



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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In only four months the Cippenham Table Tennis Centre has hosted two international matches

## Gareth debuts for England at Cippenham

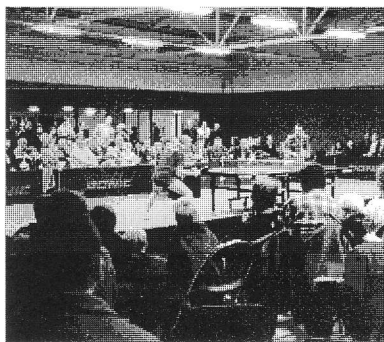
Four days after Guy Fawkes Night England number one Matthew Syed lit up Cippenham Table Tennis Centre with a display of firecrackers that will long remain in the memory of those who witnessed it. Five weeks after the opening of the brand new Centre it staged the first international to be played in Slough for a quarter of a century, and our own Gareth Herbert, then only 15, became the first Cippenham member to be capped at full international level. What a night!

Syed won both his singles, one in sensational fashion, but despite gallant attempts by his young teammates could not help England going down 5-2. To add to the local interest Maidonian Terry Young (18), another former Cippenham player, was the third member of a very young team.

Gareth was greeted with a hero's welcome and started nervously against Janci, but was more relaxed in his second match against Grman. Grman won the first game 21-14 and led 20-17 in the second. Back came Gareth to level at 20-20 and amid great acclaim clinched the next two points to take the second game 22-20. Ultimate victory was not however to be his as Grman ran out 21-11 winner in the third game.



England (l-r) - Terry Young; Matthew Syed; Gareth Herbert



Matthew Syed returns a ball from Jarmor Truksa

Slovakia had won the match by the time Matthew Syed returned to the table to take on Vladimir Janci. At 11-8 in the first game Syed won a point when twice retrieving the ball on his knees. The crowd erupted. Syed responded, the master defender turned into ace entertainer. Several times Syed retrieved shots from outside the barriers, and in one unforgettable rally he sat on the floor and still got the ball back onto the table. Someone offered him a chair. Syed took it and played the next point from the chair. Then the audience was treated to the routine made famous by the great French exhibitionists Secretin and Purkart. Syed and Janci revolved around the table with each shot until eventually they were at the opposite ends. The crowd had been treated to an exhibition of truly wonderful table tennis.

### England 2; Slovakia 5

T Young l.t. M Grman 14-21; 19-21  
G Herbert l.t. V Janci 11-21; 15-21  
M Syed bt J Truksa 19-21; 21-10; 21-9  
M Syed & T Young l.t. M Grman & V Janci 17-21; 15-21  
G Herbert l.t. M Grman 14-21; 22-20; 11-21  
T Young l.t. J Truksa 21-17; 17-21; 17-21  
M Syed bt V Janci 21-10; 21-18



## And the Centre hosts Euro Semi-Final

A second international match came to Cippenham Table Tennis Centre on January 21st when England's women's team played host to Germany in the semi-final play-offs of the European League Super Division.

A young and largely inexperienced England team were, however, no match for the all conquering Germans and sorely missed number one and former European silver medallist Lisa Lomas who failed to respond to treatment at Montem Sports Centre for a groin stain on the afternoon of the match.

Germany also lost one of their two best players, current European Womens Singles champion Nicole Struse suffered from illness and played only in the doubles. Even so, the German team, led by the talented defender, Jie Schopp, never looked in danger as they romped to a 4-0 success.

### England 0; Germany 4

A Holt l.t. E Schall 15-21, 9-21  
G Schwartz l.t. Schopp 6-21, 6-21  
N Deaton l.t. C Bottcher 21-19, 14-21, 10-21  
A Holt & N Deaton l.t. N Struse & E Schall 21-23, 5-21.

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Cippenham enters three teams into the British Leagues!

