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Gavin Evans—Tomorrow's Star

Much has been written about England's wonderful achievement in Prague in July when our cadet boys' team captured the team gold medals at the European Youth Championships for the first time in nineteen years. Most of it, quite appropriately, has centred around the twin spearhead of the team, Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight. Between them these two played all the singles matches in the team event and then ploughed a furrow through the individual singles to meet in the final, with Paul, as befitting his top seeding, winning the European title.

However, there was a third player in the squad—Gavin Evans. Gavin did not feature in singles matches in the team event but played in most of the doubles matches, remaining unbeaten. Seeded fourteenth for the singles, he made it into his allotted place in the last sixteen but then had the misfortune to come up against the third seed and lost.

The remarkable thing about Gavin is that he only turned twelve years of age in April. That gives him a further three years at this age level and he is already ranked fourteen in Europe. At Cippenham we have been singing his praises for many years. He impressed as a four year old and made his debut for the Club at the age of five. We remember that he was playing matches before he could properly count and had to be told when the game had finished! He was looping the ball from above his head, such was the shortness of his stature. Yet, we knew a star was born. He immediately started making his mark in tournaments and



won a place on the national ranking list at the age of six.

Since those early years Gavin has won an incredible fifteen titles at the England U10/11/12/13 Championships and in 2005 won the National Cadet Masters title. Remember, he still has three years to go at this age group.

Unfortunately Gavin no longer lives in this area, his family having moved to Newark when older brother Bradley won a place at the now defunct National Academy. However, he retains his membership of the Club, as do all the Evans family, and is regularly coached by our Club coach Ken Phillips at tournaments.

In 2012 Drinkhall and Knight will both be 22 years old. Gavin will be 19. Olympic medal hopes—you bet!

Gavin Evans—National Cadet Masters champion (left) and in action for England at the recent European Youth Championships (below) (photo ETTU)



Sign up for the Xmas meal

Rather than have the normal Christmas party at the Club, we have decided this year to have a sociable lunch-time meal at

Red Squirrel, Burnham Lane

Sunday 13 November, 1pm

There is a notice on the board at the Centre where you can sign up. Please do so soon as Jackie needs to let the restaurant know numbers on 1st October.

More: Jackie on 01344 884331



Club of the Year 1996
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**Good Luck
to all members and teams
for season 2005-6**



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Downsizing again in Local League



Cippenham Rogues—Slough League champions 2004-5

Slough League Teams

Cippenham Outlaws:

Paul Baker (capt.); David Hayes; Sue Hayes; Graham Trimming

Cippenham Buccaneers:

Tim Kiteley (capt.); Terry Boxall; Peter Hillier; John Lloyd

Cippenham Vagabonds:

Armando Borges (capt.); Tony Gardner; Piers Kemp; Georgia Veneer

Cippenham Scoundrels:

Ray Burbidge (capt.); Tariq Kashmiri; Chris Purvis; Albert Sampson

Slough League Constitution

Division 1:

Burnham Leopards
Burnham Nomads
Burnham Panthers
Burnham Pumas
Chalfont Argonauts
Chalfont Bohemians
Cippenham Outlaws
Cippenham Buccaneers

Division 2:

Burnham Lions
Burnham Zebras
Cippenham Scoundrels
Cippenham Vagabonds
George Green
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Slough League Diary

Sep 26—Start of season

Jan 16—Division 2 Handicap starts

Feb 13—Division 1 2-a-side starts

Apr 27—Promotion/Relegation Playoff

May 2—Dilger Cup Final

May 9—Masters; Div 2 H'cap Final

It's quite remarkable that a club the size of Cippenham, with about two hundred members, cannot muster more teams for the local league. It perhaps says more about the local league and its lack of appeal to the modern table tennis player than it does about Cippenham. Despite having grown the Club to such a large membership we now have less teams in the Slough League that at any time since our inaugural season 1973-4. Even in our second season we fielded six teams in the Slough League and another three in Maidenhead.

This time we are down to just four teams in the Slough League, two less than last year. A couple of our players have joined Burnham and contributed to that club making a net gain of one team, which is good for the League, and last year's Vagabonds team have en bloc decided to try their luck in the Maidenhead League. They had been in the unenviable position of the yo-yo team, far too good for Division Three but unable to put up much of a challenge in Division Two.

