



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Girls are Division 2 champions



Both Cippenham teams in the Junior British League had a successful weekend when their seasons concluded recently. The girls' team made sure of their position at the pinnacle of Division 2, dropping only one point in the entire season. The boys' team had a remarkable turnaround in performance from sitting bottom of Division 5 at the half-way stage, with no wins and just a couple of draws. They sensationally won all five return matches in the second half to leapfrog four teams and eventually finished runners-up.

The girls' team were in control of their division right from the start. Their first half performance, in November, in which they won each of their five matches, was very nearly matched in the second half and their total of nineteen points was four more than nearest rivals Ormesby. The Cippenham team comprised locals Rachael Iles and Anna Piercey with star import from Jersey, Hannah Silcock. Hannah maintained her unbeaten record across both weekends, winning all of her twenty matches, while Rachael won fourteen and Anna nine.

The opening encounter matched Cippenham with St Neots who were duly dispatched 5-1 with Hannah and Anna remaining unbeaten. This match was closer than the result suggests with three of the six sets requiring a deciding game but with Cippenham winning all three. Sophia Gardens, a team from Cardiff, were next, dispatched by Cippenham 4-2 with braces from both Hannah and Rachael. Belfast-based Ormeau fared less well, losing 6-0 although the Irish team were not helped by the absence of a third player.

Onto to Sunday and Hannah and Rachael again won both their matches as Cippenham beat Draycott 3rds 4-2 before both the season and Cippenham's one hundred percent record were brought to an end by Ormesby



The victorious Cippenham girls' team with TTE Chair Sandra Deaton (l-r) Ken Phillips (npc); Hannah Silcock; Rachael Iles; Anna Piercey

who mustered a 3-3 draw. All three Cippenham wins were 3-0 while the Middlesbrough-based team won all theirs 3-1. Hannah finished the season unbeaten and Rachael won one to earn the draw.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham boys' team were marking a remarkable resurgence after their dismal showing in the first half of the season when they finished bottom of their division. Their run of five successive victories carried them steadily up the table until they reached second place. Notice of what was about to unfold was posted early on as Cippenham faced Greenhouse 3rds in the first match on Saturday morning. Pranav Gudipati and William Saint won four between them as league leaders and eventual champions were left reeling from their only defeat of the season, 4-2. A motivated Cippenham team then went on a winning spree, dropping only two more sets in the remaining four matches. First to suffer were Wood Green, beaten 6-0 with Jamie Woodford claiming his two matches along with Pranav and William. Jaiden Caldeira replaced Pranav for the Saturday

evening match against St Marys 2nds and won one in a 5-1 success.

On to Sunday and the results kept coming. 6-0 against Bribar Cleeve Park sounds like a thrashing but only one of Cippenham's wins was by the score of 3-0 and that was 13-11, 11-9, 19-17! A great all-round team performance from Pranav, William and Jaiden. For the final match, against a two-player Fusion 4 side, Jamie replaced Jaiden and Cippenham won 5-1 with Pranav winning both his matches and William his only match.



The photo above shows both the boys' and girls' teams during the first weekend in November.

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Husband and wife win Team Open

The ever-popular Cippenham Team Open was once more oversubscribed. The maximum entry of twenty-four teams was reached four days before the official closing date but, unfortunately, one team withdrew late on Saturday evening and so twenty-three teams of two players took to the tables for this unique event that combines a team event with the progressive knock-out format in which all the competing teams are ranked at the end of the day.

Players arrived from all over the south of England with the eventual winners, husband and wife team Neil and Lauren Charles, having driven down from Norwich. After winning the preliminary round group, The Slothes then met up with HJ in the form of Jacob Evans and Harry Yip. Neil Charles lost the opening set to Evans then Lauren demolished Yip to equalise the score 1-1. At this stage the two losing players met to determine the match result and it was Neil that eventually prevailed against Yip but only by the narrow margin of 14-12 in the fifth and deciding game. That win put The Slothes in the quarter-final where they met Devon Dynamos. This proved to be straight-forward as Neil

beat Mike Hugh and Lauren beat Kevin Nicholls, both 3-0,

The semi-final was more of a test for The Slothes but the result was still 2-0. Neil Charles had to work hard to defeat Matt Evans over five games while Lauren prevailed 3-0 against Edward Simms.

