



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Three more titles come to Cippenham at the U10/11/12 Nationals

Joanna and Bradley - National Champions!

The conveyor belt of champions produced by the Cippenham Table Tennis Club coaching scheme has two more names to add to its list of illustrious national successes. At the English National Under-10/11/12 Championships held at Widnes on 29/30 May Joanna Parker and Bradley Evans added their names to the five previous champions from Cippenham at this event.

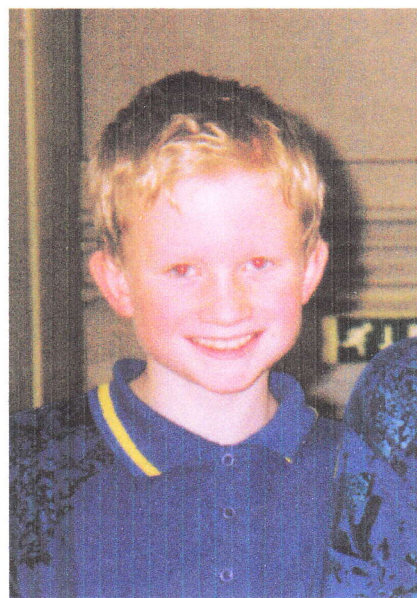
For Joanna it was a double success as she won both the U12 Girls' Singles and U12 Girls' Doubles titles and thus became the first Cippenham player to win a national girls' singles event, although Gemma Champman went very close last season in the same tournament. Jo has really blossomed this season under Tony Pacitto and the coaches at Cippenham and has developed an all-round game to supplement her defensive skills. Despite being seeded only second she won the national title by coming back from 19-16 down in the third against the favourite Karen Shepherd. These two then combined to win the doubles, keeping that particular title at Cippenham for a third successive year.

All previous titles won by Cippenham players at these championships have been at Under-12 level so it was especially satisfying to witness the breakthrough at the younger U10 level. Bradley Evans was seeded top in this event but still had a number of tough opponents to overcome before clinching the title and proving himself to be the best player of his age in the country. This is just reward for much hard work during the past year by the 9 year old and his private coach Simon Rockall.



Bradley also reached the semi-final of the U11 Boys' Singles where he lost to Shaun Rogerson who had earlier disposed of David Hayes in the quarter-final. Bradley and David also combined to reach the quarter-final of the U12 Boys' Doubles where they lost 21-18 in the third game to the top seeds.

Thomas Mitchell also proved that his recent elevation to the England training squad and his number three ranking are justified by reaching the semi-final of the U12 Boys' Singles where the Slough junior champion lost 21-17 in the third to the highly ranked Neil Cartwright. Another Cippenham player on the up is Hannah Stone and the diminutive 12-year old reached the quarter-final of the U12 Girls' Singles before losing out to



top seed Karen Shepherd.

Amidst all of this excitement, according to coaching supremo Ken Phillips the best match of the day was between Bradley's two younger brothers, Myles (who is just seven and a half) and Gavin who only turned six a few weeks ago. There will be more national titles coming Cippenham's way at these championships in the future.

What a party!

When the Cippenham players travel to tournaments they do so in numbers. On the Saturday evening at Widnes no less than 48 sat down for dinner in a restaurant booked by Karen Mitchell. And they said that table tennis was dying!



Congratulations - Joanna, Bradley, Georgia

Good Luck - all our teams at the National Finals



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PICTURE PARADE



The Boys "B" team that won Division 2A of the Woolwich Junior British League - (l-r): Marc Gilston; Robert Hansell; Douglas Speed

Photo by ETTA

Cippenham's U10/11/12 National Champions

U12 Boys' Singles:
1997-8: Warren Brooks
1996-7: Robert Wilson
1992-3: Gareth Herbert
U12 Girls' Singles:
1998-9: Joanna Parker
U10 Boys' Singles:
1998-9: Bradley Evans
U12 Boys' Doubles:
1997-8: Warren Brooks
1995-6: Jesper Hougaard
1992-3: Gareth Herbert
U12 Girls' Doubles:
1998-9: Joanna Parker
1997-8: Gemma Chapman
1996-7: Gemma Chapman

Shake-up for Slough League

Some bold decisions regarding the future of the Slough League were taken at its AGM on 25th May. In an attempt to revitalise the League which, in common with most leagues around the country, has suffered from diminishing membership, the following three key changes were made:

1. divisions will be smaller, perhaps seven or eight teams each playing each other three times (probably - this will ultimately depend upon the number and strength of teams entering);
2. only one team will be promoted and relegated automatically throughout the divisions - the second place will be decided by end of season play-offs;
3. the old two point structure will be replaced by six points awarded for each match with teams needing to win by 8-2 to gain the maximum reward.

PICTURE PARADE



Pam Dickens receives her Outstanding Contribution award at the Club's annual Anniversary Party on 1st October. Pam is well known at the Club through her work in the catering corps and her family links with Chris, Katie, Jane and "Skip".

