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Another Honour for Graham



Graham receives his ETТА Vice-President's badge from ETТА Chairman Alex Murdoch (photo: ETТА)

Cippenham TTC Chairman and General Secretary Graham Trimming picked up another honour at the end of June. As a reward for his dedicated service over 35 years to the Club that he founded in 1973 and to the Slough League, Graham was elected as one of only two new Vice-Presidents of the English Table Tennis Association. The impressive badge was presented to Graham by Alex Murdoch, Chairman of the ETТА, at the national governing body's Annual General Meeting.

"It was a honour I never even dreamed about" said a happy and proud Graham. Such honours are normally given to servants of the national body, it is much rarer for a Vice-Presidency to be gained for work in affiliated clubs.

This caps a great year in which five Club members have been honoured by the ETТА. Graham (*PremierClub* Volunteer of the Year), Jacquie Lovell (Volunteer Coordinator of the Year), Jan Chapman (Female Coach of the Year) and Stephanie Mitchell (Young Volunteer of the Year) were all recipients of awards at the National Club and Volunteer Awards in September. Then a month later, Jan and Sue Hayes were presented with the ETТА Merit Award.



Women win WBL Division 3

Rachel Farquhar put in another stunning performance as Cippenham won the Bribar Women's British League Third Division title. The 15-year old Rachel lost just once over the whole of the second weekend of matches at Doncaster to add to her unblemished display in the first weekend earlier in the season. Her just reward was the prize for Player of the Weekend.

Rachel's performance was backed up by good displays from team-mates Sue Hayes and Caroline Linz as Cippenham leapfrogged over rivals Southampton West to gain the divisional crown by one point. In the key match Cippenham improved upon their 3-3 draw with the south coast side in the first half of the season to win the showdown 4-2. Both defeats were at the hands of Southampton's number one Mihilda Sillard from

Player of the Weekend award for Rachel

France. Rachel and Caroline both beat Sarah Warwick while Rachel, again, and Sue did likewise against Becky House.

The only match that Cippenham did not win over the weekend was the 3-3 draw with Staffordshire Ladies. It was in this match that Rachel suffered her only defeat of the season to Suus Tanke. Cippenham had also needed to play the same Staffordshire side in the opening matches before the division was split into two halves. That time Tanke was not present and Cippenham prevailed 4-2.

Both other matches were won: 6-0 against Guernsey B and 4-2 against St. Andrews 2.

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 3 (final—top half)							
Cippenham	10	8	2	0	42	18	18
Southampton West	10	8	1	1	45	15	17
Staffordshire Ladies	10	5	2	3	32	28	12
St. Andrews 2	10	2	2	6	26	34	6
Division 3 (phase 1)							
Southampton West	7	6	1	0	33	9	13
Cippenham	7	6	1	0	31	11	13
Staffordshire Ladies	7	4	1	2	24	19	9
St. Andrews 2	7	2	2	3	21	21	6
Waterside	7	2	1	4	18	24	5
Guernsey B	7	2	1	4	15	27	5
DML Woolwell C	7	2	0	5	16	26	4
Halton 2	7	0	1	6	10	32	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Rachel Farquhar	10	20	19	95
Caroline Linz	10	19	11	60
Sue Hayes	10	20	10	50

Results:

Phase 1:	Phase 2:
6-0 Guernsey B	4-2 Southampton West
4-2 Staffordshire Ladies	4-2 St. Andrews 2
	3-3 Staffordshire Ladies

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Steve takes over as Events Officer

Only one officer's position changed hands at the Club's Annual General Meeting at the end of May. Catherine Hayes is planning to spend her gap year abroad before going to university and was therefore unable to carry on with her role as Events Officer. Catherine, the ETTA Young Volunteer of the Year in 2006, is to be congratulated on a fine job over three years. Those members who come to our Tuesday and Thursday practice sessions know how likeable and capable she is. Catherine's replacement as Events Officer is Steve Smith. Steve only joined the Club just over a year ago but has already provided the inspiration behind the new look Cippenham Series open tournaments. Steve brings with him ten years' experience on the Birmingham League Tournament Committee.

The Officers elected were:

Chairman: Graham Trimming
Deputy Chairman: Sue Hayes
General Secretary: Graham Trimming
Treasurer: Peter Hillier
Bookings Officer: Peter Hillier
Events Officer: Steve Smith
Social Officer: Jacquie Lovell

and **Management Committee** members: Amar Abid-Ali; Martin Adams; Neil Bird; Terry Boxall; Gemma Chapman

Ricky's the Winner



Winner and r/u in Grand Prix 14: Ricky Hardcastle (left) and Steve Smith snr

Ricky Hardcastle was the winner of the Club's latest Grand Prix, the regular Tuesday evening competition.

