

Sai is champion three times over

Local protégé Sai Prasanna Kumar virtually made the 2026 Club Championships his own, winning all three titles open to him. Sai won the Open Singles against more experienced campaigners, the Open Doubles in tandem with Maciej Dlugozima and, of course, the Junior Singles.

Day 1

The 2026 Club Championships commenced with the first two events: Veterans' Singles and Tweenies' Singles.

The veterans' event attracted fifteen players arranged for the preliminary round into five groups of three with the top two from each group progressing to the knock-out stage. Group winners were Hari Gehlot, Maciej Dlugozima, Amit Kumar, Sue Hayes and Denise Weller, with Milton Makris, Randall Rodrigues, Armando Borges, Robert Zybert and Keith Hall joining them from the runners-up positions.

Robert conceded his first round match to Armando while Milton beat Randall to join the other six players in the quarter-finals. Results continued to go with seedings right through to the final. In the quarters, Hari beat Denise, Amit beat Milton, Sue beat Armando and Maciej beat Keith. The semi-final saw top seed Hari defeat Amit 3-0 while Sue took one game off Maciej. The final was a closer encounter with Hari winning the first two games, Maciej equalising 2-2 before Hari clinched the deciding fifth game 11-7.

The Tweenies' event, so called because it is for player of "between" junior and veteran age groups, saw five players play in a round-robin format. The winner was Srinika Selvam who did not drop a game throughout with Eswardev Nekkanti runner-up.

Day 2

The second day featured the Open Doubles.

Twelve pairs were organised into three groups of four by event



organiser Martin Adams. Top seeds Sai Prasanna Kumar with Maciej Dlugozima and Hari Gehlot with Amit Kumar duly topped their groups as did Martin Adams and Emil Gheorghe in group 3.

The runners-up, who also qualified for the knock-out stages, were Randall Rodrigues with Celine Jose, Tom Skubis with Abdi Hasan and Robert and Jacek Zybert. Interestingly, that of the twelve players in the knock-out rounds, half do not normally compete competitively.

Tom and Abdi defeated Robert and Jacek in the first knock-out round, as also did Martin and Emil over Randall and Celine. Onto the semi-finals, which both concluded 3-0 with Hari and Amit easily defeating Martin and Emil and Maciej and Sai doing likewise against Tom and Abdi.

The final proved to be a real hum-dinger of a match. After three games, Hari and Amit lead 2-1 but

Sai and Maciej found another gear to take the final two games 11-6, 11-5.

Day 3

The senior events of the 2026 Club Championships concluded with the Open Singles.

A slightly disappointing entry of only fourteen players were allocated into four preliminary round groups. Emerging from these groups in top place were the four seeds: Martin Adams, Sai Prasanna Kumar, Hari Gehlot and Amit Kumar. The runners-up, Chloe Ireland, Keith Hall, Srinika Selvam and Keeratpreet Walia also qualified for the quarter-finals, the latter following the withdrawal of Robert Zybert.

The quarter-finals were all won in a straight-forward fashion with Martin defeating Srinika, Hari easing past Keeratpreet and Sai having little difficulty with Chloe although Keith did

Another successful year reported

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on during June and was attended by only nine Club members. The hot weather, holidays, and a certain football match on television may have kept some away but, nevertheless, the meeting was concluded in time for everyone to return home for their date on the sofa!

The meeting adopted the Annual Report written by Club Secretary Graham Trimming. In the 15-page document, 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 on the many highlights during the past year which included multiple successes for the Club's teams and players, the award of TTE Vice-President for Club Chair Sue Hayes and the overcoming of some access issues to the premises caused by building works at the host school. The full written report, with appendices, can be found on the Club's website.

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

The elections returned all current incumbents and also added Margaret Thornton to their number as a new member of the Management Committee.

Another addition to the management team arrived in July when Amit Kumar was co-opted at the first Committee meeting.

Club Championships cont'd

put Amit under a bit more pressure but still conceded 3-0.

Onto the semi-finals and it was an easy win for Martin over Amit but the other semi-final between Sai and Hari was a really closely fought encounter and although 3-0, the scores read 13-11, 11-7, 21-19.

The final, itself, was even more intense. Martin showed his greater experience winning the first game 11-8 but it was the youthful Sai, still only

twelve years of age, who upped his game to take the remaining three games, and the title, 11-5, 11-9, 12-10.

Day 4

The final event, the Junior Singles was played in July on a Wednesday evening but clashed with England's World Cup semi-final. As a result, only six players competed and the title was won by Sai over his brother Bharath.

Who's Who at Cippenham

Management Committee:

Sue Hayes: Chairman; Events Officer; Westgate School Liaison; VETTS Over-60s Competition Secretary/Captain; Calendar Sub-Committee; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1-Star Referee; Team 1-Star Referee; Women & Girls' 1-Star Referee; Maidenhead League Team Captain

Graham Trimming: General Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Secretary; Membership Secretary; Press Secretary; Newsletter Editor; Webmaster; Calendar Sub-Committee; Maidenhead League Secretary; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; SBCL Weekend Organiser; Team 1-Star Organiser

Tim Kiteley: Deputy Chairman; Facilities Manager; Westgate School Liaison; Members' Supply Agent; Club Supply Agent; Lead Coach

Martin Adams: Social Officer; SBCL Captain/Secretary; VBCL Captain/Secretary; Festive Evening Organiser; Clubs Championships Organiser

Randall Rodrigues: Bookings Officer; Volunteer Champion; Calendar Coordinator; Calendar Sub-Committee;