Meanwhile, the most exciting and closely-fought matches were happening to the eventual runners-up, Flickers TT. Straight-forward wins against Double Trouble and BATTs TT in the group stage gave them a match against Devon Dynamos in the first progressive knock-out round. This was the easiest of their encounters as Eren Gozcu beat Mike Hugh 3-1 and Ugur Saglik took only three games to dismiss Kevin Nicholls. That paved the way for two incredibly close matches to follow.

In their quarter-final, Flickers had to pull out all the stops to pass HJ. Jacob Evans gave HJ the lead against Gozcu 3-2, then Saglik equalised for Flickers by beating Harry Yip in a set in which all five games were won by the narrowest margin of two points. As the two losing players, Gozcu and Yip met to decide the match and again it was 11-9 in the fifth, this time in favour of Gozcu. The semi-final against Big Fish was just as close and followed the same pattern. Chris Cockburn gave Big Fish the lead, winning 13-11 in the fifth against Gozcu and Saglik brought the match equal with a win 11-8 in the fifth against Veton Zeqiri. Gozcu and Zeqiri, as the two losers, met to decide the match and once again it required five games and once again it was Gozcu that rescued his side 11-7.

The final also required a deciding set before The Slothes beat Flickers TT 2-1. Neil Charles beat Eren Gozcu 3-0 before Lauren Charles suffered her only defeat of the day against Ugur Saglik, a feat that meant that it was Saglik that finished the day unbeaten and yet not on the winning team. Lauren finished the job off 3-0 against Gozcu and that brought an end to the day's proceedings.

On an adjacent table, Big Fish and Wootton Boys had been playing off for third and fourth places. Big Fish won this one as Chris Cockburn beat Edward Simms after having lost to Matt Evans, while Zeqiri managed a demolition job on Simms.

Vikings in pole position



Cippenham Vikings now enjoy a lead of thirteen points over nearest rivals NWCA Raiders as they strive to win Division 2 of the Maidenhead League. If successful in their quest, it will be a double for Cippenham as either Saxons or Trojans is now sure to win Division 1, with Saxons emerging as the clear favourites.

Walter Aldridge, Armando Borges and Clive Chapman all have averages around the ninety percent mark for Vikings while Mohammed Qasim is not so far behind.

Maidenhead League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Saxons	14	14	0	0	119	21	119
Cippenham Trojans	14	11	1	2	97	43	97
Cookham Social Pumas	16	8	1	7	94	66	94
NWCA Bluejays	13	7	1	5	86	44	86
OLOP Bears	13	2	2	9	33	97	33
Old Gords Harriers	15	3	1	11	32	118	32
Cippenham Titans	11	0	0	11	19	91	19
Division 2							
Cippenham Vikings	13	11	1	1	107	23	107
NWCA Raiders	13	11	1	1	94	36	94
Cippenham Spartans	14	6	4	4	78	62	78
Cookham Social Lions	14	7	0	7	65	75	65
Stoke Poges Bees	14	5	2	7	59	81	59
Bovingdon Green Kites	13	3	2	8	53	77	53
NWCA Seahawks	15	0	0	15	24	126	24

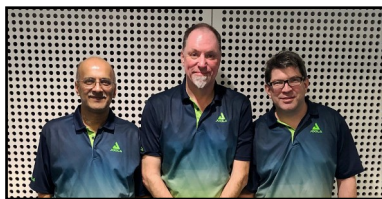
Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Saxons:				
Ludo Montiel	10	28	25	89
Alan Moss	10	28	25	89
Graham Trimming	10	29	25	86
Albert Cheung	12	35	29	83
Trojans:				
Ricky Hardcastle	2	6	6	100
Maciej Dlugozima	13	37	34	92
Hari Prasad Vennapusa	5	14	9	64
Sue Hayes	3	9	5	56
Anthony Gardner	5	15	8	53
Chris Collins	8	22	11	50
Tony Jackson	6	17	5	29
Titans:				
Lawrence Harvey	7	20	9	45
Walter Aldridge	2	5	1	20
Josh Blagden	3	9	1	11
Akeel Mir	10	29	2	7
Lucie Bouron	7	21	0	0
Mohammed Qasim	2	6	0	0
Vikings:				
Walter Aldridge	12	34	31	91
Armando Borges	7	20	18	90
Clive Chapman	7	19	17	89
Mohammed Qasim	13	37	24	65
Spartans:				
Alexey Zubrenkov	11	32	26	81
Oleg Kuba Kubenko	11	33	18	55
Jan Chapman	8	24	12	50
Ian Thomson	10	30	14	47

