

Weekend Diary February/March

February		
Sat 2nd	9:30am	Berks County Senior Div 1B Session
Sun 3rd	10:00am	Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open
Sat 9th	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Sun 10th	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Sat 16th	9:00am	Reading Closed Championships
Sun 17th	9:00am	Reading Closed Championships
Sat 23rd	9:30am	National Junior League (4)
Sun 24th	12:00pm	Slough League Youth Division (4)
March		
Sun 3rd	12:00pm	Slough League Youth Division (5)
Sat 9th	9:30am	Bucks County Senior/Veterans' Session
Sat 16th	12:00pm	British League Divisions 1S/3S Session
Sun 17th	10:00am	British League Divisions 1S/3S Session
Sat 23rd	9:30am	National Junior League (4)
Sun 24th	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training

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 8:00 Super League matches (fortnightly)
Fri	7:30 Elite Coaching (occasional)

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm



The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Apr 4	Southern Region Junior Training (Thurs)
Apr 7	Slough League Youth Division (6)
Apr 13	Southern Region Junior Training
Apr 14	Cippenham Cadet 3-Star Open
Apr 17	Slough League Play-Offs (Wed)
Apr 20/21	ETTA National Cadet Masters
Apr 27/28	Slough Closed
May 4/5	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 11	Southern Region Junior Training
Jun 1/2	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 15	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open

Other Cippenham TTC Events

Feb 16/17	Junior British League (2)
Mar 10	National Cadet League (3) (Chesham)
Apr 20	British League (4) (Barnet/Harlow)
Apr 21	National Cadet League (4) (Chesham)
May 25/26	Gainsford Cup Finals (Kirkby)

News in Short

Bookings to Sue

Since Mike Rhodes is now working in Southampton and staying in that area quite a lot the task of taking your table bookings for rearranged matches etc. has been taken over by Sue Hayes. Sue can be contacted on 01753 573669 or by email at sue.hayes@cippenhamttc.co.uk.

James Excels at Trials

James Milton was Cippenham's star performer at the National Junior and Cadet Trials at Stratford-upon-Avon over the weekend of 6/7th January, finishing third in the cadet boys' event. Gemma Chapman was also successful, finishing a creditable fifth in the junior girls while David Hayes was eighth in the cadet boys.

Help the Juniors

There is another chance to assist the Club's high-profile juniors on February 8th (7 pm) when all players of first division standard are invited for a free practice - all you have to do is knock with the kids for 45 minutes. As a bonus the bar will be open until 10 pm.

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Double Success for Cippenham at British leagues

Women and Veterans



League Tables:

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cippenham	10	7	3	0	41	19	17
Eagle Printers	10	6	2	2	36	24	14
Halton I	10	5	1	4	34	26	11
SEH Wind & Doors	10	4	2	4	30	30	10
Pinewood Fulleriens	10	3	2	5	30	30	8
Norton Ladies	10	0	0	10	9	51	0

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Gemma Chapman	10	20	19	95
Claire Plumridge	8	16	10	63
Becky Fisher	10	20	12	60
Sue Hayes	2	4	0	0

Results:

5-1	Norton Ladies
5-1	SEH Windows and Doors
4-2	Halton I
4-2	Pinewood Fulleriens
3-3	Eagle Printers

The Cippenham women's team became the latest to win a national division when, the last weekend in January at Kingston-upon-Hull, they triumphed in Division One of the Women's British League. This followed up the veteran men's team success the previous weekend in Division 3 of the Veterans' British League.

(l-r) - Rebecca Fisher; Gemma Chapman; Claire Plumridge

• both CHAMPIONS

It was a great all-round performance from the Cippenham players but Gemma Chapman, playing from the number one position, really excelled and was unbeaten in nineteen matches over both weekends until the final encounter with the also-unbeaten Czech star Marketa Myskova. This performance earned Gemma the Player of the Weekend Award.

