

It's Martin's Title at the Open

Martin Adams became the first Cippenham member to win the Men's Singles title at the Cippenham 2 Star Open Championships on 7th January at the sixth running of the event.

Martin, who plays for Cippenham in the British League and spearheads the Cippenham Aces team in the new Cippenham Super League, was largely untroubled throughout the day. After winning his group the top seed accounted for Roland Zaubmayr and then demolished Berkshire county player Hari Gehlot 21-4, 21-10 in the quarter-final. The semi-final saw Martin beat another Cippenham Super League player, Karl Bushell, the Oxfordshire number one, 21-19, 21-16 before beating Surrey's Steve Davis 21-8, 25-23 in the final. The second game of the final brought out the best in both Martin and Davis who fought out a series of rallies with the ball spinning furiously and travelling at break-neck speed.

Davis' semi-final victim had been Neil Wright of Hertfordshire, the number six seed who had scored an impressive victory over second seed Ramesh Bhalla in the semi. Another Cippenham member, Maurice Isaacs, turned back the years by beating Geoff Grange and Tom Adams before falling to Davis in the quarters. Five other Cippenham members survived the group stage: Robert Hansell, Phil Clarkson, Terry Boxall, Tim Heaps and Andy Misseldine but only the latter went one round further.

The Women's Singles did not feature many local players and was won by top seed Rosemary Rainton (Sussex) who defeated Amanda Alabaster (Kent) in the final. The semi-finalists were Sharon Mitchell of Reading and Ashford's Diane Melville.



Martin Adams with his winner's cheque

Men's Singles:

Martin Adams (Reading) bt Steve Davis (Sy) 8, 23

Women's Singles:

Rosemary Rainton (Sx) bt Amanda Alabaster (K) -19, 12, 7

Men's Consolation:

Ken Philipson (Bu) bt Patrick Caunt (Sy) 22, 13

Women's Consolation:

Gail Davey (Sx) bt Flavia Wade (Mi) 19, 16

WOMEN QUALIFY FOR GAINSFORD CUP FINALS

Like the men's team the week before, Cippenham women's team progressed in the Gainsford Cup on 6th January, despite losing 5-2 to Settlement (North Herts), due to Norton Ladies (Potteries) failing to raise a side. Cippenham were represented by Gemma Chapman, Claire Plumridge and Ruth Bentley and now qualify for the national finals in May.



Club of the Year 1996
Club of the Year 1997

An Evening with Matt Syed

Wednesday 14th February 2001, 7.30pm

at Kingfisher TTC, Bulmershe School, Woodley

Matt is to give a talk on his table tennis exploits at world level and answer questions from the audience

followed by a challenge match against Terry Young

Adults £5; Juniors £2 (inc. coaching from Matt from 5pm)



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News in Short

Club Championships

The date has been set for the annual Club Championships and Handicap Tournament - Saturday 12th May - so make a note in your diaries now. This is a popular event, having attracted more than 50 entries in the past two years and there is plenty of table tennis for players of all standards.

Gordon Veneer

Our condolences go to Georgia Veneer on the sad passing of her husband Gordon in January. We hope to see Georgia playing again as soon as she is able.

Ormesby Cup Draw

In Stage 2 of the Ormesby Cup, to be played on April 7th, Cippenham have been drawn at home against Farnham Central (Aldershot), Ifield (Crawley/Horsham) and Edmonton (North Middlesex).

Another Award for Kai

Cippenham's Kai Milvek was given the award for Veteran Player of the Year in Estonia in recognition of her bronze medal in the Women's Doubles event at the World Veterans' Championships in Vancouver and her quarter-final placing in the Women's Singles at the same tournament.

Slough out of Alec Brook

Slough's veteran men's team of Mike Rhodes, Paul Baker and Graham Trimming crashed out of the Alec Brook Trophy at Stage 1 when losing to Guildford 4-5 and Bromley 2-5. Mike and Paul each won three times for Slough.

Nothing to Cheer at WBL

Both Cippenham teams returned from the final session of the Women's British League in Cheshire unsuccessful. The first team finished bottom of the Premier Division, and only secured one draw and a walkover in the last five matches. It was known some days before the event that league leaders Ulster Ladies would not be present so, having only four matches to play, the first team decided to travel with only three players. This spared Kai Milvek, their most successful player in the first weekend, the flight over from her home in Estonia.

Surprisingly, the draw came in the final match of the weekend and was gained at the expense of the second-placed team Leeds Ladies. Cippenham went 3-0 down in this match before Joanna Parker, Rebecca Fisher and Gemma Chapman all won their final matches.

The weekend began with a disappointing 5-1 reverse against Hull Sandhill for whom Cippenham member Samantha Marling plays. Nevertheless, three sets were lost at -17 in the third or closer in this match including Gemma Chapman's deuce in the third defeat by Joanna Roberts. Further defeats were suffered at the hands of Suvi Sportswear, the champions, and Horsham.

