



March, April & May Update

Dear Squash and Racketball Members,

It has been a really busy few months, courts 1 & 2 have been refurbished and floors repaired, the Team Squash season has finished, racketball team squash has now kicked off, we have had a fantastic exhibition event, chaimans cup came to a close and we have had the main club squash championships!

Please see below for a roundup of all the events, and also general news you need to be aware of.

2025 - Club Championships



Thank you to everyone who took part in the April 2025 Club Championships!

We saw some fantastic matches throughout the weekend in the run-up to the finals on

Sunday. Everyone who competed gave it their all and should be proud of their performance.

A big thank you to **Alexandra and David** for their excellent organisation, with support from others behind the scenes—it all ran smoothly thanks to your efforts.

We'd also like to thank everyone who came along to support, especially those who turned out to watch the finals on Sunday—your enthusiasm added to the atmosphere and meant a lot to the players.

For a full rundown of the winners, please see the photos below!



Open Final - Special congratulations to Paul Warner, who secured his place on the board by claiming the biggest trophy of the day. Hugh Perks put in a valiant effort to reach the final—and finished in a very respectable runner up.



Ladies Open - Chloe Foster took the main Ladies Trophy home after winning against a sterling effort from Harriet Hill in the final, well done both of you.



Open Plate - A big well done to Chris Inskip, who was our plate winner and well

done to Ben Boulter who came runner-up.



Clubmans - James Gasson spun his way to the final and won the Clubmans in an intense final with Dan Kerr. Well done both, a really exciting match to watch.



Wayfarers - Zack Gasson powered his way to winning the Wayfarers on the night, with Matthew Tattam as runner up. Well done both getting through some tough games to get to the final.



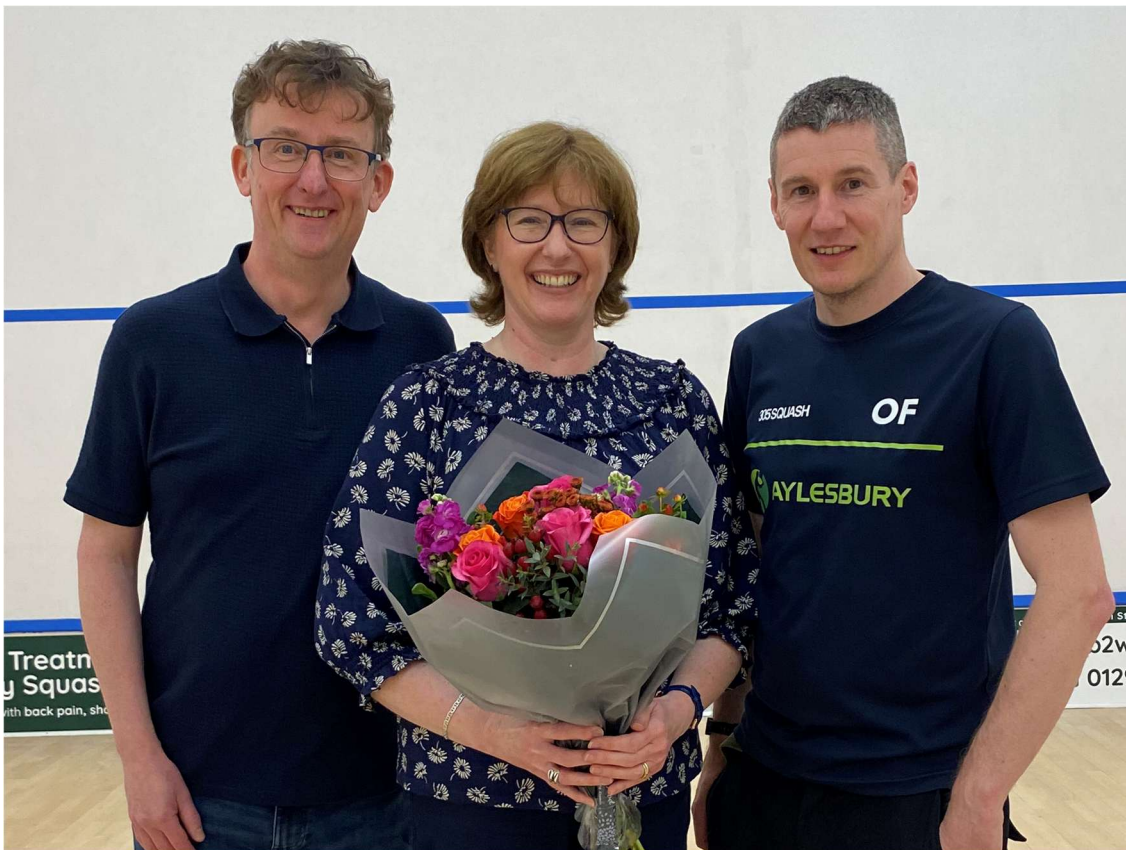
Ladies Trailblazers - Adele Green became the Ladies Trailblazers winner, Jasmine Field was the runner up on the evening, a thrilling match to watch by all accounts.



