

# Cippenham Table Tennis Club



**50 years—1973-2023**

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# Timeline

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- 1973      Formation of Club at St. Andrew's Shared Church  
Entered teams into Slough and Maidenhead leagues
- 1978      First (of 24) Slough League championships
- 1981      First (of 12) Maidenhead League championships  
Entered National Club League for first time
- 1984      Buckinghamshire club champions  
Move to multi-table Haymill Centre  
Junior coaching scheme instigated
- 1986      Ken Phillips became Head Coach
- 1987      Founder members of Southern Region League
- 1991      Awarded status of Club Advanced Centre by ETTA
- 1992      Building Sub-Committee formed
- 1995      Joined Junior British League
- 1996      Purpose-built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre opened  
Re-entered Senior British League  
Entered Women's and Veterans' British Leagues for first time  
First (of 5) international matches staged  
First open tournament staged  
First (of 3) ETTA Club of the Year awards
- 1997      Founder members of National Junior League
- 1999      Awarded Excellence status in ETTA *PremierClub*  
All 12 players in the Leach and Hammersley Cup finals from Cippenham  
Website launched
- 2000      First of three Junior British League Girls' Premier Division championships
- 2001      First entry into National Cadet League
- 2002      First of four Gainsford Cup titles
- 2005      Ormesby Cup winners  
Bucks' first County Championships Junior Premier Division title
- 2007      Awarded Sport England *ClubMark* status
- 2020      Covid-19 lockdown
- 2023      Promotion gained into Veterans' British League Premier Division



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# Foreword

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The summer of 2023 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Cippenham Table Tennis Club.

Through this publication, I shall try to encapsulate the history of the Club from its humble beginnings to the present, showcasing the people, events and competitions that have been responsible for making the Club so successful, becoming one of the most prominent clubs in the whole of England.

I shall do this with the aid of photographs from my collection which from the recent digital years are numerous, from the early eighties existent but less plentiful, mainly in monochrome and often of poorer quality, and from the period in between which are much more scarce. Unfortunately, very few photos exist from the early days of the Club in the seventies.

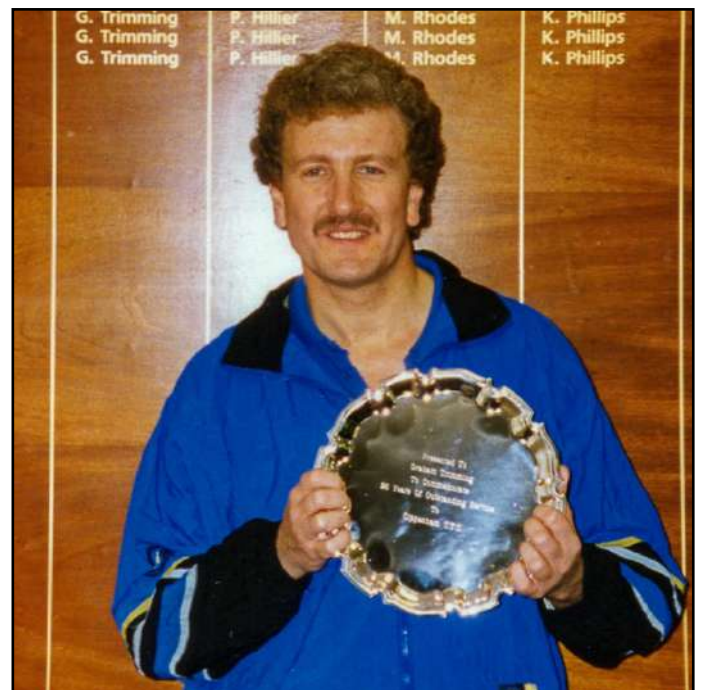
I always intended to produce a “history” of the Club to coincide with its fiftieth anniversary, a journey that I have lived through and which characterizes my life. However, rather than produce a bland year by year commentary, which can be tedious to both write and read, I have been inspired by the format from the recent Table Tennis England publication celebrating its own centenary.

This publication is intended as a tribute to the people who have managed and served the Club as volunteers, represented the Club as players, and in many other ways have indelibly imprinted their mark on the successful history of the Club thus far. I salute you all.

I hope the result will be interesting to the reader.

**Graham Trimming**

Founder, Cippenham Table Tennis Club



Graham Trimming: 25 year service award 1998

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# Humble beginnings

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It was 4th June 1973 and Graham Trimming, then 20 years of age, had called a meeting to inaugurate Cippenham Table Tennis Club. The meeting was held in Beaconsfield at the home of Wally Wraight. In addition to Graham and Wally, a further five people attended: Derek Cook, David Daly, Jim Jackman, Tom Smillie and Ian Thompson. A further two, Brian Blackmun and Ken Shepherd presented their apologies for absence. These nine people can be considered to be the founding members of the Club.

Graham took on the mantle of both Secretary and Treasurer while Ian was elected as the Club's first Chairman. Jim, Tom, Derek and David were also elected as general members of the Management Committee. Graham had drafted a constitution and this was adopted, subject to some minor alterations. Eight days later the first Committee meeting was held.

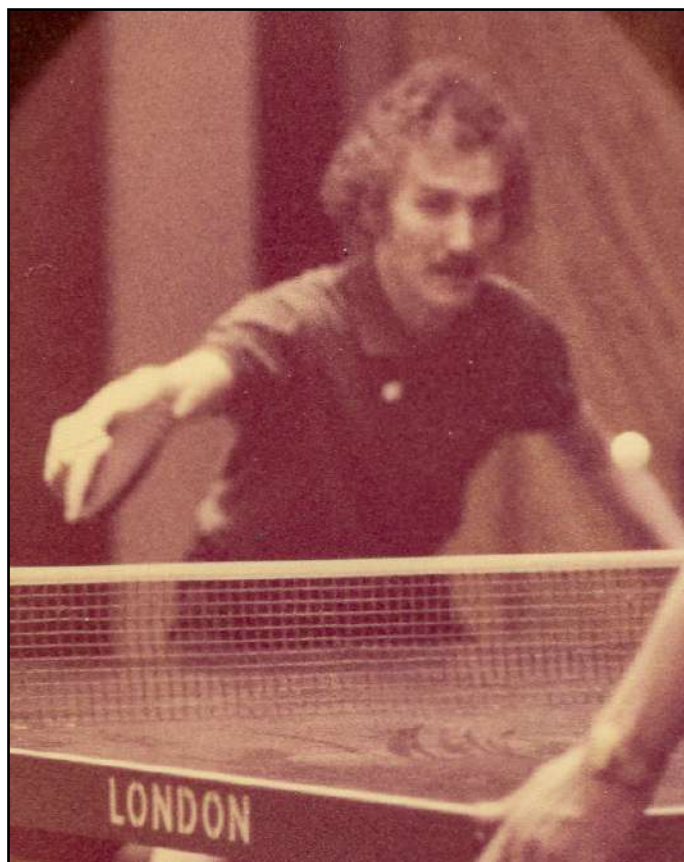
With the aid of a loan from Graham, and some fund raising, two table tennis tables were purchased and the first practice evening was held on 3rd July 1973 at St. Andrew's Shared Church, Elmshott Lane, Cippenham.

That's the how and when, but what about why?

For that we have to go back one more year, to the summer of 1972. Graham Trimming had left school and started work as a trainee accountant at ITW, along the Bath Road in Cippenham. Having started playing table tennis in a fairly ad hoc manner at school, he had been delighted to find, upon starting work, that a table tennis league competition for about a dozen individual players was taking place at ITW. Those were the days when participation in sports was encouraged in work places and there was a table in the canteen.

Anyway, one of Graham's best friends at school, Brian Blackmun, had started work at what was then called Eton Rural District Council and Brian had begun playing for one of their teams in the Slough League. Brian mentioned to his club secretary, Arthur Maude, that Graham played at ITW. Arthur then passed this information on to Robin Wickens, General Secretary of the Slough League. It so happened that the League was pursuing a recruitment drive at that time and Graham soon discovered a letter of invitation from the League on his doormat.

Graham then set about organizing a team at ITW which included himself, Ian Thompson and Tom Smillie and entry was gained into the newly established Division Five of the Slough



The only known photo of Club Founder Graham Trimming in action at St. Andrew's Shared Church

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League. The ITW team promptly won that division but by the end of the season both Ian and Tom had left the employ of ITW. Graham wanted to carry on playing in the League and so ... Cippenham was born.

A few further players were recruited and Cippenham started its first season with four teams, two in the Slough League and two more in the Maidenhead League. With ITW having won Division Five quite easily, the top Cippenham team was elevated three divisions into Division Two of the Slough League and acquitted itself well. The second team was placed in Division Four. The top team in the Maidenhead League was placed in Division Four and the second team in Division Six.

In his annual report at the first Annual General Meeting, Graham reported that there were about twenty active members at the time. Cippenham was about to expand rapidly in the local leagues but it would take a generation to establish the Club in the manner we know it today.

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# Venues

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Cippenham Table Tennis Club has had three permanent venues in its fifty years history.

The first was St. Andrew's Shared Church, Washington Drive. This building, dating from 1970, is historically important in that it was the first to be built as a shared venue for the Church of England and Roman Catholics. Furthermore, it was built with community use in mind, being designed to be divided into four separate areas, one of which was used solely for church services. At the time that the Club commenced operations, in 1973, founder Graham Trimming was involved at the church and persuaded the operating committee to allow the Club to use one of its four sections. Fairly soon, a second section was required so that two league matches could be played simultaneously.

Two tables were sourced for the opening and another two later so that when it was time to move on, in 1984, there were a total of four tables in use although not all would pass today's standard of "match quality"!

By the early 1980s the Club had outgrown its venue at the Church, which offered no developmental possibilities at all. After the Haymill School in Burnham Lane closed in 1982 a group of people, including representatives of the Club, got together to assist in re-opening the building as a community centre. This came to fruition in October 1984 when Haymill Community Centre opened its doors with the Club as one of its first tenants and with Frank Earis representing the Club on the Haymill User Group and later the Haymill Management Group. The gymnasium was equipped with grants to the value of £5,500. These funds were spent on new tables, permanent specialist halogen lighting and curtaining to obscure the full-height windows on one side. However, it took until Easter 1986 for the full installation to be completed. The size of the gymnasium, which measured 68 ft by 38 ft, allowed for four local league match tables and six for coaching and practice. Meanwhile, St Andrews continued to be used as an overflow venue until the end of season 1985-86.

With the introduction of potential funding from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts and then, afterwards, the National Lottery, the Club turned its attentions in 1992 towards the possibility of building its own premises. In 1996, that became reality with the opening of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, the story of which appears on the following page.



St. Andrew's Shared Church as it looks today, not really changed at all since the 1970s



The gymnasium at Haymill during the Club Championships 1986. In the foreground, with their backs to the camera, are George Appleby and Georgia Vener



The Cippenham Table Tennis Centre playing hall set up for Senior British League October 2022



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# Purpose-built premises

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In early 1992, inspired by the amount of funding possible from the newly created Foundation for Sport and the Arts, Cippenham drew up imaginative and elaborate plans for its own purpose-built facility. A Building Sub-Committee was formed, and in the summer of 1992 an application was submitted to the FSA. A year later the news that this had been rejected came as a blow but was not unexpected. By now the bandwagon was rolling and agencies such as Slough Council, Sports Council and the ETTA were extremely supportive and gave the Club encouragement to pursue the project further. Sometime later The Westgate School in Cippenham was identified as having the necessary attributes to become a successful partner with the Club and a company limited by guarantee was incorporated to be the legal lessee. After four years of intense work and not a few tears came the news in December 1995 that a National Lottery grant of £255K had been awarded to add to the £70K secured by then from the FSA via the ETTA. However, when the tenders came in at £100K over the estimated cost it took a further award of £105K from the Funding Agency for Schools and considerable goodwill from the English Sports Council for the project to become viable.

Building work commenced in March 1996 and on 1st October 1996 Cippenham Table Tennis Centre was opened, the first ceremonial ball being struck by Graham Trimming, mainstay of the Building Committee and the Club's founder 23 years earlier. Legally, the Centre is owned by The Westgate School who have provided a sixty year lease to Cippenham Table Tennis Centre Limited. There is also a Management Agreement in place. The deal also provides for CTTC Ltd to grant the School use of the premises during school hours.

Since that time the Centre has acquired a reputation for being one of the best in the country and is the envy of visitors. In recognition, the Club was named as the ETTA Club of the Year in both 1996 and 1997 and awarded a few international matches. Since then the Centre has staged a number of prestigious events, such as the senior and junior Premier Divisions of the County Championships, the Junior and Cadet National Masters and on a great many occasions over two decades, divisions of the Senior British League.

In 2004, the amenities area of the building was extended, providing what is now the alcove in the lounge and doubling the size of the servery. The entrance door had to be moved to accommodate this. The total cost of this was just over £20,000. The fitting of the servery was carried out by two club members who, unfortunately, are now longer with us:



Cippenham Table Tennis Centre as it appears today



The successful Building Committee 1996: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Frank Earis; Alec Watson; Steve Joel

## These people served on the Building Committee:

Graham Trimming (Secretary) (1992-97)

Alec Watson (Chairman) (1992-97)

Frank Earis (1992-97)

Steve Crow (1992-96)

John Raemers (1992-93)

Steve Joel (1994-97)

In addition, Paul Baker provided an enormous amount of professional help and guidance through his job as Facilities Officer for the ETTA.

Alan Farral and Terry Boxall.

Later, in 2011, the host school built a new sports hall adjacent to ours and use of the old changing rooms, which had been part of the original school buildings, was lost and replaced by facilities within the new build.





The original plot—once the school's playground!



Digging the foundations for the amenities block



The steel frame and roof girders form the shape of the playing hall



The walls of the amenities block start to rise



Opening night and the first league matches underway



Now it's beginning to look like a building!



Cippenham Table Tennis Centre as originally built in 1996

**Funding for the project:**

- National Lottery Sports Fund: £277,157
- Funding Agency for Schools: £105,000
- Foundation for Sports and the Arts (though ETTA): £70,000
- Sports Council (Southern Region): £30,000
- The Westgate School: £20,000
- Slough Borough Council: £8,200
- Slough Social Fund: £4,000
- Cippenham Table Tennis Club: £3,000
- CTTC members' loans: £5,000



The Foundation for Sport and the Arts





# Slough League



Until its demise in 2010, the Slough & District League was always the core competitive product offered by the Club. Immediately after the founding of the Club in 1973, two teams were entered in the first season. For the second season, the number of teams dramatically increased to six as a result of players from other leagues, especially Maidenhead, joining Cippenham as their second club and second league. The Club was becoming firmly established in local table tennis circles.

That level of membership continued and subsequently grew to eleven teams in 1979-80 before falling back to six in 1983-84. A further period of steady growth then saw the Club reach a record twelve teams in the senior divisions by season 1996-97, the first season in which matches were played in the Club's present purpose-built facility. In the years that followed, the number of players wishing to participate in local leagues fell away, following a national trend, until such time as Cippenham ran only four teams in the League's final season.

The demise of the Slough League was complete when, in 2010, the Burnham club which had contributed much the same level of support as Cippenham, folded and the League found itself with only one club, ours. It was thus time for Cippenham to switch allegiance more directly to the Maidenhead League.

From 1985 to 2003 the Slough League also ran one or more youth divisions which latterly became dominated by Cippenham youngsters to the point where as many as sixteen two-a-side teams represented Cippenham in season 1999-2000. The youth divisions were always played on Sunday afternoons at a central venue—Cippenham. Cippenham teams won the top Youth Division on eleven occasions.

From 1973 until 2004 the Slough League also ran a Summer League into which the Club entered several teams, winning the league on fourteen occasions.

In its thirty-seven years of membership of the Slough League, Cippenham finished as champions a record twenty-four times, firstly in 1977-78 and then thirteen times in a row between 1993-94 and 2005-06. The very last shot ever played in the Slough League was made by Graham Trimming and it secured Cippenham Outlaws the championship on the very last day of the 2009-10 season.



Cippenham Buccaneers, champions 1979-80: (l-r) John Barton; Frank Earis; Dave Pountney

## Championships (24):

1977-78; 1979-80; 1980-81; 1983-84; 1984-85; 1985-86; 1987-88; 1988-89; 1990-91; 1993-94; 1994-95; 1995-96; 1996-97; 1997-98; 1998-99; 1999-00; 2000-01; 2001-02; 2002-03; 2003-04; 2004-05; 2005-06; 2008-09; 2009-10



Cippenham Outlaws, last ever champions 2009-10: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Neil Bird; Anthony Gardner



Cippenham Rogues, champions 2003-04: (l-r) David Hayes; James Milton; Paul Baker; Mark Banks

## The players who achieved these Slough League championships

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

Frank Earis (9); Graham Trimming (8); Paul Baker (5); John Lewis (5); Dave Pountney (5); David Hayes (4); Steve Joel (4); Chris Lusher (3); James Milton (3); Alec Watson (3); Mark Banks (2); John Barton (2); Neil Bird (2); Kimber Choda (2); Geoff Harris (2); Sue Hayes (2); Gareth Herbert (2); Rodney Potts (2); Mike Rhodes (2); Martin Rule (2); Ashley Shaw (2); Martin Adams (1); Owen Brazell (1); Steve Brown (1); Peter Brown (1); Frank Buisson (1); Neil Charles (1); Roland Clapton (1); Graham Dixon (1); Colin Dyke (1); Steve Everard (1); Steve Fawsett (1); Anthony Gardner (1); Eddie Herrity (1); Jesper Hougaard (1); Mark Jackson (1); Viv McCarthy (1); David Paterson (1); Sean Pickin (1); Kevin Rowe (1); Adrian Seal (1); Oli Shaw (1); Steve Smith (1); Tony Stead (1); Garth Tyler (1); Nick Wilson (1)



Cippenham Rogues, champions 2001-02: (l-r) Sue Hayes; David Hayes; Mark Jackson; Geoff Harris



Cippenham Rogues, champions 2004-05: (l-r) Oli Shaw; David Hayes; Ashley Shaw; Sue Hayes



Cippenham Outlaws, champions 2000-01: (l-r) Mike Rhodes; Roland Clapton; Graham Trimming

## Slough League Officers

Cippenham always had a presence on the Slough Management Committee right from the start of its membership. At the 1973 Annual General Meeting both Graham Trimming and Tom Smillie were elected into office. Tom was General Secretary, a post he held for only one year, while Graham was much longer serving, in fact, for all of the thirty-seven years from first being elected right up to the League's demise in 2010. Graham's first job was Treasurer, a post that he gave up in 1975 in order to become Fixtures Secretary and that lasted until 2010.

Graham also served as Chairman from 1981 to 2000, replacing Frank Earis who had held the role for the previous five

### Top 10 appearances—senior league only (441 players in total):

Graham Trimming (690); Peter Hillier (493); Ken Phillips (349); Frank Earis (325); Armando Borges (280); Frank Cowley (273); Georgia Veneer (271); Mike Rhodes (245); Gareth Lovell (241); George Appleby (203)

years. Graham then held the same post again later on and also served as General Secretary for a few years.

Peter Hillier, as Treasurer, also served on the Committee for around twenty years while other Cippenham members who served as Officers included Jeremy Bateman, Derek Cook, Dave Lee, Gareth Lovell, Jackie Lovell, Bob Milne, Clive Perry, Rodney Potts, Mike Rhodes, Jackie Thomas (*Napper*), and Garth Tyler.





