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Cippenham honour their beloved coach

Happy Xmas to all



Alan Farral's Name Perpetuated

Almost exactly one year since he succumbed to cancer at the age of only 56, Alan Farral, the Club's much loved beginners' coach, was remembered in the most appropriate of ways at the annual awards evening. The Junior Player of the Year award will now forever carry his name and a new board was unveiled with the names of past and current winners. Alan's widow Jean and his grown-up children Adam and Vanessa were present to make the first presentation of this trophy to Eddie Mitchell. Jean said that Alan, whose last sad appearance at the Club was at the same event in 2008, would have been very proud to have been honoured in this way and that Eddie was a fitting first recipient.

Eddie's award comes after a year in which he has not only continued his winning ways in junior table tennis but also made his mark in the senior ranks. He was the most successful player in the Club's third team in the British League last season and that earned him promotion to the first team squad for this season. He also won the Bucks Closed Men's Doubles title and was runner-up in the Men's Singles. In the Maidenhead Closed Championships he reached two finals including the Men's Singles, losing only to the highly ranked Hari Gehlot on both occasions.

The Senior Player of the Year award was made to Steve Smith. As well as being a very hard working member of the Club's Management Committee, Steve is probably the most active player in the Club's membership and managed to play in eight different leagues last season. Steve was a member of the Cippenham Outlaws double winning team in the Slough League and captured the Slough Masters title in an emotional evening that he dedicated to his sister who had passed away a couple of months earlier. Steve also won the Bucks Men's Doubles title with Eddie Mitchell.

Usually the highlight of the evening, but this year understandably overshadowed by the Alan Farral award, is the Outstanding Contribution Award. This is given in memory of Karen Mitchell, who died also of cancer at a young age in 2000 and her husband Charles and children Stephanie and Eddie were on hand to make the presentation. This year the deserved recipient was Jim Hayes. A lot of the hard work that goes on at a vibrant club like Cippenham is far from glamorous and remains unseen by the general members.



Adam, Jean and Vanessa Farral present the Alan Farral award for Junior Player of the Year to Eddie Mitchell



(left) Jim Hayes presented with the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award by Eddie, Steph and Charles Mitchell
(right) Steve Smith—Senior Player of the Year

One such task is the set-up, usually on a Friday evening, of all the tables, nets, screens, scoring machines and chairs, ready for events to be played during the weekend. This is a job that Jim has managed for many years, usually doing the

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**Best BL display
so far this season
by Vets**

With four points out of ten the Cippenham team in the Veterans' British League made a good start to the season having been placed in Division 1B despite only finishing third in Division 2A last season. Those statistics make the vets the Club's most successful team in British league competitions this season thus far, but, in truth, that does not say much!

One win, two draws and two losses were the outcome of the five matches played at Hereford over the weekend. The losses were substantial, 0-6 to leaders Norton Nomads who included former national champion Brian Johns, unbeaten over the weekend, and 1-5 to third-placed BATTs Bulldogs. Roger Hooker was Cippenham's only winner in this match when he beat John Monk.

Alex Stays Unbeaten

Alex Nagle remains unbeaten at the half-way stage in fifteen matches for Cippenham C in the National Junior League. With assistance from Joseph Underwood (8 out of 15) and Harvey Causon (3 out of 6), Alex has helped his team into second place in Division 2, leapfrogging Cippenham B in the process. In day 2 the B team suffered from the loss of Duncan Calvert who, after winning all nine of his matches in day 1, was promoted to the A side one division higher for day 2. Team-mates George Weller (11 out of 15) and Leo Pickford (4 out of 15) were not able to maintain the same standard in his absence.

It's a less good story in Division 1 where Cippenham A lie in bottom place. Elliot Ford is the most successful player with 6 wins out of 15 while Anthony Gardner, Duncan Calvert and Piers Kemp, who have all played one day only, have only one win each.

