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Recognition for the Club and Gavin at Annual Slough Sports Awards

Twice a Winner

veryone likes their achievements to be recognized and public recognition for clubs such as ours is always welcome. Apart from the sense of achievement and publicity boost that it brings, it becomes a tangible accreditation of the Club's status.

The Mayor of Slough's Annual Sports Awards, superbly organised by Steve Wicks and his team at Slough Borough Council, is always a well-rehearsed evening. Hundreds of people from many different sports are present to witness local people honoured with awards, sports demonstrated live in the arena, video footage of local sports organizations shown and the whole evening bound together by Steve's slick presentation.

The feeling of well-being is enhanced when your club profits with an award or two (or four as was the case two years ago). So it was especially nice when we won the Junior Club of the Year award for the third time and Gavin Evans won the Junior Sportsman of the Year Award for the second time. Of course, Gavin, the European champion for his age group and a member of England's all-conquering cadet boys' team, is the icon of the present. But it is the day-to-day, yearon-year hard work by Ken Phillips, Jan Chapman, Sue Hayes, Alan Farral, Terry Boxall and all their support coaching staff that makes the Club the most successful in the country at producing wave upon wave of talented



The Cippenham group, with the Mayor of Slough Councillor Latif Khan, proudly display their spoils (Catherine Hayes received Gavin's prize in the latter's absence)

young players.

Five different England U12 Boys' Singles champions (and seven titles!) from the Club in little more than a decade speaks for itself.

In addition to the two winners, we had four other nominations: the Club for Senior Club of the Year and Community Club of the Year; Peter Hillier for Service to Sport and Catherine Hayes for Junior Sportswoman of the Year.

Another Title for David

While his team-mates were battling it out in the British League, Cippenham's Irish junior champion David Hayes was in his adopted homeland securing top spot in the Irish Junior 8 competition. His 3-0 final round win over Keith Knox in this final ranking tournament of the season secures his top seeded position when he defends his national title later in the season.



ETTA National Masters at Cippenham

April 29/30 — Cadets

May 6/7— Juniors

Come along and watch the best in England complete for prestigious national titles



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Myles Captures Silver in Spain



yles Evans, a member

of the Evans dynasty that is taking the table tennis world by storm, had more success when representing England at the Catalunya Open in Spain in early March. In the team event Myles helped England to sixth place but then excelled in the Cadet Singles to reach the final. Unseeded, he lost a match to a seeded German, Flork, in the preliminary groups but still qualified in second place. He then reached the guarter-finals with wins over Fernandes and Freitas before beating England team mate Wing Yung Chan 3-1. Myles trailed in all three games in the semi-final against the French boy Pham but kept his head and recovered for a superb 3-0 win. He then gave a great account of himself in the final but lost narrowly 3-2 to the German Holte.

The three Evans boys, Bradley, Myles and Gavin are all now established players in the England teams while the youngest, Gavin, is the current European Under-12 champion and part of the team that won the European Cadet Team Championship and the World Cadet Challenge.

It's an Indian Take-away at New Event

Cippenham Double Group 2* Open

So Close for Rob!

ippenham TTC held another of its open tournaments on 18th March and this time the format was changed a little to provide an additional group stage, hence the title Cippenham Double Group 2-Star Open. It also became a tournament in which scratch players made a name for themselves, i.e. those that came along on the morning of the event hoping to take the place of someone who dropped out.

The eventual winner was one of those scratch entrants, an Indian player Dhaivat Pandya, a member of London Progress Table Tennis Club but hardly known in England and having no points on the national ranking scheme. After winning his preliminary group matches all 3-0 Pandya gave notice of his potential by eliminating fifth seed Matt Ware in the second stage group 3-0. Local player Bassam Mocharrafie did take a game off him but was the only player to do so until the final.

Following the non-appearance of top seed Hari Gehlot and the withdrawal, injured, after one match of second seed Dov Katz, it was Cippenham player and third seed Robert Hansell that became hot favourite for the title. However, Robert fell in his very first match to another scratch player Krzysztof Zemelka. Krzysz, a resident of Slough, has been a member of Cippenham for several months but this was the first time that he had been seen playing competitively since his arrival from Poland. Robert went 2-0 up against him before the stylish Pole hit back to win the next three games. Robert also qualified for the next stage by virtue of coming second in the group and, in retrospect, that was an advantage as it placed him in the opposite half of the draw to Pandya. Consequently, It was Krzysz that became Pandya's victim at the quarterfinal stage.

Robert's progress to the final was not seriously threatened after his first match scare. His second stage group was won in convincing fashion and then he defeated fourth seed Welshman Owen Clutterbuck 3-0 in the quarters and sixth seed Anthony Mor-

ris by the same scoreline in the semis. Pandya's semi-final victim was Yasir Mauthoor who had come through the empty top seed place with a win over Geoff Grange, second stage conqueror of Emran Hussain, another scratch entry that had played well earlier.

