



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Men pull off great escape

The Cippenham veteran men's team pulled off the great escape at Bristol during the final weekend, winning two of their final four matches to climb off the bottom of Division 1B of the Veterans' National League to the safe position of fourth. It was perhaps not so surprising as in the first half, played in November, Cippenham were extremely unlucky to gain only the two points that had left them rooted to the foot of the table, having lost numerous close matches.

The second half did not start so well either with a 6-0 defeat to runaway division winners Ormesby. However, Paul Baker was desperately unlucky to lose to Carl White, a player who lost only four times all season, by the narrow margins of 11-9, 11-13, 9-11, 14-12, 12-14. Redemption was on hand in the very next match, a match that turned out to be the pivotal point in Cippenham's survival. Assisted by Eastfield Peterborough being a player short, Cippenham romped to a 5-1 win, the only loss coming in the final set when Paul again lost close in the fifth to Dave Rowell.

In the final match on Saturday, Paul again lost a match in the fifth set, as did Mike Rhodes twice. Paul and Christos Hannides both beat David Steel but that was as good as it got as the match was lost 4-2 to Hollingbury A. On Sunday morning Cippenham put up a good fight against divisional runners-up Seasiders, losing 4-2 but the fifth game curse struck again with Mike, twice (again), and Paul succumbing.

Victory was required in the final match to ensure that the threat of relegation was extinguished and how the players responded! A 6-0 whitewash was the deserved result to finish the season on

Veterans' British League

Veterans' National League

a high and, yes, after four fifth-game losses during the weekend, Paul at last won a fifth game encounter with Clive Banham 11-9!

Over the season Cippenham won two and drew two of their ten matches with Christos Hannides winning 12 of his 20 matches, Paul Baker 7 out of 19 and Mike Rhodes 5 out of 19.

The Cippenham veteran women's team travelled to Doncaster for their matches in the Veterans' British League. Lying in a comfortable third position after the first half, they added two more wins and four more points to remain in that same position when the final scores were counted.

Like the men, the women did not start well, losing 5-1 to Ashford who finished a place lower in the table. Only Julie Dean got herself off the mark in this match. However, Cippenham bounced back in fine style reeling off a 5-1 victory over bottom team RTA with the only loss sustained by Sue Hayes, 13-11 in the fifth against Jackie Channel after leading in games 2-0. Saturday finished on a poor note with a 6-0 loss to second-placed Fusion even though Julie Dean and Denise Weller both took Jackie Williams the distance.

Another 6-0 defeat at the hands of runaway division leaders BATTs PPP followed on Sunday morning before third place was emphatically secured with a 6-0 thumping of Market Rasen II.

Remarkably, all three players finished the season with identical records, each having won 8 of their 20 matches.



The great escapees: (l-r) Paul Baker; Christos Hannides; Mike Rhodes

Veterans' British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Women's Division 1							
BATTs PPP	10	9	1	0	49	11	19
Fusion	10	6	3	1	44	16	15
Cippenham	10	5	0	5	24	36	10
Ashford	10	3	2	5	26	34	8
Market Rasen II	10	2	0	8	21	39	4
RTA	10	1	2	7	16	44	4

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Sue Hayes	10	20	8	40
Denise Weller	10	20	8	40
Julie Dean	10	20	8	40

Results:

1-5 Ashford	0-6 BATTs PPP
5-1 RTA	6-0 Market Rasen
0-6 Fusion	

Veterans' National League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1B							
Ormesby	10	9	1	0	50	10	19
Seasiders	10	8	1	1	43	17	17
Hollingbury A	10	4	1	5	23	37	9
Cippenham	10	2	2	6	26	34	6
Eastfield Peterborough	10	2	1	7	20	40	5
OLOP 2	10	1	2	7	18	42	4

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Christos Hannides	10	20	12	60
Paul Baker	10	19	7	37
Mike Rhodes	10	19	5	26

Results:

0-6 Ormesby	2-4 Seasiders
5-1 Eastfield Peterborough	6-0 OLOP 2
2-4 Hollingbury A	



No points from the weekend

It was another poor weekend for Cippenham's three teams in the British League. With many players unavailable it was perhaps fortunate that this was a short weekend, one day only, with only two matches to complete for each team. Nevertheless, the cause was not helped by the third team turning up at Wolverhampton a player short. Also, given the fact that five of the six matches were against teams in the top half of each division, it was really no surprise that no additional league points were collected.