Junior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 5							
Greenhouse 3	10	8	1	1	39	21	17
Cippenham	10	5	2	3	38	22	12
Wood Green	10	4	3	3	28	32	11
Bribar Cleeve Park	10	3	3	4	30	30	9
St Mary's 2	10	2	2	6	22	38	6
Fusion 4	10	0	5	5	23	37	5
Girls' Division 2							
Cippenham	10	9	1	0	45	15	19
Ormesby	10	6	3	1	40	20	15
Draycott 3	10	4	2	4	32	28	10
Sophia Gardens	10	1	6	3	26	34	8
St Neots	10	1	3	6	24	36	5
Ormeau	10	1	1	8	13	47	3
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Boys:							
William Saint	9	17	15	88			
Pranav Gudipati	9	18	11	61			
Jamie Woodford	6	11	5	45			
Jaiden Caldeira	6	12	5	42			
Girls:							
Hannah Silcock	10	20	20	100			
Rachael Iles	10	19	14	74			
Anna Piercey	10	19	9	47			
Results:							
Boys:				Girls:			
4-2 Greenhouse 3				5-1 St Neots			
6-0 Wood Green				4-2 Sophia Gardens			
5-1 St Mary's 2				6-0 Ormeau			
6-0 Bribar Cleeve Park				4-2 Draycott 3			
5-1 Fusion 4				3-3 Ormesby			

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Second place finish for men

Veterans'
BRITISH
LEAGUE

The Cippenham men's first team trio of Andy Trott, Martin Adams and Hari Gehlot arrived at Derby for the final weekend of the Veterans' British League hoping that top team Foresters, who had maintained a one hundred percent record from the first weekend, would somehow slip up to allow Cippenham promotion to the Premier Division.

Cippenham started the weekend boldly in the first two matches, brushing aside Crawley 6-0 and Norwich 5-1. Crawley number one Steve Brunskill took both Andy and Martin to a deciding set, as did Jevon Chan against Hari, but neither they nor their other player John Robinson could make an impression on the scoreboard. In the second match Martin slipped up against Norwich number one Jamie McIntosh, but braces for Andy and Hari kept the positive results rolling in with Norwich's Mats Olsson and Sean Molloy being Cippenham's other victims.

The third encounter of the day proved to be much tougher against Lilleshall. Uncharacteristically, Andy failed to get past the winning line against Steve Scowcroft and Richard Jermyn, succumbing 9-11 in the fifth and deciding game on both occasions. They respectively also scored victories over Hari and Martin and so the final score was a 2-4 loss as Hari and Martin both beat Andy Frain.

The Sunday morning match against St Georges saw another reasonably comfortable 5-1 result in favour of Cippenham. Andy was victorious over both Ben Wilson and Ryan Stockham while both Martin, who had also beaten Stockham, and Hari came through against former Cippenham member Mark Jackson despite requiring the full five games.

With Foresters already crowned worthy champions of Division 1B the previous evening, Cippenham required a 3-3 draw in their final encounter against them to secure second place ahead of Lilleshall. Matches generally went according to ranking with both Andy and Martin losing to England number four Ritchie Venner and Hari could not get the better of Paul Carter. But with Andy beating Carter, Hari's win over Mike Robinson, who was playing up to replace Chris Bartram, and Martin surviving a final nervy encounter against

Robinson, the draw and a creditable second place overall was achieved.

Meanwhile the Cippenham men's B team were enjoying less success and finished bottom of Division 3B. The first hurdle for Cippenham was a tough encounter with eventual divisional winners Joola Plymouth. Samson Bekele and Steve Smith both beat former Wales number one Dave Welsman but that was as far as it went with Paul Giles and Jeremy Williams proving too strong. Saturday concluded with a couple of 3-3 draws. Samson won two and Paul Baker one as PSP Group were held and the same combination then proved successful against Norwich City. Tony Stead came into the fray in place of Steve for the latter match.

On Sunday morning Cippenham B suffered a 5-1 reverse against Dewsbury but three of the five lost sets were by close margins in the deciding game. Cippenham's only winner was Paul against Stephen Kosmowsky. The weekend concluded with another 5-1 defeat, this time at the hands of Graham Spicer Club. Only Tony, against Chris Booker, was able to defeat any of the team from New Malden.

The Cippenham women's team had a reasonably good weekend, winning three of their five matches and this elevated them two positions from bottom to fourth place in Division 2. It did not start so well, but a 4-2 loss against divisional champions Northern Belles was acceptable with Denise Weller and Julie Dean winning the sets for Cippenham.

