



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!**

## Great start by women's 1st team

The first weekend of November it was the turn of the last of the major British Clubs Leagues to get underway when women's teams arrived from all around the British isles to compete in Wolverhampton. Cippenham Table Tennis Club sent two teams and both performed well in their divisions with two players, Rachael Iles and Antonina Bohach, the latter on debut, both unbeaten over their ten individual matches.

The Cippenham first team, comprising the three players who represented the club in the Premier Division of the junior edition of the British Clubs League a few weeks earlier, reigned supreme in Division 2 of the women's league, winning all five matches and lead the table two points clear of nearest rivals Worthing. Mia Lakhani and Anna Piercey gave great support to the unbeaten Rachael, who won four of the five available player of the match awards, each winning seven of their ten matches.

The opening match of the weekend, on Saturday morning, pitched Cippenham against Drumchapel Glasgow second team. Rachael had her toughest match of the weekend against Ruby Elliott who she defeated 13-11 in the fifth and deciding game as Cippenham romped to a 4-0 winning scoreline. Mia and Anna then both lost narrowly in the fifth games of their sets to make the final score 4-2. St Neots were next and suffered the same fate, beaten 4-2 although this time it fell to Mia to win the decisive set, 11-6 in the fifth against Lily Walters, who Anna had earlier beaten 3-0 to ensure Cippenham maximum points. Saturday concluded with a 6-0 romp against Joola Plymouth 2 with Anna awarded player of the match courtesy of two 3-0 victories, rich reward for her hard work with coach Ken Phillips over the past six months.

Another day, but the same dominant performance as second-placed Worthing were put to the sword 5-1. The south coasters had only Sally



Hughes' victory over Mia to show for their efforts as Rachael and Anna both claimed a brace. The weekend was rounded off with another 5-1 win over Draycott 2 as Cippenham ran up a 5-0 scoreline before Anna lost the final set. Cippenham sit proudly atop Division 2 with a great chance in the new year, when the league recommences, to secure back-to-back titles and promotions.

The Cippenham second team featured in Division 4 and sit in third place at the half-way stage of the season with six points to show from their five matches, two of which were won to go alongside two draws and a solitary defeat. New signing Antonina Bohach was supreme, winning all her ten matches while Mary Heffernan and Julie Dean both won half of their matches and Jemma Walker, making a comeback to the national arena after several years away, won once. Antonina was awarded three player of the match awards while Mary was rewarded for her efforts in the final match.

The weekend started well with a 4-2 victory over Drumchapel Glasgow 3.

The two that eluded Cippenham were both Mary's as Antonina and Julie won two each. Cippenham's only loss of the weekend came next when Rita Lopes inspired her Cleeve Park team to a 4-2 success, Cippenham's scores coming, of course, from Antonina. The day produced all three possible results when the late afternoon match against Butterfly Lilleshall Lighting finished all-square 3-3. Mary's win over Clare Styles won the point when added to the inevitable two from Antonina.

Sunday morning produced another draw against Greenhouse 2 but Cippenham could consider themselves to be on the unlucky side of this as their three wins were all 3-0 and fairly easy at that, while two of the three losses came about in the deciding games. The final match of the weekend brought Jemma's first win and she was unlucky not to have made it two as she lost 12-10 in the fifth to Chloe Ireland who plays for Cippenham in the Maidenhead League. The final result was 5-1 over Halton 3 with two each from Antonina and player of the match Mary.

## Two wins each for SBCL teams



The non-available of several players, some due to other table tennis commitments, necessitated a re-shuffle for both Cippenham teams when the second weekend of this season's Senior British Clubs League took place on Saturday and Sunday. Dave Barr, who already plays for the club in the Veterans' British Clubs League, was drafted in to spearhead the senior first team and made an immediate impact in the first crucial match of the weekend. The second team saw youngsters Louis Alexander and the Prasanna Kumar brothers, Bharath and Sai, join and all played important roles in securing valuable points for their team.