Cippenham Scoundrels, Dilger Cup winners 2004-05: (l-r) Ray Burbridge; Georgia Veneer; Phil Coburn



Cippenham Beggars, Tunes Cup winners 2001-02: (l-r) Alex Lovell; David Baker



Cippenham Goblins, Tunes Cup winners 2000-01: (l-r) William Michell; Andrew Linz



Cippenham Vagabonds, Division 2 Handicap r/u 2005-06: (l-r) Armando Borges; Georgia Veneer; Malcolm Makarian



Cippenham Vagabonds, Division 3 champions 2003-04: (l-r) Catherine Hayes; Walter Aldridge; Laurence Orton



The final presentation of the Jackaman Cup (Division 1 championship) in 2010 to Graham Trimming & Neil Bird



# Slough Masters Tournament

From 1983 until 2010 the Slough League arranged an end-of-season invitation tournament for eight players who had qualified by virtue of their results in the League that season. This was usually held at Burnham TTC and provided Cippenham with a number of winners.



Mark Banks: a hat trick of wins



Line-up for a Slough Masters Tournament: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Steve Dorrell; John Hansell (*Burnham*); Peter J Leckie (*Burnham*); Peter Leckie snr (*Burnham*); Frank Earis; Eddie Herryty; Arthur Maude (*Beaconsfield NALGO*)

## Cippenham's Slough Masters Champions:

1983-84 Dave Pountney	1998-99 Mike Rhodes
1984-85 Frank Earis	1999-00 Martin Rule
1985-86 Frank Earis	2000-01 Steve Joel
1987-88 Frank Earis	2001-02 Mark Banks
1988-89 Frank Earis	2002-03 Mark Banks
1994-95 Gareth Herbert	2003-04 Mark Banks
1995-96 Paul Baker	2004-05 David Hayes
1996-97 Gareth Herbert	2008-09 Steve Smith
1997-98 Neil Charles	2009-10 Paul Baker



Frank Earis: Slough Masters champion four times in five years (*photo from Slough Closed Championships 1983*)



David Hayes



Paul Baker



Steve Joel & Bob Barlow



Steve Smith

# Slough Closed Championships

The Slough League, like most other local leagues in the country, ran annual Closed Championships for its members. These lasted until 2003-04 and were staged variously at Slough Community Centre, Montem Sports Centre, New Windsor Community Centre, Langleywood Sports Centre and then, after the opening of our present venue, at Cippenham from 1997.

Cippenham players did well on these occasions, winning many of the available titles. At its height, there were eighteen titles at stake and while the accompanying table shows only Cippenham's winners in the Men's and Ladies' Singles, there were many others in the doubles events, junior events and divisional events.

## Cippenham's Slough Closed Champions:

### Men's Singles:

1977-78 Frank Earis  
 1980-81 John Barton  
 1981-82 Viv McCarthy  
 1982-83 Mark Butler  
 1984-85 Dave Pountney  
 1986-87 Frank Earis  
 1988-89 Steve Dorrell  
 1994-95 Gareth Herbert  
 1995-96 Gareth Herbert  
 1996-97 Steve Joel  
 1997-98 Chris Lusher  
 1998-99 Tetsuo Kasahara  
 1999-00 Mike Rhodes  
 2000-01 Mike Rhodes  
 2001-02 Mark Jackson  
 2002-03 David Hayes  
 2003-04 David Hayes

### Ladies' Singles:

1979-80 Ann Finlay  
 1980-81 Mary Stafford  
 1991-92 Jacquie Lovell  
 1992-93 Barbara Smallwood  
 1994-95 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
 1995-96 Jacquie Lovell  
 1996-97 Samantha Marling  
 1997-98 Samantha Marling  
 1998-99 Gemma Chapman  
 1999-00 Gemma Chapman  
 2000-01 Gemma Chapman  
 2002-03 Denise Rolfe  
 2003-04 Sue Hayes



David Hayes shows off his collection of trophies from the Slough Closed Championships 2004



Viv McCarthy receives his Men's Singles trophy in 1982 from Slough League President Sidney Crevald



Mike Rhodes 2001



Mark Jackson 2002





Thomas Mitchell collection from Slough Junior Closed 1999



Men's Singles 1981: John Barton



Men's Singles 1985: Dave Pountney



Men's Singles 1998: Chris Lusher



Men's Singles 1997: Steve Joel



Ladies' Singles 1997: Sam Marling



Mark Butler 1983



Denise Rolfe 2003



Successful players in the junior events at the Slough Closed 2000-01: (l-r) Gavin Evans (most improved player award); Bradley Evans; Gemma Chapman; James Milton; Myles Evans; David Hayes; Frazer Harper; Eleanor Tweedy; Sylvana Bielec; Rebecca Tweedy



Men's Doubles 1982: Viv McCarthy & Syd Montgomery



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## Action from the Slough Closed Championships

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Viv McCarthy (1984)



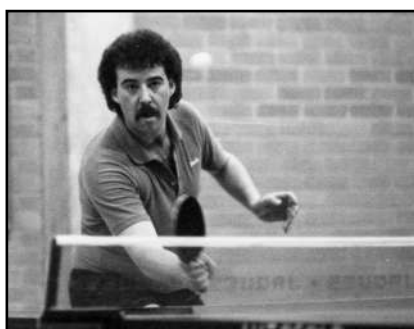
Rodney Potts (1984)



Frank Earis & Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
(1984)



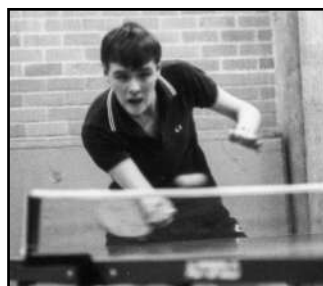
Martin King (1984)



Peter Swinn (1983)



Peter Hillier (1981)



Gareth Lovell (1984)



Steve Brown (1979)



Ken Phillips (1984)



Fung Fung (1979)



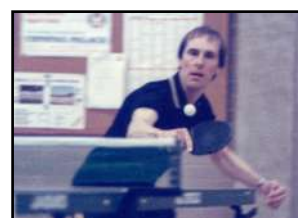
Kay Kennedy & Steve Dorrell (1985)



Jacquie Farwell (*Lovell*)  
(1984)



Linda Smith (1979)



Malcolm Hicks (1985)



Jeanne Gloster (1984)

# Maidenhead League



Alongside the Slough League, the Club has entered teams into the Maidenhead League most years since the Club's founding in 1973. In that first season, two teams were entered, one in Division Four and the other in Division Six, providing an opportunity for members of the Club to participate in two local leagues. Both divisions were won that first season and the Club's first team were promptly promoted to the top division where they have been ever since except for a few years when the Club did not enter any teams.

Three teams were entered in 1974-75 and the Club kept up a presence, never more than four teams and for some seasons only one, until 1994-95. After a break of one season, teams were again entered in 1996-97, the first season in our present venue, but remained for only three years. A team was next entered in 2005-06 but the current sequential run of membership started only in 2008-09. Four teams were then entered the following season and following the demise of the Slough League in 2010, the Maidenhead League has since offered members of the Club its core competitive opportunity. A record six teams played in the Covid-restricted season of 2019-20 and the Club is today the largest club in membership of the League.

A team was also entered in the Youth Division for two seasons between 1984 and 1986 and for a few years, teams also operated in the Maidenhead Summer League.

To date, Cippenham has won the league championship on twelve occasions: six times in the 1980s, then again in 2012 and also for the most recent five seasons. The season just finished saw Cippenham teams finish in both first and second places in the League.

Five times during the 1980s, Cippenham won both the Slough and Maidenhead League titles in the same season. This was first achieved in 1980-81 and was the result of a deliberate attempt to present the Club as worthy of a place in the National Club League (now known as Senior British League).

## Top 10 appearances—senior league only (183 players in total):

Graham Trimming (460); Peter Hillier (223); Ricky Hardcastle (155); Alec Watson (151); Frank Earis (141); Sue Hayes (134); Albert Cheung (128); Neil Bird (123); Armando Borges (114); Simon Wilde (113)



Clockwise from top left: Alan Moss; Ludo Montiel; Graham Trimming; Albert Cheung



Cippenham Saxons, champions 2018-19: (l-r) Ricky Hardcastle; Ashley Shaw; Albert Cheung; Graham Trimming

## Championships (12):

1980-81; 1983-84; 1984-85; 1986-87; 1987-88; 1988-89; 2011-12; 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20; 2021-22; 2022-23

## The players who achieved these Maidenhead League championships:

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

Graham Trimming (7); Frank Earis (6); Alec Watson (5); Albert Cheung (3); Ricky Hardcastle (3); Eddie Herrity (3); Dave Pountney (3); Maciej Dlugozima (2); John Lewis (2); Ashley Shaw (2); Hari Prasad Reddy Vennapusa (2); John Barton (1); Steve Brindle (1); Chris Collins (1); Anthony Gardner (1); Sue Hayes (1); Nick Heaps (1); Viv McCarthy (1); Bassam Mocharrافية (1); Ludo Montiel (1); Alan Moss (1); Terry Osborne (1); Rodney Potts (1); Oli Shaw (1); Steve Smith (1); Simon Wilde (1)



# Maidenhead Closed Championships



Championship Singles 2023: Maciej Dlugozima



Championship Doubles 2023: Maciej Dlugozima & Hari Prasad



Mixed Doubles 2019: Lucie Bouron & Ricky Hardcastle



Mixed Doubles 2016: Ricky Hardcastle with Wendy Porter



Championship Doubles 2022: Hari Prasad & Maciej Dlugozima



Championship Singles finalists 2022: Alan Moss & Maciej Dlugozima

## Cippenham's Maidenhead Closed Champions:

### Men's/Open Singles:

- 1985-86 Alec Watson
- 1987-88 Alec Watson
- 1988-89 Frank Earis
- 2013-14 Ricky Hardcastle
- 2016-17 Ricky Hardcastle
- 2019-20 Maciej Dlugozima
- 2021-22 Maciej Dlugozima
- 2022-23 Maciej Dlugozima





Graham Trimming



Albert Cheung



Sue Hayes



Ricky Hardcastle



Armando Borges



Maciej Dlugozima



David Tant



Elena Tant



Zsolt Varga



Keith Hall



Akeel Mir



Bas Mocharrafie



Simon Vine



Walter Aldridge



Qasim Hussain



Jan Chapman



Igor Liiko



Alan Moss



Ludo Montiel



Hari Prasad



Chris Collins



Lucie Bouron



Charles Mitchell



Bharath Prasanna Kumar

# National League 1981-85

Cippenham first considered an entry into the National League (now known as the Senior British League) in 1980, just one year after the inauguration of the ETTA's flagship competition for clubs. However, it was in 1981 when the Club was able to boast that it was the champion club of both the Slough and Maidenhead leagues that application was finally made and we were allocated into the newly-formed Division 3 South.

The initial squad of five players comprised Alec Watson, John Barton, Viv McCarthy, Frank Earis and Dave Pountney. The latter four were all members of the Club's successful local league teams while Alec was an old friend of Frank who had moved to High Wycombe and was to later play a prominent role of the Club's history. However, Alec became unwell after a couple of matches and John decided that the standard was too high and so Ray Tilling, from Kent, was signed as a replacement.

Cippenham finished bottom of the division in that first season but applied successfully for re-election. Three further seasons were spent in Division Three in its various guises and the highest finishing place gained was fourth. This was despite the fact that two of our players were ranked in the top one hundred in England, two more were their current county champions and Alec Watson, who returned to the team in 1983, had been for many years ranked number one in Buckinghamshire. Several other players were signed at various times, some from our local league resources and a couple from further afield.

In the first three years the Club was still based, for local activities at St. Andrews Shared Church, hardly a suitable venue for matches in the National League. Funding for the team was arranged from different sources, including Slough Borough Council's Lottery Fund and the Sports Council Southern Region and this enabled matches to be staged in the Elliman Hall at Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road. By 1984 the Club had moved its local operation to Haymill Centre and as a consequence matches in the second half of that final season were able to be staged there.

By 1985 the team had lost a lot of its local influence, relying too much on players from further away, and it was decided to withdraw. A Cippenham team would not compete in this League again until 1997.



The original squad 1981: (back) Frank Earis; John Barton; Alec Watson; (front) Dave Pountney; Viv McCarthy



Graham Trimming introduces the Cippenham team to the Mayor of Slough at our opening home fixture



It's match number four, Ray Tilling's debut, away in Torbay, that the first point is won, celebrated by: (l-r) Dave Pountney; Viv McCarthy; Graham Trimming; Peter Hillier; Frank Earis; Ray Tilling





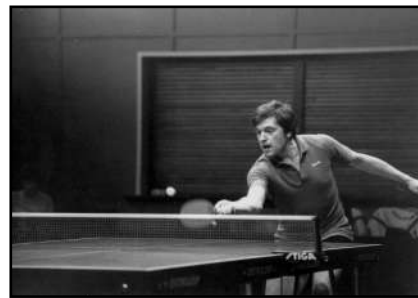
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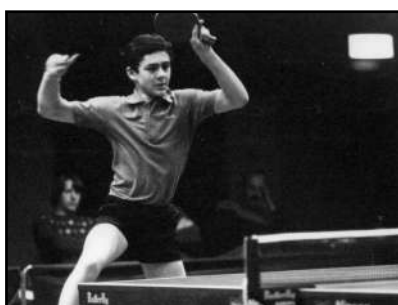
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Post-match refreshments

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1984-85 team: (l-r) Richard Beckham; Clive Young; Ray Tilling; Steve Everard; Frank Earis

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Richard Beckham

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Steve Everard

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Clive Young

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# Bucks Club Champs



In season 1983-84 the Buckinghamshire County Association inaugurated its own club championships, inviting all the clubs and teams from the county's member leagues to participate in a knock-out competition to determine the champion club.

Needless to say, Cippenham were enthusiastic about this venture and entered three teams in its first season: two in the Premier Division Challenge Cup, for teams in the top division of the local leagues in the county, and a third team in the Knock-Out Cup, later renamed the Intermediate Cup, which was open to teams from below the top division.

The Cippenham first team of Alec Watson, Frank Earis and Dave Pountney carried all before them in that first season, winning through the rounds and eventually defeating Apollo "A" of High Wycombe 5-3 in the final. The Cippenham second team, comprising Martin King, Graham Trimming and Peter Swinn made it to the semi-final stage when they were beaten by the Cippenham first team. The third team of Malcolm

Hicks, Rodney Potts and Ken Phillips reached the final of the Knock-Out Cup where they were beaten 5-2 by a team from Milton Keynes.

The following three seasons were not so successful with the Cippenham first team having to concede matches in 1984-85 and 1985-86 and then lost, by that time with a much weaker team than hitherto, in the first round in 1986-87.

In total, four Cippenham teams were entered in the competition's second and third seasons but only two in its ultimate season 1986-87.

## Championships (1):

1983-84

## The players who achieved this Buckinghamshire Premier Division Challenge Cup championship:

Frank Earis; Dave Pountney; Alec Watson

## Buckinghamshire Closed Championships

The Bucks Closed Championships have been held variously in Slough, High Wycombe and Milton Keynes over the years and have not always had a good contingent of Cippenham players competing. Indeed, in recent years it not been uncommon for the event to be cancelled altogether through lack of entries. However, there have been some successes for our players over the years, especially by Robert Hansell, Jackie Thomas (*Napper*), Jacquie Lovell and Sue Hayes.

Photos from the Bucks Closed are virtually non-existent but there are some from the event played at Montem Sports Centre, Slough in 1981 and 1982, and a couple of these are reproduced on the following page.

In 2003 most of the top Cippenham players were away for the Bucks Junior Closed but that did not halt the Club's winning streak that had seen all but one of the junior titles come to Cippenham over a period of eight years!

## Cippenham's Bucks Closed Champions:

### Men's Singles:

2002-03 Robert Hansell  
2003-04 David Hayes  
2009-10 Robert Hansell  
2011-12 Robert Hansell  
2015-16 Robert Hansell  
2018-19 Robert Hansell

### Ladies' Singles:

1986-87 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
1989-90 Jacquie Lovell  
1990-91 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
1991-92 Jacquie Lovell  
1992-93 Barbara Smallwood  
1994-95 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
1995-96 Jacquie Lovell  
1997-98 Sue Hayes  
2001-02 Gemma Chapman  
2002-03 Jane Dickens  
2003-04 Sue Hayes  
2014-15 Megan Ashfield  
2015-16 Sue Hayes  
2018-19 Mary Heffernan





Some of the Cippenham medalists at the Bucks Closed Championships 2015: (l-r) Jemma Walker; Carys Evans; Megan Ashfield; Shristi Ghosh; Sue Hayes



Brothers Oli and Ashley Shaw in November 2003. Ashley beat Oli in the Junior Singles final and together they won the Junior Doubles



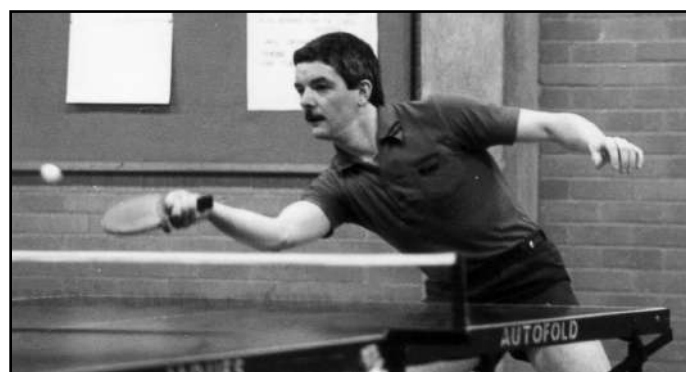
Alec Watson, pictured in 1981, was the Bucks number one veteran for many years and had previously, in the late 1960s and 1970s, been one of the two outstanding Bucks players of his generation



Graham Trimming is normally behind the camera lens and so this is a rare photo of him in action (1982). His Mixed Doubles partner is Jacquie Farwell (now Lovell) and you might spot Peter Hillier umpiring on the adjacent table



David Hayes receives one of his trophies from Bucks Chairman Ron Washington at the Bucks Junior Closed in November 2002. David won the Junior Boys' Singles, the Cadet Boys' Singles and the Junior Boys' Doubles as Cippenham players won all eight titles at stake



John Barton (1981) played for Cippenham for three seasons 1979-1982

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# Coaching

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Head Coach supremo Ken Phillips demonstrates technique to one of his protégées

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Coaching at Cippenham is rightly considered one of the cornerstones of the Club's activities and the one, apart from our first-class facilities, that does most to carry the Club's excellent reputation across England. For more than thirty-five years, the indefatigable Ken Phillips, as Head Coach, has been the mastermind behind this. But, coaching had earlier and more humble beginnings.

Coaching actually commenced in 1977 when, from April to November, a total of thirty-two children attended twenty-seven sessions at St. Andrew's Shared Church. A lack of volunteers prepared to run the sessions eventually led to its demise but not before some of the better players had been introduced into the Club's teams in the local leagues.

Once the move to Haymill had been completed, the Club finally had the facilities to run worthwhile coaching sessions and so the junior coaching scheme was instigated in 1984, organized by Rodney Potts. A year or so later coaching was transferred from midweek to Sunday afternoons and was supervised by Cathy Hasberry. Ken Phillips took over this operation in the summer of 1986 and has been in charge ever since.

