



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!**

## Awards for Dave, Albert and Ben



Cippenham Table Tennis Club celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of the opening of the purpose-built Centre with a party and awards presentation on 4 November. The evening was organised and presided over by Charles Mitchell who began by presenting chocolate gifts to the Club's many volunteers.

The first of the main presentations of the evening was for the Alan Farral and Terry Boxall Junior Player of the Year Award. The presentation was made by Club Chairman and Head Coach Ken Phillips to Ben Naylor-Smith in recognition of his continued improvement during the past year.

The recipient of the Senior Player of the Year award, Albert Cheung, was unfortunately not able to be present. It was his birthday and he was out celebrating with family. Albert's award was for his improved performances for Cippenham Saxons in the Maidenhead League, having finished last season and started this in great form.

The main event on such an evening is the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This award, not open to the Officers of the Club, is made to the person who, in the eyes of the Committee, has made a big difference to the Club. This year the worthy winner was Dave Tant, for his work behind the scenes at the Club and especially for his efforts in maintaining the lighting system at full power. The presentation was made by Karen's widower, Charles Mitchell.

Dave Tant with Charles Mitchell; Albert Cheung; Ben Naylor-Smith



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## Veterans share the titles—Pilgrim makes progress



**Open Singles: Martin Gunn and Adrian Pilgrim**



**Veterans' Singles: Martin Gunn and Diccon Gray**

The Cippenham Open, played on 22 November, may have been billed as both a senior and veterans' event but it was the veterans that stole the honours in both categories. This 1-star event attracted a good entry, both in terms of numbers and standard and proved that you are not over the top at forty. The veterans that stayed on after their own event in the morning enjoyed more success in the "open" event in the afternoon, dispatching their younger competitors at every stage.

The star of the show was Martin Gunn. The Avon veteran has recently ditched his modern sandwich bat, favoured by most other players, for an old-fashioned hard rubber bat. Gunn said that after playing with sandpaper bats in the new World Championships of Ping Pong series, "he really enjoyed the old style of the game" and "was beating players he sometimes did not with his more conventional bat". So it proved, as, after winning the veterans' event he went all the way to the final of the open event where he lost to another veteran, Adrian Pilgrim.

Pilgrim had been top seeded in both events but had come unstuck in the morning in the quarter-final when faced with Jojo Senorin. Senorin was then comprehensively beaten in the semi-final by Martin Gunn who then went on to beat Diccon Gray in the final. Senorin had actually been seeded second but failed to win his group, after being beaten by Dave Langham, and was therefore displaced by his conqueror in the knock-out draw. Langham's run continued past Dean Rose but he was then eclipsed by Daniel Lucking as the Generation 2 player exceeded expectations by reaching the semi-final.

The last local players standing in the veterans' event were Mark Banks and Hari Gehlot who are team-mates for Cookham Social in the Maidenhead League. They both took their leave in the quarters while Cippenham's own Simon Vine and Bovingdon Green's John Barclay, whose progress featured a good win over Steve Davis, fell one round earlier. Vine, in his first tournament for a couple of decades, played well enough to beat the consolation winner Paul Martindill in his group and was pleased to finish as high as second, losing only to the number one seed.

No mishaps got in the way of Adrian Pilgrim's progress in the afternoon open singles. The top seed won his group with some comfort and then eased past Ricky Hardcastle and Dave Randall before gaining revenge for his morning defeat when coming back from 2-1 down to defeat Jojo Senorin in the semi-final. The final itself was also a five-game event but Pilgrim was never behind against Martin Gunn.

Three of the four players in the semi-finals were veterans and it left to Rory Scott to fly the flag for the under-40s. Scott won his group and then eliminated Christopher Penrose, who had earlier scored a good win over fourth seed Mohammad Owadally, and Steve Davis before losing to Gunn.

Gehlot, Barclay and Cippenham's Ricky Hardcastle were the last remaining locals but none of them got further than the round of sixteen. Joining them at that stage was former Cippenham player Steve Dorrell making a welcome return to his old club after moving to Worcestershire more than twenty years ago.

## Cippenham members' successes



**Bas Mocharraffie: had a great win over Steve Davis**



**Hari Prasad: reached final of consolation**



**Simon Vine: beaten only by the top seed in his group**

Also of local note were the win by Bas-sam Mocharraffie over Steve Davis and the performance of Cippenham member Hari Prasad in reaching the final of the consolation where he lost to the experienced Tony Morris.

The event was organised by Paul Baker and refereed by Ken Phillips.

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

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS:	Adrian Pilgrim (Wo)	Martin Gunn (Av)
VS:	Martin Gunn (Wo)	Diccon Gray (K)
OC:	Tony Morris (Sx)	Hari Prasad (Bu)
VC:	Paul Martindill (E)	Syd Montgomery (Bk)

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## Maidenhead League

### League Tables:

P W D L F A Pts

#### Division 1

Cookham S Typhoons	10	9	1	0	74	26	74
NWCA Blue Jays	10	6	2	2	64	36	64
Cippenham Saxons	9	5	2	2	58	32	58
Old Gords Vultures	8	4	2	2	47	33	47
Cippenham Trojans	9	5	1	3	47	43	47
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	10	2	0	8	35	65	35
Castle Hill Pumas	8	0	0	8	21	59	21
Old Gords Harriers	8	1	0	7	14	66	14

