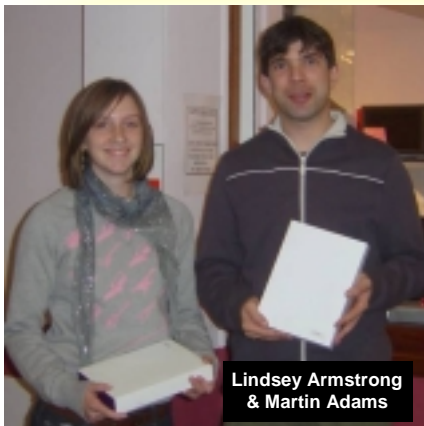




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Awards for Gill, Martin and Lindsey and a Surprise for Jacquie



Lindsey Armstrong
& Martin Adams



Gill Tucker &
Charles Mitchell



Jacquie Lovell

Cippenham TTC has celebrated the tenth anniversary of the opening of its purpose-built facility at The Westgate School. As usual, at the annual anniversary party, the Club's Social Officer Jacquie Lovell made presentations to the Club's most successful players and many of its volunteers. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the coveted Karen Mitchell Memorial Trophy. This is awarded each year to a person from outside of the main Management Committee who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club. This year Charles Mitchell was on hand to make the presentation to Gill Tucker. Gill, mother of Emily and Matthew, two of the most successful players to have emerged from the Club in recent years, was rewarded for the support she gives on a voluntary basis many weekends in the servery. The serving of refreshments keeps all the staff very

busy as the Club hosts several prestigious national events and a successful range of tournaments.

The achievements of Martin Adams and Lindsey Armstrong were highlighted as they received the Senior and Junior Player of the Year awards. Martin has been the Club's leading player in the British League for many years and last season won the Division 1 South Player of the Year award. He has maintained a ranking near the top of the English national lists, currently in the top forty, and has recently joined the Club's management team as Marketing Coordinator.

Lindsey has been a member of the Club's coaching scheme for many years, travelling each week from her home in Enfield to receive the expert coaching available at Cippenham. She plays for the Club in the Junior British League and this season has been pro-

moted into the second team in the Women's British League.

There was a surprise award for Jacquie Lovell herself at the end of the evening. Club Chairman Graham Trimming presented Jacquie with the ETTA Maurice Goldstein Merit Award for service to table tennis. To be considered for this award a nominee must have given at least ten years' service so it was very appropriate that the presentation marked Jacquie's ten years as Social Officer, a post she took in the run-up to the opening of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre in 1996. Besides her duties as Social Officer, which involve managing the servery most weekends during the season, Jacquie holds other posts including Committee Secretary, Child Protection Officer, Welfare Officer and liaises with the host school. Two years ago Jacquie won the national Volunteer of the Year award.



Grand Prix 4
Cippenham's own weekly Club event
Every Thursday 2 November to 7 December
Just turn up at 7:40 to register
No prior booking, no additional fees



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Nets and Edges

Marketer Martin

Martin Adams, who recently moved home to be literally just across the fence from the Club's premises, has joined the Management Committee as Marketing Coordinator. This is the first time that the Club has made such an appointment and the early signs are that Martin will make quite an impact. We wish him well as he attempts to manage a thus far neglected area.

Slough League Title Doomed

It will take a monumental turnaround if Cippenham are not to relinquish the stranglehold the Club has had on the Slough League title for the past thirteen years. A determined Chalfont Argonauts team beat Outlaws 8-2 in a recent encounter and look set to wrest the title away from us for the first time.

Meanwhile, Buccaneers, inspired by the performances of new signing Eric Van Looy, have moved up the Division 1 table with two maximum points wins over Burnham Leopards and Chalfont Bohemians.

Vagabonds have won two of their three matches in Division 2 while Peter Gajdus has made a great start to his Slough League career but even so has been unable to stop his Rascals team suffering two defeats from three matches so far.

GP3: Eric's the Winner



The top three (l-r): Peter Gajdus; Eric Van Looy; Choi Lee

Eric Van Looy was the winner at the end of October as the Club concluded its third Grand Prix competition of the year. Eric, a Belgian national recently moved into the UK, won all four of the events that he entered in the six week series. Choi Lee and Graham Trimming won the other two.

Eric has impressed during his short time so far at Cippenham and has begun playing for Cippenham Buccaneers in the Slough League as well as making his debut for the Club's third team in the British League.

Peter Gajdus, a junior making his mark for Cippenham Rascals in Division 2 of the Slough League, was rewarded for a series of consistent performances and picked up the second place prize while third place went to Choi Lee, another debutant for Cippenham this season in the Slough League for the Outlaws team.

