



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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11 members qualify in first aid



Pictured above: (back row) Bharath Prasanna Kumar; Newton Moraes; Keith Hall; Ken Phillips; Tim Kiteley; Randall Rodrigues; Graham Trimming; (front row) Jan Chapman; Jyothi Puttaswamy; Margaret Thornton; Sue Hayes.

11 members of Cippenham Table Tennis Club attended a six-hour first aid training course on Saturday 27 September. This was the latest in a series of such courses in which the Club has invested over the years but was the first since 2019 and the most extensive, being professionally delivered by Wallace Cameron Training and covering many different aspects of first aid and not only emergency life support.

The eleven members of the Club, who all achieved an accredited first aid qualification as a result, included members of the Club's Management Committee, duty officers and coaches.

Many thanks to Club Chair Sue Hayes who, in her additional role of Welfare Office, organised the course which was delivered on behalf of Wallace Cameron Training by Sharon Ridgway.

Veterans British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
HurricaneTT	5	4	1	0	20	10	9
Foresters A	5	4	0	1	18	12	8
Cippenham 1	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
Stocksbridge	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Moberly TTC	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
Wensum	5	0	1	4	9	21	1
Men's Division 3B							
Norton Commandos	5	4	0	1	22	8	8
Topspin Fusion 2	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Foresters F	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Foresters D	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Cippenham 2	5	2	0	3	12	18	4
St Georges 2	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
Women's Division 2							
Foresters 3	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Billwood	5	3	2	0	18	12	8
WW Lightning	5	2	3	0	17	13	7
Ashford	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
Colleens	5	2	0	3	15	15	4
Cippenham	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
Drumchapel Glasgow 1	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
Northern Belles	5	0	1	4	9	21	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Men 1				
Andy Trott	2	4	3	75
Martin Adams	5	10	6	60
Dave Barr	5	0	5	50
Hari Gehlot	2	4	2	50
Steve Joel	1	2	0	0
Cippenham Men 2				
Steve Joel	4	8	6	75
Hari Gehlot	3	6	3	50
Samson Bekele	4	8	2	25
Paul Baker	4	8	1	13
Cippenham Women				
Mary Heffernan	5	10	5	50
Julie Dean	4	8	3	38
Sue Hayes	4	8	2	25
Denise Weller	2	4	1	25

Results:

Cippenham Men 1	Cippenham Women
4-2 Moberly TTC	1-5 Foresters 3
3-3 Stocksbridge	2-4 Ashford
2-4 Foresters A	4-2 Northern Belles
1-5 HurricaneTT	1-5 Colleens
6-0 Wensum	3-3 WW Lightning
Cippenham Men 2	
1-5 Foresters F	
4-2 St Georges 2	
1-5 Norton Commandos	
4-2 Foresters D	
2-4 Topspin Fusion 2	

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Cippenham Team 2-Star Open

Sunday 18 January 2026

Teams of two players; limited to maximum 24 teams; eight groups of three teams in preliminary round; then progressive knock-out until all final positions 1 to 24 are established

Companion event to the one-day Senior British Clubs League weekend on Saturday 17 January

Solid start for SBCL teams

Cippenham's two teams in the Senior British Clubs League both made solid starts to the new season. Both teams were playing at their home venue and that will be the case for all matches throughout this season. Having been relegated last time around, the first team are now operating in National Division B-2 while the B team have remained in Division C-5.

The first team got off to a cracking start, winning all their first three matches but were undone by a strong Fusion team on Sunday afternoon, finishing in third place in their division. Meanwhile, the B team won twice and lost twice to end the first weekend in a mid-table position.

Martin Gray was named Player of the Match as Cippenham commenced with a 6-3 win over Gwent. He won both of



Martin Adams



George Driscoll



Louis Alexander



Bharath Prasanna Kumar

Senior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B-2							
Waterside	4	4	0	0	28	8	8
Fusion 3	4	3	0	1	26	10	6
Cippenham 1	4	3	0	1	21	15	6
Gwent TTC	4	3	0	1	21	15	6
Foresters 1	4	2	0	2	20	16	4
Crusaders	4	1	0	3	15	21	2
Bristol Associates	4	0	0	4	10	26	0
Joola Plymouth 2	4	0	0	4	3	33	0
National Division C-5							
Ellenborough 1	4	4	0	0	29	7	8
Godalming Simply Let	4	3	0	1	22	14	6
Isle of Wight 1	4	3	0	1	21	15	6
Newton Abbot TTC	4	2	0	2	20	16	4
Cippenham 2	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Horsham A	4	1	0	3	15	21	2
Generation 2	4	1	0	3	8	28	2
Falmouth Docks	4	0	0	4	10	26	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham 1				
Martin Adams	4	8	6	75
Shae Thakker	2	4	3	75
Martin Gray	2	4	3	75
Robert Hansell	4	8	4	50
Andy Norwood	2	4	2	50
Steve Munson	2	4	0	0
Cippenham 2				
Louis Alexander	4	8	5	63
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	4	8	5	63
Steve Joel	2	4	2	50
Hari Gehlot	2	4	2	50
George Driscoll	4	8	2	25

