



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Two titles for Ricky at Maidenhead Closed

The Maidenhead Closed Championships were held at Cippenham over the last weekend of February and although the results were slightly disappointing from a Cippenham perspective, there were, nevertheless, a handful of champions amongst our players.

Ricky Hardcastle was the most successful, winning two events. In the final match of the weekend Ricky and Lucie Bouron held off the challenge of Gary Crick and Denise Rolfe to win the Mixed Doubles title. Ricky had earlier partnered Graham Trimming and reached the final of the Men's Doubles but were outdone at the last hurdle by Dave Croucher and Nick Sears. Ricky was seeded second in the blue riband event, the Men's Singles, but found third seed Gary Crick just too steady in the semi-final. Crick played exceptionally well all weekend and went home with a plethora of medals. It took only one match for Ricky to win the Tweenies' Singles on Saturday and he duly won gold against Chris Collins. Lucie Bouron also featured in a one-match event for the Ladies' Singles but was beaten on the day by Denise Rolfe.

The Veterans' Men's Singles proved a disappointment for second seed Graham Trimming who lost narrowly in the groups to Bruce Smeath but the consolation event was a success for the Club with Keith Hall beating Zsolt Varga in an all-Cippenham final. Keith was also runner-up in the Division 2 Singles to Chris Collins while Elena Tant was runner-up in the Veteran Women's Singles to Louise Forster.

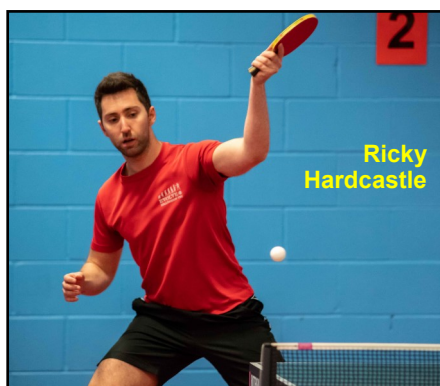
Special mention also for Dave Tant whose defence held up extremely well against Nick Sears. Dave actually had four match points before losing in the fifth after multiple deuces.

There is always a fun event on the Saturday - a Drawn Handicap Doubles where partners are drawn each round from the winning players of the previous round. Dave Tant and Elroy Hull found themselves partnered for the final and duly won the event against John Scott and Mike Collins.

Our own Ken Phillips was the Referee.



| Maidenhead Closed Championships Results | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Event | Winner(s) | Runner(s)-up |
| MS | Dave Croucher | Gary Crick |
| LS | Denise Rolfe | Lucie Bouron |
| MD | Dave Croucher Nick Sears | Ricky Hardcastle Graham Trimming |
| XD | Ricky Hardcastle Lucie Bouron | Gary Crick Denise Rolfe |
| VMS | Gary Crick | Nick Sears |
| VWS | Louise Forster | Elena Tant |
| TS | Ricky Hardcastle | Chris Collins |
| D1S | Gary Crick | Elroy Hull |
| D2S | Chris Collins | Keith Hall |
| D3S | Rajin Soni | Janet Dawson |
| DHS | John Scott | Gary Crick |
| DD | Dave Tant Elroy Hull | Mike Collins John Scott |
| MScons | Terry Osborne | Dave Hyder |
| VMScons | Keith Hall | Zsolt Varga |



Saxons on course for league title

Cippenham Saxons look certain to retain the championship title in the Maidenhead League. The team of Ashley Shaw, Oli Shaw, Ricky Hardcastle, Albert Cheung and Graham Trimming are currently 36 points ahead of their nearest rivals who have only 40 more points to play for. Saxons have 20 points to play for including 10 against those rivals, Bovingdon Green Kestrels.

It could be a double celebration for Cippenham at the end of the season as Trojans are currently top of Division 2. The team of Chris Clifford, Keith Hall, Harry Coles and Sue Hayes are current 16 points ahead of Old Gords Harriers who have a match in hand.



A trio of third-place finishes

There was a trio of third-placed finishes for Cippenham's three teams in the Veterans' British League when the competition completed in Derby over the last weekend in February.

The men's A team had an especially good weekend. Back to full strength after two of the three players had to miss the first weekend, they romped through their programme, winning four and drawing one of their five matches. Mark Banks, many times Maidenhead League Men's Singles champion, won nine of his ten matches as did Hari Gehlot. Martin Adams, playing in the more difficult number one position, won seven times.