Dave Barr made all the difference in the first team's opening match of the weekend against Horsham Spinners. This was a must win match for Cippenham and Dave got his team off to a great start by beating Joe Sheard 11-9 in the fifth and deciding game. Dave's great strength is his defence, rare amongst today's players who mostly favour all-out attack, and his immense determination produces some wonderfully entertaining encounters. However, the lead was short lived as Rob Hansell lost out by an even tighter margin against Jacob Evans and Andy Norwood failed to make a mark on Oleh Biletskyi. Martin Adams then equalised the score against Ben Watson before he and Rob suffered a rare doubles defeat to put the Sussex team 3-2 up. Dave completed his brace with a 3-0 win over Evans and Andy came good with a very impressive display to defeat Sheard 3-2. After Rob had made quick work of Ben Watson a winning margin of 5-2 was established and so it mattered less that Martin lost the final set against Biletskyi to make the final score 5-4 in Cippenham's favour. This was an important result that ultimately leapfrogged Cippenham over their opponents and out of the relegation zone.

Saturday afternoon brought an exciting encounter with Finsbury, the team that finished the weekend top of the division. Cippenham drove their opponents all the way and with a bit of luck could have won the match. Of the five sets that required a deciding game, three were lost by Cippenham. The match swung on the three match points that Andy had against Munib Ahmad which, if he had succeeded, would have equalised the match score at 4-4. Those points faded away and by the time Mar-

tin had lost the final encounter to Hassan El Kakkour the final score became 6-3 to Finsbury with Rob starring for the hosts by winning twice and sharing a doubles success with Martin.

Sunday morning's match was a bit of a banker against bottom of the table Brighton 2. With Dave Barr not available until the afternoon, Tom Windram was drafted in and excelled in winning his two matches against Billy Keegan and Angus Priestley-Tonner. Rob Hansell and Martin Adams also won both their two matches while Andy Norwood added to the 7-2 final score.

The final match of the weekend produced a disappointing 4-5 loss to London Academy. Rob, Andy and Martin all won one apiece, the doubles set was also won but Dave Barr could make little impression on either Ludwig Ebenius or Gabriel Achampong.

The patched-up Cippenham second team started with a closely-fought match against Newton Abbot. Jamie Woodford enjoyed a great deuce-in-the-fifth win over Mike Hugh but had earlier suffered a close defeat while playing well to the wily Kevin Nicholls whose long range topspin defence Jamie was ultimately unable to penetrate often enough. Louis Alexander and Bharath Prasanna Kumar both beat the Devon side's number four player Wim Faassen and Jamie and Bharath won the doubles, an excellent win against two very good and experienced players.

For the afternoon match, Cippenham faced bottom of the table Horsham and duly won 7-2. Sai Prasanna Kumar

replaced his older brother for this match and the England Under-10 champion produced a display that belied his young age. Horsham's only successes came from Arsalan Shah who defeated both Louis and Sai 11-9 in the fifth. Player of the match Jamie and Jaiden Caldeira were untroubled by their opponents and Jaiden and Louis shared a win in the doubles.

From playing the bottom team, the roles were reversed when, on Sunday morning, Cippenham faced the division's top team Godalming. Despite some close matches, two of which were lost by the narrowest margins in the fifth game, Cippenham slumped to an 8-1 defeat with the only success being Jamie Woodford's win over Jake Buckley.

The weekend finished on a high note with Cippenham's young guns defeating a very experienced Generation 2 team, from Fareham, 6-3. Louis Alexander was judged player of the match for his 3-0 wins over Tim Hampton and Danny Lucking. However, the player that really caught the eye was young Sai Prasanna Kumar. He firstly demolished Lucking 11-5, 11-6, 11-5 and then, in the final encounter of the match, recovered from the loss of match points in the fourth game to defeat the unorthodox and wily Stephen Nelson-Smith over five games. Sai's brother Bharath had already made the points secure for Cippenham with an impressive 3-0 win over Ross Lingard, who was also beaten by Jamie, but lost heavily to Nelson-Smith earlier in the match.

## Another successful Junior 4-star Open

Last weekend saw the tenth running of the Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open, a prestige event on the national calendar through which players can assist their eligibility for the national championships. The tournament ran over two days with the cadet events, for under-15s, on Saturday followed by the junior events, under-19, on Sunday. Some events ran according to the seeding lists and others did not!

