jan who all contributed in various different ways to the first of what we hope will be many future successful exchanges.

Sue Hayes

GOOD START IN NJL

Cippenham teams did well in the first round of matches in the National Junior League on 8 November. The top boys' team (B) finished second in Division 1 after a 7-2 win over Milton Keynes A and 5-4 over division leaders ALNS but fell 3-6 to Waterside (Southampton). The C team top Division 2 having beaten Southampton 9-0 and Milton Keynes B 8-1 but falling 3-6 to Chesham High School A. The D and E teams are third and fourth in Division 3 while the young and inexperienced girls' team did well to lie in fifth place in their division after beating Barnet and Bournemouth both 5-4 and Waterside A 7-2 but going down to leaders Generation II (Fareham) 0-9.

The most successful player was Andrew Linz who won eight of his nine matches for the Boys' C team while Andrew Dickens won seven for the C team and Oliver Shaw six for the B team.

Men's Singles:

Robert Hansell bt James Milton 7,5,4

Women's Singles:

Melanie Farquhar bt Jenny Hansell -7,1,-6,7,8

Championship Doubles:

Dave Bull & David Hayes bt Robert Hansell & Mark Jackson 8,-8,-7,8,8

Veterans' Singles:

Mike Rhodes bt Nick Hansell 6,3,5

Tweenies' Singles:

Robert Hansell bt Mark Jackson 7,-6,7,-9,6

Junior Boys' Singles:

James Milton bt David Hayes 7,10,6

Junior Girls' Singles:

1. Melanie Farquhar; 2. Jenny Hansell

Cadet Singles:

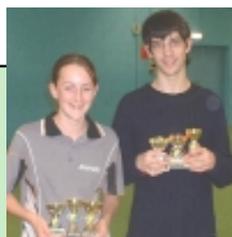
1. Melanie Farquhar; 2. Alex Polding

Under-13 Singles:

1. Alex Polding; 2. Rachel Farquhar

Junior Doubles:

1. Chris Hansell & David Hayes; 2. James Milton & Alex Polding



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DECENT START FOR BUCKS IN JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION

The Bucks junior team, comprised entirely of Cippenham players, are well placed after the first weekend of matches, played at Cippenham over the first weekend in November. With one win, one draw and a narrow defeat from their three matches, Bucks are placed fifth but have played three of the four sides placed above them and none of the three below. This should augur well for an improved final position when the competition concludes at Grantham in March.

Bucks began well on Saturday afternoon with a 6-4 win over Cheshire with the local team winning all six boys' events but losing the four girls' matches. Bradley Evans, Gavin Evans and James Milton were hardly troubled as they won the match for Bucks, losing only five games out of twenty-three between them.



Bucks (l-r): Emily Tucker; Gemma Chapman; Gavin Evans; James Milton; Bradley Evans

Sunday morning brought a disappointing 6-4 defeat at the hands of defending champions Glamorgan. 10-years old Gavin won both his two matches against Stephen Bertsen and Shaun Hall but older brother Bradley lost to

Bertsen and James lost to Hall. Bradley picked up a win over Aled Rhys Howell and Gemma Chapman beat Sarah Hall for Bucks' other successes.

In the afternoon Bucks failed to turn a 5-3 advantage into victory and had to be content with a draw against Yorkshire. The difference between two league points and one point was as fine as Gavin's opening 13-11 fifth-end loss to the higher ranked Stephen Denny. Gavin later beat Richard Moss, as did James, and Bradley extracted some revenge for his brother by beating Denny. The other two successes were drawn by the girls as Gemma and Emily Tucker both beat Tanya Waller but lost to Nicola White.

Terry Stars as Vets Start Well

Cippenham made a good start in their first season in Division 1 of the Veterans' British League over the weekend of 22-23 November. Even without star player Clive Payne, out through injury, Cippenham returned from the first half matches at Stoke-on-Trent having gained six points from a possible ten. Newcomer Terry Haley from Guildford, who also performed exceptionally well for Cippenham in the main British League first weekend back in September, excelled with nine straight wins from the number one position. Only his first match on Saturday morning, after the long drive, escaped him. Slough League players Mike Rhodes, who won four matches, and Paul Baker, who tasted success three times, backed Terry up with important wins.

The first match on Saturday brought with it Cippenham's biggest defeat, 5-1 at the hands of Bat & Ball. Terry lost his opening match 3-2 against Dave Robson in this but then beat Tony Gelder 3-0 to start his run of nine successive victories. Saturday afternoon was more pleasant as Mike won both his matches to go with the brace from Terry as Cippenham beat Irish team Shamrocks 4-2. The evening match saw another defeat against ultimate division leaders from Northumberland, Thompson Insurance "A".

