



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Divisional champions !

The Cippenham first team found themselves embroiled in a tree-way race to the Senior British Clubs League National Division B-2 during the final weekend. The top two teams faced off in the very first match with second-placed Cippenham challenging overnight leaders Fusion 3. The south London team were slightly under-strength and the hosts took full advantage, racing to a well-deserved 6-3 victory and, by doing so, leaptfrogged their opponents into top place.

Cippenham raced into a 3-0 lead with Dave Barr, Rob Hansell and Martin Adams all winning 3-0. Patricia Ianua pulled one back for Fusion by defeating Martin Gray before a doubles win for Rob and Martin Adams got Cippenham back on track. Further wins for Martin Adams and Martin Gray sealed the victory.

Saturday afternoon brought another impressive display with a 7-2 win against Joola Plymouth 2. Martin Adams replicated his player of the match performance from the morning with two 3-0 victories over Ollie Buddell and Harry Cutler while Rob added a further two to add to a doubles win and singles successes for Dave and Martin Gray.

Onto Sunday and Cippenham maintained top place in the division with a scrambled 5-4 win in the morning over Foresters. Shae Thakker replaced Dave Barr for the day's play and made an immediate impact with 3-0 wins over Daniel Young and Mark Collins to earn him the player of the match accolade. Rob Hansell was nursing a sore back that impeded his play but he managed to share yet another doubles win with Martin Adams who had earlier a great win over Foresters' number one Peter Stahlman and then Martin Gray eased his teammates' concerns with an easy win over Young to secure the points for his team with a 5-4 victory.

The crunch match came right at the end of the weekend and of the season. Cippenham versus Waterside was a make or break match. To win the title, Cippenham had to win, losing would relegate them to third place. It started poorly with Martin Adams succumbing to the



The victorious Cippenham squad, winners of Senior British Clubs League National Division B-2—(clockwise from top left): Robert Hansell; Martin Adams; Dave Barr; Steve Munson; Martin Gray; Hari Gehlot; Andy Norwood; Shae Thakker

division's player of the season Adam Klos. Rob Hansell hit back with a demolition job on Sam Ricks but Martin Gray fell 3-1 to John McBeath. Shae Thakker got the equaliser for Cippenham who then went into the lead for the first time with Martin Adams and Rob, a reliable doubles pair. Klos got his second for the Southampton-based team and the equation was simple – two of the final three needed to be won. Martin Adams gave a captain's performance with a close and nervy 3-1 over McBeath but when Shae lost the second game to Sam Ricks the path ahead seemed to be uphill. However, Shae rallied and won the next two in a canter. It mattered little that Martin Gray lost closely to Ed Slot in the final set as Cippenham had already gained the five sets that they needed for a match win and the divisional title.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham second team were having less of a good time on the other side of the playing hall. It started well enough with an 8-1 romp over Generation 2. Only the doubles set was lost as Maciej Dlugozima, Louis

Alexander and the Prasanna Kumar brothers, Bharath and Sai, won all their singles encounters.

However, the tide turned in the afternoon as Falmouth Docks, who included former Cippenham player Martin Rule in their team, won a closely contested match 5-4. Despite the team loss, Sai was adjudged player of the match for his two wins over Aiden Rollason and William Pavry. Cippenham's other wins came from Maciej and the doubles.

Another loss followed on Sunday morning, this time 3-6 against Horsham. Sai again won twice but was assisted only when Maciej defeated Dean Rose in the opening set.

The final match produced a nerve-tangling 5-4 win over Newton Abbot. The Devon side led 2-0 and 4-3 before Bharath won a tense and close battle with Luke Bennett and his brother Sai administered the final nail beating Wim Faassen to give Cippenham the win that kept them in sixth place in the Division C-5 table.

Maidenhead Champs again

Congratulations to the Cippenham Trojans team of Sai Prasanna Kumar, Graham Trimming, Jake Neilson, Hari Prasad and Albert Cheung who have been confirmed as Maidenhead League champions. With the last matches having been played over a month earlier, Trojans had to wait for the decision of the League's committee about the outcome of some unplayed matches, especially two by runners-up NWCA Bluejays who would have needed seventeen points out of a possible twenty from their final two matches against Cookham Social Pumas to catch Trojans. In the end, with injuries plaguing both NWCA and Cookham those two matches were declared void.

