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Awards for Sunjay, Shae and Igor



Sunjay Thakker presented with his Outstanding Contribution award by Charles Mitchell; Senior Player of the Year Igor Liiko; Junior Player of the Year Shae Thakker

Cippenham Table Tennis Club celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the purpose-built table tennis centre with a party and awards presentation on 12 October. The evening was presided over by Charles Mitchell who began by presenting chocolate gifts to the Club's many volunteers.

The first of the main presentations of the evening was for the Junior Player of the Year, an award that perpetuates the names of Allan Farral and Terry Boxall, former coaches at the Club who have since sadly passed on. For the third year running, the recipient of the award was Shae Thakker. Shae first represented the GP Para team about two years ago and has since gone on to represent his country on more occasions. The pinnacle of his achievements so far came in March, winning the Class 10 Junior Men's Singles at the Romanian Open. Then aged 13, Shae was giving away as many as 10 years in that under-23 event. Later in the same week Shae went on to win the bronze medal in the Men's Class 9/10 team event.

Last season, Shae made his debut in the Senior British League for Cippenham and excelled in winning 13 of his 19 individual matches. Last season also saw Shae playing for Cippenham in both the National Junior League and

National Cadet League and he finished with the impressive win averages of 100% and 94% respectively.

The second presentation was for the Senior Player of the Year award and this went to Igor Liiko. Igor only joined Cippenham Table Tennis Club a year ago and became part of the Cippenham Titans team that won the Maidenhead League Division 3. Igor lost just once in his twenty-eight individual matches to top the divisional averages. As a result of these exploits, Igor has been rewarded with a place in one of Cippenham's two teams operating in the top division of the Maidenhead League for this season.

The main event on such an evening is the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This award marks outstanding contributions from rank and file members of the Club outside of the list of Officers. It is dedicated to those individuals who have given outstanding service to the Club and whose contributions might otherwise remain unrecognised.

This year the award was presented to Sunjay Thakker who is one of those people whom any amateur sports club has a desperate need of – someone who is always around to help day to day at events, a willing pair of hands who will help with anything he is asked

to do. First and foremost, Sunjay is a parent to Shae Thakker, one of Cippenham's bright young cadets, and so is around at Cippenham a lot while his son is training.

When at the Club, Sunjay is always available to lend a hand, whether it be helping with umpiring, booking entrants in when Cippenham holds its prestigious Junior 4-Star Open, helping to organise events, setting up and setting down at either end of an event, organising the kids in attendance and controlling their behaviour! Perhaps, also just putting out the rubbish at the end of a day's tournament or helping to fix the photocopier!

Sunjay also deputises as Duty Officer for the Club's twice-weekly open training sessions when either of the officially appointed Duty Officers is unavailable. Sunjay is also a great help with events away from Cippenham, making travel and accommodation arrangements and driving teams and players to venues.

As well as the Club's trophy, Sunjay was also presented with a certificate from Table Tennis England to mark his nomination as Cippenham's Volunteer of the Year. This automatically enters Sunjay into the regional Club and League Volunteer of the Year awards and, if successful in that, on to the national awards thereafter.

Fortunes improve on Sunday

The new season of the Senior British League got underway early in October. Both Cippenham teams started winless on the Saturday but fortunes improved on Sunday when three wins were gained from the four matches overall.

The Cippenham first team were playing in National Division A-2 at Harlow and the team consisted of Senior British League regulars Martin Adams, Owe Karlsson and Martin Gray as well as Stephen Munson, who was welcomed back to the team after a few years away.

The first day was always going to be challenging. The first match saw Cippenham up against Horsham Blades, a team that included several talented Swedish players. Despite four of the individual matches reaching a deciding fifth game, Cippenham's only positive result in an 8-1 loss came when Owe beat Isaac Nyheim.