Wanderers - Well done to Jasmine Field, who managed to battle on the day to get a trophy. Martin Campell was runner up and played excellently throughout the tournament.

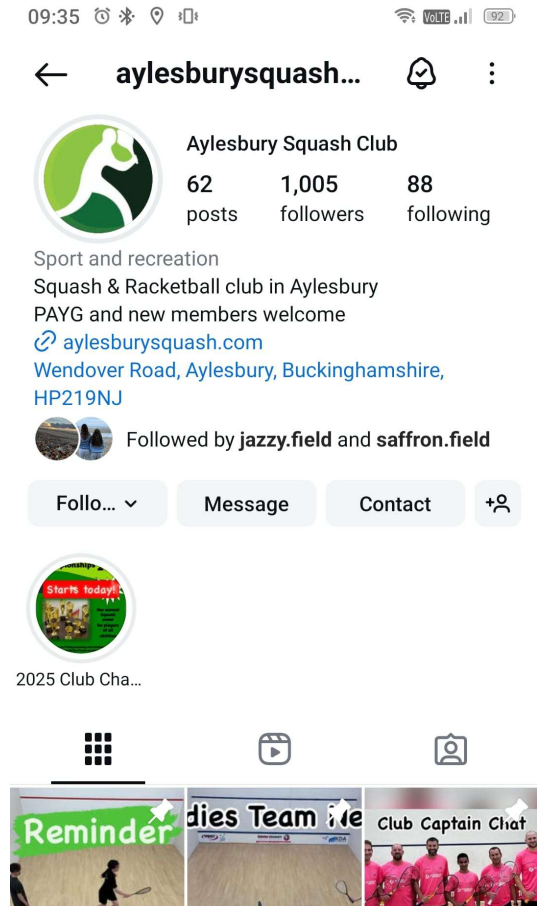


Ladies Pathfinders - Well done to Lucy Parker who won the final of the Ladies Pathfinders, a great effort, and to Lavinia Tustiu who fought well on the day to come runner up.



A big thank you to **Alexandra and David** for their excellent organisation, and thanks to Kish for arranging the lovely flowers. (Right Oliver Field - Squash Chair).

Social Media - Instagram and Facebook



Stay up to date with the latest news, match results, and events from Aylesbury Squash Club by following us on social media using the links below:



Follow, like, and share to help grow the community and stay in the loop with everything happening at the club — from match highlights to behind-the-scenes moments!

If you'd prefer not to appear in any photos or videos, just let us know and we'll respect your wishes.

Thanks to Alexandra for all your fantastic support in making this happen!

Leagues - Thankyou to.....

I would like to thank Maxine and our Volunteers, John Gilmore and Johnny Williams for working together to take over our League administration function.

Thanks also goes to James Saker who did a great job administering our leagues over the last few years. Thanks James.



Maxine - Also our main contact for all enquiries, membership, issues or general information. Thanks Maxine



John - Has assisted the club in a number of roles throughout the years. Thanks John



James - Right Hand Side! Maintained all of our Leagues over the last few years, and supported the committee previously, thanks James.



Johnny - No fear Johnny jumped in head first to assist and it is great to have him on board.

Treasurer Updates



Isabella - thank you to Isabella for volunteering as Squash Treasurer. She's done an excellent job managing the squash finances since taking over, providing valuable support to the committee, and also playing a key role in supporting the ladies squash section. Your dedication has made a real difference—thank you, Isabella!

Keith Dale - thank you to Keith Dale, who has kindly stepped up to support the club as our new Club Treasurer. Your help with managing the club's finances across squash, tennis and the bar, is greatly appreciated—thank you, Keith!



