



November / December

Dear Oliver

We hope you will enjoy the break over the festive season, whether it is with family/friends, playing more racketball/squash, or making the most of it being quieter and relaxing.

For awareness, the Squash Courts will be closed on Christmas Day. For bar opening times please see the below opening hours poster, please make sure you get a lift home when having a drink and be respectful to your fellow members.

Please read below for updates and further information that you might find useful.



Aylesbury Tennis and Squash Club 2024



Bar Opening Times

Please see the bar opening times over the festive season.



Club Mornings (Wednesdays 10-11am)



Mince pies and coffee after the Club Morning (Thanks Julia for organising). Club Morning starts back on the 8th of January!

Come and play Squash, Racketball (Squash 57), or both! and stay for a coffee.

Wednesdays 10-11 am, then coffee
Members £3, non-members £6

First taster session free if booked in advance (via Maxine on gm@aylesburysquash.com).
Members book through mmm.

Ladies Christmas Handicapped event



Ladies Christmas Handicapped event last Monday- won by Jasmine, and Elaine won the best festive outfit, thanks to ladies squash team for organising

Red Dot Tournament - 29th December

The clubs annual bouncy ball squash tournament has been scheduled for the 29th of December. Please enter via MMM, events.



Red Dot Tournament: 29-Dec-2024

Open to players of all ability, a handicapp...

A fun 1 day Red dot competition! Come along if you want to burn off some Christmas calories! Players will be handicapped against skill level, so don't worry about your level.

[Enter](#)

X You are not participating in this event

[▶](#) Number of joiners so far: 8

Court 3/4 maintenance completed

Since our last newsletter, court 3/4 maintenance has been completed, this brings the courts in line with all the others and now offers an excellent playing surface to our members and for events. Please help us keep the courts nice by using the right equipment!



Guest booking

The screenshot shows a mobile booking interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the text "Booking time: Fri 20-Dec, 13:55" and a close button (X). Below this is a yellow box with "Aylesbury Squash Club" and "Duration: 45 mins". A pink box contains "Booking court: S3" and "Maximum bookings you can have outstanding like this: 3". A light blue box has a label "Guests (GBP 5.00 each)" and a dropdown menu currently set to "None". At the bottom, there is a grey bar with the text "Hit confirm to set the booking" and a blue "Confirm" button.

We do encourage our members to invite others to come and experience the sport, members inviting family/friends and work colleagues is a great way to expand the sport. We encourage people to use the right ball (red for beginners) and ensure people have the correct equipment (non-marking indoor shoes, no old/flakey grips please!)

All members can bring someone **twice** for free (let Maxine know in advance) but after this members should use the guest booking option, or ideally they become members so they can enjoy playing with others, join the leagues and club night.

Using the correct shoes and equipment

Please see the below poster around using the correct equipment as a refresher, please share this with any guests coming to the club.



At Aylesbury squash club we pride ourselves in having the best courts available to our members and a safe environment. We spend thousands in maintaining our facilities.



**Have your shoes been used outside?
Are you not sure if your shoes are non-marking?
Is your grip damaged/flaking off?**

If you answered **YES** to **ANY** of these, please **DO NOT use the courts**. Please arrange to come back when you have the correct equipment.

How to check your equipment?



**Non Marking
Wording on
Base** – The words non marking will be written on the base or edge of the shoe.



Paper Test – White paper on a hard surface, rub the shoe. If rubber/marks show and marks the shoes should not be used on court.

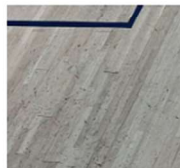


Dirty Soles – Shoes used outside contain stones and dirt these mark the courts and should not be used.

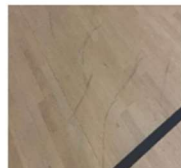


Perished Grip – if the grip is old/flaky, do not use and re-grip before going on court.

Black soles – Black soles used outside cause the most damage and are more likely to damage the courts. These should be **triple checked**.



Damaged caused by old flaking grip at the club.



Damaged caused by marking shoes used on court.