The first team, in Division One South, welcomed back their captain Martin Adams but Dob Tokov was unavailable and Rob Hansell out injured. The team's first opponents were third-placed BATTs who won 6-2. The match was closer than the result suggests as half of the four individual matches required a deciding game. Two of these were those won by Cippenham when Milen Dobrev and Matt Squires both beat Tony West, a player who a week earlier had graced Sky's live televising of the World Ping-Pong Championships at Alexandra Palace. Fourth-placed OLOP IMPACT were next and they did better, with the final result being 7-1 in their favour. Only Martin Gray, when beating Daniel McTiernan 3-0, won for Cippenham but both Martins took Daniel's brother Liam the distance. Despite the two defeats, Cippenham remain in fifth place in a division polarised into two halves and are three points clear of the relegation zone.

Snow stops play

Table tennis may be an indoors sport but, even so, can occasionally fall prey to adverse weather conditions.

Such was the case over the weekend of 17th and 18th January when we had to cancel the Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open and the following day's booking by Buckinghamshire for a veterans' session of the County Championships was another casualty. The latter has been re-arranged for this month but a decision has not yet been taken about the Open.

Cancelling the Vets Open was a great shame as a near maximum entry had been received and the day had promised to be a very enjoyable one.

The Cippenham second team also played on home territory in Division Two South and East but suffered two 8-0 defeats at the hands of Horsham and Ellenborough and these results keep Cippenham firmly rooted to the foot of the table. 8-0 wins are usually one-sided but the match with Horsham was anything but. No individual match was won 3-0 and all four Cippenham players, Chris Hansell, Paul Baker, Tony Stead and reserve Richard Johnson took opponents to a fifth leg, three of them being decided either 12-10 or 11-9. Tony and Richard also suffered deuce in the fifth defeats to Alec Bartlett in the match against Ellenborough.

Kevin Gray and Bradley King actually put Cippenham thirds 2-0 up in the morning match with third-placed NWF. However, the handicap of being a player short, due to unavailability of players and illness of Andrew Sullivan, took its toll and Cippenham were unable to capitalise on their good start. Final opponents were Division Three South, Midlands and West table toppers Bristol Academy who include a Chinese player ranked 14 in England and the Welsh number eight in their star-studded side. Not surprisingly, Bristol ran out 8-0 winners and Cippenham remain bottom of the table with a vital match to play next weekend against Woodfield IV when it is likely that the winner will stay up and the loser will be relegated.

Two teams only in the Senior British League next season

Due to the difficulty the Club has faced in raising teams for the Senior British League during the past two seasons, culminating in being a player short (and £40 fine!) for the most recent session, it has been decided to enter only two teams next season.

The Club has run three teams for each of the last nine seasons so next year will be the first since 2004 that there will have been only two teams. It is hoped that this will result in a larger proportions of the playing squad coming from the Club's core local membership.

Senior British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
Greenhouse Progress I	10	10	0	0	75	5	20
Urban I	10	8	0	2	58	22	16
BATTs I	10	7	0	3	44	36	14
OLOP IMPACT	10	6	0	4	46	34	12
Cippenham I	10	2	2	6	28	52	6
Sportingbet Guernsey	10	2	1	7	21	59	5
TTC Cornwall	10	1	2	7	25	55	4
Crusaders I	10	1	1	8	23	57	3
Division 2 South & East							
Woolwell I	10	8	2	0	59	21	18
Horsham I	10	7	2	1	55	25	16
York Gardens III	10	6	2	2	52	28	14
Woodfield III	10	4	2	4	41	39	10
Bedford Modern I	10	3	2	5	40	40	8
Ellenborough	10	3	2	5	37	43	8
De Vere NETTS	10	2	0	8	19	61	4
Cippenham II	10	1	0	9	17	63	2
Division 3 South-Midlands-West							
Bristol TT Academy	10	9	1	0	71	9	19
B-BATT Pavilion II	10	9	1	0	65	15	19
NWF	10	5	2	3	46	34	12
Sycamore II	10	5	1	4	46	34	11
Keyworth	10	4	1	5	36	44	9
St. Marys Hull	10	3	1	6	30	50	7
Woodfield IV	10	1	0	9	13	67	2
Cippenham III	10	0	1	9	13	67	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Robert Hansell	6	11	6	55
Dobromir Tokov	8	16	8	50
Milen Dobrev	5	10	3	30
Martin Adams	6	12	3	25
Martin Gray	5	9	2	22
Matt Squires	10	20	4	20
Cippenham II				
Martin Gunn	8	16	6	38
Chris Hansell	10	20	7	35
Steve Smith	2	4	1	25
Tony Stead	10	20	3	15
Paul Baker	8	16	0	0
Richard Johnson	2	4	0	0
Cippenham III				
Bradley King	10	20	8	40
Kevin Gray	6	12	3	25
Ed Mitchell	8	16	1	6
Andrew Sullivan	8	16	1	6
Anthony Gardner	4	8	0	0
Ricky Hardcastle	2	4	0	0

