



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Slough Sports Awards - four awards for Club



Another Top Honour for Ken

Cippenham Table Tennis Club supremo Ken Phillips fittingly won another award to add to his illustrious collection when, on 21st March, he received the Service to Sport Award at the Mayor of Slough's Annual Sports Awards. This is a just reward for the vast amount of work that Ken has done for table tennis over the past two decades and it is largely down to Ken's appetite for the sport that he loves that the Cippenham junior coaching scheme is acclaimed as one of the best in the country. In addition to his fantastic record in coaching Ken also does an enormous amount of other work such as organising and refereeing tournaments, and much else besides in his position of Chairman.



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Ken's was not the only award to come to the Club as an unprecedented four awards were won in total. Precocious nine-years old Gavin Evans won the Junior Sportsman of the Year while Commonwealth Games double gold medallist Gareth Herbert won the Senior Sportsman of the Year. For good measure the Club also picked up an award of its own - the Community Club of the Year. This is the third time that the Club has received this award that is given for service in the community. Fittingly, Jan Chapman was selected to receive this on behalf of the Club as it is, in part, because of the weekly sessions that she and Ken run at Arbour Vale special needs school that qualifies the Club for this.



David Hayes

David is the Star at Slough Closed

David Hayes was the star player at the Slough Closed Championships at Cippenham on 2 March winning all but one of the events that he entered as the host club's players dominated all the major events. The 14-years old Cippenham player became the second youngest winner of the Men's Singles title, only current England international Gareth Herbert was younger when he won the first of his two titles. In addition, David added the Men's Doubles, Junior Boys' Singles, Junior Doubles and Handicap Singles titles.

A good entry of 31 players contested the Men's Singles event and all four seeds reached their allotted positions in the semi-finals. Then the shocks began with two tremendous semi-final matches that

were both decided at deuce in the deciding fifth game and both winners came back from two games down. Favourite and number one seed, Mark Banks, who three weeks earlier had won the Maidenhead Closed title, looked to have it all his own way in the first two games against third seed Paul Baker. Mark won those games 11-5, 11-6 but then Paul responded to win the next three 11-9, 11-8, 13-11. At the same time second seed and twice previous champion Mike Rhodes was winning the first two games against David. However the fourth seed, who had recently beaten Mike in the Slough League, proved the fitter and won 12-10 in the fifth. David then continued his fine against Paul by winning the final three-straight 11-8, 11-7, 12-10.

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National Masters at Cippenham
Apr 6/7 - National Cadet Masters
Apr 13/14 - National Junior Masters
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Slough Closed Championships (contd.)

David and Mark had earlier teamed up to win the Men's Doubles, beating Mike and Paul three-straight in the final. Neither pair suffered any alarms along the way to reach the final with the winners having disposed of Gerald Finesilver and Dave Swift in one semi and the runners-up having beaten another Chalfont pair Rob Storey and Peter Schmid in the other.

A small entry for the Ladies' Singles resulted in Cippenham players taking all the honours with Denise Rolfe being crowned champion and Kathy Dudley runner-up. Denise also teamed up with John Barclay to win the Mixed Doubles at the expense of Kathy and Walter Aldridge.



Denise Rolfe

Earlier in the day Paul Baker had won the first of his three runners-up trophies when beaten by Mike Rhodes in the final of the Veterans' Singles. In doing so, Mike completed a fantastic record of seven wins in the last eight years in the event and equalled Frank Earis' record for the most wins. In the semis the two Cippenham players had both got the better of Chalfont players, Mike coming back from 2-1 down against Mike Atkinson and Paul beating John Barclay.

There was a poor entry in the Junior Boys' Singles but conversely a much larger entry in the Cadet Singles. The former provided

ROBERT HANSELL IS THE NEW CLUB CHAMPION



18 years-old Robert Hansell is the new Cippenham Table Tennis Club champion. The High Wycombe player beat his Cippenham British League team mate Mark Jackson in the final of the Open Singles, coming back from 0-4 down in the fifth game to beat the holder 11-9 in a match full of exciting table tennis. Mark failed to read the chopped defence of Robert, who used his long pimped rubber to give him the chance to sweep away his own deadly side and top spin attack. The semi-finalists were Nick Hansell and Elroy Hull.