There were no local winners or finalists this year but Rachael Iles,

### Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
JBS	Harrison Hill (E)	Dimitar Dimitrov (E)
JGS	Hannah Silcock (JEY)	Ella Pashley (Cv)
CBS	Adam Alibhai (E)	Theo Kniep (Bk)
CGS	Soraya Rahmani (Mi)	Alyssa Nguyen (Dv)
JBC	Yacoub Ramani (Mi)	Adam Riadi (Mi)
JGC	Charlotte Wong (Wa)	Eleanor Turner-Samuels (WAL)
CBC	Hojeong Yoon (Sy)	Aryan Sarma (Sy)
CGC	Eva Yared (Mi)	Alexia-Bianca Ciobanica (Mi)

Mia LKhani and Anna Piercey all reached the quarter-finals of the Junior Girls' Singles.

A full report of the event can be found on the Club's website.

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## All the stats from the British Clubs Leagues

### Women's British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 2</b>							
Cippenham 1	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
Worthing TTC	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Drumchapel Glasgow 2	5	3	0	2	18	12	6
Draycott 2	5	2	0	3	14	16	4
St Neots TTC	5	1	0	4	13	17	2
Joola Plymouth 2	5	0	0	5	1	29	0
<b>Division 4</b>							
Cleeve Park TTC	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Butterfly Lilleshall Lightg	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Cippenham 2	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Greenhouse 2	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Drumchapel Glasgow 3	5	1	1	3	15	15	3
Halton TTC 3	5	0	0	5	2	28	0
<b>Players' Averages:</b>							
	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Av</b>			
<b>Cippenham 1</b>							
Rachael Iles	5	10	10	100			
Mia Lakhani	5	10	7	70			
Anna Piercey	5	10	7	70			
<b>Cippenham 2</b>							
Antonina Bohach	5	10	10	100			
Mary Heffernan	4	8	4	50			
Julie Dean	2	4	2	50			
Jemma Walker	4	8	1	13			
<b>Results:</b>							
<b>Cippenham 1</b>	<b>Cippenham 2</b>						
4-2 Drumchapel 2	4-2 Drumchapel 3						
4-2 St Neots TTC	2-4 Cleeve Park TTC						
6-0 Joola Plymouth 2	3-3 Butterfly Lilleshall						
5-1 Worthing TTC	3-3 Greenhouse 2						
5-1 Draycott 2	5-1 Halton TTC 3						

### JBCL Round-up

Cippenham have only entered two teams into this league this season and neither performed particularly well on the first day although there were a couple of standout individual performances. Twenty-four teams were arranged into six divisions and the Cippenham teams have been initially placed in divisions 3 and 6.

The A team finished bottom of their division with only one win from their three matches but, incredibly, this was against the team that finished top of the division, Edward Meacock, who won seven of his nine individual matches during the day, was accredited with the player of the match award as his three successes, along with two from Akpesiri Egborge, gave the hosts a 5-4 victory. However, the other two matches were lost: 3-6 against Chesham Grammar School and 2-7 against Guildford A.

The B team fared better in their division, winning twice against Ashford C 5-4 and Warren Spring C 8-1 but lost to divisional leaders Crusaders D 3-6. The outstanding performance in the division came from Cippenham's Nayan Bhardwaj who won all

### Senior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>National Division A-2</b>							
Finsbury	8	6	0	2	48	24	12
Joola Plymouth 1	8	6	0	2	47	25	12
Urban TTC 2	8	5	0	3	41	31	10
London Academy 1	8	5	0	3	40	32	10
Fusion 2	8	5	0	3	38	34	10
Cippenham 1	8	3	0	5	33	39	6
Horsham Spinners 1	8	2	0	6	33	39	4
Brighton TTC 2	8	0	0	8	8	64	0
<b>National Division C-5</b>							
Bristol Associates	8	7	0	1	53	19	14
Godalming Simply Let	8	7	0	1	49	23	14
Isle of Wight 1	8	5	0	3	42	30	10
Cippenham 2	8	4	0	4	37	35	8
Newton Abbot TTC	8	4	0	4	37	35	8
Horsham Spinners 3	8	4	0	4	37	35	8
Generation 2	8	1	0	7	20	52	2
Horsham TTC	8	0	0	8	13	59	0
<b>Players' Averages:</b>							
	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Av</b>			
<b>Cippenham 1</b>							
Tom Windram	1	2	2	100			
Martin Adams	8	16	10	63			
Robert Hansell	8	16	9	56			
Dave Barr	3	6	2	33			
Andy Norwood	8	16	4	25			
Shae Thakker	4	8	2	25			
<b>Cippenham 2</b>							
Rachael Iles	2	4	3	75			
William Saint	4	8	5	63			
Jamie Woodford	8	16	9	56			
Louis Alexander	4	8	4	40			
Sai Prasanna Kumar	3	6	3	50			
Anna Piercey	2	4	2	50			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	3	6	2	33			
Jaiden Caldeira	6	12	3	25			
<b>Results:</b>							
<b>Cippenham 1</b>	<b>Cippenham 2</b>						
5-4 Horsham Spinners 1	4-5 Newton Abbot TTC						
3-6 Finsbury	7-2 Horsham TTC						
7-2 Brighton TTC 2	1-8 Godalming Simply Let						
4-5 London Academy 1	6-3 Generation 2						

