



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Awards for Tim, Maciej and Sai



Senior Player of the Year:
Maciej Dlugozima



Outstanding Contribution Award:
Tim Kiteley



Junior Player of the Year:
Sai Prasanna Kumar

Christmas was celebrated at Cippenham on the Tuesday before the great day with a "Festive Evening" for members and their families. The evening included the presentation of the annual awards and a friendly hard-bat competition for those who simply couldn't stop playing just because it was Christmas.

The event, which since the success of the inaugural staging last year, has now become our main annual get-together and was well supported. There was mulled wine, mince pies and plenty of other tasty stuff to eat and drink. There were Christmas-related quizzes also and the whole evening was set-up and organised by Martin Adams, to whom we extend our grateful thanks.

The first event of the evening was the presentation of our annual awards, presided over by Club Secretary Graham Trimming. For very many years this has been a highlight of the year with our junior and senior players of the year honoured and the prestigious award for outstanding contribution made to our most valued volunteer of the year.

The first presentation was for the Junior Player of the Year, won by Sai Prasanna Kumar. Sai, astonishingly, is only

nine years old and is the current England number one in his age group. During the past year he has become one of the top players in both the National Junior League and National Cadet League for the Club and is destined for a great future. The Senior Player of the Year award went to Maciej Dlugozima who has won virtually everything in sight locally for the past few years. Last season Maciej went through the entire Maidenhead League season unbeaten and also won both events at the Maidenhead Closed. The highlight is always the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This year the award went to Tim Kiteley who, as a qualified coach, has been outstanding in his support of the junior coaching scheme for the past few years and also helps out at weekend events.

Of course, we could not let the evening go by without a little table tennis. Twenty-nine players took to the tables for a friendly hard-bat competition. The players were organised into eight groups with the group winners progressing into the quarter-finals. At that stage, Jamie Woodford eliminated Shae Thakker, Maciej Dlugozima ended the hopes of Marek Kik, Sai Prasanna Kumar fended off the challenge of William Saint and Michal Garski beat Troy Williams. Sai

reached the final with a convincing win over Maciej and Jamie beat Michal 15-13 in the deciding game. Sensationally, in a draw which included three of the Club's Senior British League players plus the top three from the Maidenhead League, it was nine-years-old Sai who won the top prize. What an evening that boy had!



Hard bat finalists: Jamie Woodford
(runner-up) and Sai Prasanna Kumar
(winner)

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Cippenham Table Tennis Club - Building A Future For Players Of All Ages And All Abilities

First team out of relegation zone

An excellent 8-1 win over Ellenborough on Saturday morning saw the Cippenham first team leapfrog their opponents to climb out of the relegation zone in Senior British League National Division A-2. On the other side of the hall the Cippenham second team were also enjoying victory but results changed in the afternoon with defeat for both teams.

Cippenham 1 were at full strength for the first time this season whilst opponents Ellenborough, from Enfield, were not. The difference was made to pay as Cippenham romped to an easy 8-1 win. The only blemish was Martin Gray's 3-2 loss to Percy Collino but it was Cippenham all the way apart from that. Player of the match Shae Thakker gave Cippenham the perfect start with a 3-0 success over James Sprackling and he later also beat England number one



Senior British League

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| National Division A-2 | | | | | | | |
| Wensum 1 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 62 | 28 | 18 |
| Woodford Wells TTC 1 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 33 | 18 |
| Finsbury | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 53 | 37 | 14 |
| Horsham Spinners 1 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 40 | 50 | 10 |
| Joola Plymouth 1 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 46 | 44 | 6 |
| Cippenham 1 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 39 | 51 | 6 |
| Ellenborough 1 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 33 | 57 | 4 |
| Kingfisher 1 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 33 | 57 | 4 |
| National Division C-5 | | | | | | | |
| Joola Plymouth 2 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 18 | 20 |
| Cippenham 2 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 52 | 38 | 14 |
| Bristol Associates | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 52 | 38 | 12 |
| Horsham Spinners 3 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 48 | 42 | 10 |
| Newton Abbot TTC | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| Isle of Wight 1 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 39 | 51 | 8 |
| Gwent TTC | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 41 | 49 | 6 |
| Generation 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 78 | 0 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Cippenham 1 | | | | |
| Robert Hansell | 10 | 20 | 11 | 55 |
| Shae Thakker | 2 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| Martin Gray | 2 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| Martin Adams | 10 | 20 | 9 | 45 |
| Tom Windram | 8 | 15 | 5 | 33 |
| Steve Munson | 8 | 15 | 2 | 13 |
| Cippenham 2 | | | | |
| Rachael Iles | 2 | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Jamie Woodford | 10 | 20 | 13 | 65 |
| Mia Lakhani | 4 | 8 | 5 | 63 |
| Jaiden Caldeira | 10 | 20 | 12 | 60 |
| William Saint | 10 | 20 | 11 | 55 |
| Louis Alexander | 2 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| Anna Piercey | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Results:

