



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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A maximum entry for this popular annual event

Robert and Steve clinch the Team Open title—just!

Another home victory to cheer about but it was so darn close! Robert Hansell and Steve Munson, masquerading under the aspirational team title of “Team O Boll” (fans of world table tennis will get this!), were at one time in danger of finishing bottom of their preliminary round group and thus losing all hope of winning the title. The top seeds lost their opening match to Crusaders Blues for whom Mickel Miller, hitherto without a single senior ranking point, was tremendous. The youngster beat Steve 12-10 in the fifth and then capped off a 2-1 win for Crusaders by defeating Robert 11-5 in the fifth with a devastating display of attacking table tennis against the wily defensive skills of Rob.

In their second group match Rob had to pull out all the stops against OLOP Impact’s Daniel Moses to get home 11-5 in the fifth while Steve secured top spot in the group, on count-back, for the top seeds by beating Bradley King 3-0.

Two tables away third seeds Kathys Boys, alias Daniel and Peter Ives were falling to a Sussex junior duo called TT Mugs comprising Danial Barna and Alex Forshaw. Forshaw set the scene by beating Daniel, the top ranked player in the event and more than 350 places higher but who has had injury problems recently.

Cippenham’s Steve Smith featured in another upset to the seeding when he and Martin Gunn (the Weapon Fashioners) (try reversing the surnames and you get gunsmith!) beat fourth seeds Crusaders TTC. However, that was down to Gunn winning his two matches.

Half of the teams that eventually finished in the top eight (there were 24 teams altogether in eights groups of three) started the day in second place in their group. Biggest leap came from Cardiff Coconuts who eventually finished fourth and had match points to reach the final. That came when, after Neil Wright had beaten Rob Hansell 3-0, Anna Labuz had match points against Steve Munson in both the third and fourth games before succumbing 11-8 in the fifth.

The other semi-final saw the demise of second seeds Hallmark



Team O Boll: winners Steve Munson and Robert Hansell

All Stars, the father and son combination of Steve and Shaun Hall. Shaun lost to both Barna and Forshaw, the latter being 11-8 in the fifth. Backtrack one round and Hallmark’s win against Crusaders was 2-0 but that hides the essence of a closely fought encounter with Shaun beating Michael Ho 12-10 in the fifth and Steve beating Ben Larcombe 11-8 in the fifth after coming back from two games down.

Of the other Cippenham members, Steve Smith’s team eventually finished twelfth while Steve Buck and Anthony Constantinou were sixteenth, the young pairing of Alex Nagle and Joseph Underwood a very creditable eighteenth, new member Ashley D’Sa with Minesh Naik 22nd and Bassam Mocharrafi and Malcolm Makarian 23rd.

The tournament was organised and refereed by Graham Trimming and attracted a maximum 24 entries.

Cippenham Team 2-Star Open Results

Winners:	Team O Boll (Robert Hansell; Steve Munson)
Runner-up:	TT Mugs (Daniel Barna; Alex Forshaw)
3rd:	Hallmark All Stars (Shaun Hall; Steve Hall)
4th:	Cardiff Coconuts (Neil Wright; Anna Labuz)



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Awards for Muriel, Robert, Megan and Joseph



Megan Ashfield receives her Junior Girl Player of the Year award from Vanessa and Jean Farral



Senior Player of the Year Robert Hansell



Junior Boy Player of the Year Joseph Underwood

Every year members of the Club gather to honour those volunteers who do so much to sustain the Club's extensive activity programme and witness the presentation of the Club's annual awards.

The highlight is the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This award recognises contributions from outside of the Management Committee and this year the deserved recipient was Muriel Hooker for her help with coaching activities over many years. Unfortunately, Muriel was not able to be present to collect her award from Charles and Ed Mitchell.

The Club also makes presentations to its players of the year. Robert Hansell was the deserved winner of the Senior Player of the Year award for his performances in the British League last season which were far above those any other player achieved.

