



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Exciting conclusion to weekend

The new table tennis season got underway in September with the first matches in the Senior British Clubs League. Cippenham Table Tennis Club is hosting two of the divisions, as it has for many years, and fortune has provided that these two divisions are those in which the two Cippenham teams are represented.

However, neither team was able to take full advantage of familiar conditions as both had disappointing results, that is at least until the very end of Sunday. When the final count was tallied, the Cippenham first team had one win to show from their four matches while the second team went one better with two victories.

The Cippenham first team could consider themselves to be a little unlucky on Saturday as both matches finished with the hosts at the wrong end of a 5-4 scoreline in Division A-2. Closely-fought wins for team captain Martin Adams, over Fernando Frandes, and Rob Hansell, over Sienna Jetha, followed by a win in the doubles by Martin and Andy Norwood put Cippenham 3-2 up against London Academy. However, three straight wins for London, albeit two of them by close margins in the deciding game, gave them an unassailable 5-3 lead before Martin completed his personal brace by beating Parsa Yamin.

The afternoon match against Fusion 2 followed a similar pattern with Cippenham again establishing a 3-2 lead as another doubles win, this time by Martin and Rob, was followed by singles wins for Rob Hansell and Shae Thakker. Once again, the next three sets were lost as Fusion went into a 5-3 lead before Martin gave the scoreline a more respectable outlook by beating Freddie Wilke.

Sunday morning brought more disappointment for Cippenham as Urban 2 ran out 8-1 winners. The only joy for the hosts came when Martin Adams beat Tommy Gritton but Shae Thakker somehow managed to lose a 9-3 lead in the fifth game against Costas Papanioui, one of four sets that Cippenham lost in the deciding game.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the hall,



Martin Adams



Rachael Iles

the Cippenham second team were playing in Division C-5, two tiers below the first team. They started well enough with a 6-3 victory over Fareham-based Generation 2. Jamie Woodford and Rachael Iles, who was nominated as player of the match, both won their two singles while Will Saint beat his opposite number one, Tim Hampton, and combined with Rachael to take the doubles.

Will, Jamie and Rachael all won one of their two singles encounters in the afternoon match against Bristol Associates. Will and Rachel again won their doubles but that was not enough as Cippenham slipped to a 5-4 defeat.

Worse was to follow on Sunday morning as having won three of the first four singles and the doubles to establish a 4-1 lead, the team inexplicably fell apart and lost all the remaining four to allow Horsham Spinners 3 take both league points. Only Anna Piercey, who unluckily lost the final set 13-11 in the fifth game to Asher Warshawski, offered much resistance.

The weekend, though, finished on a high for both teams as excitement reached fever pitch. Both teams' matches were on a knife-edge, and being only a few meters apart across the hall and in the best vantage positions for viewing, created a huge sense of theatre. Both matches reached a score of 3-2 in Cippenham's favour after the doubles sets. However, the first team only succeeded in one of the next three singles matches and that was when new signing Andy Norwood pulled off a scintillating 11-9 win in the fifth over Hugo

Nguyen, one of two young twins playing for Joola Plymouth. The second team also reached 4-4 as, after Will Saint had seen off Isle of Wight's number one Christos Hannides 3-1, to make the match score 4-2 in Cippenham's favour, the next two sets were agonisingly close but resulted in Jamie Woodford losing 11-9 in the fifth to Gabor Bodnar and Jaiden Caldeira missing out by an even closer score, 12-10 in the fifth to Rod McMullan.

The final acts of the weekend, with both matches poised at 4-4 and running parallel saw Martin Adams facing Plymouth's Dan Kerr while a few yards away Anna Piercey was up against the Islanders' long-pimples wielding Andy Prince who had already beaten Caldeira 3-0 and was attempting to establish a 4-0 win record for his team across the weekend. Both matches swayed backwards and forwards and both Cippenham players went two games to one down. Both then made it 2-2, Martin by the narrow margin of 12-10. Martin was again down in the fifth, 9-6, but to tumultuous acclaim finished the game off 13-11 and Cippenham first team had their first win of the season 5-4. Seconds later, Anna, showing immense composure, did the same except her fifth game was a more comfortable 11-5.

**Apologies for the late issue of this Newsletter which covers events only up to the end of October. Events played so far in November will appear in the next issue.**

## Girls do well in Premier Division



Another of the sections of the British Clubs League got underway in October. The venue was Derby Arena and this time it was the turn of the Youth British Clubs League, renamed this season from Junior British League. Apart from the name, it was the same set-up at the same venue as previous seasons and Cippenham was once again represented by two boys' teams and one girls' team.