Ken qualified as a club coach in in the summer of 1987 and

when doing so apparently attained the highest mark ever awarded by National Coach Dave Fairholm. Ken then furthered his qualification as an ETTA Coach in the summer of 1989.

In season 1991-92 Cippenham was awarded the status of Club Advanced Centre and then in 1994-95 Ken founded the Slough and Maidenhead Advanced Coaching Centre, running at Haymill on Monday evenings, and juniors were seen around the country sporting their red shirts with "SMACC" emblazoned on the back. For a while, in 1995-96, the Cippenham coaching on Sundays was run mostly by Steve Joel as Ken was busy travelling the junior tournament circuit with his charges. Slough Council also came up with an initiative, *Champion Coaching*, and this was run at our club on Wednesday evenings.

After the move to our purpose-built facilities in the autumn of 1996, coaching was restructured and greatly increased. Two beginners' groups were introduced on Tuesday and Thursday early evenings while SMACC was incorporated into the Club's activities with two groups on Monday evenings. The beginners' sessions were run by Alan Farral, Rhys Evans and Jacque Lovell. The Club was accepted into the *TOP Club*





The all-Cippenham Southern Region squad in the Inter-Region Championships 2002: (l-r) Rebecca Tweedy; Melanie Farquhar; Eleanor Tweedy; Sylvana Bielec; David Hayes; Stephanie Mitchell; Sebastian Bielec; Katie Rule; Rachel Farquhar; Matthew Tucker; Andrew Linz. Gavin Evans was absent when this photo was taken.



A group of Cippenham juniors in 2002 flanked by coaches Terry Boxall (left) and Jan Chapman and Alan Farral (right)



Alan Farral's Tuesday beginners' coaching group with Frazer Harper front centre with his Top Man Xmas '98 award

pilot scheme, an initiative from The Youth Sport Trust. *TOP Club* was the forerunner of the present TTE scheme *Premier Club*. This project allied the coaching performed at Cippenham with links to other clubs and local schools where a lot of coaching was given also by Ken and Jan Chapman. Slough Council's *Champion Coaching* continued until Christmas but then stopped.

The following season, another coaching session was started on Friday evenings. This was an elite group with players picked from the Monday sessions and was run by Ken, Rhys Evans and Sue Hayes. At about the same time, an adult coaching session, run by Jacquie Lovell, was incorporated into the Thursday practice session but was short-lived.

Season 1999-2000 saw *TOP Club* replaced by *Premier Club* and elite squad training began on Wednesday evenings, taking the time slot that had previously been occupied for a few months by England squad training. During this period, the Cippenham coaching was producing a great many successful players and members of the Club featured highly in national junior ranking lists. Such was the reputation of the Club's coaching that youngsters from other counties would travel many miles to train at Cippenham. In 2001, eleven of the twelve players that won the Inter-Region Squad Championships were Cippenham players. The following year this number increased to all twelve but, unfortunately, the title was not retained.

In 2009 Jan Chapman, one of the prominent coaches at Cippenham, took up a position with the Slough and Wexham School Sports Partnership.

By 2011 numbers attending had dwindled a little and coach-

ing was reduced to just two sessions per week, Mondays (advanced) and Thursdays (beginners).

Then, in 2012, high performance training was introduced by the ETTA under regional coach and former England champion Alison Broe. When this faltered the following year, Cippenham took over the time slot on Wednesday evenings and Ken introduced elite training for six specially invited juniors. This became the forerunner of the now enlarged squad training session on Wednesdays.

In season 2015-16 Ken and Jan were appointed to coach Westgate School pupils, financed by Berkshire Active.

Post-Covid, the Thursday beginners' group, which had grown to its highest ever attendance level by the time of lockdown, was incorporated into the Monday advanced group. However, numbers quickly increased again and these sessions were soon split out but with both now running on Monday evenings. Wednesday evening sessions, which had re-started during Covid restrictions, remained alongside the two Monday sessions and that remains the current format.

Not everyone who has made a significant contribution to coaching activities at Cippenham since 1996 has been included in the text above so it is right to pay tribute to them here: Terry Boxall; Gemma Chapman; Jan Chapman; Jane Dickens; Rhys Evans; Alan Farral; Sue Hayes; Muriel Hooker; Tim Kiteley; Roy Linz; John Lloyd; Jacquie Lovell; Malcolm Makarian; Ken Phillips. In addition, Linda Evans assisted with hotel bookings for overnight stays for the Club's junior teams.

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# Ability club

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Over the past few years Cippenham has been justly proud of the way it has encouraged and provided opportunities for players with a disability.

Head Coach Ken Phillips and Jan Chapman provided, in the past, coaching at Arbour Vale School, a local school in Slough for pupils with special needs. Coaching children with a shortened attention span and with learning or physical disadvantages proved a challenge but Ken and Jan rose to the task and enjoyed the experience. A few of the pupils from this school were introduced into the Club's coaching set-up.

The Club hosted an Ability training course in the summer of 2008 and this was attended by seven members. A decade later in 2018 Ken was runner-up for the Inclusivity Award as part of TTE's *Pride of Table Tennis* awards in recognition of his work in this area.

More recently, Cippenham players have been successful in competition with two representing Great Britain in para events around the world and three being prominent in the Club's teams in the British League. Shae Thakker has become a very strong player in our top Senior British League team while Jaiden Caldeira is making his mark in the senior second team and the junior boys' team.

On the international front, Shae won the Class 10 Singles at the Romanian Junior (U23) Open in 2017 while Lucie Bouron won the Class 3 Women's Singles at the Belgian Open 2017-18 and has also won team events at the Costa Rica, Finland and Czech para opens.

Five para open tournaments have been hosted at Cippenham, including four years in a row between 2013-14 and 2016-17 and then again 2021-22.



Ken receives the TTE Inclusivity Award (runner-up) from Karen Tonge in February 2018

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Ken Phillips umpires a wheelchair match on table 1 at the SportsAble Grand Prix October 2014

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Jaiden Caldeira—Cippenham Para Open 2021



Lucie Bouron— SportsAble Grand Prix 2014



Shae Thakker—Cippenham Para Open 2021

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# Southern Region League

In 1987 the ETTA began an initiative and requested each of the regions in the country to start a regional league. In response the Southern Region League for club teams commenced and ran for ten seasons. This comprised teams from Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. For Cippenham, this was just the competition the Club aspired to, having pulled out of the National League in 1984 and had been left looking for a bridge, a competition that would test the best players who were not quite good enough for the National League but found the local leagues a bit weak. Players were selected from the Club's teams in the Slough League and weekend matches were staged at Haymill.

The Club really enjoyed its venture into this competition, made new friends and had lovely day trips to the south coast and over to the Isle of Wight where the home team's captain would be waiting to transport our teams from the ferry terminal to the venue for the matches, either in Ryde or Newport. Often all the Cippenham teams, either usually two but sometimes three, would make the trip across the Solent together for what was a very enjoyable day.

Cippenham were founder members of the League in 1987, entering two teams with the first team becoming the inaugural champions. That team comprised Steve Brindle, Frank Earis, Dave Pountney and the evergreen Alec Watson. Alongside the SRL, a Southern Regions Ladies' League also commenced and Cippenham entered a single team. The following season the Cippenham team of Jacquie Farwell (*Lovell*) and Jackie Thomas (*Napper*) were crowned champions.

Altogether, Cippenham were champions of each league five times.

Originated by Mick Strode, Graham Trimming took over as Match Secretary of the League for six seasons from 1988.



## Top 10 appearances (54 players in total):

Graham Trimming (79); Frank Earis (65); Mike Rhodes (59); Jacquie Lovell (43); Alec Watson (38); Steve Dorrell (38); Steve Joel (36); Jackie Thomas (*Napper*) (34); Steve Crow (33); Gareth Lovell (33)

## Championships (10):

SRL: 1987-88; 1989-90; 1990-91; 1992-93; 1994-95

SRL: 1988-89; 1990-91; 1993-94; 1994-95; 1995-96

## The players who achieved these Southern Region League championships:

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

SRL: Frank Earis (5); Alec Watson (3); Mike Rhodes (2); Steve Brindle (1); Steve Crow (1); Graham Dixon (1); Steve Joel (1); Dave Pountney (1); Graham Trimming (1); Terry Young (1)

SRL: Jacquie Lovell (*Farwell*) (4); Wendy Barlow (3); Jackie Thomas (*Napper*) (2); Denise Rolfe (1); Anna Watton (1)

## Cippenham's Southern Region League Champion:

### Ladies' Singles:

1993-94 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)



The top three girls in the Southern Region U-15 qualification event 2014: (l-r) Jemma Walker; Shristi Ghosh; Megan Ashfield

# Senior British League

Twelve years after resigning from the National Club League, Cippenham re-entered what was by then called the British League (now Senior British League) in 1997 and promptly won Division 3 South at the first attempt. Incredibly, this was the only divisional title won by a Cippenham team until the season just gone when we won National Division B-4. Despite this, there have been seven runners-up awards in the intervening years.

Initially, the matches were played on a home and away basis on Sunday afternoons but after a few seasons the League format was changed to the now familiar weekend sessions played at venues around the country. Cippenham has hosted these weekends every season since 2001-02.

The Club has been an ever-present in the League since re-joining in 1997 and for a period of nine seasons, 2004 to 2013, ran as many as three teams. Typically two teams have been operated but on occasions there has been only one. The highest position ever reached was in 2015-16 when the first team were runners-up in Division 1 South and were invited, but declined, to enter the promotion play-offs for a position in the Premier Division. That was probably just as well as the team, placed in the new Championship Division, then faced two successive relegations to find their level in National Division B-4 from which they have just secured promotion.

The current captain of the first team is Martin Adams and he has amassed a total of 299 appearances for Cippenham in the League since his first in 1998. Current number one, Robert Hansell, is second in the list with over 200 while two other current team members, Martin Gray and Steve Munson, also feature in the top ten.



National Division B-4 champions 2022-23: clockwise from top left—Shae Thakker; Robert Hansell; Martin Adams; Martin Gray; Steve Munson



1997-98 team: (l-r) Martin Rule; Neil Charles; Steve Joel; Mike Rhodes

## Divisional winners (2):

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

1997-98 D3S: Neil Charles; Martin Rule; Steve Joel; Kimber Choda

2022-23 Div B-4: Robert Hansell; Martin Adams; Martin Gray; Shae Thakker; Steve Munson

## Top 10 appearances (101 players in total):

Martin Adams (299); Robert Hansell (206); Paul Baker (187); Mark Butler (118); Martin Gray (109); Mark Jackson (108); Steve Munson (95); Robert Lemon (92); Tony Stead (85); Chris Hansell (81)



Runners-up in Division 1 South 2015-16: (l-r) Martin Gray; Martin Adams; Josh Bennett; Owe Karlsson





Sep 2004 A team: (l-r) Robert Hansell; Martin Adams; Mark Butler; Lee Dredge



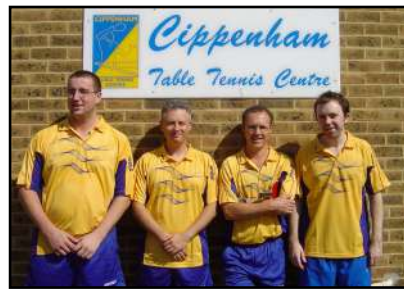
Sep 2004 B team: (l-r) David Hayes; Rob Lemon; Paul Baker; Mark Jackson



Sep 2004 C team: (l-r) Oli Shaw; Chris Hansell; Nick Hansell; James Milton



Sep 2006 A team: (l-r) Eddie Smith; Martin Adams; Rob Lemon; Robert Hansell



Sep 2006 B team: (l-r) Phil Clarkson; Steve Buck; Mark Jackson; Lee Dredge



Mar 2019 Div B-4 runners-up: (l-r) Robert Hansell; Steve Munson; Martin Adams; Martin Gray



Mar 2010 A team: (l-r) Mark Butler; Cedric Brion; Eddie Mitchell; Rafique Sarhadi



Mar 2010 B team: (l-r) David Hayes; Owen Clutterbuck; Nick Brown; Steve Munson



Nov 2019 (l-r): Ricky Hardcastle; Steve Munson; Martin Adams; Shae Thakker; Maciej Dlugozima



Sep 2012 A team (l-r): Robert Hansell; Martin Adams; Matt Squires; Dob Tokov



Sep 2012 B team (l-r): Tony Stead; Steve Smith; Martin Gunn; Paul Baker; Chris Hansell



Oct 2022 B team: (l-r) William Saint; Jaiden Caldeira; Jamie Woodford; Rachael Iles





Martin Adams



Robert Hansell



Martin Gray



Paul Baker



Steve Munson



Tony West



Shae Thakker



Owe Karlsson



Ricky Hardcastle



Josh Bennett



Oli Shaw



Ashley Shaw



Tom Windram



Anthony Ellis



Kevin Gray



Simon Vine



# Women's British League

The Women's British League was launched in April 1989 but it was some further seasons before Cippenham first entered a team. That was in season 1996-97, the same year that we moved into our current purpose-built venue. Apart from season 2008-09, Cippenham has been an ever-present member of the League since, twenty-five seasons altogether. For nine of those seasons, two teams operated and for the remainder, just the one team. This has always been a centrally-hosted competition, taking place at large sports halls on two weekends each year.

Cippenham started out by winning Division 3 in its first season and by 2000 the first team had reached the Premier Division. The stay at the top table was short-lived but the team bounced back again a year later and stayed in the Premier Division until 2007. The best-placed finish was in season 2004-05 when the team of Naomi Owen, Lesley Keast and the only local player, Gemma Chapman, finished third. Since then our teams have never risen above Division 2 and for the season just finished were placed in Divisions 3 and 4.



Division 1 champions 2001-02: (l-r) Rebecca Fisher; Gemma Chapman; Claire Plumridge



Division 2 champions 1997-98: (l-r) Isabel Walker; Claire Plumridge; Jacquie Lovell; Sue Collier; Kai Milvek



Team of the Weekend October 2015: (l-r) Jemma Walker; Megan Ashfield; Shristi Ghosh



Team of the Weekend January 2018: (l-r) Sue Hayes; Wendy Porter; Shristi Ghosh

## Divisional winners (4):

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

1996-97 D3: Sue Collier; Isabel Walker; Jacquie Lovell; Claire Plumridge

1997-98 D2: Sue Collier; Kai Milvek (*Thornbech*); Claire Plumridge; Jacquie Lovell

2001-02 D1: Gemma Chapman; Claire Plumridge; Rebecca Fisher (*Hurrell*)

2007-08 D3: Rachel Farquhar; Caroline Linz; Sue Hayes

## Top 10 appearances (39 players in total):

Sue Hayes (141); Denise Weller (97); Julie Dean (88); Gemma Chapman (86); Lesley Keast (48); Claire Plumridge (43); Wendy Porter (40); Lucie Bouron (34); Shristi Ghosh (33); Rebecca Hurrell (28)

# Veterans' British League

The Veteran's British League was launched in 1994 but it was not until season 1996-97 that Cippenham decided to enter a team. In its first year, the team of Frank Earis, Mike Rhodes and Graham Trimming finished runners-up in Division 4A, a feeder competition to the main event. In 1997-98, Cippenham hosted the feeder division in which our team was placed. Altogether, three seasons were spent in Division 4 until promotion was gained.

The first divisional championship was achieved in 1999-2000 when the team of Clive Payne, Mike Rhodes and Paul Baker won Division 3 at the first attempt. Relegation then followed but the same team won Division 3 again the following year and a second consecutive championship, now in Division 2, one year later in 2002-03. Four years were spent in Division 1 until demotion back to Division 2 in 2011. The lower divisions were then split off into the Veterans' National League where the Cippenham men's team stayed for two seasons. Since then, the first team has alternated between Divisions 1 and 2 until February this year when the team of Martin Adams, Hari Gehlot, Andy Trott and David Barr won Division 1B and so gained promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in the Club's history.

Meanwhile, a women's team, comprising Denise Weller, Sue Hayes and Julie Dean, was introduced in season 2010-11, winning Division 2 at the first attempt. Four seasons were spent in Division 1 but then Division 2 was won for a second time in 2015-16 for an immediate bounce-back. Relegation followed again and, apart for 2019-20, the last few seasons have all been spent in Division 2.

A second men's team was added in 2016-17 and has operated since in Divisions 3 and 4.

Mike Rhodes holds the distinction of having played every season from the start in 1996 as have Denise Weller, Sue Hayes and Julie Dean since the ladies' team was introduced in 2010.

Another distinction is held by Clive Payne who, over the three seasons he represented Cippenham, played forty individual singles matches and won them all!

## Top 10 appearances (30 players in total):

### Including Veterans' National League

Mike Rhodes (235); Paul Baker (206); Sue Hayes (106); Denise Weller (103); Julie Dean (92); Martin Adams (73); Christos Hannides (52); Hari Gehlot (37); Wendy Porter (36); Roger Hookey (35)



Men's first team 2022-23 who won Division 1B and gained promotion to the Premier Division: (l-r) Hari Gehlot; Andy Trott; Martin Adams; David Barr



Women's Division 2 champions 2015-16: (l-r) Denise Weller; Julie Dean; Sue Hayes; Wendy Porter

## Divisional winners (7):

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

1999-00 Men's D3: Clive Payne; Mike Rhodes; Paul Baker

2001-02 Men's D3: Clive Payne; Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes; Ken Philipson

2002-03 Men's D2: Clive Payne; Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes; Ken Philipson

2010-11 Women's D2: Denise Weller; Sue Hayes; Julie Dean

2015-16 Women's D2: Sue Hayes; Denise Weller; Julie Dean; Wendy Porter

2019-20 Men's D2B: Andy Trott; Martin Adams; Hari Gehlot

2022-23 Men's D1B: David Barr; Martin Adams; Andy Trott; Hari Gehlot





Women's Division 2 champions 2010-11: (l-r) Julie Dean; Denise Weller; Sue Hayes



Men's Division 3 champions 2001-02: (l-r) Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes; Ken Phillipson (deputising for Clive Payne)



Men's Division 3 champions 1999-2000: (l-r) Graham Trimming (reserve); Mike Rhodes; Clive Payne; Paul Baker



The very first team in 1996: (l-r) Mike Rhodes; Frank Earis; Graham Trimming



Men's B team Division 4B runners-up 2016-17: (l-r) Christos Hannides; Simon Vine; Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes



Men's A team 2016-17: (l-r) Mark Banks; Martin Adams; Martin Gray

In season 1998-99, the Cippenham men's team in the VBL were in the same division as a team from Northern Ireland called Annahilt. For the first weekend our division was not provided with qualified umpires and one of our opponents had a dreadful illegal serve. When we met the same opponents during the second weekend we were blessed with a proper qualified umpire and mention was made to him of the illegal serve. The sequence right at the start of the match went as follows:  
 "Cash to serve. Love-all. Fault! Love-one"

# Junior British League



The Junior British League, then styled as the Woolwich Junior British League, was the first of the British leagues that Cippenham joined in the modern era. The League had been in operation for two seasons when Cippenham joined in 1995. One boys' team was entered in the first two seasons but then this was extended to a second boys' team and a girls' team. The Club then ran four teams in each of the next seven seasons, sometimes two boys' and two girls' and sometimes three girls' and a single boys' team. Our presence in the League declined down to three, then two and then one team until for the two seasons 2012 to 2014 no teams were entered at all. A girls' team was re-introduced in 2014 and a single team, either boys or girls, ran for six seasons until the two post-Covid seasons when one of each has operated.