The afternoon saw another loss, this time against Godalming Simply Let, a team Cippenham has often struggled to overcome with many close battles in recent years. This was no exception with the score tied at 2-2 before the halfway doubles with Martin Adams overcoming Andreas Pusch 17-15 in a tense decider and Martin Gray outplaying Hari Gehlot. Not too much went Cippenham's way after that other than Owe's impressive 5-game victory over Adam Laws but Cippenham ended the day pointless after a 6-3 defeat.

Sunday proved a much more fruitful day for Cippenham I. The morning fixture saw a depleted Fusion II team turn up with just three players, although a pushover was not guaranteed as their team included a couple of Spanish imports, the Garridos, as well as Jamal Dennison so each victory would need to be merited. That's exactly what occurred with all team members contributing and the Garridos ending up winless. Martin Adams' wins against Angel Garrido and Dennison earned him the man of the match award as Cippenham ran out 7-2 winners.

The final match of the weekend saw Cippenham pitched against winless York Gardens so hopes were high. Cippenham were on top form from the start and despite their best efforts, the opposition could not claw back from an



Oli and Ashley Shaw—great doubles win

opening 3-0 lead. Once again all players contributed to the scoresheet with the two Martins, Adams and Gray, doubling up for a 6-3 result in Cippenham's favour.

So with two wins and two losses, Cippenham I maintain a mid-table position in the division and will be looking in particular to improve on their doubles results (zero wins) when left-handers Robert Hansell and Chris Bartram join the squad for future fixtures.

Meanwhile the Cippenham second team were in action at their home venue in National Division C-4. For the first time in recent history, Cippenham fielded a team comprised entirely of local players with last season's players Paul Baker and Shae Thakker being joined by the Shaw brothers, Oliver and Ashley.

The weekend commenced with tough opposition in the form of Horsham Spinners. The 9-0 drubbing does not really reflect the substance of the match as Cippenham lost four of the nine sets in the fifth and deciding game. The afternoon brought only slight improvement as all Cippenham had to show in an 8-1 defeat to Haywards Heath was Ashley's last set win, albeit by 3-0, over Dean Haskett. Paul and Ashley came as close as possible in the doubles but all the other events were decided 3-0.

Sunday morning started much the same way as Godalming Simply Let II, inspired by their lead player, Cippenham old boy Rob Pountney, ran away 8-1 winners. Cippenham's consolation came from team captain Paul who beat Danielle Kelly.

However, Cippenham's fortunes turned in the afternoon with a hard-won 5-4 result against Fusion III. Oli gave Cippenham just the start they needed by

Senior British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division A-2							
Horsham Blades I	4	4	0	0	30	6	8
Brighton TTC I	4	3	0	1	19	17	6
Godalming Simply Let I	4	2	0	2	20	16	4
Fusion II	4	2	0	2	18	18	4
Cippenham I	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
BATTS II	4	2	0	2	15	21	4
London Academy II	4	1	0	3	14	22	2
York Gardens I	4	0	0	4	11	25	0
National Division C-4							
Ellenborough	4	4	0	0	33	3	8
Horsham Spinners I	4	3	0	1	27	9	6
Haywards Heath I	4	3	0	1	21	15	6
Fusion III	4	2	0	2	23	13	4
Godalming Simply Let II	4	2	0	2	15	21	4
Ashford II	4	1	0	3	13	23	2
Cippenham II	4	1	0	3	7	29	2
Newton Abbot TTC	4	0	0	4	5	31	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Martin Adams	4	8	5	63
Martin Gray	4	7	4	57
Owe Karlsson	4	8	4	50
Steve Munson	4	7	2	29
Cippenham II				
Paul Baker	4	8	2	25
Ashley Shaw	4	8	2	25
Shae Thakker	4	8	1	13
Oli Shaw	4	8	1	25

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
1-8 Horsham Blades I	0-9 Horsham Spinners I
3-6 Godalming SL I	1-8 Haywards Heath I
7-2 Fusion II	1-8 Godalming SL II
6-3 York Gardens I	5-4 Fusion III

beating Rodney Farquharson 11-9 in the fifth and Shae also got his score moving against Michael Spiteri to put Cippenham 2-0. All four Cippenham players were now off the mark for the season! Ashley lost out to Alexander Ahl but Paul restored Cippenham's two-set cushion by beating the ageing Trevor Campbell.

