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Rob and Sue Claim the Titles

100!

100th Issue

Cippenham players won both the main events as their club staged the Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open Championships on 20 November. Last year's runner-up, Rob Lemon, went one better to win the Men's Singles title while Sue Hayes captured the Women's Singles title, as she did in the Cippenham Banded Open in the summer.

In a good day for the host club's players, three Cippenham players, all of whom have come through the club's junior coaching scheme, made it into the semi-finals of the Men's Singles where they were joined by Guildford's Adam Laws. The competitiveness of the event was tight throughout with many observers suggesting that any of six or seven players could emerge the winner. The point was proved in the semi-finals as third seed David Hayes, the Irish national junior champion, beat top seed Robert Hansell and second seed Laws was defeated by Rob Lemon after a very close tussle. That was just the starter for the spectacle of the final that Rob won 15-13 in the fifth and deciding game, having saved three match points and coming back from a two-game deficit. Each of the five games was won by the minimum two points although there were wider margins during the games. David at one time led 5-1 in the fourth game and, in the fifth Rob led 7-2 before David stormed back to enjoy those match points.



Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open

Rob Lemon and David Hayes (left); Sue Hayes (above)

Winner in 2003 and 2004, Jack Boulton reached his allotted position in the quarter-finals where he lost a most entertaining and close match with Rob Hansell. The other three seeds were all displaced into lower places in their groups. Sixth seed Fred Dove lost his opening match to Ray Jordan but still made it into the quarters where he lost to Rob Lemon. Seventh seed Matt Squires lost to Everton Wilson while eighth seed Mark Banks only came third in his group after he lost to both Paul Baker and Sampson Reid. The same fate nearly befell Robert Hansell. He lost his opening match in the top group to up and coming junior Matt Ware. However, Matt lost to Marc Armstrong who in turn lost to Robert. Robert secured top spot in the group by virtue of games ratio while Marc

Men's Singles:

Rob Lemon (Sy) bt David Hayes (Bu) -10,-9,9,9,13

Women's Singles:

1. Sue Hayes (Bu); 2. Sally Hughes (Sx)

Men's Consolation:

Gavin West (E) bt Shaun Parsley (Sx) 6,9,9

was the unlucky player who was relegated into the consolation event. The Women's Singles was run as one large round-robin of seven players following two withdrawals. Sue Hayes was the ultimate winner by virtue of her win over runner-up Sally Hughes; this being despite losing her last match to Sue Adamson. Adamson had earlier lost to both Hughes and Chloe Thomas.

The event was organized by Paul Baker, refereed by Peter Hillier and attracted 69 entries.



Merry Christmas

to all members, visitors and their families

Please note that the Centre will be shut down for the Christmas break from Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January inclusive.



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News in Brief

Ulster Junior Open

David Hayes got his season in Ireland off to a great start by winning the Boys' Singles title at the Ulster Junior Open last month.

Progress in National Comps

The club's cadet boys' team of Edward Mitchell, Alex Polding and Matthew Parkinson progressed through the first stage of the Leach Cup at Southall Sports Centre. Sutton withdrew before the event and with the top two from each group to go through it mattered little that Cippenham lost their only match 6-0 to London Progress.

The Slough junior boys' team in the Carter Cup did not even have to go to that trouble—and a trip to Plymouth—following the withdrawal of two other teams.

Bucks Unbeaten at Start of Title Defence

Buckinghamshire have the Evans family to thank for an unbeaten display following which they head the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships after the first weekend. The family, now residing in Nottinghamshire, but with roots in Langley and an affiliation to Cippenham Table Tennis Club, provided all three of the male players in a team that also included other Cippenham stalwarts Caroline Linz and Catherine Hayes.

Bucks are the national champions, having won this competition for the first time last season and have the benefit of all of last season's players still being available with the exception of the now over-age Emily Tucker. Catherine Hayes is her replacement and was making her debut at this level.

The Evans are an exceptional table tennis family. Mother Linda, whose parents still live in Langley and were present to watch their grandchildren perform, was Bucks' top lady player some two decades ago. The boys, Bradley, Myles and Gavin form a dynasty unequalled in this country in table tennis and perhaps any other sport. Gavin is one of a trio of great hopes of English table tennis. He is just twelve years old and European singles champion at his age, yet has recently been pivotal in England winning the World Cadet (U15) and Hungarian Youth Open (U18) team titles. Back in July he was a member of the England team that won the cadet team event at the European Youth Championships.

