



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Gareth's Inspiration pays dividends as England's number one takes the £1,000 top prize**

## Drinkhall the Champagne



Champion—Paul Drinkhall



Runner-up—Kazeem Adeleke

**C**ippenham Table Tennis Centre played host to some of the biggest names in British table tennis the first weekend in July. The event was the Fusion Masters, masterminded by double Commonwealth Games gold medallist and former Cippenham favourite Gareth Herbert. He brought together some of the top names from England, Scotland and Wales including Paul Drinkhall, Britain's number one and currently 125 in the World. Also present was Scottish number one Gavin Rungay, who unfortunately had to pull out injured early on Sunday, and Scottish number four Niall Cameron who eventually reached the semi-final.

Apart from Drinkhall, the English contingent featured all the five players ranked seven to eleven plus two more in the top 20 and number two woman Joanna Parker. Wales were represented by their number six Ryan Owen.

Altogether about ninety players took part with sixty of those having to qualify via the preliminary groups on Saturday. The 32 winners and runners-up from those groups then returned on Sunday to battle it out with the top 28 seeded players. The top two in each of those second stage groups then engaged in an unseeded knock-out competition with each round being drawn individually, FA Cup style.

The first names out of the hat for the knock-out were Damien Nicholls and David McBeath, ranked tenth and eleventh in England respectively. This set the competition off to a cracking pace with the two England internationals attacking one another in fierce combat. McBeath eventually won the match of the round 11-6 in the deciding game. Meanwhile, Cippenham's own star player Robert Hansell was going the distance with Euan Liddle but eventually lost close

also in the fifth game.

Into the quarter-finals and the last eight players included five England senior internationals, one international player from each of Scotland and Cameroon and the almost unknown Nigerian Kazeem Adeleke.

The best match of the quarters was between two former Cippenham players. Tournament organiser Gareth Herbert, who now spends much more time coaching than in competition, against the 2008 European Cadet Boys' champion Gavin Evans. This match had everything including a controversial ending when Evans claimed an edge point at 11-all in the fifth. The umpire did not see it and awarded the point to Herbert who then won the next point. The umpire called 13-11 and match to a bemused Herbert who seemed reluctant to respond. After much debate

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## More from the Fusion Masters



On the podium: Kazeem Adeleke; Paul Drinkhall; event organiser Gareth Herbert and ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch

## Friday shut down

All members are advised that, after the session on 29 July, Friday evenings will be closed for a summer recess.

### Cippenham 5 by 2 Junior & Senior 1-Star Open

**Sunday 28 August**

#### Events:

**Junior Open Singles  
Senior Open Singles**

**Entries close 19 August**

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the score was changed to 12-all but it was Herbert, anyway, that won the next two points and the match.

Paul Drinkhall's serene progress saw him see off Dean Cundy 3-0 while Cameron beat the Cameroon Hubert Noah Essomba 3-1 and Adeleke beat England number seven Matt Ware 3-0.

By now Adeleke was making his presence felt having beaten Nathan Thomas and Euan Liddle, as well as Ware, all 3-0 and his semi-final against Herbert went the same route as did Drinkhall's against Cameron. That brought Paul Drinkhall and Kazeem Adeleke head to head in the final. A large crowd of about sixty had stayed to watch the match and they were treated to some fine table tennis with exciting rallies even if the result of the match never really seemed in doubt. Drinkhall just oozed class as he ran out a worthy champion 11-6, 11-7, 11-4.

English Table Tennis Association Chairman Alex Murdoch was on hand to present the winners' cheques, a massive £1,000 to the winner Drinkhall and £200 to the runner-up Adeleke. ETTA Grand Prix Press Officer Geoff Ware then presented both with a bottle of champagne which the players delighted in spraying over the watching crowd.



Many grateful thanks to Alan Man, a member of Cippenham some 20 years ago, for these wonderful photos (except for "On the Podium") © 2am Photography.

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**Some more stars  
in action.  
Clockwise:  
Joanna Parker;  
Gareth Herbert;  
Robert Hansell;  
Niall Cameron**



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## Cippenham—Star of TV



Part of Graham's collection of table tennis artefacts lined up for the TV recording

You've heard the marketing expression "As seen on TV"? Well now Cippenham Table Tennis Club can make that claim having been featured on Blighty TV channel's programme "The Ball's In Our Court" on July 7.

The hour-long programme, one of four in a series shown that week, featured four sports including table tennis, defining the origins and history of each.

Most of the ten minute excerpt on table tennis was filmed at Cippenham one Thursday evening last November. Cippenham members were seen practising during their normal Thursday session and there was even a glimpse of a match in the Maidenhead League. Prominent amongst Cippenham members, Ben Cunningham and Steve Buck were seen slugging it out in fast topspin to topspin rallies.