First to suffer from the power of the Cippenham team was Dewsbury who succumbed 6-0. Then followed Cippenham's best result of the weekend. They beat Division 2A champions St Georges 5-1, inflicting their opponents only defeat of the season. Martin and Mark had put Cippenham 5-0 up, including both beating Cippenham old boy Mark Jackson, before Hari fell at the last hurdle to Simon Griew. Saturday concluded with another 5-1 victory, this time over XLNT Draycott 3. Martin was the one to lose a set in this match, going down in the fifth and deciding game to Ben Wilson, otherwise it was plain sailing for Cippenham as Hari and Mark won twice each.

The one disappointing result came on Sunday morning as Cippenham were held to a 3-3 draw by fifth-placed Hereford Challengers. After Hari had given Cippenham the perfect start with a 3-0 win over Mark Owen, Cippenham suffered three defeats in a row by very narrow margins. Martin suffered most, conceding to Ola Andersson and Owen, both deuce in the fifth, while Mark recovered from 2-0 down to square 2-2 with Andy Castle before losing 11-8 in the fifth. After that, it was business as usual as Hari and Mark both won 3-0 against Castle and Andersson respectively to secure the draw. In the final match of the season Border Reivers were no match and Cippenham romped to another 6-0 victory.

The Cippenham men's B team of Mike Rhodes, Paul Baker and Tony Stead were operating in Division 4B. The weekend started with a 4-2 victory over Swerve. Stephen Brunskill beat both Paul and Mike for the Middlesbrough based club while Tony won both his matches comfortably. The first stage of the season was then completed in the second match. Divisional leaders Sycamore Zigabytes were too strong and ran out worthy 6-0 victors. This result left Cippenham in third place in an eight-team division and so qualified for the top section when the division was split into two halves for the remainder of the season.



Mark Banks
Pic: Mike Rhodes

Corby Smash proved just as formidable opponents in the first match of the second phase and Cippenham were once again left reeling from a 6-0 defeat. Another match against Sycamore on Sunday morning brought about another 6-0 reverse but a final third-place finish was secured in the final match, a good 5-1 victory over Foresters E. Braces for Mike and Paul both included very good wins over Tony West, while Cippenham's only reverse came when Tony lost to Roger Pingram.

Women's Division 2 followed the same format with the eight teams being split into top and bottom halves for the second phase. Denise Weller and Mary Heffernan both beat Lynne Trussell in the first match against Foresters but that was all Cippenham managed to win in a 4-2 defeat against the divisional leaders. Bottom team Halton were the next opponents and a 5-1 win saw Cippenham easily qualify for the second phase in third place. Sue Hayes and Mary both won twice while Julie Dean added the other.

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Veterans' British League

League Tables:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Men's Division 2A | | | | | | | |
| St Georges | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 16 | 17 |
| XLNT Draycott 3 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 41 | 19 | 15 |
| Cippenham 1 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 37 | 23 | 13 |
| Dewsbury | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 35 | 10 |
| Hereford Challengers | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 37 | 5 |
| Border Reivers 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 50 | 0 |
| Men's Division 4B A | | | | | | | |
| Sycamore Zigabytes | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 15 | 18 |
| Corby Smash | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 38 | 22 | 14 |
| Cippenham 2 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 28 | 32 | 10 |
| Foresters E | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 34 | 8 |
| Men's Division 4B | | | | | | | |
| Sycamore Zigabytes | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 13 | 12 |
| Corby Smash | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 15 | 10 |
| Cippenham 2 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 19 | 8 |
| Foresters E | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 20 | 8 |
| Swerve | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 20 | 8 |
| Victoria Park | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 26 | 5 |
| Crusaders | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 27 | 3 |
| Bristol Associates 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 28 | 2 |
| Women's Division 2 A | | | | | | | |
| Foresters | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 10 | 19 |
| Ashford | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 40 | 20 | 16 |
| Cippenham | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 33 | 27 | 12 |
| Billswood | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 35 | 6 |
| Women's Division 2 | | | | | | | |
| Foresters | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 6 | 13 |
| Ashford | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 13 | 12 |
| Cippenham | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 15 | 10 |
| Billswood | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 23 | 6 |
| Kingfisher | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 26 | 6 |
| Sutton at Hone | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 17 | 25 | 4 |
| RTA | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 26 | 4 |
| Halton | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 1 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Men 1 | | | | |
| Mark Banks | 5 | 10 | 9 | 90 |
| Hari Gehlot | 10 | 20 | 16 | 80 |
| Simon Vine | 2 | 4 | 3 | 75 |
| Martin Adams | 5 | 10 | 7 | 70 |
| Mike Rhodes | 2 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| Silviu Garduli (expunged) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 25 |
| Sammy Bekele | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Paul Baker | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Men 2 | | | | |
| Silviu Garduli (expunged) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| Simon Vine | 3 | 6 | 5 | 83 |
| Sammy Bekele | 3 | 6 | 4 | 67 |
| Paul Baker | 8 | 16 | 8 | 50 |
| Mike Rhodes | 8 | 16 | 7 | 44 |
| Tony Stead | 5 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| Doug Bartle | 2 | 4 | 1 | 25 |
| Women | | | | |
| Mary Heffernan | 7 | 14 | 10 | 71 |
| Denise Weller | 8 | 16 | 10 | 63 |
| Sue Hayes | 8 | 16 | 8 | 50 |
| Julie Dean | 7 | 14 | 5 | 36 |