It was the youngest of the three brothers, Gavin, who was tasked with leading Bucks from the front and what a magnificent job he made of it, sweep-



Standing (l-r): Myles Evans; Gavin Evans; Bradley Evans
Seated (l-r): Caroline Linz; Catherine Hayes

ing all opposition, as much as five years his senior, away. Oldest brother Bradley, himself an England junior international and Myles, an England cadet international, also proved infallible and the whole family ended up with unblemished records.

Caroline Linz was also unbeaten until her very last match but could not quite match the boys and lost deuce in the fifth and deciding game to her Kent opponent. Catherine Hayes played well and enjoyed good spells in games but three times failed to finish off her opponents and lost in the fifth end. Only once did she manage to defeat her opponent.

This prestigious event in the national table tennis calendar has been hosted by Cippenham for many years now. Bucks took full value of home advantage and on Saturday afternoon beat the promoted team Lincolnshire 8-2. On Sunday Yorkshire were defeated 9-1 in the morning and then Kent succumbed 7-3 in the afternoon.

That all left Bucks leading the table but only on sets aggregate from Essex, their only serious challengers for the title. The match between the two in the second weekend in March at Grantham will decide the destination of the title.

Results:
8-2 Lincolnshire
9-1 Yorkshire
7-3 Kent

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Diccon Shines for Vets

Diccon Gray continued where he left off last season with a starring role for Cippenham in the Veterans' British League. In the first weekend, played at Stoke-on-Trent, Diccon, playing in the number one position, won eight of his ten matches. He was well backed up by Mike Rhodes and Paul Baker, both of whom made critical contributions and won three times each. At the end of the weekend, which marked the half-way stage in the league, Cippenham lie in third position in Division One. Because of the competitive nature of the division, in which only one of the fifteen matches failed to finish either 3-3 or 4-2, only leaders Fullerians (Watford), who have eight points, can feel that they are safe from relegation when the final fixtures are played in the new year. Cippenham are three points behind Fullerians, one behind second placed South Essex, one ahead of both Bribar Nomads and Thornton Sports and two ahead of bottom team Tameside.

The weekend started well. Saturday's matches brought a 3-3 draw with leaders Fullerians, a 4-2 win over Thornton

Sports and then, in the evening, another 3-3 draw with Tameside. Sunday morning started in the same vein with another 3-3 draw against South Essex before a disappointing 5-1 loss to Bribar Nomads completed the weekend.

Diccon finished Saturday with an unblemished record of six wins from six matches and was instrumental in Cippenham gaining four points from the day. In the first match against Fullerians it was Paul who secured a share of the points with a 3-2 final game win over Colin Carslake after losing a 2-0 lead. Diccon also beat Carslake and Hari Gehlot. Against Thornton Sports Mike joined in as he and Paul both beat Christopher Blake to add to Diccon's wins over Karl Bushell and Dave Robson. In the match against Tameside it was Mike who opened up the scoring against Mark Ramsbottom and Diccon secured a point with wins over Paul Collins and Ramsbottom.

On Sunday morning the 3-3 draw with South Essex was a real team effort. Diccon put Cippenham 1-0 up beating Terry Guymer then Mike beat Glenn Johnson to make it 2-1 to the Slough

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Fullerians	5	3	2	0	18	12	8
South Essex	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Cippenham	5	1	3	1	14	16	5
Bribar Nomads I	5	2	0	3	15	15	4
Thornton Sports	5	1	2	2	14	16	4
Tameside	5	0	3	2	13	17	3

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Diccon Gray	5	10	8	80
Mike Rhodes	5	10	3	30
Paul Baker	5	10	3	30

Results:

3-3 Fullerians
 4-2 Thornton Sports
 3-3 Tameside
 3-3 South Essex
 1-5 Bribar Sports I

club. Losses for Diccon and Paul made the score 3-2 in favour of South Essex but Mike came to the rescue with a storming 3-0 win also against Johnson. In the final match Diccon again put Cippenham 1-0 beating Chris Knight but that was the sole reward in this match.

A Century - Not Out!

The Club's Newsletter has now reached its 100th issue in its current incarnation. The first issue, a little over ten years ago in May 1995, was momentous—with the announcement that the Club was to build its own dedicated centre. That first and the subsequent three issues in 1996 (the third edition heralded the opening of the Centre in October) were edited by Steve Joel; since then current Editor Graham Trimming has been responsible for the remaining near-monthly 96 issues.

Welcome to several new members who have made their debuts for the Club in the Scoundrels and Vagabonds teams in Division 2 of the Slough League recently—Tarik Kashmiri; Michel Walendowski; Graham Young; Patrick Williams. League tables and averages will appear next month.