It was Ricky's sheer consistency that was too much for his opponents to match. He became the fourth winner in a row to prevail in the Grand Prix series despite failing to win any of the six individual weekly events. In fact, there were six different winners: Steve Smith snr, Tony Andrews, Tony Stead, Steve Smith, Sue Hayes and Graham Trimming. Ricky had two second place finishes, three thirds and a sixth.

Steve Smith senior, father of the Club's new Events Officer Steve Smith, collected enough points in his three starts to claim second place and pip Anthony Gardner into third place. A total of 32 players took part in this popular event.

Grand Prix 14	Pts
1. Ricky Hardcastle	310
2. Steve Smith snr	200
3. Anthony Gardner	180
4. Sue Hayes	170
5. Gavin Williams	160
6. Steve Smith	150
7. Graham Trimming	100
7. Tony Andrews	100
7. Tony Stead	100
10. Muzzammil Sabir	70

Grand Prix 15 is now in full flow and runs until the end of July.

Graham and Elroy Re-elected

Club members Graham Trimming and Elroy Hull were re-elected as Fixtures Secretary and Competitions Secretary/Inter-League Secretary respectively at the Slough League's AGM. This will be Graham's 34th season as Fixtures Secretary and he has also undertaken to take on temporarily the additional roles of Chairman and Treasurer.

Training, Training and more ... Training at Cippenham

What is it that is going to maintain Cippenham TTC's eminent position in the national table tennis and local sporting circles for years to come? One very important aspect is to be able to call upon a capable, dedicated and above all, well trained, volunteer workforce.

Training of volunteers has been one of the two major planks of the Club's development plan over the past year or so. Already, the Club has hosted a Tournament Organizers' course last July, both days of a Level 1 coaching course either side of Christmas along with its associated child protection and emergency life support courses. Another seven Club members are booked on another, external, emergency life support class on July 2. Of course we all hope never to have to use the skills learned in the latter but it is reassuring for Club members to know that there is likely to be someone properly trained if they ever need such assistance.

In the past month the Club has held another two courses. The first, at the end of May, was an "ability" course in which delegates were trained in special coaching techniques for players with disabilities. Seven Club members attended.

The focus shifted to umpires at the end of June. Mick Strode and David Edwards were the tutors and assessors while seventeen delegates attended including eight Club members. The feedback received from the delegates was fantastic and Jacquie Lovell is to be congratulated on making the day so enjoyable. The budding umpires will be further assessed at the first Cippenham Series open event in August and hopefully all will earn their badge. A mass of "brownie points" have been won with the ETTA with this initiative but it will not stop there. For some delegates this was just the start—the aim is to upgrade their umpiring qualifications to those of a Tournament Referee later in the year.

Congratulations also to William Tint and Eddie Mitchell who have recently qualified as Junior Umpires.

Essex and Wales—Four Titles each



Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival



Despite a number of late withdrawals because of a clash with a national training camp, there was another bumper entry of about 300 for the ever popular Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival. Billed as a 1-star open, this event has always attracted a vast number of players from far and wide and keeps organizers Ken Phillips and Jan Chapman and seventeen tables very busy for a whole weekend.

Gone are the days when Cippenham players used to dominate their own junior open events. In the absence of Eddie Mitchell, nursing a broken wrist, only Jonathan Evans made it onto the podium when finishing as runner-up to Lewis Williams in the Under-14 Boys' Singles.

Williams was the most successful player of the weekend and was the only player to win two events. His other conquest was in the U12 Boys'

Singles where he defeated his Welsh colleague Jonathan Tann.

The other six events were won by six different players but that was where the sharing out finished. Wins for Chloe Thomas over Evangeline Collier in the U16 Girls' Singles and for Taylor Williams over Natasha Walsh in the U14 Girls' Singles resulted in half of the eight titles travelling west along the M4 into the principality of Wales.

The other four titles travelled in the opposite direction along the M4 and M25 into the county of Essex. Collier avenged her earlier defeat by Thomas to claim the U18 Girls' Singles while Estelle Purkis beat county colleague Danielle Whealy in the U12's. Essex claimed their equal share by taking the top two boys' events: the U18 when Emran Hussain beat Reece Tan in an all-Essex final and the U16's where Tan gained his victory over Hampshire's Nathan Bingham.

