



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Shae tops the tree at the Festive Grand Prix

A record 23 players took part in the Club's Festive Grand Prix on the Thursday evening before Christmas - the addition of liberal amounts of mulled wine and mince pies making this our version of a Christmas party!

Maybe because at age 15 he is too young to partake in the mulled wine, it was GB Para star Shae Thakker who rose to the top of the tree with a sparkling performance in which he did not drop a single leg, winning all his five matches 3-0. Shae's hardest match came in the semi-final against Razvan Bucur. Razvan pushed Shae to within two points in each game, eventually succumbing 12-10, 13-11, 11-9. Compared to that, Shae's final win by 11-8, 11-6, 11-5 over Hari Vennapusa was much more comfortable. Hari, though, had a good evening, winning his preliminary round group with ease and then fighting off the challenges of Gary Crick and Vlad Mihajlina in the second group phase. Gary, at one stage, led Hari 2-0 before the left-hander fought back to eventually win 11-9 in the fifth.

The first stage saw a titanic struggle in one of the groups in which each of the three matches was decided in the fifth game and this caused a section of the event to run a little late. Igor Liiko won through this group but was pushed all the way by up and coming junior Jaiden Caldeira and the more experienced Tony Jackson, one of the coaches at the Club.

It was good to see a few of the Club's younger players allowed to participate with school having broken up for Christmas. Stage 2 saw father and son David and William Saint pitched against one another. However, father did not allow his son an early present but did require a 16-14 scoreline in the fifth game to prevail.

Razvan beat Gary for third place while fifth and sixth places were sorted out by Igor Liiko's win against his teammate Vlad Mihajlina.

It was great to welcome Brian Guilloud back to the Club even though his illness earlier in the year means that he will unfortunately never be able to play



again. Also, nice to see Ike Greenberg after his recent heart problems looking well but wisely deciding not to play!

Finishing positions:

1. Shae Thakker
2. Hari Vennapusa
3. Razvan Bucur
4. Gary Crick
5. Igor Liiko
6. Vlad Mihajlina
7. Seb Nimier
8. Elroy Hull
9. Tony Jackson
10. David Saint



Second rounds completed in National leagues

With three of the four days completed in both the National Junior and Cadet leagues we have reached the end of round 2. Round 3 will be played in full during the fourth day's play in each league.

The two Cippenham A teams have both avoided relegation and will therefore complete their seasons in the top divisions. Both B teams will play throughout in Division 2 as will the C team in the NJL and the D team in the NCL in Division 4. However the C team in NJL did suffer relegation from Division 3 after the first stage but bounced straight back in round two to reclaim their originally allocated position.

William Saint, no doubt benefiting from the experience of playing in the senior

divisions of the High Wycombe League has been the B team's best player in NJL while his teams mates Anna Piercey and Rachael Iles have performed well in the NCL.

The Sousseing brothers, Isam and Kwame, both had good second rounds while the highest percentage win rate by a Cippenham player is claimed by newcomer Firas Fakhra in NCL Division 4.

The Club's young players continue to gain great experience, testing their wit and skills against players from a wide range of other areas in the Southern Region section of the National leagues.

Triple crown for Robert



The Bucks Closed Championships came to Cippenham on the first day of December and what a success they proved for members of the host club!

Star of the show was undoubtedly Robert Hansell, a key member of the Cippenham team in the Senior British League for very many years, who won all three titles open to him - the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. In the blue riband event, the Men's Singles, Robert won his sixth such title by beating Dave Croucher in the final and then teamed up with the beaten finalist to win the Men's Doubles. There was more Cippenham interest in the latter event as the beaten finalists in that were the Cippenham junior pairing of Shae Thakker and William Fricker.

It was no less a success story for Mary Heffernan, who has joined the Cippenham team for the Veterans' British League this season. Partnering Robert Hansell in the Mixed Doubles, they beat Shae Thakker and Sue Hayes in an all-Cippenham final by the narrowest possible margin of 12-10 in the deciding game. Mary also tasted success against Sue to capture the Ladies' Singles crown and the two of them teamed up to reach the final of the Veterans' Doubles where they were beaten by Dave Croucher and Tim Cheek.

The event was organised by Ken Phillips, Chairman and Head Coach of Cippenham Table Tennis Club.