CONTROVERSY AT NATIONAL MASTERS

Controversy surrounded the Junior Girls' event of the English National Junior/Cadet Masters played at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre on 22/23 May. Essex player Natalie Bawden, the national Junior Closed champion and winner of the Cadet Girls' the previous day, slipped in her final group match against the unbeaten Georgina Walker and had to retire with a badly damaged ankle. Bawden was advised that she had already qualified for the semi-final by the tournament referee and was taken to hospital thinking she had done enough to qualify for a place in the England team in the European Youth Championships.

However, the alert coach of Karen Lockwood, who had been placed third in the group, spotted that the regulations required two points to be given to the winner of each match, one to the loser and none for a concession. Suddenly Bawden's one point from her unfinished match was taken away which dropped her down to fourth place in the group and Lockwood up to second.

That might have been unremarkable except that Lockwood then used this piece of good fortune to blitz past English Closed Cadet champion Katy Parker in the semi-final and then defeat top seed Louise Durrant in the final.

Cippenham had three players on view in this national event, all in the Cadet Girls' on the Saturday. To have three players in the top twelve of a national championship shows the success of the coaching scheme at Cippenham Table Tennis Club, although the players could not emulate the performances of Gareth Herbert and Jesper Hougaard in providing home wins in the previous two seasons. Gemma Chapman finished sixth in line with her ranking while Joanna Parker, who is still only eleven years old, surpassed expectations to come in seventh. Cippenham's other player, Emma Human, finished twelfth as expected but can be extremely happy with having qualified for this illustrious company.

The Junior Boys' event was won by Andrew Baggaley, from Milton Keynes, while the Cadet Boys' was won by the defensive Michael Gomersall.

Next season the format is being changed with two weekends given over to the finals and more players involved.

Junior Boys:

A Baggaley (Bu) bt A Rushton (La) 18, 14

Junior Girls:

K Lockwood (Ch) bt L Durrant (Ng) -14, 13, 11

Cadet Boys:

M Gomersall (Cu) bt L Barham (Ca) 20, 18

Cadet Girls:

N Bawden (E) bt G Walker (Ng) 19, 11

First Open Title for David Hayes

11 years old David Hayes, who lives barely a mile from Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, stormed through a strong field to capture the Cippenham Under-12 2 Star Open Boys' Singles title on 8th May.

David showed his undoubted class as he got stronger throughout the day, and his performance must surely register with the selectors for the England Under-12 Training Squad, who dropped him from their plans earlier this year. Ironically, David benefited from the absence of another Cippenham player, Thomas Mitchell, who would have been hot favourite for the title but had to withdraw because he has now, at last, been added to the England squad who were meeting at Lilleshall over the same weekend.

David's toughest matches were early in the competition for, after winning his group comfortably and then winning his second round match, he had to pull back a first game deficit in his third round match with Cippenham club mate Paul Zeun and then again in his quarter-final with Robert Lemon. After that it was plain sailing as he dismissed Tony Halling 21-10, 21-7 in the semi-final and Paul Dewhurst 21-16, 21-11 with a wonderful display of controlled attacking table tennis in the final.

Dewhurst, from Essex and sixth seed, had done exceptionally well to reach the final, having defeated our own Bradley Evans (who rushed away from the tournament at the end to join the England squad at Lilleshall) in the quarters and then top seed Shaun Marples, from Derbyshire, in the semis.

Other Cippenham players who impressed were James Milton who defeated the second seed from Wales to top his first round group, and Andrew Dickens who reached the semi-final of the consolation event.

Cippenham U12 2-Star Open



The Girls' Singles was won by Reading's Lisa Calcutt who beat Emma Weil of Essex in the final. The last surviving Cippenham player was Emily Tucker who reached her allotted position in the quarter-final. Further success came the host club's way when Sylvana Bielec, a French girl now living in Reading, won the Consolation Girls' event.

The whole day proved once again how successful the Cippenham club is at running open tournaments with 103 players, all 12 years old or younger, being attracted from all parts of south and mid-England and from Wales. Club Chairman Ken Phillips was Organiser and Referee and the day's proceedings were administered by 14 years-old Robert Hansell.

Boys' Singles:

D Hayes (Slough) bt P Dewhurst (E) 16, 11

Girls' Singles:

L Calcutt (Reading) bt Emma Weil (E) -17, 8, 10

Boys' Consolation:

D Brightman (Bu) bt W Harrington (K) -20, 15, 15

Girls' Consolation:

S Bielec (Reading) bt A Walker (Bk) 18, 22

Final British League Tables

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2 South							
Horsham II	14	10	1	3	78	34	21
Norwich Todd Fox	14	10	0	4	80	32	20
TAD-Ellenborough	14	9	1	4	70	42	19
Cippenham I	14	8	1	5	60	52	17
Aylesbury League	14	6	1	7	54	58	13
KCD Stiga I	14	4	2	8	42	70	10
Fellows Cranleigh	14	2	4	8	40	72	8
DML Launceston III	14	1	2	11	24	88	4

Division 3 South & West							
CATSoft Adeyfield	12	10	2	0	79	17	22
Harvey Barnet III	12	8	1	3	63	33	17
CW Progress II	12	5	3	4	46	50	13
OLOP AWCS Ltd II	12	5	0	7	37	59	10
Guildford	12	3	3	6	42	54	9
Westbury Club II	12	3	3	6	40	56	9
Cippenham II	12	1	2	9	29	67	4

