



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Awards for Keith, Ashley and Anna

Cippenham Table Tennis Club celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of the opening of its purpose-built table tennis centre with a party and awards presentation in 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 was for the Senior Player of the Year. This year the winner was Ashley Shaw. Ashley started with Cippenham nearly twenty years ago and represented Cippenham with distinction as a junior before leaving for university. Fast forward another decade and he returned to Cippenham in 2016 and immediately made an impact in the Maidenhead League. His second season, 2017-18, was even more successful, captaining the Cippenham Saxons team to the Maidenhead League title and, on a personal note, won the Wilkinson Sword award for the player with the highest winning average in the league. Ashley also played for the Cippenham second team in the Senior British League and was that team's most successful player.

The second presentation was for the Junior Player of the Year, an award that perpetuates the names of Alan Farral and Terry Boxall, former coaches at the Club who have since sadly passed on. This year the award went to the Club's most promising young player Anna Piercey. 11-years old Anna has been training at Cippenham three times a week for the past year and it has paid off with her reaching the top ten in the Table Tennis England under-13 ranking list. Cippenham Head Coach, Ken Phillips, thinks she has a big future in the game.

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 Keith Hall. At the age of 74 (!), Keith is fairly new to table tennis volunteering. He joined Cippenham TTC only a couple of years ago and is now commencing his third season playing for Cippenham in the Maidenhead League. Keith's willingness to help was immediately apparent and he joined the Management Committee of the Club in June 2017. Since then Keith has made a huge contribution, being one of those invaluable people who make themselves available to help at a moment's notice in a variety of different ways.

Keith is often on hand when as many as twelve courts need to be assembled on a Friday evening ready for the Club's many weekend events. Need someone to stay at the Club for two full days assisting Dave Tant replacing all 180 light fittings and Keith is the one who volunteers. Need someone to go along and assist at the Slough Ping Pong Parlour opening and, once again, Keith is your man. During the Club's annual "spring clean", Keith can be found cleaning the table tops and vacuuming the lounge carpet. All of this he does with a smile and a calm reassurance that makes you know the job is going to be done well. Keith is just the sort of rare volunteer that all clubs crave and Cippenham has!



Above: Keith Hall received his award from Charles Mitchell.
Below: (left) Ashley Shaw; (right) Anna Piercey



Teams for National Cadet League

The Club is running four teams this season in the National Cadet League.

Dates: 4 Nov; 2 Dec; 13 Jan; 24 Mar

Venue: Cippenham

Cippenham A:

Rudii Richards; William Saint; James Russell

Cippenham B:

Anna Piercey; Rachael Iles; Tom Brown

Cippenham C:

George Driscoll; Isam Sousseing; Mateusz Skowera

Cippenham D:

Weakened Cippenham rally on Sunday

After a brilliant first weekend five weeks previously, in which Cippenham recorded a 100% record, a weakened team took to the tables for the second round of matches. With both Robert Hansell, who had played a starring role in September, and Steve Munson unavailable, Cippenham drafted in Silviu Garduli and Martin Gray.

Saturday morning's match was always likely to be a tough assignment against National Division B-4 leaders Ellenborough. Cippenham got off to the worst possible start as team captain Martin Adams lost 3-1 to Dan Wright and Silviu Garduli followed this up losing narrowly to Andy Trott. Ricky Hardcastle steadied the ship with a huge win, 11-9 in the deciding game, against England number one veteran woman Sara Williams but Dan Fielding restored Ellenborough's lead beating Paul Baker.

The match then swung back to all square as Martin and Silviu won the doubles set and Martin then followed this up with a very good win over Andy Trott who, at number six, is sixteen places above Martin in the national veteran men's rankings. The teams then swapped easy wins as Ricky succumbed to Wright and Silviu was far too good for Fielding. It was left to Paul Baker to try to win the points for Cippenham but Williams was too steady and the match was lost 5-4.

Saturday afternoon's match is best forgotten as Cippenham slumped to an 8-1 defeat against Southampton-based Waterside.

Martin Gray came into the side in place of Ricky Hardcastle for the Sunday matches and these games provided much more cheer for Cippenham. Silviu was player of the match in the morning's 5-4 win over Brighton II. He won both his singles against Matthew Johnson and Billy Keegan and shared in a doubles success with Martin Adams, dropping only one end throughout the entire match. Brighton captain Tim Holtam did his bit for his team while beating both Martins but both those Cippenham players added to their team victory with wins against Jamar McGlaushin and Keegan respectively.

What was billed as an easy win for Cippenham in the final match against the youngsters of Kingfisher III, proved to be anything but easy. Reading-based Kingfisher were and still are pointless in the division but Cippenham were made to fight all the way for a 5-4 success. The pick of the Cippenham players was



Martin Adams but even he had to fight back from 2-1 down against Anaya Patel and then beat the Mauritius international and Reading University student Elodie Ho Wan Kau 3-1. Sandwiched in between was a win in the doubles in tandem with Silviu. Martin Gray also beat Kau and Silviu also fought back from 2-1 down to defeat Rayaana Asghar. For Kingfisher, Todd Stanmore beat both Paul Baker and Martin Gray and was named player of the match despite it being in a losing cause.