This is the fifteenth time that a Cippenham team has won the Maidenhead League and the eighth in a row. For Graham this was a tenth Maidenhead team title, while it was the sixth time Albert has been so rewarded, the fifth time for Hari, but the first for Sai and Jake. Remarkably, the player of the match awards went to Trojans players on all twenty-one occasions with Sai, who remained unbeaten through thirty-four matches, recording twelve of these. Trojans lost only one match all season, the early season encounter with NWCA, whereas it was two victories over the same opponents in successive weeks, 6-4 and 7-3, to close off the season that eventually secured the title.

Cippenham Saxons, for whom Chloe Ireland, Bharath Prasanna Kumar and Mary Heffernan played starring roles, finished fourth while the other Cippenham team, Spartans, were placed sixth out of the eight competing teams.

Spartans, however, won the Handicap Knock-out Competition when their team of Randall Rodrigues, Amit Kumar and Rohit Varshney defeated Old Gords Harriers 5-3 in the final.

Competitive Women & Girls Open

A lower than anticipated level of entry did nothing to detract from a highly competitive Cippenham Women and Girls 1-Star Open.

In the main event, top seed Holly Holder emerged from the first group with Simona Vassileva as runner-up while second seed Anita Jermyn and Bethany Yang did likewise from group two, the other qualifiers being Chaoba Thounaojam and Grace Liu from group three and Bhanu Sabaratnam and Molly Brown from group four.

The two seeded player both duly progressed through their quarter-finals with 3-1 victories, Holder over Yang and Jermyn over Vassileva. Brown beat Thounaojam, after coming back from 2-1 down, while Liu was unfortunately injured and conceded her match to Sabaratnam.

The semi-finals were more straightforward but Holder did need four games to eliminate Sabaratnam while Jermyn only needed three to do the same to Brown.

The final produced a fierce, fast counter-hitting match which resulted in eventual triumph 3-0 for Anita Jermyn.

Earlier on in the day, Holly Holder had tasted success when she won the Over-21 Singles. The same two seeded players came through their groups although Holder only just survived 13-11 in the fifth against Chloe Ireland, who went on to win the consolation event, and Anita Jermyn was beaten by Chaoba Thounaojam.

That defeat pitched Jermyn against Holder in the semi-final and, unlike the result later in the day, this time it was Holder who was triumphant and she then went on to beat Thounaojam over four games in the final.

The Under-21 event was played as a round-robin between the five contestants. Grace Liu was the eventual winner but she did have to survive two five-game matches against Bethany Yang, who finished as runner-up, and Molly Brown who finished fourth.

The event was organised by Margaret Thornton and refereed by Sue Hayes.

Senior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B-2							
Cippenham 1	14	13	0	1	83	43	26
Fusion 3	14	12	0	2	101	25	24
Waterside	14	11	0	3	85	41	22
Gwent TTC	14	7	0	7	60	66	14
Foresters 1	14	6	0	8	59	67	12
Crusaders	14	5	0	9	46	80	10
Joola Plymouth 2	14	2	0	12	30	96	4
Bristol Associates	14	0	0	14	40	86	0
National Division C-5							
Ellenborough 1	14	11	0	3	85	41	22
Horsham A	14	10	0	4	74	52	20
Isle of Wight 1	14	10	0	4	71	55	20
Godalming Simply Let	14	8	0	6	70	56	16
Newton Abbot TTC	14	7	0	7	69	57	14
Cippenham 2	14	6	0	8	65	61	12
Generation 2	14	3	0	11	36	90	6
Falmouth Docks	14	1	0	13	34	92	2
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham 1							
Shae Thakker	6	12	11	83			
Martin Adams	14	28	22	79			
Andy Norwood	4	8	6	75			
Dave Barr	6	12	8	67			
Robert Hansell	12	23	15	65			
Hari Gehlot	4	8	5	63			
Martin Gray	6	12	6	50			
Steve Munson	4	8	1	13			
Cippenham 2							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	10	20	18	90			
Maciej Dlugozima	6	12	7	58			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	14	20	16	57			
Louis Alexander	12	24	11	46			
George Driscoll	6	12	5	42			
Hari Gehlot	4	8	3	38			
Steve Joel	4	8	2	25			
Results:							
Cippenham 1				Cippenham 2			
6-3 Fusion 3				8-1 Generation 2			
7-2 Joola Plymouth 2				4-5 Falmouth Docks			
5-4 Foresters 1				3-6 Horsham A			
5-4 Waterside				5-4 Newton Abbot TTC			

