



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Medals for both women's teams

**C**ippenham's two teams in the Women's British Clubs League both enjoyed excellent results as the second and final weekend as the competition concluded at Wolverhampton. The first team held on to the lead they enjoyed at the top of Division 2 to finish the season with a 100% win record to take the title by six clear points. Meanwhile, the second team remained unbeaten throughout the weekend to claim the runners-up spot in Division 4.

There were highlights for individual players also. Antonina Bohach replicated her unbeaten record from the first weekend and her twenty wins from as many matches were the greatest contributors to the second team's success. Rachael Iles, spearheading the first team, could not quite match her flawless record from the first weekend but lost only once throughout the campaign while her teammate Mia Lakhani did remain unbeaten this second weekend to end with a creditable overall record of seventeen out of twenty.

The first team began their title hunt with a 4-2 win on Saturday morning over Joola Plymouth 2. Rachael Iles and Mia Lakhani both won twice while Anna Piercey was unlucky to lose a close game against Holly Davis. Anna did however, add to the scoreline in the midday match against St Neots which Cippenham won 5-1. The first day's play ended similarly with another 5-1 result against Draycott 2 with Rachael and Mia again remaining unbeaten even though both were stretched by Millie Noble.

Sunday morning witnessed another 4-2 win, this time over Drumchapel Glasgow 2. Rachael suffered her only defeat of the entire season but a brace from Mia and one from Anna ensured that the divisional title was destined for Cippenham.

The final match against second-placed Worthing was supposed to be the title decider but Worthing had dropped points on Saturday evening while losing to Drumchapel Glasgow. Mia got Cippenham off to a very fast start with an emphatic 11-2, 11-4, 11-7 victory over



(l-r): Rachael Iles; Anna Piercey; Mia Lakhani; Ken Phillips; Julie Dean; Antonina Bohach; Mary Heffernan

Worthing's Sally Hughes, ranked only two places below the Cippenham girl. Following that, the contest was more even with Rachael being extended to 11-9 in the fifth by Hughes but eventually the top two got the job done for Cippenham and a 4-2 victory ensued.

Mary Heffernan became the main support to the unbeaten Antonina Bohach as Cippenham's second team jumped up a place to take the runners-up medals in Division 4. Most of the hard work was done on Saturday as Cippenham opened up with a 5-1 win over Greenhouse 2. Mary won twice, including a close match with Zeina Negm, Antonina won her customary two in straight-games fashion and Julie Dean added a win over Ashleigh Sharp. It was a case of déjà-vu in the second match as another 5-1 win was registered, this time over Halton 3. Antonina was given her sternest test of the weekend by Francesca Currie who Mary also beat over five games but Cippenham were 5-0 up before Julie Dean lost a dead rubber to Chloe Ireland who, ironically, now plays

for Cippenham in the Maidenhead League but was representing her home-town club. Saturday concluded with a 4-2 win over Butterfly Lilleshall Lightning for whom Rebecca Hurrell beat both Julie and Mary.

The Sunday morning match was against divisional leaders Cleeve Park with Cippenham requiring a victory to extend much hope of robbing their opponents of the title. It was not to be as a 3-3 draw was only secured by Mary prevailing in the final set against Rita Lopes. The weekend ended with another 3-3 draw, this time against Drumchapel Glasgow 3. Antonina won her two at a canter after Mary had put Cippenham ahead with a first-set win over Shannon Brown.



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## Over-60s women win division



(l-r): Dawn Pearce; Celia Hooker; Mary Heffernan; Sue Hayes

The Cippenham ladies' team won all five of their matches to become Division 2 champions in the VETTS Super-60s Team Competition. New signing Dawn Pearce won all eight of her matches while Mary Heffernan, who went unbeaten in the same competition last year, lost only once. Sue Hayes and Celia Hooker both won three times.

The margin of victory was close as Cippenham went in to the final match against Iron Belles needing to win it to leapfrog their opponents and secure the title. As with three of their other four matches, they eventually won this tie 4-2 but how tight it turned out to be! Julia Johnson won both her matches for the Belles and so Cippenham had to win the other four. Mary and Dawn had eclipsed Linda Roff and Doreen Tierney respectively 3-0 to square the match at 2-2. The final two rubbers were oh so close. Belles led both of them 2-0 only to Cippenham to fight back and win by the narrowest of margins. Celia played Tierney in the fifth set, needing to win, and from 2-0 down she won the next three games 16-14, 12-10, 15-13. How the nerves must

have jangled! Then, in the final encounter of the weekend, Dawn suffered a similar fate to Roff, finding herself 2-0 down. Dawn then rallied and won the next three games 11-7, 11-6, 12-10 and so the culmination of four incredibly tight deuce games had brought the divisional title to Cippenham.