The second team finished fifth in Division 2 but was severely weakened during the weekend by the absence of team captain Clare Plumridge (business commitments) and Sue Hayes (family illness). Jan Chapman deputised to play alongside Ruth Bentley and Jane Dickens. Cippenham's only point came in the 3-3 draw with Norton Ladies when Ruth Bentley starred with a brace and Jane secured the third.

Ruth played well all weekend and picked up two more in the 2-4 defeat by Midland Ladies as well as two others in the other matches. Jan also played well to win a set, in the final match against Norwich, and was unlucky to fail at deuce in the third in the 2-4 defeat by Sutton at Hone.

Though Cippenham may not have had the best results, it has to be borne in mind that both teams were promoted out of turn to a division higher than anticipated, and both lacked their star players for the second half.

Use of Equipment

Please note that any competitive matches may be played on the newer (and better) Donic Waldner Sinus tables and also scoring machines for matches are kept in the office - there is no need to use the really



Ruth Bentley

Results:

Cippenham I 6; Ulster Ladies 0 (w.o.)
Cippenham I 1; Hull Sandhill 15
Cippenham I 0; Suvi Sportswear I 6
Cippenham I 1; Horsham Ladies 5
Cippenham I 3; Leeds Ladies 3
Cippenham II 2; Sutton at Hone 4
Cippenham II 2; Midland Ladies 4
Cippenham II 3; Norton Ladies 3
Cippenham II 0; SEH Windows & Doors 6
Cippenham II 2; Norwich Gels 4

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division							
Suvi Sportswear I	10	5	4	1	38	22	14
Leeds Ladies	10	4	4	2	36	24	12
Hull Sandhill I	10	4	2	4	31	29	10
Horsham Ladies	10	4	2	4	31	29	10
Ulster Ladies	10	4	1	5	21	39	9
Cippenham I	10	1	3	6	23	37	5
Division 2							
SEH Wind/Doors	10	8	1	1	44	16	17
Norton Ladies	10	7	2	1	43	17	16
Midland Ladies	10	5	1	4	29	31	11
Sutton at Hone	10	2	2	6	20	40	6
Cippenham II	10	2	1	7	23	37	5
Norwich Gels I	10	1	3	6	21	39	5

Players' Performances

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Kai Milvek	4	8	5	63
Joanna Parker	8	16	6	38
Gemma Chapman	7	14	4	29
Rebecca Fisher	8	16	2	13
Cippenham II				
Claire Plumridge	4	8	6	75
Ruth Bentley	9	18	10	55
Jane Dickens	8	16	4	25
Sue Hayes	4	8	2	25
Jan Chapman	5	10	1	10

old ones that are stored in the net cupboard. While on the subject of nets, please note that all nets and posts have been colour coded - only use nets and posts together that have the SAME colour code. The others do not fit!!

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Vets Miss Clive but Paul Plays a Blinder

Paul Baker had his best ever series of results for Cippenham in the Veteran's British League Division 2 during the weekend of January 20/21 but despite this his team could only manage three points out of a possible ten.

Cippenham went into the first half of matches under-strength, lacking the services of top player Clive Payne whose results had been instrumental in gaining promotion from Division 3 last season. Clive was unavailable through work commitments but Cippenham swiftly signed up Great Britain paraplegic international player Tim Heaps to replace him.

With Tim at number two in the team, Mike Rhodes was elevated to the number one position with Paul staying at number three.

The weekend got off to a flying start on Saturday morning as Cippenham cruised to a 5-1 win over Seasiders (Blackpool). After Tim had lost the first match to the Seasiders number one, Cippenham staged a comeback with Mike and Paul winning closely fought matches before the last three were won in easier fashion.

However, it proved to be a false dawn as table-toppers Thompson Insurance, from the north-east of England, dented Cippenham's aspirations with a 5-1 beating. Only Paul was successful in this match, getting the better of Colin Hunt at deuce in the third, and was desperately unlucky not to add a second scalp after leading John Williamson by a game and 19-14.

Cippenham suffered another 5-1 defeat on Saturday evening, this time to Graham Spicer Club (New Malden), the team that finished a full five points behind them in Division 3 in the previous season. Again, Cippenham's only success came from Paul with a fantastic 24-22 in the third win over the highly ranked Derek Holman.

On Sunday morning Cippenham played out a 3-3 draw with bottom team Police Athletic Association. Mike got the team off to a great start by demolishing the defence of David Solman, then Paul again came to the fore with wins over Alec Johns and Solman. At 3-2 to Cippenham, Tim could not quite get the further score that was needed when he fell 21-18 in the third to Johns.

