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Awards for Bharath, Martin and Louis

Christmas was celebrated at Cippenham on the Thursday before the big day with a "Festive Evening" for members and their families. The evening included the presentation of the annual awards and a friendly hard-bat competition for those who simply can't stop playing just because it's Christmas.

The event is now our main annual get-together and was well supported by about forty people. There was mulled wine, mince pies and plenty of other tasty stuff to eat and drink. There was a quiz in which attendees had to identify celebrities playing table tennis - not quite as easy as it sounds as their faces were obscured! The whole evening was set-up and organised by Martin Adams, to whom we extend our grateful thanks,

The first event of the evening was the presentation of our annual awards, presided over by Sue Hayes. For very many years this has been a highlight of the year with our junior and senior players of the year honoured and the prestigious award for outstanding contribution made to our most valued volunteer of the year.

The first presentation was for the Alan Farral and Terry Boxall Junior Player of the Year, won by Louis Alexander for his hard work and general improvement during the year in which he debuted for the Club in the Senior British League. The Senior Player of the Year award went to Martin Adams who celebrated 300 appearances for Cippenham in the Senior British League and has been a mainstay of our top team for a quarter of a century.

The highlight is always the presentation of the Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award. This year the award went to 14-years old Bharath Prasanna Kumar for his general and willing help around the club whenever he is there. This season he has also taken over the weekday Duty Officer role aided by his mother Jyothi.

Of course, we could not let the evening go by without a little table tennis. Twenty-seven players took to the tables for a friendly hard-bat competition. The players were organised into eight groups



Top: Martin Adams (Senior Player of the Year); Louis Alexander (Junior Player of the Year)
Bottom: (Jamie Woodford & Louis Alexander (Hardbat finalists); Bharath Prasanna Kumar (Outstanding Contribution Award); Jamie Woodford (Hardbat winner, in action)

with the group winners and runners-up progressing into the knock-out stages. The quarter-final winners were Sai Prasanna Kumar against Anna Piercey, Louis Alexander against Albert Cheung, George Driscoll against Elroy Hull and Jamie Woodford over Tim. So the four

semi-finalists were all juniors, as is becoming common at the club. At this stage last years winner Sai was defeated by Louis but last year's runner-up Jamie reached his second final in a row by beating George. Jamie beat Louis in the final.



Timothy: my favourite photo from the evening

Afternoon joy for both SBCL teams



Martin Adams

Maciej Dlugozima

Dave Barr

Cippenham's two teams had mixed fortunes during the one-day third weekend of the Senior British Clubs League, both suffering heavy defeats on Saturday morning but bouncing back to secure important victories in the afternoon. For the Club's second team, the afternoon success was especially satisfying coming as it did from a patched-up team due to an indefensible clash of dates by the national association which pitched the County Championships Junior Premier Division on the same date. Four Cippenham players were on duty for Buckinghamshire and therefore unavailable to represent their club.

The Cippenham first team's 8-1 defeat by Fusion 2 in the morning was actually a closer match than the scoreline would suggest. Four of the nine individual encounters were decided late in the final game and were all won by the team from south London. Cippenham's only success came from captain Martin Adams who beat Emran Hussain 3-1.

The afternoon match against Urban second team, however, saw the tables turned as Cippenham won an exciting encounter 5-4 to jump from seventh to sixth place and out of the potential relegation zone against their fifth-placed opponents. Dave Barr was Cippenham's star, winning a close opening set against Sam Cowan and then completing his brace with a great 3-0 win against Mateusz Mikosz that drew the match score level at 3-3. Cippenham had earlier gone 2-0 up after Rob Hansell had also beaten Mikosz but Andy Norwood's defeat by Costas Papantoniou and Martin Adams' by Tommy Grit-

ton followed by an unsuccessful doubles match had left Cippenham in a perilous 2-3 position. Then Dave completed his brace and Andy put Cippenham ahead again with a clean 3-0 win over Cowan. Cippenham might have expected Rob to clinch the match against Gritton but that was not to be and it was left to Martin to finally clinch the much-needed league points with a close 3-2 win against Papantoniou.

The second team's progress during the day followed a similar pattern. A 9-0 defeat by divisional leaders Bristol Associates may seem conclusive enough but only one of the sets finished 3-0 and Cippenham were on the wrong end of no less than eight deuce games.

