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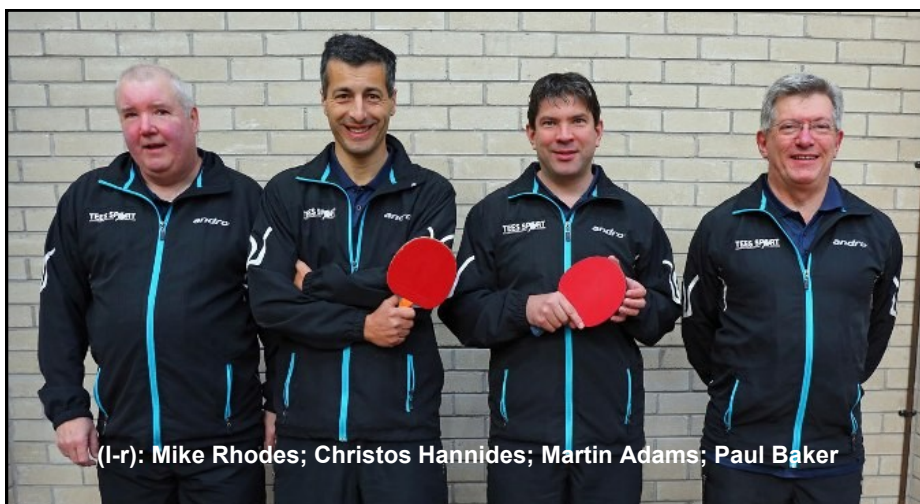
Vet men win battle for survival

A brilliant performance from Martin Adams, who lost only the first of his ten matches all weekend, was just about enough to keep the Cippenham men's team in the top half of Division 2B of the Veterans' British League. This was highly competitive division in which the champions Topspin Fusion A swept all before them but otherwise the other five teams all took points off each other and the threat of relegation back into the Veterans' National League was only averted when Mike Rhodes won the final match of the weekend to secure the point that kept Cippenham up. Such was the slim difference between third position, in the top half, and fifth position and ignominious relegation.

Half of the twenty matches played throughout the season between the five teams excluding the champions ended in draws and Cippenham featured in four of these. At the end their record read just two wins, four draws and four defeats but they still ended up in the top half.

One of those draws came in the first match of this, the second, weekend at Doncaster. Border Reivers were the opponents and caught Cippenham slow off the blocks as Jim Stamas inflicted the weekend's only defeat on Martin Adams and Geoff Salter beat Chris Hannides 11-8 in the fifth and deciding game. The borders side led 2-0 and Cippenham's weekend had got off to a sticky start. Team captain Paul Baker was the first to score for Cippenham, beating Richard Wilson and then Martin got into gear with a 3-0 demolition of Salter to square the match score. The final two sets both required a deciding game. Paul did well to pull back a 2-0 deficit against Stamas but then, agonisingly, fell at the final hurdle 12-10 after having led 10-7. Chris won two deuce games to get to 2-2 and then more easily won the fifth against Wilson 11-5 to give Cippenham an invaluable point.

Mike Rhodes replaced Paul Baker in the Cippenham team for the second match, against bottom team Draycott



(l-r): Mike Rhodes; Christos Hannides; Martin Adams; Paul Baker

and Long Eaton 2 and with good effect with two good wins. Martin also won twice, both by 3-0 scorelines, and Chris added another as Cippenham eased to a 5-1 win.

The Cippenham surge then stuttered in the Saturday evening match against Wolves. Only Martin got on the score-sheet as the Midlands ran out 4-2 winners. Cippenham's best chance of a point came in the opening set when Chris lost by the narrowest of margins 16-14 in the fifth game.

Divisional champions Topspin Fusion A finished the season with a sets aggregate of 55:5 and two of those defeats were to Martin Adams on Sunday morning. First, he beat Ramon Shitta 11-9 in the fifth after winning the first two games, then he came back from one game down to defeat Clive Carthy 3-1. The champions would have dropped their only point of the season had Mike beaten Martin Smith but he lost out 11-5 in the fifth.

The final match provided a simple equation. Win or draw and Cippenham would finish in a safe mid-table position. Lose and their opponents would leapfrog them and send Cippenham back down to the Veterans' National League from where they were promoted a year ago.

Martin won his customary two sets but

Chris had lost in five to Trevor Lloyd and Mike had suffered likewise against Rick Jemmott despite winning the first two games. Then Chris lost 3-1 to Jemmott and it did not look good for Cippenham. It was left up to Mike to beat Ian Packford and ensure Cippenham's survival. First game to Mike 11-8, then Packford equalised 11-9. A pivotal third game went Mike's way 12-10 and then, to great relief, 11-4 in the fourth secured a priceless point and survival.

On an adjacent table, Draycott got their first win of the season and in beating Border Reivers 4-2 ensured Cippenham leapt above Reivers on sets aggregate into third place and a top half finish.

