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Shristi and Sam make it a Cippenham double in the U12s at YPSF

he weekend of 22/23 June saw an enormously successful Young Players' Summer Festival at Cippenham, with four hundred matches played and, most importantly, a willing team of volunteers to ensure a smooth running event. In previous years Terry Boxall has been present from the start to the end of this event and umpired more games than anyone dared to count but his sad passing left a huge gap to be filled. It was therefore very encouraging that a selection of Club members stepped up to try and fill this gap. Albert Cheung, Mary Hefferman, Bas Mocharaffie, Malcolm Makarian, Graham Trimming, Ken Phillips, Mr Ghosh, Shane Clarke, Jim & Naomi Hayes all offered help with umpiring, setting up and setting down for the event supporting the organisers Catherine and Rebecca Haves and referee Steve Smith. This should be remembered as the greatest success of the YPSF 2013 but was complemented by some great results on the table as

Shristi Ghosh flew the flag for Cippenham in the girls' events on Saturday coming first in the Under-12 round robin competition. Her closest match was against her Cippenham team mate Jemma Walker who steamed two games ahead before Shristi clawed her way back to win 11-5 in the fifth game. Unfortunately Jemma fell just outside the medals managing a very respectable fourth place with wins over Federica Tazartes, Alice Hazell, and Habina Seo.

In the boys' event, number one seed



Shristi Ghosh and Sam Wilson: winners of the U12 titles

and Cippenham member Sam Wilson struggled in his group losing to Reece Chamdal of Oxfordshire but still went through in second place. Sam then went on to knock out the number two seed Jamie Liu very convincingly in the semi-final before getting his revenge by beating Reece three-straight in the final. After a disappointing start for Kian Evans only managing fifth in his group, he battled through two five-game matches to reach the consolation final before being beaten 3-0 by Mathew Pearce.

Both Jemma and Shristi made it through their groups in the afternoon under-14 Girls' event forcing another meeting in the semi-final. This time it was even closer, finishing 12-10 in the fifth, but with Shristi coming out the victor once again. She was beaten in the final by Talia Banin-Reid of Middlesex but with an 11 out of 12 record for the day, she looks like a star of the future.

The Under-14 Boys' event was the first event of the weekend where Cippenham weren't represented in the final. George Hazell of Sussex was the eventual winner beating Marcus Bracey in 4 sets in the final. George's closest challenge of the day came from Shrey Bhardwaj in his group, though Shrey ended up third and subsequently lost in the semi-final of the consolation.

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AGM told of "missing" Committee members and "missing" funds

This year's Annual General Meeting was much better attended than usual with nineteen members present. However, it still proved impossible to fill all the vacant places on the Management Committee and members were told that the main obstacle stopping the Club moving forward is a lack of available, willing and capable volunteers needed to deliver the Club's extensive ranges of activities.

The meeting commenced with members' thoughts turning to the recent passing of Terry Boxall, who, as Chairman Ken Phillips reported, did more for the Club than any other over the past few years. His passing may mean a curtailment of the weekend activities that the Club can organise.

General Secretary Graham Trimming presented his report on the year and while there had been some successes, especially improved attendances at practice evenings, and the Club remains one of the biggest and best in the country, he lamented that there were some volunteers who had come forward at last year's Special General Meeting but who had failed to fulfil expectations. Indeed, recent attendances at committee meetings had been very disappointing and had reverted to the management core.

Graham also presented the financial report. The elected Treasurer had failed in his duties but Graham suggested that this was the responsibility of the members because they had failed to elect one of their number last year into the post and accepted an outsider who, in reality, could not have been expected to succeed in the job.

Graham had spent much of the past three weeks retrospectively putting together the accounts and these actually showed a decent result, even after making provision for a significant amount of funds that had "gone missing" with the outgoing Treasurer.

Cippenham Cadet & Under-13 1-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
CS:	Romayne Stewart (Mi)	Gus Thomis (Bk)
U13S:	Reiss Vydelingum (K)	Artur Caltabiano (Ha)
CCon:	Ben Naylor-Smith (Bu)	Dexter Sherin (Sx)
U13C:	Jamie Liu (Bk)	Michael Tunubu (Sy)

Who's Who at Cippenham?