Sunday was a more successful day with victories secured in both matches. Paul found his form to record two very good wins over Tom Adams and Steve Davis as Cippenham

romped home 5-1 against Graham Spicer I. Mike also beat Adams but lost to Derek Holman whilst Terry beat both the New Malden team's top players, Holman and Davis. In the final match of the weekend Cippenham came back from 1-2 down to win the last three matches and take both points with a 4-2 victory over BATTs Racquetsports I. Terry got Cippenham off to a brisk start by beating Chris Brewer but defeats for Mike against Mark Romano and Paul against John Monk put us behind. The Cippenham comeback was kick started by another win for Terry, 3-2 over Romano and then Paul had a fantastic win over Brewer 3-1 and Mike hammered Monk 3-0 to ease Cippenham into third place, three points ahead of the chasing pack.

Regional Domination

Cippenham players dominated the Southern Region Trials, held during the weekend of 22-23 November, as they have done for several years now. As part of the qualification route from county trails through to the National Masters, these competition serve to qualify players for the National Trials to be held in the new year.

Top Cippenham players Bradley Evans (Junior Boys), Gemma Chapman (Junior Girls), Gavin Evans (Cadet Boys) and Melanie Farquhar (Cadet Girls) were exempted because of their high national rankings. However, Cippenham players still won all the four events in the guise of Gavin Evans (Junior Boys), Melanie Farquhar (Junior Girls), Myles Evans (Cadet Boys) and Sylvana Bielec (Cadet Girls). Chris Hansell in second place, Myles Evans (fourth) and Oliver Shaw (fifth) also qualified for the national event in the junior boys as did Emily Tucker and Sylvana Bielec in the junior girls, Ashley Shaw in the cadet boys and Katie Rule in the cadet girls.

David's Irish Adventure

Cippenham's David Hayes recently visited Denmark to play with the Irish Junior Development Squad at the Roskilde Open in Copenhagen. David excelled in winning the Band 3 Singles, reached the last 32 of the Junior Boys' Singles, and lost in the semi-final of the Junior Boys' Doubles.

League Table:

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thompson Insurance A	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Bat & ball	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
Cippenham	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Graham Spicer I	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
BATTs Racquetsports I	5	1	0	4	10	20	2
Shamrocks	5	0	1	4	8	22	1

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Terry Haley	5	10	9	90
Mike Rhodes	5	10	4	40
Paul Baker	5	10	3	30

Results:

1-5	Bat & Ball
4-2	Shamrocks
2-4	Thompson Insurance A
5-1	Graham Spicer I
4-2	BATTs Racquetsports I

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Weekend Diary December/January

December

Sat 6th	11:00am	Bucks county matches (junior)
Sun 7th	10:00am	Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open
Sat 13th	9:30am	National Junior League (3)
Sat 21st	10:30am	Southern Region squad training
	5:00pm	Club Christmas Party

January

Sun 4th	10:30am	Southern Region squad training
Sat 10th	9:00am	Cippenham U14/16 1-Star Open
Sun 11th	11:30am	British League Divisions 1/2 South
Sat 17th	11:00am	Bucks county matches (junior)
Sun 18th	9:00am	Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open
Sat 31st	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Feb 1	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Feb 7	National Junior League (3)
Feb 14/15	Reading Closed Championships
Feb 22	Southern Region squad training
Feb 29	Slough Closed Championships
Mar 6/7	British League Divisions 1/2 South (4)
Mar 20	Bucks county matches
Mar 21	Southern Region squad training
Mar 28	Cippenham TTC Handicap Tournament
Apr 3	National Junior League (4)
Apr 4	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Apr 18	Berkshire Inter-Town
May 1/2	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 15/16	ETTA National Cadet Masters
May 30	Southern Region squad training
Jun 13	Southern Region Assessment Day
Jun 19/20	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jul 4	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 11	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

Other Cippenham TTC Events

Dec 13/14	British League D1S (2) (Oakhampton)
Dec 13/14	British League D2S (2) (Ashford)
Jan 24/25	Women's British League (2) (Cheltenham)
Feb 7/8	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
Feb 14/15	Junior British League (2) (Aldersley)
May 22/23	National Team Finals (Knowsley)

Weekday Diary

Mon 5:30 Advanced Coaching
7:30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 7:15 Slough League matches
7:30 Practice Tables

Wed 7:30 Squad Training

Thurs 5:15 Beginners' Coaching
7:15 Slough League matches
7:30 Practice Tables

Bar Opening Times

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Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2003-04

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£12.00	£6.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£21.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.20	£0.60
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.10	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£3.00	**£1.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 st group)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 nd group)		£15.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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The Building Works

Visitors to Cippenham Table Tennis Centre over the past few weeks will have been very aware that changes are amidst. So what is happening? The School has received a large grant to upgrade facilities for disabled pupils and, as a consequence, is building new changing rooms, toilets, offices and other rooms for special needs. Regretably, that means that we shall be without the normal services for a few months but hopefully the enhanced facilities will be worth a little inconvenience. Please bear with the Club and try to make the best of current circumstances.

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