



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Highest ever SBL position and a place in the Championship Division

The Cippenham first team have had their best weekend ever in the Senior British League, winning all four matches and coming within a hair's breadth of overhauling a four-point deficit and claiming the championship of Division 1 South. In the end, sets aggregate pushed them into the runners-up spot which is their highest ever finish in their sixteenth consecutive season in Division 1. This position qualified them for a place in the play-offs for possible promotion to the Premier Division but we, along with many other clubs, decided against contesting this and, instead, will take a place in the newly created national Championship Division.

For Cippenham number one player, Josh Bennett, it was a double celebration as he was presented with the award for the most wins in Division 1 South during the season. The elegant glass trophy was presented to him by Graham Trimming, organiser of the Senior British League weekends at Cippenham.

Cippenham started the weekend in third place, four points behind the leaders and three adrift of second place. The first match on Saturday morning was a closely fought affair against Joola Plymouth. Josh Bennett got the hosts away to a good start against Harry Cutler but Plymouth responded and went 2-1 up after Dom Sussex had defeated Cippenham captain Martin Adams, and Rich Marshall had got the better of Robert Hansell. Martin Gray then equalised for Cippenham against Mike Griffiths and the two doubles events were shared. The score was therefore tied at 3-3 going into the remaining singles matches. That was when Cippenham stepped on the gas with Josh defeating Sussex 3-2 and then Robert and Martin Adams both won their matches 3-0 to ensure both league points for Cippenham. Martin Gray lost his last match to make the final tally 6-4 in Cippenham's favour.



The successful team (l-r): Martin Gray; Martin Adams; Josh Bennett; Owe Karlsson

Meanwhile Greenhouse had leapfrogged above London Academy into top spot and so the deficit between Cippenham and the leaders was now only three points.

However, Greenhouse then hit the self-destruct button by fielding only three players against Cippenham for the Saturday afternoon match. This gifted the host team three sets and meant they only had to win three of the other seven to gain both points. However, it did not start well for Cippenham as Martin Adams lost 3-1 to Ashley Willetts and Josh went down 11-8 in the fifth to Daniel Basterfield. Martin Gray's win over Cacherel Mirjah-Mercer and a walkover put Cippenham back into contention 2-2 and a win in the only doubles but them ahead 4-2. The final score was 7-3 with Josh gaining a superb win over Willetts 3-0 and Martin Adams romping away easily against Mirjah-Mercer.

London Academy had lost for the second time in the day and all of a sudden Cippenham, despite being still in third place, one point behind Greenhouse and level with London, knew that, with

London and Greenhouse having to face each other on the Sunday, wins against the division's bottom two teams would ensure at least second place and an outside chance of the title.

It all seemed to be going awry early on Sunday morning. Godalming Simply Let are Cippenham's bogey team and had taken a point from their meeting in the first half of the season. It seemed that this time could be worse as Godalming led 3-1 after the first singles exchanges. To win both doubles seemed imperative and that was what was delivered. 3-3 going into the second lot of singles matches. Josh fought back from 2-1 down to defeat Adam Laws but Godalming dealt Cippenham a hammer blow when Andreas Pusch beat Martin Adams. Owe Karlsson put Cippenham in control 3-1 against Liam Grant and, to their great relief, Martin Gray saw off Robin Honey to secure a hard-fought 6-4 victory.

Greenhouse had lost again and so Cippenham were up to second place and

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Josh Bennett

hoping for anything other than a win for London Academy against Greenhouse in the final round of matches. As it happened, Cippenham easily beat relegated Fusion II 10-0

but London Academy, who so nearly went 2-0 down but didn't, fought all the way to beat Greenhouse 9-1 and secure the champions' berth with Cippenham a hugely creditable second. There were six players in the historical Cippenham squad, the five that played in the final weekend plus Tom Windram, whose efforts in the first three weekends were just as essential towards the ultimate outcome, but who missed the final weekend in order to prepare for his important school examinations.