Results:

Cippenham 1	Cippenham 2
6-3 Gwent TTC	6-3 Isle of Wight 1
8-1 Crusaders	3-6 Godalming Simply Let
6-3 Bristol Associates	1-8 Ellenborough 1
1-8 Fusion 3	9-0 Generation 2



his matches while Rob Hansell, team captain Martin Adams and Shae Thakker won once each. Rob and Shae also shared a win in the doubles set. Significantly, all Cippenham's six wins were by the score of 3-0, emphasising a general superiority over their Welsh opponents.

Saturday afternoon's fixture pitched Cippenham against Crusaders. This time Martin Gray failed to win both of his matches but the other three players did so and Cippenham ran out easy 8-1 victors. Shae Thakker was named Player of the Match.

For the Sunday matches, Shae Thakker and Martin Gray were replaced by Andy Norwood and Steve Munson. Martin Adams became the third different Cippenham player to pick up the Player of the Match award as he defeated both Lee Phillips and Jack Vaughan. Andy, by beating Daniel Petit and Robert Chandler, also bagged a brace while an opening victory for Rob Hansell over Chandler and a doubles win for Martin Adams and Andy saw Cippenham secure a 6-3 win over Bristol Associates after a close and exciting encounter in which five of the nine sets required a deciding fifth game.

Sunday finished disappointingly for Cippenham with a 8-1 defeat by Fusion

Many thanks to Steve Joel who took the photos. Many more of Steve's photos from the event can be found at:

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3. Only Martin Adams tasted victory while three other sets were lost by very close margins in the fifth game, including both of Rob's 14-12 and 12-10.

Cippenham's second team, bolstered by the inclusion of Hari Gehlot, started their campaign with a useful 6-3 win over Isle of Wight. Louis Alexander emulated Hari by winning both of his singles matches and the two combined together to win the doubles. Bharath Prasanna Kumar beat Gabor Bodnar, but debutant George Driscoll, who became the thirtieth member of the Club's coaching scheme to graduate to the Senior British League teams over a period of nearly thirty years, failed to add to the scoreline.

That scoreline was reversed in the afternoon as Cippenham lost 6-3 to Godalming Simply Let. Bharath excelled beating Harry Barker and Varun Shastri and Louis defeated Robert Piel but that was as good as it got.

Steve Joel replaced Hari Gehlot for the matches on Sunday but could not assist his team in the morning match as their succumbed to Ellenborough 8-1 with only a doubles win for Louis and George going the hosts' way. However, the tables were completely turned in the afternoon as Fareham-based Generation 2 were thrashed 9-0.

Both teams excellent at first YBCL

Cippenham's two teams both made excellent starts to the new season as the Youth British Clubs League got underway in Derby.

The girls' team, playing in the flagship Premier Division, and consequently up against the very best teams in the British Isles, won three and drew one of their five matches and sit comfortably in third place in the division, equal on points gained but narrowly missing out on second spot by a difference of one set only. The boys' team won four times and drew once and sit proudly at the top of Division 5 and are favourites to take the division title when the league resumes in the new year.

With Anna Piercey from last year's team now overage, Cippenham drafted in Plymouth-based Alyssa Nguyen to assist locals Rachael Iles and Mia Lakhani in their quest to improve upon last season's fourth-placed finish. The first stage of that mission has been accomplished with Cippenham three points better off than the fourth-placed team at the half-way point of the season and only two points behind the league leaders. Rachael was the most successful of the Cippenham players, winning eight of her ten matches, but gained the Player of the Match Award just once compared with Alyssa's three such honours despite her having won one fewer match than Rachael. Mia could not quite repeat last season's impressive record but nevertheless contributed three wins to the team effort.

The weekend started well with a 5-1 dismissal of Draycott, a club local to the venue in Derby. Mia lost the opening set but after that it was plain sailing with both Rachael and Alyssa picking up two wins each. The same result was achieved against London Academy who ultimately finished just ahead of Cippenham in second place. The fact that the capital's side included Sienna Jetha and Maliha Baig, third and fourth ranked in the England junior girls list, meant little as they were pushed aside by fantastic performances from Rachael and Alyssa, ranked sixth and eighth. However, the late Saturday match brought Cippenham back down to earth, humbled 6-0 by a strong Grantham College team spearheaded by the number one players from both Jersey and Wales.

Normal business resumed on Sunday morning with a 5-1 demolition of Greenhouse, another powerhouse side

from London, with further braces from both Rachael and Alyssa. There was a slight sense of disappointment as the weekend concluded with a dropped point from a 3-3 draw with fifth-placed Birmingham Academy. Rachael kept up her winning ways with two easy 3-0 victories but Mia lost 11-9 in the fifth and deciding game to Charlotte Wong and the possibility of occupying second place in the table disappeared with that result.