League Tables:		National Junior League						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 1								
Chiltern-CHS A		5	5	0	0	37	8	37
North Herts		5	4	0	1	34	11	34
Ashford		5	3	0	2	24	21	24
Reading		5	2	0	3	16	29	16
Chiltern-CHS B		5	1	0	4	15	30	15
Cippenham A		5	0	0	5	9	36	9
Boys' Division 2								
Chiltern-CHS C		5	5	0	0	38	7	38
Cippenham C		5	3	0	2	26	19	26
Cippenham B		5	3	0	2	24	21	24
Chiltern-CHS D		5	1	0	4	17	28	17
Chiltern-CHS E		5	2	0	3	16	29	16
Kingfisher		5	1	0	4	14	31	14
Players' Averages:								
		M		P		W		Av
Cippenham A								
Elliot Ford		5		15		6		40
Anthony Gardner		2		6		1		17
Duncan Calvert		2		6		1		17
Piers Kemp		3		9		1		11
Cippenham B								
Duncan Calvert		3		9		9		100
George Weller		5		15		11		73
Leo Pickford		5		15		4		27
Cippenham C								
Alex Nagle		5		15		15		100
Joseph Underwood		5		15		8		53
Harvey Causon		2		6		3		50

The highlight of the weekend was a 5-1 win over Briar Fusion. Braces from Mike Rhodes and Roger plus Paul Baker's win over Andy Frain put Cippenham 5-0 up before Paul lost a dead rubber to Dave Fraser.

Roger, who lies fourth in the divisional averages, also starred in the 3-3 draw with second-placed Tameside with wins over Phil Biggs and Wayne Percival. Charlie Childs also beat Biggs as Cippenham upset the form book against a side whose only other dropped point was in a 3-3 draw with the leaders.

Against Ulster Annahilt it was the perfect team effort. Roger, Mike and Charlie all won one each but the result was disappointing against an Irish team that did not win any other points during the weekend.

League Table:		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B								
Norton Nomads 1		5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Tameside		5	3	2	0	19	11	8
BATTS Bulldogs		5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Cippenham		5	1	2	2	12	18	4
Briar Fusion		5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Ulster Annahilt		5	0	1	4	9	21	1
Players' Averages:								
	M	P	W	Av				
Roger Hookey	4	8	6	75				
Mike Rhodes	4	8	3	38				
Charlie Childs	4	8	2	25				
Paul Baker	3	6	1	17				
Results:								
5-1 Norton Nomads 1								
3-3 Tameside								
3-3 Ulster Annahilt								
1-5 BATTS Bulldogs								
0-6 Norton Nomads 1								

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bulk of the physical work himself with the help of other members of the Hayes family and volunteers. This happens most weekends during the table tennis season.

As ever the evening was superbly organized by the Club's Social Officer, Jacquie Lovell, herself one of the most, if not the most, hard working members of the Club's management. Jacquie also presented gifts to members of the Management Committee, all the coaches and their helpers and to the volunteers that assist her at weekends with food preparation and serving.

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

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Cedric and Rafique Spin to Victory

Two Cippenham stars combined as Spin Team to claim top prize at the Cippenham Team 2-Star Open Championship. Cedric Brion and Rafique Sarhadi, both of whom live in Slough and train together regularly at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, progressed untroubled through the various stages until they were tested to the full by a duo of Welsh youngsters in the final.

Cedric has made quite a mark for himself since joining Cippenham earlier in the year. He has arrived in Slough for a period of three years due to his work at Orange. Rafique has been around at the club a little longer and has recently been added to the Cippenham first team squad in the British League. Neither lost a match until the final where the Blaenafon Stars team of juniors gave them a stern test. The final started well for Spin Team as Cedric, displaying all the exceptional timing and immense power in his forehand attack, eased past Chloe Thomas 11-4, 11-6, 11-3. When Rafique won the first game against Lewis Williams, it seemed that the result might be a formality. After all, Spin Team had already beaten Blaenafon 2-0 when the teams were paired together in the preliminary round group stage. However, the 13-year Welsh wizard fathomed out how to play against Rafique's unique style of play in which he utilizes pimped rubber on the backhand side and won the next three games to make the match score 1-1. It was up to the losers of the two opening matches to play to decide the outcome of the title. When Thomas won the first game against Rafique 11-8 the pendulum had swung in the opposite direction and now favoured Blaenafon. However, Rafique is an experienced campaigner and claimed a close second game 13-11 and then the third and fourth games both 11-8 to settle the match in Spin Team's favour.