However, the dreadful weather came partly to Cippenham's rescue in the afternoon match as one of the Horsham Spinners first team players failed to arrive due to train cancellations and that pushed the Horsham third team's top player up into their other team and left Cippenham's opponents a player short. Maciej Dlugozima, called in to bolster the team due to the availability of most of the regular players, became the star for the host club, winning the player of the match award for his wins over Paul Beck and Dean Rose, albeit both by narrow two-point margins in the deciding game. Jaiden Caldeira and Sai Prasanna Kumar both added a win over Zac Heap while Bharath Prasanna Kumar was unlucky to lose out in his only singles, against the vastly experienced Beck, 12-10 in the fifth, and by an even closer margin, with brother Sai, in the doubles.

Senior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division A-2							
Finsbury	10	8	0	2	62	28	16
Fusion 2	10	7	0	3	52	38	14
London Academy 1	10	7	0	3	50	40	14
Joola Plymouth 1	10	6	0	4	54	36	12
Urban TTC 2	10	5	0	5	48	42	10
Cippenham 1	10	4	0	6	39	51	8
Horsham Spinners 1	10	3	0	7	46	44	6
Brighton TTC 2	10	0	0	10	9	81	0
National Division C-5							
Bristol Associates	10	9	0	1	68	22	19
Godalming Simply Let	10	8	0	2	61	29	16
Isle of Wight 1	10	6	0	4	52	38	12
Newton Abbot TTC	10	6	0	4	52	38	12
Cippenham 2	10	5	0	5	43	47	10
Horsham Spinners 3	10	4	0	6	40	50	8
Generation 2	10	2	0	8	25	65	4
Horsham TTC	10	0	0	10	19	71	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham 1				
Tom Windram	1	2	2	100
Martin Adams	10	20	12	60
Robert Hansell	10	20	10	50
Dave Barr	5	10	4	40
Andy Norwood	10	20	5	25
Shae Thakker	4	8	2	25
Cippenham 2				
Rachael Iles	2	4	3	75
William Saint	4	8	5	63
Jamie Woodford	8	16	9	56
Louis Alexander	4	8	4	50
Maciej Dlugozima	2	4	2	50
Anna Piercey	2	4	2	50
Sai Prasanna Kumar	5	9	4	44
Jaiden Caldeira	8	16	4	25
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	5	9	2	22

Results:

Cippenham 1	Cippenham 2
1-8 Fusion 2	0-9 Bristol Associates
5-4 Urban TTC 2	6-3 Horsham Spinners 3

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Poor start for cadet teams



Cippenham's three teams in the renamed Cadet British Clubs League, formerly the National Cadet League, made poor starts to the new campaign.

The outstanding player for the hosts was Rohan Bhide who won eight of his nine matches for Cippenham A in Division 1 but his team mates, Nayan Bhardwaj, Yaseen Abdelbary and Jude Marshall could only muster three wins between them as the team finished the day third out of four with eleven points.

The second team managed to beat

Wembley & Harrow B 6-3 with Aaron Mendonca adjudged the player of the match for his triple. Aaron won four of his nine matches altogether while Saa-vaan Hunjan won 2 out of six, Atharva Jadhav won once but Simon Powell failed to score as Cippenham lost 1-8 to Chiltern A and 0-9 to Kingfisher 4.

The third team lost all their matches against Chiltern B (4-5), Crusaders D (3-6) and Kingfisher 5 (1-8) with Ayush Kulkarni winning four of his nine individual matches while Yuvan Vashney and Piotr Wyszynski won twice each.

Cadet British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 (Round 1)							
Crusaders A	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Ashford A	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Cippenham A	3	0	0	3	11	16	11
eBaTT B	3	1	0	2	7	20	7
Division 3 (Round 1)							
Kingfisher 4	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Chiltern A	3	2	0	1	21	6	21
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	7	20	7
Wembley & Harrow B	3	0	0	3	3	24	3
Division 5 (Round 1)							
Chiltern B	3	3	0	0	18	9	18
Kingfisher 5	3	1	0	2	16	11	16
Crusaders D	3	2	0	1	12	15	12
Cippenham C	3	0	0	3	8	19	8

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Rohan Bhide	3	9	8	89
Nayan Bhardwaj	2	6	2	33
Yaseen Abdelbary	2	6	1	17
Jude Marshall	2	6	0	0
Cippenham B				
Aaron Mendonca	3	9	4	44
Saa-vaan Hunjan	2	6	2	33
Atharva Jadhav	2	6	1	17
Simon Powell	2	6	0	0
Cippenham C				
Ayush Kulkarni	3	9	4	44
Piotr Wyszynski	3	9	2	22
Yuvan Vashney	3	9	2	22

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
4-5 eBaTT B	1-8 Chiltern A
3-6 Crusaders A	6-3 Wembley & Harrow B
4-5 Ashford A	0-9 Kingfisher 4
Cippenham C	
4-5 Chiltern B	
3-6 Crusaders D	
1-8 Kingfisher 5	

Cippenham players star for Bucks in Junior Premier Division

Having been promoted, the Bucks county junior team took their place in the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships and four of the five players involved were from Cippenham TTC.