Continuing the Indian theme, Sanjiv Malhotra emerged to win the consolation event beating Slough League player John Barclay in the final.

The tournament was organized and refereed by Graham Trimming and attracted an entry of 62.

Championship:

Dhaivat Pandya (Mi) bt Robert Hansell (Bu) -6,-9,6,6,8 Consolation:

Sanjiv Malhotra (Mi) bt John Barclay (Bu) 8,7,7

Bucks Retain Title



The Bucks team of Gavin Evans, Bradley Evans, Myles Evans, Caroline Linz and Catherine Hayes retained their title in the County Championships Junior Premier Division.

The crucial match was the first match of the weekend. Essex, level on points with Bucks after the first weekend, provided the opposition. The boys won five out of six (Myles loss at deuce in the fourth against Yasir Mauthoor was the only match lost by the boys all weekend) but the pivotal moment was Caroline's 11-8 fifth game win over Kelly Skeggs to put Bucks 3-2 ahead.

After that wins against Devon 8-2, Cheshire 6-4 and Derbyshire 7-3 clinched the title with maximum points.

Top Three Finishes All Round

British League

ippenham Table Tennis Club's three teams in the British League all finished high in their divisions when the competition concluded in the middle of March. The first and second teams, playing at their home venue, secured third place in Division One South and runners-up spot respectively in Division Two South & Midlands while the third team, playing at Southall Sports Centre, were third in Division Four South & West. Both the top two teams improved upon their finishing positions of one year ago.

All the teams had a mixture of results over the weekend with the first and third teams taking five points from a possible eight while the second team belied its higher finishing position with only three points. Cippenham club Chairman Graham Trimming though was "delighted at the way the teams had performed throughout the season" and was especially pleased at the way players produced over the years by the club's coaching scheme had contributed to the success. He cited Rob Lemon's elevation to the first team one year after Robert Hansell had made a similar transition and the fine first season for Ben Wiseman in the third team

The first team were slow off the blocks in the Saturday morning match against London Progress II. Two narrow fifthgame defeats saw them slump to a 3-0 deficit. Mark Butler, who had an excellent season winning 75% of all his matches, awakened the team with a brace and further wins by Martin Adams and Rob Lemon saw Cippenham fight back to snatch a 4-4 draw. The afternoon match against Fusion followed a similar line. When Mark again came to the table his side were 2-0 down but once again it was his inspiration and fine back-up from Martin, and the two Roberts that turned a difficult situation into an exhilarating 5-3 win. However, there was no such turn around in the 5-3 Sunday morning defeat against Brighton. This was one match that Mark could not turn around, although his 18-16 in the fifth narrow defeat to Dov Katz was the critical point. Cippenham needed a win from the last match to secure third position and equal their highest ever finishing position. In the way were local rivals OLOP IMPACT from Reading with ex-England international Dave Barr at the

helm. Almost everything went right for Cippenham in this match with four sets won by a two-point margin in the deciding game. It was runaway time as Cippenham trounced their rivals 7-1, a flattering result with Martin Adams, captain of the side, leading by example and claiming the man of the match award. Martin's win 13-11 in the fifth over Barr and Rob Hansell's by 11-9 also in the fifth over the same player produced some of the best table tennis of the weekend.

It was a difficult weekend for the second team and they were a little fortunate to hang on to second position. Denied the services through work commitments of Diccon Gray and Paul Baker and through injury to Steve Buck they were also missing David Hayes on the Saturday as he was playing in a tournament in Ireland. Lee Dredge provided excellent cover on the Saturday with Nick Hansell also drafted in while Graham Trimming was called up as reserve on Sunday. Nevertheless Saturday morning provided a boost with a 6-2 win over a three-man Northampton team with Lee making an impact with two wins. After that results tailed off with 5-3 defeats to Oxford and London Progress III and a 4-4 draw with Barnet. As it happened, Oxford also suffered from unavailable players on the Sunday and their two defeats were the reason that Cippenham held on to second place. Mark Jackson was the pick of the Cippenham players with six wins out of eight while Mike Rhodes, Lee Dredge and David Hayes also won important matches.

The third team started the weekend in fine form, despatching Guinness Polska II 6-2 in their first match. Ashlev Shaw and Ben Wiseman both scored braces while Phil Clarkson and Oliver Shaw took one each. Then followed a magnificent comeback against hosts London Progress V. When Ashley stepped into court to face Danny Flash Cippenham were already 3-0 down. However, his win was followed up by a fifth game success for Phil over Ryan Collins and the wheels were in motion. Those wheels stayed secure as the brothers Shaw and Ben rattled up the remaining sets to give Cippenham a most unlikely 5-3 result. That form, however, did not carry forward into the Sunday as only one more point was

gained. Wins for Phil, Ollie and Ben were not enough to gain any points from Cofton Hackett but a good 4-4 draw with prior leaders Plymouth Wanderers finished the season off satisfactorily. Those four wins were shared equally amongst the players.