However, it was the youngsters of Blaenafon who were the real stars of the day. Coming second in their group, beating The Urbanites but losing to Spin Team, they then had to win two further matches to gain a place in the top eight. In the first of these they beat The Red Lions 2-1 and then had



Spin Team: Cedric Brion and Rafique Sarhadi

another tight 2-1 victory over Cippenham New Kids in the next round. Jon Kaufman had a good win over Chloe Thomas for CNK but Blaenafon bounced back with wins for Lewis Williams and Thomas both over Charleigh Kirby. They then both beat Andreas Pusch as Blaenafon had another 2-1 win over Godalming TTC in the quarter-final.

Charleigh Kirby had a couple of good results, beating Chris Marlow and Dave Langham, as Cippenham New Kids beat The Odd Couple but Marlow also had his own moment of triumph when he defeated Adam Brewer 12-10 in the fifth game. Other impressive results during the day were Ikue Humphrey's and Stephanie Donnelly's wins over Fred Dove, Jon Kaufman beating Simon Dilkes and Steve Smith beating Radovan Zivkovic.

Cippenham New Kids eventually finished in fourteenth position, two places ahead of The Numptys who included Cippenham's Steve Smith. Of the other local competitors, TT Rejectees were one place lower. They commenced the day with Eddie Mitchell and Ricky Hardcastle but Eddie was unwell and was replaced by Hari Gehlot for the knock-out stages. Underdogs, represented by Terry Boxall and Bassam Mocharrafi, finished in nineteenth position.

The innovative style of tournament, an annual event and run for the fourth time on Sunday, is unique in this country on two counts. It is for teams of two players rather than the conventional individual basis and employs the progressive knock-out system. In this system no competitor gets knocked-out early and all play on until all the positions, 22 in this case, are resolved.

The tournament was organized and refereed by Graham Trimming.

Top positions:

1. Spin Team
2. Blaenafon Stars
3. Adam & Nic
4. Hit and Miss



Christmas Party

Sunday 20 Dec 6pm

This is a bring and share buffet event—please sign up on the list displayed at the Club and bring some food and/or drink to share with others.

Load of games to amuse all ages.

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Weekend Diary December/January

December

Sat 5 County Championships Senior Premier Div (1)
 Sun 6 County Championships Senior Premier Div (1)
 Sat 12 County Championships Senior Division 2D
 Sun 20 Southern Region junior training
 Christmas Party

January

Sat 9 County Championships Junior Division 1B
 Sun 10 Southern Region coaches' workshop
 Sun 17 British League Divisions 1S and 1S&M
 Sat 23 UKCC Level 2 coach education course
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 Sat 30 Cippenham Young Players' New Year Festival
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Weekday Diary

Mon 7:15 Advanced Coaching
Tues 7:15 Local league matches
 7:30 Practice Tables
 7:40 Grand Prix
Wed 7:30 Squad Training
Thurs 5:15 Beginners' Coaching
 7:15 Local league matches
 7:30 Practice Tables
Fri 7:00 Open practice evening

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2009-10

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.50	£0.75
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
Maidenhead League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Feb 6 National Junior League (3)
 Feb 7 Southern Region junior training
 Feb 13/14 Maidenhead Closed Championships
 Feb 20 Bucks Junior Closed Championships
 Feb 27/28 Cippenham Series 3 2* Open
 Mar 6 National Junior League (4)
 Mar 13/14 British League (4) Divisions 1S & 1S&M
 Mar 20/21 UKCC Level 2 coach education course
 Mar 27 County Champs Junior Division 1B
 Apr 3/4 Cippenham Series 4 2* Open
 Apr 10 County Champs Senior Division 2D
 Apr 17/18 Reading Closed Championships
 Apr 24/25 Cippenham Series 5 2* Open
 May 1/2 National Cadet Masters
 May 8/9 British League Division 1 Play-offs
 May 22/23 Cippenham Series 6 2* Open
 Jun 12/13 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest
 Jun 20 Southern Region junior training

Events away from Cippenham

Jan 30/31 Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
 Feb 6/7 Women's British League (2) (Doncaster)
 Feb 13/14 Junior British League (2) (Wolverhampton)

It's curtains for the lighting problems!

We hope! - faced with a small but insistent number of less complimentary remarks about the lighting in the playing hall, the Club has installed a curtain, at a cost of £3,500, that should eradicate a lot of the problem with glare arriving from the opposite side of the hall. First feedback, from the Team Open, is very positive!

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