



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Clive's absence can not stop "Team of the Weekend"**

## Second Successive Championship for Veterans

**C**ippenham's veteran men's team returned from Doncaster on 9<sup>th</sup> February with a second successive championship. The team of Mike Rhodes, Paul Baker and Ken Philipson became champions of the Veterans' British League Division 2 exactly twelve months after capturing the Division 3 title. Without unbeaten star player Clive Payne, recovering from an operation on his foot, Ken was drafted into the team – as he was last year – and performed extremely well to win half of his ten matches. However, the star performer of the weekend was Paul Baker who won eight matches.

The three matches on Saturday brought mixed results, starting with a 4-2 win over South Essex. Only Ian Robertson was able to match the Cippenham players as he beat Mike and Ken. However, they both won their other matches and Paul added a brace to secure maximum points. Paul again won his two as the second match produced a disappointing 3-3 draw with Merrow. Only Mike, who scored a good win over John Robinson, was able to support Paul. The evening match provided Cippenham's only defeat of the season. Paul and Ken both beat Graham May but David Roberts and Phil Luxon were two strong as Plymouth Extremes won 4-2.

Overnight, Cippenham had slipped down into second place, one point behind leaders Thompson Insurance. That was re-



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

dressed on Sunday morning as Thompsons drew 3-3 with Plymouth while Cippenham beat their local (Reading) rivals OLOP 5-1. Paul and Ken both bagged a brace while Mike beat Robin Stace but lost in the fifth game to Graham Outrim.

These results ensured that Cippenham and Thompson Insurance would be the two promoted teams but they were left to fight it out for the title. Cippenham held the edge going into the last match even if only on sets aggregate but that meant a draw would be good enough for us. The match started badly for Cippenham with Mike losing to Geoff Salter and Ken to Malcolm Lusk, both three-straight. Cippenham bounced back to level the scores with Paul beating John Williamson and Mike beating Lusk, both in the fifth game. After Paul had lost to Salter the destination of the title rested with Ken who had to beat Williamson and to the delight of his team-mates he did 3-1.

This team effort brought with it another honour as Cippenham received the "Team of the Weekend" award and became the first men's team ever to win the award twice.

### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division Two</b>							
Cippenham	10	6	3	1	43	17	15
Thompson Insurance	10	5	5	0	42	18	15
Merrow	10	4	4	2	34	26	12
Plymouth Extremes	10	4	4	2	30	30	12
South Essex	10	1	1	8	16	44	3
OLOP	10	1	1	8	15	45	3

### Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Clive Payne	5	10	10	100
Paul Baker	10	20	16	80
Mike Rhodes	10	20	12	60
Ken Philipson	5	10	5	50

### Results:

4-2	South Essex
3-3	Merrow
2-4	Plymouth Extremes
5-1	OLOP
3-3	Thompson Insurance A



Club of the Year 1996  
Club of the Year 1997

**British League Final Weekend**  
**Divisions 1 South and 2 South**  
**Cippenham Table Tennis Centre**  
**Saturday/Sunday 15/16 March 2003**



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## News in Short

### England lose to Rumania

Cippenham's Gareth Herbert was in the England team beaten 3-1 by Rumania at Cheltenham in February. England's only success came from Matthew Syed.

### Peter Hillier TR

Peter Hillier became the third Cippenham member to qualify as a Tournament Referee. Peter has been an international umpire for about twenty years but this new qualification will allow him to referee open tournaments (up to 2\*) and British League week-ends.



### Through in Gainsford

Cippenham qualified for the final stage of the Gainsford Cup (the national women's knock-out competition) without hitting a ball as two of their opponents withdrew.

### Katy for England



10-years old Katy Rule has become the latest Cippenham protege to be selected for England. She will make her debut for England in the British Schools International U12 at Blackburn in early

April. Katy will become the second member of her family to be capped as brother Martin was several years ago.

## No Trophies This Year in JBL

Cippenham's four teams in the Junior British League completed their fixtures at RAF Cosford over the weekend of 15/16 February and all maintained their form from the first weekend in November.

