



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Double Magic !



Maciej  
Dlogozima



Lawrence  
Harvey &  
Maciej  
Dlogozima



Shae  
Thakker



Darren  
Brown

### Open Singles

Eleven players were allocated into three groups with the winners of each group progressing to a final group to determine the destiny of the medals. All three seeds made it through: defending champion Ricky Hardcastle, 2015 champion Shae Thakker and Maciej "Magic" Dlogozima although Magic had to recover from 2-1 down to defeat Graham Trimming whose hopes had already been dented by losing in the fifth to Keith Hall.

Once into the final stage, Magic stepped up a gear and beat both Ricky and Shae 3-1 although Shae did hold 10-6 in the fourth game and was therefore desperately close to taking the match to a decider. Magic thus completed the "double" having also triumphed with Lawrence Harvey in the Open Doubles the previous week. Shae took the runners-up medal by beating current Maidenhead League Men's Singles champion Ricky 3-0.

### Open Doubles

Five pairs of players played a round-robin. The ultimate winners were Maciej "Magic" Dlogozima and Lawrence Harvey who won all four of their matches but were pushed very hard by the runners-up Elroy Hull and Graham Trimming. In the match that decided the destiny of the title, Magic and Lawrence recovered from 8-6 down in the first game and 8-3 and 10-6 in the second to go 2-0 up. Elroy and Graham fought back to square the match 2-2, saving a match point in the fourth along the way, then the fifth game was nip and tuck with the winners ultimately securing the match 11-8.

Keith Hall and Zsolt Varga finished in third place after another close result against Bas Mocharrafi and Elena Tant but had to recover from 2-0 down to do so.

## 2017 Club Championships

### Junior Singles

Twenty-four players were split into six groups for the preliminary round stage and the top four seeds all won through comfortably. It was not the case, though, for the fifth and sixth seeded players. Amandeep Dhak was beaten by Sonny Dalston and Kush was beaten by Harry Coles.

The two quarter-finals produced wins for Holly Long, 3-0 over Sonny, and for Douglas Claridge-Hansen, who beat Harry Coles 3-1. The runs of both Holly and Douglas were then ended in the semi-finals by Shae Thakker and William Fricker although Douglas did take one end off William.

The final itself produced a third successive Junior Singles title for Shae who beat the 2014 champion William in three comfortable straight games.

### Veterans' Singles

Darren Brown carved his way through the field of 10 players, beating all three seeds en route to take the title.

However, it was not all plain sailing for Darren. He was given a scare in his first round group by Lee Wirkhani who led 2-0 before Darren upped his game, equalised at 2-2 and then stormed the decider. His win over Keith Hall was much more straight-forward but then Darren claimed the scalp of his first seed when he beat Elroy Hull 3-1 in four tight games, all settled by the minimum two points.

The winners of the three groups then contested a final round-robin that decided the ultimate positions. Graham started with a convincing 3-0 win over Lawrence and then Darren beat the same player 3-1. Graham recovered from 2-0 down to equalise 2-2 but the title ultimately went to Darren 11-9 in the fifth.

## Another successful Junior 4-Star staged

There were no local winners at the third running of the Cippenham Junior 4-Star Championships but, nevertheless, the event was a great success for the Club, attracting a high quality entry from around the country,

Only one of the four titles was defended and Joseph Hee, the top seed, made short work of retaining his Cadet Boys' Singles title. The Singaporean, a recent addition to the British table tennis scene, dropped only one game, and that in the final to Louis Price, as he chopped and counter attacked his way majestically through the field. Six of the eight seeded players made it through to their allotted places in the quarter-finals. The other two were eliminated one round earlier: Zaiim Prenji by Edan Regan and Branislav Zivkovic by Louie Evans after Zivkovic led 2-0.

Three of the four quarter-finals went according to seeding. Hee beat fifth seed Maxim Stevens, third seed Louis Price beat Regan after overcoming a 2-0 games deficit and second seed Aadil Anand ended the run of Evans. However, sixth seed Joseph Roberts upset the form book by putting out fourth seed Benjamin Hee.

Hee was too good for Roberts in the top semi-final but Price's 3-1 win over Anand was a real gutsy affair and the margins were tighter. In the final itself, Price extended the match by taking the third game but Hee was in control otherwise and won the fourth game easily.

