



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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The boy who started playing aged 4 at Cippenham brings home 4 medals from Terni

## Gavin is Champion of Europe

**D**ateline Sunday 21 July: Cippenham's table tennis superkid Gavin Evans became cadet boys champion of Europe. In an amazing series of triumphs in the Italian town of Terni, Gavin proved what others have thought for many years – he is simply the best of his age in Europe.

In 2005 Gavin was crowned European U12 champion, now he has proved that he is still the best in his class by winning the Cadet Boys' Singles championship at the European Youth Championships. As if that was not enough, Gavin brought home three more medals, two silver and a bronze, as part of an England team that had its best results ever at the pinnacle event in European junior table tennis.

Gavin comes from a local table tennis dynasty. Mother Linda was Buckinghamshire number one in her teens and played for Slough while father Rhys was one of the top coaches at Cippenham Table Tennis Club before the family moved north a few years ago to be close to the National Table Tennis Academy. Brothers Bradley and Myles have also represented England.



A proud Gavin with his coach Alan Cooke



Gavin's victory, though, was hard won. He came to the brink of defeat twice before even reaching the semi-final. In the last sixteen Gavin let a two game lead slip to 2-3 before recovering to win the sixth game 13-11 and then the decider 11-7 against Frenchman Quentin Robinot. His quarter final performance, however, surpassed that in every way. Playing Luca Fucec it was similar but worse. Once again Gavin raced into a two game lead only to be pegged back to 2-2 and then 3-3. The big hitting Croatian was giving Gavin all sorts of trouble and when Fucec stood 10-6 up in the seventh game Gavin was right on the brink of elimination. He needed to win every one of the next four points or he was out, the dream shattered. Champions have that little bit extra and Gavin chose that time to step up yet another gear and, hitting the ball harder than before, climbed back to 10-10 and eventually won the game 14-12.

European cadet table tennis is on a high at the moment with many very good players around. Gavin found another in his semi-final encounter with Simon Gauzy. Gauzy led 2-1 in games and Gavin only grabbed the fourth at 12-10.

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**Bookings Officer:** Peter Hillier

**Events Officer:** Steve Smith

**Social Officer:** Jacquie Lovell

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**Supply Club Agent:** Peter Hillier

# 2007-8

## August

The brand new eye catching roadside signage is erected and immediately brings in new members.

Matt Ware bags two gold medals at the Molndals BTK Open in Gothenburg.

## September



Cippenham scoop four awards at the National Volunteer and Coach Awards. Graham Trimming, when presented with the *PremierClub* Volunteer of the Year Award, makes it three times in four years that this award has come to this Club. Jacquie Lovell scoops Volunteer Coordinator of the Year, Steph Mitchell the Young Volunteer of the Year and Jan Chapman the Female Coach of the Year. Awesome!

Nine new Joola tables are purchased to upgrade our tournament facilities as part of a rolling plan to maintain high standards of equipment at the Club.

## October



Malcolm Makarian is the popular winner of the Karen Mitchell Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Club.

At the same occasion, the 11th Anniversary Party, Graham Trimming is honoured by becoming the first and so far only Life Member of the Club while ETTA Maurice Goldstein Merit Awards are presented to Sue Hayes and Jan Chapman. The Senior and Junior Player of the Year awards go to Georgia Veneer and Rachel Farquhar.



## Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open results

Winner:	Runner-up:
<b>Men's Singles:</b> Hari Gehlot (Bk)	Dave Harvey (Gs)
<b>Women's Singles:</b> Janice Lee (Sy)	Diane Melville (Sy)
<b>Men's Consolation:</b> Eddie Herrity (Ox)	David Randall (Mi)

## Gavin - European Champion (cont'd)

After that, though, he got up a head of steam and ran out a comfortable winner in the next two games. This set up a final against Hampus Soderlund who Gavin had already beaten in the team match against Sweden. Gavin just secured the first 15-13 but the next two games went to the Swede. Gavin rallied to win 11-7, 11-8 and then a huge effort saw him grasp the coveted title 12-10 in the sixth.

Gavin's silver medals came in the team event and the Cadet Boys' Doubles. The fast improving Liam Pitchford was Gavin's England partner in the team event. The group stage held no fear as Germany, Italy and Spain were all eclipsed 3-0. Romania suffered the same fate in the first knockout round and then came the first test against a very good Belgian side. Gavin won both his singles as England

came through 3-2. In the semi-final Gavin suffered his first defeat at the hands of Anthony Tran but England still prevailed over Sweden 3-2. However, they could claim only the silver medal after a final round loss to France 3-1.