The boys' team climbed one place from their starting position to finish third in Division 1 and only missed out on runners-up spot on games aggregate. After losing their first two matches, 1-5 to Devon Aces and 2-4 to Darlington, the team bounced back to win their last three fixtures. Scotland, Peniel and Irish were all beaten 4-2. There was a welcome return to form for James Milton who did well to win six of his eight matches. David Hayes and Robert Lemon both won four while Chris Hansell was successful twice in his six matches.

Cippenham Girls' "A" team consolidated their third position in the elite Premier Division, winning two, drawing one and losing two matches. There were wins over Scotland 5-1 and Seasiders (Blackpool) 6-0, a 3-3 draw with Wirral and losses against Peniel (Brentwood) 2-4 and champions Grove (Market Drayton) 1-5. Gemma Chapman was the team's most successful player, winning seven of her ten matches, while Karen Shepherd won six and Gemma Yarnley four.

The Girls' "B" team had a poor series of results in Division 1 after flattering in the first weekend and managed only one draw against Irish from their four matches. Peniel were victors 4-2 and Grove "B" and Darlington both 5-1 against the locals. Emily Tucker and Rebecca Tweedy both won three of their eight matches and Francesca Parnell recorded one win.

The young Girls' "C" team did well to draw two matches in Division 2 and performed better than on their debut in November, but still not well enough to climb away from the foot of the table. The drawn matches were against The Weald and Byng Hall (Tunbridge Wells) while defeats were inflicted by Drayton & Long Eaton and NALGO

### Club Championships

Now is the time to get your entry forms in for the Club Championships and handicapped Tournament. This year's event takes place on Saturday 22 March and Dave Bull is the man to see about your entry.

(Nuneaton) both 2-4 and NETTS Chelmsford 1-5. Caroline Linz showed good form in winning half of her eight matches while Melanie Farquhar tasted victory three times and Sylvana Bielec and Eleanor Tweedy twice each.

### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Boys Division 1</b>							
1. Darlington A	10	5	4	1	36	24	14
2. Scotland A	10	4	3	3	35	25	11
3. Cippenham A	10	5	1	4	28	32	11
4. Devon Aces	10	4	2	4	31	29	10
5. Team Peniel A	10	3	2	5	23	37	8
6. Irish Boys	10	2	2	6	27	33	6

<b>Girls' Premier Division</b>							
1. Grove A	10	10	0	0	52	8	20
2. Team Peniel A	10	8	0	2	37	23	16
3. Cippenham A	10	5	1	4	35	25	11
4. Wirral Premier	10	3	1	6	25	35	7
5. Scotland	10	1	1	8	18	42	3
6. Seasiders	10	1	1	8	13	47	3

<b>Girls Division 1</b>							
1. Grove B	8	5	3	0	31	17	13
2. Darlington A	8	5	2	1	33	15	12
3. Team Peniel B	8	3	1	4	19	29	7
4. Cippenham B	8	1	4	3	21	27	6
5. Irish Girls	8	0	2	6	16	32	2

<b>Girls Division 2</b>							
1. NETTS Chelmsford	10	9	1	0	47	13	19
2. Draycott & L Eaton	10	5	2	3	33	27	12
3. The Weald	10	3	4	3	29	31	10
4. Byng Hall	10	2	4	4	26	34	8
5. NALGO (Nuneaton)	10	2	4	4	26	34	8
6. Cippenham C	10	0	3	7	19	41	3

### Averages

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Boys A</b>				
David Hayes	8	16	11	69
James Milton	8	16	8	50
Robert Lemon	8	15	6	40
Chris Hansell	6	12	2	17

<b>Girls A</b>				
Gemma Chapman	10	20	14	70
Karen Shepherd	10	20	13	65
Gemma Yarnley	10	20	8	40

<b>Girls B</b>				
Emily Tucker	8	16	10	63
Rebecca Tweedy	8	16	7	44
Francesca Parnell	8	16	4	25

<b>Girls C</b>				
Melanie Farquhar	8	16	7	44
Caroline Linz	8	16	5	31
Sylvana Bielec	7	14	4	29
Eleanor Tweedy	7	14	3	21

