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Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!

Inaugural 4-Star is a huge success

Cippenham Table Tennis Club staged its first ever 4-star open tournament over the weekend of 7/8 November and it proved an enormous success. A huge entry, with many having been turned away for the Sunday because the day was over-subscribed, produced some breathtaking table tennis, a great deal of sportsmanship and kept nine tables busy for 20 hours over the two days. Over 170 players took part and over 400 individual matches were completed.

The star of the whole weekend was, without doubt, Jonny McMullan and yet the young Hampshire boy did not win a title. McMullan powered his way to both finals, cadets on the Saturday and juniors on the Sunday. Yet he was seeded third in the cadets and, as the nineteenth highest ranked player in the juniors, was well outside the seedings for that event.

From a local perspective the spotlight fell on 14-years old Jemma Walker. Jemma reached the final of the Cadet Girls' Singles on Saturday and then surpassed that achievement by reaching the semi-final of the Junior Girls' Singles on Sunday. Jemma has been in great form since the end of last season and been easily the most consistent player for Cippenham in the Junior British league and more recently the Women's British League.

Only the Junior Boys' Singles was won by the top seed, all three other events were won by the second seeds with the top seeds failing to make the finals. As is so often the case with open tournaments at Cippenham, one of the titles found a home down the M4 in Wales. Callum Evans, ranked number one junior and number four in the senior men's list in Wales, was clearly the best player in the event, dropping just three games en route to the title. Evans emerged from his preliminary round group and then dispatched Marc Castro, Ryszard Pelc, and Naphat Boonyaprapa before



Local hero: Jemma Walker

meeting Ben Foster in the semi-final. Foster, the seventh seed, had also enjoyed a good run to that stage, beating amongst others Eren Gozcu and fourth seed Omar Khassal.

Meanwhile, in the bottom half of the draw, Jonny McMullan was plundering his way through to the final. After his group, McMullan beat the higher ranked Matthew Daish in the second round and then surpassed that by eliminating the fifth seed Liam Grant in the third round. McMullan's quarter-final opponent, Finn

Morgan-Bayliss, was also higher ranked and for this match McMullan had to pull out all the stops. After winning the first two games with some comfort, Morgan-Bayliss fought back to square the match 2-2 only for McMullan to win the fifth game by the narrow margin of 11-9. Sixth seed Ben Cawston was McMullan's victim, three-straight, in the semi-final but the final was a step too far and despite taking the first game to deuce, it was Evans who ran out a

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Callum Evans



Naphat Boonyaprapa



Zahna Hall

worthy winner 3-0.

As if to balance out the McMullan family fortunes, it was a disappointing day for the top seed in the Junior Girls' Singles, Letitia McMullan. The balance of the draw became affected as both the third and fourth seeds were defeated in their preliminary round groups and were therefore displaced in the draw for the knock-out stages. One such casualty was Amy Blagborough. She lost to Anna Hursey at the group stage and therefore faced top seed McMullan as early as the second round. McMullan came through this one, after a titanic struggle which finished 12-10 in the fifth. McMullan survived one more round against Holly Holder before losing 3-0 in the semi-final to the unseeded Stephanie Cross. Cross, herself, had only just survived against Amelia Chan in the second round, having had to come from 2-1 down.

The other seed to be defeated in the groups was Tiana Dennison. The fourth seed was beaten by Yasmine Al-Amrie and therefore found herself up against second seed Zahna Hall in the second round of the knock-out. Dennison led 2-1 at one stage and came close to rediscovering her path back to the later stages. However, Hall came through that one and thereafter did not drop another game as she went on to the final via Beth Richards and Jemma Walker and in the final was too strong for Stephanie Cross, winning 11-4, 11-6, 11-6.

Jemma Walker was Cippenham's hero throughout the weekend. Winning her group earned her a match against her Cippenham team-mate Shristi Ghosh. This she won comfortably and then faced Amy Blagborough's conqueror Anna Hursey. Jemma won the first game of that quarter-final before Hursey had to retire through injury.

