

Aylesbury Squash Club

Agenda Committee Meeting Tuesday 26th May 2026, 7pm Aylesbury Squash and Tennis Club.

Members		
Oliver Field	Chair	OF
Bop Mistry	Finance	BM
Maxine Major	Administrator	MM
David Tattam	Events	DT
Alexandra Tattam	Ladies lead/Social Media	AT
Elaine Sidhu	Secretary	ES
Catherine Forward	Safeguarding	CF
Daniel Robinson	Team and Events	DR
Keith Cottenden	Data Protection Officer	KC

	Item	Action
1. 1	Welcome	
2.	Apologies Maxine Major and Keith Cottenden Absent Daniel Robinson Declaration of interests (in the agenda) None declared	
3.	Approve Minutes of Last Meetings Approved	
4.	Actions arising from last meeting Complete. KC to update outstanding actions	DC

5.	General Club Update to include, membership, ladies, teams, events <u>Chairs report: OF</u> Reporting Period: December 2025 – May 2026 Last formal meeting: December (AGM) Current Membership: 290 members. This fantastic milestone is due to the tireless hard work of Maxine in proactively converting enquiries and tackling non-members not being booked as guests, alongside her work registering juniors with Saffron. 1. Court & Maintenance Issues (Critical Updates) ● Court 2 Water Ingress & Drainage: Water ingress remains an ongoing issue affecting Court 2. We have received no reply or follow-up from the drainage company. Furthermore, the French drain is currently not being kept clear by the grounds maintenance team. The Squash Chair is currently keeping this clear manually, but the committee notes this is not sustainable in the longer term. ● Court 1 Leak: A leak occurred again on Court 1 recently. This is the first time this has happened in several months following previous repairs, despite multiple heavy rainfalls before and since. It is possible this only happens on rare occasions when wind and rainwater fall in a specific direction. We will continue to closely monitor the situation. ● Courts 3 & 4 Scheduled Maintenance: We have successfully booked in regular court maintenance and out-of-court area work for Courts 3 and 4, scheduled to take place this coming August/September. ● Service Line Replacements: The court maintenance company came down to the club in January to fully replace the service lines for us, keeping the playing areas sharp and clear. 2. Facilities & Infrastructure Upgrades ● Ladies Toilets Refurbishment: The ladies' toilets have been completely refurbished. Sincere thanks to Alexandra, Maxine, and Simon for driving this project through to completion. A point was raised that the club really needs a disabled toilet. Legislation is also saying there should be a gender neutral toilet as well. It was agreed to push this up to the main committee as not down to squash alone. Max to check if we have any known transgender members ● Project Governance Note: Going forward it is important to have a formal meeting before any future club development and infrastructure projects to ensure clarity and formal definition around individual responsibilities . ● Club Wi-Fi & Internet Upgrade: We have successfully upgraded the club's internet infrastructure. Members can now access 'ClubWiFi' (no password required) in the squash corridors. Crucially, this upgrade provides a highly stable network to support the upcoming integration of our court lighting and heating systems. ● Bar Area: A brand-new dartboard has been installed in the bar area for casual use, with playing equipment available to borrow from the bar. Thanks to Maxine/Simon for organising this. 4. Junior Squash ● Membership Milestone: The junior section is doing phenomenally well. Crucially, all bar one junior is now a formal member of the club, representing a massive win for junior integration and retention. ● Participation: Saturday morning sessions are thriving, with 20 to 30 young players (ages 5 to 16) hitting the courts weekly.	OF
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- **New Initiatives:**

- A new **Early Starters Group** (specifically for 5 to 8-year-olds) has been launched to introduce the youngest players to the sport.
- Dedicated **Junior Squash Leagues** have been launched to give younger players a friendly pathway into competitive match play.

- **Volunteer Thanks:** Thanks to Saffron for on-court coordination and working alongside Maxine on junior enquiries, memberships, and payments. Thanks also to the Gassons and Jasmine for their consistent weekly volunteering.

Formal thanks was given to Safron for all her work around junior squash

5. Squash Leagues & Team Performance

- **Bucks League 1 Champions:** Huge congratulations to our First Team (captained by Jack Togneri, alongside Dan Desousa, Hugh Perks, Will Longman, Ciaran Sidhu, James Kettle, and Johnny Williams) who officially finished top of the table to secure the Bucks Squash League 1 title.
- **Internal Club Leagues:** A massive thank you to Johnny Williams for his excellent work managing the club leagues up to this point. While a new league administrator is transitioning in, we are actively looking to build a wider administrative team to share the load.