Pride of place goes to the girls' team who were promoted to the Girls' Premier Division, a great achievement for a team who all train locally at Cippenham. Cippenham, who in the past have three times been national champions in this category, have not featured at the highest level since 2011 so this represent a great step forward. They did not disgrace themselves either as, after a torrid Saturday in which they lost heavily to the top three teams, they bounced back to win their two matches on Sunday to finish in a very creditable fourth place, trailing only to three powerhouses in London Academy, Grantham College and Draycott. Rachael Iles finished up winning half of her ten individual matches, while Mia Lakhani won only one less and Anna Piercey contributed one.

Saturday was a difficult day against many of the top-ranked players in the country. The first match, against Draycott, finished 5-1 in the Derbyshire team's favour. Rachael recorded a great win against her opposing number one player Mabel Shute 3-0 but lost out over five games against Naomi Coker while Mia led Saskia Key 2-1 but ultimately suffered a narrow loss 16-14 in the fifth. The other two matches against Grantham College and London Academy were both lost 6-0 but three times the Cippenham girls took their illustrious opponents to five games after leading 2-0 or 2-1.

Sunday was a different story altogether. Both Rachael and Mia went through the day unbeaten as their team beat Greenhouse 4-2 and Belfast-based Ormeau 5-1.

The Cippenham boys' teams were operating lower down the divisions of their league, the first team in Division 4 and the second team in Division 7. The first

team had a difficult time in their division and finished the weekend without a win although they did gain one point with a 3-3 draw against eBatt 4. Jamie Woodford was the only player who returned good results and was even awarded the player of the match for his performance in the final match, a 2-4 loss to Wood Green. George Driscoll won once, helped by a concession from his opponent who retired injured, to gain his team that point against Wood Green while Nick Carter and Matt Ley, promoted from the second team for two matches, finished winless. The other match scores were 1-5 against Ormeau and two 0-6 defeats against Drumchapel Glasgow and SGS College Bristol.

The younger second team, though, went much better and lie in second place in their division after two wins, two draws and a solitary defeat to show for their five matches. Louis Alexander won seven of his ten matches while Bharath Prasanna Kumar weighed in with five out of eight and his 10-years old brother Sai, playing eight years out of his age group, won half of his eight.

Their weekend did not start well as Halton, from Widnes, ran out 4-2 winners. However, that was the first and last time that the team would taste defeat as they embarked on a four-match unbeaten run, starting with a 4-2 victory over Graham Spicer. Bharath was rested for this match, but Louis, player of the match, steered his team to victory with help from a win each from Matt Ley and Sai. After this, Matt was promoted to the first team and Louis and the Prasanna Kumar brothers played throughout. The third match on Saturday produced an even better result, 5-1 against Fusion 3, with Louis once again the player of the match. Bharath also picked up a brace albeit, three of Cippenham's individual wins each took five games to complete.

Sunday's matches both produced 3-3 draws, against SGS College Bristol 2 and BrumFord 2 with all three Cippenham players winning a match apiece while the opposition number one players remained unbeaten.



The Veterans British Clubs League new season got underway at Derby in October with Cippenham's three teams, two men's and one women's, all performing creditably.

The men's first team of Dave Barr, Andy Trott, Martin Adams and new to the age-group, Rob Hansell, playing in Division 1A, had high hopes of starting their quest for the single promotion spot to the Premier Division from which they were relegated last season.

However, they had to ultimately give second-best to a C Jenkins Windows team who went through the entire weekend not dropping a point. Martin Adams claimed the best record for Cippenham, winning eight of his ten individual matches while the other three players all tasted success in half of their matches.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham men's second team were operating in Division 3A and gained one victory and three draws from their five matches. Spearheading the team was Hari Gehlot, who has dropped down from having played several seasons in the first team, and he was assisted by team-mates Steve Joel, Samson Bekele and Paul Baker. For three of the first four matches the points were shared as Draycott 3, CVS Rams and Graham Spicer all held Cippenham to 3-3 draws. In between these drawn matches was Cippenham's only loss of the weekend when top-of-the-table Admiral Paws ran out 5-1 winners. A much-appreciated first win came in the final match of the weekend against St Georges 2.

Cippenham Ladies were playing in Women's Division 3 and completed the first weekend in fifth place out of eight but with two of the lesser teams still to play before the division splits into top and bottom halves in the new year. Cippenham won two of their five matches and on both occasions the player of the match was Julie Dean.

Space has dictated that this report is much edited and a fuller version, including much more detail, can be found on the Club's website.