The weekend had started with a 4-2 victory over Eldon. Dawn won two with Sue and Celia making up the winning scoreline. With Dawn rested for the second match against Quinies, it was Mary who came to the fore with a brace supplemented by one each from Sue and Celia. Saturday concluded with yet another 4-2 result with Mary and Dawn sharing the successes. Sunday morning's match was against the bottom team, Rugby Rebels, and Cippenham duly won 5-1 with Sue being the only loser.

### VETTS Super 60s Team Comp

|                   | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Division 2</b> |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Cippenham         | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 10  |
| Iron Belles       | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 8   |
| Quinies           | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 6   |
| The Lady Charm    | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 14 | 4   |
| Eldon             | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 2   |
| Rugby Rebels      | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2  | 28 | 0   |

#### Players' Averages:

|                | M | P | W | Av  |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Dawn Pearce    | 4 | 8 | 8 | 100 |
| Mary Heffernan | 4 | 8 | 7 | 88  |
| Sue Hayes      | 3 | 6 | 3 | 50  |
| Celia Hooker   | 4 | 8 | 3 | 38  |

#### Results:

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 4-2 Eldon          | 5-1 Rugby Rebels |
| 4-2 Quinies        | 4-2 Iron Belles  |
| 4-2 The Lady Charm |                  |

### Women's British Clubs League

|                            | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| <b>Division 2</b>          |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |
| Cippenham 1                | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0  | 46 | 14 | 20  |
| Worthing TTC               | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3  | 37 | 23 | 14  |
| Drumchapel Glasgow 2       | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3  | 37 | 23 | 14  |
| Draycott 2                 | 10 | 4  | 0 | 6  | 29 | 31 | 8   |
| St Neots TTC               | 10 | 2  | 0 | 8  | 25 | 35 | 4   |
| Joola Plymouth 2           | 10 | 0  | 0 | 10 | 6  | 54 | 0   |
| <b>Division 4</b>          |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |
| Cleeve Park TTC            | 10 | 7  | 2 | 1  | 42 | 18 | 18  |
| Cippenham 2                | 10 | 5  | 4 | 1  | 37 | 23 | 14  |
| Drumchapel Glasgow 3       | 10 | 5  | 2 | 3  | 36 | 24 | 12  |
| Butterfly Lilleshall Light | 10 | 5  | 1 | 4  | 31 | 29 | 11  |
| Greenhouse 2               | 10 | 3  | 1 | 6  | 27 | 33 | 7   |
| Halton TTC 3               | 10 | 0  | 0 | 10 | 7  | 53 | 0   |

#### Players' Averages:

|                    | M  | P  | W  | Av  |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| <b>Cippenham 1</b> |    |    |    |     |
| Rachael Iles       | 10 | 20 | 19 | 95  |
| Mia Lakhani        | 10 | 20 | 17 | 85  |
| Anna Piercey       | 10 | 20 | 10 | 50  |
| <b>Cippenham 2</b> |    |    |    |     |
| Antonina Bohach    | 10 | 20 | 20 | 100 |
| Mary Heffernan     | 9  | 18 | 11 | 62  |
| Julie Dean         | 7  | 14 | 5  | 36  |
| Jemma Walker       | 4  | 8  | 1  | 13  |

#### Results:

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Cippenham 1</b>     | <b>Cippenham 2</b>       |
| 4-2 Joola Plymouth 2   | 5-1 Greenhouse 2         |
| 5-1 St Neots TTC       | 5-1 Halton TTC 3         |
| 5-1 Draycott 2         | 4-2 Butterfly Lilleshall |
| 4-2 Drumchapel Glasgow | 3-3 Cleeve Park TTC      |
| 4-2 Worthing TTC       | 3-3 Drumchapel Glasgow   |



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## Mixed results in day 2



There were mixed results for Cippenham's three teams on day 2 of the Cadet British Clubs League. The A team face relegation from Division 1 while the B team, having been erroneously relegated from Division 3 after the first weekend could finish only third out of four in Division 4 and the C team, also following relegation, just failed to bounce back up again, failing by one point to top Division 6.

A great performance from Rohan Bhide, who was unbeaten in his nine matches for the A team was, unfortunately, not matched by his teammates Nayan Bhardwaj, Jude Marshall and Yaseen Abdelbary who could muster only one win between them all day. In consequence, the team will spend the next playing day in Division 2. Rohan was player of the match for all three matches as his team lost 4-5 to Ashford A and 3-6 to both Crusaders A and B teams.

Aaron Mendonca won five of his six matches and a player of the match award for Cippenham B while Saavan Hunjan won half of his six and Simon Powell and Atharva Jadhav won one apiece. The team beat Warren Spring 6-3 but lost to Ashford C 3-6 and Chiltern B 1-8.

Cippenham C came so close to winning back a place in Division 5 but eventually had to settle for second place in Division 6, one point behind Kingfisher 6. Ayush Kulkarni and Piotr Wyszynski both won five of their six matches, Shreyas Wagle six out of nine and Yuvan Varshney half of his six. Ayush and Yuvan both won a player of the match award. The crunch match with Kingfisher was lost 4-5 with two of the sets going against Cippenham at 9-11 in the fifth. Meanwhile, eBaTT G were comprehensively thrashed 9-0 while Ashford D were beaten 6-3.