### Results:

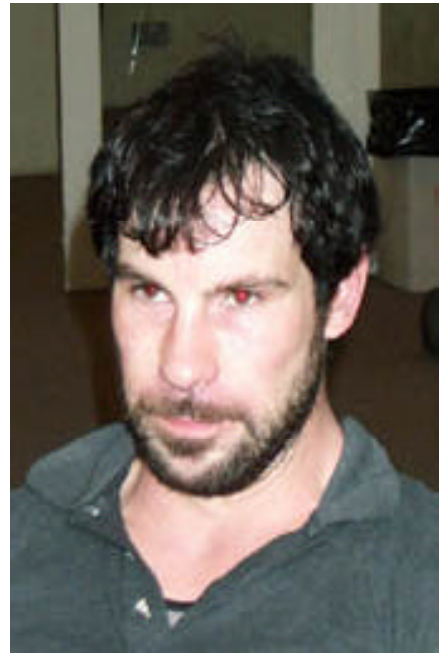
<b>Boys A</b>		<b>Girls A</b>	
1-5 Devon Aces		3-3 Wirral Premier	
2-4 Darlington A		5-1 Scotland A	
4-2 Scotland A		2-4 Team Peniel A	
4-2 Team Peniel A		1-5 Grove A	
4-2 Irish Boys		6-0 Seasiders	

<b>Girls B</b>		<b>Girls C</b>	
2-4 Team Peniel B		1-5 NETTS Chelmsford	
1-5 Grove B		2-4 Draycott & Lg Eaton	
1-5 Darlington A		2-4 NALGO (Nuneaton)	
3-3 Irish Girls		3-3 The Weald	
		3-3 Byng Hall	

## Meet Callum - the Club's new Duty Officer

The Club is pleased to introduce Callum Mather who has been appointed as Duty Officer and Bar Steward for Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Callum is the Club's first paid appointment and it is for a temporary period as he is planning to return

to his native New Zealand in September. Callum is 26 and by day is a PE teacher at The Westgate School. Callum is here to help all members and visitors - please make him welcome in return.



## Titles for Gemma and Gavin at Trials

Cippenham members had a most successful time, winning two of the four events in the National Junior/Cadet Trials at Stratford-upon-Avon last weekend and both beat other Cippenham members in the final round. Gemma Chapman reaped the reward for a lot of hard work in training by winning the Junior Girls' event, beating her JBL team-mate Gemma Yarnley (Kent) 11-2, 11-5, 11-4 in the final while 9-years-old Gavin Evans, now living in Nottinghamshire, beat Slough's David Hayes in the Cadet Boys' event 5-11, 11-8, 11-2, 11-6.

Gemma's most significant result was her defeat of three times winner of the event Kate Steward (Somerset) 11-4, 11-5, 11-8 in the semi-finals and it was nearly an all-local final as Emily Tucker led Gemma Yarnley 10-8 in the fifth in the other semi-final but eventually lost 12-10. The Cadet Boys' semi also boasted three Cippenham players as Gavin's semi-final victim was his older brother Myles. In addition, Rob Lemon made the quarters of the Junior Boys while Rebecca Tweedy and Melanie Farquhar did likewise in the Cadet Girls.

## Mike Defies The Seedings To Reach Vets Final

Top seeds Dave Harding and Kim Johnson justified their rankings by winning the main titles at the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open Table Tennis Championships on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Neither had it all their own way in progressing to the titles but many of the other seeds were displaced before their allotted positions. One of the main beneficiaries of this was Cippenham's Mike Rhodes who reached the final of the Men's Singles despite being seeded only sixth.

Two of the eight seeds in the men's event even failed to make it through their preliminary round groups. Previous champion Steve Davis, the fifth seed, was a little unlucky to be relegated to third place in his group after a three-way tie at the top of the group. Phil Saxby and John Barnes progressed at his expense. There was worse for fourth seed Ramesh Bhalla who lost three times in his group, to Fred Dove, Tony Brown and Pete Dunnnett, and finished fourth out of five. All the other seeds came through unscathed although top seed Harding only just held off a challenge from Steve Preston at 11-9 in the fifth.

The fun commenced again in the second round when second seed Derek Holman took his leave of the tournament, beaten by local Windsor resident Derek Wood in four games.

In the same round Mike Wilkins, having come only second in his group after losing to Syd Montgomery, beat third seed Farhat Rasul 11-8 in the fifth and then in the next round he repeated the dose against seventh seed Keith Yarnley, this time in three straight games.