The Cippenham second team travelled to Harlow for their final weekend of matches. It has been a wretched season and the final tally was just three points and bottom spot in Division 3 South. However, two of those three points were gained in this final weekend with 5-5 draws against Fusion III and York Gardens IV. The highlight of the weekend was the form of Simon Vine, who took his Maidenhead League form into a higher echelon and won three of his four matches. Two of these came in the 8-2 defeat to Foresters I. The Saturday morning draw with Fusion was a real team performance with all four players winning a singles each. Tony Stead beat Jake Mitchell, Simon beat Neville Hall and Shae Thakker, at 12 probably the youngest player in the league, beat the vastly older and more experienced Trevor Campbell as Cippenham went 3-1 up. Paul Baker also beat Campbell and Cippenham won one of the two doubles.

On Sunday, Christos Hannides and Becca George replaced Shae and Simon. Cippenham were unlucky in the 5-5 draw with York Gardens, losing twice at 11-9 in the fifth. Both doubles were secured and Becca, Paul and Christos all added a singles.

A Becca singles and a doubles were all that Cippenham could muster from the final match of the season in the 8-2 defeat to Brighton City.

County titles for Sue, Robert and Jemma

Sue Hayes, Robert Hansell and Jemma Walker all became double champions when the Buckinghamshire Closed Championships took place at Cippenham on 17 April. Sue and Robert won their respective singles and gender doubles titles while Jemma was successful in two doubles events.

All three capped off the hugely successful seasons they have enjoyed playing in Cippenham teams. Robert was a member of the Cippenham team that finished in their highest ever position in the Senior British League, Sue was in the Cippenham team that won Veterans' British League Women's Division 2 while Jemma's incredible season included her Cippenham second team finishing runners-up in their first season in the Women's British League Division 5.

At the Bucks Closed Sue defeated Jemma in the final of the Women's Singles and also teamed up with her to win the Women's Doubles where they beat another Cippenham pair in the final, Shristi Ghosh and Carys Evans.

Robert beat Danny Baxter in the final of the Men's Singles and also teamed up with his father Nick Hansell to win the Men's Doubles. With his mother Susana Hansell he was also runner-up in the Mixed Doubles that gave Jemma her second title partnering Danny Baxter.

12-years old Shae Thakker won the Men's Singles Consolation event.

Senior British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
London Academy II	14	10	1	3	89	51	21
Cippenham I	14	10	1	3	86	54	21
Greenhouse I	14	9	0	5	82	58	18
York Gardens I	14	7	2	5	78	62	16
Urban TTC I	14	8	3	5	76	64	15
Joola Plymouth	14	3	2	9	51	89	8
Godalming Simply Let	14	3	2	9	49	91	8
Fusion II	14	1	3	10	49	91	5
Division 3 South							
Horsham Blades I	14	13	1	0	107	33	27
Brighton TTC I	14	11	1	2	102	38	23
Foresters I	14	9	1	4	89	51	19
London Academy III	14	7	2	5	73	67	16
Fusion III	14	4	3	7	57	83	11
Generation 2	14	2	3	9	47	93	7
York Gardens IV	14	2	2	10	44	96	6
Cippenham II	14	0	3	11	41	99	3

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I:				
Josh Bennett	14	27	19	70
Owe Karlsson	6	12	8	67
Martin Gray	8	16	9	60
Tom Windram	8	16	9	56
Martin Adams	12	24	11	46
Robert Hansell	8	14	5	36
Cippenham II:				
Simon Vine	4	8	4	50
Ben Naylor-Smith	2	4	2	50
Becca George	10	20	9	45
Christos Hannides	8	16	5	31
Tony Stead	6	12	2	17
Paul Baker	14	28	4	14
Steve Smith	8	16	2	13
Shae Thakker	4	8	1	13

Results:

Cippenham I:	Cippenham II:
6-4 Joola Plymouth	5-5 Fusion II
7-3 Greenhouse I	2-8 Foresters I
6-4 Godalming Simply Let	5-5 York Gardens IV
10-0 Fusion II	2-8 Brighton City TTC I

Martin Gunns 'em down again!

