



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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We're back !

Senior British League



(l-r): Rob Hansell; Martin Adams; Steve Munson; Martin Gray

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back members and visitors to Cippenham Table Tennis Club for the first competitive table tennis since March 2020—we all know why!

This is also the first Newsletter since the edition for April 2020 in which we announced a temporary closure of the Club. Little did we know back then how long it would be before we resumed.

Like the rest of the table tennis community, we are hoping for a full uninterrupted season.

The scientists and NHS have done an incredible job that allows us to start living life almost back to normal. However, as we all know, Covid has not gone away and the simple message remains: **STAY SAFE !!**

Cippenham Table Tennis Centre is buzzing again as competitive table tennis made a welcome return after a gap of more than eighteen months. The venue hosted two divisions of the Senior British League, organised by Graham Trimming and refereed by Ken Phillips. The Cippenham team, playing in National Division B-4, played four matches over the weekend, winning both their encounters on Saturday but the tide turned against them on Sunday.

Cippenham's first opponents were Wensum 2 from Norwich. Team captain Martin Adams showed the way by opening the scoring for Cippenham against Serafin Melo and was followed by Rob Hansell and Martin Gray over Wayne Mason and Chad Bassett. 3-0 was a great start to the campaign but Steve Munson then lost out to Dale Parnell to give the East Anglian team some hope. Rob and Martin Gray secured a win in the doubles but Martin Adams was

beaten by Mason to make the score 4-2. From then on it was easy pickings as Martin Gray, Rob and Steve won all the remaining sets 3-0 to give Cippenham an overall victory by 7-2.

Saturday afternoon saw Cippenham up against Horsham Spinners. Rob retained his unbeaten record, despite being made to work very hard by Mahmood Kelani but finally emerged victorious in the deciding game. Martin Adams, meanwhile, won both his matches comfortably and Martin Gray beat Benjamin Greve but lost out against Abdur-Rahman Kelani and Cippenham put another brace of points on the league table with the 6-3 scoreline.

Sunday started with a ding-dong battle against Foresters. Martin Adams gave Cippenham a solid start against Mark Collins but the team from Crawley hit back when Andy Norwood defeated Rob Hansell. Cippenham went back in front due to Martin Gray's five-game win over Daniel Pound only for Forest-

Senior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B-4							
Ormeau 2	4	4	0	0	33	3	8
Urban 2	4	3	0	1	22	14	6
Foresters 1	4	3	0	1	19	17	6
Somerset Sabres 1	4	2	0	2	12	24	4
Cippenham	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Wensum 2	4	1	0	3	13	23	2
Horsham Spinners 1	4	1	0	3	16	20	2
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Robert Hansell	4	8	5	63			
Martin Gray	4	7	4	57			
Martin Adams	4	8	4	50			
Steve Munson	4	8	1	13			
Results:							
7-2 Wensum				4-5 Foresters 1			
6-3 Horsham Spinners 1				0-9 Ormeau 2			

ers to level again through Lewis Mayhew over Steve Munson. Rob and Martin Gray won their third doubles of the weekend, then Foresters levelled once more as Norwood beat Martin Adams.

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Lunch Box take over weekend catering



Cippenham Table Tennis Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Lunch Box Chef as caterers for weekend events. This the first time that professional caterers have been in charge at the Club .

Their first service was at the Senior British League the last weekend of September. The food was great, the service exemplary and we look forward to them serving up great food at our weekend events for a long time to come.

Lunch Box Chef are a local business, operating out of their sandwich shop just a couple of miles away from Cippenham Table Tennis Centre in Burnham High Street. From there they also manage corporate events and parties, including weddings.

To find out more about Lunch Box Chef, please visit their website:

<https://lunchboxchef.co.uk/>

Maidenhead League team selections

The Club has entered five teams in the Maidenhead League this season, after having taken into consideration the responses received from the sign-up call in August.

Unfortunately, the league has shrunk further this season, post-Covid, and now comprises just fourteen teams spread evenly between only two divisions.