### Cadet British Clubs League

|                             | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Division 1 (Round 2)</b> |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Crusaders A                 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 6  | 21  |
| Crusaders B                 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 12  |
| Ashford A                   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 11  |
| Cippenham A                 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 10  |
| <b>Division 4 (Round 2)</b> |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Ashford C                   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7  | 20  |
| Chiltern B                  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 8  | 19  |
| Cippenham B                 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 10  |
| Warren Spring               | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5  | 22 | 5   |
| <b>Division 6 (Round 2)</b> |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Kingfisher TTC 6            | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7  | 20  |
| Cippenham C                 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 8  | 19  |
| Ashford D                   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 15  |
| eBaTT G                     | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0  | 27 | 0   |

#### Players' Averages (cumulative):

|                    | M | P  | W  | Av |
|--------------------|---|----|----|----|
| <b>Cippenham A</b> |   |    |    |    |
| Rohan Bhide        | 6 | 18 | 17 | 94 |
| Nayan Bhardwaj     | 4 | 12 | 3  | 25 |
| Yaseen Abdelbary   | 4 | 12 | 1  | 8  |
| Jude Marshall      | 4 | 12 | 0  | 0  |
| <b>Cippenham B</b> |   |    |    |    |
| Aaron Mendonca     | 5 | 15 | 9  | 60 |
| Saavan Hunjan      | 4 | 12 | 5  | 42 |
| Atharva Jadhav     | 5 | 15 | 2  | 13 |
| Simon Powell       | 4 | 12 | 1  | 8  |
| <b>Cippenham C</b> |   |    |    |    |
| Shreyas Wagle      | 3 | 9  | 6  | 67 |
| Ayush Kulkarni     | 5 | 15 | 9  | 60 |
| Piotr Wyszynski    | 5 | 15 | 5  | 33 |
| Yuvan Varshney     | 5 | 15 | 5  | 33 |

#### Results:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cippenham A</b>   | <b>Cippenham B</b> |
| 4-5 Ashford A        | 3-6 Ashford C      |
| 3-6 Crusaders A      | 6-3 Warren Spring  |
| 3-6 Crusaders B      | 1-8 Chiltern B     |
| <b>Cippenham C</b>   |                    |
| 4-5 Kingfisher TTC 6 |                    |
| 9-0 eBaTT G          |                    |
| 6-3 Ashford D        |                    |

## Rob is vets champ at 5x2

The morning of the Cippenham 5x2 Senior and Veteran 1-Star Open began with the Veteran Singles. The four seeds, Mircea Neagu, Phil Snelson, Hari Gehlot and Kevin Nicolls all won their groups even though Hari had to recover from 2-1 down against Steve Dorrell and Nicholls had to do the same against Dean Rose. However, waiting in the wings, unseeded because of his limited results in veterans' events in his debut season, was Cippenham's own Rob Hansell. Rob duly won his group as did Steve Joel and Akash Shah.

The quarter-finals pitched Neagu against Cippenham's Steve Joel, Andy Frain against Cameron Brealey, Steve Buck against Akash Shah and Rob Hansell against Snelson with the first-named all prevailing without too much of an alarm.

The semi-finals were fairly clear cut with Mircea easily disposing of Frain and Rob winning three of the four ends against Buck in convincing fashion. The final, though was a real humdinger. Four of the five games required deuce points as Neagu struck first only for Rob to level after Neagu had led much of the game. The match then swung 2-1 to Neagu who had a match point in the fourth. However, Rob showed all his

competitive fighting spirit to win that game 13-11 and then led 10-8 in the fifth but still needed a third match point in order to secure the title 12-10 after an epic and enthralling match.

The final of the Open Singles was a classic with the speed of Chris Lewis up against the defensive qualities of veterans' runner-up Mircea Neagu. Neagu won the first two games only for Lewis to counter and square the match up at 2-2. Perhaps, that was a step too far as the fifth game finished 11-3 to Neagu who had come through a grueling day, reaching both finals while playing a total of fifteen matches, yet still looked ready for more.

There was more local interest right up until the end as the Prasanna Kumar brothers, who live withing walking distance of the Cippenham club, faced one another in the Senior Consolation final. England Under-10 champion, Sai, won this, beating his 14-years old sibling Bharath.

#### Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veteran 1-Star Open Results

| Event | Winner              | Runner-up         |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------|
| OS    | Mircea Neagu (Bk)   | Chris Lewis (Sy)  |
| VS    | Robert Hansell (Bu) | Mircea Neagu (Bk) |



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## Weekend Diary

Sat 1 Feb: Junior British Clubs League (day 3)  
Sat 15 Feb: County Championships Over-60s Div 2C  
Sun 16 Feb: Reading Closed Championships  
Sat 22 Feb: Maidenhead 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        |

## 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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