An inspired decision by Paul to have the Shaw brothers play together in the doubles set paid off handsomely with a 3-1 win and, suddenly, Cippenham were 4-1 up with four chances to secure that match-winning lead and the two league points that would come with it. However, Cippenham were made to wait as Shae, Oli and Paul all lost their second singles and that left it up to Ashley to win his last match. There was never any real doubt about the outcome as Ashley delivered the points with a comfortable 3-0 victory.

This result lifted Cippenham II one place above bottom club Newton Abbott who Cippenham will face when the league continues this month.

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Tough starts for women and girls

Both Cippenham teams struggled as the first weekend of the Women's British League was played out at Kettering. Both teams were placed in Division 4 and so, by the regulations of the league, met each other in the first match of the weekend. This match resulted in a 5-1 win for the first team but after that any further league points eluded both teams although the first team were unlucky in losing by 4-2 three times.

In the match between the two Cippenham teams, Wendy Porter got the first team away to a flyer with a 3-0 win over Carys Evans and then this lead was extended as Sue Hayes defeated Lucie Bouron but not before the younger star para player had won the third and fourth games to push Sue to a decider. Holly Long, who had made her debut in the Maidenhead League two days earlier, then engaged in a huge tussle with the more experienced Denise Weller. Denise won the first two games 13-11, 11-9 only for Holly to hit back 11-9 17-15. Four close games had indicated that the fifth would also be close and so it proved with Holly winning 11-9 to put the second team back in contention.

The final three sets all went the way of the first team who eventually ran out 5-1 winners although Lucie and Holly did take a game each of Wendy and Sue respectively.

The first team then embarked on a pointless run through the next four matches although they did have chances to snatch points. Wendy and Julie Dean both beat Georgia Harris as their team lost to Burton Uxbridge 3 4-2 and then Denise completed a brace over Christine Williams and Melanie Boulton but that was not enough as Cippenham lost to Stantek Old Spots by the same score. Wendy lost deuce in the decider to Williams in a set that might have seen Cippenham claim that elusive additional league point.

Sunday morning started with a 5-1 defeat to Clifedale Chandlers with only Denise registering a win against Susie Dilloway. Three other sets were lost in the fifth game including one at deuce. The weekend finished with yet another 4-2 loss, this time at the hands of XLNT Draycott 4. Sue beat Shirley Gelder and Denise beat Aimee Evans but Julie lost to the same player in five games and with that defeat went Cippenham's chance of a draw.

Women's British League							
League Table:							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 4							
Burton Uxbridge 3	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
XLNT Draycott 4	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Cliffedale Chandlers	5	2	2	1	18	12	6
Stantek Old Spots	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
Cippenham A	5	1	0	4	12	18	2
Cippenham B	5	0	0	5	3	27	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Denise Weller	4	8	5	63			
Sue Hayes	4	8	3	38			
Wendy Porter	4	8	3	38			
Julie Dean	3	6	1	17			
Cippenham B							
Holly Long	4	8	2	25			
Jemma Walker	2	4	1	25			
Lucie Bouron	5	10	0	0			
Carys Evans	4	8	0	0			
Results:							
Cippenham A				Cippenham B			
5-1 Cippenham B				1-5 Cippenham A			
2-4 Burton Uxbridge 3				0-6 Stantek Old Spots			
2-4 Stantek Old Spots				1-5 Cliffedale Chandlers			
1-5 Cliffedale Chandlers				0-6 XLNT Draycott 4			
2-4 XLNT Draycott 4				1-5 Burton Uxbridge 3			