Darren Franklin - thank you to Darren, who will be stepping down from his role as Club Treasurer. Darren has done a fantastic job during his time in the role—particularly with handling the historical VAT returns, setting up the squash section's finances and accounts, and bringing much-needed stability to the club's financial management. We're incredibly grateful for all his hard work and dedication. Thank you, Darren!



2025 Chairmans Cup Final



After all the battling for the last 6 months, the Vikings (Oliver Field, Martin Borden, Isaac Forward, Safron Field and Jasmine Field) won the final event to get their name on the famous cup. Well done to Bop Mistry, Joshua, James, Zack Gasson and Keith Dale for getting to the final and trying your best.

It was great to see other teams turn up on the finals night, this really created a good atmosphere.

Thanks to David and Alexandra for organising.

Subscriptions from 1st September 2025

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Adult	£15.75
Senior	£15.75
Family	£34.50
Midweek	£9.50
Student	£9.50
Junior	£5.25
Parent of Junior	£7.50
Blue Light	£11.50
County	£7.50
Combined	£13.00

To ensure the club can keep up with rising annual costs, subscriptions will increase from 1st September 2025. This change will help us continue to provide excellent facilities for players and allow us to invest in further improvements to the club.

Aylesbury Squash Club - Squash Exhibition

The evening kicked off at 6:30pm with a buzzing bar, flowing drinks, and the mouthwatering aroma of Dave Berry's legendary food. Before the main matches, our visiting professionals took time to hit on the court with some of our juniors—an inspiring moment for the youngsters and a great way to start the night.

Raffle tickets were snapped up as guests then headed to Court 1 for the action. Pro vs Club matches saw Paul Warner face Youssef Ibrahim and Dan Desousa take on Mohamed El Shorbagy—two excellent and eventful matches.



Youssef Ibrahim & Paul Warner



Dan Desousa and Mohamed El Shorbagy

The main event followed: Ibrahim vs El Shorbagy in a high-octane clash that lived up to the hype. The night wrapped up with more laughs, raffle prizes, and a packed bar.

Thanks to everyone who made it special and thanks to all the volunteers who supported

bringing the event to the club: Tom, both Simons, Isabella/Darren, Jamie. Not to forget our Sponsors Milwaukee, SNL & Bees Knees.

Courts 1 and 2 refurbishment

You will be pleased to see courts 1 and 2 have had a full refurbishment, including the replacements of split boards on court 2 floor.



Team Squash - end of season



It's been a great year for Aylesbury teams in the Bucks county leagues. The Vipers, captained by the undefeated Jamie Morgado, won Division 2. A season highlight was the intense Aylesbury derby between the Pirates and Rivets. Despite losing key players, the first team put up a strong fight and finished mid-table. Thanks go to all players and supporters for their contributions.

Ladies Team Squash - end of season



With growing interest in ladies squash at the club, three teams competed this season—one in each division. The first team, newly promoted to Division 1, faced strong competition and gained valuable experience. The second team, promoted to Division 2, had a successful season and finished second. A newly formed third team, made up mostly of first-time players, also finished second, gaining confidence and forming strong team bonds, ending the season with a celebratory meal.

Bucks County Racketball Championships

BUCKS COUNTY RACKETBALL CHAMPS 2025

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST-EVER BUCKS COUNTY RACKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BEACONSFIELD SQUASH CLUB ON JUNE 14TH-15TH! WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PLAYER OR JUST GETTING STARTED, THIS FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT WELCOMES ALL SKILL LEVELS FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN COMPETITION AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. ENTER NOW!

DATE: 14TH - 15TH JUNE 2025

VENUE: BEACONSFIELD SQUASH CLUB

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY 2ND JUNE

ENTRY FEE: £20

OPEN: A AND B GRADE

WOMEN'S: WOMENS OPEN GRADE

SOCIAL: OPTIONAL CURRY SATURDAY EVENING

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER



TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: ANDY LONGMAN
LONGMANSPORTS@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

This year's Racketball County Championship is just around the corner and will be held at Beaconsfield. We'd love to see Mylesbury members take part!

June 14–15, 2025

£20 entry fee

Open to all levels—competitive or casual! Players are grouped by ability for fun, fair matches.

[Register here](#). Payment via Stripe; refundable before draw publication.