Club Chairman Graham Trimming was interviewed about the origins and history of the sport, chronicling its evolution from the parlour game of the 1890's, through the boom years of 1901-4, its demise and regeneration in the 1920's to the modern sport we know today. To demonstrate he used many artefacts from his large collection of table tennis antiques and memorabilia.

## The Past Year in Summary

### August

The Club's new format for open tournaments kicks off with the Cippenham Super 6 Junior 2-Star Open.

### September

Steve Buck wins at the first attempt as a veteran at the Cippenham 5 by 2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open.

### October

Super Ref Mick Strode is honoured with the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award while Paul Baker, Alex Nagle and Charleigh Kirby are the recipients of the Player of the Year awards.



### November

The ever popular Cippenham Team 2-Star Open is won by a Cardiff Coconuts duo that includes Nick Brown.

The Clubs joins the social media revolution by launching its Facebook and Twitter sites.

A television camera is a welcome visitor to a Thursday evening practice session as Club members are filmed and Graham Trimming interviewed for a programme about the origins and history of table tennis.



Steve Buck organises a 24-hour table tennis marathon in aid of Help for Heroes.

### December

Two Cippenham teams lie first and second in the Maidenhead League Premier Division at the Christmas break.

### January

Robert Hansell is a gallant runner-up in the Open Singles at the Cippenham 5 by 2 Senior & Junior 1-Star Open.

Cippenham TTC is named as ETTA Premier Club National Club of the Year.

### February

The Club hosts an Umpires' Training Seminar on behalf of the ETTA.



Cippenham Boys become JBL Division 1 champions.

It is a dismal final weekend in the British League as the second team drop to the bottom of their division.

The women's team finish fourth in Division 4 of the WBL.

Ricky Hardcastle and Eddie Mitchell win titles at the Maidenhead Closed Championships.

### March

Alex Nagle, Harrison Simmonds and Joseph Underwood comprise the Dr. Challoner's Grammar School team that finish second in the national under-13 schools' championships.

### April

Cippenham Saxons miss out on the Maidenhead League Premier Division title by a single point.

Our boys' team finish top of the National Junior League Southern Region Division 2.

12 volunteers are trained in emergency life support during a half-day course at the Club.

### May

Cippenham veteran women crown their debut season in VBL by winning Division 2.



### June

There is a very encouraging turnout once more for the Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival.

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## Weekend Diary August/September

### August

Sun 28 Cippenham 5 by 2 Senior & Junior 1-Star Open

### September

Sat 3 Gareth Herbert's Summer Camp  
 Sun 4 Gareth Herbert's Summer Camp  
 Sat 10 Gareth Herbert's Summer Camp  
 Sun 11 Gareth Herbert's Summer Camp  
 Sat 17 British League Divs 1 South & 2 South & East  
 Sun 18 British League Divs 1 South & 2 South & East  
 Sun 25 UKCC Level 1 Coach Education Course

## Weekday Timetable

**Mon** 19:15 Advanced Coaching Group  
**Tues** 19:15 Local league matches (out of season)  
 19:30 Practice tables  
 19:40 Grand Prix  
**Thurs** 17:15 Beginners' coaching  
 19:15 Local league matches (out of season)  
 19:30 Practice tables

## Fees Season 2011-12

	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)		£30.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

**Annual Spring Clean** –can you spare a couple of hours on the morning of Sunday 14 August? If so, please come along to the Club from 10:00 am and help with the annual clean-up prior to the start of the new season. Thanks.



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## Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

Oct 1 Buckinghamshire County Trials  
 Oct 15/16 County Championships Senior Premier Div  
 Oct 22 Cippenham 5 by 2 Senior & Veterans' 1\*  
 Oct 23 National Cadet League (1)  
 Oct 30 Cippenham Team 2\* Open  
 Nov 5 National Junior League (1)  
 Nov 6 UKCC Level 1 Coach Education Course  
 Nov 12/13 County Championships Junior Premier Div  
 Nov 26 National Junior League (2)  
 Dec 3 County Championships  
 Dec 4 National Cadet League (2)  
 Dec 10/11 British League Division 2 South & East  
 Jan 15 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E  
 Jan 21 County Championships Junior Div 2D  
 Jan 22 National Cadet League (3)  
 Jan 28 National Junior League (3)  
 Feb 4/5 UKCC Level 2 Coach Education Course  
 Feb 18/19 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E  
 Feb 25 County Championships  
 Feb 26 Cippenham 5 by 2 Cadet & Under-13 1\*  
 Mar 3 National Junior League (4)

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