The need for extra help around the club was discussed. There was a suggestion for a volunteer day so we can get club members doing jobs and then and then feed them.

Events Update May 2026: DT

The events rolling Calendar was set out with timings of events. A poster of the main events in the next few months is posted around the club.

Event	Dates	Status
Chairmans Cup (Squash)	Oct – March	Completed for 25/26 (DT)
Squash Doubles	6 Dec 2025	Completed (DDS)
Pink/Red dot	28 Dec 2025	28 Dec 2025 (SD)
Quiz night	31 Jan 2026	Completed (AT & DT)
Level up cup	28 Feb 2026	Cancelled
Exhibition Match	21 March 2026	Completed (TP)
Racketball Doubles	16 May 2026	Completed (DDS)
Club Championship (Squash)	17 – 19 April 2026	Completed (Jack T / Chloe F)
Club Championship (Racketball)	11-12 July 2026	In diary (DDS)

There are four committee members for events David Tattam, Alexandra Tattam, Dan Robinson and Dan Desousa. In addition an expanding group of helpers.

Chairman's Cup – D Tattam

Chairmans cup had 5 teams this year and ran from September to March. This year both “home” and “away” legs were played so teams met each other twice during the season – this worked well for five teams and feedback was that players enjoyed the increased number of games. The “double header” events were very popular with the two home teams sharing the cooking. A good few birthday celebrations (and cakes!) were included in the Friday matches. The finals night was also a double header with a play off for 3rd and 4th. The winners were

the Vikings with the Dragons coming second. This is a well-loved event with all participants giving very good feedback, and those who hadn't entered asking to be reminded to sign up next year!

Squash Doubles – Dan Desousa

A 1-day event enjoyed by 8 teams of 2, who were the more advanced players across the club. Everyone enjoyed the format as it gave all the teams competitive matches to play and to watch. Enjoyed by those who entered Tom Phipps and Dave Herron won.

Pink / Red Dot – Simon Dennis

This one-day event just after Christmas was popular with 22 entrants and took 6 hours to complete the round-robin games. With the number of entrants this could have been run as 4 groups not 2 as everyone ended up playing a lot of games which proved too much. Handicaps seemed pretty accurate although I think in the B Group there was some disparity which meant some one-sided matches. All in all was a good day and I think everyone enjoyed it.

Aylesbury Open Squash (CM Stingers via Jamie Morgardo)

On Sat 24th Jan Aylesbury hosted an open event which saw players from all around the country enter various grades of tournaments. Around 60 people entered the event which saw the club packed for the whole day. Dave Berry put on food over lunch time which was well received, but there was an opportunity to make an all-day offering giving the number of visitors. A well received event, good footfall in the club and we hope to host again next year.

Quiz Night- David and Alexandra Tattam

David and Alexandra ran a successful quiz night with all of the tables filled at the club with over 70 quizzers. The 8-round quiz with spot prizes was enjoyed by all and the bar had a successful night too. Feedback was extremely positive and this was a fantastic event as it brought so many people together – squash members, tennis members and friends. There were also quite a few new members and this was a good way to introduce them to the club.

ES formally congratulated David and Alex on the quiz event which was so well organised and had plenty of lovely snacks

Level up cup

Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to low numbers of participants. Event was hoping to include those who wouldn't naturally enter tournaments and so in future the ways of encouraging people to sign-up need to be improved.

Exhibition match – Tom Phipps

World top-tens players Mohamed ElShorbagy and Karim Gawad paid a visit to the club for another fantastic evening arranged by Tom Phipps, the committee, the coaches, compere David Evans, the pavilion and bar team, and Dave and Jaine Berry for the food. Great support from our sponsors (including SLN Aylesbury and Milwaukee tools, and Redbull). A sell-out night, with a good few from nearby clubs who got to see our great facilities.

DT to link in with Jamie re date of next year's show tournament

Racketball Doubles - Dan Desousa

One day event with 9 teams of 2. Better mix of abilities and more balanced than squash doubles. Format was same as squash doubles, and worked well to give a decent amount of match time and complete it in one day. Format will always be adjusted based on number of entries across 1-day events, to balance playing time and abilities. Was kept social and fun, everyone enjoyed watching the finals as well as playing. Tom Phipps and Paul Strong took won.