Local hero Mike Rhodes progressed to the semis with wins over Ray Sutton, Charlie Childs and Derek Wood, and then clinched his place in the final with a hard-fought 11-9 in the fifth victory over his Bucks team-mate Wilkins. In the top half of the draw Harding made his way via Graham Outrim, Barrie Gilbert and, in the semi, eighth seed Tom Carr who had ended the courageous run of unranked Fred Dove one round earlier. Harding found his best form in the final and was a relatively easy three-straight winner over Mike.

Steve Davis, not surprisingly, won the consolation event but had to come back from two games down in the final to beat Ian Schwartz. The Reading player, Schwartz, had a number of very close matches during the day, beating John Barclay and losing to Alan Boyle both deuce in the fifth in his group. This he continued into the knock-out, coming back from 8-4 down in the fifth to beat Graham Trimming and then just edging past Maurice Isaacs 14-12 in the fifth in the semi-final.

The Women's Singles produced an all-Welsh final between Kim Johnson and Regina Donovan, despite both players having been beaten in their preliminary groups. Johnson lost to High Wycombe local Mary Heffernan while Donovan lost to Sharon Mitchell. Mitchell, the second seed, then lost to Audrey Robinson to make it a three-way tie at the top of the group. In the knock-out, Heffernan eliminated Mitchell 11-9 in the fifth but fell in the semis to Donovan, herself an 11-7 winner of Cathy Eakin one round earlier. The bottom half of the draw also produced a close match with Robinson needing five games to see off the challenge of Sue Adamson. Robinson was then eliminated by Johnson in the semi.

The tournament attracted a record entry of 85 players and Organizer Graham Trimming and Referee Mick Strode ensured it finished exactly on schedule.

### Men's Singles:

Dave Harding (Sy) bt Mike Rhodes (Slough) 8, 7, 6

### Women's Singles:

Kim Johnson (WAL) bt Regina Donovan (WAL) 10, 8, -5, 9

### Men's Consolation:

Steve Davis (Sy) bt Ian Schwartz (Bk) -3, -7, 1, 5, 6

### Women's Consolation:

Haruko Posford (Sy) bt Flavia Wade (Mi) 6, -7, 3, 1



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## Weekend Diary March/April

### March

Sun 2	9:30am	Slough Closed Championships
Sat 15	12:00pm	British League Divisions 1/2 South
Sun 16	10:00am	British League Divisions 1/2 South
Sat 22	9:00am	Club Championships/Handicap Tourn't
Sun 23	9:30am	Berkshire Inter-Town Competition
Sat 29	9:30am	National Junior League (4)
Sun 30	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training

### April

Sat 5	10:30am	ETTA National Cadet Masters (Day 1)
Sun 6	9:30am	ETTA National Cadet Masters (Day 2)
Sat 12	10:30am	ETTA National Junior Masters (Day 1)
Sun 13	9:30am	ETTA National Junior Masters (Day 2)
Sat 19	9:00am	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open



## The Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

Apr 1	Slough League Tunes Cup S/F-Final (Tu)
Apr 15	Slough League Promotion Play-Offs (Tu)
May 3	Southern Region Junior Training
May 4	Slough League Youth Division (5)
May 31	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 1	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 14	Southern Region Junior Assessment
Jun 15	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 12	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

### Other Cippenham TTC Events

Mar 9	National Cadet League (3) (Chesham)
Mar 23	National Cadet League (4) (Chesham)
May 10	British League Annual Conference
May 24/25	National Team Finals

## 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

Tuesday & Thursday  
9pm - 11pm

## Mark Wins Maidenhead Closed

Cippenham members had a good time at the Maidenhead Closed Championships, played at Cippenham during the second weekend in February. The top event, the Men's Singles, was won by Mark Banks after he defeated Hari Gehlot in the final. The Women's Singles final was contested between two Cippenham members with Gemma Chapman unsurprisingly getting the better of Denise Rolfe. Gemma also won the Women's Doubles with mother Jan, beating Denise Rolfe and Emma Human in the final and the Mixed Doubles with Trevor Griffiths over Mark Banks and Emma Human.

### Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2002-03

	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
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.00	£0.50
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.75	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Slough Youth Division Match Fees	£0.50	£0.50
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£3.00	**£1.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 <sup>st</sup> group)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 <sup>nd</sup> group)		£15.00

\* plus £1.00 (50p) for non-members

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