Questions? Contact Andy Longman:

07977 535916

longmansports@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks again for reading the newsletter,

Thanks
Oliver, Maxine and the Committee

PS. Please read on for previous articles sent out you might have missed.



Let or Stroke?

A significant challenge with playing Squash is Lets and Strokes. Fitness, shot quality, standard of play, and eyesight can really impact the outcome/decision, all of which are quite subjective.

Even with a referee it's tricky, just take for example the recent game where Mark Murray was marking James Saker for our 2nd team match with Berkhamsted.....yep, it was a stroke Mark! James took it extremely well on court, a testament to the club.

Here are some tips:-

LET BALL
(Play point again)

· followthrough risk hitting

Was your backswing or followthrough excessive and you hit your opponent e.g. for example swinging across your body to the other side

STROKE AWAY
(Point to opponent)

Were you prevented from taking the ball early?
Was the opponent in the way but then got out of the way?

LET BALL
(Play point again)

Would the ball hit the opponent on the way to the side wall (and then would have made the front wall)?

LET BALL
(Play point again)

Would the ball hit the opponent directly on the way to the front wall?

STROKE
(point to you)

And if all else fails:-

Not sure of the rules, whether the ball was in/our
or disagree?

LET BALL
(Play point again)

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.

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

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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**

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



Guest booking

Booking time: Fri 20-Dec, 13:55

Aylesbury Squash Club
Duration: 45 mins

Booking court: S3
Maximum bookings you can have outstanding like this: 3

Guests (GBP 5.00 each) None

Hit confirm to set the booking

Confirm

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.

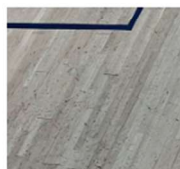


Dirty Soles – Shoes used outside contain stones and dirt these mark the courts and should not be used.



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

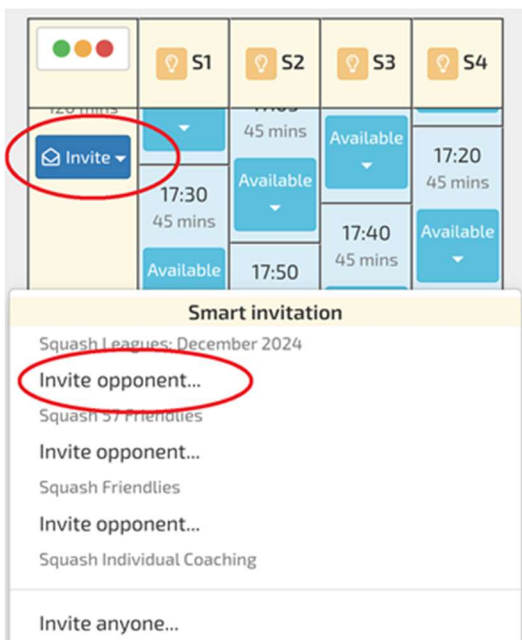
- Having trouble getting games scheduled?
- Do you have to message people individually to arrange games?
- Are you getting court cancellation fees due to no opponent?

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.

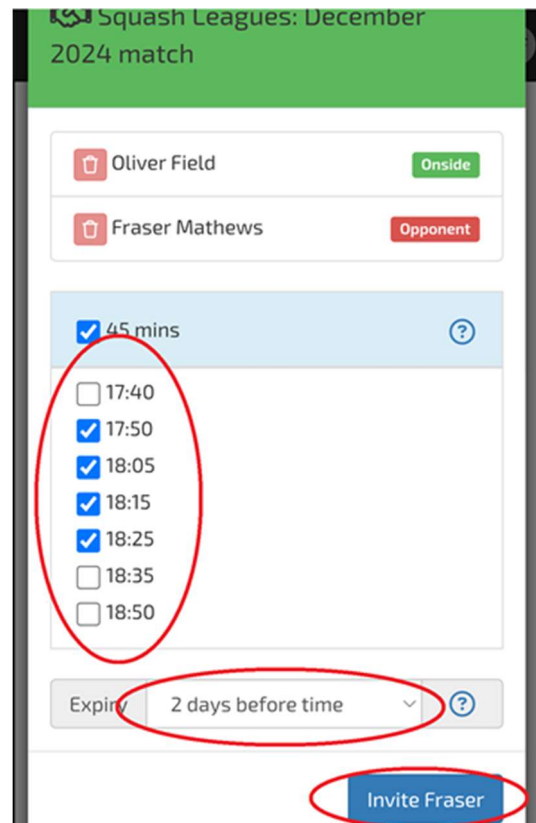
The majority of leagues now use this system and the more players who do the more successful and easier it will be for everyone.