Martin Gunn is taking a liking to open tournaments at Cippenham, at least his results would suggest that. For the third time in less than three months, the Old Windsor resident has walked away with a title, having won two senior titles in February and, last weekend, emerged supreme at the Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open. In total, Gunn has now won four of the last seven veterans' opens at Cippenham, as well as those two senior titles.

Of the locals, Simon Vine finished runner-up in the group, one place above his ranking position, losing only to fourth seed Mike Rhodes. Once at the knock-out stage, he proceeded to eliminate Steve Davis, winner of the previous veterans' open at Cippenham, three-straight. However, the canny play of Neil Wright was too much for Simon in the quarters.

Mike Rhodes, a long-time member of the host club, duly won his group but missed out at the knock-out stage against his nemesis Kevin Nicholls who, in turn, was eliminated by Richard Hutchinson in the quarters.

The tournament was organised by Graham Trimming and refereed by Peter Hillier.

Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
VS	Martin Gunn (Av)	Hari Gehlot (Bk)
VC	Geoff Grange (Mi)	Ramesh Bhalla (Ha)

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Unbeaten Jemma steers girls to runners-up

Jemma Walker, 14, one of the latest protégées emerging from Cippenham Table Tennis Club, put in another storming display at the Women's British League final weekend. Her unbeaten record, including being player of the match four times, led the Cippenham second team, made up entirely of juniors, to the runners-up spot in Division 5. This capped a remarkable first season and means promotion next season to Division 4.

Meanwhile, the first team were going in the opposite direction, finishing fifth in Division 3 and will also likely be placed in Division 4 next time around.

It has been a great first season for Cippenham's younger squad, having also been named Team of the Weekend for the first half of matches back in the autumn.

Jemma's weekend started with a tight 3-1 win over Tulay Dundar as Cippenham took an early lead against Draycott East Midlands 4. Shristi Ghosh and Jemma then both defeated Molly Hancock but Cippenham had to settle for a 3-3 draw in their opening match. In the next match Jemma was even more proficient with two 3-0 wins to her name. Shristi and Megan Ashfield also chipped in as Burton Uxbridge 3 were defeated 4-2. By far the toughest match for Jemma was in the final match on Saturday against Billwood. She had to pull out all the stops to gain close 3-2 wins over Sue Hickman and Susan Body. Megan was also successful against Hickman as Cippenham recorded another 3-3 draw,

Sunday brought the toughest team challenge against runaway divisional champions Milton Keynes Vixens. Jemma recorded two impressive wins against Sally Hughes, who with a national ranking of 51 is 76 places above the Cippenham girl, and Dawn Pearce, but that was all Cippenham could muster as they tasted defeat for the only time in the weekend. A great weekend was finished off with another 4-2 win, this time against Halton 4. Shristi and Megan both added to Jemma's brace with one win apiece.



The successful B team (l-r): Shristi Ghosh; Jemma Walker; Megan Ashfield

The first team did manage one win during the weekend. This came on Sunday morning, 4-2 against bottom beat Byng Hall B. This was a remarkable in match in which four of the six sets were decided by the narrowest of margins in the deciding game and included Sue Hayes' win against Laura Feldmann, a Cippenham member playing as a guest for Byng Hall.

All the other four matches were lost: three of them by a 6-0 scoreline against Draycott East Midlands 3, York Gardens Angels and Cardiff City. However, Cippenham were unlucky to lose their final match 4-2 against Fusion III. Narrow defeats for Wendy Porter and Julie Dean led to a losing 4-0 position before Sue and Julie restored Cippenham's pride in the final two sets.

Women's British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 3							
York Gardens Angels 1	10	9	1	0	47	13	19
Draycott E Midlands 3	10	6	2	2	40	20	14
Fusion III	10	5	2	3	30	30	12
Cardiff City	10	4	1	5	29	31	9
Cippenham A	10	1	2	7	15	45	4
Byng Hall B	10	0	2	8	19	41	2

Division 5

MK Vixens	10	9	0	1	44	16	18
Cippenham B	10	4	4	2	31	29	12
Billwood	10	2	5	3	29	31	9
Draycott E Midlands 4	10	2	5	3	27	33	9
Burton Uxbridge 3	10	2	2	6	26	34	6
Halton 4	10	2	2	6	23	37	6