Along the way, Cippenham has picked up ten divisional titles, seven by girls' teams and three by the boys. Our most successful period was in the early 2000s when the Cippenham junior coaching scheme was at its zenith. Three times the Cippenham girls' team was national champions. The first two occasions were consecutive and the successful players were locals Gemma Chapman and Joanna Parker (now Drinkhall) assisted by Emily Dearing and Karen Shepherd, following the policy of recruiting players from further afield in order to allow our home-grown players to play at their appropriate level. Joanna was from Chertsey, first coached by the late Tony Pacitto and it was Tony who then introduced the future England national team player to Cippenham where she became a fixture.

The third national title for the girls' team came a few years later with locals Melanie Farquhar and Caroline Linz aided by Sarah Hall. In all, the Cippenham girls' first team appeared in the Premier Division for ten seasons between 1999 and 2011.

Cippenham boys' teams have never been quite so successful but the first team did spend three years in the Premier Division between 1998 and 2002.

## Top 10 appearances (96 players in total):

Gemma Chapman (70); Eddie Mitchell (55); Catherine Hayes (49); Melanie Farquhar (47); Emily Tucker (45); Andrew Linz (44); Martin Rule (43); Warren Brooks (39); Robert Hansell (39); Nick Wilson (39)



First time Girls' Premier Division champions 1999-2000: (l-r) Emily Dearing; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Gemma Chapman



Squad of three girls' teams and one boys' team October 2002

## Divisional winners (10):

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

1998-99 Boys' D2A (2nd team): Marc Gilston; Robert Hansell; Douglas Speed; Warren Brooks

1999-00 Boys' D3A (2nd team): David Hayes; Bradley Evans; Tom Mitchell

1999-00 Girls' Premier: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Emily Dearing; Gemma Chapman

2000-01 Girls' Premier: Karen Shepherd; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Gemma Chapman

2000-01 Girls' D2 (2nd team): Gemma Hollett; Emily Tucker; Francesca Parnell

2003-04 Girls' D2: Melanie Farquhar; Sylvana Bielec; Caroline Linz

2005-06 Girls' Premier: Melanie Farquhar; Sarah Hall; Caroline Linz

2010-11 Boys' D1: Mark Scutts; Luca Mariano; Michael Ho; Eddie Mitchell

2014-15 Girls' D3: Jemma Walker; Shristi Ghosh; Megan Ashfield

2021-22 Girls' D2: Hannah Silcock; Rachael Iles; Anna Piercey





Girls' Premier Division champions 2005-06: (l-r) Caroline Linz; Sarah Hall; Melanie Farquhar; with Peter Bradley (ETTA)



Girls' Premier Division champions 2000-01: (l-r) Karen Shepherd; Gemma Chapman; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*)



Girls' Division 3 champions 2014-15: (l-r) Shristi Ghosh; Jemma Walker; Megan Ashfield; with Mike Smith (TTE)



Girls' Division 2 champions 2000-01: (l-r) Francesca Parnell; Emily Tucker; Gemma Hollett



2022-23 teams: (l-r) Rachael Iles; Mia Lakhani; Anna Piercey; Ken Phillips (coach); Jamie Woodford; Jaiden Caldeira; William Saint



The first Cippenham team 1995-96: (l-r) Nick Wilson; Martin Rule; Jesper Hougard with (top) Graham Trimming and Ken Phillips



# National Junior League

The National Junior League was initiated by the English Table Tennis Association in season 1997-98 as a bridge between local leagues and the Junior British League with champion teams being invited to apply for election to the latter as a sort of promotion. Cippenham immediately entered two boys' teams into the Southern Region section of the League. A girls' team also applied but unfortunately there were insufficient entries to form a girls' division and therefore this latter team did not play.

Cippenham have maintained a presence in this League ever since. Three girls' teams from the Club did operate in the League's second season, along with four boys' teams and a compliment of seven teams altogether was commonplace in those early seasons. The pinnacle of involvement occurred in season 2003-04, at a time when the Club's coaching scheme was at its zenith, when nine teams were entered, eight of them boys' teams! A high level of involvement continued until 2006-07 after which the number of teams reduced until season 2014-15 when only one solitary team was entered. The separate girls' divisions were eliminated from 2015-16 and thereafter boys and girls have been mixed freely within the teams. At this point Cippenham entered three teams and that level, or one more, has been maintained ever since.

Cippenham was quite successful early on. A Cippenham boys' team of John Camilleri, Ben Beveridge and Daniel Jacobs won the League in its first ever season while the girls' division was won in three of its first four seasons and then a boys' team won again in 2003-04. Since then Cippenham has won the competition only twice.

The League began at Cippenham and then, from its second season, utilized Chesham High School as a subsidiary venue. This continued until 2010 when, for two seasons, it was staged at Chesham only. The use of the Chesham premises was lost in 2011 and the Southern Region section of the National Junior League has been based entirely at Cippenham ever since.

## Top 10 appearances (206 players in total):

Frazer Harper (98); Andrew Dickens (85); Alex Polding (79); William Mitchell (76); Sebastian Bielec (70); Stephanie Mitchell (68); Anthony Gardner (66); George Weller (66); Usman Tanveer (64); Matthew Tucker (63)



Champions 1997-98: (l-r) Ben Beveridge; Daniel Jacobs; John Camilleri



Girls' champions 1998-99: (l-r) Rebecca Eldridge; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Claire Smart



Boys' champions 2003-04: (l-r) Oli Shaw; Sebastian Bielec; Ashley Shaw

## Championships (7):

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

1997-98 Boys: John Camilleri; Ben Beveridge; Daniel Jacobs  
1998-99 Girls: Joanna Parker; Claire Smart; Rebecca Eldridge  
2000-01 Girls: Helen Smith; Sylvana Bielec; Katherine Tweedy  
2001-02 Girls: Sylvana Bielec; Rebecca Tweedy; Caroline Linz  
2003-04 Boys: Oli Shaw; Ashley Shaw; Sebastian Bielec  
2007-08 Girls: Angela Oetiker; Stephanie Mitchell; Anna Summerbell  
2019-20: Pranav Gudipati; William Saint; Jaiden Caldeira



# National Junior League— one day in January 2018



The Cippenham A team: (l-r) William Fricker; Douglas Claridge-Hansen; Pranav Gudipati



William Saint



Jaiden Caldeira



Harry Coles



William Fricker



Douglas Claridge-Hansen



Siyuan Li



Nikolai Hinterreither



Sam Atkinson



Pranav Gudipati



Anna Piercey

# National Cadet League

Cippenham first joined the National Cadet League in season 2001-02, entering two teams in the girls' division played at Chesham High School. Our team duly occupied the top two places in the league and the Thrillers team of Sylvana Bielec, Melanie Farquhar and Catherine Hayes should have qualified for the national finals as a result of their triumph. However, this was not to be as there were no other girls' divisions operating throughout the entire country!

One girls' team was entered the following season but after that an eight-year gap ensued while Cippenham concentrated on the older-age National Junior League. Re-entry into the now mixed divisions was made in 2011 with a solitary team and this continued for four years. A second team was entered in 2015-16 and since then either three or four teams have represented Cippenham each season. Our geographical section of the League is now staged entirely at Cippenham on four Sundays each season.

## Championships (1):

[Qualification: one-third of team's matches]

2001-02 Girls: Sylvana Bielec; Melanie Farquhar; Catherine Hayes



The girls who, in 2001-02, came first and second in the NCL Southern Region: (l-r) Melanie Farquhar; Catherine Hayes; Sylvana Bielec; Jenny Hansell; Rebecca Tweedy; Eleanor Tweedy

## Top 10 appearances (71 players in total):

William Saint (43); Jaiden Caldeira (40); Pranav Gudipati (40); Reeshabh Hamal (40); Kwame Sousseing (39); Isam Sousseing (36); George Driscoll (33); Anna Piercey (33); Rudii Richards (32); Mateusz Skowera (32)



James Russell

## National Cadet League—one day in March 2018



Tom Brown



William Saint



Jaiden Caldeira



Sonny Dalston



Isam Sousseing



Rudii Richards



Douglas Claridge-Hansen



Anna Piercey



Kwame Sousseing



# Ormesby/Gainsford Cups

The Ormesby Cup was organized by the ETTA as the national knock-out competition for men's club teams for which qualification was usually by winning the local league. As perennial winners of the Slough League, Cippenham were often eligible and entered nineteen times between 1978 and 2005.

In the early days Cippenham was not very successful, never winning through more than two rounds until 1997-98 when the team of Neil Charles, Kimber Choda and Steve Joel excelled in reaching the semi-final, only to be beaten on finals days 4-5 by Brook Motors of Huddersfield.

However, our final attempt in 2004-05 culminated in a title winning team of David Hayes, Mark Banks and Paul Baker. Defeated opponents that day were West Sutton (Sutton) (5-0), Norton (Potteries) (5-2) and ELGRE (Nottingham) (5-4).

The Gainsford Cup was the counterpart women's competition but qualification was different. Teams could be made up of players from the Women's British League as well as local leagues. Cippenham first entered in 1999-2000 and were immediately successful, reaching the final stage but losing all three matches on that occasion. The runners-up position was achieved the following year and that was just the starting point as Cippenham then went on a roll of four successes in the five seasons between 2001 and 2006. Gemma Chapman, Sue Hayes and Jane Dickens were the successful team on the first three of these occasions with Lesley Keast taking the place of Jane for the final triumph.



The Gainsford Cup winning team of 2001-02 who repeated that success for a hattrick of titles: (l-r) Sue Hayes; Gemma Chapman; Jane Dickens



Ormesby Cup winners 2004-05: (l-r) Paul Baker; Mark Banks; David Hayes



Ormesby Cup semi-finalists 1997-98: (l-r) Steve Joel; Neil Charles; Kimber Choda



Gainsford Cup winners 2005-06: (l-r) Gemma Chapman; Sue Hayes; Lesley Keast



First ever Ormesby Cup team 1978-79: Steve Brown; Frank Earis; Graham Trimming

## Championships (5):

Ormesby Cup: 2004-05

Gainsford Cup: 2001-02; 2002-03; 2003-04; 2005-06

## The players who played in the final stages of title-winning seasons:

**Ormesby:** Paul Baker (1); Mark Banks (1); David Hayes (1)

**Gainsford:** Gemma Chapman (4); Sue Hayes (4); Jane Dickens (3); Lesley Keast (1)

# English Leagues Cups



The 12 Cippenham players who played for Slough, Maidenhead and High Wycombe in the finals of the Leach Cup and Hammersley Cup in 1999: (l-r): Ken Phillips (coach); Helen Smith (S); Francesca Parnell (S); Chris Hansell (HW); Gemma Chapman (M); Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (M); Hannah Stone (S); Emma Human (M); Tom Mitchell (S); Bradley Evans (S); Stuart Tweedy (HW); David Hayes (S); Warren Brooks (HW); Sue Hayes (coach); Rhys Evans (coach). The ages of the Slough players who won the U14 Leach Cup, were 9 (Bradley), 11 (David) and 12 (Thomas)!

Running parallel with the Ormesby and Gainsford cups were other competitions in which teams represented their local leagues rather than clubs. There were the Wilmott Cup (men), Rose Bowl (women), Carter Cup (junior boys), Bromfield Trophy (junior girls), Leach Cup (cadet boys) and Hammersley Cup (cadet girls). Cippenham players represented Slough, Maidenhead and High Wycombe in these competitions and, for several seasons were very successful in the junior and cadet events, winning a total of thirteen titles over the period 1995-96 to 2002-03.

The Carter Cup was won three times by Slough, the Bromfield Trophy twice by Maidenhead, the Leach Cup four times by Slough and the Hammersley Cup twice each by both Slough and Maidenhead.

The pinnacle of achievement came in the summer of 1999 when all the players who contested the finals of the Leach and Hammersley Cups were products of the Cippenham coaching scheme. That's all twelve from a single club! Incredible! For the record, Slough beat High Wycombe in the Leach Cup and Maidenhead beat Slough in the Hammersley Cup. For good measure, Maidenhead also won the Bromfield Trophy with a team exclusively made up of Cippenham players.

## Championships (13):

Carter Cup (3): 1996-97; 1997-98; 2000-01 (all Slough)  
 Bromfield Trophy (2): 1998-99; 1999-00 (both Maidenhead)  
 Leach Cup (4): 1995-96; 1996-97; 1998-99; 1999-00 (all Slough)  
 Hammersley Cup (4): 1998-99; 1999-00 (both Maidenhead); 2001-02; 2002-03 (both Slough)

## The Cippenham players who won these championships:

**Carter:** Martin Rule (2); Bradley Evans (1); David Hayes (1); Gareth Herbert (1); Jesper Hougaard (1); Daniel Jacobs (1); James Milton (1); Nick Wilson (1)

**Bromfield:** Gemma Chapman (2); Emma Human (2); Jane Dickens (1); Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (1)

**Leach:** Bradley Evans (2); David Hayes (2); Tom Mitchell (2); Nick Wilson (2); Johnny Davidson (1); Jesper Hougaard (1); Martin Rule (1); Robert Wilson (1)

**Hammersley:** Sylvana Bielec (2); Gemma Chapman (2); Catherine Hayes (2); Carole Linz (2); Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2); Emma Human (1)





The Slough team that won the Carter Cup 2000-01: (l-r) Bradley Evans; James Milton; David Hayes



The Slough team that win the Carter Cup 1997-98: (l-r) Daniel Jacobs; Martin Rule; Nick Wilson



The Slough team that won the Hammersley Cup 2001-02: (l-r) Catherine Hayes; Caroline Linz; Sylvana Bielec



Slough, runners-up in the Leach Cup 2002-03: (l-r) James Milton; Ashley Shaw; David Hayes



The Slough team that won the Hammersley Cup 2002-03: (l-r) Catherine Hayes; Caroline Linz; Sylvana Bielec



Slough, runners-up in the Hammersley Cup in 2000-01: (l-r) Caroline Linz; Sylvana Bielec; Emily Tucker

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# St Ives Team Tournament

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For several years, from 1995 until 2002, Cippenham entered teams in the annual St Ives Inter-Club Team Tournament. This was a large format tournament, attracting entries from far afield, played in a sports hall and included team events at three age levels: under-17, under-14 and under-12.

In their first season, Cippenham entered only one team in each of the three age groups. They performed well enough, finishing fourteenth, fourth and second. The following year was better with five teams entered and the U14 team of Martin Rule, Jesper Hougard and Kevin Cruikshank winning their age group. Cippenham were also runners-up in the other two age groups. In its third season, it was the under-12 title that Cippenham brought back while the U14 team were relegated to second spot.

Cippenham went one better in 1998-99, winning both the U14 and U12 competitions and also finished runners-up in the U17. In fact, Cippenham teams filled both the first and second positions in the U14 category.

The following season saw the start of three years of complete domination with all three titles being won in each of the three years. The Cippenham coaching scheme and the success rate of our junior players was at its zenith at that time. As an example of complete domination, the Cippenham players who won the titles in 1999-2000 won every match they played—100%! However, it was the following season, 2000-01, that the domination was most pronounced with Cippenham teams filling the top two positions in each age category.



1999-00 U14: (l-r) Warren Brooks; Tom Mitchell; Gemma Chapman

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1999-00 U17: (l-r) Warren Brooks, John Camilleri; Robert Hansell

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## Championships (13):

U17: 1999-00; 2000-01; 2001-02;

U14: 1996-97; 1998-99; 1999-00; 2000-01; 2001-02

U12: 1997-98; 1998-99; 1999-00; 2000-01; 2001-02

## The players who achieved these titles:

Gemma Chapman (5); Warren Brooks (4); Bradley Evans (4); Tom Mitchell (4); John Camilleri (3); James Milton (3); David Hayes (2); Stuart Tweedy (2); Sylvana Bielec (1); Kevin Cruikshank (1); Ross Drabble (1); Gavin Evans (1); Myles Evans (1); Melanie Farquhar (1); Robert Hansell (1); Jesper Hougard (1); Dorian Robinson (1); Martin Rule (1); Rebecca Tweedy (1); Paul Zeun (1)



1999-00 U12 runners-up: (l-r) Myles Evans; Gavin Evans; Joe Misseldine

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# Cippenham Super League

For a couple of seasons after the millennium the Club organized a Cippenham Super League. The objective was to provide top opposition for the Club's best players. In its first season sponsorship of £1,000 was generously provided by IS Networking Solutions Ltd and this enabled a total prize fund of £1,050 to be offered. The sponsorship dried up for the second season but, nevertheless, the Club offered a total of £800 as a prize fund from its own resources.

The League was marketed in the summer of 2000 and entries sought from established clubs, arranged teams and individuals. London Progress, at the time perennial British League Premier Division champions, entered adding a second team for season two. OLOP also entered in the first season and the balance of the seven teams was made by a combination of Cippenham teams and teams made up by the organizing committee from individual players.

The League ran on fourteen Thursday evenings, fortnightly, and so arranged as to fall into the vacant weeks of a similar competition at BATTs, Harlow. The format was two-a-side playing five sets including a doubles. At the end of the season a singles competition for the top eight qualifiers was run.

London Progress won the League on both occasions and their top player, Jason Sugrue, won the individual singles.

At the end of its second season it was decided to discontinue the League.

Season	Team competition	Individual competition
2000-01:	London Progress	Jason Sugrue (London Progress)
2001-02:	London Progress I	Jason Sugrue (London Progress)



2000-01 champions: London Progress (l-r): Marco Essomba; Jon Kaufmann (manager); Jason Sugrue



2001-02 Champions and runners-up: London Progress (l-r) Marco Essomba; Taju Agunbiade; Jason Sugrue; Jon Kaufmann (manager); James Spracking



Wesley Bush-Harris



2000-01 runners-up: Cippenham Aces (l-r) Clive Payne; Martin Adams (Wesley Bush-Harris missing from photo)

# Invitation Tournament



The Kingfisher and Cippenham teams at the end of the inaugural competition in 1987: (l-r) Keith Hodder; Bob Sym; Michael Childs; Graham Trimming; Frank Earis; Alec Watson

In 1987 the Club introduced the Cippenham Invitation Tournament. The initial idea was for it to be a pre-season unofficial local club championship and the best clubs from the Slough, Maidenhead and Reading area were invited. An eight-team format was decided with six singles sets constituting a match, best of three with games played up to thirteen points (remember, games were up to twenty-one rather than eleven points in those days). This was in order to fit the competition into a one-day format.

Seven teams entered in its first season and six in the second. After that, eight teams competed in all but one of the next seven seasons until 1996-97 when ten teams played. After that, with the emergence of higher priorities, e.g. British League and Cippenham Open tournaments, it was decided to call a halt to this particular enterprise.

In its first year the host club's team of Alec Watson, Frank Earis and Graham Trimming was successful in winning the event. Thereafter the titles were shared out with Cippenham winning only twice again.

In its ten years of existence, a total of twenty-one clubs featured, including one from Sheffield and one all the way from Amsterdam!