In the final match of the weekend Paul capped his superb display with two more wins, over Gary Morgan and Paul Beck but Cippenham still lost 4-2 to Ellenborough (Enfield) and finished in fifth position. Paul's display over the weekend, with eight wins from ten matches, was awesome in a losing team while being the lowest ranked player in the division at the start of play.



(l-r); Paul Baker; Tim Heaps; Mike Rhodes

Results:

Cippenham 1; Seasiders 1
Cippenham 1; Thompson Insurance 5
Cippenham 1; Graham Spicer 5
Cippenham 3; PAA 3
Cippenham 2; Ellenborough 4

League Tables:

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thompson Ins.	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
Graham Spicer	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
Ellenborough	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Seasiders I	5	2	0	3	12	18	4
Cippenham	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
PAA	5	0	1	4	9	21	1

Players' Performances

	M	P	W	Av
Paul Baker	5	10	8	80
Mike Rhodes	5	10	3	30
Tim Heaps	5	10	1	10

For the second weekend in April, Clive Payne is available so the team should be able to move up into a safe position in the table.

FOUR QUALIFY FOR MASTERS

Four Cippenham players qualified for the National Masters tournaments from their results at the National Trials in early January. Bradley Evans and Thomas Mitchell both reached the semi-final of the Cadet Boys' event and qualify while David Hayes, who finished seventh, is first reserve. Gemma Chapman was runner-up in the Junior Girls' and Emily Tucker reached the quarter-final of the Cadet Girls' and won her play-off to also qualify for the Masters.

The Masters events are being staged at Cippenham - March 31st/April 1st for the Cadets and April 21st/22nd for the Juniors.

British League

Division 1 South Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BATTS Team Peniel I	7	7	0	0	42	14	14
DML Plymouth I	7	5	1	1	36	20	11
Barnet Gilmarc II	7	4	1	2	34	22	9
Horsham II	7	3	2	2	30	26	8
Cippenham	7	2	2	3	29	27	6
PSP Moonrakers I	7	1	2	4	20	36	4
Limberlost Pine Poole	7	1	0	6	17	39	2
Ellenborough	7	1	0	6	16	40	2

Players' Performances

	M	P	W	Av
Clive Payne	7	14	11	79
Martin Adams	7	14	7	50
Steve Joel	2	4	2	50
Wesley Bush-Harris	7	14	6	43
Mike Rhodes	5	10	3	30

SUPER LEAGUE

London Progress and Cippenham Aces are locked in a battle for the Cippenham Super League, with OLOP AWCS waiting to pounce if either slip. Knives at last got points on the board when a brace from Tom Mitchell helped them to a victory over Cippenham Kings.

League Table:

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
London Progress	7	6	1	29	6	35
Cippenham Aces	7	6	1	29	6	35
OLOP AWCS	7	5	2	24	11	29
RAMS	6	3	3	15	15	18
Cippenham Kings	6	2	4	8	22	10
Eddie's Lot	7	0	7	6	29	6
Cippenham Knives	6	1	5	4	26	5

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Weekend Diary February/March

February

Sat 3rd	9:00am	Cippenham Junior 3 Star Open
Sun 4th	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training
Sat 10th	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Sun 11th	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Say 17th	9:00am	Reading Closed Championships
Sun 18th	9:00am	Reading Closed Championships
Sun 25th	10:30am	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

March

Sat 3rd	10:00am	Bucks County Session Veterans
Sun 4th	12:30pm	Slough League Youth Divisions
Sat 10th	9:00am	ETTA National Junior League
Sun 11th	9:00am	Cippenham Veterans' 2 Star Open
Sat 17th	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training
Sun 25th	9:00am	Cippenham Cadet 3 Star Open
Sat 31st	10:30am	ETTA National Cadet Masters

Weekday Diary

Mon 5:30 Advanced Coaching
7:30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 5:15 Beginners' Coaching
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
7:30 Adult Coaching
8:00 Super League matches

Fri 7:00 Elite Coaching

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2000-01

	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
Super League Registration	£5.00	£2.50
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Super League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Slough Woolwich Junior League 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	ETTA National Cadet Masters
Apr 7/8	Slough Closed Championships
Apr 18	Slough Promotion/Relegation Playoffs
Apr 21/22	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 6	Cippenham U12 2 Star Open
May 12	Cippenham Closed Championships
May 13	Southern Region Junior Training
Jun 2/3	Cippenham Young Players' Festival
Jun 16	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open

Other Cippenham TTC Events

Feb 3/4	ETTA British League (Harlow)
Feb 10	ETTA Nat. Junior League (Chesham)
Feb 17/18	ETTA Junior British League
Apr 7	ETTA Ormesby Cup Stage 2
Apr 21/22	ETTA Veterans' British League (Stratford)
May 5/6	ETTA British League (Harlow)

Melanie Farquhar



Winner of U11GS at the U9/10/11 Open

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