

Aylesbury Squash Club
Annual General Meeting 2024

Date: 29th August, 7pm in ASC function room next to the bar.

Apologies in advance – Dave Evans, David Tattam, Aidan Turnbull and Darren Franklin.

Presentation by Ollie Field. Presentation available to view [HERE](#)

1. CHAIRMANS UPDATE/ OPENING REMARKS (Ollie Field)

- a. Ollie been chair since April, taking over from Jamie Morgado (5 months).
- b. Ollie's key focus areas – onboard as chairman, action court maintenance and build engagement with key stakeholders across the club.
- c. 293 members in total (40-50 junior members).

2. EGM SPLIT UPDATE (Ollie Field)

- a. Each section (Squash, Tennis, Pavilion) now has its own bank account.
- b. A difference of opinion in March led to Ollie taking over as Chairman, with concerns around if we did split from Tennis being, 1) Additional est. £5k per section in VAT incurred by split, 2) Bar/ Pavilion running costs is viewed as a risk and, 3) No robust plan to maintain clubhouse maintenance.

3. COURT USAGE (Ollie Field)

- a. Noted as a challenge, especially at the end of the month when the Leagues conclude.
- b. Court usage under-utilised later at night, during the day and Saturday/ Sunday.

4. SCOPE OF ADDITIONAL COURT (Ollie Field)

- a. It would be est. 3 years before Squash had enough capital to invest in a new court.
- b. The new court would hypothetically be built next to courts 3 & 4.
- c. Feedback from members has been varied on this topic, and Ollie is seeking additional feedback from members.

5. COURT MAINTENANCE (Ollie Field)

- a. Booked in for November (during half time/ 4-13 November).

6. UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP FEES (Ollie Field)

- a. Change in membership structure – England Squash now charge member directly rather than through the club.
 - b. ASC membership fee has been reduced to offset this cost to members.
 - c. Mandatory for team players to have paid for England Squash membership.
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7. TREASURER UPDATE (Ollie Field on behalf of Darren Franklin)

- a. Darren unavailable – questions/queries to Darren by email (please read full update first)
- b. Improved financial reporting by section, better control over spending
- c. Dedicated current bank account – subs, court income, bills are paid + deposit account
- d. Agreement was reached on apportioning the shared costs e.g. utility costs, cleaning, and assessments
- e. Improved relations between the sections.
- f. Squash specific Profit and Loss Account
- g. 18k profit – Squash – income increased – additional members
- h. Successful exhibition – covered costs – Thanks Tom and team
- i. England Squash changes – members paying, subscription reduction
- j. Tax liability – work nearing completion

- k. Risk around insurance, utility and wages increases absorbed
 - l. Full update here: <https://aylesburysquash.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Squash-AGM-Finance-Update-2024.pdf>
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8. MEN'S TEAM UPDATE (Daniel Robinson)

- a. Successful racketball season, with the new team (Aylesbury Alley Cats) being promoted from Division 2, to Division 1 next year. This means ASC will have x4 teams in Division 1 in the 2024/2025 season. Aylesbury Heat won Division 1 for the third year in a row.
- b. In the upcoming squash season (2024/2025), ASC will have x4 Men's teams and x3 Ladies teams.

9. LADIES SQUASH (Julia Foster)

- a. 70 Ladies members in ASC, with regular coaching on Monday evenings being hosted by a range of coaches.
- b. We have introduced a new Ladies 3rd team for the 2024-2025 season, with fixtures to be played at Rivets.

10. JUNIOR SQUASH (Ollie Field)

- a. 42 junior members at ASC, with est. 28 juniors attend Saturday morning training.
 - b. Overall aim from a financial perspective is to break even, usually increasing costs by 2%-5% YoY.
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11. EVENTS (Ollie Field on behalf of David Tattam)

- a. The following events were run since the last AGM:
 - i. Chairman's Cup
 - ii. Quiz Night x3
 - iii. Club Championships (Squash & Racketball)
 - iv. Pint Dot Tournament
 - v. Professional Exhibition
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12. INTERNAL LEAGUES (James Saker)

- a. There has been just shy of 3,000 league matches played over the past 12 months - which is an average of 250 league match per month.
 - b. This accounts for 23% of court bookings across the club. So the leagues have been both a key driver for engagement and revenue since last August.
 - c. This current month - 137 people are participating in the leagues, which has been consistent throughout the summer period.
 - d. Next month when the squash season returns, there are 157 people signed up to the leagues, which is the same number (plus/ minus a few) as the previous season.
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13. MEMBER QUESTIONS (Hosted by Ollie Field)

- a. Question - Will England Squash membership will be required for the Leagues?
 - i. To be raised in the next committee meeting.
 - b. Question – have we considered renting the court space during the downtime?
 - i. We have previously had yoga/ pilates sessions, but this is something the CTE will consider actioning.
 - c. Question – are we considering extending membership to other clubs?
 - i. Routes have been explored and we're trialling Rivets for ladies fixtures as a first step
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14. RESOLUTION REQUEST

- a. Jamie Morgado put forward a motion to reinstate subsidisation of Chairman's Cup and team squash. For context, the Chairman authorised a £2 increase for these events in July 2024.
 - b. Vote held by raising of hands:
 - i. 9 YES vote (yes we should reinstate subsidising team matches and Chairman's Cup)
 - ii. 13 NO vote (no, we should continue to charge an additional £2 for team matches and Chairman's Cup)
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15. VOTE FOR CHAIR

- a. Both Ollie Field and Jamie Morgado put themselves forward for the position of Chairman. Both read out their manifestos/ what they would focus on if elected.
- b. Vote held by a secret ballot:
 - i. Vote count for Jamie Morgado: 19
 - ii. Votes count for Ollie Field: 44

Items not covered due to time:

- Vote for Treasurer (Darren Franklin: incumbent)
- Vote for Secretary (replace James Saker – no longer secretary from 30/08/24 due to work commitments)