National Junior League

League Tables Round 2:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Warren Spring A	5	5	0	0	26	4	26
Ashford A	5	3	0	2	18	12	18
Kidlington A	5	3	0	2	18	12	18
Reading A	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Cippenham A	5	1	1	3	9	21	9
Kidlington B	5	0	0	5	4	26	4
Division 2							
Ashford B	5	3	2	0	20	10	20
Hillingdon A	5	2	3	0	17	13	17
Warren Spring B	5	1	4	0	16	14	16
Chiltern A	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Cippenham B	5	1	2	2	13	17	13
Reading B	5	0	0	5	9	21	9
Division 4							
Warren Spring C	5	4	1	0	19	11	19
Chiltern D	5	2	3	0	17	13	17
Reading C	5	1	1	3	15	15	15
Chiltern E	5	0	4	1	14	16	14
Cippenham C	5	1	2	2	14	16	14
Warren Spring D	5	1	1	3	11	19	11

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Jaiden Caldeira	10	25	9	36
Douglas Claridge-Hansen	10	25	8	32
Kush Tanna	10	25	4	16
Cippenham B				
William Saint	10	25	15	60
Anna Piercey	9	22	9	41
Rachael Iles	9	22	8	36
Siyuan Li	2	6	1	17
Cippenham C				
Kwame Sousseing	7	17	9	53
Isam Sousseing	9	23	10	43
Mateusz Skowera	7	18	7	39
Jeeven Bancel	7	17	6	35

National Cadet League

League Tables Round 2:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Warren Spring A	5	5	0	0	28	2	28
Crusaders A	5	4	0	1	23	7	23
Crusaders B	5	3	0	2	18	12	18
Oxford A	5	2	0	3	12	18	12
Cippenham A	5	1	0	4	7	23	7
Chiltern A	5	0	0	5	2	28	2
Division 2							
Guildford A	5	5	0	0	27	3	27
Crusaders C	5	3	1	1	20	10	20
Cippenham B	5	2	2	1	17	13	17
Oxford B	5	2	1	2	13	17	13
Warren Spring B	5	1	0	4	9	21	9
Reading	5	0	0	5	4	26	4
Division 4							
Cippenham C	5	5	0	0	25	5	25
Cippenham D	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Warren Spring D	5	2	1	2	14	16	14
Chiltern D	5	1	1	3	12	18	12
Chiltern E	5	0	2	3	12	18	12
Bourne End	5	1	1	3	9	21	9

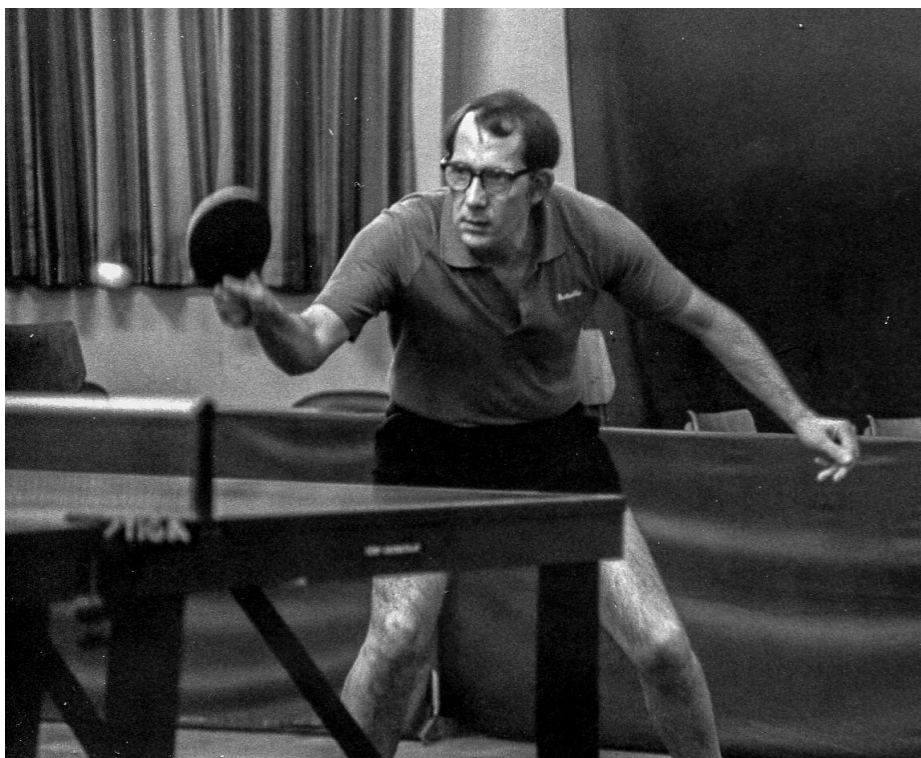
Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Jaiden Caldeira	7	16	7	44
Rudii Richards	3	9	3	33
William Saint	10	25	6	24
James Russell	10	25	1	4
Cippenham B				
Anna Piercey	10	25	17	68
Rachael Iles	10	25	17	68
Tom Brown	10	25	11	44
Cippenham C				
Isam Sousseing	10	25	15	60
George Driscoll	10	25	12	48
Mateusz Skowera	10	25	9	36
Cippenham D				
Firas Fakhra	10	25	19	76
Kwame Sousseing	10	25	18	72
Feras Jame	10	25	4	16