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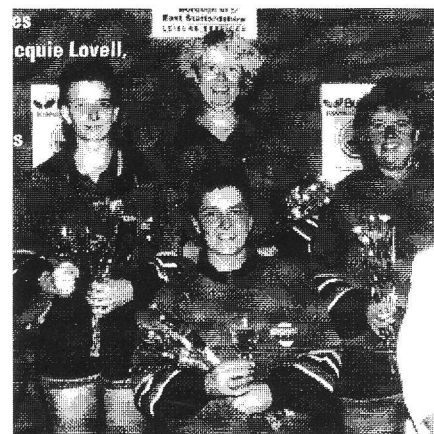
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## Ladies Win British League Title

Cippenham's women's team (Sue Collier, Jacquie Lovell, Isabel Walker, Claire Plumridge and Jackie Thomas) have become Division Three champions of the Women's British League at their first attempt.

Sue, ranked 15th in England, led the side superbly with an unbeaten record. This was backed up by the rest of team who despite being ranked outside the top 100 turned in victories over players ranked above them.

At the start of the weekend Cippenham defeated Oakwood 6-0 with maximums from Sue, Jacquie, and Isabel. Cippenham then faced South Kesteven knowing that a draw would give them the title. Two fine victories from Sue left the match poised at 2-2 at the half way stage. The next game saw South Kesteven number one beat Claire Plumridge. Cippenham trailed 3-2 and Jacquie Lovell had to beat Jane Strawson in the final match to secure the title. Jacquie took the first 21-19, lost the second 21-11, and played outstandingly to win the third 21-18 in front of the whole arena.



Cippenham Ladies British League team (l-r) - Isabel Walker; Jacquie Lovell; Sue Collier; Jackie Thomas

The team have now secured promotion to division 2. Well done girls!

### Division 3 Table

|                 | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Cippenham       | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 48 | 12 | 18  |
| Sth Kesteven II | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 49 | 11 | 16  |
| South Hams      | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 28 | 14  |
| Oakwood         | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 39 | 7   |
| FT Norwich      | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 18 | 42 | 4   |
| Team Juic       | 10 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 48 | 1   |

## Div 1 is tough for boys



In only their second season in the Woolwich Junior British League, Cippenham were elevated from the Third Division to the First Division in this year's competition which commenced at Kettering in November. To have been promoted two divisions after finishing only fifth in the Third Division last season shows how our players have progressed especially as the team comprises thirteen and fourteen year olds in an under-17 competition.

The first day brought good results starting with a splendid 3-3 draw with Irish Boys with Martin Rule, Jesper Hougaard and David Ralls all winning one singles each. A 6-0 reversal to Jewson Launceston was followed by a brilliant 4-2 win over Constable Britania (Ipswich). Martin Rule and David Ralls both won a brace for Cippenham in this victory.

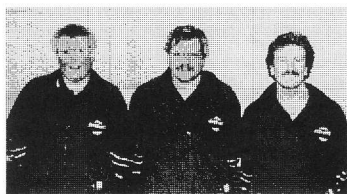
The following day was disappointing with two 6-0 defeats at the hands of Light Freight Generation II (Fareham) and Peniel "A" (Brentwood).

Cippenham commence the second half, which is being played this month, in fifth place out of six teams.

## Veterans Qualify



On 9th November Cippenham TTC made its debut in the Veterans' British League when the event was extended to incorporate new divisions played at Barclay Bank Sports Centre in Ealing.



Cippenham Veterans' British League Team (l-r) - Mike Rhodes; Frank Earis; Graham Trimming

The eight new teams were split into two groups of four with the top two in each group qualifying to play in Division Four at the next session in April, while the bottom two would compete in Division Five.

Cippenham's first match was against the fancied Team Rawreth whose players were drawn from Suffolk and Essex. A tough encounter was expected and Cippenham surprised everyone by gaining a 4-2 win with two victories from Frank Earis and one apiece from Mike Rhodes and Graham Trimming. For Rawreth, England ranked 53 Terry Guymer was unbeaten.

Cippenham's next opponents were the eventual group winners Police Athletic Association II. Frank Earis was our only victor in this encounter which was lost 5-1.