Cippenham started with two easy 5-1 wins. The first, on Saturday morning, was against bottom team Norton Ladies from the Potteries. Gemma and Rebecca Fisher both won two in the match and Claire Plumridge only lost when the team was already 4-0 up. It was a similar story in the afternoon against SEH Windows and Doors except that, this time, it was Rebecca who lost at 4-0 up. A tighter match followed in the evening against Widnes-based Halton with Cippenham eventually winning 4-2. Gemma again led the way with two wins although Katy Ingram

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(l-r) Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes; Ken Philipson



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
WOMEN'S AND VETERAN MEN'S TEAMS
BRITISH LEAGUE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS



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Women's British League (contd.)

did take her to 13-11 in the fifth and deciding game. Rebecca also played extremely well to win her two against a form team that leapfrogged from fifth to third in the division and to whom this loss constituted their only dropped points of the weekend.

Sunday began with another 4-2 success over Pinewood Fullerians of Watford. Rebecca and Claire added one each to the brace from Gemma and this result meant that Cippenham could not be caught. The final match brought together the top two teams and with Myskoua unbeatable for Eagle Printers Cippenham had to settle for a 3-3 draw. This time it was Claire who starred with two wins to add to one from Gemma.

Cotswold Open Successes

The Cippenham junior players had another good day at the Cotswold Junior 4-Star Open Championships during the weekend of 26/27th January with the most notable success being that of Rebecca Tweedy in winning the Cadet Girls' Grade 1 Singles after an all-Cippenham final duel with Sylvana Bielec.

The boys also performed well, none more so than the in-form James Milton. James reached the semi-final of the Cadet Boys' Singles on Saturday, losing to Niv Bogen from London Progress TTC but then beat Bogen the following day en route to the quarter-final of the Junior Boys' Open Singles. Bradley Evans also reached the semis of the Cadet Boys' Singles to give Cippenham their second representative at that stage while David Hayes reached the same penultimate stage of the Junior Boys' Grade 1 Singles and, like John Camilleri, the last sixteen of the Junior Boys' Open Singles. These were all creditable performances in a strong entry with most of the top-ranked players in the country attending.

CHAMPION VETS - BRITISH LEAGUE

Cippenham Table Tennis Club are champions of the Veterans' British League Division 3 for the second time in three years. They secured promotion back to Division 2 by taking seven points out of a possible ten in the final series of matches played at Widnes over the weekend of 19/20th January.

Cippenham went into the weekend four points ahead of their nearest rivals and, despite being weakened by the absence of their unbeaten number one player Clive Payne, managed to add two more points to the gap between them and second-placed South Essex. Cippenham signed up Ken Philipson, a Bucks team-mate of Mike Rhodes to replace the injured Clive and he helped the team's cause extremely well with seven wins from his ten matches. Paul Baker also won seven while Mike Rhodes, promoted to number one in the team, still managed five.

The weekend started slowly, drawing the first match against the then bottom team from Belfast, Annahilt. Ken made an immediate mark by winning his two and Mike added the third in a 3-3 result. A 6-0 thrashing of Tokyu World Transport (Reading) followed but Saturday drew to a close with a set-back 2-4 loss to South Essex. Ken and Paul managed one win each in this match.

League Table:						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Division Three						
Cippenham	10	8	1	1	43	17 17
South Essex	10	5	1	4	32	28 11
BATTS Racquets II	10	3	5	2	30	30 11
Seasiders	10	3	5	4	28	32 9
Annahilt	10	1	4	5	27	33 6
Tokyu World Trans	10	2	2	6	20	40 6
Players' Performances:						
	M	P	W	Av		
Clive Payne	5	10	10	100		
Paul Baker	10	20	15	75		
Ken Philipson	5	10	7	70		
Mike Rhodes	10	20	11	55		
Results:						
3-3	Annahilt					
6-0	Tokyu World Transport					
2-4	South Essex					
4-2	Seasiders					
4-2	BATTS Racquetsports II					

Sunday saw a resurgence of Cippenham's fortunes with two 4-2 victories over Seasiders (Blackpool) and BATTS (Harlow). Paul maintained an unbeaten record on that day (was it the previous night's curry?) while Mike and Ken contributed one win each to both matches.

Santa Visits Cippenham

Santa Claus himself was a most welcome visitor to the Club just before Christmas at the annual party. The pictures show Edward Mitchell having a chat with Santa while Scott Evans is restrained by Catherine Hayes and Mark Jackson supervises the children's games and watches Andrew Linz with his nose to the ground!



