

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025

AT 7.30PM

Attendees: Mark Bullard (MB), Jan Kerry (JK), Ruth Proudfoot (RP), James Walton (JW), Maddie Hughes (MH), Steve Malduca (SM), Katie Winterstein (KW) and Emma Greenall (EG)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Peter Barham (PB), Andy Booth (AB) and Joanne Preston (JP).

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Bar Improvements: Samples sort, spoken to M Harding need detailed measurements and costings.

Solar Panels and Roof Leak: Remedial work to fix the leak has been done £4k plus VAT.

Detailed survey of the roof has been undertaken and quote from PFR:

New roof with insulation, solar panels and fixing points £185K

New roof with insulation £118K

New roof without insulation £112K club would need building inspector exemption for this.

Gravity fix is not recommended; roof is 40 years old and beginning to show some faults. Some maintenance has been undertaken which it now transpires is not compatible with the roof. Investing a lot of money in a roof that is likely to need a major refurb is not a good idea, solar panels are a fire risk so roof needs to be fire resistant, it needs to be regularly maintained leading to risk of further roof failure, potential insurance impact and planning permission.

Alternative quotes are being sort and the work needs to be done within the next 5 years. An overall action plan is needed committee agreed working party (NK, AB, MB and Clive Birch) to progress this.

Review of IT Systems: - this was requested as everything the club now does relies on IT and there is a need to ensure they systems are robust as they possibly can be. MB wish to thank AB for providing a comprehensive report. Several options were set out with one recommended. MB to meet to discuss with AB.

Schools to use TSC:- RP reported that Tring School wished to use the club for the Y8 students from 05 January – 20 March 2026, to use all 4 courts on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 4 teachers were coming to training next Thursday 27 November.

Leagues: Now moved to 6 weeks JP and SM reported improvement in league participation all of men's 1st team and most 2nd team now joined

Extra Honours Board: - To be put on the balcony. TD is not keen to do it as it will be costly. RP agreed to measure up and get some quotes.

Men's changing Room modifications follow up from AGM: Layout suggestions shared , partitioning cost £4,600 ex VAT/installation. Feedback from the ladies refurbishment was that more ladies were now showering . Committee agreed to proceed with costings for 5 cubicles.

Notification of Membership running out email/text rather than MMM follow up from AGM: Think this is an issue with social members who do not use MMM. AB to take up with AP to see if there is a way of notifying social members

4 OFFICERS REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

MB thanked RP and RP for a very successful quiz evening which they had recently put on at the club. Thanks, were also extended to BT for the successful Elton John evening.

Defibrillator/First Aid – many thanks for MH who will take on responsibility for testing the defibrillator alarm. MH has also taken on responsibility for ensuring the clubs first aid kit is up to date and suitably equipped for potential squash injuries. It was agreed to consider putting a kit in each of the changing rooms dependent on finding a suitable place to situate it.

Court Heaters - feedback is very positive at this time which was good to hear.

Pendley Social Club Representative – JW agreed to represent the squash club at these meetings and report back.

Bar Staff Nag- BT had reported an increase in nights when no one closes up. If bar leaders could remind their team to do this please.

B – TREASURER

PB was not at the meeting but provided the September quarter P&L and Balance sheet which had been circulated prior to the meeting. P&L shows a modest surplus of £883. Club is in surplus as £7,765.72 cost of court heaters and installation to Fixtures and Fittings in the Balance Sheet , which is the right place for the cost as they should serve the club for several years.

Bank balance as of Friday 14 November is £116,235 of which £110,000 is held in the deposit account.

C - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership numbers as of mid-November 2025 (Nov 11th 2025)

	OCT	NOV	DE C	JAN	FEB	MAR	AP R	MAY	JUN	JUN	AUG	SEPT	OCT
Adult 1 yr	227	225	223	230	228	222	221	223	221	218	215	217	207
Adult 3yrs	13	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	9
Adult (Mth)	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6
Family Jnr	28	27	27	28	27	26	29	30	30	30	31	32	27
Junior	35	33	32	34	32	34	37	34	36	37	37	38	42
Life	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Social	37	28	31	35	34	35	34	31	30	32	33	35	31
Student	9	9	9	9	10	10	9	8	8	10	9	7	6
Pro Player									3	3	3	2	2
Elite Player												1	1
Total	392	377	377	391	386	387	385	382	383	388	386	388	371