Naphat Boonyaprapa was the winner of

the Cadet Boys' Singles and he took the title with some ease, dropping only one game all day. That game came in the last sixteen when Vincent Cheung had the temerity to snatch a solitary game at deuce. Otherwise, it was all plain sailing for the Nottinghamshire player. After easing through his group, Boonyaprapa, the second seed, defeated Uther Kingdom and Vincent Cheung and that set up a quarter-final with his brother Naphong. Winning that put Naphat into a semi-final encounter with fourth seed Sam Chesterman.

All four top seeded players made their allotted positions in the semi-finals as in the top half of the draw. Number one seed Jamie Liu then came up against Jonny McMullan. The diminutive and highly talented Liu from Reading won the first game but McMullan hit back to win the next three. The final was straight-forward for Boonyaprapa who ran out an easy 11-7, 11-4, 11-5 winner against player of the tournament McMullan.

The Cadet Girls' Singles had kicked off the whole event on Saturday morning and was not without its shocks. First seed to falter was Lydia John, beaten in the group stage by Jasmine Williams. The displaced third seed then went out of the knock-out when beaten by Lara Whitton. A bigger shock followed in the second round with the departure of top seed Tiana Dennison, beaten by Beth Richards. Cippenham's Jemma Walker was in the same half as Whitton and Richards and promptly beat them both in succession to secure a place in the final.

The bottom half of the draw was dominated by second seed Amelia Chan who, in reaching the final, beat Nina Kadir and Anna Hursey. The final also belonged to Chan although Jemma did give the home supporters something to cheer when she delayed the finale by taking the third game.



Amelia Chan & Jemma Walker

This event also saw the debut of our new photographic backdrop—hope you like it!

It took a volunteer workforce of well over twenty people to stage this tournament and special thanks are due to Steve Smith (Referee), Mike Atkinson (Organiser & Deputy Referee), Ken Phillips (Entries Secretary, Jan Chapman (Umpires' Coordinator), Dave and Elena Tant plus Simon Vine (checking in), Graham Trimming (Press and Photography) and the sixteen umpires who gave up their time to support this venture and without whom it could not have happened..

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That's the number of views so far of the photo album from the 4-Star on the Club's Flickr pages.

Astounding!

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Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Results

Event Winner	Runner-up
JBS Callum Evans (WAL)	Jonny McMullan (Ha)
JGS Zahna Hall (Mi)	Stephanie Cross (E)
CBS Naphat Boonyaprapa (Ng)	Jonny McMullan (Ha)
CGS Amelia Chan (Mi)	Jemma Walker (Bu)
JBP Dan Clarke (Ch)	Carl Breindel (He)
JGP Nina Kadir (Av)	Sarah James (E)
CBP Ryan Darwen (Sx)	Joe Kaye (Mi)
CGP Medha Verma (Sy)	Yassm'n Al-Amrie (Mi)

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Awards for Catherine, Ricky, Jemma and Shae



Outstanding Contribution Award: Catherine Hayes, presented by Charles Mitchell



Junior Players of the Year: Jemma Walker and Shae Thakker

National Cadet League Round 1 (Day 1)

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Crusaders A	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Chiltern A	3	2	0	1	20	7	20
Reading A	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Cippenham A	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Warren Spring A	3	1	0	2	8	19	8
Hillingdon A	3	0	0	3	3	24	3
Division 3							
Crusaders C	3	3	0	0	24	3	24
Chiltern C	3	3	0	0	24	3	24
Oxford B	3	2	0	1	21	6	21
Ashford B	3	1	0	2	8	19	8
Cippenham B	3	0	0	3	4	23	4
Hillingdon B	3	0	0	3	0	27	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A:				
Shae Thakker	3	9	7	78
William Fricker	3	9	1	11
Pranav Gudipati	3	9	1	11
Cippenham B:				
Sean Berry	3	9	2	22
Ryan Berry	3	9	2	22
James Western-Kaye	3	9	0	0

The Club celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of the opening of the purpose-built Centre with a party and awards presentation in early November. The evening was organised and presided over by Charles Mitchell who began by presenting chocolate gifts to the Club's many volunteers.

The first of the main presentations of the evening was for the Senior Player of the Year. This went to Ricky Hardcastle for having won the Maidenhead Closed Men's Singles title the previous season and for becoming the first and only player to defeat Mark Banks in the Maidenhead League over a period of five years.