As it happens, there are only two divisions in Slough this year. The first division will comprise the top eight teams and should be fairly competitive while Division Two should present its six teams with good competition. Division One, by being two teams up from last year, reverts to a league programme of fourteen weeks with each team

playing all others twice, once at home and once away. A further seven week programme will pit the teams against each other for a third time but in a 2-a-side competition initiated last year. Only the main league programme will count towards the championship and Masters qualification.

The second division will have a distinct two halves to it. Before Christmas the teams will play each other twice over a ten week period in the league programme proper. After Christmas the fixtures will be repeated but on a handicapped basis and each match will be seven rather than ten sets, just like the finale of last season. The top four in this competition will then play cross-over semi-finals and then a final simultaneous with the Slough Masters tournament at Burnham.

During the second half of the season, while all the aforementioned is going on, the traditional Dilger Cup team handicap competition will be run for all teams.

Return to Maidenhead

For the first time since 1999 the Club will have a presence in the Maidenhead League. Ken Phillips has assembled a team of himself, Jan Chapman, Eddie Mitchell, Denise Rolfe and Derek Saines to play in Division 1.

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Record Ten Teams in British Leagues

Cippenham Table Tennis Club has entered a record number of ten teams in the various British leagues this season. The increase from last season is represented by a second women's team.

British League

The three teams in the main British League will have an almost identical schedule to last season. The only difference is that the third team, new twelve months ago, will feature in the South and West part of Division Four rather than South and Midlands.

Lee Dredge, ranked four last season, has been overtaken in the ETTA rankings by both Rob Lemon and David Hayes and has decided not to rejoin. Apart from that, the personnel for the first and second teams is very similar to last year with Rob Lemon having earned promotion to the first team by virtue of his national ranking. The rules of the League require the top 100 players on the England men's list to play in order and all four of our top men now meet that criteria.

A mere 51 points (3235 to 3286) separate the second and fifth players in the rankings with the unfortunate fifth being David Hayes. As a result David starts the season in the second team.

Diccon Gray has been signed up as cover and will play the first weekend.

Martin Adams and Mark Jackson will continue to captain the first and second teams with Paul Baker being the overall captain and Graham Trimming the teams' secretary.

Players (ranking points):

1. Martin Adams (3411)
2. Robert Hansell (3286)
3. Mark Butler (3268)
4. Rob Lemon (3263)
5. David Hayes (3235)
6. Diccon Gray (2960)
7. Mark Jackson (2890)
8. Mike Rhodes (2653)
9. Paul Baker (2614)
10. Phil Clarkson (2252)
11. Oliver Shaw (1331)
12. Ashley Shaw (800)
13. Graham Trimming (1759)

Dates:

1. 10/11 September
2. 10/11 December

3. 8 January
4. 11/12 March

Divisions:

Team I: Division 1 South
Team II: Division 2 South & Midlands
Team III: Division 4 South & West

Venues:

Team I: at Cippenham except December weekend at Okehampton, Devon
Team II: always at Cippenham
Team III: at London Progress Tournament Centre, Southall except December weekend at Cippenham

Women's British League

Last season Cippenham missed out on the national title by just one point—and finished third! Naomi Owen, the Welsh international, after one season as the number one for Cippenham, has decided to ply her trade abroad and the rules of that competition mean that she cannot also play in the British competition. In her place we welcome back Marina Zarzycka, the teacher from Eton College who also played for the Club two years ago.

In order to provide some of our younger players with more national competition experience, and to provide a pathway for aspiring players to our first team, a second team has been added.

Jan Chapman (I) and Sue Hayes (II) have been appointed as team captains and secretaries.

Players (ranking points):

1. Marina Zarzycka (3875)
2. Lesley Keast (3444)
3. Gemma Chapman (3305)
4. Melanie Farquhar (2805)
5. Sue Hayes (2491)
6. Emily Tucker (2417)
7. Caroline Linz (1142)

Dates:

1. 24/25 September
2. 21/22 January

Divisions:

Team I: Premier Division
Team II: Division 3

Venues:

1. Hereford
2. Derby (not confirmed)

Junior British League

Once again there will be two boys' and two girls' teams operating.