Team selections are as follows:

Cippenham Trojans—Division 1

Chris Collins (capt.); Maciej Dlugozima; Anthony Gardner; Ricky Hardcastle; Tony Jackson; Sue Hayes; Hari Prasad Vennapusa

Cippenham Saxons—Division 1

Graham Trimming (capt.); Albert Cheung; Alan Moss; Ludo Montiel

Cippenham Titans—Division 1

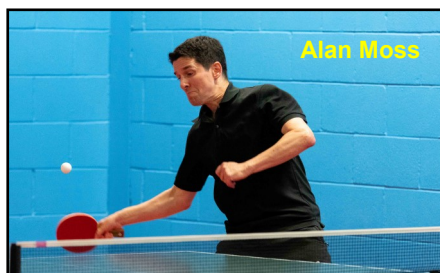
Josh Blagden (capt.); Lucie Bouron; Lawrence Harvey; Akeel Mir

Cippenham Vikings—Division 2

Qasim Hussain (capt.); Armando Borges; Walter Aldridge; Clive Chapman

Cippenham Spartans—Division 2

Jan Chapman (capt.); Oleg Kuba Kubenko; Ian Thomson; Alexey Zubrenkov



Two debutants for Cippenham in the opening Maidenhead League fixtures

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The crucial match came next. Martin Gray won the first two games against Collins and then held match points in the third after leading 9-5. However, the Cippenham player served into the net on his first match point and Collins took full advantage. Collins then won both the next two games to put Foresters in front for the first time, 4-3. Rob countered against Mayhew to square the match once more but Steve was no

Veterans' British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
Foresters A	5	5	0	0	27	3	10
Cippenham 1	5	3	1	1	20	10	7
Lilleshall	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Norwich	5	2	0	3	11	19	4
Crawley 1	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
St Georges 1	5	0	0	5	5	25	0
Men's Division 3B							
Joola Plymouth	5	5	0	0	26	4	10
Dewsbury	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
PSP Group	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Graham Spicer 1	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
Norwich City	5	0	3	2	12	18	3
Cippenham 2	5	0	1	4	6	24	1
Women's Division 2							
Northern Belles	5	4	1	0	22	8	9
Sutton at Hone	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Billwood	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Ellenborough 2	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
Milton Keynes	5	1	0	4	11	19	2
Cippenham	5	1	0	4	10	20	2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Men 1:				
Andy Trott	4	7	6	86
Martin Adams	5	10	7	70
Hari Gehlot	5	9	5	56
Mike Rhodes	1	2	0	0
Men 2:				
Samson Bekele	3	6	2	33
Paul Baker	3	6	2	33
Tony Stead	3	6	1	17
Steve Smith	3	6	1	17
Mike Rhodes	3	6	0	0
Ladies:				
Mary Heffernan	5	10	6	60
Denise Weller	5	10	3	30
Sue Hayes	3	6	1	17

Results:

Men 1:	
1-5 Foresters A	5-1 St Georges 1
6-0 Norwich	3-3 Lilleshall
5-1 Crawley 1	
Men 2:	
1-5 Dewsbury	1-6 PSP Group
3-3 Norwich City	0-6 Joola Plymouth
1-5 Graham Spicer 1	
Ladies:	
2-4 Milton Keynes	4-2 Ellenborough 2
1-5 Northern Belles	2-4 Billwood
1-5 Sutton at Hone	

match for Pound in the final encounter and Foresters took the points with a 5-4 scoreline.

Cippenham's final match of the weekend saw them up against divisional leaders Ormeau 2. The team from Belfast include four players who all feature in the top five of the Ulster rankings and three are ranked in the top six in all-Ireland. Rob came closest for Cippenham, only losing out to Daryl Strong 11-9 in the fifth game after having won the first two games. Apart from that it was all one-way traffic as the Ulstermen won 9-0.

Mixed results for Vets

Veterans' British League

There were more mixed results for Cippenham' as the Veterans' British League got underway at Derby. The men's first team performed well and are currently second in Division 1B while the men's second team and the women's team fared less well and are bottom of Men's Division 3A and Women's Division 2 respectively.

Unfortunately, Cippenham number one Andy Trott was unavailable for the first team's opening match against Foresters and so Mike Rhodes was called upon as substitute against the other stand-out side in the division. Martin Adams edged a nervy encounter against the dangerous Paul Carter, and despite both Martin and Hari Gehlot pushing England number four Ritchie Venner to closely fought matches, the result ended 1-5. That result left Cippenham in a position in which they could not afford to lose any more points to stand a realistic chance of promotion.

Against Norwich it was a successful clean sweep of 6-0. Andy, Martin and Hari comfortably saw off the challenge of Jamie McIntosh, Mats Olsen and Ben Thompson. Crawley were the next opponents and could only manage one better at 5-1 with Andy and Martin remaining unbeaten.

The following morning match against bottom side St Georges could have been more challenging had it not been for one of their top players unable to attend the venue on time due to a motorway jam. Things looked bleak when Martin succumbed to the hard hitting of Ryan Stockham in the opening exchange but Hari and Andy steadied the ship and with the defaulted matches Cippenham ran out 5-1 winners.

