



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Three more national awards for the Club brought back from Lilleshall

## Sue, Steph and Graham win Further ETTA Awards

**C**ippenham Table Tennis Club members picked up another three awards when the English Table Tennis Association held its Annual Volunteer and Coaching Awards at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on 1 November.

For each of the recipients it was also the second time, all having awards in previous years. Two of the awards came in the field of coaching. Sue Hayes, a Level 4 Senior coach, the highest level attainable, picked up the Female Coach of the Year award for the second time having also been rewarded in 2001. Sue, mother of Irish international player David Hayes, has been at the forefront of coaching at Cippenham Table Tennis Club since moving to the area in 1997. Currently, she conducts the Club's Wednesday evening elite session, takes one-to-one coaching with aspiring juniors and also with adults under a scheme she has helped devise. Furthermore, Sue is much more than just a coach, being Cippenham's Deputy Chairman and a qualified tournament organizer.

The other coaching award went to Stephanie Mitchell. At the age of just 16 Steph is one of the youngest people in the country to have acquired the UK Certificate of Coaching badge level 1. She uses the training she has received to assist at the weekly Thurs-



Sue Hayes, Steph Mitchell and Graham Trimming with their awards

day early evening beginners' classes out of which most of the Club's successful protégés have emerged. Having won the ETTA Young Volunteer of the Year award last year Steph is an all-round contributor to the Club and this has earned her the responsibility of being the Duty Officer at Cippenham's busy Tuesday and Thursday evening practice sessions.

Graham Trimming made up the trio of honoured members. To cap a remarkable year of honours bestowed upon the Cippenham founder, Chairman and General Secretary, Graham

gained the award for Press Officer of the Year. This was in recognition of the work that he has done over many years writing press reports, editing the Club's monthly newsletter and maintaining what is probably to most updated table tennis club website in the country. Last year the ETTA honoured him with PremierClub Volunteer of the Year and then at their Annual General Meeting in June awarded him a Vice-Presidency. For good measure, Cippenham Table Tennis Club last year honoured Trimming as its first and so far only Life Member.



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## Farewell, Alan



**Alan receiving the first of his Outstanding Contribution Awards in 1997 from Jacquie Lovell**

## Tributes to Alan

**Ken Phillips:** Alan attended a Level 2 coaching course where I was the tutor. He then started coaching at Atwood School where he completed his training. He then moved on to Cippenham where we encouraged him to take over the beginners' group. Alan proved most efficient and enthusiastic in his approach to coaching and will be sorely missed on a Thursday. The fact that recently the group has been attracting 30 children each week is surely a testament to Alan's popularity. He preferred working with the newer participants which is definitely the most difficult part of coaching. He was fully committed to the young players' improvement and a good number of his beginners have gone on to more advanced sessions and good standard league play. I will personally miss Alan as a friend and colleague. We will have great difficulty in replacing him - an impossible task I feel.

**Terry Boxall:** I met and played against Alan in the High Wycombe League in 1975, through the 80s, and up to 1995 when his club had to pack up due to rising hall hire charges. I did not meet him again until 1998 when he asked me to go to Lilleshall for our Level 3 coaching badge which we both passed. In early 1999, we met and he asked me to come to Cippenham on Thursdays to help him with his beginners' coaching group. For ten years we enjoyed each others' company

**C**ippenham Table Tennis Club is mourning the loss of one of its favourites. Alan Farral finally succumbed to cancer after a long and hard battle on 9 November at the age of just 56.

Alan's contribution to the Club can best be summed up as follows. In October 1997, at the Club's first Anniversary Party to mark the year since the opening of the purpose built facility, Alan was the first recipient of the Club's annual Outstanding Contribution Award. This was in recognition of him having run the beginners' coaching session every Tuesday during that first year and then staying on afterwards to man the bar area.

through various coaching activities and enjoyed passing many kids over to Ken in order to further their progress. We also worked together on the Club's new kitchen extension: he did the plumbing and carpentry while I did the electrics. The result is witness to his talents. The Club has lost a good coach and a good friend to everyone. We will all miss his smiling face.

**Graham Trimming:** I first met Alan on 30 September 1996, the day before the opening of the Centre. Here was this man I had never met assisting most ably with erecting the stock of brand new tables. His contribution to the Club in the twelve years since has been invaluable and he will be sorely missed.

When eligible again, after a period of five years in 2002, Alan was once again the deserved recipient of the same award. By that time he had organized the beginners' coaching and run the bar for all six years! The coaching was to continue until just a few weeks before his death. Alan was a Level 3 qualified coach having initially passed his Level 2 in October 1996.

Alan was also the Club's Mr. Fix-it and DIY specialist. He built all the cabinets in the store room and was eager to offer his fantastic skills whenever the Club had need of them. In 2004, it was he and Terry Boxall that built the kitchen that completed the extension to the lounge and servery.

Alan's popularity within the Club was enormous. Around thirty members attended the funeral on 17 November and a generous collection has been made for charity in his honour.