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## All the stats from the British Clubs Leagues

### Senior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>National Division A-2</b>							
Urban TTC 2	4	4	0	0	26	10	8
Finsbury	4	3	0	1	25	11	6
Joola Plymouth 1	4	2	0	2	22	14	4
Horsham Spinners 1	4	2	0	2	20	16	4
London Academy 1	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Fusion 2	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Cippenham 1	4	1	0	3	14	22	2
Brighton TTC 2	4	0	0	4	3	33	0
<b>National Division C-5</b>							
Isle of Wight 1	4	3	0	1	25	11	6
Bristol Associates	4	3	0	1	24	12	6
Godalming Simply Let	4	3	0	1	19	17	6
Newton Abbot TTC	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Cippenham 2	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Horsham Spinners 3	4	2	0	2	16	20	4
Generation 2	4	1	0	3	12	24	2
Horsham TTC	4	0	0	4	10	26	0

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham 1</b>				
Martin Adams	4	8	6	75
Robert Hansell	4	8	3	38
Shae Thakker	4	8	2	25
Andy Norwood	4	8	1	13
<b>Cippenham 2</b>				
Rachael Iles	2	4	3	75
William Saint	4	8	5	63
Jamie Woodford	4	8	4	50
Anna Piercey	2	4	2	50
Jaiden Caldeira	4	8	1	13

#### Results:

Cippenham 1	Cippenham 2
4-5 London Academy 1	6-3 Generation 2
4-5 Fusion 2	4-5 Bristol Associates
1-8 Urban TTC 2	4-5 Horsham Spinners 3
5-4 Joola Plymouth 1	5-4 Isle of Wight 1

### Rob is Bucks champ ... again!



The Buckinghamshire Closed Championships, held at Cippenham, again proved very successful for the host club's players. All eight events featured Cippenham players in the final and only one title went outside of the Club.

Pride of place went to Rob Hansell, who has played for Cippenham in the Senior British Clubs League over 200 times and won multiple Bucks championships. Rob won all five events open to him: the Men's Singles, Veteran Singles at the first time of eligibility, Men's Doubles and Veteran Doubles, partnered each time by Dave Croucher, and the Mixed Doubles partnered by Antonina Bohach.

Antonina, who has registered for Cippenham in the Women's British Clubs League this season, topped up her tally of titles with the Ladies' Singles and Ladies' Doubles in which she was partnered by Cippenham team-mate Mary Heffernan.

There were also runners-up positions for other Cippenham players: George Driscoll, Jamie Woodford and Anna Piercey.

### Veterans British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Men's Division 1A</b>							
C Jenkins Windows	5	5	0	0	22	8	10
Cippenham 1	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
The Musketeers	5	2	2	1	19	11	6
Foresters C	5	1	2	2	14	16	4
St Georges 1	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Foresters B	5	0	0	5	7	23	0
<b>Men's Division 3A</b>							
Admiral Paws	5	5	0	0	23	7	10
Draycott 3	5	2	2	1	18	12	6
Cippenham 2	5	1	3	1	14	16	5
CVS Rams	5	1	3	1	14	16	5
St Georges 2	5	1	0	4	14	16	2
Graham Spicer 1	5	0	2	3	7	23	2

#### Women's Division 3 Stage 1

Northern Belles	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Butterfly Lilleshall Light'g	5	4	1	0	22	8	9
Sutton at Hone	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
Fulham Brunswick	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Cippenham	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Foresters 5	5	1	2	2	15	15	4
Halton TTC	5	0	2	3	7	23	2
Foresters 6	5	0	1	4	9	21	1

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Men 1</b>				
Martin Adams	5	10	8	80
Dave Barr	4	8	4	50
Robert Hansell	4	8	4	50
Andy Trott	2	4	2	50
<b>Men 2</b>				
Hari Gehlot	5	10	7	70
Samson Bekele	4	8	4	50
Steve Joel	4	8	4	50
Paul Baker	2	4	0	0
<b>Women</b>				
Mary Heffernan	5	10	7	70
Julie Dean	5	10	4	40
Sue Hayes	5	10	3	30

#### Results:

Men 1	Women
4-2 Foresters C	5-1 Halton TTC
3-3 The Musketeers	1-5 Butterfly Lilleshall
4-2 St Georges 1	3-3 Foresters 5
2-4 C Jenkins Windows	4-2 Sutton at Hone
5-1 Foresters B	1-5 Northern Belles
<b>Men 2</b>	
3-3 Draycott 3	3-3 Graham Spicer 1
3-3 CVS Rams	4-2 St Georges 2
1-5 Admiral Paws	

