



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Champions of Europe—England cadet boys return home heroes

# Europe Cadet Team Gold for Gavin and England

Cippenham Table Tennis Club member Gavin Evans returned home from the European Youth Championships in Prague in July with a gold medal and a hugely enriched reputation. Only twelve years of age, and playing in an under-15 competition, Gavin still has a further three years left ahead of him and yet is already ranked the fourteenth best cadet player in Europe.

England won the team event for the first time since 1986 although in the singles they relied entirely on their top two European ranked cadets Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight. Gavin played an unbeaten role in the doubles during the early matches partnering Drinkhall to victory in the 3-1 win over Slovakia and the 3-0 success over Portugal and then partnered Knight in the 3-1 victory over Russia. Gavin and Drinkhall were successful twice more in the last 16 match against Latvia and the quarter-final against Poland, both of which England won 3-0. For the semi-final 3-0 win over Germany and the same score success over the Czech Republic in the final England relied on the top two guns Drinkhall and Knight. However, the team victory gave Gavin a cherished gold medal.

Gavin's displays in the team event and his previous successful appearances on the international stage gave him a ranking of number fourteen in Europe



Gavin photographed in Prague (left) and with his England team mates Darius Knight and Paul Drinkhall  
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and a seeded position amongst the top sixteen. As a result he was given byes through the first two rounds of the singles event and then faced Damir Marinic of Bosnia-Herzegovina in round three. He progressed through that round 4-1 after losing the first game and then had another 4-1 win over Portugal's Diogo Pinho in the fourth round. This took Gavin into his allotted seeded position in the last sixteen where he had the misfortune to

come up against the third seed Tomas Tregler of Czech Republic and lost 4-0.

Tregler went out in the next round to Piotr Chodorski of Poland who gave Paul Drinkhall by far his sternest test in the semi-final, succumbing only 11-8 in the deciding seventh game. Drinkhall went on to beat his England team mate Darius Knight in the final.





Come and join in the fun  
Cippenham Table Tennis Club

## Barbeque

Sunday 20th August , 1 pm  
This is a bring and share event!



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## Davis and Brown—Summer Veterans' Champs

The curtain was brought down on a successful 2004-5 season for Cippenham Table Tennis Club with the final event of the campaign on 3rd July. Players from as far afield as Wales travelled for the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open Championships. It proved another successful event for the 52 competitors, organised by Club Chairman Graham Trimming and refereed by Mick Strode.

The Men's Singles, pronounced by the organizers beforehand as being wide open, did not disappoint. Top seed Chris Pickard was displaced into second place in his preliminary round group. However, this was a particularly strong group eventually won by Derek Holman, twice Cippenham Veterans' Open champion in June 1997 and January 2002. Such was the strength in depth that Paul Elliott, one of the top players for Chalfont in the Slough League in the season just finished, finished last out of six in this group with only one win, that against Andrew Misseldine who finished third. The others in the group were Welshman Roger Grech, and Clive Banham who went on to win the consolation event.

Second seed Fred Dove, winner of the event in January 2004, did manage to win his group but had to recover from two games down in his first match against John Barnes. As a result of

## September



Jacquie Lovell is rewarded for her many years of service to the Club as its Social Officer by scooping the most prestigious ETTA Volunteer of the Year Award.

One of Jacquie's projects, the lounge and servery extension is completed, giving the Centre a tremendous boost and vastly enhanced catering capability. The servery fit-out is due to fantastic work by Alan Farral and Terry Boxall.

The British League gets underway with a third team from the Club in Division 4.

his loss to Holman, Pickard ended up in the bottom half of the draw and then beat Dove in round two. One round more and both the top seeds were out as Steve Davis got the better of Pickard 12-10 in the fifth and deciding game. In the third quarter Tony Needham was making good progress, eliminating Geoff Grange and Richard Burton before falling to the power of Davis in the semi-final.

Holman, now at the top of the draw had a fairly straight-forward passage to the final by comparison. Delighted at the way he was playing, for the very first time in spectacles, Holman saw off the last Cippenham club hope Mike Rhodes in round two and then beat Joel Clancy 3-0 and Dave Adamson 3-1 to set up a final show down with his Graham Spicer Club team-mate Davis. The first two games went the way of the exuberant Holman before Davis

## October

The boys' first team are named Team of the Weekend at the first weekend of the Junior British League with seven points out of ten in Division 1.

The Centre really looks spick and span after the lounge is redecorated, completing the enhancements that have taken several months.

## November



Paul Baker is praised for his contribution to the recently completed building extension and previous work when given the Club's Outstanding Contribution Award. Also at the annual Anniversary Party, Robert Hansell, David Hayes and Melanie Farquhar receive the Players of the Year awards.

Bucks maintain a 100% record in the Junior Premier Division first weekend played at Cippenham.

Six players from the Club win through the Southern Region trials

turned the match around. It was good and exciting table tennis all the way to the wire with Davis eventually claiming his second title – the first was in March 1999 – 11-9 in the fifth.

Following the withdrawal of top seed Regina Donovan the women's event was re-drawn into a single group of eight players, providing all with an excellent day's table tennis. The winner was Janet Brown who worked her way peerlessly through the event until dropping one game to eventual runner-up Jan Curtis and two to third placed Audrey Robinson.