Comments

- Multiple renewals ongoing
 - JAN: 9 new linked, 4 new adult & 5 renewals, 7 new junior & 1 renewals, 5 lost FOBs
 - FEB: 5 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new junior, 3 lost FOBs
 - MAR: 8 new linked, 7 new adult, 5 new junior, 1 lost FOB, 1 free Trial request
 - APR: 2 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new junior & 1 renewal, 1 account closed
 - MAY: 2 new linked, 2 new adult & 1 renewal, 1 new junior, 2 lost FOBs
 - JUN: 1 new linked, 1 new adult, 2 new Juniors
 - JUL: 8 new linked, 2 new adult, 3 new student & 1 renewal, 1 new Junior
 - AUG: 2 new linked, 2 new adults, 1 new Junior
 - SEPT: 6 new linked, 2 new adults, 2 new Juniors, 2 Elite & 1 Pro Players (Alex), 2 Social
 - OCT: 12 new linked, 2 new adults, **5 new Juniors**, 1 new Social
 - NOV (so far): 2 new adults, 2 new Juniors

- Overall, membership numbers remain steady and averaging 385+, but below usual 400

D – SECRETARY

No report for this meeting

5 TEAM REPORTS

Men's Captain – Steve Malducca

Men's 1st Team – Herts Div 1

The 1st team currently are 9th but we've had to cancel/postpone 3 matches so far so we expect to move up the table as we complete games. We've also secured more sponsorship from a number of generous club members, totaling approx. £1000.

Squad: Ben Hedger, Harry Wyld, Alex Preston, Simon De Coninck, Steve Malduca, Darren Withey, Rob Dunford, Chloe Foster.

Division 1: Winter League 2025/26

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Berkhamsted 1	★	5	5	0	0	87	29	0	87
2	Stortford 2	!	4	4	0	0	69	30	0	69
3	Nuffield 1	!	4	2	2	0	51	46	0	51
4	Stortford 1	!	3	2	1	0	50	20	0	50
5	Biggleswade 1	!	4	1	3	0	31	62	0	31
6	Broxbourne 1	!	3	1	2	0	28	42	0	28
7	Radlett 1	!	2	1	1	0	26	17	0	26
8	Harpenden 1	!	5	0	5	0	24	97	0	24
9	Tring 1	!	2	0	2	0	12	35	0	12

Men's 2nd Team – Herts Div 2

The 2nd team (captained by Iain Digby and James Taylor) are mid table but have been competitive and the 3 games they lost were tight 3-2 losses.

Squad: Simon De Coninck, Steve Malduca, Ed Bottrill, Chris Davey, Martin Harding, Iain Digby, Matt Doody, Jo Preston, Keith Warman, Matt Duncan, James Taylor.

Division 2: Winter League 2025/26

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	Team		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Stortford 3	★	6	6	0	0	101	40	0	101
2	Berkhamsted 2	★	6	4	2	0	87	55	0	87
3	Nuffield 2	★	4	3	1	0	65	33	0	65
4	Radlett 2	★	5	3	2	0	63	55	0	63
5	Ickleford 1	★	5	2	3	0	59	61	0	59
6	Tring 2	★	5	2	3	0	58	61	0	58
7	Gosling 1	★	5	1	4	0	36	83	0	36
8	Harpenden 2	★	4	1	3	0	29	60	0	29
9	Haileybury 1	★	4	0	4	0	20	70	0	20

Men's Bucks Team – Bucks Div 1

The Bucks Team (captained by Mike Pearce) are also bottom with 3 losses.

Squad: Alex Preston, Sam Watts, Darren Withey, Simon De Coninck, Rob Dunford, Richard Carr, Ed Bottrill, Mike Pearce, Chris Davey

Division 1

Standings

Fixtures

Players

P-W-L-D: Fixtures

R	Team	Points	P	W	L	D	Recent
1	Aylesbury Tennis & Squash Club: First	63	4	4	0	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
2	Beaconsfield Squash: Trojans	57	4	3	1	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
3	Holmer Green SRC: First	51	4	2	2	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
4	Beaconsfield Squash: Lions	46	4	1	3	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
5	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club: First	42	3	2	1	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
6	Wycombe Squash & Racketball Club: First	33	4	1	3	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
7	Tring: Men's 1st Team	10	3	0	3	0	■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Leagues

More positive news is the players entering the leagues. All of the 1st team players (who are members) and most of the 2nd team players have entered, meaning there's much better strength in depth. Hopefully this will encourage more members to join the leagues.