nine of his individual matches to mark a perfect debut for the club. Yaseen Abdelbary also assisted with five wins while Shaurya Bapna, also on debut, won twice.

After scratching around for replacement players for the first day of the Junior British Clubs League in October, the second day saw a more competitive team structure for the hosts as Cippenham brought in Rohan Bhide and Henry Wojcik to partner Edward Meacock in the first team. Having suffered relegation from Division 3 on the opening day, Cippenham made short work of regaining that status as they cantered towards winning Division 4 after beating all three of their opponents.

First to suffer at Cippenham's hands were Ashford B, beaten 8-1, then Wembley & Harrow 6-3 and finally Crusaders C 7-2. However, it was not all plain sailing and

### Junior British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 3 (Round 1)</b>							
Crusaders B	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Guildford A	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
CGS	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Cippenham A	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
<b>Division 6 (Round 1)</b>							
Crusaders D	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Cippenham B	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Ashford C	3	1	0	2	16	11	16
Warren Spring C	3	0	0	3	2	25	2
<b>Division 4 (Round 2)</b>							
Cippenham A	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Wembley & Harrow	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Crusaders C	3	2	0	1	13	14	13
Ashford B	3	0	0	3	6	21	6
<b>Division 6 (Round 2)</b>							
Ashford C	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Cippenham B	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Warren Spring B	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Warren Spring C	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
<b>Players' Averages:</b>							
	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Av</b>			
<b>Cippenham 1</b>							
Rohan Bhide	3	8	7	89			
Edward Meacock	6	18	15	83			
Henry Wojcik	3	9	5	56			
Akpesiri Egborge	3	9	3	33			
Chris Farrall	3	9	0	0			
<b>Cippenham 2</b>							
Nayan Bhardwaj	3	9	9	100			
Chris Farrall	3	9	6	67			
Daniel Brazil	3	9	6	67			
Yaseen Abdelbary	3	9	5	56			
Jude Marshall	3	9	3	33			
Shaurya Bapna	3	9	2	22			
<b>Results:</b>							
<b>Cippenham 1</b>	<b>Cippenham 2</b>						
<b>Round 1:</b>	<b>Round 1:</b>						
2-7 Guildford A	3-6 Crusaders D						
5-4 Crusaders B	8-1 Warren Spring C						
3-6 CGS	5-4 Ashford C						
<b>Round 2:</b>	<b>Round 2:</b>						
8-1 Ashford B	3-6 Ashford C						
6-3 Wembley & Harrow	6-3 Warren Spring C						
7-2 Crusaders C	5-4 Warren Spring B						

eight of the twenty-seven individual matches played required a deciding fifth game to settle the result. Cippenham prevailed in five of these and, at the end of the day's play, Edward and Rohan had each won eight of their nine matches while Henry tasted victory five times.

Chris Farrall dropped down to the second team, operating in Division 6, and he was joined by Daniel Brazil and Jude Marshall. However, for the second time this season, Cippenham B had to settle for second place in the division, having beaten both of the Warren Spring teams 6-3 and 5-4 but suffering a 3-6 reverse against Ashford C. Chris and Daniel both won five of their nine encounters while Jude won three times.

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## Weekend Diary

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

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
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 TTC**  
**Festive Evening & Annual Awards**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 7:30pm**  
**Includes Fun Hardbat Tournament**

**Free to All Members and their Families**  
**Register by 7:45pm for Hardbat Tournament**  
**Festive Buffet & Drinks Provided**  
**Bring a Quiz or Refreshments if you like**



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