Junior British League							
League Table:							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Girls' Division 3							
XLNT Draycott 3	5	4	1	0	20	10	9
Greenhouse 2	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Briar St Neots	5	2	1	2	18	12	5
Burton Uxbridge 4	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Ormesby	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Cippenham	5	0	0	5	5	25	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Jemma Walker	5	10	4	40			
Anna-Maria Besarabova	3	6	1	17			
Holly Long	4	8	0	0			
Carys Evans	3	6	0	0			
Results:							
0-6 Burton Uxbridge 4				1-5 XLNT Draycott 3			
2-4 Ormesby				1-5 Greenhouse 2			
1-5 Briar St Neots							

The Cippenham second team followed up their match against their first team with four more defeats, two by 5-1 and the other two by 6-0. Saturday's results were 6-0 against Stantek Old Spots and 5-1 against Clifedale Chandlers with the only highlight being Holly Long's win over Jody Cox. Jemma Walker came into the team for the Sunday matches but even her intervention could not improve results as XLNT Draycott 4 ran out 6-0 winners while Jemma did beat Georgia Harris as her team lost 5-1 to Burton Uxbridge 3.

It also proved to be a tough weekend for the Cippenham girls' team as the Junior British League got underway at Derby. Only Jemma Walker provided much resistance to opponents in Division 3 as Cippenham lost all five matches and find themselves placed bottom of the table.

A 6-0 thrashing at the hands of Burton Uxbridge 4 in the opening fixture showed a taste of what was to follow but this was immediately followed by Cippenham's best display of the weekend. Jemma and Anna-Maria Besarabova both beat Reem Rassem in a 4-2 defeat against Ormesby, a result characterised by both Anna-Maria and Holly Long losing deciding games to Issy Doyle. Saturday's matches finished with a 5-1 defeat to Briar St Neots with Jemma's win against Iyssa Lacorte the only highlight for Cippenham.

That left the two highest placed teams in the division to play on Sunday and both these matches finished in 5-1 defeats for Cippenham..

National Junior League							
League Tables—Round 1:							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Crusaders A	3	3	0	0	26	0	26
Warren Spring A	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Crusaders B	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Ashford A	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Crusaders C	3	0	0	3	5	21	5
Division 3							
Chiltern C	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Reading A	3	3	0	0	15	12	15
Cippenham B	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Chiltern B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Crusaders E	3	0	0	3	10	17	10
Warren Spring C	3	0	0	3	8	19	8
Division 4							
Cippenham C	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Ashford C	3	3	0	0	16	11	16
Chiltern D	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Reading B	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Chiltern E	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Chiltern F	3	0	0	3	9	18	9
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Pranav Gudipati	3	9	6	67			
Douglas Claridge-Hansen	3	9	5	56			
William Fricker	3	9	3	33			
Cippenham B							
Jaiden Caldeira	3	9	7	78			
Harry Coles	3	9	4	44			
Nikolai Hinterreither	3	9	3	33			
Cippenham C							
Siyuan Li	3	9	7	78			
William Saint	3	9	6	67			
Anna Piercey	3	9	5	56			

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix (when run)
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2017-18

	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
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.80	£0.90
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£3.00	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
Local League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	**£6.00	**£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£35.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
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Liam Pitchford - England's No. 1.

Liam Pitchford uses a Butterfly Viscaria blade with Tenergy 05 rubber on both sides

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Weekend Diary

Nov 4/5	Senior British League Nat Div C4 & C5 (2)
Nov 12	National Cadet League (1)
Nov 19	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2* Open
Nov 25	National Junior League (2)
Dec 3:	National Cadet League (2)
Jan 14	Cippenham Team 2* Open
Jan 21	Senior British League Nat Div C4 & C5 (3)
Jan 27	National Junior League (3)
Feb 3/4	County Championships Senior Division
Feb 10	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
Feb 11	Reading Closed Championships
Feb 17	Reading Closed Championships
Feb 18	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1* Open
Feb 24	National Junior League

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