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# Saxons secure Maidenhead League title





Clockwise from top left: Alan Moss; Ludo Montiel; Graham Trimming; Albert Cheung

or the fourth season running the Maidenhead League title has come to Cippenham. Following Cippenham Trojans triumph in the Covidcurtailed season of 2019-20, it is Cippenham Saxons who have won the title this year, matching their successes of 2017-18 and 2018-19. Only Graham Trimming and Albert Cheung remain from those successful Saxons sides, having been joined this season by Alan Moss and Ludo Montiel. The title was won with two matches still to play and was a great team effort as all four players feature high in the averages, each having won at least eighty percent of their games.

Needing only seven points from a match against strugglers Cippenham Titans, the title was secured when Graham Trimming completed his treble of 3-0 wins to put Saxons 7-0 ahead before Alan Moss and Albert Cheung completed their respective maximums.

Titans gained a consolation point for winning the doubles encounter.

Saxons 100% record was dented in the week after the title was secured when Trojans inflicted an 8-2 defeat on the champions with Maciej Dlugozima and Hari Prasad both scoring maximum wins.

This is the eleventh time that Cippenham teams have won the Maidenhead League, stretching back to the time when six titles were won in nine years between 1981 and 1989. A solitary title was also won in 2012. During the intervening years, Cippenham concentrated on the now defunct Slough League, racking up twenty-four titles between 1978 and 2010.

Next we wait for Vikings to complete their fixtures in Division Two and hopefully wrap up a double for Cippenham of both divisions.

Maidenhead League							
			D	Ľ	F	Α	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Saxons	17	16	0	1	137	33	137
Cippenham Trojans	17	14	1	_	120	50	
NWCA Bluejays	17	10	1	6	115	55	115
Cookham Social Pumas		8	1	7	94	66	94
OLOP Bears	17	3	3	11		122	48
Old Gords Harriers	18 14		1	14 13		140 114	40 26
Cippenham Titans	14	0	- 1	13	20	114	20
Division 2 Cippenham Vikings	16	13	2	1	130	30	130
NWCA Raiders	15		1	1	108	42	108
Cippenham Spartans	17	6	5	6	88	82	88
Bovingdon Green Kites	17	6	3	8	79	81	79
Cookham Social Lions	17	8	0	9	76	94	76
Stoke Poges Bees	16	-	3	8	68	92	
NWCA Seahawks	18		0	18		149	31
Players' Averages:		Ī	Ī				-
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Saxons:				•			
Ludo Montiel		12		34	29		85
Alan Moss		13		37	31		84
Albert Cheung		14		41	33		80
Graham Trimming		12		35	28		80
Trojans:							
Ricky Hardcastle		2		6	6		00
Maciej Dlugozima		15		43	40		93
Hari Prasad Vennapusa		6		17	12		71
Chris Collins		10		28	16		57
Anthony Gardner		5		15	8		53 47
Sue Hayes Tony Jackson		5 8		15 23	7 9		39
Titans:		0		23	9		39
Lawrence Harvey		9		26	11		42
Ian Thomson		1		3	1		33
Walter Aldridge		2		5	1		20
Akeel Mir		13		38	4		11
Josh Blagden		4		12	1		8
Lucie Bouron		8		24	0		0
Mohammed Qasim		3		9	0		0
Vikings:							
Walter Aldridge		15		42	37		88
Armando Borges		9		25	22		88
Clive Chapman		8		22	19		86
Mohammed Qasim		16		45	30		67
Spartans:		40		07	00		04
Alexey Zubrenkov		13		37	30		81
Oleg Kuba Kubenko		14		41	21		51
Ian Thomson Jan Chapman		12 10		35 30	14 12		40 40

# **Double Magic!**

# Maidenhead Closed Championships

he Maidenhead Closed Championships made a welcome return after missing last season because of the pandemic when about twenty players, including most of the League's top performers, battled it out for honours in four events. Restricted to just one day this season, the event was scaled down to include only Championships Singles, Championship Doubles, Handicap Singles and Handicap Drawn Doubles. The handicapped events had a bizarre twist with matches being played over four games up to eleven points. Only after the end of each match was the handicap made known to the players and the result declared! To add further excitement, partners for the Handicap Doubles event was re-drawn after every round and so players progressed as individuals based on a doubles result. Great fun was had by all the participants!