**Coaching was not Alan's only skill! He will be missed also as Cippenham's Mr. Fix-it with legendary DIY ability**



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## Ware's the Butler? – He's on the Podium!

**M**att Ware, the current England number 11 ranked player, teamed up with Mark Butler to justify their seeding and win the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cippenham Team 2-Star Open Championship on 9 November. In fact, they won through six matches winning 2-0 all the way although Mark, a member of Cippenham's first team in the British League, did have to pull out all the stops on a couple of occasions, being taken to five ends by both Chris Knight and Dave Langham. Matt, on the other hand, was extended to five ends only in the pulsating opening match of the final against the England number one veteran Abdul Wuraola. Imaginately entitled "Ware's the Butler?", the top seeded team of Matt and Mark won that final against Abdul Sports & Table Tennis Ltd 2-0 with Mark finishing the job with a fantastic 3-0 win over Ashley Stokes, a player ranked 50 places higher in the country.

The Cippenham Team Open is different to any other tournament in the country. Instead of contestants playing as individuals and going home when knocked-out, in the Team Open they progress as a pair. Play throughout the day is governed by a progressive knock-out format that provides a full day's play for each player with each team ultimately gaining a final ranking position in the field of twenty-four teams.

The best match of the day was in the semi-final round. Abdul Sports were up against fourth seeds Fellows Cranleigh and the East London team scared the second seeds all the way despite eventually losing 2-0. They led 2-0 in both matches and it took two tremendous comebacks for Abdul Sports to progress. The noisy Wuraola eventually defeated plucky Emran Hussain 8-11, 9-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-9 and then Stokes got the better, just, of Zayd Mauthoor 9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-8. Stirring stuff!

In the other semi-final Matt and Mark successfully fought off the challenge from Blaenafon Aces with two wins both 3-1. Matt beat Patrick Thomas and Mark beat Lewis Williams to end the run of the impressive Welsh youngsters who had been seeded only eighth.



**Team Open champions: Mark Butler and Matt Ware**

The best local performance came from The Shawmeisters, featuring brothers Ashley and Oliver Shaw. They took full advantage of the absence of third seeds Frenford Club to get into the top eight.

The tournament was organized and refereed by Graham Trimming and attracted a maximum entry of 24 teams.

### Top positions:

1. Ware's the Butler? (Matt Ware, Mark Butler)
2. Abdul Sports & Table Tennis Ltd (Abdul Wuraola, Ashley Stokes)
3. Fellows Cranleigh (Emran Hussain, Zayd Mauthoor)
4. Blaenavon Aces (Patrick Thomas, Lewis Williams)



## Christmas Party

### At the Club

**Sunday 21 December, 6:30 pm**

No charge but please bring some food for a bring-and-share event

More details: Eddie Mitchell on 01753 647101



## New Year Meal

### The Dukes Head, Farnham Royal

**Saturday 17 January, 1pm**

25 places have been booked

To reserve yours, please call Jacque on 01344 884331

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## Weekend Diary December/January

### December

Sat 6 National Junior League  
 Sun 7 Southern Region junior training  
 Sat 13 County Championships Senior Division 2D  
 Sun 21 Christmas Party

### January

Sat 10 County Championships Senior Division 2D  
 Sun 11 British League Divisions 1S and 1S&M (3)  
 Sat 24 National Junior League  
 Sun 25 Southern Region junior training  
 Jan 31 Cippenham Young Players' New Year Festival



## Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

Feb 1 Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest  
 Feb 7 Cippenham Series 3—Senior 3 Open  
 Feb 8 Cippenham Series 3—Veterans' 2 Open  
 Feb 14/15 Maidenhead Closed Championships  
 Feb 21/22 British League Divisions 1S & 1S&M (4)  
 Feb 28 County Championships Senior Division 1B  
 Mar 1 County Championships Senior Division 1B  
 Mar 7 National Junior League  
 Mar 8 UKCC Level 1 Coach Education Course  
 Mar 14/15 Reading Closed Championships  
 Mar 21 County Championships Junior Division 1B  
 Mar 28 Cippenham Series 4—Senior 4 Open  
 Mar 29 Cippenham Series 4—Junior 2 Open  
 May 2 Cippenham Series 5—Cadet & U13 Open  
 May 3 Cippenham Series 5—Junior 3 Open  
 May 9/10 ETTA National Junior Masters  
 Mar 17 UKCC level 1 Coach Education Course  
 May 23 Cippenham Series 6—Veterans' 3 Open  
 May 24 Cippenham Series 6—Senior 5 Open  
 Jun 13/14 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

### Events away from Cippenham

Jan31/Fe1 Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)  
 Feb 7/8 Junior British League (2) (Wolverhampton)

## Weekday Diary

**Mon** 7:15 Advanced Coaching  
**Tues** 7:15 Slough & Maidenhead league matches  
 7:30 Practice Tables  
 7:40 Grand Prix  
**Wed** 7:30 Squad Training  
**Thurs** 5:15 Beginners' Coaching  
 7:15 Slough & Maidenhead league matches  
 7:30 Practice Tables

### Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2008-09

	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		
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