In the Cadet Boys' Doubles Gavin partnered Cedric Nuytinck of Belgium. After overcoming three successive rounds 3-2 they found themselves in the final against another Belgian pairing of Indeherberg and Vanrossome but lost easily 3-0.

The bronze medal came in the Cadet Mixed Doubles when Gavin partnered the new European Cadet Girls' Singles champion Petrissa Solja of Germany to a place in the semi-final where they lost to a French pair.



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## Review of a Great Season

### November

Eddie Mitchell wins three events (U18BS, U15BS, U18BD), the latter with Alex Polding, while Angela Oetiker captures U18GS at the Bucks Junior Closed.

The following day Eddie is in the honours again, this time winning the Boys' Singles title at the Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open.



### December

Eddie again, this time winning the Southern Region U15 boys' trials.

### January



Cippenham goes shop-ping-pong. So the headlines read as the Club gives Saturday shoppers in Queensmere, Slough a taste of high level table tennis and encourages interested passers-by to have a go.

Clubmark accreditation is achieved and at the highest Excellence level. This is the culmination many months of effort by the Club's management team who produce a file that receives acclaimed from the ETTA.

Gavin Evans takes a bronze medal from the European Cadet Top 10 held in Sheffield.

### February

Good results from the final weekend of matches in the British League see all three teams maintain their positions in the same divisions for next season.

For the second year running the Cippenham boys' team in the Junior Brit-

ish League finishes runners-up in Division 2A.

### March



The accolades keep on coming. This month it's the Slough Sports Awards where the Club wins Junior Club of the Year and David Hayes becomes only the second table tennis player to win the Senior Sportsman of the Year award. Members of the Club also thrill the crowd with a table tennis display during the proceedings.

A team of six Cippenham members representing Bucks win promotion to the Senior Premier Division of the County Championships by winning Division 1B.

Cippenham Table Tennis Centre is chosen to feature in the London 2012 Olympic Training Guide as a venue for table tennis teams to train.

### April

The Club Championships are again run on an informal evenings basis and the overall champion is Tony Stead.



The Slough Closed is revived and is played during evenings. Steve Smith and Sue Hayes win the Open Doubles title.

### May

Gavin Evans wins gold in the Cadet Boys' Singles at the Spanish Youth Open.

### June

To complete an historic year for Cippenham members gaining top honours, Graham Trimming is elected a Vice-President of the ETTA.



Cippenham win Division 3 of the Women's British League and Rachel Farquhar is presented with the Player of the Weekend after winning 19 of her 20 matches during the season.

A season in which the emphasis has been on training, with various courses hosted at the Club, culminate with a "first". An umpires' training course is held for members and non-members and the house full notices go up!

The Club's successful season of open tournaments reached its usual climax with another well attended and superbly organized Young Players' Summer Festival in which 17 tables are kept occupied for two days.

### July

The best is saved for last. Gavin Evans wins four medals including gold in the Cadet Boys' Singles at the European Youth Championships. See front page story.

## Boys Fail JBL Quest

An attempt to qualify a second boys' team for the Junior British League has failed. Such was the demand for places for the new season that the ETTA held play-offs at Meres Lesire Centre in July. With only 4 places in the JBL available for the 20 boys' team trying, it was always going to be tough.

The Cippenham team performed well but only two wins out of four matches placed them third in Group 4 and out of the reckoning for a place.

Coach David Hayes said "They tried hard and weren't outclassed; if a few close matches had gone differently they could have won the group".

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Alex Polding	4	8	6	75
Anthony Gardner	4	8	4	50
Salman Tanveer	4	8	3	38

#### Results:

1-5 Pudsey  
5-1 Greenhouse Morpeth School  
2-4 Wood Green  
5-1 Horsham 3

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## Weekend Diary August/September

### August

Sat 2	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sun 3	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sat 9	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sun 10	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sat 30	Cippenham 2-Star Open Series #1 (junior)
Sun 31	Cippenham 2-Star Open Series #1 (senior)

### September

Sep 13	Bucks Junior Trials
Sep 20	British League Div 1S & Div 1S&M (1)
Sep 21	British League Div 1S & Div 1S&M (1)
Sep 28	National Junior League (1)



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## Weekday Diary

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

### Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2008-09

	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
Maidenhead 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
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## Cippenham Series 1

Junior & Senior 2-Star Open  
 Sat/Sun 30/31 August 2008  
 Get your entry form in now!!!

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