## Winners:

1987-88: Cippenham I  
1988-89: Castle Hill (*Maidenhead*)  
1989-90: Pyestock (*Aldershot*)  
1990-91: Pyestock (*Aldershot*)  
1991-92: St. Albion (*Sheffield*)  
1992-93: Castle Hill (*Maidenhead*)  
1993-94: DEN (*High Wycombe*)  
1994-95: Cippenham A  
1995-96: DEN (*High Wycombe*)  
1996-97: Cippenham A

## Cippenham's winning teams (3):

1987-88: Alec Watson; Frank Earis; Graham Trimming  
1994-95: Steve Joel; Frank Earis; Mike Rhodes  
1996-97: Kimber Choda; Mike Rhodes; Steve Joel



# Open Tournaments

As soon as the new table tennis centre was opened in 1996, Cippenham began to organize open tournaments. To date, about 180 such tournaments have been held providing much needed income for the Club.

The concept has always been for arrange, when possible, a preliminary round with groups of at least four players, followed by championship and consolation knock-out rounds. In the first season 2-star events were run for cadets, juniors and veterans with a further veterans' event in the summer. A Senior Open was added the following year together with an Under-10/12 Open while the cadet and junior tournaments were upgraded to 3-star status. In 1998-99 the two-day Young Players' Summer Festival, incorporating four different age categories, was introduced and this has remained a consistent part of the Club's programme ever since.

This programme of eight or nine tournaments each year ran fairly consistently until 2007-08, augmented by events such as a Banded Open, a Double Group Open and a second Young Players' Festival, first in the New Year and afterwards in the autumn.

For the following two seasons, from 2008 until 2010, the Club replaced the majority of events with the "Cippenham Series", the brainchild of Steve Smith. Six of these two-day events were run each year following the Grand Prix principle with points accumulated by players throughout the season and prize money for the eventual winners at the end of the season. There were separate series for seniors, juniors, cadets, veterans and even an under-13 event. There were usually two age categories at each tournament.

In 2010-11 the programme of events was re-branded with most events placed under two banners: Super 6—a single age group with preliminary rounds of six players; and Five by Two—two age groups with preliminary rounds in groups of five. Alongside these, the YPSF and the very popular Team Open, which had begun in 2007-08, continued.

In 2015 Table Tennis England invited Cippenham to stage a prestigious Junior 4-Star tournament to alleviate the dearth of opportunities for juniors in the south of England and, to date, this has been run eight times. A new venture in 2022-23 was the Women and Girls' Open as the national governing body attempts to attract more female participation in the sport.



Steve Smith (Referee) Junior 4-Star Open 2022

Each tournament requires an Organiser and a Referee and the Club is indebted to a number of people in this regard with special mention, due to the sheer number of events officiated at, goes to Graham Trimming, Ken Phillips, Paul Baker, Steve Smith, Mick Strode, Terry Boxall, Peter Hillier, Sue Hayes and Catherine Hayes.

Cippenham players have often been successful at the Club's own tournaments, winning 111 titles in all. Most of them have been won by our younger players and especially in the early years of the programme.

## More than one title:

### *(while a member of Cippenham TTC):*

Melanie Farquhar (12); Eddie Mitchell (11); Gemma Chapman (8); David Hayes (5); Sue Hayes (5); Myles Evans (4); Hari Gehlot (4); Sylvana Bielec (3); Warren Brooks (3); Bradley Evans (3); Gavin Evans (3); Rachel Farquhar (3); Shristi Ghosh (3); James Milton (3); Matt Ware (3); Rob Lemon (2); Stephanie Mitchell (2); Tom Mitchell (2); Dorian Robinson (2); Shae Thakker (2); Jamie Woodford (2).



Melanie Farquhar: Junior Open 2004



Eddie Mitchell: Cadet Open 2005



Jamie Woodford: YPSF 2022



Denise Weller & Sue Hayes: Series 6  
VWS 2008-09



Robert Lemon & David Hayes: Senior  
Open 2005



Gemma Chapman & Bradley Evans:  
Junior Open 2001



Shristi Ghosh & Jemma Walker with Sue  
Hayes: YPSF 2014



Thomas Mitchell & James Milton:  
Cadet Open 2001



Steve Munson & Robert Hansell: Team  
Open 2011



# Club Championships

The Club Championships has been played most years since the formation of the Club in 1973-74. Naturally, when it started at St. Andrew's Shared Church, it was a small competition, incorporating singles and doubles events with their handicap counterparts and, when entries justified, also a junior singles. In season 1987-88, after the Club had moved to Haymill, the championship and handicap events were split into two days and played at different times in the season. Surprisingly, even with a vastly increased membership, the championships were cancelled in 1997-98 because of lack of support but the handicap events still ran.

The following year the championship and handicap events were rolled into one day and a record entry of fifty-four players took part and, incredibly, thirty of them went home with at least one trophy. There were eighteen events that year including two for parents of the children taking part. The record entry was surpassed again when fifty-eight took part the following season. However, interest dwindled thereafter and the events were dropped for a couple of years after 2003-04.

In 2007 the Club Championships were re-introduced with the now familiar format of fewer championship events played during a series of weekday evenings.

The most successful player has undoubtedly been Frank Earis who won the singles title nine times over a period of eighteen years.



Action from the 1988 Men's Singles final at Haymill won by Frank Earis (right) against Alec Watson and umpired by Peter Hillier. Frank Earis was a great influencer in the early days and his membership of the Club attracted many other good players. He was Chairman for five years and played an enormous part in the building of the current premises. Frank played 669 times for Cippenham between 1975 and 1998. He sadly passed away in October 2011 at the age of 69.

## Men's/Open Singles:

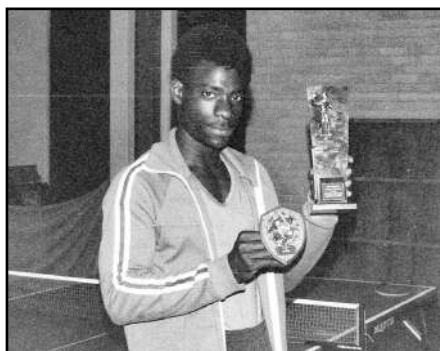
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 2006-07 Eric van Looy  
 2007-08 Tony Stead  
 2008-09 Colin Wilson  
 2009-10 Rafique Sarhadi  
 2010-11 Tony Stead  
 2011-12 Shane Clark  
 2012-13 Ricky Hardcastle  
 2013-14 Ricky Hardcastle  
 2014-15 Shae Thakker  
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 2016-17 Maciej Dlugozima  
 2017-18 Shae Thakker  
 2018-19 Shae Thakker  
 2021-22 Shae Thakker  
 2022-23 Jamie Woodford

## Ladies' Singles:

1984-85 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
 1985-86 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
 1986-87 Kay Waters  
 1987-88 Anna Watton  
 1988-89 Kay Kennedy  
 1989-90 Jacquie Lovell  
 1990-91 Jacquie Lovell  
 1991-92 Wendy Barlow  
 1992-93 Wendy Barlow  
 1993-94 Jackie Thomas (*Napper*)  
 1994-95 Wendy Barlow  
 1995-96 Jacquie Lovell  
 1996-97 Jacquie Lovell  
 1998-99 Gemma Chapman  
 1999-00 Gemma Chapman  
 2000-01 Sue Hayes  
 2003-04 Melanie Farquhar



Steve Brown & Dave Pountney (1979)



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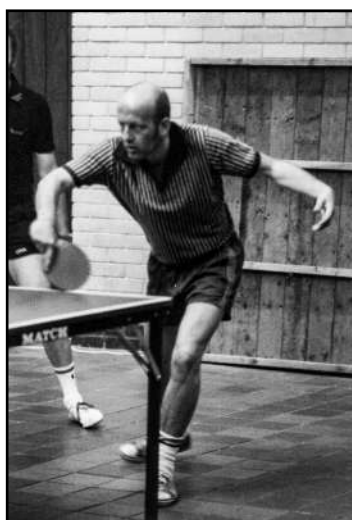
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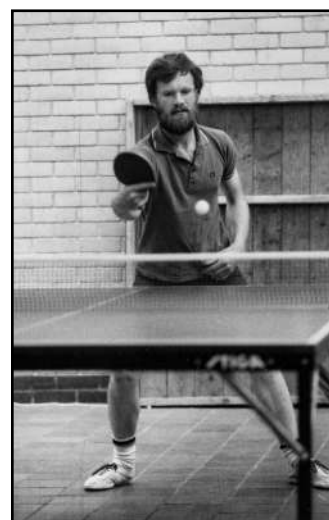
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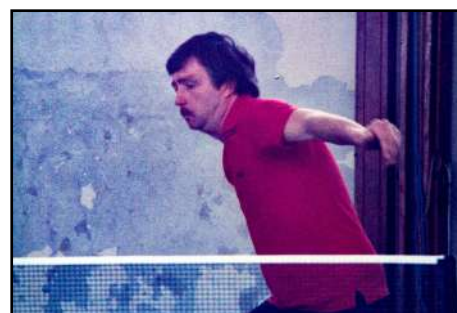
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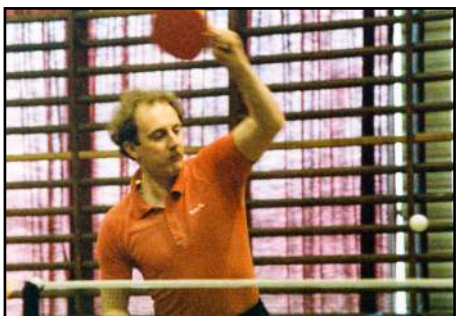
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Dave Pountney (1986)



John Lewis (1986)



Steve Dorrell (1986)



Frank Earis (1986)



George Appleby (1986)



Alec Watson (1988)





All the medalists at the Club Championships November 2003: (l-r) Dave Bull; Rachel Farquhar; Jenny Hansell; Chris Hansell; Melanie Farquhar; Alex Polding; James Milton; David Hayes; Nick Hansell; Robert Hansell; Mark Jackson; Mike Rhodes



Mark Jackson  
(2001)



Grzegorz Strojny & Tony Stead  
(2008)



Colin Wilson & Steve Buck  
(2009)



Colin Wilson & Rafique Sarhadi  
(2010)



Paul Baker & Tony Stead (2011)



Ricky Hardcastle & Shane Clark (2012)



Graham Trimming & Ricky Hardcastle  
(2013)





Paul Baker & Ricky Hardcastle (2014)



Simon Vine & Shae Thakker (2015)



Ricky Hardcastle & Shae Thakker (2016)



Maciej Dlugozima & Shae Thakker (2017)



Shae Thakker & Laurie Talbot (2018)



Paul Baker & Shae Thakker (2019)



Shae Thakker & Rachael Iles (2022)



Rachael Iles & Jamie Woodford (2023)

A few more recent action photos



Ike Greenberg (2015)



Steve Smith (2015)



Lawrence Harvey & Maciej Dlugozima (2017)



Laura Feldmann & Ricky Hardcastle (2016)



# Bucks County Teams



An all-Cippenham team successful for Bucks in winning the County Championships Junior Premier Division for the very first time in 2005: (l-r) Rhys Evans (coach); Myles Evans; Emily Tucker; Ken Phillips (npc); Gavin Evans; David Hayes; Caroline Linz; Bradley Evans; Ron Hedley (Bucks County Match Secretary)

Those of you with long memories will recall that the town of Slough was historically part of Buckinghamshire and not Berkshire. As part of the nationwide local government reorganization in 1974 the borough of Slough was transferred to Berkshire. However, from a table tennis perspective, Slough decided to remain affiliated to Buckinghamshire and, in consequence, to this day, the Cippenham Club is regarded as being affiliated to Buckinghamshire rather than Berkshire and has always provided players to represent that county.

Many Cippenham members have represented Bucks over the years in all teams and in all age categories. However, it was the juniors of the early and mid 2000s that were most successful. Many times, the Bucks junior teams were comprised entirely of Cippenham players and the pinnacle of this success came when such teams won the County Championships Junior Premier Division for Bucks in 2004-05 and 2005-06, the only occasions that Bucks has won this accolade.

It was in recognition of this outstanding achievement that the Bucks team coach, our own Ken Phillips, was awarded the distinction of Life Membership of the county association.



Junior Premier Division champions for the second time, 2006: (l-r) Gavin Evans; Caroline Linz; Bradley Evans; Catherine Hayes; Myles Evans.



# International matches

Cippenham has played host to five international matches, all during the period 1996 to 2002. The newly built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre was barely six weeks old when it hosted a men's friendly international between England and Slovakia.

This occasion was special as it included a debut for local boy Gareth Herbert, aged just fifteen, who became the first Cippenham player to be capped at full international level. The great Matthew Syed was the leader of the England team on that historic night, winning both his matches in a 5-2 defeat and delighting the crowd of 160 with some spectacular exhibition play. England's third player was a former Cippenham member in Terry Young, another local from Maidenhead.

This was the first international table tennis match played in Slough since the 1960s.

A couple of months later, Cippenham was given the great honour of staging the European Women's League semi-final second leg between England and Germany. A crowd of about 100 saw Germany cruise to a 4-0 victory.

Germany were back nine months later for another encounter in the European Women's League. Another crowd of about 100 saw England doing a little better, losing only 4-1.

More than four years elapsed before the next showpiece event, another European Women's League match between England and The Netherlands. Another similarly sized crowd this time cheered England onto a 3-2 victory.

The final occasion was a bit special but for a different reason. The Saudi Arabia deaf squad trained with the England squad and Cippenham members for ten days in August 2002 and then played a match against England on the final weekend. This was the first occasion that a foreign team for people with disabilities had taken part in an international exchange visit in table tennis.

## Dateline of international matches

- 9.11.96 England v. Slovakia—Men's friendly (2-5)
- 21.1.97 England v. Germany—European Women's League Semi-Final 2nd leg (0-4)
- 28.10.97 England v. Germany—European Women's League (1-4)
- 18.12.01 England v. Netherlands—European Women's League (3-2)
- 25.8.02 England v. Saudi Arabia—friendly for deaf players



The England team that faced Slovakia in Cippenham's first international: (l-r) Terry Young; Matt Syed; Gareth Herbert



Matthew Syed in action against Slovakia. A crowd of 160 watched Cippenham's first hosting of an international match.



The teams and dignitaries pose following the international match for deaf players England v. Saudi Arabia in 2002

# PremierClub



*PremierClub* is the Table Tennis England network of clubs at all levels and its aim is to assist in the development of clubs across the country. Its forerunner was *Top Club* in which pilot scheme Cippenham was one of ten clubs admitted in 1996-97. *PremierClub* replaced *Top Club* in 1999-2000.

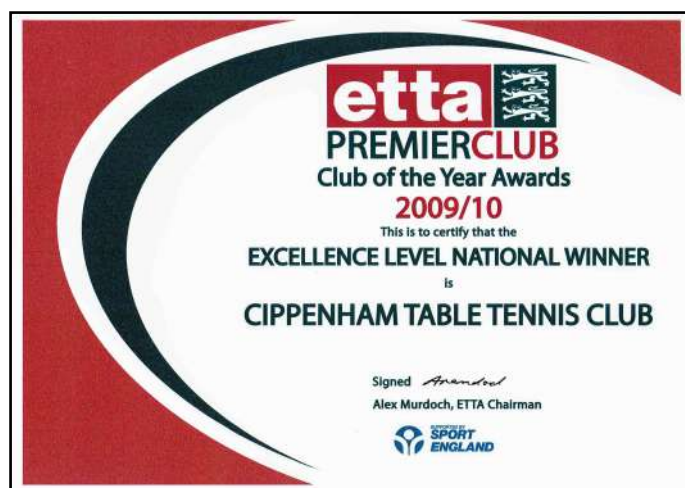
Cippenham was immediately accepted into *PremierClub* and granted the highest level of Excellence, one of only eight in the country and the only one in the Southern Region. In October 2000 we published a case study about the Club for the national association. This can still be read on the Club's website. Cippenham was often cited as a flagship club by the ET- TA to inspire others.

In season 2007-08, Cippenham's status as a *PremierClub* was further enhanced by being awarded *ClubMark* status, the Sport England kitemark of quality clubs. This award was only given after an extensive and exhaustive collation of supporting documents and evidence provided by the Club, a file that was required to be maintained up to date.

Meanwhile the Club was becoming disenchanted with the *PremierClub* scheme with the administrative burden it imposed on the Club not being offset by any tangible advantages gained from membership.

Then, in January 2013 the certificate received from ET- TA showed that the Club had been marked down to level 1 as a result of "lack of evidence". We subsequently submitted data showing that our rightful level was still Excellence level 5. Further correspondence from the Club went unanswered and we became even more disenchanted with the whole scheme and formally resigned in the autumn of 2014.

During its membership, Cippenham did receive the accolade of national *PremierClub* of the Year in 2010 to add to two previous pre-*PremierClub* titles in 1996 and 1997. We were also runners-up twice in 2001 and 2003 with a third place sandwiched in between.



Cippenham hosted the ET- TA conference "Recruit and Prosper" in September 2002. Alan Ransome, the ET- TA Chairman, took this opportunity to present Cippenham with the third place certificate in the *PremierClub* of the Year awards. (l-r) Peter Hillier; Graham Trimming; Alan Ransome; Jacque Lovell; Terry Boxall



# TTE Special Awards



Table Tennis England, formerly the English Table Tennis Association, rewards members for special service. Some are annual awards, now called the *Pride of Table Tennis* awards and these are listed on the next page. On this page, we celebrate those special awards for long service to the sport.

Life membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual. Peter Hillier is one of this exclusive group and he received this honour in 1997 after serving the ETTA for ten years as Treasurer.

Next in line to Life Member is Vice-President. Peter Hillier was also the first Cippenham member to be bestowed this honour and has been followed by both Graham Trimming and Ken Phillips. This is given in recognition of exceptional service to the sport over many years.

The more general honour is the Maurice Goldstein Merit award given for at least ten years' service to the sport, usually in a county, league or club environment. Five of the six recipients are included in the photographs below.



Graham Trimming receives his Vice-President award from ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch in 2008



Jacquie Lovell



Sue Hayes



Jan Chapman



Ken Phillips



Mike Rhodes

## Cippenham members' awards:

### Life Member:

Peter Hillier (1995)

### Vice-President:

Peter Hillier (1993)

Graham Trimming (2008)

Ken Phillips (2017)

### Maurice Goldstein Merit Award:

Graham Trimming (1997)

Ken Phillips (2002)

Mike Rhodes (2002)

Jacquie Lovell (2006)

Sue Hayes (2007)

Jan Chapman (2007)



In 2005 Ken received the honour of Life Member of the Buckinghamshire County TTA from Brian Webb after coaching the county junior team, comprised entirely of Cippenham players, to the Junior Premier Division title



Peter Hillier: we do not have a photo of any of his ETTA awards, so here is one of him receiving an award for 25 years of service to Cippenham TTC

# TTE Annual Awards



Table Tennis England has an annual awards scheme which is now called *Pride of Table Tennis*. Cippenham has been fortunate to receive the accolade of Club of the Year three times and our members have received numerous awards over the past two decades.

The Malcolm Scott Award is given for administrative service to TTE while the Johnny Leach Award and the Mike Watts Award are given for playing performances. The others listed below are given to volunteers in grass roots table tennis. Cippenham dominated the national awards in the 2000s.