Maidenhead League Selection Committee; Maidenhead League Team Captain

Amit Kumar: Maidenhead League Captain; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; Maidenhead League Team Captain

Steve Piercey: Welfare Officer

Jyothi Puttaswamy: Weekday Duty Manager

Keith Hall

Elroy Hull

Margaret Thornton

Other volunteers:

Ken Phillips: WBCL Captain/Secretary; YBCL Captain/Secretary; JBCL Captain/Secretary; CBCL Captain/Secretary; SBCL Weekend Referee; Lead Coach

Paul Baker: 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1-Star Organiser

Jan Chapman: Lead coach

Denise Weller: VBCL Captain/Secretary

Paid appointments:

Bharath Prasanna Kumar: Weekday Duty Officer



Team Selections Season 2026-27

As we go to press, the Club has entered the same number of teams in the various leagues as was the case for season 2025-26. However, the number of teams and the players that make them up has not yet been decided for the Junior British Clubs League and the Cadet British Clubs League.

A reminder about last season ...



Senior British Clubs League:

Dates and Venue:

19/20 September 2026
7/8 November 2026
16 January 2027
3/4 April 2027
All matches at Cippenham

Team 1: National Division A-2

Shae Thakker; Robert Hansell; Martin Adams (Capt.); David Barr; Andy Norwood; Martin Gray

Team 2: National Division C-8

Sai Prasanna Kumar; Hari Gehlot; Steve Joel; Steve Munson; Maciej Dlugozima; Louis Alexander; Bharath Prasanna Kumar

Women's British Clubs League:

Dates and Venue:

31 October/1 November 2026
30/31 January 2027
All matches at Aldersley, Wolverhampton

Team: Division 1

Rachael Iles; Mia Lakhani; Anna Piercey. NPC: Ken Phillips

Veterans' British Clubs League:

Dates and Venue:

3/4 October 2026
20/21 February 2027
All matches at Derby Arena

Men 1: Division 1-1

Andy Trott; Martin Adams (capt.); Robert Hansell; David Barr; Martin Gray

Men 2: Division 2-1

Hari Gehlot; Steve Joel; Steve Munson; Maciej Dlugozima; Samson Bekele;

Women: Division 2

Denise Weller (capt.); Julie Dean; Sue Hayes; Mary Heffernan

Youth British Clubs League:

Dates and Venue:

10/11 October 2026
13/14 February 2027
All matches at Derby Arena

Boys: Division 5

Louis Alexander; Bharath Prasanna Kumar; Sai Prasanna Kumar. NPC: Ken Phillips

Girls: Premier Division

Mia Lakhani; Alyssa Nguyen; Charlotte Wong. NPC: Ken Phillips

Junior British Clubs League:

Dates and Venue:

17 October 2026
21 November 2026
23 January 2027
27 February 2027
All matches at Cippenham

All teams: TBD

Cadet British Clubs League:

Dates and Venue:

29 November 2026
10 January 2027
31 January 2027
14 March 2027
All matches at Cippenham

All teams: TBD

Maidenhead League:

Trojans: Home night—Tuesday

Amit Kumar (capt.); Graham Trimming; Rohit Varshney; Yuvan Varshney

Spartans: Home night—Thursday

Sue Hayes (capt.); Armando Borges; Albert Cheung; Peter Chipperton; Mary Heffernan; Steve Piercey; Margaret Thornton

Vikings: Home night—Tuesday

Randall Rodrigues (capt.); Oliver Chan; Aden Hughes; Vijay Shellikeri

For more than twenty years, this Newsletter has been created using Microsoft Publisher. Alas, Publisher will no longer be usable from next month. Hence, the forced change to Microsoft Word. Please bear with me as I am still getting used to the changes! It is a lot more difficult!

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Weekday Timetable

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

Fees Season 2026-27

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£20.00	£10.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
Junior British Clubs League registration	n/a	£20.00
Cadet British Clubs League registration	n/a	£20.00
Practice Fees	£4.50	£2.50
British Clubs Leagues match fees (home)	£7.50	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.50	£2.50
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£40.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£50.00

Weekend Diary

Sep 5	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans 1-Star
Sep 19/20	Senior British Clubs League (1)
Oct 11	Heathrow League (1)
Oct 17	Junior British Clubs League (1)
Oct 24	County Championships Veterans
Nov 7/8	Senior British Clubs League (2)
Nov 14	Bucks Closed Championships
Nov 15	Heathrow League (2)
Nov 21	Junior British Clubs League (2)
Nov 28	Cippenham Women & Girls' 1-Star
Nov 29	Cadet British Clubs League (1)
Dec 5/6	County Championships Seniors
Dec 12	County Championships Veterans
Dec 13	Heathrow League (3)
Jan 10	Cadet British Clubs League (2)
Jan 16	Senior British Clubs League (3)
Jan 17	Cippenham Team 1-Star
Jan 23	Junior British Clubs League (3)
Jan 24	Heathrow League (4)
Jan 30	County Championships Over-60s
Jan 31	Cadet British Clubs League (3)
Feb 27	Junior British Clubs League (4)
Mar 6	County Championships Veterans
Mar 14	Cadet British Clubs League (4)
Mar 21	Heathrow League (5)
Apr 3/4	Senior British Clubs League (4)
May 3(BH)	Cippenham Under-13/17 1-Star

Annual Cleaning

Every year, before the season gets underway, we meet to clean and tidy the premises, clean and make any necessary repairs to our playing equipment and generally spruce everything up so that the Club looks as good as it can for the season's start.

This year this is happening on:

Friday 4 September, 5-8 pm.

Are you able to come along and lend a hand?

Any help greatly appreciated



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