In the same hall the Cippenham veteran women's team were faring less well in Division 1 of the counterpart competition. In fact, they failed to win a point all weekend and finished bottom of the division with just the two points secured in the first half. The team of Denise Weller, Julie Dean, Sue Hayes and Wendy Porter lost 6-0 to both BATTs PPP and Milton Keynes, 5-1 to Jacksdale and Fusion while the most frustrating result was a 4-2 defeat against previously pointless RTA. In this match Cippenham were somewhat unlucky and lost three consecutive sets by two points in the fifth game. Julie won two but was not backed up by her teammates.

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Ben is the Festive Grand Prix champ

A massive entry of 20 players turned up for this pre-Christmas event. Was it the mulled wine and mince pies that enticed them? Perhaps so, as it was 14-years old Ben Naylor-Smith who emerged as the winner of a keenly contested event.

The field was so large that it had to be split into two competitions, each of ten players with each placed player then playing off for final positions against their opposite number from the other competition.

Steve Miller, who has enjoyed a great record this season for Cookham Social Typhoons in the Maidenhead League, was seeded first, followed by Simon Wilde, Ben Naylor-Smith and Graham Trimming. All the seeds came through their first stage groups although Graham was made to fight extremely hard to overcome the resistance of Nigel Naylor-Smith 11-9 in the fifth. Winners of the other groups were Hari Prasad and Shae Thakker.

The second stage involved the winners of each of the groups playing off, likewise the second and third placed players. Many of the matches in the top sections were difficult to call but surprise of the night was Steve Miller's failure to beat either Hari Prasad or Graham Trimming. When the latter two played, it was Graham that prevailed to earn himself a place in the final.

Across in the other side of the competition, Simon Wilde easily beat Shae Thakker but the other two matches were very close and both required a deciding game. In the battle between the two emerging young stars Ben Naylor-Smith just about got past Shae 11-5 in the fifth and his match against Simon was even closer with Ben coming back from 2-1 down to win 11-9 in the fifth.

The final was more straight-forward for Ben, winning 3-0 again Graham who was unable to ready some of the devilish services the young protégé produced.



Festive GP: Graham Trimming (2nd); Ben Naylor-Smith (1st); Hari Prasad (4th). Simon Wilde (3rd) left before the photo was taken

All in all, a great way to close before Christmas with the mulled wine and mince pies being popular attractions and thanks to Naomi and Sue Hayes for the organisation.

Veterans' British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 2B							
Topspin Fusion A	10	10	0	0	55	5	20
Wolves	10	4	4	2	30	30	12
Cippenham	10	2	4	4	27	33	8
Border Reivers	10	2	4	4	24	36	8
PSP Insurance	10	1	5	4	24	36	7
Draycott & Lg Eaton 2	10	1	3	6	20	40	5
Women's Division 1							
Fusion	10	9	1	0	48	12	19
BATTS PPP	10	6	2	2	41	19	14
Milton Keynes	10	6	1	3	36	24	13
Jacksdale	10	4	2	4	30	30	10
RTA	10	1	0	9	14	46	2
Cippenham	10	1	0	9	14	46	2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Men				
Martin Adams	10	20	17	85
Mike Rhodes	6	12	4	33
Christos Hannides	8	16	4	25
Paul Baker	6	12	2	17
Cippenham Women				
Denise Weller	8	16	4	25
Julie Dean	8	16	4	25
Sue Hayes	7	14	2	21
Wendy Porter	7	14	0	0

Results:

Cippenham Men	Cippenham Women
3-3 Border Reivers	0-6 Milton Keynes
5-1 Draycott & Long Eaton	1-5 Fusion
2-4 Wolves	2-4 RTA
2-4 Topspin Fusion A	1-5 Jacksdale
3-3 PSP Insurance	0-6 BATTS PPP

Team Open—a Class Act!

Once again, the ever popular Cippenham Team 2-Star Open attracted a maximum entry of twenty-four teams although one unfortunately had to pull out through illness.

The final was played out by teams called Class Act and Beaufort. Earlier in the day that appeared to be most unlikely as both finalists lost one of their preliminary round group matches and had to force their way into contention for even a top eight position through a two-match repechage.

"Class Act", a team made up of Welshmen Neil Wright and Steve Buck, thereafter did justice to their name although there were a few spills and thrills along the way.

For a fuller report go to the Club's website.