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| Cippenham 1 | Cippenham 2 |
| 8-1 Ellenborough 1 | 6-3 Gwent TTC |
| 4-5 Finsbury | 2-7 Bristol Associates |

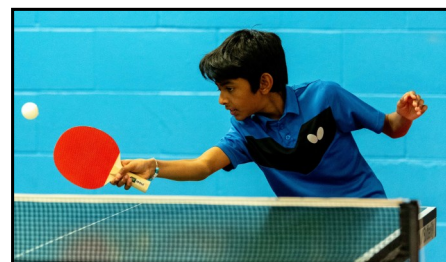
veteran Sara Williams. Martin Adams also beat Williams and his win over Jimmy Walsh included a second-game 11-0 whitewash. Robert Hansell, who enjoyed a great day altogether, beat both Walsh and Sprackling and shared in a doubles win with Martin Adams.

Buoyed by the morning's success, Cippenham went into the afternoon fixture with third-placed Finsbury full of hope. Shae found Finsbury's number one Munib Ahmad too hot to handle in the opening set but Robert evened things up with a closely-fought victory over Emil Erkekov. Martin Adams put Cippenham back in front when he beat Abdullah Ubaidullah but Jonathan Lancy's win over Martin Gray evened the scoreline up again. An uncharacteristic doubles loss put Cippenham on the back foot but Robert had reserved his best effort for last as he beat Ahmad 3-1 in determined fashion, reaching deep into his competitive resources. Two 3-0 games followed as Shae lost out to Ubaidullah but Martin Gray had an easy win over Erkekov to square the match at 4-4. Hopes were high for Cippenham as Martin Adams took the first two games from Lancy but his left-handed opponent then raised his standard to win the third, fourth and fifth games and Cippenham had lost the match 5-4 after a gallant effort.

With none of the three girls in the squad available to play, Cippenham introduced its newest young star, Louis Alexander, into the second team for this round of matches in National Division C

-5. Louis took his chance superbly in the opening 6-3 win over Gwent and was nominated as player of the match after having beaten Mark Farrow and Sam Slatter and shared in a doubles win with Jaiden Caldeira. William Saint also contributed a brace of wins over Jack Fletcher and Toby Harwood while Cippenham's other win was secured by Jamie Woodford over Harwood. This win over Gwent avenged a defeat to the same opponents in the first half of the season.

However, the afternoon match against Bristol Associates was a different story. This time it was Bristol who gained revenge for their earlier defeat to Cippenham by winning a disappointing encounter 7-2. William and Jamie won the doubles set but Cippenham's only other win came when Jamie defeated Jake Tucker. The Cippenham second team remain second in their division but any hopes of the title are now gone.



Sai Prasanna Kumar in action during the hard-bat event, which he won, at the Festive Evening

Trojans romping away

Cippenham Trojans appear to be romping away in their quest to win the Maidenhead League championship. At the Christmas break they sit thirty points ahead of Cookham Social Pumas although Pumas have played one match less. The Trojans team is spear-headed by Maciej Dlugozima and Michal Garski, both of whom have lost only once, and both to Louis Alexander whose Cippenham Saxons team sit in third place. Maciej's defeat by Louis was his first in this league since season 2021-22.

Cippenham Normans and Bourne End Lions are setting the pace in Division Two with Normans being just one point better off. They were not helped by conceding their opening match of the season 10-0 to Bourne End. The other two matches between the top two have resulted in an 8-2 win for Normans and a 5-5 draw. Mohammad Aqeel Raza has lost only once and has been ably supported by Dave Carter, Paul Dennis and Jarek Skowera.