Maidenhead League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cippenham Trojans	21	18	2	1	149	61	149
NWCA Bluejays	21	15	2	4	132	58	132
Old Gords Harriers	21	9	3	9	104	106	104
Cippenham Saxons	21	9	2	10	101	108	101
OLOP Bears	21	7	4	10	100	109	100
Cippenham Spartans	21	6	2	13	92	118	92
Cookham Social Pumas	21	7	6	8	84	96	84
NWCA Sharks	21	1	3	17	47	153	47
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Trojans							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	12	34	34	100			
Albert Cheung	5	14	13	92			
Hari Prasad	12	32	21	66			
Jake Neilson	14	40	26	65			
Graham Trimming	15	42	23	55			
Sue Hayes	3	9	1	11			
Saxons							
Edward Huang	1	3	3	100			
Chloe Ireland	12	35	30	86			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	4	12	10	83			
Mary Heffernan	7	19	15	79			
Peter Chipperton	18	52	20	38			
Qasim Hussain	7	21	8	38			
Margaret Thornton	9	27	3	11			
Spartans							
Rohit Varshney	14	41	25	61			
Amit Kumar	16	47	28	60			
Randall Rodrigues	14	42	7	17			
Armando Borges	9	26	4	15			
Steve Piercey	4	12	1	8			

Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS	Anita Jermyn (K)	Holly Holder (Sy)
O21S	Holly Holder (Sy)	Chaoba Thounaojam (Sy)
U21S	Grace Liu (E)	Bathany Yang (Mi)
OCon	Chloe Ireland (Bu)	Mary Heffernan (Bu)
O21Con	Chloe Ireland (Bu)	Mary Heffernan (Bu)

Cadet and Junior leagues complete

The Junior and Cadet British Clubs Leagues both completed recently.

Junior British Clubs League

Without the services of Rohan Bhide, Cippenham A struggled on their return to Division 1 of the Junior British Clubs League during the final session.

George Driscoll won seven of his nine matches and gained two player of the match awards but Anish Adapa and the promoted Armaan Koteshwar were not able to assist in the accumulation of league points and the team consequently finished at the foot of the table.

Cippenham B also finished bottom of their division, Division 5, but that was largely due to an ineligible player, whose results did not count, partaking in every match.

However, the Cippenham C team made up for the others by winning Division 6. They beat all three opponents while Shaurya Bapna, twice, and Ayush Kulkarni picked up player of the match awards.

Cadet British Clubs League

Cippenham A, having been promoted from Division 3 at the end of the previous session, finished third out of four in a very competitive Division 2. They beat Chiltern A 5-4 but lost by the same score against Kingfisher B and Graham Spicer 4. Rohan Bhide was, once again, the standout player for Cippenham, winning all nine of his matches and scooping the player of the match award on each occasion. Armaan Koteshwar won one in each team match while the solitary win for Nayan Yelkur made all the difference against Chiltern. Rohan finished the season having lost just once in his twenty-seven individual matches.

Cippenham B and C teams were both placed in Division 5. While the C team finished bottom of the table with only four points, the B team finished the season in style, winning all their matches and remaining at the top from start to finish. Saavan Hunjan won all six of his matches, picking up the player of the match award on both occasions, Yuvan Varshney won five out of six, Ayush Kulkarni seven out of eight and Shreyas Wagle one out of six.