League Tables:	_				_	_		
Division 1 Court	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Division 1 South	11	11	^	2	7/	27	22	
Oxford Fireplace Ctr I	14 14	11	0	3	76 74	36 38	22 21	
DML Woolwell I	14	-	ა 1	5	63	49	17	
Cippenham I London Progress II	14	8 7	2	5 5	62	50	16	
Fusion I	14	6	2	о 6	62 61	50 51	14	
OLOP IMPACT I	14	4	2	8	47	65	10	
Brighton I	14	4	2	8	42	70	10	
De Vere NETTS	14	1		13	23	89	2	
Division 2 South & Midlands								
London Progress III								
Cippenham II	14	8	2	4	66	46	18	
Oxford Fireplace Ctr II	14	8	2	4	63	49	18	
Harvey Barnets II	14	5	7	2	61	51	17	
Bedford Modern II	14	4	4	6	49	63	12	
EBS-O Northampton II	14	3	5	8	54	58	11	
Kingshurst Bribar	14	3	1	10	37	75	7	
Ashford I	14	2	1	11	39	73	5	
Division 3 South & We	ct t	ahla	not	vot	avai	lahlo		
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Players' Averages:			_					
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Cippenham I Mark Butler	14		20	,	21		75	
Martin Adams	14		28 28		21 17		75 61	
Robert Hansell	14		28		14		50	
Rob Lemon	14		28		11		34	
Cippenham II	14		20)	- 1 1		34	
Steve Buck	6		12	,	10		83	
Lee Dredge	2		4		3		75	
Paul Baker	3		6		4		67	
Diccon Gray	4		8		5		63	
Mark Jackson	12		24		14		58	
David Hayes	11		21		12		57	
Nick Hansell	4		7		4 57		57	
Mike Rhodes	12		23		12 52		-	
Graham Trimming	2		4		0			
Cippenham III								
Ashley Shaw	12		24		18		75	
Paul Baker	7		14		9		64	
Ben Wiseman	9		18	}	11		61	
Phil Clarkson	14		28	}	16		57	
Nick Hansell	1		2)	1		50	
Graham Trimming	1		2	2	1		50	
Ollie Shaw	12		24		10		42	
Results:								
Cippenham I	С	ippe	enha	am l	III			
4-4 London Progress II					tham	ptor	ı II	
5-3 Fusion I	3-				P Ce			
3-5 Brighton I 3-5 London Progress III								
7-1 OLOP IMPACT I 4-4 Harvey Barnets II								
Cippenham III								
6-2 Guinness Polska II								
5-3 London Progress V	5-3 London Progress V							
3-5 Cofton Hackett								
4-4 Plymouth Wanderers								

Weekend Diary April/May

April	
Sun 2nd	Leach Cup Stage 2
Sat 8th	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Sun 9th	Southern Region Junior Training
Sun 23rd	Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open
Sat 29th	ETTA National Cadet Masters
Sun 30th	ETTA National Cadet Masters
May	
Sat 6th	ETTA National Junior Masters
Sun 7th	ETTA National Junior Masters
Sun 14th	Southern Region Junior Training
Sat 27th	Gareth Herbert Coaching Weekend
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Weekday Diary

Mon	5:30 7:30	Advanced Coaching Excellence Coaching
Tues	7:15 7:30 7:30	Slough/Maidenhead League matches Practice Tables Club Ladder
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15 7:15 7:30	Beginners' Coaching Slough League matches Practice Tables

New coaching arrangements: after the Easter break the existing 2-hour advanced and excellence coaching sessions on Monday evenings are to be merged into one 2.5 hour session, commencing at 7pm and run by Ken. The Wednesday squad sessions will then fall under the control of Sue but for the summer period will be the first half-term only.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2005-06

		Full	Conc'n
	Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
	Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
	Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)		£0.75
	Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
	Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
	National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
	Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
	Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
	Coaching Fees (per session)	**£4.00	**£2.00
	Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
	Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00
	* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
ı	** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jun 10/11 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jun 18 Southern Region Assessment Day
Jun 24/25 Gareth Herbert Coaching Weekend
Jul 2 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 9 Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

Events away from Cippenham

May 13/14 Junior British League (2) (Aldersley) May 21 Gainsford Cup Finals (Loughborough)

Notes and News

Open evenings: following the success of previous open evenings over the past several months (resulting in new members and better attendances at practice sessions) we have decided to hold two more—Tuesday 25 April and Thursday 4 May.

Annual General Meeting: the Club's AGM will be held on Wednesday 31 May at 8pm. Formal notices will be sent to all members nearer the date.

Vacancies: There are a few vacancies arising for next season so if anyone fancies the jobs of Club Captain, Bookings Officer or National Junior League Organizer then please speak to Graham, Sue or Jacquie. Full training and support will be given so don't be shy. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the management of the Club—and that can be very rewarding.

Adult coaching: at present is only available as 1-to-1 and on a trial basis. However, we plan to introduce a six week course following the April/May open evenings.

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