Next was the Alan Farral and Terry Boxall Junior Players of the Year Award. The presentations were made by Club Chairman and Head Coach Ken Phillips. The choices were obvious: Jemma Walker for the great progress she has made in the last year, culminating in a 100% performance during the second half of the Junior British League to steer her team to the divisional title; and Shae Thakker, the youngest ever Club champion and, a few days previously, the Club's latest internationally recognised player.

The main event on such an evening is the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This award, not open to the Officers of the Club, is made to the person who, in the eyes of the Committee, has made a big difference to the Club. This year the worthy winner was Catherine Hayes. A previous Events Officer of the Club while still at school, for which she was recognised as ETTA Young Volunteer of the Year, Catherine has more recently helped the Club greatly by organising the huge Young Player Festival tournaments. The presentation was made by Karen's widower, Charles Mitchell.

Cippenham Team 2-Star Open

Saturday 9 January 2016

Team of 2 players

Preliminary round groups of 3 followed by progressive knock-out to decide all places 1 to 24

Entries close 26 December



Senior Player of the Year: Ricky Hardcastle

National Junior League Round 1

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2							
Crusaders C	5	5	0	0	40	5	40
Kidlington B	5	3	0	2	28	17	28
Cippenham A	5	4	0	1	27	18	27
Chiltern B	5	2	0	3	21	24	21
Ashford A	5	1	0	4	10	35	10
South West Herts A	5	0	0	5	9	36	9
Division 3							
Chiltern C	5	4	0	1	36	9	36
Ashford B	5	5	0	0	31	14	31
Reading B	5	3	0	2	27	18	27
Cippenham B	5	2	0	3	19	26	19
Hillingdon	5	1	0	4	14	31	14
South West Herts B	5	0	0	5	5	40	5
Division 4							
Chiltern D	5	5	0	0	39	6	39
Reading C	5	4	0	1	23	22	23
Chiltern F	5	2	0	3	23	22	23
Chiltern E	5	1	0	4	19	26	19
Ashford C	5	2	0	3	18	27	18
Cippenham C	5	1	0	4	13	32	13

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A:				
Shae Thakker	5	15	15	100
Nabeel Hussain	1	3	2	67
Carys Evans	2	6	3	50
Scarlett Jones	4	12	5	42
Cippenham B:				
Nabeel Hussain	4	12	7	58
Pranav Gudipati	3	9	5	56
William Fricker	4	12	6	50
Sam Garrett	3	9	1	11
Cippenham C:				
Sam Garrett	1	3	3	100
Marcus Richardson	4	12	5	42
Amandeep Dhak	4	12	3	25
Gustav Colliander	4	12	2	17
Murdo Binnie	2	6	0	0

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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 (when run)
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2015-16

	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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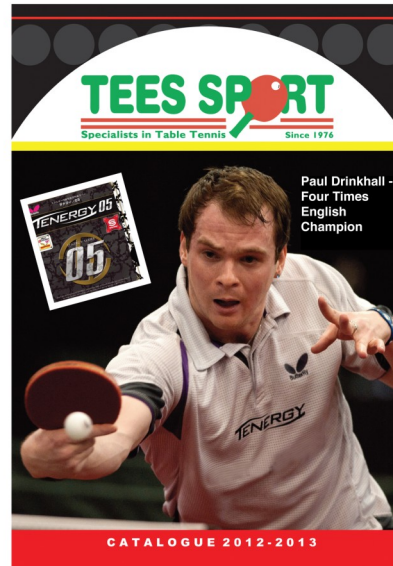


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Weekend Diary

Dec	5/6	County Championships Senior Premier
	12	County Championships Cadet Division 1B
	13	National Cadet League (2)
	19	County Championships Veterans' Div 1
Jan	9	Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
	16	National Junior League (3)
	17	Senior British League Divisions 1S & 2S
Feb	6	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open
	7	National Cadet League (3)
	27	National Junior League (4)
	28	Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star
Mar	5	County Championships Cadet Division 1B
	6	National Cadet League (4)
	12/13	County Championships Senior Division 2

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