The boys' team was made up of players from last season's second team and all performed exceptionally to put together dominant team displays. Sai Prasanna Kumar, the current England under-11 champion, led the way with eight wins from nine matches, Louis Alexander, playing in the more challenging number one position in the team, won seven out of ten and Sai's older brother Bharath registered six out of nine.

EBatt 4 could only field two players for the opening match and succumbed 5-1. Sai fell to what proved to be his only defeat of the weekend in this match as Louis registered a Player of the Match performance. That was his only such

accolade as Sai won the award three teams and Bharath gained the other. In the second match, Cippenham played out a 3-3 draw with Crosby High B team. Louis was beaten twice in this match, including a nail-biting 12-10 in the fifth to Liam Chau while Sai exerted his class with two three-straight wins. Louis, though, came back strongly to win both of his matches, as did Sai, in the day's final match, a 5-1 victory over Wood Green.

Grantham Academy 5 were put to the sword 6-0 on Sunday morning before a very impressive weekend was completed with a 4-2 victory over Britannia.

Sai kept up his unbeaten run of eight matches and was well backed up by Louis and Bharath.

Only moderate starts for our three VBCL teams

Cippenham's three teams in the Veteran British Clubs League all made moderate starts to the new season but the two men's teams were hampered by the unavailability of Robert Hansell. With Andy Trott also being unavailable on the Saturday, reserves were required to play up from the second team for the first team.

Nevertheless, the men's first team were still the most successful of Cippenham's teams, winning two and drawing one of their five matches and sit comfortably in third place in Division 1B but with now little chance of securing the solitary promotion spot to the Premier Division.

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Hari Gehlot, Martin Adams and Andy Trott all picked up Player of the Match awards. Martin was the most successful player with six wins from his ten match-

Youth British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Girls Premier Division							
Grantham College 1	5	4	1	0	25	5	9
London Academy 1	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Cippenham	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Draycott 1	5	2	0	3	16	14	4
Birmingham Academy	5	0	2	3	7	23	2
Greenhouse 1	5	0	1	4	5	25	1
Boys Division 5							
Cippenham	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Crosby High TTC B	5	3	2	0	19	11	8
Britannia TTC	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Grantham Academy 5	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
eBaTT 4	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Wood Green	5	0	1	4	10	20	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Girls				
Rachael Iles	5	10	8	80
Alyssa Nguyen	5	10	7	70
Mia Lakhani	5	10	3	30
Cippenham Boys				
Sai Prasanna Kumar	5	9	8	89
Louis Alexander	5	10	7	70
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	5	9	6	67

Results:

Cippenham Girls	Cippenham Boys
5-1 Draycott 1	5-1 eBaTT 4
5-1 London Academy 1	3-3 Crosby High TTC B
0-6 Grantham College 1	5-1 Wood Green
6-1 Greenhouse 1	6-0 Grantham Academy 5
3-3 Birmingham Academy	4-2 Britannia TTC

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Weekend Diary

Nov 8/9	Senior British Clubs League (2)
Nov 15	Junior British Clubs League (2)
Nov 23:	Heathrow League (2)
Nov 30:	Cadet British Clubs League (1)
Dec 6:	County Championships Veterans Division
Dec 13:/14	County Championships Senior Div 2A
Dec 21:	Heathrow League (3)
Jan 10:	Reading Individual Handicap
Jan 11:	Cadet British Clubs League (2)
Jan 17:	Senior British Clubs League (3)
Jan 18:	Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
Jan 24:	Junior British Clubs League (3)
Feb 1:	Cadet British Clubs League (3)
Feb 15:	Berkshire Inter-Town
Feb 28:	Junior British Clubs League (4)
Mar 1:	Cippenham Women & Girls' 1-Star Open
Mar 7:	County Championships Veterans Division
Mar 15:	Cadet British Clubs League (4)
Mar 21:	Reading Closed Championships
Mar 22:	Heathrow League (4)
Mar 28/29:	Senior British Clubs League (4)

Weekday Timetable

Mon	18:00	Beginners' Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>)
	19:45	Advanced Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>)
Tues	19:15	Maidenhead League matches (<i>seasonal</i>)
	19:15	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>)
Thurs	19:15	Maidenhead League matches (<i>seasonal</i>)
	19:15	Practice tables

Fees Season 2025-26

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£20.00	£10.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
Junior British Clubs League registration	n/a	£13.00
Cadet British Clubs League registration	n/a	£13.00
Practice Fees	£4.50	£2.50
British Clubs Leagues match fees	£5.00	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.50	£2.50
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£40.00

Cippenham TTC

Festive Evening and Annual Awards

Including hard-bat tournament

Thursday 18th December 2023

From 7:30 pm

Free to all members and their families

Register by 7:45 pm in you want to play in the hard-bat tournament

Light buffet including mince pies and mulled wine provided



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