### **Men's Singles:**

Steve Davis (Sy) bt Derek Holman (Sy) -7,-9,6,6,9

### **Women's Singles:**

1. Janet Brown (Ox); 2. Jan Curtis (Ox)

### **Men's Consolation:**

Clive Banham (Bk) bt Earl Jeffers (WAL) 5,7,7

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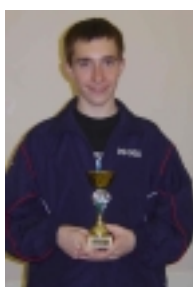
## Another Memorable Year

to the next stage of qualification for the National Junior/Cadet Masters.

The British League second team has a great second weekend with seven points out of a possible eight.

David Hayes finishes seventh in the Irish Senior Top 12 event.

### January



David Hayes cements his number one position in the Irish junior ranks by winning the Irish National Junior Championship.

Cippenham women's team take nine points out of ten in a fantastic second weekend in the Premier Division of the Women's British League but finish only third, just one point behind the champions.

After winning the Gainsford Cup three years in a row, we fail to hurdle the first stage, a slightly weaker team just falling short at Ashford.

Melanie Farquhar retains her U16GS title at the Cippenham U14/U16 1-Star Open that attracts 113 entries.

### February

Our top junior girls' team finishes runners-up in the Junior British League Premier Division.

The British League season finishes with all three Cippenham teams in the top half of their divisions.

The Slough League championship is won for the 12th season in succession and 21st overall.

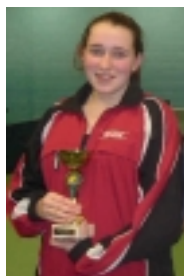
### March

Catherine Hayes maintains the home run of successes that stretches back eight years by winning the girls' title at the Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open.

Our top boys' team in the National Junior League finish in third position.

### April

Catherine Hayes tops a wonderful few weeks by gaining a national title—the English Cadet Girls' Doubles with Jordyn Layfield.

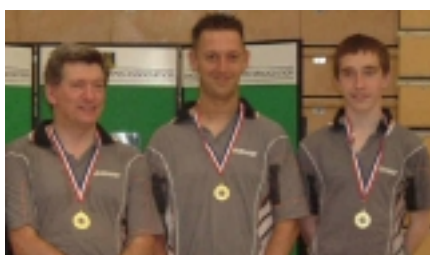


Five players—Gavin Evans, Bradley Evans, David Hayes, Melanie Farquhar and Naomi Owen win medals at the Home International Junior/Cadet Championships. Four of them were gold.



Bucks juniors, comprising entirely Cippenham players, win the Junior Premier Division for the first time—a wonderful achievement.

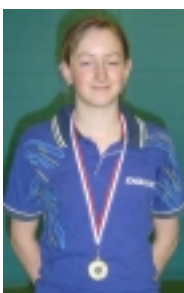
### May



The women might have failed to retain the Gainsford Cup but the men show it is their turn by sensationally winning the national Ormesby Cup in the finals at Derby. The Club's cadet girls' team are runners-up in the Hammersley Cup.

David Hayes captures the Slough Masters title.

The National Masters events, played here at Cippenham,



provide two home victories in as many weeks. Gavin Evans wins the cadet boys' title and Melanie Farquhar the junior girls' title.

Gavin also wins gold in the individual event at the Six Nations Cadet Championships in Germany. Brother Myles also represents England in this event.

Graham Trimming, founder of the Club in 1973 and General Secretary ever since, becomes Chairman for the first time.

### June

There are titles for Melanie Farquhar and Eddie Mitchell as Cippenham hosts its biggest event yet—the Young Players' Summer Festival.

Sue Hayes wins the Women's Singles at the Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open while Paul Baker confounds the seedings by reaching the final of the men's event.



Eddie Mitchell becomes the English U11 Boys' Singles champion and takes the U13BD also with Gavin Evans. Gavin adds two other titles—the U12BS and U13BS—to take his tally to 15 in an event he has dominated for the past few years.

### July

Gavin Evans wins a gold medal in the cadet boys' team event at the European Youth Championships and reaches his seeded position in the last sixteen in the singles—he still has three more years at this age group!

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## Weekend Diary August/September

### September

Sat 3rd	Bucks Junior/Cadet Trials (not confirmed)
Sun 4th	Southern Region Junior Training
Sat 10th	British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (1)
Sun 11th	British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (1)



## Weekday Diary

<b>Mon</b>	5:30	Advanced Coaching
	7:30	Excellence Coaching
<b>Tues</b>	7:15	Slough League matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
<b>Wed</b>	7:30	Squad Training
<b>Thurs</b>	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Slough League matches
	7:30	Practice Tables

## Second team in Women's British League

The Club is pleased to announce that our application to run a second team in the Women's British League has been successful and has been placed in Division 3—not the lowest!

This brings up to ten the total number of Cippenham teams in British leagues—three in the main senior league, two in the women's league, four in the junior league and one in the veterans'.

### 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 - 1 <sup>st</sup> group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 <sup>nd</sup> group)		£20.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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## The Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

Oct 1	National Junior League (1)
Oct 2	Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open
Oct 16	Southern Region Junior Training
Oct 29/30	County Championships Senior Premier (1)
Nov 5/6	County Championships Junior Premier (1)
Nov 12	National Junior League (2)
Nov 20	Cippenham 2-Star Open (senior)
Nov 26	Southern Region Junior Training
Nov 27	Berkshire Inter-Town
Dec 3/4	Southern Region Junior/Cadet Trials
Dec 10/11	British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&W (2)
Dec 18	Southern Region Junior Training
Jan 8	British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (3)
Jan 14/15	Cippenham YP New Year Festival
Jan 21	National Junior League (3)
Jan 22	Southern Region Junior Training
Jan 28/29	Maidenhead Closed (not confirmed)
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 19	National Junior League (4)
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

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