The Junior Player of the Year award, and with it the Alan Farral Memorial Trophy were presented by Jean and Vanessa Farral. Megan Ashfield was present to collect the girls' trophy but, unfortunately, Joseph Underwood was taking a half-term holiday with his family and thus unable to attend but was given his award at the Team Open the following weekend.

The evening, celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, was capped off by a buffet and the flowing of wine!

Many thanks go to Andrew Sullivan for his hard work in organising the event.

National Cadet League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 4							
Chiltern C	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Horsham D	3	2	0	1	19	8	19
Ashford	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Chiltern D	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Chiltern E	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Cippenham	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Chiltern F	3	0	0	3	9	18	9
Reading D	3	1	0	2	5	22	5

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Sam Fletcher	3	9	5	56
Reeshabh Hamal	3	9	3	33
Aidan Lancaster	3	9	2	22

Cippenham has entered a boys' team in the National Cadet League for the first time ever and after the first of four rounds of matches our team is placed sixth in Division 4. All matches are being played at Cippenham.

Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS:	David Harvey (Gs)	Dean Cundy (WAL)
OC:	Ross Saxby (Bk)	Gavin West (E)
VS:	David Harvey (Gs)	Mark Banks (Bk)
VC:	Jon Bradbury (Bu)	Daniel Lucking (Ha)

Cippenham to run Children in Need event

Inspired by an idea by new Committee member Andrew Sullivan, the Club is going to run a Hard Bat Grand Prix on Thursday 17 November, during the normal practice session. The format will be the same as the familiar Tuesday Grand Prix but all competitors will have to use the cheap rubber hard bats provided.

A fun event in aid of Children in Need with half your practice fee and any other donations going to the charity. Please all come along and join in this great occasion.

Charity Hard Bat Grand Prix

Thursday 17 November

A completely new event—same format at the Tuesday Grand Prix—but all play with the hard rubber bats provided

No formalities: just turn up on the evening at 7:30 pm

In aid of Children in Need

Frank Earis (1942—2011)

Most current members of the Club will not have known Frank Earis. Those who have been associated a little longer are shocked to learn of his passing on 21 October at the age of 69. Frank had known for only about a month that he was ill and with the sort of courage that he used to display on the table he rang around his many friends to let them all know.

When I spoke to him on 2 October after about a decade of not hearing from him, Frank was recognisable as the opinionated and belligerent person he was with plenty to say about everything. Frank would have agreed with those adjectives and been proud to have himself described that way.

It was Frank's, well sheer frankness, a term used to describe him at his funeral service on 1 November, that endeared him to his friends and colleagues and made him a person from whom to seek advice and bounce ideas around with—something I did often especially during the times when the Club was engaged in two moves—from St. Andrews Shared Church to the Haymill Centre in 1984 and from there to the present Centre in 1996.

I stand by my assertion that Frank was the best signing I ever made for

Cippenham. He joined in 1975, two years after the Club's humble founding. Frank was a good player, good enough to win titles at league and county level, be a founder member of the Cippenham team in the British League in 1981 and earn himself a ranking in the top ten of England veterans. Good players attract other good players to a club.

Frank is still in third place in the all-time list for Cippenham with 669 appearances over a period of 23 years from 1975 to 1998 but he was so much more than just a talented player. He was also Chairman of the Club for six years from 1981 to 1987 and before that was Chairman of the Slough League between 1976 and 1981.

The Club was represented at the funeral by current members Graham Trimming, Peter Hillier and Ken Phillips, recent members Jacquie and Gareth Lovell, past Chairman Alec Watson and former player Dave Pountney.

Our condolences go to his widow Jo and grown-up children Rachel, Trevor and Steven.

Frank's humour and his love of Queen (the rock band) was in evidence even at his funeral—his choice of music on



Frank, second from left, with other members of the Building Committee that masterminded the building of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre in 1996.