Senior British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B-4							
Ellenborough	8	8	0	0	55	17	16
Waterside I	8	6	0	2	50	22	12
Foresters II	8	6	0	2	48	24	12
Cippenham	8	6	0	2	41	31	12
Brighton TTC II	8	3	0	5	32	40	6
Generation 2 I	8	2	0	6	27	45	4
Horsham Spinners I	8	1	0	7	27	45	2
Kingfisher III	8	0	0	8	8	64	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Robert Hansell	4	8	8	100
Martin Adams	8	16	13	81
Martin Gray	4	8	4	50
Steve Munson	4	8	4	50
Silviu Gardui	4	8	4	50
Ricky Hardcastle	6	12	3	25
Paul Baker	4	8	0	0

Results:

4-5 Ellenborough
1-8 Waterside I
5-4 Brighton TTC II
5-4 Kingfisher III

Mixed results for ladies

There were mixed results for Cippenham as the Women's British League got underway at Wolverhampton. They won two and lost three matches and sit in fourth position in Division 5A at the half-way stage.

Cippenham were slow off the mark in the first match on Saturday morning, losing 6-0 to an Ormesby side that eventually finished only one point above them. However, the afternoon brought Cippenham their first taste of victory. A brace for Julie Dean and a win apiece from Shristi Ghosh and Denise Weller gave Cippenham a 4-2 win over Fastbats. The turning point arose in the second set when Denise turned a 2-0 deficit into a 3-2 success against Ellen Adams. Julie and Shristi both dispatched Naila Malik comfortably before Julie completed the match against Adams 3-1.

Saturday concluded with a match against Dun Laoire, the division's leaders from Dublin. The 5-1 defeat did not truly reflect the match and Cippenham's only success came when Julie dispatched Tara Fusco 3-0.

Denise Weller was named player of the match for her performance on Sunday morning against Halton 4, a match won by Cippenham 4-2. Denise took all five

games to overcome the challenge of Lucie Hancock but beat Jo Outhwaite 3-0. Sue Hayes had opened up for Cippenham with a similar outcome against Outhwaite and Shristi Ghosh secured her team the second league point with a 3-0 demolition of Hancock.

The weekend finished on a disappointing note when Cippenham were hammered 6-0 by Cardiff City 2.

Women's British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 5A							
Dun Laoire	5	5	0	0	23	7	10
Cardiff City 2	5	4	0	1	25	5	8
Ormesby 1	5	2	1	2	18	12	5
Cippenham	5	2	0	3	9	21	4
Halton 4	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Fastbats	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Denise Weller	4	8	3	38
Julie Dean	4	8	3	38
Sue Hayes	2	4	1	25
Shristi Ghosh	5	10	2	20

Results:

0-6 Ormesby 1
4-2 Fastbats
1-5 Dun Laoire
4-2 Halton 4

Mix-up costs Cippenham

It was a bizarre weekend for Cippenham's two men's teams when the new season of the Veterans' British League got underway at Derby. A seemingly settled squad was ripped apart in the few days leading up to the event by a family bereavement and an injury to key players. Thus the first team travelled northwards with only Hari Gehlot surviving from the original selection. With five second team players, including the hurriedly signed Silviu Garduli, winner of the Cippenham Senior Open two weeks previously, travelling, the plan was for two of the second team squad to be promoted to the first team in each match, thus providing a full complement of players for both teams.

Team captains Hari Gehlot and Paul Baker hatched a plan to try to maximise the points won by both teams, selecting the strongest players for the matches in which points were more likely to be accumulated. The plan seemed to be working well by Saturday evening as the second team had won all three of their matches, even though the first team had not won any. However, a bombshell was to erupt as the team manager, in his haste to register Garduli, had misread his date of birth and it turned out he was ineligible to play. This fact was brought to the attention of the event referee on Sunday morning and Silviu's results were duly expunged from the records, turning the second team's 4-2 win over Foresters E in Saturday's third match into a 2-4 defeat. In order to field a full team in both divisions, Doug Bartle, being on hand and ready to play, was signed on an emergency basis for the second team for Sunday's matches.

The first team finished up winning both Sunday matches 4-2 against Border Reivers and Hereford Challengers. Hari Gehlot was unbeaten during the day and he was helped brilliantly by a brace of 3-0 wins by Simon Vine against Border Reivers and a brace also for Mike Rhodes in the match against Hereford. With three defeats on Saturday, 5-1 against both XLNT Draycott 3 and Dewsbury and 4-2 against St Georges, the first team finished up with four points and occupy fourth position at the half-way stage in Division 2A.