Club Championships – Jack Togneri and Chloe Foster

Great weekend of squash and people enjoyed some of the matchups that were drawn. There were 32 in the main and 9 in the ladies. The matches were played on Saturday and Sunday with Friday not being needed as there were fewer entrants than previous years

DT

(2025 had 59 in total , 14 ladies). With the lower number entrants some of the draws had a very low number of players. There was some confusion around the boundaries for some of the draws.

This year Sport HQ and score squash apps were used to track the results during the weekend. This simplified the production of draws and tracking for the matches where this was used.

Both days of the tournament was held across went pretty smoothly with the finals held on the Sunday evening, results below.

Main open : Hugh perks (runner-up Ciaran Sidhu)

Ladies open: Chloe foster (runner-up Harriet Hill)

Main Plate: Dan Robinson (runner-up Isaac Forward)

Ladies trailblazers: Emily Bissex (runner-up Julia Foster)

Clubman's : Dan Pearce (runner-up Robert Kidd)

Wayfarers : Henry Braathen (runner-up Darren Franklin)

Wanderers : Emily Bissex (runner-up Julia Foster)

Ladies pathfinders : Katherine Lett (runner-up Lorna Bissex)

Discussion was held re how club champs should be run and also how to manage the welfare of people who play. There is a need for a Code of Conduct for events

Could pay someone to organise events as an option We do already have an events checklist. It was questioned if we should not let events go ahead if this is not completed . It was agreed to update this and to include how to do the grading levels.

Need a lead person for each event who will make the final decision

[Ladies and Social media update AT](#)

Ladies Toilets Refurbishment

- Asked to Project Manage the ladies toilet refurbishment
- Completed October 2025 to January 2026
- Upgrade from 1 cubicle to 2
- Feedback from members and visitors has been positive
- Men's toilet flooring also replaced

Ladies

Summary since October 2025

- Dec 2025 Ladies Christmas Social organised
 - Brilliant turnout. Fun tournament (SF) and awards given out. Lovely get-together over pizza and drinks. Great mix, including ladies not currently playing and those who don't attend coaching.
- 2026 Focus on Promotion of Ladies Monday sessions
 - Dedicated ladies email account set up for direct correspondence – ladies@aylesburysquash.com
 - Designed Poster - advertised within the club, on socials and online groups
 - 2 free trial sessions organised. Feb was oversubscribed so held another in April
 - 4 new starters and 3 others who are hoping to join
 - New members information document created along with SF.
 - Ladies group has increased and more consistent attendance at Monday sessions
- A grant from Bucks Squash funded the trial sessions. Bucks squash very happy with how the grant was used. (BM to complete transfer)
- County Squash
 - Hosted a Women's Afternoon for squash players across the county
 - Organised the end of season Bucks Women's league awards.
- Teams End of Season update

	○ Cedars team came a very close second place in Division 2, missing out by only 3 points. Jasmine Field was joint top player and won the Most Improved award. ○ Rowans team finished at the bottom of Division 3 but had good games and the players new to team squash got great experience which is what the development division is all about. The team were unanimously voted Top Hosts of the division. ● Ladies group has increased with new members. This season there was great participation from ladies in the Chairman's Cup but fewer entrants in the Club Champs. Alex to contact Simon Townsend so she is aware when new ladies join It was agreed that if ladies need some money to promote something, as long as Bop and Ollie say ok – then it will be fine to purchase <u>Social Media & Communications</u> Summary of work completed Continued sharing content on a daily basis, including: club events, achievements and reminders, Also sharing squash and racketball news, tournament results, pro news, news from other Bucks clubs, Women's squash news and coaching tips and advice. Posts also shared on Pavilion hire and the new Dunlop Shop. Over the last 7 months, follows on social media have continued to increase, along with views and interactions. Please follow the club accounts and spread the word to fellow members ('Aylesbury Squash Club' on Facebook and Instagram). Posts shared ● Squash Doubles ● Pavilion Hire ● Junior Squash ● Ladies Christmas Social ● Pink Dot Tournament ● Quiz Night ● Chairman's Newsletter ● Aylesbury Open ● Ladies Squash Free Trials ● Level Up Cup ● Chairman's Cup ● Exhibition Match ● Club Mornings ● Racketball Coaching ● Club Championships ● Racketball Doubles ● Bucks Women's Afternoons ● Jersey Racketball Festival ● Dunlop Shop	AT
6.	Changing Room/toilet Update Thanks given to Alex for all coordination and work involved in this	
7.	Data Protection <u>Update received in writing: KC</u>	