Half Way Stage in NJL

The half way point has been reached in this season's National Junior League—the point at which each of the divisions is carved in two for the next stage. The boys' C team of William Mitchell, Alex Polding and Frazer Harper will therefore be the top ranked team in Division 2 while the girls have secured a place in the top flight.

It is pleasing to report that all the players turned up for the second stage for the teams playing at Chesham, very welcome after some let the Club down for the first session.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Girls' Division							
Waterside	7	6	0	1	54	9	54
Chiltern-CHS A	7	7	0	0	49	14	49
Cippenham C	7	4	0	3	30	33	30
Chiltern-CHS C	7	4	0	3	30	33	30
Southampton West	7	2	0	5	26	37	26
Generation 2	7	3	0	3	24	36	24
Chalfont Comm Centre	7	1	0	6	18	42	18
Chiltern-CHS B	7	1	0	6	18	45	18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 1/2							
Chiltern-CHS A	9	8	0	1	43	11	43
Southampton West A	9	8	1	0	42	12	42
ALNS	9	7	1	1	41	13	41
Southampton West B	9	6	0	3	34	20	34
Chiltern-CHS B	9	3	1	5	28	26	28
Cippenham C	9	2	2	5	23	31	23
Chalfont Comm Ctr A	9	2	2	5	21	33	21
Generation 2	9	2	1	6	19	35	19
Ashford	9	2	2	5	17	37	17
Waterside	9	0	0	9	2	52	2
Boys' Division 3/4							
Southampton West C	7	7	0	0	50	13	50
Kidlington Forum	7	5	0	2	43	20	43
Chiltern-CHS C	7	5	0	2	37	26	37
Kingfisher	7	3	0	4	29	34	29
Chiltern-CHS D	7	3	0	4	27	36	27
Chalfont Comm Ctr B	7	1	0	6	25	38	25
Cippenham E	7	1	1	5	21	41	21
Cippenham D	7	2	1	4	19	43	19
Boys' Division 5/6							
Southampton West D	7	7	0	0	45	18	45
Child Okeford	7	6	0	1	44	18	44
Chiltern-CHS E	7	5	0	2	41	22	41
Cippenham F	7	4	0	3	35	27	35
Cippenham G	7	3	0	4	29	32	29
Chiltern-CHS G	7	2	0	5	28	35	28
Chiltern-CHS F	7	0	0	7	17	46	17
Chalfont Comm Ctr C	7	1	0	6	11	52	11

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Weekend Diary December/January

December

Sat 3rd	Southern Region Junior/Cadet Trials
Sun 4th	Southern Region Junior/Cadet Trials
Sat 10th	British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&W (2)
Sun 11th	British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&W (2)
Sun 18th	Southern Region Junior Training

January

Sun 8th	British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (3)
Sat 14th	Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest.
Sun 15th	Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest.
Sat 21st	National Junior League (3)
Sun 22nd	Southern Region Junior Training
Sat 28th	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Sun 29th	Maidenhead Closed Championships



The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Feb 5	Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open
Feb 18/19	Reading Closed Championships
Mar 5	Southern Region Junior Training
Mar 11/12	British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (4)
Mar 18	Cippenham Double Group 2* Open
Mar 19	National Junior League (4)
Apr 2	Slough Closed Championships
Apr 8	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Apr 9	Southern Region Junior Training
Apr 23	Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open
Apr 29/30	ETTA National Cadet Masters
May 6/7	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 14	Southern Region Junior Training
Jun 10/11	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 18	Southern Region Assessment Day
Jul 2	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 9	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

Weekday Diary

Mon	5:30	Advanced Coaching
	7:30	Excellence Coaching
Tues	7:15	Slough/Maidenhead 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
	8:00	Adult Coaching

Events away from Cippenham

Jan 21/22	Women's British League (2) (Widnes)
Feb 11	Ormesby Cup Stage 1 (Ilford)
Feb 11/12	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
Apr 2	Leach Cup Stage 2
May 13/14	Junior British League (2) (Aldersley)
May 21	Gainsford Cup Finals (Loughborough)

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2005-06

	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
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)	**£4.00	**£2.00
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

Can you help? Our club has a heavy schedule of events most weekends and for all of these tables etc. have to be put up. Jim Hayes has recently volunteered to act as Set-up Coordinator and is looking for other **volunteers** to join his team. Please call Jim on 01753 573669 to find out more or to offer your services.

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