The star of the show was Maciej ("Magic") Dlugozima who walked away with both major honours, retaining his Singles, formerly Men's Singles, title that he won in 2020 and also in 2018. However, it was very nearly not the case as Maciej's doubles partner, Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa, led him 10-8 in the fifth in their quarter-final. However, Maciej withstood that particular test and went on to defeat Gary Crick in the semi-final. Fifth-seed Gary had earlier eliminated fourth-seed Ricky Hardcastle 3-0 in their quarter-final.

Cippenham Saxons teammates Alan Moss and Graham Trimming also had a right ding-dong battle in their quarterfinal. Eventually, it was third-seed Alan that prevailed after Graham had led 2-1 and then equalized at 9-9 in the fourth after being 8-2 down. The final game also went to the wire with Alan edging it 11-9. That left Alan with a semi-final place where he met Chris Collins who was the beneficiary of the absence of third-seed Ludo Montiel who, after wining his group, failed to return after being given leave of absence to attend to a family errand. Alan duly saw off this challenge but was no match for a relentless Maciej in the final which the holder won 3-0.

The 2015 Men's Doubles winners Maciej and Hari teamed up again to triumph in the Doubles. For Hari, this was the retention of the title he won in 2020 with Bruce Smeath. In their semifinal, Maciej and Hari beat Gary Crick and Phil Adkins while the beaten finalists, Alan Moss and Graham Trimming,





Top: Maciej Dlugozima Above: Ricky Hardcastle Above right: Alan Moss Right: Hari Prasad & Maciej Dlugozima

got the better of Ricky Hardcastle and

got the better of Ricky Hardcastle and Chris Collins.

Ricky became quite the star of the handicapped events, despite being one of the most highly handicapped players. In the final of the Handicap Singles he beat Hari and then clinched the double of the handicapped events by partnering Elroy Hull to final success over Maciej and Peter Chipperton.

Cippenham Chairman Ken Phillips officiated as Referee on the day while overall management of the event was performed by Keith Machin.





#### Maidenhead Closed Championships Results

Event Winner
CS Maciej Dlugozima
CD Maciej Dlugozima
Hari Prasad
CSCon Mark Kirton
HS Ricky Hardcastle
HDD Ricky Hardcastle

Runner-up Alan Moss Alan Moss Graham Trimming Elroy Hull Hari Prasad Peter Chipperton



# NCL "A" Team finish second



The National Junior League and National Cadet League have now concluded for the season. Cippenham's three teams in each league have enjoyed mixed results and valuable experience has been gained by many of the Club's younger players, many of whom were making their first appearances in competitive table tennis following the cancellation of the previous season.

Nick Carter, in particular, can be very pleased with his performance across both leagues, spearheading the A teams. He finished with win records of 64% in the top division of NCL and 81% in Divisions 2 and 3 of NJL.

Nick's Cippenham A team in Division 1 of the NCL actually finished in second place and, in this, he was aided by Edward Meacock, George Driscoll and

#### National Junior League PWDL F A Pts Division 2—Round 4 Kingfisher A 0 17 10 2 0 1 16 Warren Spring A 11 16 1 0 2 14 Cippenham A 13 14 Ashford B 0 2 7 20 Division 4—Round 4 0 21 3 0 21 6 Chiltern B Rosehill 2 0 1 19 8 19 7 0 2 20 Cippenham B 0 3 7 20 Ashford C 0 Division 6- Round 4 0 20 Horsham Spinners 3 0 20 2 0 16 Cippenham C 1 11 16 0 Chiltern E 1 2 14 13 14 Warren Spring C 0 4 23 0 3 Players' Averages: М Ρ W A۷ Nick Carter 12 36 29 81 **Edward Meacock** 12 36 16 44 6 18 8 44 Rudii Richards 42 George Driscoll 4 12 5 Rishi Nanda 3 33 Louis Alexander 1 33 B: George Driscoll 8 24 20 83 Louis Alexander 30 20 67 10 Rishi Nanda 9 27 37 10 15 4 27 Arvan Sharma Ankush Srinivas 9 11 Aryan Prasanna-Kumar 0 Aryan Sharma 78 Ankush Srinivas 24 16 67 Isam Sousseing 9 5 56 Kwame Sousseing 3 50 6 Bharath Prasanna-Kumar 9 27 13 48 Arjun Prasanna-Kumar 45

Louis Alexander. Congratulations to all four of this successful quartet.

In the final session of the season, this team had a really bizarre record, finishing second out of the four teams, having lost all three matches 5-4 and consequently finished above two of the teams that had beaten them! Nick (pictured—old photo, sorry!) provided seven of the team's twelve points that day.



