



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Cippenham celebrates 50 years

**C**ippenham Table Tennis Club is fifty years old and an evening of celebration was held at the Club on Thursday 8 June.

All current and past members were invited and it was good to see so many present. The evening was organised by Martin Adams who did a splendid job with the refreshments, the cake, balloons and a special mug, an example of which was presented to all those present. On the day, Martin then ran a fun hardbat doubles event with partners drawn at random.

The evening started with a short address by Graham Trimming, founder of the Club some fifty years ago. Graham emphasized that the Club was all about its people, past and current members, volunteers and players. He paid tribute to all those who have helped grow the Club into the nationally-renowned entity it is today. Graham also presented an 80-page publication containing well over 400 photographs that told the story of the history of Cippenham TTC.

Graham then gave way to Martin who announced the draw for the doubles competition. Twenty-four players, i.e. twelve doubles pairings, were drawn into four groups. The winners of the groups were Steve Piercey and Maciej Dlugozima, Albert Cheung and Ricky Hardcastle, Michal Garski and Priyanka Sabharwal and Akeel Mir with Arjun Prasanna Kumar. Quarter-finals and semi-finals were played before the final itself was won by Steve and Maciej against Parminder Singh and Elroy Hull who had finished only second in their group behind Michal and Priyanka.

Following the preliminary round of doubles, it was time to cut the cake and this was performed, ceremonial style, by the three Life Members present: Graham, Ken Phillips and Peter Hillier.

There was a fine spread of food, all helped by a case of red and white wine, kindly provided for the occasion by Barclays Bank. Martin had also produced a "name search" grid puzzle in which names of Cippenham members, past and present, were disguised and this amused attendees as they sought to



Cutting of the celebratory cake by (l-r) Ken Phillips; Graham Trimming; Peter Hillier

identify the players. And if going back fifty years was not enough, Graham set out a display of a small selection from his collection of table tennis artefacts going back a further seventy-five years to the turn of the last century. For many, this was the first time they had seen such equipment or even known of its existence.



Graham presents his opening address



Martin and the mugs



[Link to the online 50th anniversary publication](#)



A small part of Graham's collection of historical table tennis artefacts is displayed

## Six different winners at Champs

### Day 1

The 2023 Club Championships got underway with the Veterans' Singles and the Tweenies' Singles, the latter being a special event for those players aged between junior and veteran age groups. Twenty players took part overall with the largest entry being for the older age category.

Unsurprisingly, the Veterans' Singles was won by Maciej Dlugozima who carried all before him in local competitions last season, spearheading his Cippenham Trojans team to the Maidenhead League title with a personal unbeaten record. Maciej faced his team-mate Hari Prasad in the semi-final and won 3-0, just as he did against Elroy Hull in the final. Elroy, however, had a real fight in his semi-final and had to recover from two games down to beat Keith Hall in the battle between two left-handers.

The Tweenies' Singles produced a much more competitive final between the two outstanding players in the field. Eventually, Michal Garski was the victor against Parminder Singh who has enjoyed an outstanding season for NWCA in the Maidenhead League.

### Day 2

Day 2 of the Club Championships was set aside for the Open Doubles event. A good entry of fifteen pairs were arranged in four preliminary round groups with the four group winners progressing to the semi-finals and the remaining pairs playing off for the minor placings.

A changing of the guard is taking place at Cippenham with the younger generation of junior players coming to the fore and the more established players being left behind. Maciej Dlugozima, who has won virtually everything locally in this and recent seasons, was partnered by Michal Garski but any expectations they had of winning this event were swiftly dismissed in the semi-final when they were beaten 3-1 by youngsters Rachael Iles and Anna Piercey. Both girls have progressed up the senior and junior national rankings this season to the point where Rachael is now ranked as high as 33 in England senior women.

It was similar in the other half of the draw in which two of Cippenham's most promising boys, Jamie Woodford and George Driscoll, defeated the old guard Bas Mocharrafi and Igor Liiko in the



Doubles champs: Anna Piercey & Rachael Iles

semi-final 3-0. The final was a close encounter and Jamie and George opened up a 2-1 lead before Rachael and Anna stormed back to win the fourth and fifth games to take the title 3-2.

