

CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Still Fifth

Ken Phillips reports from the second weekend.

Having finished in an expected fifth place after the first weekend we approached Kettering more with hope than dreams of success.

In our first match we raced to a 0-3 deficit against a strong Peniel team and the writing appeared to be on the wall for another disappointing weekend. Jesper Hougaard then played superbly to beat top 20 junior Ben Linnecar and Martin Rule followed with a relatively easy success over their number three. David Ralls then beat England number 30 David Coleman to round off a good team performance with a 3-3 draw.

The next match saw us face the champions elect from Launceston and although Jesper beat another top 20 junior in Robert Abbots and Martin won one, Nick found the opposition too strong and we lost 2-4.

The final game of the day against the bottom team was perhaps the disappointment of the weekend. Jesper played well to record two victories but David with one and Nick with none failed to impress against mediocre opposition and we had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

Sunday's first game against a strong Irish Boys team saw us lose 1-5 with only Martin winning a game. This result is not as bad as it appears with the lads playing well to no avail.

The final match of the weekend provided a good 5-1 victory against Light Freight Generation II with Martin and David winning two each and Jesper one.

We ended in fifth place as expected, but given the jump from Division Three to Division One and the fact that three of our players are still cadets, the overall performance was good. Our player of the weekend must be Jesper who played at number one and did himself a lot of good with wins against top 20 juniors.

Coaching at Cippenham - What A Success!

After a quiet beginning, the numbers attending the coaching sessions have built up well with the Tuesday and Thursday sessions now attracting 20 or so participants. The Monday evening advanced sessions for invited juniors began with some 30 plus members and this will increase to 40 after Easter as more younger players show the commitment and potential required.

Only two members of the elite group do not have an England ranking and half a dozen of the younger advanced group appear on the list. At cadet (under-14) level we have three players in the England top 20 and at under-12 we have three in the top ten boys and two in the top ten girls.

The beginners groups are starting to produce some decent youngsters and more recently have attracted a fair number of Westgate pupils which should cement our partnership with the school.

We have yet to provide a coaching facility specifically for adults but one or two older Club members do attend the beginners group in an effort to improve their game.

Feeders are still required for the advanced squads and anyone interested should contact Ken Phillips. We are gradually building up our coaching team with one or two looking to advance their qualification.

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Division 1 Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Launceston	10	8	2	0	43	17	18
Irish Boys	10	6	2	2	41	19	14
Peniel A	10	4	3	3	36	24	11
Generation II	10	2	4	4	27	33	8
Cippenham	10	2	3	5	20	40	7
Britannia	10	0	2	8	13	47	2

Averages

	P	W	Av
David Ralls	12	7	58.3
Martin Rule	18	7	38.9
Jesper Hougaard	18	6	33.3
Nicholas Wilson	12	0	0.0

Highlights of the Season so far

October

1st - after nearly five years of planning Cippenham Table Tennis Centre is finally opened. It was not finished but the health and safety plan was signed at 4pm - three hours to spare!

13th - first outside event held at the Centre - the regional junior trials.

19th - first county matches and coach education class held at the Centre.

31st - Cippenham nominated as ETTA Club of the Year!

November

9th - Cippenham makes debut in Veterans' British League.

9th - first international at the Centre when England play Slovakia in a mens' friendly. Cippenham's own Gareth Herbert makes his full debut in this match.

9/10th - Cippenham's juniors gain outstanding success at St. Ives Team Tournament.

30th - Slough win Bucks Mens Inter-League at the Centre

December

1st - Gareth Herbert retains his Junior Boys Singles title at the English Junior Nationals.

7th - first open tournament - the Cadet 2-Star - held at the Centre. The first open tournament in Slough for 25 years. A home win for Martin Rule.

National Lottery grants an additional £21,000 to complete works at the Centre

January

4/5th - Slough make a clean sweep of Bucks Junior and Cadet Inter-League competitions held at the Centre.

19th - Cippenham clinches Womens' British League Division 3 title at first attempt.

21st - England play Germany in European Womens' League Super Division Semi-Final at the Centre.

February

9th - Jesper Hougaard qualifies for Junior and Cadet Masters - to be held at Cippenham in April. Gareth Herbert and Martin Rule are pre-qualified.

16th - Clean sweep for Cippenham at Bucks Junior Closed at the Centre

22nd - Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open proves a resounding success.