The second match brought about a reversal of fortune with a 4-2 win over Billwood. Denise got Cippenham off to a great start with a very tight encounter against Denise Jacobi which she won 17-15 in the fifth game. Julie then won both her matches against Caroline Cole and Jacobi which gave Sue Hayes the opportunity to clinch both points against Cole, mission accomplished. Now into their stride, Cippenham followed up with another 4-2 win, this time against Milton Keyes. Denise was the star this time with wins against Dawn Pearce and Carmen Vajdi, while Julie and Sue both beat Zsuzsanna Kalman.

Sunday began with a reverse 4-2 against Sutton at Hone with Sue and Julie scoring for Cippenham before the

Veterans' British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
Foresters A	10	8	2	0	50	10	18
Cippenham 1	10	6	2	2	41	19	14
Lilleshall	10	5	4	1	36	24	14
Norwich	10	3	1	6	22	38	7
Crawley 1	10	2	2	6	19	41	6
St Georges 1	10	0	1	9	12	48	1
Men's Division 3A							
Joola Plymouth	10	7	2	1	42	18	16
Graham Spicer 1	10	3	6	1	33	27	12
Dewsbury	10	4	3	3	32	28	11
PSP Group	10	3	4	3	29	31	10
Norwich City	10	1	6	3	28	32	8
Cippenham 2	10	0	3	7	16	44	3
Women's Division 2							
Northern Belles	10	8	1	1	41	19	17
Billwood	10	5	3	2	36	24	13
Sutton at Hone	10	5	3	2	35	25	13
Cippenham	10	4	0	6	26	34	8
Ellenborough 2	10	1	3	6	20	40	5
Milton Keynes	10	1	2	7	22	38	4

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Men 1:				
Andy Trott	9	17	13	76
Martin Adams	10	20	14	70
Hari Gehlot	10	19	12	63
Mike Rhodes	1	2	0	0
Men 2:				
Samson Bekele	7	14	7	50
Paul Baker	7	14	5	36
Steve Smith	6	12	2	17
Tony Stead	7	14	2	14
Mike Rhodes	3	6	0	0
Women:				
Julie Dean	5	10	7	70
Mary Heffernan	5	10	6	60
Denise Weller	10	20	8	40
Sue Hayes	8	16	5	31

Results:

Men 1:	Women:
6-0 Crawley 1	2-4 Northern Belles
5-1 Norwich	4-2 Billwood
2-4 Lilleshall	4-2 Milton Keynes
5-1 St Georges 1	2-4 Sutton at Hone
3-3 Foresters A	4-2 Ellenborough 2
Men 2:	
2-4 Joola Plymouth	
3-3 PSP Group	
3-3 Norwich City	
1-5 Dewsbury	
1-5 Graham Spicer 1	

weekend concluded with another 4-2 result, this time in favour of Cippenham against Ellenborough 2nds. Denise and Sue both found Lynne Trussell too good but Julie weighed in with a brace against Gill Tourbas and Louise Johnston while Denise and Sue won one each.

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Weekend Diary

Mar 5 National Junior League (day 4)
Mar 6 Reading Closed Championships
Mar 12 Maidenhead Closed Championships
Mar 13 National Cadet League (day 4)
Mar 19 Southern Region Championships/Qualifiers
Mar 26/27 County Championships
Apr 9/10 Senior British League (4th weekend)
Apr 30 Cippenham Super 6 1-Star Open
May 28 Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1* Open
Jun 25/26 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Weekday Timetable

Mon	18:00	Beginners' Coaching Group
	19:45	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Maidenhead League matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	19:15	Maidenhead League matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Continuing Covid protocols for practice

Members are reminded that the Club continues with some Covid-related protocols in respect of weekday practice evenings. Both Tuesday and Thursday evenings are open but have to be booked and paid for in advance. This is in order to regulate the number of people attending and in doing so keep us all as safe as can be. Also, practice sessions are strictly for members only.

Fees Season 2021-22

	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
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
British League (SBL/WBL/VBL) match fees	£5.00	
British League (JBL) match fees		£2.50
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	£6.00	£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£35.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£35.00

Cippenham Super 6 Senior 1-Star Open

Saturday 30 April 2022

**Preliminary round groups of 6
followed by championship and
consolation knock-out rounds**

Entries close 16 April



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