Bucks won three and drew one of their seven matches to finish in sixth place which, crucially, retains their spot for next season,

Rachael Iles was Bucks' most successful player, winning eleven of her thirteen matches and, with them, two player of the match awards. William Saint won nine out of fourteen, Anna Piercey five out of thirteen and Jamie Woodford three out of fourteen.

Rachael's great form this season has seen her rise to number 7 in the England junior girls' list and 15 in the seniors.

Double Header in Maidenhead League

Cippenham teams lead both divisions at the half-way stage of the Maidenhead League with the titles of both divisions looking destined to come home. In Division One, there is a double Cippenham challenge with two teams fighting it out for the title. At present, Trojans lead Saxons by eight points but the latter have a game in hand. Spartans are nine points ahead of nearest challengers Stoke Poges Bees in Division Two but in their case it is the leaders who have played a match less.

It really is too close to call in Division One and Saxons will be hoping that they can replicate the 6-4 win they gained over Trojans when the sides meet a further two times. Sai Prasanna Kumar, who has not lost a match in the League in two years and is still only ten years of age (!) won his three in the first match but Trojans were without their two one-hundred-percenters in Maciej Dlugozima and Michal Garski. It will be interesting to see if "Magic" fields a stronger side for the next matches against Saxons.

In Division Two the Spartans duo of Rohit Varshney and Umair Farooqui lead the averages with the former yet to be beaten. Randall Rodrigues is applying good support to the top two but other regular Steve Piercey has undergone surgery and has missed the last couple of months.

In January, the team handicapped knock-out competition begins.

Maidenhead League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Trojans	9	8	0	1	67	23	67
Cippenham Saxons	8	7	1	0	59	21	59
OLOP Bears	9	6	0	3	48	42	48
Old Gords Harriers	10	2	3	5	38	62	38
Cookham Social Pumas	8	1	3	4	36	44	36
NWCA Bluejays	8	2	1	5	32	48	32
Cippenham Vikings	10	0	2	8	30	70	30
Division 2							
Cippenham Spartans	9	8	0	1	68	22	68
Stoke Poges Bees	10	6	1	3	59	41	59
Stoke Poges Hornets	9	3	0	6	36	54	36
Bourne End Lions	7	3	1	3	35	35	35
NWCA Seahawks	9	1	0	8	22	68	22

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Trojans				
Maciej Dlugozima	7	21	21	100
Michal Garski	3	9	9	100
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	3	9	7	78
Graham Trimming	7	21	12	57
Hari Prasad Vennapusa	4	12	6	50
Albert Cheung	3	9	3	33
Cippenham Saxons				
Sai Prasanna Kumar	5	15	15	100
Mary Heffernan	2	6	6	100
Louis Alexander	6	17	16	94
Chloe Ireland	4	12	7	64
Sue Hayes	3	9	4	44
Peter Chipperton	4	11	3	27
Cippenham Vikings				
Bassam Mocharrafi	7	21	12	57
Aarav Seth	2	6	2	33
Qasim Hussain	8	24	8	23
Armando Borges	5	14	3	21
Randall Rodrigues	2	6	1	17
Newton Moraes	6	16	2	13
Cippenham Spartans				
Rohit Varshney	5	15	15	100
Umair Farooqui	8	24	20	83
Randall Rodrigues	8	24	17	71
Margaret Thorton	1	3	2	67
Steve Piercey	3	9	5	56
Jan Chapman	1	3	1	33

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Weekend Diary

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

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

Open tournaments at Cippenham

Sunday 9 March 2025

Cippenham Team 1-Star Open

Teams of 2 players: preliminary round groups, then progressive knock-out to determine complete order of 24 teams

[Access the online entry form here](#)

Sunday 16 March 2025

Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open

Morning: Under-21 Singles; Over-21 Singles

Afternoon: Open Singles

[Access the online entry form here](#)



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