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Latest England Rankings (published 29th January)

Men (top 500)

30 Gareth Herbert
36 Neil Charles
80 Justin Goodall
236 Robert Pountney
246 Mike Levene
294 Mike Rhodes
423 Nick Hansell
454 Tarn Gascoyne
477 Steve Joel

Veteran Men

63 Mike Rhodes
107 Nick Hansell
150 Maurice Isaacs
170 Peter Bradley
199 Graham Trimming
202 Mike Harris
223 Ken Phillips
246 Chris Dickens

Junior Boys (top 200)

1 Gareth Herbert
11 Robert Pountney
31 Jesper Hougaard
33 Martin Rule
67 David Ralls
76 Nicholas Wilson
151 Paul Pountney
180 Robert Wilson
185 Kevin Cruikshank
188 Philip Davies

Cadet Boys

4 Jesper Hougaard
6 Martin Rule
17 Nicholas Wilson
34 Paul Pountney
40 Robert Wilson
43 Kevin Cruikshank
47 Johnny Davidson
60 Daniel Jacobs
61 Joe Ferguson
89 Ben Beveridge
93 Robert Hansell
104 Warren Brooks
126 John Camilleri

Veteran Women

19 Jackie Thomas
35 Muriel Hooker

Women (top 200)

15 Sue Collier
30 Samantha Marling
75 Jackie Thomas
112 Muriel Hooker
117 Isabel Walker
123 Jacquie Lovell
152 Kay Leslie
190 Wendy Barlow

Under-12 Boys

5 Robert Wilson
6 Johnny Davidson
8 Joe Ferguson
17 Warren Brooks
23 John Camilleri

Junior Girls

66 Jane Dickens
94 Claire Maher
96 Gemma Chapman
166 Emma Human

Cadet Girls

23 Gemma Chapman
64 Emma Human

Under-12 Girls

7 Gemma Chapman
19 Emma Human

Southern Region League Results

Premier Division

The Mens' "A" team has yet to play!

First Division

Cippenham "B" 3; Bournemouth Sports 6
OLOP 1; Cippenham "B" 8

Kingfisher 6; Cippenham "B" 3

Bournemouth Sports 5; Cippenham "B" 4

Ladies' League

Aldershot "A" 5; Cippenham 0

Cippenham 0; OLOP 5

Cippenham 1; Ash 4

Bucks Senior Closed Results

VS: Mike Rhodes, runner-up

Bucks Junior Closed Results

Junior Boys Singles:

J Hougaard (Slough) bt D Ralls (Aylesbury) 20, 17

Junior Girls Singles:

R Eldridge (High Wycombe) bt H Carr (Milton Keynes) 10, 12

Junior Boys Doubles:

J Hougaard (Slough) & D Ralls (Aylesbury) bt W Brooks & D Brooks (High Wycombe) 6, 21

Junior Girls Doubles:

F Parnell (Slough) & R Eldridge (High Wycombe) bt K Tweedy (Slough) & A Hedley (High Wycombe) 15, 3

Junior Mixed Doubles:

M Hickman & R Eldridge (High Wycombe) bt E Hedley & A Hedley (High Wycombe) 10, 8

Cadet Boys Singles:

J Hougaard (Slough) bt W Brooks (High Wycombe) 9, 10

Cadet Girls Singles:

F Parnell (Slough) bt K Tweedy (Slough) 19, 18

Under-12 Boys Singles:

J Ferguson (Chalfont) bt W Brooks (High Wycombe) 14, 13

Under-12 Girls Singles:

F Parnell (Slough) bt K Tweedy (Slough) 17, 16

Titles Galore at Bucks Junior Closed



It was another good day for Cippenham when the Bucks Junior Closed Championships were held at the Centre on 16th February. Members of the Cippenham coaching scheme won all of the nine events despite the absence of Martin Rule and Jane Dickens who would have been hot favourites for a number of events.

Pride of place went to Jesper Hougaard who won all three events he entered - the Junior Boys Singles, Cadet Boys Singles and Junior Boys Doubles. Rebecca Eldridge and Francesca Parnell also each won three events. Rebecca won the Junior Girls Singles and the Junior Mixed Doubles while Francesca was successful in the Cadet Girls Singles and the Under-12 Girls Singles. Together they won the Junior Girls Doubles.

Other winners were Joe Ferguson in the Under-12 Boys Singles and David Ralls who partnered Jesper Hougaard to success in the Junior Boys Doubles.