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
2-6 BATTs I	0-8 Horsham I
1-7 OLOP IMPACT	0-8 Ellenborough

Cippenham III

2-6 NWF
0-8 Bristol TT Academy

Final weekend:

Saturday/Sunday 23/24 February
Teams I and II at Cippenham
Team III at Wolverhampton

Good progress in the junior leagues

Teams from the Club in the regional junior leagues are having their best times for several years. In fact, you have to go back in the records to season 2003-4 when the boys' team were champions, to find a time doing better than the current team.

It helps, of course, to have settled teams and this season has seen a vast improvement in the consistency of availability of players.

The top boys' team in the National Junior League has finished second in Division One in both rounds so far while the second team have risen from fourth in Division 2 in the first round to third in the latest round. Meanwhile, the girls are performing more strongly than in many recent years.

A review of the players' averages shows that a large majority of Cippenham players have an average of over 50% with Alex Nagle, Fenton Varady, Alex Jackson and Shristi Ghosh leading the way.

The cadet team also improved from third to second in division 3 of their league despite having the first enforced change to the line-up in two seasons when Aidan Lancaster was injured. Angus Whittam, on debut, deputise admirably and the team of Angus, Sam Fletcher and Reeshabh Hamal remained unbeaten throughout the round.

Maidenhead League standings

Cippenham Spartans' stay at the top of Division 1 was short lived once Cookham Social Typhoons played their match in hand continue to press in case the leaders slip up. The Club's other three teams are in the middle of their divisions not pushing for promotion not much of a threat of relegation.

National Junior League							
League Tables Round 2:							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 1							
Chiltern A	5	5	0	0	26	4	26
Cippenham A	5	2	2	1	18	12	18
Spinners B	5	2	2	1	15	15	15
Spinners A	5	1	2	2	12	18	12
Reading A	5	0	2	3	11	19	11
Kidlington A	5	1	0	4	8	22	8
Boys' Division 2							
Kidlington B	5	2	3	0	19	11	19
Crusaders	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Cippenham B	5	3	1	1	17	13	17
Reading B	5	1	1	3	13	17	13
Chiltern B	5	0	2	3	12	18	12
Kidlington C	5	2	0	3	11	19	11
Girls' Division							
Kidlington	5	5	0	0	26	4	26
Ellenborough	5	3	0	2	22	8	22
Cippenham A	5	4	0	1	22	8	22
Cippenham B	5	2	0	3	13	17	13
LND A	5	1	0	4	7	23	7
LND B	5	0	0	5	0	30	0
Players' Averages (cumulative):							
	M	P	W	Av			
Boys' A							
Alex Nagle	10	25	18	72			
Harrison Simmons	10	25	14	56			
Joe Underwood	10	25	13	52			
Boys' B							
Fenton Varady	3	8	6	75			
Alex Jackson	10	25	17	68			
Tarun Chana	7	16	6	38			
Tom Hewlett	7	17	6	35			
Oliver Hardman	3	9	0	0			
Girls' A							
Shristi Ghosh	10	24	20	83			
Rosalind Lane	10	25	16	64			
Louise Williams	10	24	13	54			
Girls' B							
Evie Foster	1	3	3	100			
Jemma Walker	6	14	8	57			
Georgina Cooper	5	14	8	57			
Charlotte Parrett	10	25	11	44			
Megan Ashfield	8	17	5	29			