Mia runner-up in Junior 4-Star

The ninth running of the prestigious Cippenham Junior 4-star Open Championships took place in early December and proved to be a very successful tournament for one of the host club's players in particular.

The best performance by a home player came in the junior girls' event when Mia Lakhani, unseeded, made it all the way to the final. Mia's exploits began in the preliminary round group stage where she unseated fourth seed, England ranked number nine, Saskia Key 3-1. That win placed Mia in one of the spaces in the knock-out rounds reserved for seeded players and, after a first round bye, she had little trouble in getting the better of Alyssa Nguyen 3-0. Fifth seed Isabelle Lacorte was Mia's opponent in the quarter-final and this was a tougher match, ultimately won by the young Cippenham star 11-6 in the fifth and deciding game. The semi-final was similar with Mia utilising her fast attacking play to recover from two games to one down to beat the second seed, England ranked number three, Scarlett Anders, 11-7 in the fifth. However, Tianer Yu, the England number one, was far too consistent in the final and ran out a worthy winner 3-0.

Maidenhead League

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham Trojans | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 73 | 17 | 73 |
| Cookham Social Pumas | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 43 | 37 | 43 |
| Cippenham Saxons | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 39 | 41 | 39 |
| NWCA Bluejays | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 39 | 31 | 39 |
| Old Gords Harriers | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 34 | 36 |
| OLOP Bears | 10 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 31 | 69 | 31 |
| Cippenham Vikings | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 51 | 19 |

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| Division 2 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham Normans | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 24 | 66 |
| Bourne End Lions | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 25 | 65 |
| Cippenham Titans | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 59 | 41 | 59 |
| Stoke Poges Bees | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 47 | 63 | 47 |
| Cippenham Spartans | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 26 | 44 | 26 |
| NWCA Seahawks | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 17 | 83 | 17 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|-----------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Trojans | | | | |
| Albert Cheung | 1 | 3 | 3 | 100 |
| Maciej Dlugozima | 7 | 21 | 20 | 95 |
| Michal Garski | 7 | 21 | 20 | 95 |
| Hari Prasad Vennapusa | 4 | 12 | 8 | 67 |
| Igor Liiko | 3 | 9 | 6 | 67 |
| Graham Trimming | 5 | 15 | 7 | 47 |

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|------------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Saxons | | | | |
| Sai Prasanna Kumar | 1 | 3 | 3 | 100 |
| Louis Alexander | 5 | 15 | 12 | 80 |
| Bharath Prasanna Kumar | 6 | 18 | 9 | 50 |
| Jemma Walker | 7 | 21 | 8 | 38 |
| Peter Chipperton | 5 | 15 | 5 | 33 |

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| Vikings | | | | |
| Tom Lewis | 5 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| Mary Heffernan | 2 | 6 | 4 | 67 |
| Aarav Seth | 2 | 6 | 1 | 17 |
| Sue Hayes | 2 | 6 | 1 | 17 |
| Qasim Hussain | 6 | 18 | 2 | 11 |
| Armando Borges | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Randall Rodrigues | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

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|---------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Normans | | | | |
| Muhammad Aqeel Raza | 5 | 15 | 14 | 93 |
| Dave Carter | 7 | 20 | 16 | 80 |
| Paul Dennis | 7 | 20 | 16 | 80 |
| Jarek Skowera | 5 | 14 | 10 | 71 |

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|--------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Titans | | | | |
| Randall Rodrigues | 7 | 21 | 17 | 81 |
| Aarav Seth | 9 | 27 | 20 | 74 |
| Priyanka Sabharwal | 7 | 21 | 10 | 48 |
| Alexander Akil | 7 | 21 | 6 | 29 |