Junior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1—Round 4							
Stanmore A	3	3	0	0	24	3	24
Rosehill	3	2	0	1	12	15	12
Twickenham Brunsw'k A	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Cippenham A	3	0	0	3	7	20	7
Division 5—Round 4							
Ashford C	3	3	0	0	18	9	18
Crusaders D	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Ashford B	3	1	0	2	16	11	16
Cippenham B	3	0	0	3	3	24	3
Division 6—Round 4							
Cippenham C	3	3	0	0	19	8	19
Ashford D	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Twickenham Brunsw'k B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Twickenham Brunsw'k C	3	0	0	3	6	21	6

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
George Driscoll	12	36	31	86
Rohan Bhide	7	20	12	60
Aaron Mendonca*	4	12	1	8
Anish Adapa	10	29	2	7
Armaan Koteshwar	3	9	0	0
Cippenham B				
Armaan Koteshwar	9	27	17	63
Jude Marshall	9	27	16	59
Nayan Yelkur	10	30	13	43
Ignacy Jaraszek	3	9	0	0

* Aaron Mendonca also appeared in 5 matches but was ineligible

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham C				
Saavan Hunjan	6	18	12	67
Ayush Kulkarni	10	29	18	62
Shaurya Bapna	7	21	13	62
Simon Powell	5	15	6	40
Shreyas Wagle	8	24	7	29

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
3-6 Twickenham Bruns A	2-7 Crusaders D
3-6 Rosehill	0-9 Ashford B
1-8 Stanmore A	1-8 Ashford C
Cippenham C	
6-3 Ashford D	
5-4 Twickenham Brunswick B	
8-1 Twickenham Brunswick C	

Cadet British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2—Round 4							
Chiltern A	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Graham Spicer 4	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Cippenham A	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Kingfisher B	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Division 5—Round 4							
Cippenham B	3	3	0	0	19	8	19
Graham Spicer 7	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Crusaders D	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Cippenham C	3	0	0	3	4	23	4

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Rohan Bhide	9	27	26	96
Armaan Koteshwar	12	36	19	53
Anish Adapa	6	18	8	44
Nayan Yelkur	9	27	8	30
Cippenham B				
Yuvan Varshney	8	24	20	83
Nayan Yelkur	3	9	7	78
Saavan Hunjan	3	9	7	78
Ayush Kulkarni	9	27	16	59
Ignacy Jaraszek	6	18	5	28
Shreyas Wagle	4	12	1	8
Cippenham C				
Simon Powell	3	9	9	100
Saavan Hunjan	3	9	9	100
Yuvan Varshney	3	9	6	67
Shreyas Wagle	6	18	9	50
Ethan Yogesh Chavan	4	12	4	33
Soham Chattopadhyay	4	11	3	27
Vivaan Dhankhur	4	11	2	18
Ayaan Zaib	4	14	2	14
Ayansh Venkat	1	3	0	0

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
4-5 Kingfisher B	9-0 Cippenham C
4-5 Graham Spicer 4	5-4 Crusaders D
5-4 Chiltern A	5-4 Graham Spicer 7
Cippenham C	
0-9 Cippenham B	
3-6 Graham Spicer 7	
1-8 Crusaders D	

Date of AGM

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on Tuesday 23 June 2026.

This is the opportunity for all Club members to have their say in how the Club is run.

The official notice will be emailed to all members before the meeting and the business to be transacted will include the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts and the election of Officers and other members of the Management Committee.

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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 2025-26

	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	£13.00
Cadet British Clubs League registration	n/a	£13.00
Practice Fees	£4.50	£2.50
British Clubs Leagues match fees	£5.00	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.50	£2.50
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£40.00



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Club Championships 2026

Tuesday 5 May:
Veterans' Singles
Tweenies' Singles

Tuesday 12 May:
Open Doubles

Tuesday 19 May:
Open Singles

No pre-booking is required,
please just turn up by 7:30 and
register

VETTS Super 50 Team Competition

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Women's Division							
Market Rasen	4	4	0	0	24	0	8
Foresters	4	3	0	1	13	11	6
Sherwood	4	2	0	2	10	14	4
Cippenham	4	0	1	3	7	17	1
Sutton-at-Hone	4	0	1	3	6	18	1
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Julie Dean	3	6	4	67			
Dawn Pearce	3	6	2	33			
Sue Hayes	3	6	1	17			
Denise Weller	3	6	0	0			

Results:

2-4 Foresters
0-6 Market Rasen
3-3 Sutton-at-Hone
2-4 Sherwood

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