National Junior League (Round 2)

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2							
Kidlington B	5	4	1	0	21	9	21
Chiltem A	5	3	1	1	20	10	20
Cippenham	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Chiltem B	5	2	0	3	14	16	14
Kingfisher	5	0	2	3	11	19	11
Hillingdon A	5	0	1	4	6	24	6

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Shae Thakker	10	25	20	80
Reeshabh Hamal	9	23	10	43
William Fricker	4	9	3	33
Nabeel Hussain	7	18	5	28

Senior British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
Greenhouse I	10	8	2	0	59	21	18
York Gardens I	10	7	1	2	52	28	15
Milton Keynes	10	7	1	2	50	20	15
Cippenham I	10	2	4	4	35	45	8
MMJ Horsham	10	3	1	6	37	43	7
Urban I	10	2	2	6	33	47	6
Fusion II	10	2	2	6	29	51	6
Godalming Simply Let	10	2	1	7	25	55	5
Division 3 South							
Portsmouth	10	9	1	0	73	7	19
Horsham Spinners I	10	7	2	1	58	22	16
Horsham Blades I	10	7	1	2	52	28	15
Generation 2	10	4	1	5	35	45	9
Fusion III	10	4	1	5	31	49	9
Foresters I	10	3	2	5	36	44	8
Cippenham II	10	1	1	8	17	63	3
York Gardens IV	10	0	1	9	18	62	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Tom Windram	8	16	11	69
Martin Adams	10	20	9	45
Martin Gray	8	16	6	38
Owe Karlsson	4	8	3	38
Robert Hansell	6	12	4	33
Jurate Brazaityte	4	8	2	25
Cippenham II				
Simon Vine	2	4	2	50
Kevin Gray	8	16	6	38
Ben Naylor-Smith	4	8	2	25
Steve Smith	4	8	2	25
Tony Stead	6	12	2	17
Ricky Hardcastle	6	12	2	17
Richard Johnson	4	8	1	13
Paul Baker	4	8	0	0
Graham Trimming	2	4	0	0

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
4-4 Greenhouse I	1-7 Generation 2
4-4 Godalming Simply Let	3-5 Fusion III
3-5 Fusion II	1-7 Foresters I
3-5 York Gardens I	4-4 York Gardens IV
5-3 Urban I	0-8 Portsmouth
4-4 MMJ Horsham	1-7 Horsham Spinners I

First team move into top half of table

The absence of key players cost both Cippenham teams in the second weekend of matches in the Senior British League, played at Cippenham.

The Cippenham first team started the weekend off with a superb 4-4 draw with division leaders Greenhouse I. At the end of the weekend the league table showed Greenhouse as runaway leaders of Division 1 South and, after eight matches, the only point they had dropped was to Cippenham in this match. Owe Karlsson, who missed the first weekend in September, was the star of the show, winning against both Daniel Basterfield and Igor Morais. Then both Martin Gray and Tom Windram beat the Greenhouse number four Lobsang Lama to secure a well deserved and unexpected point.

Saturday afternoon saw Cippenham pitched against Godalming Simply Let and another 4-4 draw ensued. This time it was the two Martins, team captain Martin Adams and Martin Gray who led the way with unbeaten records. In a closely fought match, both teams lost sets in the fifth and deciding game but for Cippenham there was the double torture of back to back 11-9 defeats for Owe against Michael Chan and Tom against Andreas Pusch. Martin A had got Cippenham off to the perfect start against Adam Laws and later beat Pusch while Martin G's wins were against Alex Forshaw and Chan.

Tom was unavailable for the Sunday, his studies for forthcoming school exams taking precedence, and his absence was felt in two 5-3 losses, one of them a damaging loss against bottom side Fusion II. Stand-in Jurate Brazaityte performed well and actually beat Andrew Smith in the afternoon match against York Gardens I and led Mark Wicker late into the match against Fusion. Owe, Martin A and Martin G all picked up one apiece against Fusion while they were also the other winners against York Gardens. Against York Gardens, Cippenham put in a much better all-round display and but for two 11-9 fifth-game defeats for Owe could have claimed a victory against the team in second place in the table.

The Cippenham second team, playing in Division 3 South, were in disarray prior to the weekend due to non-availabilities and injuries and chose to give debuts to Simon Vine and Ben Naylor-Smith. Both acquitted themselves reasonably well and, in fact, Simon, who has been making a return to table tennis after a twenty-year absence this season, was Cippenham's only winner in Saturday morning's 7-1 defeat to Generation 2. His win came 12-10 in the fifth against Cippenham old boy Mike Rhodes. In the afternoon Kevin Gray beat both Emma Tovey and Rodney Farquharson and Simon also beat Tovey but Cippenham



Tom Windram: 4 out of 4 on day 5

slipped to a 5-3 defeat against Fusion III.

Team captain Paul Baker, who played on Saturday despite incapacities caused by tennis elbow, was replaced by Tony Stead on Sunday. Ricky Hardcastle also replaced his stand-in Simon Vine. The morning match followed the same pattern as that on Saturday morning with a 7-1 defeat to Forsters I. 14-years old Ben Naylor-Smith, surely a star for the future and a product of the Cippenham coaching scheme, got his score off the mark with a creditable 3-0 win over Daniel Pound but that was all Cippenham could muster.