## Cippenham's club awards:

### National:

1996: Club of the Year

1997: Club of the Year

2010: National Excellence *PremierClub* of the Year

### Regional:

2010: South East Region Excellence *PremierClub* of the Year

## Cippenham members' awards:

### National:

1989: Peter Hillier—Malcolm Scott Award

1991: Peter Hillier—Malcolm Scott Award

1999: Ken Phillips—Male Coach of the Year

2000: Ken Phillips—Male Coach of the Year

2001: Sue Hayes—Female Coach of the Year

2001: Gareth Herbert—Johnny Leach Award

2004: Jacquie Lovell—*PremierClub* Volunteer of the Year

2004: Gareth Herbert—Young Coach of the Year

2004: Melanie Farquhar—Mike Watts Award

2006: Jan Chapman—*PremierClub* Volunteer of the Year

2006: Catherine Hayes: Young Volunteer of the Year

2007: Graham Trimming—*PremierClub* Volunteer of the Year

2007: Jan Chapman—Female Coach of the Year

2007: Jacquie Lovell—Volunteer Coordinator of the Year

2007: Stephanie Mitchell—Young Volunteer of the Year

2008: Graham Trimming—Press Officer of the Year

2008: Sue Hayes—Female Coach of the Year

2008: Stephanie Mitchell—Young Coach of the Year

### Regional (Southern Region):

2016: Ken Phillips—Coach of the Year

2016: Malcolm Makarian—Volunteer of the Year

2016: Naomi Hayes—Young Volunteer of the Year

2017: Graham Trimming—Contribution to Table Tennis

2023: Sue Hayes—Female Volunteer of the Year



Our four winners in 2007: (l-r) Jacquie Lovell; Graham Trimming; Stephanie Mitchell; Jan Chapman



Ken Phillips: twice Male Coach of the Year in 1999 (left) with Richard Yule and (right) 2000 with Alan Ransome



A trio of winners in 2008: (l-r) Sue Hayes; Stephanie Mitchell; Graham Trimming





Jacquie Lovell (2004) with Alex Murdoch



Sue Hayes (2001) with Paul Day



Jan Chapman (2006) with Alex Murdoch



Catherine Hayes (2006) with Alex Murdoch

# Ken's Other Awards



(left): NCF England Coach of the Year (Local Volunteer in an Individual Sport) 2000 with Tessa Sanderson; (above) Get Berkshire Active Lifetime Achievement Award 2017



# Slough Sports Awards



For many years during the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s the Mayor of Slough hosted an annual Sports Awards evening. This was organized by the Leisure Department of Slough Borough Council and took place in a variety of venues over the years. Cippenham TTC habitually entered itself and members for specific awards and they were usually included in the final nominations and on many occasions even won awards.

Altogether, the Club won eight awards in its own right, as either Senior Club of the Year, Junior Club of the Year or Community Club of the Year and Cippenham members won a further sixteen. Of these, Gareth Herbert was honoured four times while Ken Phillips and Graham Trimming received three honours each. In 2009, Graham won the Mewa Mann Award for Contribution to Sport that was not open to nominations from the public but was, instead, decided entirely by the awards committee, equivalent to a lifetime achievement award.

## Cippenham's club awards:

1997: Junior Club of the Year  
1998: Community Club of the Year  
1999: Junior Club of the Year  
2000: Community Club of the Year  
2002: Community Club of the Year  
2003: Senior Club of the Year  
2005: Junior Club of the Year  
2007: Junior Club of the Year

## Cippenham members' awards:

1987: Graham Trimming—Service to Sport  
1992: Gareth Herbert—Junior Sportsman of the Year  
1994: Ken Phillips—Coach of the Year  
1996: Gareth Herbert—Most Promising Sportsman  
1997: Gareth Herbert—Junior Sportsman of the Year  
2000: Gemma Chapman—Junior Sportswoman of the Year  
2000: Ken Phillips—Coach of the Year  
2002: Gavin Evans—Junior Sportsman of the Year  
2002: Gareth Herbert—Senior Sportsman of the Year  
2002: Ken Phillips—Service to Sport  
2003: David Hayes—Junior Sportsman of the Year  
2003: Graham Trimming—Service to Sport  
2005: Gavin Evans—Junior Sportsman of the Year  
2007: David Hayes—Senior Sportsman of the Year  
2009: Peter Hillier—Service to Sport  
2009: Graham Trimming—Contribution to Sport



Our group at the 2005 awards in March 2006



Our group at the 2003 awards in 2004



Our group at the 2007 awards in 2008



Junior Club of the Year 1997



Graham Trimming 1987



# Life Members

Life Membership is the highest honour that the Club can bestow upon an individual. This was introduced in 2007 and, to date, there have been four awards.

## Graham Trimming (2007)



Graham Trimming was the Founder of the Club in 1973 and has served as its only General Secretary for all the next fifty years. He was also Chairman for seven years and is currently in his second spell as Treasurer.

Graham was also instrumental in the Club designing and acquiring its own purpose-built facility in 1996 and has been the inspiration for many of the Club's ventures.

Currently, as well as his roles as General Secretary and Treasurer, Graham is also Committee Secretary, Membership Secretary, Webmaster, Press Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Tournament Organiser and Senior British League Weekend Organiser. All of these roles have been undertaken for a great many years.

Graham has appeared a record 1,650+ times in Cippenham teams over the fifty years, captaining his team on many occasions.

As Webmaster, Graham has developed three incarnations of the Club's website since 1999. He has also produced well over 200 newsletters and written many hundreds of press reports. Nowadays, you will often see Graham taking photographs at events and he has contributed over 20,000 photos to the Club's Flickr page.

## Ken Phillips (2012)



Nobody works harder or for longer hours at and for the Club than Ken Phillips, and that has been the case for a great many years.

Ken first joined the Club in 1977, shortly after having moved up from his native south-west Wales. He played regularly in the Club's teams in the Slough and Maidenhead leagues until 1998 and then again, for one season, in 2005-06. Altogether, Ken has made 549 appearances, placing him seventh on the all-time list.

However, it is not as a player that Ken's contribution has been most keenly felt. That has been for his tireless coaching and for his influence on the Club's Management Committee on which he has served for 37 years, having joined in 1981 but with a five-year break 2007 to 2012. Ken's roles have included 27 years as Coaching Secretary, 18 years as Chairman and 10 years as Deputy Chairman. Ken has also organized and refereed many of the Club's open tournaments and is qualified Referee, Tournament Organiser and Umpire.

As a coach, Ken's energy is unparalleled and has seen him bestowed with many honours, taking control of all the coaching sessions and also finding time to work one-to-one with the Club's most promising juniors. He has been the Club's Head Coach since 1986.

## Peter Hillier (2012)



Peter Hillier joined the club in its second year of existence and was a prominent member of the Club's teams in the local leagues from 1974 until 2013, making 858 appearances, placing him second in the all-time list.

However, it was his long stint of 32 years (1980-2012) as the Club's Treasurer which brought him the honour of Life Member. Peter put his accountancy qualification to good use, safeguarding the Club's monetary assets and producing detailed reports for the members and the committee. Peter also doubled up as Bookings Officer for six years from 2006 until 2012.

In addition, Peter refereed matches in the National League plus a few tournaments for the club and was often on hand to assist with the set-up on Friday evenings for weekend events.

In addition to his work for Cippenham, Peter was also Treasurer of the English Table Tennis Association for ten years and that earned him the dual honours of Life Member and Vice-President of the national association.



Jacquie Lovell and Claire Plumridge in the servery 1997

## Jacquie Lovell (2012)



Jacquie Lovell's (*nee Farwell*) contribution around the Club may have been for a shorter period of time than the other Life Members but was equally as valuable.

Jacquie represented the Club 282 times between 1984 and 2004, mainly in the local leagues, but also in the Women's British League and Southern Region Ladies' League.

However, it was for her tireless work in the first decade and more after the opening of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre that she received this award. At a time when volunteers were required for all manner of assignments, Jacquie was one that really contributed so much more than was her share.

For fourteen years, 1996 until 2010, Jacquie was the Club's Social Officer. The work that she put into this job was extraordinary. The large part of it was organising and running the servery at weekend events. During this period of time there were about fifty weekend dates a year and Jacquie would organize the food and the helpers for most of those occasions. She would shop for the ingredients, cook the delicious food at home and then bring it to the Centre where she was the popular host. She also arranged for the staff she required and accounted for all the takings and expenditure. At that time, takings were up to £10,000 p.a. generating a surplus going in the Club's funds of more than half of that. The Club's present healthy financial state owes a huge amount to Jacquie.

Jacquie also, for a time, took all the Committee meeting minutes and was responsible for drafting roles and responsibilities of the Club's volunteers. Oh yes, she also produced the Club's Child Protection Policy.



# Outstanding Contribution

Each year since the opening of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre on 1 October 1996, the Club presents the Outstanding Contribution Award. This is the most prestigious of the Club's annual awards and is given to a volunteer who has made an exceptional contribution to the Club. Officers of the Club are excluded for selection as their names are presented on a separate honours board. Since 2000 this award has been presented in memory of Karen Mitchell, a volunteer at the Club, who sadly passed away at an early age in that year. Many of the photos depicted here show the award being presented by her husband Charles.

## Award winners:

- 1997: Alan Farral
- 1998: Pam Dickens
- 1999: Sue Hayes
- 2000: Jan Chapman
- 2001: Terry Boxall
- 2002: Alan Farral
- 2003: Frankie Butterworth
- 2004: Paul Baker
- 2005: Jan Chapman
- 2006: Gill Tucker
- 2007: Malcolm Makarian
- 2008: Roy Linz
- 2009: Jim Hayes
- 2010: Mick Strode
- 2011: Muriel Hooker
- 2012: Terry Boxall
- 2013: Malcolm Makarian
- 2014: David Tant
- 2015: Catherine Hayes
- 2016: Malcolm Makarian
- 2017: Sunjay Thakker
- 2018: Keith Hall
- 2019: Steve Piercey
- 2022: Jyothi Puttaswamy



Alan Farral (with Jacquie Lovell)



Malcolm Makarian



Jan Chapman



Terry Boxall



Jyothi Puttaswamy



Mick Strode



Paul Baker



Keith Hall



Sunjay Thakker



Roy Linz



Frankie Butterworth



Jim Hayes



Catherine Hayes



Pam Dickens



Sue Hayes



Steve Piercey



David Tant



Gill Tucker

# Players of the Year

Since 2003 annual awards have also been made to the players of the year. There are two awards: one for senior players and the other for junior players. The Junior Player of the Year award, sometimes given to both a boy and a girl, perpetuates the memories of Alan Farral and Terry Boxall who both gave so much to the coaching of beginners at the Club.

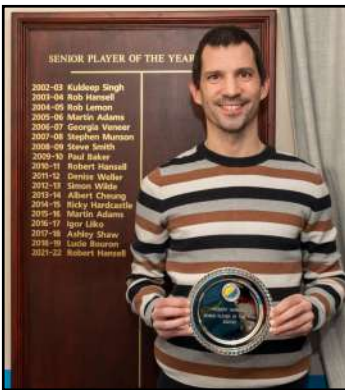
## Award winners:

### Senior:

- 2003: Kuldeep Singh
- 2004: Robert Hansell
- 2005: Robert Lemon
- 2006: Martin Adams
- 2007: Georgia Veneer
- 2008: Steve Munson
- 2009: Steve Smith
- 2010: Paul Baker
- 2011: Robert Hansell
- 2012: Denise Weller
- 2013: Simon Wilde
- 2014: Albert Cheung
- 2015: Ricky Hardcastle
- 2016: Martin Adams
- 2017: Igor Liiko
- 2018: Ashley Shaw
- 2019: Lucie Bouron
- 2022: Robert Hansell

### Junior:

- Gemma Chapman
- David Hayes
- Melanie Farquhar
- Eddie Mitchell
- Catherine Hayes
- Lindsey Armstrong
- Rachel Farquhar
- Angela Oetiker
- Eddie Mitchell
- Alex Nagle
- Charleigh Kirby
- Joseph Underwood
- Megan Ashfield
- Alex Gillen
- Shristi Ghosh
- Ben Naylor-Smith
- Shae Thakker
- Jemma Walker
- Shae Thakker
- Shae Thakker
- Anna Piercey
- Rachael Iles
- William Saint
- Mia Lakhani



Robert Hansell



Mia Lakhani & William Saint



Rachael Iles



Ashley Shaw



Anna Piercey



Igor Liiko



Shae Thakker



Martin Adams



Ricky Hardcastle



Jemma Walker



Albert Cheung



Ben Naylor-Smith



Simon Wilde



Alex Gillen



Shristi Ghosh





Denise Weller



Megan Ashfield



Paul Baker



Alex Nagle & Charleigh Kirby



Steve Smith



Eddie Mitchell



Steve Munson & Angela Oetiker



Georgia Veneer & Rachel Farquhar



Lindsey Armstrong & Martin Adams



Eddie Mitchell, Rob Lemon & Catherine Hayes



David Hayes, Robert Hansell & Melanie Farquhar



Kuldeep Singh & Gemma Chapman

# Other presentations



David Hayes: Irish Player of the Year 2006



Gavin & Bradley Evans: SR Trials November 2002



Kai Milvek: WVC 1998



George Veneer: EVC 2007



Angela Oetiker: "Top Dog" 2006

# Training and education

Since the opening of our purpose-built table tennis centre in 1996, the Club has recognized the need to train volunteers in a variety of skill sets. Some of these are necessary for the ongoing health and safety of members and visitors, others are necessary to enable the Club to be self-sufficient and not have to rely on external assistance.

An obvious example of the former is that all duty officers, of which there is one on each occasion that the Club is open, are trained in all aspects of their responsibilities, particularly the safety and well-being of players and the security of the premises. Another example are the several emergency life support training classes that have been held, usually with the assistance of St John Ambulance Brigade. These courses have been well attended by as many as twelve Club members who have been taught valuable life skills.

In order to make the Club self-sufficient, a number of training courses have been arranged for technical officials such as umpires and tournament organizers. Further qualification as tournament referees has also been supported financially by the Club. Ken Phillips became the Club's first qualified Tournament Referee in 1997-98 and he was quickly followed by Graham Trimming and there have since been several others. Steve Smith has taken his qualifications to a much higher level and is now qualified as an International Referee.

On the coaching front, several coach education courses have been held at the Club and coaches are encouraged to further their education to higher levels. Financial support is also given for coaches to maintain their continuous professional development with courses in child protection and one of these courses was held at the Club in 2007-08. The following year the Club hosted an Ability training course and this was attended by seven members.



Four of the six Club members who qualified as Level 1 umpires in 2019: (back l-r) Steve Piercey; Johnny Iles; Keith Hall; (front) Sunjay Thakker. The other two successful candidates were Joseph Caldeira and Jan Chapman.



Tournament Organizers' course 2007: (back l-r) Graham Trimming; Terry Boxall; Harvey Webb (tutor); Matthew Porter (tutor); Dave Swift (*Chalfont*); (front l-r) Steve Smith; Catherine Hayes; Geoff Ware; Sue Hayes; Malcolm Makarian



Elroy Hull (left of picture) led a team of St John Ambulance volunteers to provide first aid training in May 2019



Emergency Life Support course 2011: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Catherine Hayes; Rebecca Hayes; Muriel Hooker; Paul Baker; Ricky Hardcastle; Steve Smith; Mick Strode; Jan Chapman; Terry Boxall; Peter Hillier



## Putting that training into action



First aid and emergency life support training is always a good skill to have as was evidenced in November 2017 when Ike Greenberg collapsed while playing in a Maidenhead League match at Cippenham. The quick thinking of others in the hall, together with the use of the recently purchased defibrillator, most likely saved Ike's life. Thankfully, after a week in hospital, Ike made a good recovery and a few short weeks later visited Cippenham to thank those whose efforts proved so invaluable. In this photo, Ike (centre) thanks Brian Guilloud (left) and Sunjay Thakker (right) who were foremost in a team, that included others, that responded so well. "Never have I felt so proud of the Club" - GT.



Steve Smith & Ken Phillips



Sunjay Thakker



Jan Chapman



Peter Hillier



Tim Kiteley



Sue Hayes



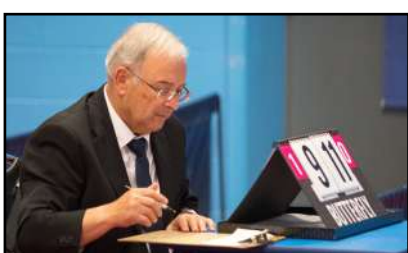
Ken Phillips



Johnny Iles



Steve Piercey



Ike Greenberg



Malcolm Makarian



Wendy Porter

# International players

The Club has, over the years, especially in the 2000s, been blessed with members chosen to represent their country. Many of these have been products of the Club's junior coaching scheme.

The most famous of all those players are Gareth Herbert, Joanna Parker (*now Drinkhall*) and Gavin Evans but there have been many others. Altogether, a total of twenty-nine different players have gained international recognition whilst being members of Cippenham and twenty-one of these have been products of the Club's coaching scheme. Not included above, is Jesper Hougaard, who, after departing to his native Denmark, represented that country in the European Youth Championships.

## Cippenham's international players:

### Europe:

Cadets: Gavin Evans

### Great Britain:

Youth: Melanie Farquhar

Para: Lucie Bouron; Shae Thakker

### England:

Senior: Gavin Evans; Gareth Herbert; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Shelley Ruocco\*

Junior: Josh Bennett\*; Gemma Chapman; Bradley Evans; Gavin Evans; Melanie Farquhar; Gareth Herbert; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Natalie Slater\*; Sarra Wang\*

Cadet: Adam Bleakley\*; Bradley Evans; Gavin Evans; Myles Evans; Gareth Herbert; Melanie Farquhar; Charleigh Kirby; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Martin Rule; Karen Shepherd\*; Terry Young

Under-12/13: Gemma Chapman; Bradley Evans; Gavin Evans; Gareth Herbert

Schools: Marc Armstrong; Warren Brooks; Gemma Chapman; Bradley Evans; Gavin Evans; Myles Evans; Shristi Ghosh; Melanie Farquhar; David Hayes; Robert Lemon; Edward Mitchell; Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*); Katie Rule; Martin Rule; Jemma Walker; Anna Watton

Para: John Jenkins\*

### Ireland:

Senior: David Hayes

Junior: David Hayes

### Wales:

Senior: Naomi Owen\*

Junior: Naomi Owen\*

\* not a product of the Cippenham coaching scheme



**Gavin Evans** was the most talented player of his generation. In his first international outing, in 2003 at the age of ten, he won the Under-13 Singles title at the Luxembourg International Youth Championships (photo left). In 2005, he proved himself to be the best young player in Europe as he won the Under-12 Boys' Singles title at the European Mini Championships. The same year, playing three years out of his age group, he helped England win the Cadet Boys' Team event at the European Youth Championships and then in 2008, won for himself the coveted Cadet Boys' Singles title (photo right with coach Alan Cooke) at the same event. A year earlier he had won the Boys' Singles title at the European Youth Olympics.

Gavin was a truly precocious talent, starting playing table tennis at the age of four when he had to reach above his head to play a topspin shot! He first appeared with points on the England ranking list at the age of six! Gavin was one of three brothers, the others being Bradley and Myles, who all played for England at junior and/or cadet level.

Unfortunately, injuries prevented Gavin from making his expected mark on the senior game but he did still represent England at senior level on many occasions.

After stopping playing, Gavin became a coach and is now Head of Performance Development for Table Tennis England and also Head Coach of the England team.

Gavin played 96 matches for Cippenham between 1998 and 2002.