The Grand Prix has been so successful in assimilating new members into the Club and providing those players with their first competitive opportunities that it is to be repeated for another six weeks running on Thursday evenings from November 2 to December 7.

	Pts
1. Eric Van Looy	400
2. Peter Gajdus	300
3. Choi Lee	170
4. Ollie Valdez	160
5. Amar Abid-Ali	155
6. Peter Simpson	150
7. Graham Trimming	100
7. Tim Kiteley	100
9. Lawrence Summers	95
10. Maarten Simons	90

Indifferent Start to NJL

The Cippenham boys' B team made a poor start to the National Junior League and after the first day's play were bottom of Division 1. This means relegation to Division 2 for the second session and a trip to Chesham High School rather than the benefit of playing at their home venue.

The girls (C team) fared no better and lie bottom of their division also.

Over at Chesham, the boys' C and D teams were third and fourth in Division 2, E and F were fourth and sixth in Division 3 while G were third in Division 4.

Peter Gajdus, Anthony Gardner and Tom Stevens were the only Cippenham players to win more than half of their matches.

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Girls Second at Half-Way Stage

The Cippenham girls' team lie in second place in the Junior British League Premier Division at the half-way stage. Melanie Farquhar was superb for the defending champions as she won nine of her ten matches to jointly top the division's averages. However, a brace from Mel was not enough to stop Cippenham slumping to defeat in the all-important clash with leaders Draycott & Long Eaton. Emma Vickers and Corinna Whitaker were both beaten 3-1 but team-mates Sarra Wang and Reena Ardeshana could not add to the Cippenham scoreline. Mel also won her two matches in a drawn game against Irish Girls. She beat Fiona Dennett and Danielle Douglas, also both 3-1, and Sarra beat Dennett. However, the Lancashire-based Reena lost to both Douglas and Claire Nelson. This dropped point means that the destination of the title is not solely in Cippenham's hands when the second half takes place in the New Year. Even if we were able to turn the tables on Draycott the Midlands team would still have to drop a further point for Cippenham to have any chance of the title.

We won the other three matches in the division to finish with seven points from a possible ten. Mel suffered her only loss as Grantham Tornadoes were beaten 5-1 and she and Sarra were unbeaten in the 5-1 win over Wirral Premier. The other match resulted in a resounding 6-0 win over Bridgwater.

The girls' second team lie third in Division 2 after winning against Team Peniel B 6-0, Waterside B 5-1 and Chelmsford 4-2. The two other matches resulted in defeats against St. Andrews and Redland Bats, both 4-2. Rachel Pilgrim, a new signing for Cippenham to cover for the unavailable Rachel Farquhar, secured eight wins while the national Young Volunteer of the Year Catherine Hayes won six times and Lindsey Armstrong five.

The boys' team won two of their matches and lie in fourth place in Division 2B. Matthew Tucker and Ashley Shaw both won three of their six matches while Andrew Linz won three out of seven but, surprisingly, Edward Mitchell failed to score in his seven outings to the table.

Junior British League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 2B							
Rotherham Scorpions A	5	5	0	0	26	4	10
Kingfisher B	5	4	0	1	18	12	8
Billericay	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Cippenham	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Ormesby B	5	1	0	4	9	21	2
Halton	5	0	0	5	7	23	0
Girls' Premier Division							
Draycott & Long Eaton	5	5	0	0	26	4	10
Cippenham A	5	3	1	1	21	9	7
Wirral Premier	5	3	0	2	14	16	6
Irish Girls	5	1	1	3	13	17	3
Grantham Tornadoes	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Bridgwater	5	0	1	4	6	24	1
Girls' Division 2							
St. Andrews A	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Redland Bats	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
Cippenham B	5	3	0	2	19	11	6
Waterside B	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Team Peniel B	5	0	2	3	6	24	2
Chelmsford	5	0	1	4	11	19	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Boys				
Matthew Tucker	4	6	3	50
Ashley Shaw	3	6	3	50
Andrew Linz	4	7	3	43
Edward Mitchell	4	7	0	0
Girls' A				
Melanie Farquhar	5	10	9	90
Sarra Wang	5	10	7	70
Reena Ardeshana	5	10	5	50
Girls' B				
Rachel Pilgrim	5	10	8	80
Catherine Hayes	5	10	6	60
Lindsey Armstrong	5	10	5	50

Results:

Boys	Girls' A
4-2 Ormesby B	6-0 Bridgwater
4-2 Halton	5-1 Wirral Premier
2-4 Rotherham Scorpion	5-1 Grantham Tornadoe
2-4 Billericay	3-3 Irish Girls
1-5 Kingfisher B	2-4 Draycott & L. Eaton
Girls' B	
6-0 Team Peniel B	
5-1 Waterside B	
4-2 Chelmsford	
2-4 St. Andrews A	
2-4 Redland Bats	

dealt a cruel blow when Caroline Linz pulled out through illness with less than a day's notice. Jan Chapman filled the void and excelled by beating Emily Pinnell in the match against Staffordshire County Ladies. However, as the only other win came from Sue Hayes against Tracey Spencer, it was not enough to secure a point. The only points that did accrue to Cippenham came in a 5-1 victory over Midland Elgre who were a player short. The other matches were lost to Ashford and St. Andrews, both 4-2, and Division 3 runaway leaders Uxbridge 6-0. Lindsey Armstrong and Sue Hayes both won four matches throughout the weekend and Jan Chapman won one.

Women's British League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division							
DML Woolwell A	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
DHS London Progress	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
Irish Ladies I	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Draycott & Long Eaton	5	1	1	3	14	16	3
Cippenham A	5	0	2	3	11	19	2
Woodfield I	5	0	1	4	7	23	1
Division 3							
Uxbridge	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
St. Andrews	5	3	0	2	19	11	6
Staffordshire County	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Ashford	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Cippenham B	5	1	0	4	11	19	2
Midland ELGRE	5	1	0	4	6	24	2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Abigail Embling	5	10	6	60
Lesley Keast	5	10	4	40
Gemma Chapman	5	10	1	10
Cippenham B				
Lindsey Armstrong	5	9	4	44
Sue Hayes	5	10	4	40
Jan Chapman	5	9	1	11

Results:

Team A	Team B
3-3 Draycott & L. Eaton	5-1 Midland ELGRE
3-3 Woodfield I	2-4 St. Andrews
2-4 London Progress	2-4 Staffordshire County
2-4 Irish Ladies I	2-4 Ashford
1-5 DML Woolwell A	0-6 Uxbridge

Both Women's Teams Struggle

Both Cippenham teams made poor starts to their campaigns in the Women's British League during the September/October weekend. Both lie in fifth place with two points each in their respective divisions after the first weekend of matches played in Hereford.

Cippenham's first team, in the Premier Division, lost all three matches on Saturday: 4-2 against both Irish Ladies and DHS London Progress and 5-1 to defending champions DML Woolwell. On Sunday the picture was rosier as 3-3 draws were gained against Draycott & Long Eaton and Woodfield. England international Abigail Embling led the team with six wins from her ten starts and Lesley Keast weighed in with four wins. The team's only locally based player, Gemma Chapman, was off form and won only one of her matches.

The Cippenham second team was

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Weekend Diary November/December

November

Sat 4th	National Junior League (2)
Sat 11th	County Championships Senior Premier (1)
Sun 12th	County Championships Senior Premier (1)
Sat 18th	Bucks Junior Closed
Sun 19th	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Sat 25th	County Championships Veterans 2B/3B

December

Sat 2nd	Southern Region Trials
Sun 3rd	Southern Region Trials
Sat 9th	British League Divisions 1S/1S&M (2)
Sun 10th	British League Divisions 1S/1S&M (2)
Sat 16th	County Championships Senior Division 1B
Sun 17th	County Championships Senior Division 1B



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jan 6	County Championships Cadets Div 1B
Jan 7	British League Div 1S/1S&M (3)
Jan 13/14	Cippenham YP New Year Festival
Jan 20	National Junior League (3)
Jan 27/28	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Feb 4	Cippenham Team 2* Open
Feb 17/18	Reading Closed Championships
Feb 24/25	British League Div 1S/1S&M (4)
Mar 3	National Junior League (4)
Mar 17	Cippenham Cadet and U13 2* Open
Mar 18	Southern Region Junior Training
Mar 25	Cippenham Veterans' 2* Open
Apr 1	Cippenham Double Group 2* Open
May 5/6	ETTA National Cadet Masters
May 12/13	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 19/20	Southern Region Junior Training
Jun 9/10	Cippenham YP Summer Festival
Jun 16/17	Southern Region Junior Training
Jul 1	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open

Events away from Cippenham

Nov 11/12	Veterans' British League (1) (Stoke)
Jan 20/21	Women's British League (2)
Jan 27/28	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
Feb 10/11	Junior British League (2)

Weekday Diary

Mon	7:00	Advanced 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
	7:40	Grand Prix

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2006-07

	Full	Conc'n
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)	**£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		
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