Results:

| Men 1 | Women |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 6-0 Dewsbury | 2-4 Foresters |
| 5-1 St Georges | 5-1 Halton |
| 5-1 XLNT Draycott 3 | 1-5 Foresters |
| 3-3 Hereford Challengers | 1-5 Ashford |
| 6-0 Border Reivers 1 | 4-2 Billswood |
| Men 2 | |
| 4-2 Swerve | |
| 0-6 Sycamore Zigabytes | |
| 0-6 Corby Smash | |
| 0-6 Sycamore Zigabytes | |
| 5-1 Foresters E | |

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Another two wins keep Cippenham's hopes alive

The Cippenham team in the Senior British League maintained its challenge at the top of the National Division B-4 table during the single day third weekend with two convincing victories. The four points gained moved Cippenham up one place to third in the table, level on points with Waterside who Cippenham have to play during the final weekend of matches in March. Cippenham and Waterside are both four points behind runaway leaders Ellenborough and both have yet to play the Enfield based team for the second time. It should make for an interesting final weekend.

Cippenham were handicapped by the non-appearance of Silviu Garduli for Saturday morning's match against Horsham Spinners. However, it made no difference to the end result as Martin Adams, Rob Hansell and Steve Munson all won both their matches in a 7-2 victory. Martin was in imperious forms as he won both his matches against Asa Gauntlett and Rory Scott 3

-0, dropping only twenty-nine points over the six games. Rob also beat Scott 3-0 but was made to work much harder against John Robinson for a 3-2 scoreline. Steve had to recover from 2-0 down against the young defender Henry Maric-Murray but finally won 11-9 in the fifth and deciding game and then beat Gauntlett much more comfortably 3-0.

Paul Baker responded to the call to complete the team line-up for the afternoon's match against Generation 2. Robert Hansell maintained his unbeaten record for the season with two comfortable wins against Valmiki Sinanan and Ugur Saglik while Martin Adams beat Ed Slot 3-0 and Sinanan 3-1. Steve Munson showed good form in beating Mike Rhodes 3-0 but came unstuck against Slot. Paul took the second game off Saglik but eventually lost 3-1 and then lost the last rubber against Mike Rhodes, his Cippenham Veterans' British League team-mate, making the final score 6-3 in Cippenham's favour.

| Senior British League | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| League Table: | | | | | | | |
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| National Division B-4 | | | | | | | |
| Ellenborough | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 18 | 20 |
| Waterside I | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 24 | 16 |
| Cippenham | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 54 | 36 | 16 |
| Foresters II | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 51 | 39 | 12 |
| Brighton TTC II | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 44 | 46 | 8 |
| Horsham Spinners I | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 34 | 56 | 4 |
| Generation 2 I | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 30 | 60 | 4 |
| Kingfisher III | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 9 | 81 | 0 |
| Players' Averages: | | | | | | | |
| | M | P | W | Av | | | |
| Robert Hansell | 6 | 12 | 12 | 100 | | | |
| Martin Adams | 10 | 20 | 17 | 85 | | | |
| Steve Munson | 6 | 12 | 7 | 58 | | | |
| Martin Gray | 4 | 8 | 4 | 50 | | | |
| Silviu Gardui | 4 | 8 | 4 | 50 | | | |
| Ricky Hardcastle | 6 | 12 | 3 | 25 | | | |
| Paul Baker | 5 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Results: | | | | | | | |
| 7-2 Horsham Spinners I | | | | | | | |
| 6-3 Generation 2 I | | | | | | | |

Boys' team finish third

The Cippenham boys' team in the Junior British League won three of their five matches during the final weekend of matches in Derby. Shae Thakker and Mihnea Dascalu both scored six wins over the weekend, while Pranav Gudipati did well to win half of his six matches and William Fricker weighed in with one.