Bucks Closed Championships Results

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
MS	Robert Hansell	Dave Croucher
LS	Mary Heffernan	Sue Hayes
MD	Robert Hansell	Shae Thakker
	Dave Croucher	William Fricker
XD	Robert Hansell	Shae Thakker
	Mary Heffernan	Sue Hayes
VMS	Dave Croucher	Tim Cheek
VD	Dave Croucher	Mary Heffernan
	Tim Cheek	Sue Hayes
O60S	Dave Wackrill	Mike Atkinson

Alec Watson 1941—2019



Alec pictured in action during the 1981-82 National League season and as a member of the original squad for that season and as a member of the successful Building Sub-Committee in 1996

It is with great sadness that Cippenham Table Tennis Club announces the passing, on January 8th, of former Club Chairman and renowned player Alec Watson. He died at Wexham Park Hospital having been admitted early in December. He was 77.

As a player, Alec had few peers in the Buckinghamshire area during his era, having won the Men's Singles title at the Bucks Closed Championships on numerous occasions. That was replicated also by a host of Men's Singles titles in the local leagues: High Wycombe (8 times), Slough (5 consecutive) and Maidenhead (2). As a veteran, Alec was ranked in the top ten in England in the late eighties and was a feared opponent using his guile to vary his chop and float defence, causing opponents much dismay.

Alec's great friend of 62 years, Peter Hillier, remembers watching Alec beat Bobby Stevens, the reigning English Closed Champion, at the 1962-63 Bucks Open held at Slough Community Centre. Probably his greatest win!

Alec first joined Cippenham TTC in 1981 for our debut season in the National (now British) League and played

for the Club a total of 301 times until a ruptured achilles, suffered in a Maidenhead League match at the old Cippenham venue in 1994, ended his playing career.

Alec, who by profession was a bank manager, was also a leader and was Chairman of Cippenham TTC for ten years from 1987 until 1997. This was an era of great progress for the Club

and Alec was also Chairman of the Building Sub-Committee that financed and built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre in 1996. For this and many other things, Alec leaves a legacy that few will emulate at Cippenham.

Our condolences are extended to Alec's wife, Liz, at this sad time.

RIP, Alec.

Team Open draws another maximum entry

Another maximum entry was received for the thirteenth running of the Cippenham Team 2-Star Open in January. In fact, the tournament was once again over-subscribed and many potential entries had to be refused. A maximum of twenty-four teams can be accommodated for this competition which, in addition to being a team rather than individual tournament, also features the progressive knock-out format.

The eventual winners were The Godalming Gechos pairing of Adam Laws and Andrew Smith. Smith, playing at number two, was the stand-out player

in the event and the only player to go throughout the day unbeaten.

In the final the Geckos played their stable mates Godalming, Federica Viterbo and Rory Scott. Both finalists romped through the early stages, winning all their matches 2-0. However, it all changed in the semi-final and final rounds when a deciding match was the order of the day, all three being decided 2-1.

The tournament was organised and refereed by Graham Trimming.

A fuller report appears on the Club's website.

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2018-19

	Full	Conc'n
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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Liam Pitchford - England's No. 1.

Liam Pitchford uses a Butterfly Viscaria blade with Tenergy 05 rubber on both sides

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Weekend Diary

Feb 10	Reading Senior Closed Championships
Feb 16	Senior British League Nat Divs A-2 & B-4
Feb 17	Reading Junior Closed Championships
Feb 23/24	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Mar 2/3	County Championships Over-60 Div 1B
Mar 9	National Junior League (4)
Mar 16/17	Senior British League Nat Divs A-2 & B4
Mar 24	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 30	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1* Open
Mar 31	County Championships Junior Div 1B
May 18/19	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

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