Frank in action in Cippenham's first ever National (now British) League match in 1981

entry into the crematorium was "Another one bites the dust" while "The show must go on" was played on exit. Gone but Frank will never be forgotten! *Graham Trimming.*

It's tough for the boys in Junior British League debut

It was a young, fresh and inexperienced team that took to the tables in the first weekend of matches in the Junior British League at Tipton Sports Academy. All four players were making their debuts in the event and, despite being placed in the lowest division, found the going very tough. It was not for the want of trying and the boys will have gained from the experience and hope to do better in the second half later in the season.

Cippenham lost both their first two matches 6-0. Brunswick Ashford were the first opponents and were followed by eventual league leaders St. Marys Hull. The final Saturday match appeared to be heading the same way until Joseph Underwood stopped the whitewash with an emphatic 3-0 win over Karan Thaker.

Another 6-0 defeat followed on Sunday

morning at the hands of London Academy 2 although it took London's number one Zachary Bull four long deuce games to get the better of Joseph and Alex Nagle.

The Cippenham fighting spirit, though, was undaunted and brought off a great 3-3 draw with third-placed De Vere NETTS in the afternoon. When Alex lost 11-6 in the fifth to Robert Shrimpton and then Joseph fell 3-0 to James Denyer it seemed as if the team would leave the weekend pointless. That's when Harrison Simmons stepped up to beat, firstly, Patrick Gilbert 3-0 and then Shrimpton for his brace. Harrison came back from 2-1 down in games to beat Shrimpton 11-8 in the fifth and then Joseph brought home the team's only point by getting the better of Gilbert by the narrow scoreline of 13-11, 9-11, 12-10, 7-11, 11-9.

Junior British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 4B							
St. Mary's Hull	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
London Academy 2	5	4	0	1	19	11	8
De Vere NETTS	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Brunswick Ashford	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Westfield	5	1	0	4	12	18	2
Cippenham	5	0	1	4	4	26	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Harrison Simmons	3	6	2	33
Joseph Underwood	4	8	2	25
Tarun Chana	3	6	0	0
Alex Nagle	5	10	0	0

Results:

0-6 Brunswick Ashford
 0-6 St. Marys Hull
 1-5 Westfield
 0-6 London Academy 2
 3-3 De Vere NETTS

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Weekend Diary November/December

November

Sat 5 National Junior League (1)
Sun 6 UKCC Level 1 coach education course
Sat 12 County Championships Junior Premier Division
Sun 13 County Championships Junior Premier Division
Sat 19 UK Deaf TTA training
Sat 26 National Junior League (2)

December

Sat 3 County Championships Cadet Division 1C
Sun 4 National Cadet League (2)
Sat 10 British League Division 2 South & East
Sun 11 British League Division 2 South & East

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Weekday Timetable

Mon 19:15 Advanced Coaching Group
Tues 19:15 Local league matches
19:30 Practice tables
19:40 Grand Prix
Thurs 17:15 Beginners' coaching
19:15 Local league matches
19:30 Practice tables

Fees Season 2011-12

	Full	Conc'n
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)		£30.00

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members
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Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jan 15 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E
Jan 21 County Championships Junior Div 2D
Jan 22 National Cadet League (3)
Jan 28 National Junior League (3)
Feb 4/5 UKCC Level 2 coach education course
Feb 11/12 Maidenhead Closed Championships
Feb 18/19 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E
Feb 25 County Championships Veterans' Div 2B
Feb 26 Cippenham 5 by 2 Cadet & Under-13 1*
Mar 3 National Junior League (4)
Mar 17 County Championships Junior Div 2D
Mar 24 Cippenham Super 6 Junior 2* Open
Mar 25 National Cadet League (4)
Mar 31 County Championships Seniors
Apr 1 County Championships Seniors
Apr 14/15 UKCC Level 2 coach education course
Apr 21 Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
Apr 22 Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2* Open
May 12/13 National Cadet Masters
Jun 16/17 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.



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