Winner:	Runner-up:
U18 Boys' Singles: Emran Hussain (E)	Reece Tan (E)
U18 Girls' Singles: Evangeline Collier (E)	Chloe Thomas (WAL)
U16 Boys' Singles: Reece Tan (E)	Nathan Bingham (Ha)
U16 Girls' Singles: Chloe Thomas (WAL)	Evangeline Collier (E)
U14 Boys' Singles: Lewis Williams (WAL)	Jonathan Evans (Ha)
U14 Girls' Singles: Taylor Williams (WAL)	Natasha Walsh (He)
U12 Boys' Singles: Lewis Williams (WAL)	Jonathan Tann (WAL)
U12 Girls' Singles: Estelle Purkis (E)	Danielle Whealy (E)
U18 Boys' Consolation: Lewis Creighton (Ha)	Jarred Knowles (Bk)
U18 Girls' Consolation: Connie Hodges (E)	Chrissie Slot (Ha)
U16 Boys' Consolation: Bradley King (Mi)	Josh Robinson (Bd)
U16 Girls' Consolation: Sadie Edwards (WAL)	Rosie Barnes (E)
U14 Boys' Consolation: Josh Robinson (Bd)	Jamie Dunleavy (K)
U14 Girls' Consolation: Estelle Purkis (E)	Samantha Purkis (E)
U12 Boys' Consolation: Daniel McTiernan (Bu)	Lucas Papantoniou (Mi)
U12 Girls' Consolation: Gabriella Graziano (E)	May-Li MacKinnon (E)

Other Cippenham players to make it through their groups and into the competitions proper were: George Weller (U12 quarter-finalist); Jonathan Evans (U16 quarter-finalist and U18 semi-finalist) and Angela Oetiker (U18 quarter-finalist).

Cippenham Third in Unofficial National Rankings

Every year we do an analysis of English clubs' positions in the various British leagues. It is a very simple system—if there are 48 teams in a league the team coming first is awarded 48 points, the team finishing second 47 and so on down to 1 for the bottom team. All divisions of the (senior) British League, Women's British League, Junior British League and Veterans' British League are taken into consideration.

Despite dropping two teams down to seven in 2007-8, we still managed to hold on to our unofficial position of the third most successful club in the country out of 106 in the survey.

National Standings

Pos	Club	Points
1	DHS London Progress	544
2	Ormesby	313
3	Cippenham	259
4	DML Woolwell	244
5	TTK Greenhouse	211
6	Team Peniel	205
7	Fusion	195
8	Elgre Nottingham	186
9	Ellenborough	184
10	Urban Progress	181
11	Brighton	180
12	Horsham	179
13	York Gardens	170
14	Ashford	172
15	Halton	170

Southern Region Standings

Pos	Club	Points
1	Cippenham	259
2	Brighton	180
3	Horsham	179
4	Ashford	172
5	OLOP IMPACT	140
6	Kingfisher Reading	131
7	Generation 2	115
8	Byng Hall	107
9	Waterside	75
10	Eastbourne	59
11	Southampton West	36
12	Hastings	35
13	Hollington	31
14	Brighton City	23
15	Poole	21

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Weekend Diary July / August

July

Sun 6 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open

August

Sat 2 Gareth Herbert coaching weekend

Sun 3 Gareth Herbert coaching weekend

Sat 9 Gareth Herbert coaching weekend

Sun 10 Gareth Herbert coaching weekend

Sat 30 Cippenham 2-Star Open Series #1 (junior)

Sun 31 Cippenham 2-Star Open Series #1 (senior)

Weekday Diary

Mon 7:15 Advanced Coaching

Tues 7:30 Practice Tables

7:40 Grand Prix

Wed 7:30 Squad Training (out of season)

Thurs 5:15 Beginners' Coaching

7:15 Slough League matches (out of season)

7:30 Practice Tables



Third Place Finish for Matt in National Masters

Matt Ware finished third in the English National Junior Masters held at Cippenham towards the end of May while Rachel Farquhar finished twelfth in the girls.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2008-09

	Full	Con'cn
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
Maidenhead 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)	**£5.00	**£2.50
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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Gold for Gavin in Spain



Gavin Evans won yet another international gold medal when he triumphed in the Cadet Boys' Singles in the Spanish Youth Open in May. Gavin also teamed up with Belgian Cedric Nuytinck to reach the final of the Junior Boys' Doubles. Cippenham member Matt Ware

was also in Spain as a member of the England boys' team.

Photo: ETTA

Do you want to play in the local leagues next season?

The Club is hoping that a lot more members will sign up for its teams in the Slough and Maidenhead leagues for the season starting in September/October. But hurry—although the season is many weeks away yet, planning is going on now. Please see John Lloyd or any other Committee member to register your interest. Better still—fill in your membership form, indicating that you wish to play in either or both leagues, and get it to Graham Trimming by 11th July.

Enjoyed the Grand Prix? Want to take competitive table tennis that one step further? Are you good enough—yes! Sign up now.

DON'T DELAY—ACT NOW!

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