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|--------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Spartans | | | | |
| Sai Prasanna Kumar | 3 | 9 | 9 | 100 |
| Newton Moraes | 5 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| Steve Piercey | 7 | 21 | 4 | 19 |
| Sunjay Thakker | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Jan Chapman | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Results

| Event | Winner | Runner-up |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| JBS | Isaac Kingham (Sk) | Joseph Hunter (Mi) |
| JGS | Tianer Yu (Mi) | Mia Lakhani (Mi) |
| CBS | Max Radiven (Mi) | Aarif Li (Wa) |
| CGS | Sienna Jetha (He) | Eva Eccles (Nk) |
| JBCn | Kelvin Adeleke (K) | Etman D'Abreu (Mi) |
| JGCon | Chui-Que Wong (Sy) | Isabella Turner-Samuels (Mi) |
| CBCon | James Darbyshire(Ox) | Ryan Sehdev (Bd) |
| CGCon | Kei Yin Ng (Sy) | Mia Chan (Wa) |

Second place for both teams

Both Cippenham teams in the National Cadet League finished second in their divisions on day two, the A team in Division 1 and the B team in Division 5.

The A team won two of their three matches and Bharath Prasanna Kumar was particularly successful, winning eight of his nine individual matches but could not quite replicate the clean sweep he achieved on day one. His brother Sai gave great support winning six times but the third member of the team, Aarav Seth, was unfortunately unable to contribute to the scoreline. Cippenham beat both Ashford A and Graham Spicer B 6-3 but lost to the top Spicer team 2-7.

The Cippenham B team maintained their second place in their division but only won one of their three matches. That was 7-2 against Basingstoke while Bourne End JSC beat Cippenham 6-3 and Graham Spicer E triumphed 5-4. Daniel Brazil was Cippenham's most successful player with seven wins from his nine matches and he was backed up by Christopher Farrall with five wins and Yaseen Abdelbary with two.

National Cadet League (Round 2)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Graham Spicer A | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 25 |
| Cippenham A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 14 |
| Graham Spicer B | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Ashford A | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 4 |

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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Division 5 | | | | | | | |
| Graham Spicer E | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 8 | 19 |
| Cippenham B | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 14 |
| Bourne End JSC A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| Basingstoke | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 18 | 9 |

Players' Averages (cumulative):

| | M | P | W | Av |
|------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Cippenham A | | | | |
| Bharath Prasanna Kumar | 6 | 18 | 17 | 94 |
| Sai Prasanna Kumar | 6 | 18 | 11 | 61 |
| Aarav Seth | 6 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Cippenham B | | | | |
| Daniel Brazil | 6 | 18 | 13 | 72 |
| Christopher Farrall | 6 | 18 | 10 | 56 |
| Yaseen Abdelbary | 6 | 18 | 4 | 22 |

Results:

| Cippenham A | Cippenham B |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 6-3 Ashford A | 3-6 Bourne End JSC A |
| 2-7 Graham Spicer A | 4-5 Graham Spicer F |
| 6-3 Graham Spicer B | 7-2 Basingstoke |

For a much fuller report of the Junior 4-star, go to: [Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open](#) | [Cippenham TTC](#)

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Weekend Diary

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| Jan 6 | Cippenham Team 1-Star Open |
| Jan 7 | National Cadet League (3) |
| Jan 14 | Reading Individual Handicap Competition |
| Jan 20 | National Junior League (3) |
| Jan 21 | Berkshire Inter-Town Competition |
| Jan 27 | County Championships |
| Jan 28 | Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open |
| Feb 3/4 | County Championships |
| Feb 11 | Level 1 coaching course |
| Feb 24 | National Junior League (4) |
| Mar 10 | National Cadet League (4) |
| Mar 17 | Reading Closed Championships |
| Mar 23 | Maidenhead Closed Championships |
| Apr 6/7 | Senior British League (4) |
| Apr 13 | County Championships |
| Apr 27 | Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Vets' 1* Open |
| Jun 29/30 | Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest |

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 2023-24

| | 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 |
| National Junior League registration | n/a | £12.00 |
| National Cadet League registration | n/a | £12.00 |
| Practice Fees | £4.00 | £2.00 |
| British League match fees | £5.00 | |
| Maidenhead League Match Fees | £4.00 | £2.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term) | | £25.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term) | | £35.00 |

Cippenham Women & Girls' 1-Star Open

Sunday 28 January 2024

Three events:

**Morning: Under-21 Singles
and Over-21 Singles**

Afternoon: Open Singles

Entries close on 14 January

Part of Table Tennis England's initiative to encourage greater participation by female players



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