It was crucial that Cippenham gained something from the afternoon match against pointless York Gardens IV. Kevin showed his prowess at number one as he chopped his way to two 3-0 wins over Sanga Quamina and Vincent Wu. However, Cippenham were still 3-2 down when Tony, after dropping the first game, bounced back to defeat Joao Botas and then Ben earned the player of the match award for a similar sterling effort against Colin Morrow to earn Cippenham a point from a 4-4 draw and maintain a two-point gap between them and the relegation zone.

Despite again being under-strength, the Cippenham first team managed three points out of four during the third weekend to move up two places into the top half of Division 1 South. Star of the show was Tom Windram who, despite being promoted from number four to number three in the team list, won all four of his matches. He was ably assisted by Martin Adams and Rob Hansell and also by last-minute substitute Jurate Brazaityte whose win in the last match of the day secured a point for the host team.

The first team started against Urban TTC. Cippenham got off to the best possible start when team captain Martin Adams led by example from the front with an 11-3, 11-4, 11-3 demolition of Dob Tokov. Robert Hansell, against Alim Hirji, and Tom Windram, against Tommy Gritton, both then came from behind to defeat their opponents

in five games and Cippenham's early lead was then stretched to 3-0. However, defeats for Jurate and Martin brought Urban back into the match at 3-2 and the Cippenham bubble looked as if it could burst. Tom, though, made sure of the first point and his brace by beating Tokov 3-1 and then Rob followed suit but was made to work hard for his 3-2 success over Mateusz Mikosz. Rob was two games down at one point against his talented and quick teenage opponent but summoned up all of his renowned fighting spirit to turn the match around and deliver Cippenham a match-winning 5-2 lead. Jurate fought hard with Gritton but the Urban man prevailed to make the match score 5-3.

The afternoon match against MMJ Horsham started in reverse fashion. Martin surprisingly lost 11-8 in the fifth game to Anthony Kent and that was sandwiched in between losses for Rob and Jurate. Suddenly, Cippenham were 3-0 down and facing defeat. Cippenham's man on the moment started the rescue action. Tom easily saw off Scott Covey, then Martin gained retribution for his earlier loss with a fine 11-9 fifth game success over Dean Cundy, ranked ninth in Wales. When Rob lost 3-0 to Zayd Mathoor Cippenham were 4-2 down and fighting for a point. Tom made short work of Kent to give Cippenham hope and it was thus left to Jurate to earn her team that precious league point. With a typically fighting performance, she did just that with an epic 11-7, 14-16, 9-11, 13-11, 11-9 win over Covey to finish a thoroughly rewarding day's play for a Cippenham team missing two of its major players.

Non-availability of players hit the second team even harder than the first team. However, the seconds' results were not as flattering coming up, as they did, against the top two teams in Division 3 South. It was always going to be tough with Tony Stead elevated to the number one position, supported by Paul Baker and Steve Smith and, drafted in at the last moment into the number four position, Club Secretary and organiser of the weekend, Graham Trimming.

Defeats were virtually inevitable and they came in the form of 8-0 against Portsmouth and 7-1 against Horsham Spinners. Steve played well throughout and beat Rory Scott in the Horsham match and only lost to Wojciech Placek 11-7 in the fifth against Portsmouth. Apart from that, it was only substitute Graham who won any games and, in fact, led Martin Matuzevicius 7-4 in the deciding game when his opponent called a timely, and ultimately match-changing, time-out. The team remain seventh in the division, two points separating them from the drop zone.

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

Fees Season 2014-15

	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
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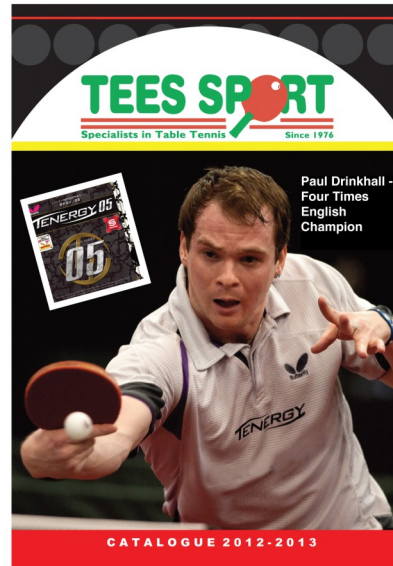
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Weekend Diary

Feb	1	Bucks Closed Championships
	8	National Cadet League
	21	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open
	28	National Junior League
Mar	8	National Cadet League
	14/15	Maidenhead Closed Championships
	21/22	County Championships Senior Div 1B
	28/29	Senior British League Div1S & Div5S
Apr	11	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
	18/19	Senior British League Play-Offs
Jun	20/21	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

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