Oliver Field – Squash Club Chair
Maxine Major – Squash Administrator

Using the invite system for Squash/Racketball League games

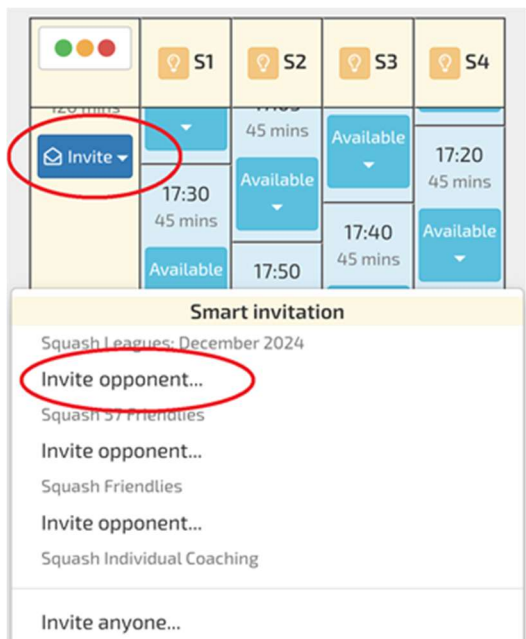
- Having trouble getting games scheduled?
- Do you have to message people individually to arrange games?
- Are you getting court cancellation fees due to no opponent?

If so you should be using smart invitations via MMM. This offers several slots to multiple players (your league for example) who can pick a time within the range you selected.

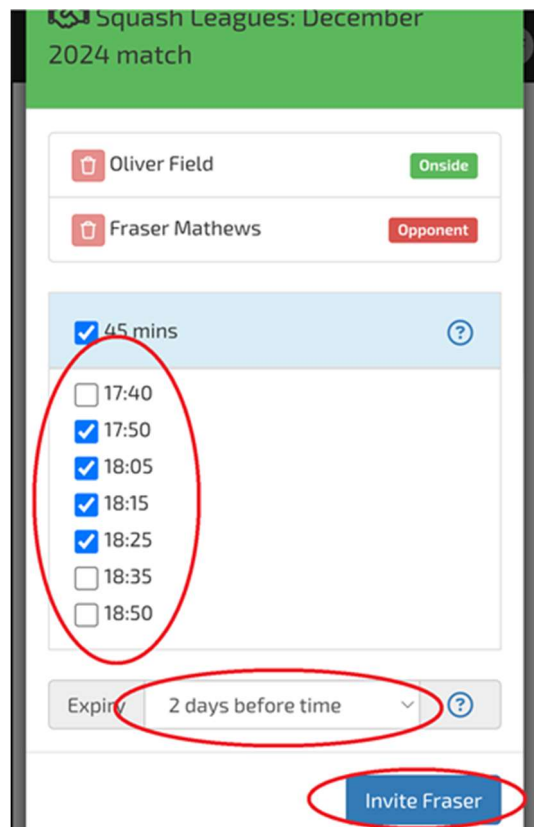
The majority of leagues now use this system and the more players who do the more successful and easier it will be for everyone.

See instructions below:-

Creating and Sending Invites



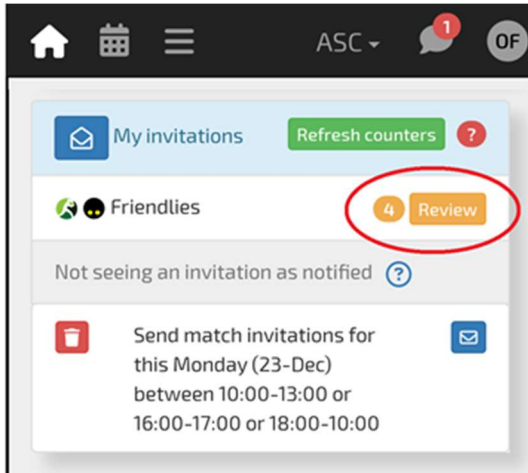
Instead of booking courts directly, click the blue Invite button on the left-hand side, then choose the group of players you would like to invite. We recommend inviting all your league players as this means it is much more likely to be taken up.