### Youth British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Boys' Division 4</b>							
Drumchapel Glasgow	5	4	1	0	25	5	9
Ormeau 1	5	3	0	2	19	11	6
SGS College Bristol 1	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
eBaTT 4	5	1	3	1	13	17	5
Wood Green	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Cippenham 1	5	0	1	4	6	24	1
<b>Boys' Division 7</b>							
BrumFord 2	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
Cippenham 2	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Halton TTC	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Fusion 3	5	1	2	2	13	17	4
SGS College Bristol 2	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Graham Spicer	5	1	1	3	11	19	3

#### Girls' Premier Division

London Academy 1	5	5	0	0	26	4	10
Grantham College 1	5	4	0	1	24	6	8
Draycott 1	5	3	0	2	19	11	6
Cippenham	5	2	0	3	10	20	4
Greenhouse 1	5	1	0	4	6	24	2
Ormeau 1	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Boys 1</b>				
Jamie Woodford	5	9	4	44
George Driscoll	4	8	1	13
Nick Carter	4	8	0	0
Matt Ley	2	4	0	0
<b>Boys 2</b>				
Louis Alexander	5	10	7	70
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	4	8	5	63
Sai Prasanna Kumar	4	8	4	50
Matt Ley	2	4	1	25
<b>Girls</b>				
Rachael Iles	5	10	5	50
Mia Lakhani	5	10	4	40
Anna Piercey	5	10	1	10

#### Results:

Boys 1	Girls
0-6 SGS College Bristol 1	1-5 Draycott 1
3-3 eBaTT 4	0-6 Graham College 1
0-6 Drumchapel Glasgow	0-6 London Academy 1
1-5 Ormeau 1	4-2 Greenhouse 1
2-4 Wood Green	5-1 Ormeau 1
<b>Boys 2</b>	
2-4 Halton TTC	3-3 SGS College Bristol 2
4-2 Graham Spicer	3-3 BrumFord 2
5-1 Fusion 3	

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## Weekend Diary

Sat 23 Nov: Junior British Clubs League (day 2)  
Sat/Sun 30 Nov/1 Dec: Cippenham Junior 4\* Open  
Sat 7 Dec: Senior British Clubs League (w/e 3)  
Sun 8 Dec: Cadet British Clubs League (day 1)  
Sat 14 Dec: County Championships Veterans Div 3A  
Sat 21 Dec: County Championships Over-60 Div 2C  
Sat 4 Jan: Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans 1\* Open  
Sun 12 Jan: Reading League Individual Handicap  
Sun 19 Jan: Cadet British Clubs League (day 2)  
Sat 25 Jan: County Championships Veterans Div 3A  
Sat 1 Feb: Junior British Clubs League (day 3)  
Sat 15 Feb: County Championships Over-60s Div 2C  
Sun 16 Feb: Reading Closed Championships  
Sun 2 Mar: Cadet British Clubs League (day 3)  
Sun 9 Mar: Cippenham Team 1\* Open  
Sat 15 Mar: Junior British Clubs League (day 4)  
Sun 16 Mar: Cippenham Women & Girls' 1\* Open  
Sun 23 Mar: Berkshire Inter-Town  
Sat 29 Mar: County Championships Veterans Div 3A  
Sun 30 Mar: Cadet British Clubs League (day 4)  
Sat/Sun 12/13 Apr: Senior British Clubs League (w/e 4)

## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	18:00	Beginners' Coaching Group ( <i>term time</i> )
	19:45	Advanced Coaching Group ( <i>term time</i> )
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Maidenhead League matches ( <i>seasonal</i> )
	19:15	Practice tables
<b>Weds</b>	19:30	Elite Coaching Group ( <i>term time</i> )
<b>Thurs</b>	19:15	Maidenhead League matches ( <i>seasonal</i> )
	19:15	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2024-25

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£20.00	£10.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
National Junior League registration	n/a	£13.00
National Cadet League registration	n/a	£13.00
Practice Fees	£4.50	£2.50
British League match fees	£5.00	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.50	£2.50
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term )		£30.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term )		£40.00

## Cippenham 5x2 Senior/ Veterans 1-Star Open

**Saturday 4 January 2025**

**Morning: Veterans Singles**  
**Afternoon: Open Singles**

**Please make sure your entry forms are received by Paul Baker by 21 December**

### Ordering kit and equipment through Tees Sport

The Club has a new agreement Tees Sport and as part of this members can obtain a discount on table tennis equipment.

This can be bats, clothing (including the official Cippenham shirt) etc.

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact the Club's agent **Tim Kiteley** by email ([tim.kiteley@cantab.net](mailto:tim.kiteley@cantab.net)) or in person at the Club.



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