#### Division 2

Stoke Poges Bees	8	8	0	0	64	16	64
Old Gords Kestrels	9	6	2	1	60	30	60
Boyne Hill CC	8	6	1	1	55	25	55
Outcasts	9	5	0	4	49	41	49
BBC Bears	9	2	2	5	41	49	41
Cippenham Vikings	10	1	3	6	37	63	37
Cippenham Spartans	10	2	2	6	32	68	32
SportsAble Whirlwinds	9	1	0	8	22	68	22

### Players' Averages:

M P W Av

#### Saxons:

Simon Wilde	7	20	16	80
Albert Cheung	7	20	14	70
Sebastian Nimier	3	9	6	67
Graham Trimming	9	26	14	54
Chee Lai	1	3	0	0

#### Trojans:

Ricky Hardcastle	7	20	16	80
Simon Vine	5	14	10	71
Bas Mocharrafe	3	9	6	67
Terry Osborne	4	12	4	33
Denise Weller	2	6	2	33
Sue Hayes	5	14	2	14

#### Vikings:

Sebastian Nimier	5	14	10	71
Armando Borges	8	23	12	52
Zsolt Varga	10	29	8	28
Chris Pye	3	9	1	11
Patrick Gaughan	1	3	0	0

#### Spartans:

Dave Tant	10	30	16	53
Chee Lai	8	24	11	46
Elena Tant	10	30	1	3

## Is it Saxons v NWCA for runners-up?

### Maidenhead League

With the season now into its second third (all teams play each other three times), it is becoming clearer where our teams will finish up.

In Division One, Cookham Social Typhoons, despite having had the services of Hari Gehlot for only one match so far, look set to win their third consecutive championship.

Saxons, who have played Cookham twice already and whose match in hand is against second from bottom Castle Hill Pumas, seem to be engaged in a battle for second place with NWCA Blue Jays. These are dizzy heights for NWCA who are not used to being amongst the front runners.

When Saxons played NWCA they did so with two reserves. Seb Nimier acquitted himself well with two wins while Graham Trimming scored a maximum and together they secured the doubles for a very creditable 6-4 win. They will expect to do even better if at full strength for the other two encounters.

Trojans have fallen away a little bit recently and were not helped by fielding only two players in a 9-1 defeat to Cookham. However, the real turning point was when the two Cippenham teams clashed and Saxons emerged 8-2 winners. Simon Wilde was the star for Saxons, winning all three of his



Simon Wilde

matches while Albert Cheung beat Ricky Hardcastle and Denise Weller but lost to Terry Osborne. Graham Trimming beat Terry and Denise but lost to Ricky.

In Division 2, Vikings are finding it difficult to field a regular side. Seb Nimier's signing has helped them out both numerically in terms of players and results while Armando Borges is showing improved form and mainstay Zsolt Varga has contributed some useful wins.

Spartans are playing as a three with no reserve to come in if anyone is unavailable. Dave Tant's record has improved over the last year and he and Chee Lai are more than holding their own whereas Elena Tant is struggling to win in this division.

## National Cadet League

### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Crusaders A	5	4	0	1	36	9	36
Oxford A	5	5	0	0	27	18	27
Reading A	5	3	0	2	25	20	25
Guildford A	5	2	0	3	21	24	21
Cippenham	5	1	0	4	15	30	15
Oxford B	5	0	0	5	11	34	11

### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Shae Thakker	5	15	8	53
Reeshabh Hamal	5	15	5	33
Carys Evans	5	15	1	13

Start Christmas off with a bang!

**Festive Grand Prix**

**Tuesday 23 December**

No need to book, no special fees, just turn up and register by 7:45 pm

**Free mulled wine and mince pies!**

**Cippenham TTC**

**Xmas shutdown**

Cippenham Table Tennis Club will close after the Festive Grand Prix on Tuesday 23 December and re-open on Tuesday 6 January

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## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix
<b>Weds</b>	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
<b>Thurs</b>	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2014-15

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
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)		£35.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



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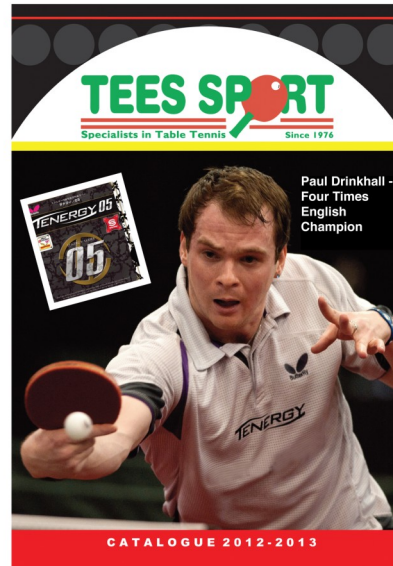
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## Weekend Diary

Dec	6	National Junior League
	13/14	Senior British League Div1S & Div3S
Jan	11	Cippenham Team 2* Open
	17	County Championships Veterans Div 2B
	18	Senior British League Div1S & Div3S
	24	National Junior League
Feb	8	National Cadet League
	21	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open
	28	National Junior League
Mar	8	National Cadet League
	14/15	Maidenhead Closed Championships
	21/22	County Championships Senior Div 1B
	28/29	Senior British League Div1S & Div5S

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