Two wins each from Mike Rhodes and Frank Earis, with one more from Graham Trimming earned Cippenham a 5-1 victory over Barclays Bank II in the last match of the day to earn Cippenham second place in the group and the right to play in Division Four next time.

### Division 4A Table

|                  | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| PAA II           | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 3  | 6   |
| Cippenham        | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 8  | 4   |
| Team Rawreth     | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9  | 9  | 2   |
| Barclays Bank II | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2  | 16 | 0   |

### Men's British League Team

The Club is planning to enter a team into the lowest division of the Men's British League for next season. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact Steve Joel on 01753 867121.

## Cippenham Grand Prix

The Club's weekly tournament is now in its second session, having commenced in mid October. There were ten individual tournaments in the first series which ran until Christmas and was won by Martin Rule who finished five pints ahead of Mike Rhodes.

Points are gained for every win and bonuses are awarded for reaching particular stages of the competitions. The points won each week are aggregated to decide the overall winner. A new twelve week series has commenced since Christmas and all members should try to get along on Wednesday evenings (7.30 p.m.) especially if you have no league match that week or just want a bit of extra practice.

### Autumn 1996 Results

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Martin Rule     | 210 |
| 2. Mike Rhodes     | 205 |
| 3. Graham Trimming | 196 |
| 4. Chris Dickens   | 177 |
| 5. Steve Crow      | 117 |

## Great Success at St. Ives

Cippenham proved itself to be one of the strongest junior clubs in the country at the St. Ives tournament in November. Fielding five teams, our boys and girls came away with a first, two seconds and a fourth place.

Pride of place went to the Cadet "A" team who won all nine matches 3-0 to win the event ahead of 31 other teams without dropping a game. Well played Martin Rule, Jesper Hougaard and Kevin Cruikshank. In the same age group the "B" team finished fourth losing only to Cippenham "A" in the semi-final.

The under-12 team were second as were the under-17 team. All the players performed very creditably and the Club is very proud of the reputation it is gaining.

## 44th World Table Tennis Championships

Breath-taking speed, incredible agility, wonderful technical skill. How do they do it? Come and marvel at their magic and mastery. The greatest table tennis players on earth are coming to Manchester's G-Mex Centre, from April 24 - May 5, to battle for World Championship titles in two team and five individual events.

The team events are between April 24 and 30 and the individual events are from 29 April to 5 May. Ticket prices range from £5.00 per day for adults to £20.00 per adult on the final day. Book your tickets now.

Don't miss out.

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## Martin Rules at Cippenham Cadet Open

The Cippenham Cadet Open on 7th December was the first open tournament in Slough for more than a quarter of a century. It proved a good day for the host club's players as Martin Rule and Jesper Hougaard justified their seeding to contest the final of the Boys Singles. Three other Cippenham members, Johnny Davidson, Robert Wilson and Daniel Jacobs all lost in the quarter-finals before which Wilson had produced the best result of the tournament when eliminating the fourth seed Paul Pountney.

The Girls Singles was won by Staines' Sabrina Papini after Cippenham's Gemma Chapman and Emma Human had both been beaten in the semi-finals.

### Results:

**Boys Singles**  
M Rule (Slough) bt J Hougaard (Slough) 14, 12  
**Girls Singles**  
S Papini (Staines) bt M Cobley (West Wilts) -19, 11, 18  
**Consolation Boys Singles**  
L Calcutt (Reading) bt J Buhagiar (Reading) 16, 17  
**Consolation Girls Singles**  
J Parker (Byfleet) bt K Matthews (Reading) -15, 14,

## Gareth and Martin star in English Junior Closed

Gareth Herbert retained his English Junior Closed singles title at Stratford-upon-Avon in December. In the final of the Boys Singles he defeated his closest rival, Kent's Christian Thompson. This win confirms Gareth as the top ranking junior player in the country and sets up the possibility of a hattrick of wins in the event next year. For good measure, Gareth also won the Junior Boys Doubles.