The two singles finalists also combined to win the Open Doubles, beating tournament organiser Dave Bull and Nick Hansell in the final. Nick gained some consolation in winning the Veterans' Singles while Ashley Shaw produced a double of the Junior Boys' Singles and Cadet Singles. Melanie Farquhar won the Junior Girls' Singles while Alex Polding was successful in the Under-13 Singles.

David Hayes with another of his victories as he defeated Edward Mitchell, a surprise winner over his older brother William, in the final. The Cadet event saw David's only defeat of the day, beaten in the final by James Milton 11-6 in the fifth.

The home club's Alex Polding came through the field to beat Chris Wittchell in the final of the Under-12 Singles and repeated the dose in the final of the Youth Division Singles. Another Cippenham player, Clive Perry, reversed last year's result to beat Burnham's Clive Dawson in the final of the Division 2 Singles.

Incredibly, after a day in which he had played nineteen matches, David Hayes still found the strength and skill to overcome the handicappers and the challenge of Rob Storey to win the Handicap Singles.

Open Singles:

Robert Hansell bt Mark Jackson -6, 3, 5, -6, 9

Open Doubles:

Robert Hansell & Mark Jackson bt Dave Bull & Nick Hansell 4, -10, 3, 6

Veterans' Singles:

Nick Hansell bt Dave Bull 10, 4, 7

Junior Boys' Singles:

Ashley Shaw bt Oliver Shaw 11, 4, 2

Junior Girls' Singles:

1. Melanie Farquhar; 2. Jenny Hansell

Cadet Singles:

Ashley Shaw bt Melanie Farquhar 8, 8, 7

Under-13 Singles:

1. Alex Polding; 2. Rachel Farquhar

Handicap Singles:

Oliver Shaw (+2) bt Elroy Hull (-4) 3, 9, -7, -9, 3

Handicap Doubles:

Melanie Farquhar & Oliver Shaw (+3) bt Elroy Hull & Mark Jackson (-5) 8, 1, 2

Drawn Handicap Doubles:

Elroy Hull & Prabdeep Panesar (-1) bt Dave Bull & Jenny Hansell (scr) 8, -6, 6, 12

Parents' Handicap Singles:

1. Robin Farquhar; 2. Charles Mitchell

Results (all Cippenham unless stated):

Men's Singles:

David Hayes bt Paul Baker 8, 7, 10

Ladies' Singles:

1. Denise Rolfe, 2. Kathy Dudley

Men's Doubles:

Mark Banks & David Hayes bt Paul Baker & Mike Rhodes 9, 12, 6

Mixed Doubles:

1. John Barclay (Chalfont) & Denise Rolfe; 2. Walter Aldridge & Kathy Dudley

Veterans' Singles:

Mike Rhodes bt Paul Baker 8, 9, 6

Junior Boys' Singles:

David Hayes bt Edward Mitchell 3, 2, 3

Cadet Singles:

James Milton bt David Hayes 8, -8, 4, -9, 6

U12 Singles:

Alex Polding bt Chris Wittchell 4, 5, 4

Junior Doubles:

David Hayes & Edward Mitchell bt Stephanie Mitchell & William Mitchell 3, 8, 6

Division 1 Singles:

John Barclay (Chalfont) bt Ashley Mason (Chalfont) 8, 6, -14, 9

Division 2 Singles:

Clive Perry bt Clive Dawson (Burnham) 7, 6, 4

Youth Division Singles:

Alex Polding bt William Mitchell 4, -7, 9, 3

Handicap Singles:

David Hayes (-3) bt Rob Storey (+2) (Chalfont) 6, 9, 3

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"A" Team Surges Up The Table

Cippenham's first team finished the British League Division 1 South season with a flourish during the weekend of 15/16 March, taking seven points from a possible eight and jumping two places in the table from fifth to third. In doing so they also beat both teams that finished above them.