Most of the finalists were also from Cippenham with Warren Brooks and Katherine Tweedy both being runners-up in three events. Twice Katherine lost to Francesca Parnell - in the finals of the Cadet Girls Singles and the Under-12 Girls Singles while she also lost in the final of the Junior Girls Doubles. Warren mirrored this performance in the counterpart boys' events.

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Maidenhead Closed Results

WS: Sue Collier, winner

WS: Isabel Walker, runner-up

XD: Sue Collier, winner

VS: Mike Rhodes, runner-up

BS: Philip Davies, winner

GS: Claire Maher, runner-up

JD: Philip Davies, winner

JD: Claire Maher, runner-up

U15S: Claire Maher, runner-up

U13S: Gemma Chapman, winner

U13S: Emma Human, runner-up

PDS: Sue Collier, winner

Womens' British League

Due to lack of space in last month's News we omitted the averages from the successful Cippenham team in the Womens' British League Division 3 - champions at the first attempt.

Averages

	P	W	Av
Sue Collier	20	20	100.0
Isabel Walker	12	11	91.7
Jacquie Lovell	14	10	71.4
Claire Plumridge	8	4	50.0
Jackie Thomas	6	3	50.0

Men's British League Team

The Club is planning to enter a team into the lowest division of the Men's British League for next season. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact Steve Joel on 01753 867121.

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Coach to the World's?

If you are interested in joining a party from Cippenham for a visit to the World Championships on Saturday 3rd May then give Katie Dickens a call on 01628 666004. Katie is canvassing interest for a coach party to leave Cippenham at 6.00 a.m. and spend the whole day until 6.00 p.m. in Manchester at the World's.

The schedule for 3rd May is:

10:00 Men's & Women's Doubles, rounds 5 & 6
12:30 Mixed Doubles, quarter-finals
13:30 Men's & Women's Singles, rounds 6 & 7
21:30 Mixed Doubles, semi-finals

Ken and Graham pass umpires test

Ken Phillips and Graham Trimming both recently qualified as County Umpires - although neither has any inclination to get into umpiring seriously. Why did they do it? - it is the first step to becoming Tournament Referees and with the Centre now hosting open tournaments the Club needs to become more self sufficient in this respect.



More Lottery Cash!

The National Lottery, who had already provided £255,000 towards the building of the Centre, have now come up with another £21,000 to enable it to be finished. Tenders are being obtained for the road works and car park and this work is scheduled for the Easter holidays.

Another Great Win For Gareth

Gareth Herbert secured one of the best wins in his career so far at the Yasaka Midland Open. He reached the final of the Mens Singles after defeating former England international Nicky Mason in the semi.

Well done, Gareth - there will be more to come!

The second open tournament at Cippenham was a great success with 68 entries

Mike is so close at Veterans' Open

Mike Rhodes came so close to making it a home win when Cippenham held its Veterans' Open Championships on 22nd February. In the end Mike had to content himself with the runners-up trophy after losing a three game thriller to Derek Wood. Seeded sixth for the tournament, Mike won the first game of the final 21-19 and had seemingly ended the Essex player's aspirations when he led 14-7 in the second game. Incredibly, Wood found new inspiration and reeled off a succession of points to win the game 21-16. Despite leading at the start of the third game, Mike could not quite find the finishing line and Wood won an exciting third game 21-18.

In his semi-final Mike had overcome his unseeded Bucks team mate Mike Atkinson of Chiltern while Wood, who was seeded seventh, comprehensively ended the threat of second seeded Paul Beck of Kent.

It was a day when the seeds did not have things all their own way. Number one seed Terry Guymer (Essex) failed to appear and fifth seed Dennis Holland (Gloucestershire) pulled out in the week before with a back injury. Fourth seed Derek Holman (Surrey), many people's favourite for the title, did not even qualify from his group, beaten by Glenn Johnson (Essex). Third seeded Ramesh Bhalla (Hampshire) came only second in his group and was then eliminated in the first knock-out round by Terry Parkins (Wiltshire).

Apart from Mike Rhodes, two other Cippenham members qualified from their groups but Peter Hillier and Paul Savage were both eliminated in the first round. In the consolation event, tournament organiser Graham Trimming played well throughout the afternoon dispatching two Oxfordshire county players and then a player from the Netherlands before losing to Fred Dove (Suffolk) in the final. Also in the consolation Chris Dickens had a good run through to the semi-final.