The very first international recognition came the way of **Anna Watton**, who was chosen to represent England Schools in July 1989. This was in the Home Nations Championships and

Anna was unbeaten in the team event as England finished runners-up to Wales. Anna played 204 matches for Cippenham between 1985 and 1996.





England cadet boys' team bench 2004: (l-r) Bradley Evans; Darius Knight; Paul Drinkhall; Gavin Evans; coach



England men's team as Commonwealth Games champions 2002: (l-r) Gareth Herbert; Matt Syed; Alex Perry; Steen Hansen (coach); Terry Young; Andrew Baggaley

## Cippenham's international winners

### World Cadet Challenge:

Boys' Team: Gavin Evans (2005, 2008)

Boys' Doubles: Gavin Evans (2008)

### European Youth Championships:

Cadet Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2008)

Cadet Boys' Team: Gavin Evans (2005)

### European Mini Championships:

U12 Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2005)

### European Youth Olympic Festival:

Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2007)

### Commonwealth Games:

Men's Doubles: Gareth Herbert (2002)

Men's Team: Gareth Herbert (2002)

### Commonwealth Championships:

Men's Team: Gareth Herbert (1997, 1999)

### 6 Nations Junior & Cadet Championships:

Junior Girls' Team: Natalie Slater (2010)

Cadet Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2005)

Cadet Boys' Team: Bradley Evans (2003, 2004); Gavin Evans (2004)

### Home Countries International Championships:

Men's Singles: Gareth Herbert (2000)

Men's Team: Gareth Herbert (2000)

Women's Team: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2003)

Junior Boys' Singles: Bradley Evans (2007)

Junior Girls' Singles: Naomi Owen (2005)

Junior Boys' Team: David Hayes (2004); Bradley Evans (2005, 2007)

Junior Girls' Team: Gemma Chapman (2000); Melanie Farquhar (2005); Sarra Wang (2007)

Cadet Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2004, 2005)

Cadet Boys' Team: Bradley Evans (2004); Gavin Evans (2004)

Cadet Girls' Singles: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2000)

Cadet Girls' Team: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2000)

There have also been a number of champions of international open tournaments. Please see the Cippenham TTC website for details of these plus other statistics not covered by this publication.

**Gareth Herbert**, raised in Slough, had an illustrious international career in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He made his senior England debut, aged 15, in the friendly match against Slovakia at Cippenham in late 1996. He was sometimes later described as having the best service in Europe. Some compliment! Gareth was brought to Cippenham at about ten years of age and a lot of his early coaching was with us before he moved to the advanced training centre at Kingfisher, Reading. Gareth made 112 appearances for Cippenham between 1991 and 1999.

**Terry Young**, from Maidenhead, who was a fixture in the England men's team around the millennium, made 77 appearances in Cippenham teams between 1989 and 1993.



David Hayes (Ireland) and Melanie Farquhar (England) captured with the medals they won at the Home International Championships 2005.

# National champions

**Joanna Parker**, who hails from Chertsey, was first coached by the late Tony Pacitto and it was Tony that brought her to Cippenham so that she could receive more extensive training. Jo, predominantly a defensive player, rose quickly through the ranks and was soon the outstanding player of her age group, winning the national cadet and junior singles titles. She later went on to win the senior national singles title three times before quitting table tennis in order to start a family with husband Paul Drinkhall. Here she is pictured as 2001 Cadet Masters champion with ETTA's Keith Ponting.

Jo played 67 times for Cippenham during the period 1998 to 2002, helping us win the Junior British League Girls' Premier Division title twice.



## Cippenham's national champions

### English National Senior Championships:

U21 Women's Singles: Shelley Ruocco (1998-99)  
Men's Doubles: Gareth Herbert (1998-99, 1999-00, 2001-02)  
Veterans' Men's Doubles: Diccon Gray (2005-06)

### English National Junior Championships:

Junior Boys' Singles: Gareth Herbert (1995-96, 1996-97);  
Gavin Evans (2008-09)  
Junior Girls' Singles: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2001-02, 2003-04); Melanie Farquhar (2006-07)  
Cadet Boys' Singles: Gareth Herbert (1994-95); Gavin Evans (2005-06, 2006-07)  
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Junior Mixed Doubles: Gareth Herbert (1995-96); Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2002-03); Sarra Wang (2006-07); Gavin Evans (2008-09); Natalie Slater (2009-10)  
Cadet Boys' Doubles: Gareth Herbert (1994-95); Gavin Evans (2005-06, 2006-07); Myles Evans (2005-06)  
Cadet Girls' Doubles: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2000-01); Karen Shepherd (2000-01); Catherine Hayes (2004-05)

### Irish National Junior Championships:

Junior Boys' Singles: David Hayes (2004-05, 2005-06)

### English Junior & Cadet Masters:

Junior Boys: Gareth Herbert (1996-97, 1997-98)  
Junior Girls: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2003-04); Melanie Farquhar (2004-05)  
Cadet Boys: Gareth Herbert (1994-95); Jesper Hougaard (1996-97); Gavin Evans (2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07)  
Cadet Girls: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (2000-01)

## Cippenham's national champions (*cont'd*)

### English National Under-15/18/21 Championships:

U21 Men's Singles: Gareth Herbert (1996-97)  
U15 Boys' Singles: Gareth Herbert (1996-97)

### English National Under-10/11/12/13/14 Championships:

U14 Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2005-06)  
U13 Boys' Singles: Gavin Evans (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06)  
U12 Boys' Singles: Gareth Herbert (1992-93); Robert Wilson (1996-97); Warren Brooks (1997-98); Bradley Evans (2000-01); Gavin Evans (2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05)  
U12 Girls' Singles: Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) 1998-99  
U11 Boys' Singles: Bradley Evans (1999-00); Gavin Evans (2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04); Edward Mitchell (2004-05)  
U10 Boys' Singles: Bradley Evans (1998-99); Gavin Evans (2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03)  
U13 Boys' Doubles: Gavin Evans (2003-04, 2004-05); Myles Evans (2003-04); Edward Mitchell (2004-05)  
U12 Boys' Doubles: Gareth Herbert (1992-93); Jesper Hougaard (1995-96); Warren Brooks (1997-98); Bradley Evans (2000-01); Gavin Evans (2002-03, 2003-04); Myles Evans (2002-03); Edward Mitchell (2003-04, 2005-06)  
U12 Girls' Doubles: Gemma Chapman (1996-97, 1997-98); Joanna Parker (*Drinkhall*) (1998-99); Katie Rule (2003-04)

### VETTS National Masters:

O40 Women's Singles: Kai Milvek (*Thornbeck*) (1997-98)  
O70 Women's Singles: Georgia Veneer (1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99)  
O40 Women's Doubles: Kai Milvek (*Thornbeck*) (1997-98)  
O40 Mixed Doubles: Kai Milvek (*Thornbeck*) (1997-98)

**Incredible stat:** five different Cippenham players won the national U12BS championship between 1993 and 2003.



# Overseas trips

OK, so we have always been a long off qualifying for the European Champion's League, although winning the Gainsford Cup on a few occasions did actually qualify our women's team to enter a European competition—but we would have been so far off the pace that we politely declined!

However, Cippenham teams have made three trips abroad, not in competition but just friendly encounters. And they all happened more than forty years ago.

When Cippenham was getting started in the early 1970s we were full of enthusiasm and had big ideas. One was to go on a tour of Holland and Belgium for a week's holiday and play a few matches. That never quite happened but the fall-out was that a match had been arranged with TTC Smash in Oostende, Belgium. So, it came to pass that six Cippenham players boarded the ferry from Dover in 1975, slept (well, tried to!) on the floor of the ferry and were therefore (not) in tip-top match-fit condition to face our first foreign opposition early in the morning. Not surprisingly the first team of Graham Trimming, Dave Lee, Peter Hillier and Alan Powell lost 11-1. The second team of Roland Clapton and Linda Smith fared better and won 5-4.



Oostende 1975: (l-r) Alan Powell; Linda Smith; Roland Clapton; Derek Cook; Dave Lee. Graham took the photo!



Out in the Swiss Alps 1980: (l-r) Dave Lee; Peter Swinn; Peter Hillier; Steve Brindle. Graham also took this photo!



Relaxing in Oostende 1978: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Linda Smith; Peter Hillier; Dave Lee

Our opponents, now known as TTC Drive, also came to visit us in 1977 and, fielding a stronger team, we managed to defeat them 11-5. The following year we made a second visit to Oostende. We lost again, this time by 12-4.

Finally, five local players went off to Bern, Switzerland in 1980 to watch the European Championships—yes, the one when John Hilton became the only Englishman so far to win the Men's Singles. We drove and lived in a motorhome rent-



Match v. Bern 1980: (back l-r) Dave Lee; Peter Hillier; Peter Swinn; Graham Trimming; Steve Brindle

ed for the trip and played against a local club whose team were made up of National League Division B and C players. Despite having Steve Brindle in our team we lost 13-2.

# It's a family affair ...

The Club has often been blessed with whole families taking part in its activities and helping with the organization. While trying not to offend any that might have been omitted from this section of the publication, the ones that really spring to mind over the past quarter of the century, in alphabetical order are the Evans, the Hayes and the Mitchells. More recently the Prasanna Kumars have also taken a forward step. There have been others, of course, the indefatigable Jacquie Lovell was assisted by husband/player Gareth and their son Alex played for the Club as a junior. Steve and Julia Piercey have both taken on the role of Events Officer in recent years and their daughter Anna is a prominent member of our current junior team. Elena and David Tant are both very hard-working members of the current Management Committee and Elena's two daughters, Emma and Louise, have both been weekday Duty Officers. There have been many more parents who have assisted while their kids have been players, too numerous to mention. Many pairs, sometime more, of siblings have played for the Club over the years.

## Hayes



No group photos of the Hayes exist in my collection. This is Jim Hayes, who for years organised the Friday evening weekend set-up and often performed the task alone. There are many photos of wife Sue in this publication but the outstanding fact about this family is that all four children, that is David, Catherine, Rebecca and Naomi have been weekday Duty Officers for the Club. Sue's parents both played for England

in the 1950s, and course, David represented Ireland a decade or so ago.

## Mitchell



Karen Mitchell, pictured here with her two youngest offspring, Edward and Stephanie, passed away in 2000 and that led to her husband Charles setting up a fund in her name to assist the Club's juniors. All four children, including Thomas and William, played for the Club and three of them acted as weekday Duty Officer.

## Evans



Rhys and Linda Evans, at one time Bucks number one woman and not in this photo, met playing table tennis and so it was natural that their offspring should become table tennis players. Their first three, Bradley, Myles and Gavin all played for England and Gavin, whose is featured elsewhere in this publication became the best player of his age group in Europe. Unfortunately for us, the family moved away from this area when Bradley was invited to full-time training with the national squad in Nottingham.

## Prasanna Kumar



Jyothi Puttaswami with her Prasanna Kumar family including current weekday Duty Officer Arjun to the left.



# Publicity and publications

The Club uses many avenues for publicity. Over the year hundreds of press reports have been submitted to the local newspapers and more recently these have been accompanied by photographs, both action shots and photos of awards taken using the Club's photographic backdrop. Two such backdrops have been used since season 2007-08.

When the Club began in 1973, a weekly newsletter was produced. A lot of the work for this publication fell to Derek Cook with assistance from Graham Trimming and Dave Lee who had access to a gestetner ink printing machine. That was hard work! Eventually the Club purchased this machine and it stood in Graham's house for many years. After nearly 100 issues production of this newsletter ceased and was not replaced until 1995 when the now familiar and current newsletter started, initially by Steve Joel but quickly taken over by Graham Trimming. To date, 240 of these have been produced on a near-monthly basis and they are now reproduced online and by the Club's own photocopier.

Graham Trimming produces an annual report each year, summarizing the events of the year and providing a full statistical appendix. Reference to these annual reports and the newsletters has been fundamental in providing the information for this publication.

The Club's website was first produced by Graham Trimming in March 1999. Since then updates have been continuously provided and the website is now in its third incarnation, keeping up with advances in technology. It is now the main vehicle for publicity, providing details and entry forms for events in the future, reports of events that have taken place, an email account for general enquiries and much more besides. We think it is probably the most extensive and regularly updated club website in the country.

Allied to the website, the Club has Facebook and Twitter accounts, set up by Martin Adams in October 2010, and a Flickr page for photographs was introduced in September 2014.

**CIPPENHAM NEWS**  
Official Newsletter of Cippenham Table Tennis Club : December 2005 : No. 100

## Rob and Sue Claim the Titles

**100!**  
100th Issue

**Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open**

Cippenham players won both the main events as their club staged the Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open Championships on 20 November. Last year's run-up, Rob Lemon, went one better to win the Men's Singles title while Sue Hayes captured the Women's Singles title, as she did in the Cippenham Banded Open in the summer.

In a good day for the host club's players, three Cippenham players, all of whom have come through the club's junior coaching scheme, made it into the semi-finals of the Men's Singles where they were joined by Gullford's Adam Laws. The competitiveness of the event was tight throughout with many observers suggesting that any of six or seven players could emerge the winner. The point was proved in the semi-finals as third seed David Hayes, the Irish national junior champion, beat top seed Robert Hansell and second seed Laws was defeated by Rob Lemon after a very close tussle. That was just the starter for the spectacle of the final that Rob won 15-13 in the fifth and deciding game, having saved three match points and coming back from a two-game deficit. Each of the five games was won by the minimum two points although there were wider margins during the games. David at one time led 5-1 in the fourth game and, in the fifth Rob led 7-2 before David stormed back to enjoy those match points. Winner in 2003 and 2004, Jack Boulton, reached his allotted position in the quarter-finals where he lost a most entertaining and close match with Rob Hansell. The other three seeds were all displaced into lower places in their groups. Sixth seed Fred Dove lost his opening match to Ray Jordan but still made 2 into the quarters where he lost to Rob Lemon. Seventh seed Matt Squires lost to Everton Wilson while eighth seed Mark Banks only came third in his group after he lost to both Paul Baker and Sampson Reid. The same fate nearly befell Robert Hansell. He lost his opening match in the top group to up and coming junior Matt Waine. However, Matt lost to Marc Armstrong who in turn lost to Robert. Robert secured top spot in the group by virtue of games ratio while Marc was the unlucky player who was relegated into the consolation event. The Women's Singles was run as a large round-robin of seven players following two withdrawals. Sue Hayes was the ultimate winner by virtue of her win over runner-up Sally Hughes; this being despite losing her last match to Sue Adamson. Adamson had earlier lost to both Hughes and Chloe Thomas. The event was organized by Paul Baker, refereed by Peter Hillier and attracted 69 entries.

**Men's Singles:**  
Rob Lemon (By) vs David Hayes (5ul-10-8-9-9-13)  
**Women's Singles:**  
1. Sue Hayes (5ul-2) Sally Hughes (5ul)  
**Men's Consolation:**  
Chris Reed (5) vs Brian Pinkley (5ul) 5-9-9

Club of the Year 2004  
Club of the Year 2005

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!**  
to all members, visitors and their families  
Please note that the Centre will be shut down for the Christmas break from Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January inclusive.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club - Building A Future For Players Of All Ages And All Abilities


CIPPENHAM  
TABLE TENNIS  
CLUB

SEASON  
1979 - 1980

For a few years around the late 1970s, the Club also produced a handbook, listing each team's fixtures for the season.




Around the turn of the millennium, the England Table Tennis Association produced a leaflet "Take it up". The format was a double-sided sheet of A4, folded twice. Some of the photography was taken at Cippenham and you might recognize some of the faces in the lower half of the front cover.



# Cippenham Table Tennis Club

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**one of England's leading table tennis clubs**

### WELCOME

Welcome to the Cippenham Table Tennis Club web site. We hope that you find it interesting and useful. Please use the navigation bar at the top of the page to get around the web site. Happy reading!

### WHO WE ARE


Cippenham Table Tennis Club is an unincorporated members' club, founded in 1973. We moved into our nationally-accredited, purpose-built facility in Slough, Berkshire in 1996. There are over 200 members ranging from beginners and casual players through to players at the top of the national rankings. We cater for players of all ages and all standards.

### NEW TO TABLE TENNIS ?

**How to get started:**  
**Children:** start with our long-term coaching sessions on Mondays 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Please just turn up at 6 pm and introduce yourself to the coach.  
**Adults:** start with the open practice sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm. Clubbers also welcome.


Membership Form 2022-23

#### LATEST NEWS HEADLINES - click on the images for a link to the full story




Wina for Macej and Michal in Club Championships  
20 April 2023

The Club Championships got underway with the Veterans' Singles and the Tweenies' Singles being played on Day 1. The successful players were Macej Dlugoszka and Michal Cerek.




Trojars win Maidenhead League  
13 April 2023

Congratulations to the Cippenham Trojars team of Maciej Dlugoszka, Hari Prasad, Bas Mocharrafie, Chris Collins and Sue Hayes who have won the Maidenhead League.




A Team win division, 2nd settle for third place  
17 April 2023

The Cippenham first team won all four matches as the Senior British League season concluded and that clinch the Championship of National Division B-4. The second team narrowly lost out on their quest for the turn-of-up position in Division C-5.



Asante and Carter the winners  
19 March 2022

A few surprises along the way before the winners of the two events at the Cippenham 50 Senior and Veterans' 1-Star Open were decided. Emmanuel Asante and Paul Carter.



TTE award for Sue  
4 March 2022

Congratulations to Sue Hayes who has won the Southern Region Female Volunteer of the Year award in Table Tennis England's prestigious *Table Tennis* awards.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 27 April 2023  
**Club Championships Day 2, 7:40 pm**  
 Open Doubles  
 Members only - register by 7:30 pm

Thursday 11 May 2023  
**Club Championships Day 3, 7:40 pm**  
 Open Singles  
 Members only - register by 7:30 pm

Tuesday 6 June 2023, 9:00 pm  
**Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 8 June 2023, 6:30 pm  
**50th Anniversary Celebration**  
 Party and fun hand-bar doubles competition  
 All current and former members invited

Saturday/Sunday 24/25 June 2023  
**Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival**  
 2-day 11-year open tournament with four age groups: U13, U15, U17, U19  
[Download your entry form](#)  
[Pay your entry fees](#)

#### TOURNAMENT MAILING LIST

To receive entry forms for forthcoming open tournaments at Cippenham, please click on the link below and submit the online entry form.