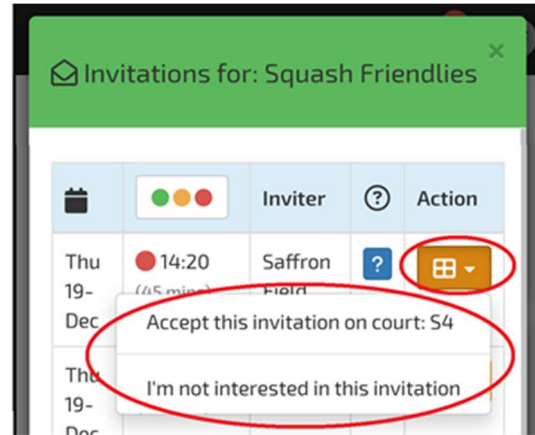
Pick the time slots that suit, we recommend you choosing multiple to ensure your opponent has a range to choose from, they could be working late or finish early that day and able/not able to play at certain times. The button will

say invite all if multiple opponents selected (recommended)

Viewing and Accepting Invites



On the home page, please scroll down and you will see "My Invitations". this contains both invites you have sent and invites you have received. Make sure to look out early in the month. Then press the Review button.



Scroll down, choose an invite to accept using the yellow "squares" button, then click Accept. All done!

Junior Squash



Our Junior squash section has over 20-30 juniors ranging from 7 to 16 years olds training on Saturdays between 9-11 am. We have a few slots available (beginners 7-11 year old), please contact Maxine and the Junior squash team for further details at gm@alylesburysquash.com.

If other age/ability players are looking to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact us as there are other events, training and game sessions that also run at the club.

Have your say...

We are keen to get feedback from our members on what matters to them the most. So if members could please submit feedback via the below link this would be appreciated, this can be longer-term things, things that can be done right away, or things you would like discussed at the next committee meetings:-



<https://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/vprujdj>

Chairmans Cup Friday Evenings September - April

Chairmans Cup is all up and running with teams selected, it is played on Friday evenings from 7pm.

If you didn't manage to make a team or event it is not too late as you can be a reserve, please put your name on the Events board so the captains can see who to call on if they are short.

Please see below for updated results as of December 2024.

	Rankings	Score	Matches played
1	Dragons	40	3
2	Lions	30	2
3	Hawks	28	2
4	Vikings	26	2
5	Tigers	23	2
5=	Eagles	23	3

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Team Squash - to May 25

The Team squash season has started and we would like to see the club supporting our home teams by coming to support. It is also a great way to see some of the best players in Bucks on the court battling it out.

Please see the schedule below (and at the club) for the nights the teams play in 2025.

Good luck to the teams.

Bucks Men's Home Fixtures 25

Against	Date	Team	Division
Wycombe	14/01/2025	Vipers	Div 2
Beaconsfield Trojans	15/01/2025	1sts	Div 1
Rivets	23/01/2025	Pirates	Div 3
Beaconsfield	28/01/2025	Vipers	Div 2
Tring	29/01/2025	1sts	Div 1
USRC	06/02/2025	Pirates	Div 3
Chesham 1879	11/02/2025	Titans	Div 2
Gerrards Cross	12/02/2025	1sts	Div 1
Aylesbury Vipers	18/02/2025	Titans	Div 2
Beaconsfield Tigers	20/02/2025	Pirates	Div 3
Berkhamsted	11/03/2025	Vipers	Div 2
Holmer Green	25/03/2025	Vipers	Div 2
Wycombe	27/03/2025	Pirates	Div 3
Beaconsfield	01/04/2025	Titans	Div 2
Holmer Green	02/04/2025	1sts	Div 1

Bucks Women's Home Fixtures 25

Against	Date	Team	Division
Wycombe Finches	13/01/2025	1sts	Div 1
Chesham 1879 Kites	20/01/2025	2nds	Div 2
Tring	03/02/2025	1sts	Div 1
Beaconsfield Bees	03/02/2025	3rds	Div 3
Wendover	10/02/2025	2nds	Div 2
Wycombe Nightingales	03/03/2025	1sts	Div 1
Wycombe Robins	03/03/2025	2nds	Div 2
Chesham 1879 Lush	10/03/2025	3rds	Div 3

Feel free to read on and see below for previous information sent, that you might have missed.

Have a good break and see you in the new year.

Oliver (Squash Chair), Maxine and the Committee

Club Mornings - Squash/Racketball (Squash 57)

Aylesbury Squash Club are pleased to announce the launch of Club Mornings.

Starting Late October/November
Come and play Squash, Racketball (Squash 57), or both! and stay for a coffee.