Final British League Averages

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I:				
Mike Rhodes	1	1	1	100%
Tetsuo Kasahara	4	8	7	88%
Martin Adams	13	26	17	65%
Clive Payne	8	16	9	56%
Martin Rule	10	20	10	50%
Steve Joel	7	12	5	42%
Kimber Choda	9	18	7	39%
Mark Banks	1	2	0	0%
Paul Baker	1	1	0	0%
Cippenham II:				
Mike Rhodes	7	14	8	57%
Sue Collier	1	2	1	50%
Mark Banks	7	13	6	46%
Nicholas Wilson	3	5	2	40%
Steve Joel	6	12	4	33%
Robert Hansell	4	8	2	25%
Paul Baker	6	12	2	17%
Nick Hansell	6	12	2	17%
Chris Lusher	4	8	0	0%

Final Maidenhead League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division							
Kingfisher A	18	17	0	1	152	28	152
Castle Hill Lions	18	14	2	2	121	54	121
Cippenham Spartans	18	11	1	6	98	77	98
Altwood Royals	18	7	2	9	91	89	91
Old Gords Vultures	18	7	3	8	87	93	87
Phoenix Cyclones	18	9	2	7	85	95	85
Castle Hill Spinners	18	5	3	10	83	97	83
Boyn Hill Cricket Club	18	6	5	7	80	100	80
Old Gords Buzzards	18	4	2	12	62	118	62
Old Gords Hawks	18	0	0	18	36	144	36

Final Maidenhead League Averages

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Spartans:				
Robert Hansell	9	26	19	73%
Robin Benwell	10	29	19	66%
Robert Dawson	8	23	15	65%
Kevin Rowe	12	34	18	53%
Gareth Lovell	2	6	3	50%
Jim Perry	10	30	11	37%

Over-70's Champ



It is not just the younger players who are bringing glory to Cippenham Table Tennis Club. If ever proof was needed that table tennis is a sport for all ages it was demonstrated at Thornbury, at the VETTS National Masters on 22/23 May. Marathon runner supreme Georgia Veneer showed that she is still the master at table tennis by retaining her Over-70 Women's Singles crown. At the same tournament Mike Rhodes surpassed himself by reaching the quarter-final of the O40MS before bowing out to former European Champion John Hilton.

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Weekend Diary June/July

June

Sat 5th	10.00am	Cippenham Veterans' 2 Star Summer Open
Sun 6th	9.00am	Woolwich National Junior League
Sat 19th	10.00am	Level 2 Coach Education Course
Sun 20th	10.00am	Level 2 Coach Education Course
Sat 26th	9.00am	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Sun 27th	9.00am	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
July		
Sun 18th	12.00pm	Summer Members' Barbecue

Weekday Diary

Mon	5.30 Advanced Coaching 7.30 Excellence Coaching
Tues	5.15 Beginners' Coaching 5.15 One-to-One Coaching 7.15 Summer League 7.30 Practice Tables
Wed	4.30 England squad training
Thurs	5.15 Beginners' Coaching 5.15 One-to-One Coaching 7.15 Summer League 7.30 Practice Tables
Fri	7.00 Elite Coaching

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 1999-00

	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
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Maidenhead League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Slough Woolwich Junior League Match Fees	£0.50	£0.50
Coaching Fees	**£3.00	**£1.50
* plus £1.00 (50p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

Match Fees Reduced!

Owing to the fantastic financial surplus made by the Club during the year ended 30 April 1999, it was decided at the Annual General Meeting to reduce match fees for the forthcoming season (and Summer League). Instead of paying £3.00 per match it will now be only £2.50, halved of course for students and OAPs. This continues the trend commenced last last when practice fees for members were reduced and displays the Club's commitment to giving excellence of service at affordable prices.

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Results Round-Up

VETTS National Masters (22/23 May)
O70WS: Georgia Veneer, winner

Under-10/11/12 National Champs (29/30 May)
U12GS: Joanna Parker, winner
U10BS: Bradley Evans, winner
U12GD: Joanna Parker, winner

ETTA Grand Prix Finals (29/30 May)
WSBand3: Gemma Chapman, winner

Sue Joins Management Committee

Sue Hayes joined the Management Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting on 23rd May. She joins as a general member and her wisdom, gained through years as Chairman of another league, will be of tremendous benefit to the Club. The numerical strength of the Committee is thus retained following Steve Joel not being re-elected into his post of Public Relations Officer which remains unfilled. Other unfilled positions are Club Captain and Events Officer - in fact, neither of these positions, which were created pending the move to our own premises three years ago, have ever been filled.

The full Management Committee comprises:

Chairman: Ken Phillips
Deputy Chairman: Rhys Evans
General Secretary: Graham Trimming
Treasurer: Peter Hillier
Bookings Officer: Mike Rhodes
Social Officer: Jacque Lovell
Coaching Officer: Ken Phillips
Committee members: Linda Evans & Sue Hayes

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