Martin Rule also enjoyed a good tournament reaching the semi-finals of both boy's doubles events, under-17 and under-14.

## New Club Kit

The Club has chosen the new Donic World Championship Collection range of clothing as its new Club Kit. As worn by the German national teams.



Total price of tracksuit, shirt and shorts, inclusive of printing on shirt and tracksuit is £73. More details from Ken Phillips on 01628 36664. Order yours now!

## Cippenham win own Invitation Tournament

The first event to be played at the new Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, in October, was the annual Cippenham Invitation Tournament. Ten teams competed and it was fitting, that on that special day for Cippenham TTC, it was the host club's team of Steve Joel, Kimber Choda and Mike Rhodes that triumphed, beating Den (High Wycombe) 4-0 in the final.

## Shock Defeat in Ormesby Cup

The Cippenham men's team slumped to a 5-1 defeat against local rivals Asford in the second round of the Ormesby Cup, the national team championships. Even the appearance of Gareth Herbert could not help Cippenham as he lost to Neil Charles. Cippenham's other players were Steve Joel and Mike Rhodes.

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## 1997 Weekend Diary

### February

- Sun 9th 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League  
Sat 15th 9.00am Southern Region Coaches Get Together  
Sun 16th 9.00am Bucks Junior Closed Championships  
Sat 22nd 9.00am Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open  
Sun 23rd Southern Region Ladies' League Session

### March

- Sun 2nd 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League  
Sun 9th 5.00pm Southern Region League - "B" v. OLOP  
Sat 15th 9.00am Cippenham Club Championships  
Sat 22nd 9.00am Slough Closed Championships  
Sun 23rd 9.00am Slough Closed Championships

## 1997 Weekday Diary

- Mon** 5.30 Advanced Coaching  
7.30 Excellence Coaching  
**Tues** 5.00 Beginners' Coaching  
7.15 League Matches  
7.30 Practice Tables  
**Wed** 7.30 Grand Prix Tournament  
**Thurs** 5.00 Beginners' Coaching  
7.15 League Matches  
7.30 Practice Tables

### Bar Opening Times

Tuesday to Thursday

9.00 to 11.00 pm

## Key Events To Watch Out For!

### ETTA Coaches Get Together - 15 February

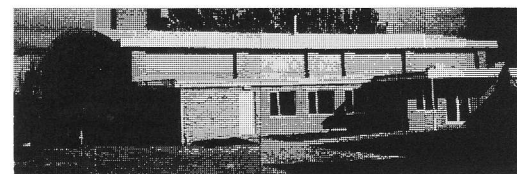
The ETTA is running a coaches get together to show coaches and players how to improve their techniques and skills. Contact the ETTA Regional Development Officer Steve Chu on 01734 483311 to book your place now.

### Slough Closed Championships - 22/23 March

Remember to complete and return your entry form to Gareth Lovell by 28 February 1997.

### English Junior and Cadet Masters - 5/6 April

See Gareth Herbert and Martin Rule competing against England's other leading junior and cadet players to win the English Junior and Cadet Master titles in this showpiece event of the annual calendar.



## England Players Choose Cippenham

England's most talented players are now making the most of the Club's excellent playing facilities.

Matthew Syed, England's number one player and spectacular defender, continues to practice with raising stars Alex Perry, Gareth Herbert and Terry Young. Another frequent visitor is Scotland number one Ewen Walker. Both Matt and Alex believe the Centre has the very best playing facilities in the country.

So if you need some inspiration, get down to the Club and you might just see an awesome display of top level table tennis!

## Club of the Year

The English Table Tennis Association has nominated the Club for the Central Council of Physical Recreation Sports Club of the Year Award 1996.

The nomination recognises the Club's tremendous success in developing young players and establishing the best playing facilities in the country. This FSA sponsored competition is designed to reward top English and British clubs.

## Membership on the increase



Membership is booming for Cippenham Table Tennis Club. Since the opening of its purpose built Centre on October 1st 1996, full membership of the Club has grown from 60 last season to 141 now. Who said that table tennis was in decline!

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