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A:				
Denise Weller	7	14	6	43
Julie Dean	7	14	3	21
Sue Hayes	8	16	3	19
Wendy Porter	8	16	3	19
Cippenham B:				
Jemma Walker	10	20	17	85
Megan Ashfield	10	20	9	45
Shristi Ghosh	10	20	5	25

Results:

Cippenham A:	Cippenham B:
0-6 Draycott E Midlands 3	3-3 Draycott E Midlands 4
0-6 York Gardens Angels 1	4-2 Burton Uxbridge 3
4-2 Byng Hall B	3-3 Billwood
0-6 Cardiff City	2-4 MK Vixens
2-4 Fusion II	4-2 Halton 4

Final Maidenhead League Statistics

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cookham S Typhoons	18	16	2	0	138	42	138
Cippenham Saxons	18	11	2	5	115	65	115
Cippenham Trojans	18	11	2	5	109	71	109
Old Gords Vultures	17	9	1	7	99	71	99
NWCA Blue Jays	18	3	3	12	61	119	61
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	17	4	4	9	58	112	58
Castle Hill Pumas	18	0	2	16	40	140	40
Division 2							
NWCA Raiders	18	12	2	4	113	67	113
Old Gords Harriers	18	11	0	7	96	84	106
Old Gords Kestrels	18	9	5	4	105	75	105
BBC Bears	18	1	2	6	98	82	98
Boyne Hill CC	18	10	3	5	106	73	96
Outcasts	19	3	3	12	67	113	67
Cippenham Vikings	18	0	1	17	44	135	44
Division 3							
SportsAble Whirlwinds	21	19	1	1	162	46	162
Bovingdon Green Kites	21	12	5	4	132	78	132
NWCA Sharks	21	13	1	7	125	84	125
Cookham Social Lions	21	10	3	8	104	104	104
NWCA Seahawks	21	9	5	7	104	106	104
SportsAble Wizards	21	5	5	13	92	118	92
Cippenham Saracens	20	5	2	13	62	134	62
SportsAble Warriors	20	0	0	20	44	155	44

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Saxons				
Ricky Hardcastle	15	43	34	79
Albert Cheung	11	32	20	63
Graham Trimming	16	46	28	61
Laura Feldmann	12	32	15	47
Steve Smith	1	3	0	0
Trojans				
Simon Vine	10	30	28	93
Paul Baker	11	33	26	79
Shaun Cuffin	9	26	14	54
Terry Osborne	6	18	8	44
Denise Weller	6	17	5	29
Sue Hayes	8	23	4	17
Vikings				
Zsolt Varga	14	39	13	33
Armando Borges	9	25	8	32
Dave Tant	14	39	10	26
Elena Tant	14	39	0	0
Saracens				
Akeel Mir	12	35	24	69
Brian Platt	3	9	5	56
Charles Mitchell	10	27	12	44
Suzette King	10	30	7	23
Lee Wirkhani	4	11	2	18

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7 June, 8 pm

All members urged to attend

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix (when run)
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2015-16

	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

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members

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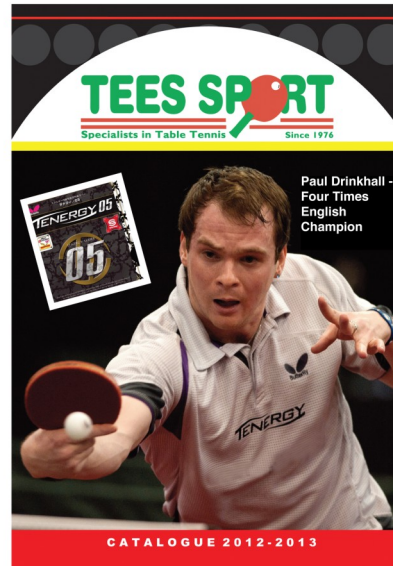


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Weekend Diary

Jun 18/19 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Club Championships

Thurs 12 May: Veterans' Singles

Thurs 19 May: Men's Singles; Women's Singles

Thurs 26 May: Doubles

No prior booking; just register on the evening by 7:45 pm

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