See instructions below:-

Creating and Sending Invites

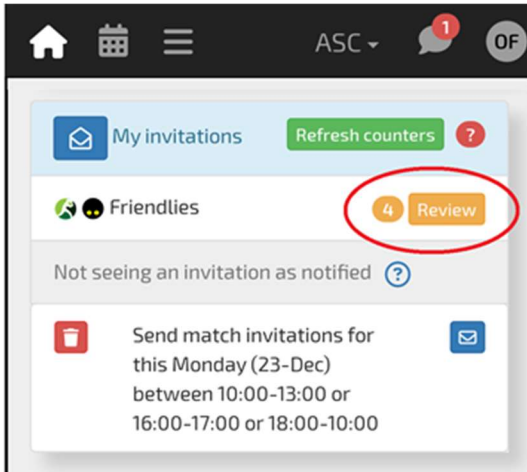


Instead of booking courts directly, click the blue Invite button on the left-hand side, then choose the group of players you would like to invite. We recommend inviting all your league players as this means it is much more likely to be taken up.

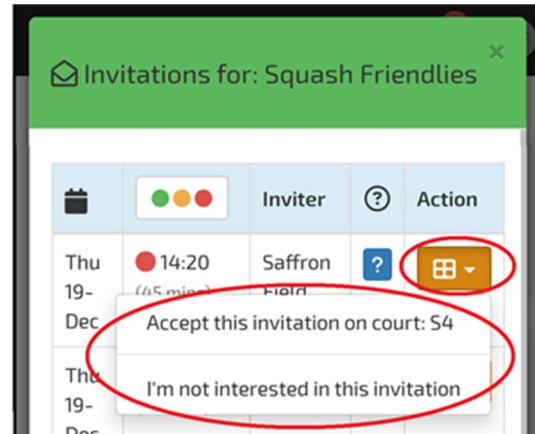


Pick the time slots that suit, we recommend you choosing multiple to ensure your opponent has a range to choose from, they could be working late or finish early that day and able/not able to play at certain times. The button will say invite all if multiple opponents selected (recommended)

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.

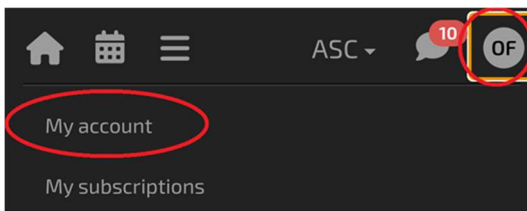
If other age/ability players are looking to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact us as there are other events, training and game sessions that also run at the club.

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



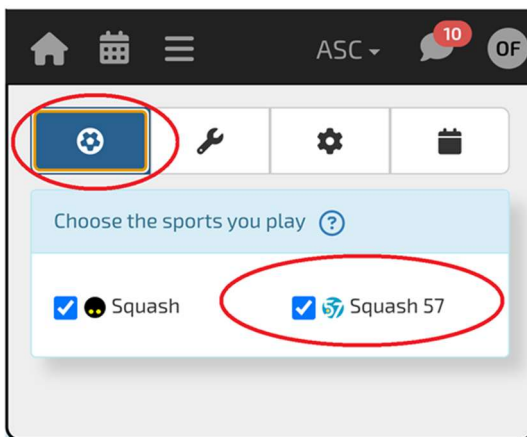
If you have an injury, please come straight off the squash court and seek first aid. Only play on if safe to do so and the bleeding has stopped and is covered with a plaster or dressing. Do not wipe blood on any surface area. If blood gets on the wooden floor please just dab any excess off and avoid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

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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/racquetball 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](#)



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.





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!

dpo@aylesburysquash.com

Safeguarding Officer - Catherine Forward

We're pleased to welcome Catherine Forward as our new Safeguarding Officer. Based in Aylesbury, Catherine is a nurse educator with a safeguarding background who is also experienced with working with children and young people.

safeguarding@aylesburysquash.com



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:-

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/>

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