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CLUB MORNINGS

EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING 30TH OCTOBER



PLAY SQUASH, RACKETBALL, OR BOTH! FRIENDLY MIXED GROUP MATCHPLAY, AND COFFEE

POTENTIAL MONTHLY COACHED SESSION WEDNESDAYS 10-11AM, THEN COFFEE

MEMBERS £3, NON-MEMBERS £6
FIRST TASTER SESSION FREE IF BOOKED 48 HRS IN ADVANCE.
MEMBERS BOOK THROUGH MMM

CONTACT MAXINE FOR DETAILS AND NON-MEMBERS BOOKING: gm@aylesburysquash.com or 01296 398230

 **AYLESBURY SQUASH CLUB**

Squash Courts - Keep them nice and be hygienic....



If you have an injury, please come straight off the squash court and seek first aid. Only play on if safe to do so and the bleeding has stopped and is covered with a plaster or dressing. Do not wipe blood on any surface area. If blood gets on the wooden floor please just dab any excess off and avoid spreading/wiping it. Please also let the club know and complete the incident book by the kitchen.

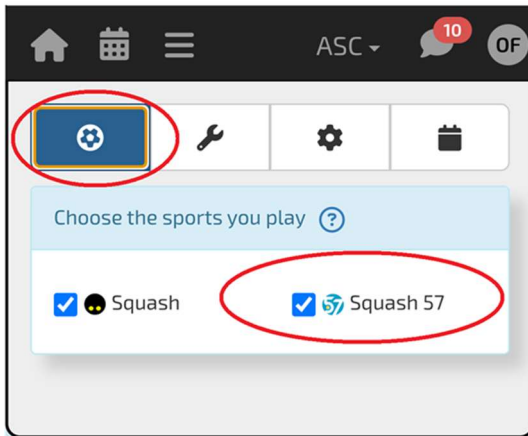
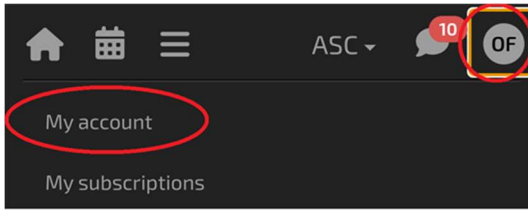
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Data Protection Officer - Keith Cottenden

We're excited to welcome Keith Cottenden as our new Data Protection Officer at the squash club, ensuring the highest standards of privacy and security for all our members.

Thanks Keith for joining the team!





Subscribing to see Racketball (Squash 57) events.

A couple of members asked why they could not see the Racketball (Squash 57) leagues and events. Please see the picture to the right on how to subscribe to the sport and see events, competitions and options for arranging games.

England Squash - Membership Changes

England Squash membership is changing, members will need to purchase a membership from England Squash directly. A typical squash/racketball player will subscribe to "JUST PLAY - £15 per year".

Benefits include: -

Public liability and personal accident cover, eligibility to play for County Leagues and Events, England Squash competitions and Events. Discount at PDH Sports, Squash Player Magazine, Plus, much more.

[England Squash - Your New Membership](#)



	Per Month
Adult	£15
Senior	£15
Family	£33
Midweek	£9
Student	£9
Junior	£5
Parent of Junior	£7
Blue Light	£11
Country	£7
Combined	£12
Married / Cohab	£26

Squash Club Membership

To account for the England Squash change in membership, we will be rolling back/reducing membership from September 2024.

Please see monthly cost for each membership:-

Fire Exits

Please can members ensure they keep fire exits closed. There have been occasions when the club is not open to non-members and members have left and not closed the fire exits.



Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help support Squash and Racketball. We have a mixture of people who assist us, from ad-hoc volunteers, regular volunteers and committee members who also invest a significant amount of time supporting the

club.

If you are interested in supporting the club in an area you enjoy, please get in contact with a committee member.

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with the below element and would appreciate everyone spreading the word:-

**Social Media and Marketing
Sponsorship Coordinator**

Junior Squash

Aylesbury has 20-30 juniors who attend our Saturday junior squash each week ranging from 5 to 16 years old.

The majority of juniors are members of the club and several of the advanced juniors integrate with adult club players and play in the mixed leagues.

Please contact us via gm@aylesburysquash.com or/or subscribe to our mailing list for further information:

<https://www.aylesburysquash.com/jss>

Safeguarding

Contact Details for the ATSC Safeguarding/ Welfare Team:

safeguarding@aylesburysquash.com

More information at:

<https://aylesburysquash.com/safeguarding/>