The second team, playing in Division 4B, got off to a flying start beating Bristol Associates 2 6-0 with Mike Rhodes, Simon Vine and Paul Baker all unbeaten. They were just as impressive in

their second match against Crusaders, winning 5-1 with Paul and Sammy Bekele contributing two wins each and Mike one. The third match against Foresters E was won 4-2 on the table but the result was reversed following the expunging of Silviu's two winning efforts that were matched by one each from Mike and Simon.

Sammy Bekele led the way for Cippenham on Sunday morning as his two wins, against Tom Murray and Roy Norton, plus one each from Paul Baker and Doug Bartle, were enough to see off the challenge of Victoria Park 4-2. However, the weekend finished on a disappointing note for the second team with a 4-2 loss against Corby Smash. Simon won both of his matches while Sammy was unlucky to lose two close matches in the deciding game.

The Cippenham ladies' team, playing in Division 2, had a happy weekend winning four of their five matches and finishing in third place, just one point behind the leaders. Their first match against RTA was a ding-dong affair with four of the six sets requiring a deciding game. Denise Weller was Cippenham's star, winning both her matches, and she was ably backed up by Julie Dean and Sue Hayes in a 4-2 victory. The next match was hardly less enthralling as Cippenham picked up two more points in another 4-2 victory over local rivals Kingfisher. This time it was Sue that led with two wins and Julie and Mary Heffernan supporting with one apiece. Saturday concluded with a slightly easier match against Billswood. Sue and Mary both won twice and Denise once in a 5-1 win that saw Cippenham lead the table at the end of the first day.

The winning streak continued into Sunday morning as Cippenham swept to a 6-0 victory over Sutton at Hone. With Sue sitting this one out, it was Denise, Julie and Mary who completed the whitewash but it was not as easy as the scoreline suggests. Only one of the six sets was won 3-0 and three of them required a deciding fifth game. Disappointingly, the run came to an end with the final match resulting in a 5-1 loss to Ashford. Only Denise, with a comfortable win over Rachel Smith, was able to stop the rot.

Veterans' British League

League Tables:

P W D L F A Pts

Men's Division 2A

XLNT Draycott 3	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
St Georges	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
Dewsbury	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Cippenham 1	5	2	0	3	12	18	4
Hereford Challengers	5	1	0	4	12	18	2
Border Reivers 1	5	0	0	5	6	24	0

Men's Division 4B

Sycamore Zigabytes	5	3	2	0	19	11	8
Corby Smash	5	2	3	0	19	11	7
Foresters E	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Cippenham 2	5	3	0	2	19	11	6
Swerve	5	1	4	0	16	14	6
Crusaders	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Bristol Associates 2	5	0	2	3	10	20	2
Victoria Park	5	0	1	4	8	22	1

Women's Division 2

Foresters	5	4	1	0	27	3	9
Ashford	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
Cippenham	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Billswood	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Sutton at Hone	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Kingfisher	5	1	1	3	9	21	3
RTA	5	0	1	4	8	22	1
Halton	5	0	1	4	6	24	1

Players' Averages:

M P W Av

Men 1

Hari Gehlot	5	10	7	70
Simon Vine	2	4	3	75
Mike Rhodes	2	4	2	50
Silviu Garduli*	2	4	1	25
Sammy Bekele	2	4	0	0
Paul Baker	2	4	0	0

Silviu's results were expunged

Men 2

Silviu Garduli*	1	2	2	100
Simon Vine	3	6	5	83
Paul Baker	3	6	5	83
Sammy Bekele	3	6	4	67
Mike Rhodes	3	6	4	67
Doug Bartle	2	4	1	25

Women

Mary Heffernan	3	6	5	83
Denise Weller	4	8	6	75
Sue Hayes	4	8	5	63
Julie Dean	4	8	4	50

Results:

Men 1

1-5 XLNT Draycott 3
2-4 St Georges
1-5 Dewsbury
4-2 Border Reivers 1
4-2 Hereford Challengers

Women

4-2 RTA
4-2 Kingfisher
5-1 Billswood
6-0 Surron at Hone
1-5 Ashford

Men 2

6-0 Bristol Associates 2
5-1 Crusaders
2-4 Foresters E
4-2 Victoria Park
2-4 Corby Smash

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2018-19

	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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Weekend Diary

Nov 17/18	County Championships Senior Div 2B
Nov 24	National Junior League (2)
Nov 25	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 1-Star Open
Dec 1	Buckinghamshire Closed Championships
Dec 2	National Cadet League (2)
Dec 15/16	County Championships Over-60 Div 1B
Jan 6	Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
Jan 12	Independent Schools Association tour.
Jan 13	National Cadet League
Jan 20	Berkshire Inter-Town
Jan 26	National Junior League (3)
Feb 10	Reading Senior Closed Championships
Feb 16	Senior British League Nat Divs A-4 & B-4
Feb 17	Reading Junior Closed Championships

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