Sign up here to our mailing list

#### NOTICE BOARD

**Club Championships 2023**

Thursday 20 April:  
 Veterans' Singles  
 Tweenies' Singles

Thursday 27 April:  
 Open Doubles

Thursday 11 May:  
 Open Singles

**50th Anniversary**

Keep the date of **Thursday 8 June** to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the founding of the Club in 1973**

#### WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday 18:00-19:30  
 Beginners' coaching group (been time)

Monday 19:45-21:15  
 Advanced coaching group (been time)

Tuesday 19:15-23:00  
 Maidenhead League practice (seasonal)

Tuesday 19:30-22:00  
 Practice session - open to all

Wednesday 19:30-21:30  
 Elite coaching group (been time)

Thursday 19:15-23:00  
 Maidenhead League practice (seasonal)

Thursday 19:30-22:00  
 Practice session - open to all

#### LATEST UPDATES

- 21 Apr report from Club Championships Day 1
- 21 Apr report from Club Championships Day 1 uploaded onto Flickr
- 22 Apr final edition of the Club's Newsletter uploaded
- 15 Apr Maidenhead League photo album
- 8 Apr report and results from Senior British League 50 uploaded
- 8 Apr photo album from Senior British League 50 tournament uploaded onto Flickr
- 28 March entry form for Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival uploaded
- 23 Mar report and results from Cippenham 50 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open
- 23 Mar final round award presentation for Sue
- 13 Mar report and results from National Open League 50
- 12 Mar report from Maidenhead Closed Championships
- 11 Mar photo from Maidenhead Closed Championships uploaded onto Flickr
- 9 Mar final edition of the Club's Newsletter uploaded
- 26 Feb report and results from Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open
- 26 Feb photo from Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open uploaded onto Flickr
- 26 Feb report and results from National Junior League 50
- 21 Feb report and results from Cippenham 50 Senior 1-Star Open
- 21 Feb report and results from Junior British League 2nd uploaded
- 20 Feb photo from Cippenham Team 1-Star Open tournament uploaded onto Flickr
- 14 Feb report and results from Veterans' British League 2nd uploaded

✉ EMAIL US

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🕒 PUBLIC OPEN HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 - 10:00 pm

MEMBERS OF:

- Senior British League
- Veterans' British League
- Maidenhead British League
- Junior British League
- National Junior League
- National Cadet League
- Maidenhead & District Table Tennis Association


OUR ACTIVITIES





- Twice weekly training
- Beginners' and advanced junior coaching
- Teams in national, regional and local leagues
- Open and members' tournaments

VISIT US

Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, The Village Centre, Cippenham Lane, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 5AH

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Front page of the current website



# Cippenham and TV



The television cameras have twice been to Cippenham to record. The first occasion was in May 1999 when the BBC arrived to film England number one Matthew Syed. This was for a feature in the famous Saturday afternoon *Grandstand* programme. Matthew, at the time, lived in Reading and for a few years benefited from a key to our premises so that he could train whenever he wished. Over the years he brought along many practice partners but the most frequent was Gareth Herbert.

The second occasion was in November 2010 when UKTV interviewed Graham Trimming for their programme "*The Ball's in our Court*". This was screened on the Blighty channel in July 2011, and thereafter repeated, and was for a series of four one-hour long programmes about the origins of sports that began in Britain and were subsequently passed to the rest of the world. Each of the four programmes featured four sports with table tennis being one of them.

Graham was chosen to be the "expert" for table tennis because of his knowledge of the early history of the game and he was able to use his collection of table tennis artefacts and memorabilia to demonstrate during his interview.

After interviewing Graham, the camera was taken out in the playing hall where, because it was during a weekday evening practice session, members were filmed during play. In the final version of the programme there is even a fragment of play from a Maidenhead League match—surely this is the only time the Maidenhead League has been featured on TV!



The UKTC camera crew filming for "*The Ball's in our Court*"



Graham used some of his collection of table tennis artefacts as props during his interview



Participants at the *Children in Need* hard-bat event in November 2011, organized by Andrew Sullivan: (l-r) Ricky Hardcastle; Sue Hayes; Andrew Sullivan; Terry Boxall; Jon Bradbury, Ashley D'Sa; Armando Borges; Sophie McEwan; Malcolm Makarian; Graham Trimming. The event was won by Ricky, Hannah Meyer (left) sold some cakes and £70 was raised for the charity



# Covid-19



Dateline: 17th March 2020: all was not well with the world. For a couple of months the world had been gripped with fear about a coronavirus outbreak, first reported in China. Table Tennis England had already suspended its activities until 30th April, the Maidenhead and District Table Tennis Association had suspended its league, and now Cippenham Table Tennis Club decided to call a halt to all activities for an unknown future period of time. Six days later Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered everyone to stay at home as the country, and much of the world, went into enforced lockdown.

This was a new experience for absolutely everyone and no-one knew for how long it would last. As it happened, it took until late July for the UK government to allow indoor sports to recommence but with heavy guidelines. Cippenham commenced practice sessions on 11th August but it was far from business as usual. An online booking system was introduced for two slots each Tuesday whereby a pair of players booked a table for an hour. Such were the restrictions imposed, for health reasons, that each player had to serve with his own allocated ball which was then quarantined for a week! Face coverings had to be worn when not playing, temperature checks, sanitizing of tables—it was a nightmare but at least we were back playing. And, it was strictly members only.

That regime lasted only for two months before the Slough area was allocated into a more restricted tier and adult sport was suspended again. A further complete lockdown followed.

Junior coaching resumed, under strict guidelines in April 2021 and adult practice followed one month later with the same conditions as before except that this time there was only one time slot each Tuesday—the later time slot having proved unpopular and poorly attended. Also in May, the Club announced an extension to the membership term, effectively giving everyone two years' membership for the price of one, an arrangement deemed to be equitable and fair.

A couple of months later, in July 2021, the arrangements for Tuesday practice were changed. No longer did players have to book with a partner, but strictly monitored individual bookings were now allowed and a free-flow of players throughout the playing hall permitted. It took until March 2022 for there to be a complete reversion to pre-Covid arrangements.

A whole season and a bit of competitive table tennis was lost, having terminated in March 2020 and not resuming until September 2021.



Sanitization stations down the centre of the playing hall



Follow the instructions!



Strictly two players per table



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# We have worked hard ...

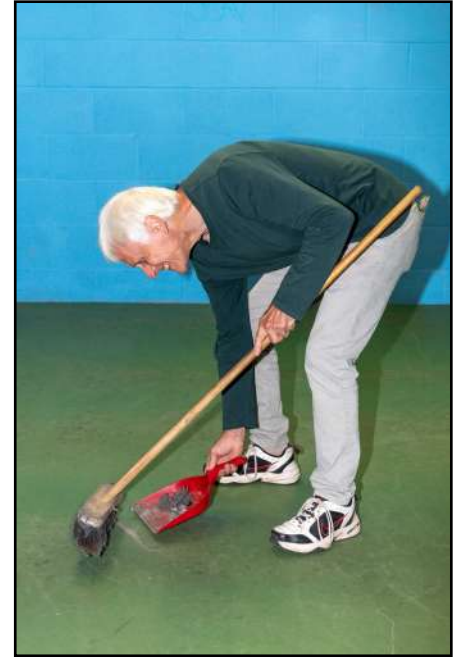
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Elroy Hull brings a shine to the windows



while Mel Ashfield cleans up the kitchen



and Keith Hall cleans chewing gum off the floor



Anna Piercey gets a different kind of coaching from Ken!



Back in time and it's Alan Farral, who sadly passed away in 2008, skillfully maintaining the tables



Ken Phillips preparing the tables



David Tant and a hired carpet cleaner



Maciej Dlugozima cleans up once more (but not trophies, however, this time!)

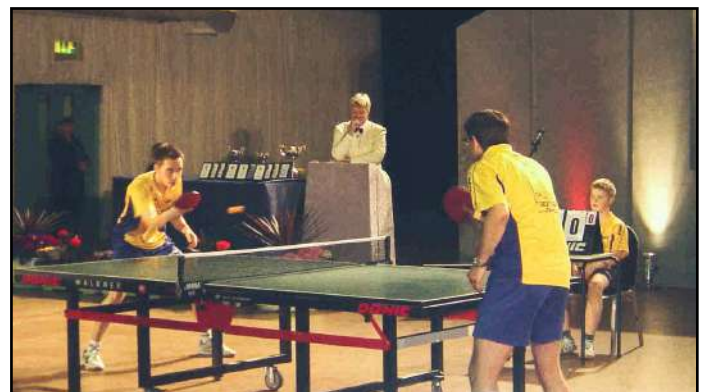
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**... at the annual cleaning and maintenance day**

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# ... presented ourselves ...



The Club gave demonstrations at the Mayor of Slough's Sports Awards in 2000 and 2008. Here, in 2008, David Hayes plays with Martin Adams with Eddie Mitchell umpiring while the Master of Ceremonies, Steve Wicks of Slough Council, looks on



In June 1991, Cippenham entered a team of runners (!) in the MaST Relay Marathon which was run in pouring rain through the streets of Maidenhead from Braywick Park. £868 was raised for the Royal Marsden Cancer Fund charity and 11 Club members took part. Our team finished 149th out of exactly 300 in a time of 3:29:12. Pictured here are: (l-r) Mike Rhodes; Frank Earis; Graham Trimming; Neil Bird; Terry Young; Eddie Herrity; John Raemers; Steve Dorrell; ?



For four years, from 1992 to 1995, Cippenham took equipment to Upton Court Park for the Slough Fun Day. Here, Frank Earis and Steve Wicks (Slough Council) look on as the Mayor of Slough tries his hand against the robot



Steve Smith umpires a game between two shoppers when Cippenham took up space in Queensmere Shopping Centre in season 2007-08



In September 2022 the Club hosted a pre-season bat testing evening for members and other players with Bribar staff in attendance



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# ... celebrated well ...

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Caught relaxing during the party to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, 2021: (l-r) Sunjay Thakker; Maciej Dlugozima; Graham Trimming; Hari Prasad; Elroy Hull



Members listen intently as Charles Mitchell gives an address at the 40th anniversary party, 2013



Medalists at the hard-bat event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Club, 2013: (back l-r) Steve Smith; Anthony Gardner; Ricky Hardcastle; Paul Baker; (front) Shristi Ghosh; Aled Howell regional coach



A typical spread at an Anniversary Party



Mulled wine and mince pies are the staple diet at the annual Festive Grand Prix



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# ... and had some fun also!

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In July 1989 this team of Cippenham golfers took on a team from Burnham TTC: (l-r) Rodney Potts; Steve Dorrell; Graham Thomas; Graham Trimming; Peter Hillier; Graham Dixon



Summer barbeques within the Westgate School grounds were an annual event from 1997 until the mid 2000s. Here, Tim Kiteley is stoking the fire while Paul Elliot looks on

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## ... including at Christmas parties in the 1990s and 2000s

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Santa has a gift for Naomi Hayes



Jacque Lovell hard at work



Mark Jackson supervises games for kids



Name the baby competition



Games for adults also



# Appearances

Over the fifty years of the Club's existence, a total of 890 different players have represented the Club in official matches. The following is a list of all those with over 100 appearances.

Name	App	First	Last	Name	App	First	Last
Graham Trimming	1659	1973-74	2022-23	Caroline Linz	148	1999-00	2007-08
Peter Hillier	858	1974-75	2012-13	Mark Jackson	147	2001-02	2009-10
Mike Rhodes	708	1988-89	2022-23	John Lewis	142	1979-80	1988-89
Frank Earis	669	1975-76	1997-98	Chris Davies	141	1991-92	1999-00
Paul Baker	624	1994-95	2022-23	Bradley Evans	139	1996-97	2001-02
Sue Hayes	578	1997-98	2022-23	Andrew Linz	139	1999-00	2008-09
Ken Phillips	549	1977-78	2005-06	Martin Gray	137	2008-09	2022-23
Armando Borges	457	1986-87	2022-23	Jenny Hansell	137	1998-99	2004-05
Neil Bird	435	1986-87	2010-11	John Potts	137	1985-86	1990-91
Martin Adams	404	1998-99	2022-23	Anthony Gardner	135	2005-06	2021-22
Jackie Thomas ( <i>Napper</i> )	403	1982-83	1997-98	Steve Brown	134	1974-75	1979-80
Gareth Lovell	381	1980-81	2003	Steve Williams	133	1976-77	1981-82
Robert Hansell	374	1995-96	2022-23	Edward Donovan	131	1990-91	1996-97
George Appleby	372	1985-86	1997-98	Chris Hansell	131	1997-98	2012-13
Frank Cowley	363	1978-79	1996-97	Matthew Tucker	131	1998-99	2007-08
David Hayes	350	1997-98	2011-12	Sylvana Bielec	129	1999-00	2004-05
Georgia Veneer	336	1984-85	2009-10	Jaiden Caldeira	129	2016-17	2022-23
Rodney Potts	316	1982-83	1992	Albert Cheung	129	2012-13	2022-23
Alec Watson	301	1981-82	1994-95	Sebastian Bielec	128	1999-00	2003-04
Denise Weller	301	2009-10	2022-23	Mike Snape	126	1990-91	1999-00
Gemma Chapman	282	1997-98	2008-09	Ken Human	125	1986-87	1994-95
Jacquie Lovell	282	1984	2003-04	Shae Thakker	124	2013-14	2022-23
Wendy Barlow	279	1988-89	2000-01	John Raemers	123	1988-89	1993-94
Steve Joel	278	1988-89	2000-01	David Tant	121	2013-14	2019-20
Dave Pountney	276	1974-75	1992-93	Eddie Herrity	120	1986-87	1989
Steve Crow	268	1978-79	1993-94	Jesper Hougaard	120	1994-95	1997-98
Roland Clapton	257	1974-75	2004-05	Tony Stead	119	2008-09	2021-22
Jane Dickens	235	1991-92	2003-04	Mark Butler	118	2001-02	2010-11
Ashley Shaw	234	2000-01	2019-20	Anna Piercey	118	2016-17	2022-23
Ricky Hardcastle	217	2008-09	2021-22	Tim Kiteley	117	2001	2017-18
James Milton	205	1997-98	2004-05	Doug Obee	117	1973-74	1976-77
Anna Watton	204	1985-86	1995-96	Simon Wilde	117	1995-96	2014-15
Andrew Dickens	203	1994-95	2003-04	Jeremy Bateman	116	1995-96	2004-05
Steve Dorrell	202	1984-85	1997-98	John Lloyd	116	2001-02	2009-10
Catherine Hayes	200	1998-99	2007-08	Joan Gatley	115	1974-75	1979-80
Malcolm Hicks	198	1974	2003	Prabdeep Panesar	114	1998-99	2003-04
Thomas Mitchell	197	1997-98	2011-12	Julie Bell	113	1984-85	1989-90
Martin Rule	193	1993-94	1999-00	Mike Davis	113	1984-85	1989-90
Edward Mitchell	191	2002-03	2012-13	Steve Munson	113	1997-98	2022-23
Oliver Shaw	187	2000-01	2019-20	William Saint	113	2017-18	2022-23
Simon Mellish	183	1987-88	2003-04	Nicholas Wilson	113	1994-95	1999-00
Mike Wright	182	1976-77	1992-93	Gareth Herbert	112	1991-92	1998-99
Julie Dean	180	2010-11	2022-23	Philip Davies	111	1992-93	1999-00
Terry Boxall	178	2000	2010-11	Myles Evans	111	1997-98	2001-02
Steve Smith	173	2007-08	2022-23	Pranav Gudipati	111	2015-16	2021-22
Jonathan Phillips	167	1985-86	1995-96	Robert Lemon	109	2001-02	2008-09
Charlie Passmore	166	1975-76	1982-83	Kay Waters	109	1986	1990-91
Dave Richards	166	1989-90	1996-97	Ben Beveridge	108	1996-97	1998-99
Dave Lee	162	1973-74	1980-81	Helen Smith	107	1996-97	2000-01
Derek Cook	161	1973-74	1984	Elena Tant	107	2013-14	2019-20
Bob Keeley	158	1979-80	1991-92	Warren Brooks	106	1996-97	2001-02
William Mitchell	157	1998-99	2005-06	Martin King	106	1982-83	1994
Frazer Harper	156	1998-99	2006-07	Sue Markwell	106	1989-90	1996-97
Clive Perry	154	1995-96	2004-05	Megan Ashfield	105	2011-12	2017-18
Ping-Yau Lee	152	1990-91	1995-96	John Camilleri	105	1996-97	2001-02
Walter Aldridge	151	2002	2021-22	Paul Zeun	105	1996-97	2001-02
Peter Swinn	150	1978-79	1984-85	Emma Thomas	104	1984-85	1988-89

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# Officers of the Club

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## Chairman:

1973-1974 Ian Thompson  
1974-1975 Dave Lee  
1975-1980 Peter Hillier  
1980-1981 Dave Lee  
1981-1987 Frank Earis  
1987-1997 Alec Watson  
1997-2004 Ken Phillips  
2004-2005 Robin Farquhar  
2005-2012 Graham Trimming  
2012- Ken Phillips

## General Secretary:

1973- Graham Trimming

## Treasurer:

1973-1975 Graham Trimming  
1975-1976 Derek Cook  
1976-1977 Gareth Griffiths  
1977-1980 Dave Lee  
1980-2012 Peter Hillier  
2012-2013 Craig Thorne  
2013- Graham Trimming

## Deputy Chairman:

1987-1997 Ken Phillips  
1997-2001 Rhys Evans  
2003-2004 Robin Farquhar  
2004-2019 Sue Hayes  
2019- Elena Tant

## Venue Liaison Administrator/

### Bookings Officer:

1983-1986 Jackie Thomas  
1986-1987 Angela Sanders  
1987-1991 Jackie Thomas  
1991-1992 Jacquie Lovell  
1992-2002 Mike Rhodes  
2002-2004 Sue Hayes  
2004-2006 Anne Farquhar  
2006-2012 Peter Hillier  
2012-2014 Rebecca Hayes  
2014- Elena Tant

## Events Officer:

2004-2008 Catherine Hayes  
2008-2011 Steve Smith  
2011-2012 Terry Boxall  
2012-2013 Steve Smith & Malcolm Makarian  
2013-2014 Malcolm Makarian  
2014-2015 Simon Wilde  
2015-2018 Naomi Hayes  
2018-2020 Julia Piercey  
2021-2022 Steve Piercey

## Coaching Administrator/ Officer:

1984-1986 Rodney Potts  
1986-1993 Ken Phillips  
1993-1996 Richard Ford  
1996-2007 Ken Phillips  
2012- Ken Phillips

## Press Secretary/Public Relations Officer:

1988-1996 Neil Bird  
1996-1999 Steve Joel

## Social Officer:

1996-2010 Jacquie Lovell

## Club Captain:

2000-2001 Brian Furness  
2001-2004 Jeremy Bateman  
2004-2005 Dave Bull  
2005-2006 Paul Baker  
2010-2011 Steve Smith  
2012-2013 Steve Smith

## In addition to those listed as Officers, the following have also been members of the Management Committee at some time over the past fifty years:

Amar Abid-Ali  
Martin Adams  
Christine Bahryj  
Hugh Bartholomew  
Steve Blackmun  
Gemma Chapman  
Roland Clapton  
Steve Crow  
David Daly  
Mike Davis  
Steve Dorrell  
Linda Evans  
Joan Gatley  
Keith Hall  
Lawrence Hammond  
Eddie Herrity  
Elroy Hull  
James Jackman  
Bob Keeley  
Kay Kennedy  
Ping-Yau Lee  
John Lewis  
John Lloyd  
Gareth Lovell  
Bob Milne  
Eddie Mitchell  
Bassam Mocharrافية  
Jonathan Phillips  
Dave Pountney  
John Raemers  
Jimmy Rustumji  
Tom Smillie  
Linda Smith  
Andrew Sullivan  
David Tant  
Sunjay Thakker  
Simon Vine  
David Williams  
Colin Wilson  
Phil Woodhouse



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# Some more photos ...

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Unknown event: (l-r) Alec Watson; Dave Pountney; Eddie Herrity; Steve Dorrell; Graham Trimming; Frank Earis

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Dave Lee (1980)

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Linda Phelps (*Evans*) & Viv McCarthy (1982)

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Steve Kelly (1979)

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Hugh Bartholomew (1983)

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Steve Brindle (1979)

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Roland Clapton (1982)

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Mary Stafford (1985)

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