Emily Tucker, a member of the girls' first team that finished runners-up in the Premier Division last season, is now over age but the other three members of the team survive. Ben Wiseman, a player with Chalfont in the Slough League, joins the boys' first team who have lost both Marc Armstrong and Oliver Shaw from last season.

Ken Phillips is again acting as Secretary for all four teams and as captain for the girls' first and boys' second teams. The top boys' team will be captained by Sue Hayes and the girls' B team by Jan Chapman.

Players (ranking points):

Boys:

1. Ashley Shaw (1306)
2. Andrew Linz (885)
3. Ben Wiseman (805)
4. Edward Mitchell (638)
5. Joe Cheong (618)
6. Matthew Tucker (557)

Girls:

1. Sarah Hall (2899)
2. Melanie Farquhar (2834)
3. Caroline Linz (1526)
4. Catherine Hayes (678)
5. Lindsey Armstrong (641)
6. Rachel Farquhar (412)

Dates:

1. 8/9 October
2. 13/14 May

Venues:

Both at Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton

Veterans' British League

Same again for our team in Division One captained by Mike Rhodes with Graham Trimming acting as Secretary.

Players (ranking points):

1. Diccon Gray (3227)
2. Mike Rhodes (2807)
3. Paul Baker (2724)

Dates:

1. 12/13 November
2. 11/12 February

Venues:

1. Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent
2. The Dome, Doncaster

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Weekend Diary September/October

September

| | |
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| Sat 3rd | Bucks Junior/Cadet Trials |
| Sun 4th | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Sat 10th | British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (1) |
| Sun 11th | British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (1) |

October

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| Sat 1st | National Junior League (1) |
| Sun 2nd | Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open |
| Sun 16th | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Sat 29th | County Senior Premier Division (1) |
| Sun 30th | County Senior Premier Division (1) |



The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

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| Nov 5/6 | County Championships Junior Premier (1) |
| Nov 12 | National Junior League (2) |
| Nov 20 | Cippenham 2-Star Open (senior) |
| Nov 26 | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Nov 27 | Berkshire Inter-Town |
| Dec 3/4 | Southern Region Junior/Cadet Trials |
| Dec 10/11 | British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&W (2) |
| Dec 18 | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Jan 8 | British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (3) |
| Jan 14/15 | Cippenham YP New Year Festival |
| Jan 21 | National Junior League (3) |
| Jan 22 | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Jan 28/29 | Maidenhead Closed (not confirmed) |
| Feb 5 | Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open |
| Feb 18/19 | Reading Closed Championships |
| Mar 5 | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Mar 11/12 | British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (4) |
| Mar 19 | National Junior League (4) |
| Apr 8 | Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open |
| Apr 9 | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Apr 23 | Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open |
| Apr 29/30 | ETTA National Cadet Masters |
| May 6/7 | ETTA National Junior Masters |
| May 14 | Southern Region Junior Training |
| Jun 10/11 | Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest. |
| Jun 18 | Southern Region Assessment Day |
| Jul 2 | Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open |
| Jul 9 | Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together |

Weekday Diary

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| Mon | 5:30 | Advanced Coaching |
| | 7:30 | Excellence Coaching |
| Tues | 7:15 | Slough League matches |
| | 7:30 | Practice Tables |
| Wed | 7:30 | Squad Training |
| Thurs | 5:15 | Beginners' Coaching |
| | 7:15 | Slough League matches |
| | 7:30 | Practice Tables |

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2005-06

| | Full | Conc'n |
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| Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8) | £15.00 | £7.50 |
| Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8) | £25.00 | n/a |
| Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month) | £1.50 | £0.75 |
| Family Membership (after 30/11 per month) | £2.50 | n/a |
| Slough League Registration | £15.00 | £7.50 |
| National Junior League registration | n/a | £12.00 |
| Practice Fees | *£3.50 | *£1.75 |
| Slough League Match Fees | £3.50 | £1.75 |
| Coaching Fees (per session) | **£4.00 | **£2.00 |
| Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group) | | £30.00 |
| Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group) | | £20.00 |
| * plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members | | |
| ** plus 50p (25p) for non-members | | |

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