National Cadet League							
League Table Round 2:							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 3							
Reading C	5	4	1	0	24	6	24
Cippenham	5	2	3	0	20	10	20
Spinners D	5	3	1	1	17	13	17
Spinners E	5	1	1	3	13	17	13
Ashford B	5	1	0	4	8	22	8
Players' Averages (cumulative):							
	M	P	W	Av			
Angus Whittam	4	8	6	75			
Sam Fletcher	10	25	18	72			
Reeshabh Hamal	10	25	18	72			
Aidan Lancaster	6	17	10	59			

**Cippenham Five by Two
Cadet & U13 1-Star Open**

Sunday 14 April

Entries close 24 March

Two age categories

5 per group then knock-out

League Tables:							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cookham S Typhoons	11	10	1	0	82	28	82
Cippenham Saxons	11	8	1	2	76	34	76
Old Gords Vultures	12	7	1	4	62	58	62
Old Gords Ospreys	11	4	1	6	55	54	55
Cippenham Trojans	9	3	1	5	41	49	41
Old Gords Harriers	12	1	3	8	41	79	41
NWCA Blue Jays	10	2	2	6	37	63	37
Castle Hill Pumas	10	3	0	7	35	64	35
Division 2							
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	15	9	2	4	91	59	91
Boyne Hill CC	14	7	4	3	81	59	81
Stoke Poges Lions	15	7	2	6	78	72	78
Outcasts	12	8	0	4	75	45	75
SportsAble Wags	13	7	3	3	75	55	75
Old Gords Kestrels	14	7	2	5	74	66	74
Cippenham Spartans	13	4	2	7	64	66	64
BBC Bears	13	5	0	8	55	75	55
Old Gords Falcons	11	3	2	6	45	65	45
Cookham Social Lions	12	0	1	11	22	98	22
Division 3							
Stoke Poges Tigers	13	12	0	1	108	22	108
SportsAble Whirlwinds	12	8	1	3	77	43	77
Bovingdon Green Kites	14	6	1	7	71	69	71
Cookham S Ladybyrds	9	8	1	0	64	26	64
Cippenham Vikings	10	6	0	4	56	44	56
Castle Hill Panthers	12	5	2	5	53	67	53
NWCA Sharks	13	2	2	9	41	89	41
SportsAble Wizards	12	1	1	10	35	85	35
SportsAble Warriors	11	0	2	9	25	85	25
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Saxons							
Simon Wilde	11	32	25	78			
Albert Cheung	8	23	17	74			
Graham Trimming	11	32	22	69			
Steve Smith	3	9	6	67			
Trojans							
Ricky Hardcastle	7	20	16	80			
Shane Clark	1	3	2	67			
Denise Weller	5	14	8	57			
Bassam Mocharrafe	5	15	7	47			
Sue Hayes	7	20	1	5			
Spartans							
David Williams	10	30	23	77			
Armando Borges	8	24	15	63			
Peter Hillier	12	36	19	53			
Bhanu Muralitharan	6	18	1	6			
Vikings							
Goutham Shikrishna	7	20	15	75			
Nadeem Syed	9	26	18	69			
Khalid Kazim	5	14	9	64			

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix
Weds	18:00	ETTA high performance sessions
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2012-13

	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)		£30.00

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members

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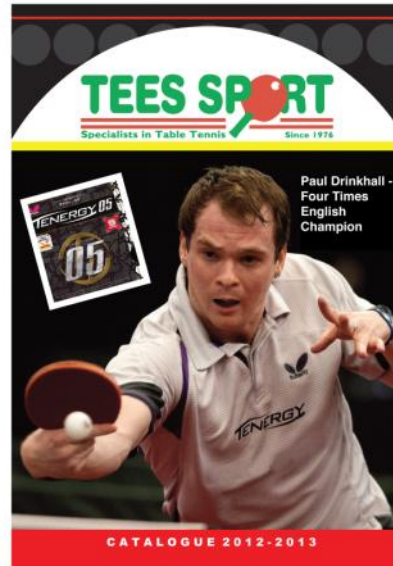


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Weekend Diary

Feb	16	County Championships Vets Div 3D
	17	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Vets 1-Star
	23/24	British League (4)
Mar	2	National Junior League (4)
	9	UKCC Level 1 coach education
	16	UKCC Level 1 coach education
	17	National Cadet League (4)
	23/24	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Apr	6	County Championships Vets Div 2B
	14	Cippenham 5x2 Junior/Cadet 1-Star
	20/21	British League Division 1 Play-Offs
	27	UK Deaf TTA training

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