The final match of the weekend was crucial against another strong team, Lilleshall. Andy's only defeat surprisingly came at the hands of Paul Ciccelli early on in the match and Martin could not find a way to get through England number nineteen Richard Jermyn. Hari and Andy levelled things off at 2-2 with good wins against Andy Frain and Jermyn respectively, but Hari narrowly lost out to Cicelli before Martin secured a point for Cippenham with a 3-3 draw by beating Frain.



This puts Cippenham three points behind Foresters with the final weekend to follow. Promotion to the Premier Division is unlikely unless Cippenham can take revenge in the return fixture against Foresters, who will also need to slip up against at least one other team.

The men's second team found the going tough and managed only one draw in their five matches. That came on Saturday afternoon against Norwich City. Samson Bekele was the star player in this match for Cippenham, beating both Ken Read and Richard Elliott. Paul Baker also beat Elliott to give Cippenham a 2-0 lead in the match but Steve Smith was unable to add to his team's scoreline. The five-man Cippenham squad was completed by Mike Rhodes and Tony Stead and the other matches resulted in disappointing defeats, 5-1 against Dewsbury, Graham Spicer Club and PSP Group while the final match was lost 6-0 against a very strong Joola Plymouth team.

The women's team was hampered by being a player short for the first two matches with Julie Dean out through Covid and Sue Hayes having other engagements earlier on Saturday. By the



Unfortunately, due to some bizarre Covid-related restrictions imposed by Derby Arena, Mike Rhodes was not allowed to use his camera and so we do not have the usual brilliant team photos. Instead, we are indebted to Paul Baker for these taken on his mobile.

Above left: Men's 1st team: Hari Gehlot; Andy Trott; Martin Adams.

Left: Men's 2nd team: Tony Stead; Mike Rhodes; Steve Smith; Paul; Baker.

Top right: Women's team: Sue Hayes; Mary Heffernan; Denise Weller.

time Sue joined Mary Heffernan and Denise Weller for the third match, Cippenham had already lost their opening two encounters, 4-2 against Milton Keynes and 5-1 against Northern Belles. Mary had a good win over fellow Bucks county player Dawn Pearce while Denise beat Zsuzsanna Kalman in the opening match. Mary then followed up beating Linda Sanderson of Northern Belles. Upon her arrival, Sue immediately made her mark by beating Sarah James but that was all Cippenham could muster, going down 5-1 to Sutton at Hone on Saturday evening.

Better things were to follow on Sunday. Cippenham at last got off the mark with a good 4-2 win over Ellenborough 2 in the morning. Denise and Mary both won twice while Sue was unlucky to lose both her two matches very closely. In the final match, Mary continued her good form with wins against Denise Jacobi and Brigitta Palinko but her team-mates could not add to the scoreline as Cippenham lost 4-2 against Billwood. Denise, against Jacobi, and Sue, against Caroline Cole both led 2-1 in their matches but were unable to find the finishing line on London Marathon day!

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Weekend Diary

Oct 16	National Junior League (day 1)
Oct 23	Cippenham Para Grand Prix Open
Nov 21	National Cadet League (day 1)
Nov 27	National Junior League (day 2)
Dec 4/5	Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Dec 11	Senior British League (2nd weekend)
Dec 12	National Cadet League (day 2)
Jan 9	National Cadet League (day 3)
Jan 15/16	Senior British League (3rd weekend)
Jan 22	National Junior League (day 3)
Jan 30	Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star
Feb 27	Cippenham Team 1-Star Open
Mar 5	National Junior League (day 4)
Mar 13	National Cadet League (day 4)
Mar 19	Southern Region Championships/Qualifiers
Mar 26/27	County Championships
Apr 9/10	Senior British League (4th weekend)
Apr 30	Cippenham Super 6 1-Star Open
Jun 25/26	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
TBA	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 1-Star Open

Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced/Beginners' Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2021-22

	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
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
British League (SBL/WBL/VBL) match fees	£5.00	
British League (JBL) match fees		£2.50
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	£6.00	£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£35.00

Continuing Covid protocols for practice

Members are reminded that the Club continues with some Covid-related protocols in respect of weekday practice evenings. Both Tuesday and Thursday evenings are now open but have to be booked and paid for in advance. This is in order to regulate the number of people attending and in doing so keep us all as safe as can be. Also, practice is strictly for members only.

25th anniversary celebration

On October 1st this year, Cippenham Table Tennis Centre was twenty-five years old. We decided not to have a celebration on that day but, instead, to wait until we were fully up and running again.

So—keep the date, Tuesday 21 December.

We will be having our 25th anniversary party, with food and beverages, and a little table tennis also—a hard bat tournament is planned.



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