### **National Cadet League**

PWDL F A Pts

Division 4 Days 4	•	•••	_	-	•	٠.	
Division 1—Round 4	^	2	^	^	00	-	00
Kingfisher A	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Cippenham A	3 3 3 3	0	0	3	12	15	12
Chiltern A	3	2	0	1		16	11
Bourne End A	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Division 5—Round 4	_	•				_	
Hillingdon	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Chiltern C	3	2	0	1	13	14	13
Ashford C	3 3 3	2	0	1	10	17	10
Cippenham B	3	0	0	3	9	18	9
Division 6– Round 4							
Rosehill B	3	3	0	0	24	3	24
Bourne End D	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Kingfisher C	3 3 3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Cippenham C	3	0	0	3	4	23	4
Players' Averages:							
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A:							
Nick Carter		12	3	36	23		64
Edward Meacock		8	2	24	11		46
George Driscoll		8	2	24	8		33
Louis Alexander		8	2	24	4		17
B:							
Louis Alexander		1		3	3	1	00
George Driscoll		1		3	3		00
Edward Meacock		1		3	2		67
Ankush Srinivas		8	2	24	12		50
Bharath Prasanna-Kuma	r	10	3	30	11		37
Mateusz Skowera		9		27	9		33
Rohan Gill		3		9	1		11
Sai Prasanna-Kumar		2		6	0		0
C:		_		Ĭ	·		·
Aryan Sharma		3		9	5		56
Bharath Prasanna-Kuma	r	2		6	2		33
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Aairan Hussain		11		3:3	5		15
Aairah Hussain Ahyan Hussain		11 11		33	5		15 9
Aairan Hussain Ahyan Hussain Jack Lewis		11 11 9	3	33 33 27	5 3 1		9

# Table Tennis England celebrates Centenary



n Sunday 27 March Table Tennis England celebrated its centenary with a glittering Gala Dinner at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Notting-

The national association started life in late 1921 as the Ping Pong Association, a resurgence of a body which had enjoyed a very short existence in the early 1900s and had stopped functioning nearly two decades earlier. It was very soon discovered that "Ping Pong" was a registered trade mark (Hamley's 1900) and the name was swiftly changed to the Table Tennis Association in 1927. A further recent rebranding has seen the marketing name changed to Table Tennis England.

The event was organized by former Cippenham member Steve Joel who did a magnificent job. Among the guests with current Cippenham associations were: Paul and Cheryl Baker; Sue and Jim Hayes; Peter Hillier; Graham (pictured above) and Nita Trimming.

The evening was a great success with many highlights, none more than the unveiling of the first ten names on the new Table Tennis England Hall of Fame. Of special local interest was the inclusion of 1976 European Women's Singles champion Jill Hammersley-Parker who hails from our area.

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### Weekday Timetable

Mon	18:00 19:45	Beginners' Coaching Group Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15 19:30	Maidenhead League matches Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	19:15 19:30	Maidenhead League matches Practice tables

### Fees Season 2021-22

Full	Conc'n
£18.00	£9.00
£30.00	n/a
£18.00	£9.00
n/a	£12.00
n/a	£12.00
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	£2.50
£4.00	£2.00
£6.00	£3.00
	£35.00
	£35.00
	£18.00 £30.00 £18.00 n/a n/a £4.00 es £5.00



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### **Weekend Diary**

Apr 9/10	Senior British League (4th weekend)
Apr 30	Cippenham Super 6 1-Star Open
May 28	Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1* Open
Jun 19	Level 1 coach education course (day 1)
Jun 25/26	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jul 31	Level 1 coach education course (day2)

#### **Back to normal for practice evenings**

After two years of operating under Covid-related protocols, Cippenham Table Tennis Club is pleased to announce that it has reverted to pre-Covid arrangements for Tuesday and Thursday evening practice sessions.

Gone is the requirement to book and pay for your practice sessions in advance via the Club's website or app. From now, anyone can just turn up on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 7:30 pm, register with the specially appointed Duty Officer and pay their fees in cash. Please note that the Club does not have facilities to accept payments by credit card. The sessions start at 7:30 pm and finish at 10:00 pm.

### Cippenham Super 6 Senior 1-Star Open

Saturday 30 April 2022

Preliminary round groups of 6 followed by championship and consolation knock-out rounds

**Entries close 16 April** 

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