### Day 3

Day 3 of the Club Championships saw a very impressive entry of twenty-six players contest the blue riband event, the Open Singles. A familiar pattern is emerging and that is the Club's younger players are coming to the fore and sweeping away the honours. In the singles event the final was played between two 16-year olds in Jamie Woodford and Rachael Iles. The top prize was secured by Jamie but only after a titanic five-game set that saw him get over the line 11-8 in the deciding game. Third and fourth places were contested between Michal Garski and Anna Piercey with the thirty-something Michal beating Anna, another 16 year-old, over four games.

The twenty-six players were split in stage one into two events, with finishing positions one to thirteen established in each. The winners of the two events then played the overall final with the runners-up playing for third and fourth positions. Each of the stage one events was also split into four groups with the group winners being Michal Garski, Sarika Paradkar, Jamie Woodford, Bas Mocharrafi, Igor Liiko, Rachael Iles, Anna Piercey and nine-years old Sai Prasanna Kumar.

In what were effectively quarter-final matches Michal easily beat Sarika, Ja-

mie took four games to eliminate Bas, Rachael beat Igor 3-0 and Anna had little difficulty overcoming Sai. Like the final itself, the two semi-finals were closely-fought affairs, both finishing 11-8 in the fifth with Jamie overcoming Michal and Rachael coming from behind to defeat Anna.

### Day 4

The final event of the annual Club Championships, the Junior Singles, was delayed beyond the end of the season to allow participants to complete their end-of-year school exams and was therefore played in the middle of July, just before coaching finished for the year. Even so, only thirteen players took part but most of the top players were present.

The event began with the players organised into four preliminary round groups with the eight winners and runners-up then progressing into the knock-out stages. The groups were won by William Saint, Mia Lakhani, Rachael Iles and George Driscoll with the runners-up being Bharath Prasanna Kumar, Louis Alexander, Jack and Nick Carter.

William then beat George in his semi-final while Mia beat Rachael and top seed then defeated Mia in the final.

#### Cippenham Club Championships

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
OS	Jamie Woodford	Rachael Iles
OD	Rachael Iles	George Driscoll
VS	Anna Piercey	Jamie Woodford
TS	Maciej Dlugozima	Elroy Hull
JS	Michal Garski	Parminder Singh
	William Saint	Mia Lakhani



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The annual Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival, a Table Tennis England accredited 1-star open tournament, was held at the end of June and proved successful yet again. A total of eighty-six players competed in eight events across two days although the numbers were much higher for the under-13 and under-15 events on Saturday than they were for the under-17 and under-19 events on Sunday.

The Sunday events proved to be quite a triumph for the local players with all four events being won by players who train at Cippenham. In three of these events the runner-up was also from the Cippenham stable.

Success in the girls' events on the Sunday was shared between Cippenham's top two players, Rachael Iles and Mia Lakhani, who met in the final of both events. Mia beat Rachael in the Under-17s while the tables were reversed with Rachael winning the Under-19s.

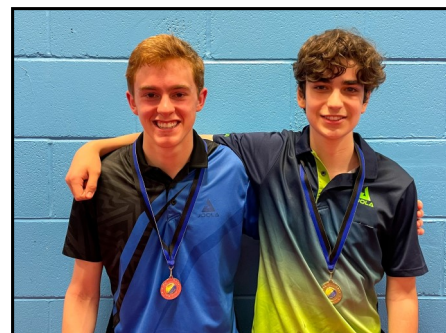
Cippenham's William Saint also reached the final of both Sunday events for the boys. In the Under-17 final he was beaten by team-mate Jamie Woodford while later in the day, in the Under-19s, William took the title against Kent's Aniket Bhanushali. Surprisingly, Jamie was eliminated from the preliminary round group of the Under-19s after losing to fellow Cippenham players Jaiden Caldeira and Bharath Prasanna Kumar but then, unsurprisingly, went on to win the consolation event. Jaiden progressed to the semi-final where he lost out to Bhanushali.

Lok Lam beat Violet Marquis in the finals of both the Under-13 and Under-15 girls' events on Saturday while the boys' events were won by Aiden Lees and Oscar Nikoli with Cippenham's youngest prodigy, nine-years old Sai Prasanna Kumar being the beaten finalist on both occasions.

The tournament was organised by Steve Piercy and refereed by Ken Phillips.