The final of the Cadet Girls' Singles was fought out by the top two seeds. However, it was second seed Gemma Kerr, from Devon, who won the event over Amelia Chan, despite dropping the first game. The scores were then switched completely as Kerr eased her way to the title. Both finalists had met unseeded players in their semi-finals. Chan had an almighty struggle to beat Mari Baldwin and need all her resources to recover from 2-0 down. Kerr, on the other hand, found Anaya Patel a little easier and won 3-0. To get to those semi-final positions, Baldwin had beaten Ilyssa Lacorte who, beforehand, had eliminated the third seed Beth Richards, while Patel beat the other seed from Wales, Lara Whitton.

On Sunday, attention switched from the cadet to the junior events and it was the turn for some of the older players to



JBS champion James Smith with Referee Steve Smith

enter the fray.

Zahna Hall is the most successful player of all over the three times the Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open has been played. Junior Girls' Singles champion in November 2015 and runner-up in September 2016, Hall regained the title this time around. Her victim in the final was Amelia Chan who thus finished as the losing finalist in both the cadet and junior events. Hall was involved in one of the best matches of the weekend in her semi-final against Tiana Dennison. Hall eventually won 11-8, 13-15, 12-14, 11-9, 11-9 after a match that had most of the large gathering of players and coaches enthralled. Chan's victory over Mari Baldwin at the same stage, however, was much easier than it had been the day before. Baldwin had had her moment of glory two rounds earlier as she eliminated second seed Sarah Menghistab by an unlikely scoreline that, although 3-2, included four games that were won by a margin of seven points or more!

The tournament concluded with the Junior Boys' Singles. Seven of the eight seeds made it through to their quarter-final. The absentee was sixth seed Gustav Aravind who was beaten by Sammy Kaye one round earlier. Top seed James Smith then made short work of Kaye while eighth seed Josh Millman put out third seed George Hazell. Fourth seed Israel Awolaja, after losing the first game, was eventually too strong for seventh seed Edward Haskell and second seed Joseph Hee eased past fifth seed Carl Baldry.

The bottom of the draw pitched together two players who rely on a defensive style with a fierce follow-up attack on the forehand, unusual in modern

table tennis. After losing the first game, Awolaja recovered to beat Hee 3-1 and deservedly booked his place in the final where he would meet top seed James Smith who beat Millman 3-1 in his semi. Smith took the first two games of the final 11-9, 11-4 but Awolaja hit back and led 9-3 in the third game. However, Smith was not finished and increased his power which, coupled with a few errors from Awolaja, saw him complete the comeback 12-10 and with it secure the title.

The Club would like to thank the large army of volunteers who made this prestigious event possible, including the band of thirteen umpires. Referee Steve Smith and his deputy Mike Atkinson kept the tournament moving while the tireless Ken Phillips collated all the entries. Graham Trimming took and published a large album of photographs (available on the Cippenham TTC Flickr site).

### Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
JBS	James Smith (K)	Israel Awolaja (Mi)
JGS	Zahna Hall (Mi)	Amelia Chan (Mi)
CBS	Joseph Hee (E)	Louis Price (Av)
CGS	Gemma Kerr (Dv)	Amelia Chan (Mi)
JBP	Jack O'Duffy (WAL)	Kwan Kin Tang (Mi)
JGP	Jasmine Williams (Ha)	Ilyssa Lacorte (He)
CBP	Marcus Holba (Gs)	Herbie Sage (Dv)
CGP	Grace Clement (WAL)	Alana Mansfield (E)

## 060s title for Mike



Congratulations to Mike Rhodes, winner of the Over-60s Singles at the Nitaku 2nd West Midland Senior/Veteran 2-Star Open



## Titans win their division

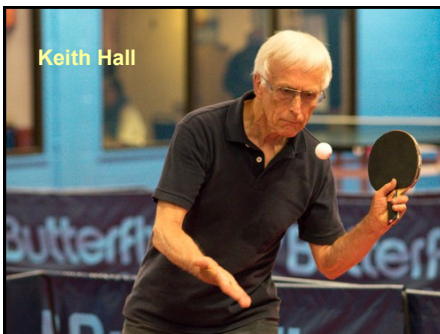
All four Cippenham teams in the Maidenhead League finished the season in the positions they had occupied for most of the year. Titans, a team comprised of entirely new players this season, duly won Division 3 with quite a lot to spare while Saxons were runners-up in Division 1. The other two teams occupied places in the lower halves of their divisions.