Now that the dust has settled on the pre-season changes to the Club's management team, it is an opportune moment to set out for you who does what at Cippenham Table Tennis Club. That way you will know who to go to for information and advice. Many thanks to all the people mentioned below for their fantastic contribution to the

The Management Committee:

Ken Phillips: Chairman; Facilities Manager; Coaching Officer; Head Coach; NJL Captain/Secretary; NCL Captain/Secretary; British League Weekend Referee; Young Players' Autumn Festival Referee; Senior/ Veterans' 1-Star Open Referee; Stock Buyer; BCTTA Representative

Graham Trimming: General Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Secretary; Membership Secretary; PremierClub Contact; Press Secretary; Newsletter Editor; Webmaster; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; British League Weekend Organiser; Team Open Organiser & Referee; Veterans' Open Organiser

Sue Hayes: Deputy Chairman; Weekday Duty Manager; Westgate School Liaison; Grand Prix Administrator; Trojans Captain; Photocopier Liaison

Rebecca Hayes: Bookings Officer; Calendar Coordinator

Malcolm Makarian: Events Officer; Welfare Officer; Health & Safety Advisor; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; NJL/NCL Duty Officer (shared); Cleaner (paid position)

Steve Smith: Club Supply Agent; Weekday Duty Manager; Senior Open Referee; Young Players' Summer Festival Referee Simon Wilde: Maidenhead League Captain & Secretary; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; Saxons Captain; Club Championships Organiser

Bassam Mocharrafie: Catering Liaison

Naomi Hayes

Other volunteers:

Martin Adams: Senior British League Captain, Secretary & Team I Captain

Mike Atkinson: National Junior League Organiser; National Cadet League Organiser

Paul Baker: National Veterans' League Captain & Secretary; British League Team II Captain; Senior Open Organiser; Senior/ Veterans' Open Organiser

Jan Chapman: Lead coach

Catherine Hayes: Young Players' Autumn Festival Organiser; Young Players' Summer Festival Organiser

Jim Hayes: Weekend Set-up Coordinator Charles Mitchell: Anniversary Party Organiser

Ed Mitchell: Weekday Duty Officer (paid position)

Denise Weller: Women's British League Captain & Secretary; Veterans' British League Captain & Secretary

Young Players' Summer Festival (cont'd)

Day two arrived and the U16's and U18's were held as mixed events. When organisers are presented with a mixed event, seeding can prove difficult as girls' and boys' rankings are not directly equivalent to one another. Hiba Feredj was therefore unseeded and drawn in the same group as second seed Olamide Wuraola. She went through in second place and then knocked out the third and fourth seeds on her way to the final. In the other half of the draw Olamide proceeded to the final and again proved to be too strong for Hiba, beating her in four games.

Olamide Wuraola of Dulwich Table Tennis Club was the unquestionable star of the day going on to beat his club mate Shaquille Webb-Dixon in the final of the Under-18 event. Cippenham's best performance in this event came from Shane Clark who reached the semi-final before Wuraola's spin proved just too much to handle.

By Catherine Hayes

Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
U18S	Olamide Wuraola (Sy)	Sha Webb-Dixon (Sy)
U16S	Olamide Wuraola (Sy)	Hiba Feredj (Mi)
U14BS	George Hazell (Sx)	Marcus Bracey (Sx)
U14GS	Talia Banin-Reid (Mi)	Shristi Ghosh (Bu)
U12BS	Sam Wilson (Bu)	Reece Chamdal (Ox)
U12GS	Shristi Ghosh (Bu)	Victoria Coll (Ox)
U18Con	James Knudsen (E)	Alex Gough (Mi)
U16Con	Ben Naylor-Smith (Bu)	Mateusz Mikosz (He)
U14BC	Arman Khan (Mi)	Murhad Hussain (Mi)
U14GC	Alice Hazell (Sx)	Katie Shepherd (Bk)
U12BC	Mathew Pearce (WAL)	Kian Evans (Bu)





Happy Birthday, Cippenham—40 years old!

Small beginnings

Cippenham Table Tennis Club was founded in June 1973 by Graham Trimming who has remained General Secretary ever since. By the start of season 1973-4 enough members had been recruited to place two teams in the Slough League (one on Division 2 and one in Division 5) and two in the Maidenhead League (in divisions 4 and 6). The chosen venue was St. Andrews Shared Church, the first church in England to be built as a joint initiative between the Church of England and the Roman Catholics. This was in the village of Cippenham, from which the Club took its name. Two tables were purchased, a set of rules agreed, and off we went, hiring space in the Church (which in essence doubled up as a community centre) twice a week. Such was the progress of the Club that in its second season it operated nine teams, six in the Slough League (including two in the top Division 1) and three in Maidenhead (including one in the Premier). Although numerically the Club became strong and attracted some good local players five years elapsed before the Club first won a local league title when the Slough League championship was captured in 1978. Thereafter came the first, and unsuccessful, foray into the Ormesby Cup - the national club championship.