U17 Girls finalists: Rachael Iles & Mia Lakhani



U17 Boys finalists: William Saint & Jamie Woodford



U13 Boys finalists: Sai Prasanna Kumar & Oscar Nikoli

## Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
U19BS	William Saint (Bu)	Aniket Bhanushali (K)
U19GS	Rachael Iles (Bu)	Mia Lakhani (Mi)
U17BS	Jamie Woodford (Bu)	William Saint (Bu)
U17GS	Mia Lakhani (Mi)	Rachael Iles (Bu)
U15BS	Aiden Lees (E)	Sai Prasanna Kumar (Bk)
U15GS	Lok Lam (Sy)	Violet Marquis (Bd)
U13BS	Oscar Nikoli (Mi)	Sai Prasanna Kumar (Bk)
U13GS	Lok Lam (Sy)	Violet Marquis (Bd)
U19BCon	Jamie Woodford (Bu)	Sai Prasanna Kumar (Bk)
U17BCon	Nick Carter (Bu)	Oliver Jordan (Hr)
U15BCon	Tsz Ngo Li (Lon)	Henry Wojcik (Bu)
U15GCon	Hellam Tse (Bk)	Penny Muil (WAL)
U13BCon	Kai Drake (He)	Niiv' Chenththuran (Bu)

## No change at AGM

There were no changes to the Management Committee when a sparsely-attended Annual General Meeting met in early June. The same ten people continue to represent the members of the Committee going forward.

For the first time in several years there were some changes made to the Club's Rules. These, in general, gave additional powers to the Management Committee and took away from general meetings any decisions concerning the fees structure of the Club. The financial rules were also updated to bring the banking processes up to date.

The meeting also adopted the Annual Report written by Club Secretary Graham Trimming. Graham covered all aspects of the Club's activities and paid tribute to the volunteers who assist the club on a daily basis. He reported a successful season in which the bounce-back from the pandemic was complete, great results from several of the Club's teams, the first Cippenham Women & Girls' Open and the huge success of the pre-Christmas Festive Evening.

As Treasurer, Graham also presented the Financial Statements which showed a surplus over the past twelve months of operation.

It is with great sadness that Cippenham TTC reports the passing of former player Susan ("Sue") Collier. Sue passed away on Wednesday 26th July at the young age of 56.

Sue played for Cippenham on thirty-four occasions between seasons 1991-92 and 1999-00 and was part of three winning teams in the British League. Sue spearheaded our team to the Women's British League Division 3 championship in 1996-97 and repeated this the following season in Division 2. That latter season she was also part of our inaugural Senior British League team that were winners of Division 3 South.

Sue had an illustrious playing career having been ranked number five in the country at senior level and appeared in international matches for England. She was also very highly ranked in her younger days in the national cadet and junior lists and then, later in life, was the number one in England at veterans' level. Before moving to Cheshire, Sue was the best player in the Maidenhead League and won the Ladies' Singles title at the Maidenhead Closed on no fewer than eighteen occasions including sixteen in a row between 1985 and 2000.

A nicer person you could not hope to meet - RIP Sue.



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## Weekend Diary

Aug 13 Annual clean  
Sep 30/Oct 1 Senior British League (1)  
Oct 7 National Junior League (1)  
Nov 5 National Cadet League (1)  
Nov 18 National Junior League (2)  
Nov 25/26 Senior British League (2)  
Dec 2/3 Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open  
Dec 9 Senior British League (3)  
Dec 10 National Cadet League (2)  
Jan 6 Cippenham Team 1-Star Open  
Jan 7 National Cadet League (3)  
Jan 20 National Junior League (3)  
Jan 28 Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open  
Feb 24 National Junior League (4)  
Mar 10 National Cadet League (4)  
Apr 6/7 Senior British League (4)  
Apr 27 Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Vets' 1\* Open  
Jun 29/30 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	18:00	Beginners' Coaching Group ( <i>term time</i> )
	19:45	Advanced Coaching Group ( <i>term time</i> )
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Maidenhead League matches ( <i>seasonal</i> )
	19:30	Practice tables
<b>Weds</b>	19:30	Elite Coaching Group ( <i>term time</i> )
<b>Thurs</b>	19:15	Maidenhead League matches ( <i>seasonal</i> )
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2023-24

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£18.00	£9.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
National Cadet League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	£4.00	£2.00
British League match fees	£5.00	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term )		£25.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term )		£35.00

## Annual Clean

**Sunday 13 August, 10:00 am**

Please come along and help for a couple of hours as we clean the premises and equipment in readiness for the new season



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