Cippenham got off to a good start on Saturday morning with a 4-2 win over fourth-placed Fusion 3. Shae and Mihnea won two each.

Pranav Gudipati replaced Mihnea Dascalu for the afternoon match with leaders Halton 2. The Widnes team eventually won 5-1 with only Pranav scoring for Cippenham in the final set against Tom Watson. However, the scoreline belies the closeness of the match in which Cippenham players three times lost by very narrow margins in the deciding game and no set finished 3-0.

Cippenham went back to winning days for the final match on Saturday as BATTs B succumbed 4-2. Shae was on top form winning both his matches 3-0 while Pranav held on to win 11-9 in the fifth game against Charlie Read and Mihnea secured both points by bearing the same player 3-1 in the final set.

Colebridge B were no match for Cippenham on Sunday morning, obtaining only a consolation victory late in the final set. A win against Mid Ulster in the final match on Sunday afternoon would have secured Cippenham second place in the division. However, it was not to be and their Irish opponents ran out 4-2 winners.

| Junior British League | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| League Table: | | | | | | | |
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Boys' Division 4B | | | | | | | |
| Halton 2 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 17 | 16 |
| Mid Ulster | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 27 | 14 |
| Cippenham | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 31 | 29 | 11 |
| Fusion 3 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 33 | 27 | 10 |
| BATTs B | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 29 | 31 | 7 |
| Colebridge B | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 49 | 2 |
| Players' Averages: | | | | | | | |
| | M | P | W | Av | | | |
| Mihnea Dascalu | 9 | 18 | 14 | 78 | | | |
| Shae Thakker | 10 | 20 | 12 | 60 | | | |
| Pranav Gudipati | 8 | 16 | 4 | 25 | | | |
| William Fricker | 3 | 6 | 1 | 17 | | | |
| Results: | | | | | | | |
| 4-2 Fusion 3 | | | | | | | |
| 1-5 Halton 2 | | | | | | | |
| 4-2 BATTs B | | | | | | | |
| 5-1 Colebridge B | | | | | | | |
| 2-4 Mid Ulster | | | | | | | |

Pointless display by women

The Cippenham team put on a dismal display during the final weekend of matches in the Women's British League in Wolverhampton at the end of January. Fortunately, the four points gained during the first weekend in October were enough to avoid dropping into bottom spot in Division 5A.

Lack of space has led to this report being truncated. The full report can be found on the Club's website.

| Women's British League | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| League Table: | | | | | | | |
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Division 5A | | | | | | | |
| Dun Laoire | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 12 | 19 |
| Cardiff City 2 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 13 | 16 |
| Ormesby 1 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 23 | 12 |
| Halton 4 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 39 | 7 |
| Cippenham | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 47 | 5 |
| Fastbats | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 46 | 2 |
| Players' Averages: | | | | | | | |
| | M | P | W | Av | | | |
| Julie Dean | 8 | 16 | 7 | 44 | | | |
| Denise Weller | 7 | 14 | 3 | 21 | | | |
| Shristi Ghosh | 9 | 18 | 2 | 11 | | | |
| Sue Hayes | 6 | 12 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| Results: | | | | | | | |
| 1-5 Ormesby 1 | | | | | | | |
| 0-6 Cardiff City 2 | | | | | | | |
| 0-6 Dun Laoire | | | | | | | |
| 2-4 Halton 4 | | | | | | | |
| 1-5 Fastbats | | | | | | | |

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Weekday Timetable

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Mon | 19:15 | Advanced Coaching Group |
| Tues | 19:15 | Local league matches |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |
| Weds | 19:30 | Elite Coaching Group |
| Thurs | 17:15 | Beginners' coaching |
| | 19:15 | Local league matches |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |

Fees Season 2018-19

| | 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 | | |
| ** plus 50p (25p) for non-members | | |



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 Liam Pitchford - England's No. 1.
 Liam Pitchford uses a Butterfly Viscaria blade with Tenergy 05 rubber on both sides.

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Weekend Diary

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| Mar 2/3 | County Championships Over-60 Div 1B |
| Mar 9 | National Junior League (4) |
| Mar 16/17 | Senior British League Nat Divs A-2 & B4 (4) |
| Mar 24 | National Cadet League (4) |
| Mar 30 | Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1* Open |
| Mar 31 | County Championships Junior Div 1B |
| May 18/19 | Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open |
| Jun 29/30 | Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest. |

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