The British League

However, by 1980 the Club had grown in stature to a point where an entry into the British League was contemplated, and this became a reality in 1981. Thus commenced a four year flirtation with the British League during which time the Club acquired a reputation nationally for administrative excellence. The results on the table were not so good and the best position came in the ultimate season with fourth place in Division 3 South. By 1985 the team had lost its local bias and therefore a decision was taken to pull out of the British League. Cippenham TTC had long been an advocate of the introduction of a pyramid competitive club structure so when the opportunity came along in 1987 to join the newly formed Southern Region League this was taken enthusiastically. This was a uniquely successful venture for Cippenham who won the



against Mayfield TTC (1979-80)

both the men's and ladies' titles five times each in the ten year existence of the League.

Time to move

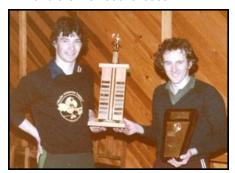
By the early 1980s the Club had outgrown its venue at the Church, which offered no developmental possibilities at all. When Haymill Community Centre opened its doors in 1984 Cippenham TTC were one of its first tenants. The gymnasium was equipped with grants to the value of £5,500, and four tables were used for match play and six for the new coaching scheme that was introduced. The Club was now a dominant force in local table tennis and was almost perennial winners of the Slough League title and for a decade, also six times winners of the Maidenhead championship. When the Buckinghamshire County Association introduced a team championship in 1983-4 Cippenham were duly crowned champions in the first season. The coaching scheme started to get results and Anna Watton became the first Cippenham member to gain international honours when representing England Schools, and she was followed later by ETTA recognition for Gareth Herbert and Terry Young, both of whom received much of their early coaching at Cippenham. In 1994 coaching activities were extended with the founding of the Slough & Maidenhead Advanced Coaching Centre (SMACC) at Cippenham, a forerunner of the Club's current advanced coaching scheme.

The modern era

In 1996 the Club moved to its present headquarters, the purpose-build Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, within the grounds of The Westgate School. £520,000 of public funding was acquired to complete a facility that is still widely regarded as one of the best in the country and continues to host prestigious national events on behalf of the national association.

The club's coaching scheme continued to thrive and has now produced 19 players who have represented their country at one level or another, several senior international players and a European champion.

Club teams have gone on to win eight national titles and provided the players for Bucks, Slough and Maidenhead to win a further 15 national titles!



Steve Brown and Dave Pountney with their trophies at the Club Championships May 1979

Jemma beats the top seed while Shristi also excels

National Mini-Cadet Masters

Two Cippenham stars of the future made their mark on the inaugural National Mini-Cadet Masters for under-12 age group at Burton. Jemma Walker pulled off one of the shock results on the first day by defeating top seed Tiana Dennison 3-0 but when the two Cippenham girls met it was Shristi Ghosh that prevailed 3-1.

Over the weekend Shristi and Jemma both managed to win five of their eleven matches and with two other girls tied for sixth place. Count back placed Shristi seventh and Jemma eighth.

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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** Weds 18:00 Southern Region training **Thurs** 17:15 Beginners' coaching Local league matches 19:15 Practice tables 19:30

Fees Season 2013-14					
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8) Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month) Family Membership (after 30/11 per month) Maidenhead League Registration National Junior League registration National Cadet League registration Practice Fees Local League Match Fees	Full £18.00 £30.00 £1.80 £3.00 £18.00 n/a n/a *£4.00 £4.00 **£6.00	£9.00 n/a £0.90 n/a £9.00 £12.00 £12.00 *£2.00 *£3.00			



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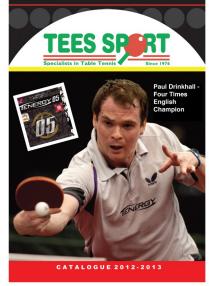
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Weekend Diary

14/15 28/29	British League Div 1 South & 3 South Cippenham Young Players' Autumn Fest.
5/6	Nat Cadet/Junior Champs Reg Qualifiers
13	National Cadet League
26/27	County Champs Veterans' Premier Div
2/3	County Champs Senior Division 2D
9/10	County Champs Senior Premier Division
16	National Junior League
23/24	BTTA Deaf Grand Prix
30	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1-Star
1	National Cadet League
7	National Junior League
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