Remarkably, four of the Titans players occupied the top four places in the Division 3 averages. Igor Liiko, Jamie Hubbard, Keith Hall and Ike Greenberg only lost nine matches between them and were also ably supported by Brian Guilloud.

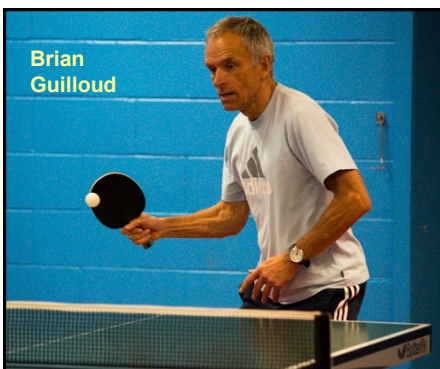
In Division 1, Simon Vine finished second and Ricky Hardcastle fourth while Ashley Shaw and Albert Cheung both had encouraging seasons.



Igor Liiko



Keith Hall



Brian Guilloud

Sorry, no picture available of Jamie!

Maidenhead League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cookham S Typhoons	19	17	1	1	152	38	152
Cippenham Saxons	20	13	1	6	115	85	115
Old Gords Vultures	20	8	3	9	96	104	96
Cippenham Trojans	20	9	2	9	86	114	86
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	19	4	0	15	71	119	71
NWCA Bluejays	20	4	1	15	70	130	70
Division 2							
Castle Hill Pumas	17	16	0	1	139	31	139
NWCA Raiders	18	13	0	5	116	64	116
Old Gords Harriers	18	8	2	8	97	83	97
BBC Bears	18	8	1	9	87	93	87
Boyne Hill CC	17	11	0	6	84	86	84
Cippenham Spartans	18	3	2	13	61	119	61
SportsAble Whirlwinds	18	0	1	17	36	144	36
Division 3							
Cippenham Titans	17	17	0	0	140	30	140
Cookham Social Lions	18	12	2	4	116	64	116
Bovingdon Green Kites	18	6	5	7	90	90	90
NWCA Seahawks	18	8	1	9	89	90	89
NWCA Sharks	18	8	1	9	85	94	85
SportsAble Wizards	18	3	4	11	69	111	69
SportsAble Warriors	17	1	1	15	30	140	30
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Saxons:							
Simon Vine	9	24	22	92			
Ricky Hardcastle	16	45	39	87			
Albert Cheung	12	34	22	65			
Shae Thakker	1	3	1	33			
Anthony Gardner	14	39	8	21			
Nigel D'Arcy	1	3	0	0			
Igor Liiko	1	2	0	0			
Trojans:							
Ashley Shaw	16	47	31	66			
Terry Osborne	10	29	13	45			
Graham Trimming	13	38	14	37			
Denise Weller	6	18	6	33			
Sue Hayes	14	42	13	31			
Spartans:							
Igor Liiko	1	3	3	100			
Dave Tant	14	40	19	48			
Zsolt Varga	15	42	17	40			
Armando Borges	10	28	11	39			
Elena Tant	12	35	1	3			
Titans:							
Igor Liiko	10	28	27	96			
Jamie Hubbard	10	29	27	93			
Keith Hall	12	34	31	91			
Ike Greenberg	9	26	23	88			
Brian Guilloud	10	27	10	37			



Ike Greenberg

## Elena honoured



Congratulations to Elena Tant who was awarded the Hugh Bartholomew Trophy for services to table tennis in the Maidenhead area at the League's Annual General Meeting.

## More photos from the Club Championships



Lee Wirkhani



Holly Long



William Fricker

For even more photos please visit the Club's Flickr site

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## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix (when run)
<b>Weds</b>	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
<b>Thurs</b>	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2016-17

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£18.00	£9.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.80	£0.90
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£3.00	n/a
Maidenhead League Registration	£18.00	£9.00
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
National Cadet League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£4.00	*£2.00
Local League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	**£6.00	**£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£35.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



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## Weekend Diary

Jun 10/11 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

## Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 6 June, 8 pm**

**All members urged to attend**

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