	- Laptop is being monitored and remains fully up to date. We still need to find a mutually convenient time (myself, Maxine and Simon D) to agree the account segregation process. - We are still awaiting contracts and data processing agreements for MMM and Oakpark. - There has still been no liaison with Mike Cartwright regarding WordPress. My next tasks are as follows: - Review Data Protection Policy - include complaints process - Review Privacy Notice - include complaints process - Review Cookie Policy - include DUAA changes - Due diligence on https://www.myepaywindow.com/ (salary platform) and Zero - Review M365 Accounts - Website Security Review - SmartPSS needs updating Update from OF Regarding physical destruction process, OF has arranged a contractor/company who will dispose of any confidential waste for the club and provide a certificate, we have white sacks at the club which once we have filled we can arrange for collection. Bop was having a look at the paperwork in court 1&2 and working through what he could.	
8.	Safeguarding E mail remains quiet at this time. CF has talked to PCSO and has got a personal alarm for MM due to lone working. CF will be leaving to pursue other interests. Not leaving just yet but we will need to find someone else to fill this mandatory role	ALL
9.	Health and Safety Everything in our control has been done. Just issues for main Tennis, Bar and Squash committee that still need doing.	
10.	Finance including financial forecast by OF In a good place at the moment. Q1 moved onto zero. Max sending though a list of those who need refunding. Invoices – up to date just carpet clean invoice to bar required but agreed squash will pay this due to the finances of the bar. Still waiting to see about handle on changing room door. BM still needs to catch up with Safron re juniors OF did forecast. Although there is 50K in bank, £10k is for padel, changing rooms etc need doing, leaking shower in male changing rooms, Need to prioritise next project, Have done some technical work on floor. Maybe ladies changing rooms next. Agreed this is likely to be the next project.	BM
11.	Rivets joint membership proposal This was discussed and no one could really see a financial incentive for the club to do this. There is a possibility that we would risk people leaving or losing income we already have. Concept in principle ok. We could allow our members to book their courts so Rivets would have income coming in. OF will suggest this.	OF
12.	Is there a need for some sub committees/Volunteers Discussion on whether we should be seeking more volunteers for jobs so everything does not fall to the committee. Volunteers do not have to be on the committee. Have one meeting of the committee and then volunteers and sub committee to do the stuff . It was suggested to create a jobs board. How can you help out the club e.g. Clearing drain, putting up coat hooks Elaine will do poster and OF will send jobs	ES/OF

13.	Court Maintenance 3 & 4 before September It was agreed this needs to be completed. OF/MM to book Alex will put date of court maintenance on social media	OF/MM AT
14.	Prices from September Discussion if we need to increase prices each year. 3 1/2% seems high. OF to check with Bop. Maybe only 2% Or do we increase the court fees Need to check website as membership price not correct Need to have further discussion. OF to speak to BM May then tell people that court fees will go up in 2027 so they are prepared. At the moment, we have one of the cheapest court fees in Buckinghamshire It will cost the club £300 if we subscribe to PSA club affiliation. With this members will get one month's free squash TV and an on line magazine	OF
15.	Guests and guest policy Do we take action against people bringing in guests and not paying for them . Want to encourage families etc so want to ensure this is handled correctly . An official letter from the committee for repeat offenders after 3 times was discussed as a way forward Team members must be a members of the club	
16.	Padel update An update will go in the members newsletter	
17.	AOB None noted	
18.	Dates and Time Next Meeting It was agreed we would have 6 monthly mounted meetings with informal meetings as necessary. These would not be minuted and would occur in a local curry house! Next formal meeting will be early September	

Summary of Actions from meeting

Action		Update
Update outstanding actions from last meeting	KC	
Ollie to speak to main committee re toilets	OF	
Maxine to check if we have any know transgender members	MM	
David to speak to Jamie re next year's exhibition	DT	
Alex to contact Simon Townsend re new lady joiners	AT	
To look for volunteers for safeguarding role	All	
Bop to contact Saffron re juniors finance books	BM	
Ollie to talk to Rivetts re their proposal	OF	
Ollie/Maxine to book maintenance for ct 3/4	OF	
OF/ES to discuss odd jobs poster	OF/ES	
Date of court maintenance to be put on social media when known	AT	
Ollie to talk to Bop re price increase	OF	