In the final weekend of matches played at their home venue Cippenham were in fine form throughout, especially Clive Payne and Martin Adams who each won seven of their matches. With Mark Butler also contributing five wins it mattered little that top player Richard Tilford was unavailable through work commitments. Lee Dredge played in his place on the Saturday and Gemma Chapman was drafted in for Sunday's matches.

Two wins each from Martin and Clive and one from Mark gave Cippenham a narrow 5-3 win over bottom team EBS-Orange Northampton on Saturday morning. The afternoon match produced a great performance from Cippenham as eventual runners-up Byng Hall Farningham Print were humbled 6-2. Martin and Clive both won their opening matches but at the half-way stage the score was 2-2. Martin then completed his brace with a great three-game win over the highly ranked Adrian Moore and Clive secured his second deuce-in-the-fifth win of the match over Mark Brown. Mark beat Phil Cox also in five games before Lee got his one win of the weekend three-straight over John Huckle.

Buoyed by this result, Cippenham faced the Sunday matches in good spirit. OLOP IMPACT had former England international Dave Barr playing at number one and unsurprisingly he won his two matches against Mark and Martin. Gemma Chapman did not win either of her matches but came so close to doing so against Danny Baxter, losing by the narrowest of margins 11-9 in the fifth. Gemma was 2-1 up and could have beaten Baxter three-straight had she not squandered three points she held to win the game that she lost. However, the team rose above this and secured all the other four sets, the closest being Martin's 12-10 fifth game win over Hari Gehlot. Clive also beat Gehlot as well as Baxter and Mark got the better of Ali Subhan.

Cippenham saved the best for last, going into a 5-1 lead against already champions Horsham before eventually beating the Sussex team 5-3 in the final match. This result leap-frogged Cippenham ahead of Berkshire rivals OLOP into third place. Martin, who beat Dominic Hall and Peter Bartram, and Clive, who got the better of Mayur Majithia and Hall, both bagged a brace while Mark joined in the fun with a fantastic five game success against Bartram.

Cippenham's second string did not have such a good time and their three points saw them slip the opposite direction, from third down to fifth in a very competitive and close Division 2 South. The weekend started well with a 6-2 win over bottom team Hastings. Paul Baker and Robert Lemon were the architects of this victory with two wins each while Mark Jackson and Robert Hansell lost only to the Hastings number one Paul Barry.

The Saturday afternoon match brought a disappointing 5-3 loss to London Progress III. Robert Hansell put Cippenham into the lead with a good three-straight win over Morris Greenberg but, after that, all that could be mustered were wins for Paul and Robert Lemon over Progress reserve Jon Kaufman.

Eventual runners-up Guildford also proved too strong on Sunday morning as Cippenham went down 5-3. The host club was quickly 3-0 in arrears before Robert Lemon and Mark brought the score back to 3-2 with wins over Phil Snelson and Jason Tendler. Robert Hansell also beat Snelson but Cippenham's hopes virtually ended when Robert Lemon lost a marathon second game to Michael Hill 20-18.

Some pride was restored in the final match that produced a 4-4 with Oxford. Robert Lemon was the star, beating both Ray Powell and Andrew Packford, while Paul also beat Packford and Mark had a good win over Karl Bushell.

David Hayes recently received a £250 award from Slough Borough Council's Albert Pusey Memorial Fund. This is the third time he has been fortunate enough to be a beneficiary of this fund.

Cippenham Pirates have won the Slough League title - full details next month.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division One South							
Horsham I	14	8	4	2	69	43	20
Byng Hall FP I	14	9	1	4	67	45	19
Cippenham I	14	8	1	5	63	49	17
OLOP IMPACT I	14	6	5	3	61	51	17
Ellenborough	14	6	4	4	61	51	16
London Progress II	14	6	4	4	55	56	16
EBS Northampton I	14	1	2	11	43	69	4
De Vere NETTS	14	1	1	12	28	83	3
Division Two South							
PSP Westinsure	14	11	2	1	82	30	24
Guildford I	14	7	2	5	58	54	16
London Progress III	14	6	3	5	62	50	15
EBS Northampton II	14	5	5	4	53	59	15
Cippenham II	14	5	4	5	54	58	14
Oxford Fireplace Ctr	14	4	4	6	53	59	12
Horsham II	14	4	2	8	48	64	10
Hastings	14	2	2	10	38	74	6