Sylvana Stars at the U13/15 Open

Sylvana Bielec was the star player at the Cippenham Under-13/15 1-Star Open Championships on 20th January. Sylvana won the U13 Girls' Singles in the morning and then only just failed to make it a double success in the U15 event in the afternoon. In that competition she had to settle for second place, beaten in the final by Olga Ivanova from the London Progress club.

In the final of the U13s Sylvana carried too many guns for her Welsh opponent Emmaleigh Newman, winning in straight games 11-7, 11-5, 11-8. However, despite taking the second game of her U15 final 11-4, she eventually succumbed 14-12 in the fourth game to Ivanova. Sylvana had once again beaten Newman in the semi-final after also beating fellow Cippenham player Catherine Hayes in the first round after the initial groups. Jenny Hansell was another Cippenham player who made it into the competition proper.

The seedings for the boys' singles events were decimated by late withdrawals due to the English Table Tennis Association arranging a national U12 training camp to clash. This caused organiser Ken Phillips a host of headaches and a couple of re-draws but, despite this set-back, the tournament ran extremely well.

Many of the more fancied local players were lost to the training camp and this allowed Ox-



fordshire's Greg Boone to come through the field and win a wonderful U15 final, coming back from a 2-0 games deficit to beat London Progress player Michael Persaud. Best performance from a Cippenham player came from

U15 Boys' Singles:
Greg Boone (Ox) bt Michael Persaud (Mi) -9, 6, 3, 6
U15 Girls' Singles:
Olga Ivanova (Mi) bt Sylvana Bielec (Slough) 8, -4, 5, 12
U13 Boys' Singles:
Alex Jones (WAL) bt Andrew Waddingham (Sx) -10, 4, 9, 5
U13 Girls' Singles:
Sylvana Bielec (Slough) bt Emmaleigh Newman (WAL) 7, 5, 8
U15 Boys' Consolation:
Julian Elroy (Mi) bt David Harris (Slough) 9, 7, -4, -11, 7
U15 Girls' Consolation:
Jessica Macken (E) bt Amy Wilkinson (E) -9, 11, 4, 9
U13 Boys' Consolation:
Ashley Shaw (Slough) bt Philip Hartley (E) 4, -9, 4, 7
U13 Girls' Consolation:
Frances Potjewyd (So) bt Jessica Macken (E) -7, -8, 10, 4, 3

Sebastian Bielec, who reached the quarter-final, while Prabdeep Panesar perished one round earlier.

More success came the way of the Welsh contingent in the boys' U13 event with Alex Jones who came from a game down to defeat Andrew Waddingham (Sussex) in four games in the final. Jones had a good day, also reaching the semi-final of the U15 event while Cippenham's last survivors in the U13 were Prabdeep Panesar and Matthew Tucker in the quarter-finals.

Ashley Shaw made his mark on open competition by winning the U13 Boys' Consolation after a four-game victory over Philip Hartley of Essex.

The Centenary Hard Bat Makes Its Mark

Club champion Mark Jackson showed that he is just as adept with the old-fashioned rubber bat when he won both the Singles and Doubles titles at the Centenary Slough Hard Bat on January 30th. Later, in an interesting Handicap event, which was played under one of the variants of scoring from 100 years ago, 30-up, Mike Rhodes prevailed. Another facet of the evening, timed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first tournament in Slough (10 February 1902) was an ex-

hibition of equipment and other memorabilia from a century ago by Club Secretary Graham Trimming.



(l-r) - Steve Crow; Sue Hayes; Mark Jackson; Hugh Bartholomew; Mike Rhodes; Elroy Hull; Armando Borges

Singles:
Mark Jackson bt Sue Hayes 6, 1, 7
Doubles:
Mark Jackson & Steve Crow (Burnham) bt Hugh Bartholomew (UNISON) & Elroy Hull (Burnham) 6, 11, 5
Handicap:
Mike Rhodes bt Armando Borges (+12) 12

Bucks Carry On Winning

Bucks junior second team had another successful day at Cippenham on 12th January, winning two and drawing one of their three matches. All the players representing the county were supplied by Cippenham Table Tennis Club with James Milton and Gavin Evans being the most successful winning all six of their matches. David Hayes lost only once while the girls, Francesca Parnell and Eleanor Tweedy added their worth to a fine team performance. Wins against Berkshire and Glamorgan II and a 5-5 draw with Kent put Bucks in third place just one point behind the joint leaders who have yet to play one another.