To complete an Essex clean sweep, Marilyn Bawden won the Womens' Singles despite finishing only second in her group after losing to Oxfordshire's Janet Brown. Bawden was seeded one and expected to win, but her loss in the group meant that she met second seed Pauline Steel (Sussex) in the semi-final. After losing the first game, Bawden found her form and reached the final when she beat surprise finalist Sharon Mitchell (Berkshire). Mitchell had beaten Janet Brown in the semi-final 22-20, 21-19.

The trophies were presented by Mick Strode, Referee Extraordinaire! Thanks, Mick!

Results:

Mens Singles:

D Wood (Clacton) bt M Rhodes (Slough) 19, 16, 18

Womens Singles:

M Bawden (Burnham-on-Sea) bt S Mitchell (Reading) 14, 12

Consolation Mens Singles:

F Dove (Chelmsford) bt G Trimming (Slough) 17, 15

Consolation Womens Singles:

G Beer (Bristol) bt D Gilbert (E Grinstead) 8, 7

Despite a clash of dates with the Reading Closed, the Staines Closed, Maidenhead 50th Anniversary Dinner (and the Estonian Womens' Team Finals!) the event proved a great success with 68 entries - nearly a full house. Watch out next for June 7th.

PS. If his eight matches at the Open were not enough, Mike road off into the night to win the Staines Veterans title.



Have you got your new Club kit yet?



This is the new Cippenham TTC kit - as worn by the German national teams. Brilliant value at just £73 for shirt, shorts and tracksuit, with the Club's attractive new logo printed on already for you! Order yours now from

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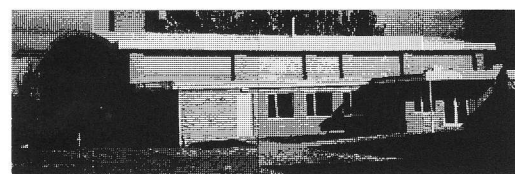
1997 Weekend Diary

March

- Sun 2nd 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League
Sat 8th 2.00pm Wilmott Cup (men) - Slough v. Plymouth
Sun 9th Southern Region League - "B" v. OLOP
Sat 15th 9.00am Cippenham Club Championships
Sat 22nd 9.00am Slough Closed Championships
Sun 23rd 9.00am Slough Closed Championships

April

- Sat 5th 10.00am National Junior & Cadet Masters
Sun 6th 9.30am National Junior & Cadet Masters
Sat 12th 9.00am Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Sun 13th 9.00am Berkshire Closed Championships



Slough - Top of the Charts

In the March edition of *Spin Into Action* - the ETTA Southern Region newsletter - Steve Chu, the Region's Projects Officer has graded all 26 leagues in the Region on the basis of four categories - development plan; local authority links; Woolwich Junior League; specialised facilities in place or in development.

Surprise, surprise, Slough comes out on top with a maximum 16 points. But is it Slough, or is it Cippenham?

1997 Weekday Diary

- Mon** 5.30 Advanced Coaching
7.30 Excellence Coaching
Tues 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables
Wed 7.30 Grand Prix Tournament
Thurs 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday to Thursday

9pm - 11pm

Key Events To Watch Out For!

Club Championships & Handicap - 15th March

18 events open to all Club members. Make sure that your entry form is returned to Graham Trimming by 8th March (don't be late!). There are also two parents' events - so kids, tell your mum and dad!

Slough Closed Championships - 22/23 March

Your entry form should have been returned to Gareth Lovell by now. If it hasn't, the draw is not until March 12th so give Gareth a call.

English Junior and Cadet Masters - 5/6 April

See Gareth Herbert, Martin Rule and Jesper Hougaard competing against England's other leading junior and cadet players in this show-piece event of the annual calendar. A must for spectators!

Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open - 12th April

Get your entry form in to Mike Atkinson by 24th March.

The Masters Comes To Town

One of England's most prestigious tournaments, the Junior and Cadet Masters, comes to Cippenham on the weekend of April 5th and 6th.

The top twelve boys and girls in the under-17 and under-14 age groups will provide a feast of table tennis for the spectator. All members are strongly urged to come and watch.

As a bonus, Cippenham will have two representatives on both days. Jesper Hougaard qualified for both age groups at the recent trials, while Gareth Herbert and Martin Rule were pre-selected because of their high ranking positions. They would appreciate your support.

Saturday 5th April - Junior Boys, Cadet Girls including Gareth Herbert, Jesper Hougaard

Sunday 6th April - Cadet Boys, Junior Girls including Jesper Hougaard, Martin Rule

Let us all cheer on a home win!

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