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Martin Adams	10	20	15	75
Richard Tilford	6	12	8	67
Clive Payne	12	24	15	63
Mark Butler	12	24	13	54
Lee Dredge	10	20	9	45
Martin Gunn	4	8	3	38
Gemma Chapman	2	4	0	0
Cippenham II				
Robert Lemon	10	20	15	75
Lee Dredge	2	4	3	75
Mark Jackson	12	24	12	50
David Hayes	4	8	4	50
Paul Baker	8	16	7	44
Robert Hansell	14	28	12	43
Gemma Chapman	4	8	1	13
James Milton	2	4	0	0

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
5-3 EBS Northampton I	6-2 Hastings
6-2 Byng Hall FP I	3-5 London Progress III
4-4 OLOP IMPACT I	3-5 Guildford I
5-3 Horsham I	4-4 Oxford Fireplace Ctr

National Cadet League Southern Region Final Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Girls' Division One							
Chiltern-CHS	16	13	3	0	86	22	86
St. Andrews	16	12	3	1	86	22	86
Cippenham	16	7	1	8	59	49	59
Hollingbury	16	3	1	12	29	79	29
Reading	16	1	0	15	10	98	10

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Jenny Hansell	11	25	17	68
Catherine Hayes	11	25	16	64
Katie Rule	4	7	3	43
Rachel Farquhar	15	32	10	31
Angela Oetiker	4	8	2	25

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Weekend Diary April/May

April

Sat 5	10:30am	ETTA National Cadet Masters (Day 1)
Sun 6	9:30am	ETTA National Cadet Masters (Day 2)
Sat 12	10:30am	ETTA National Junior Masters (Day 1)
Sun 13	9:30am	ETTA National Junior Masters (Day 2)
Sat 19	9:00am	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open

May

Sat 3	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training
Sun 4	12:30pm	Slough League Youth Division (5)
Sat 31	9:00am	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

Weekday Diary

Mon 5:30 Advanced Coaching
7:30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 7:15 Slough 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

Bar Opening Times

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Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

Roy Niffikeer

It is with great sadness that we report that Burnham Zebras player Roy Niffikeer collapsed and later died while playing at Cippenham on March 20th. Roy received expert professional attention following his collapse while awaiting the arrival of the paramedics. Our condolences go to Roy's family at this time, especially daughter Jackie who is well known to many Cippenham members.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2002-03

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£10.00	£5.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£17.50	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.00	£0.50
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.75	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Slough Youth Division Match Fees	£0.50	£0.50
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£3.00	**£1.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 st group)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 nd group)		£15.00
* plus £1.00 (50p) for non-members		
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The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Apr 1	Slough League Tunes Cup S/F-Final (Tu)
Apr 15	Slough League Promotion Play-Offs (Tu)
Apr 16	Southern Region training day (Wed)
Jun 1	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 1	Cippenham TTC Annual General Meeting
Jun 14	Southern Region Junior Assessment
Jun 15	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 12	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

Other Cippenham TTC Events

May 10	British League Annual Conference
May 24/25	National Team Finals

Bucks Finish Well

The Buckinghamshire county team, comprising entirely of Cippenham players, won all four matches as the Junior Premier Division concluded at Grantham over the weekend of 22/23 March. However, because of a poor first weekend when the team was hampered by the absence of Bradley Evans, away on international duty, the finishing position was fourth, ahead of all the teams beaten this time round. The luckless victims to the Bucks surge were Sussex (10-0), Essex (8-2), Surrey (also 8-2) and Lincolnshire (7-3).

New Slough League Men's Singles champion David Hayes was the most successful of the Bucks players, winning all eight of his matches from the number three position. National Academy resident Bradley Evans, playing at the top of the order, won six out of eight, one less than his precocious nine-years old brother Gavin who won seven. To lose only once against some of the best players in the country at an age level nine years his senior once again demonstrated Gavin's huge potential. Gemma Chapman also won seven, losing only to England senior international Joanna Parker, while Emily Tucker won a creditable five matches.

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