Tring Squash Leagues		2025, 16-Nov to 31-Dec					
P1							
	Alex Preston	Robert Dunford	Steven Malduca	Richard Carr	Michael Pearce	Total score	Final rank
Alex Preston					0	0	1
Robert Dunford					0	0	2
Steven Malduca					0	0	3
Richard Carr					0	0	4
Michael Pearce	0	0	0	0		0	5

Tring Squash Leagues		2025, 16-Nov to 31-Dec					
A1							
	Jack Gregory	Joanne Preston	Ed Bottrill	Martin Harding	Michael Vaux	Total score	Final rank
Jack Gregory						0	3
Joanne Preston			1			1	2
Ed Bottrill		5				5	1
Martin Harding						0	4
Michael Vaux						0	5

Tring Squash Leagues		2025, 16-Nov to 31-Dec					
A2							
	Sean Walsh	Sam Hawkins	Keith Warman	Matt Duncan	James Taylor	Total score	Final rank
Sean Walsh						0	1
Sam Hawkins						0	2
Keith Warman						0	3
Matt Duncan						0	4
James Taylor						0	5

Ladies' Captain – Joanne Preston

In the Bucks league, the Ladies 1st team are sitting mid table having played 3 fixtures so far (only 4 each half). The 2nd team are continuing their dominant position in the league from last season and are sitting top having played 4 and won 4 so far this season.

Unfortunately, I have had to pull the ladies 1st team from the Herts division this year which was a very disappointing position to be in. We just don't have the players available on a Monday night to put out a team (particularly in the #1 seed position) at the current time for various reasons including injuries, team ties and general availability for Mondays in particular. The fixtures only came through on the day of the last committee meeting and it was only when we looked at dates we decided that we wouldn't be able to field a team for a sufficient number of matches. We will look again at this before the next winter season.

6. JUNIOR REPORT – Katie Winterstein

Junior members creeping up, unfortunately didn't get any new members from the tennis club. 2 of the juniors are attending Aspire Squash England congratulations to them. Looking at the potential to have juniors playing in the men's second team, the ladies already do this and having the juniors join the leagues.

7. OTHER REPORTS

House Report – Nigel Kerry

Single story roof - c£2000 to clean off moss and treat to keep moss away. Treatment to take place every 2 years with cost of c£200/year. Maintaining this roof in the best condition possible will save us c £10,000 to replace completely.

Flat Roof - Maintenance charge of £200 twice a year to clear leaves off flat roof and clear gutters. Proper estimate to be provided shortly.

Painting - c£2000 This involves painting foyer, stairs and around court 3.

Men's Changing Room Heating - c£2000 This is to replace the existing inefficient oil filled heaters with something more appropriate. It will be more cost effective. The number mentioned is an old quote from Sinfield Services which I will get updated shortly.

Extractor Fan - c £650 To be installed in gents and ladies toilets. It will be activated by motion sensors. One fan will work for both toilets.

Karcher power Washer - c £300 To be used in gents toilets weekly

8. Social Report (club events in green)

09 January 2026 – Private Party

12 January – P S Committee Meeting

16 January - Club Night

06 – 08 February Counties Squash Masters

13 February- Club Night

21 February 2026 – Coldplay Tribute

13 March - Club Night

04 April – Private Party

17 April- Club Night

18 April – Private Party

02 May 2026 – Private Party

11 May – P S Committee Meeting

16 May 2026 – Queen Tribute

20 June – Private Party

27 June – Private Party

18 July – Private Party

01 August 2026 – Private Party

14 September – PS Committee Meeting

16 October 2026 – Oasis Tribute

09 November – PS Committee meeting

19 December 2026 – Tina Turner Tribute

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A.B - MMM URL changed from <https://tringsquashclub.mangemymatch.com> to <https://app.managemymatch.com//club/Tring>

A.B – newsletter email to all members with changes to MMM. AB has screen shorts to help explain

A.B. Need a meeting with AP to discuss automated emails to members warning that membership is about to expire.

RP – Counties squash round robin to be organised for 2early 026

JW – Aylesbury Rugby Club have 4 padel courts £30 to hire courts of which the club gets a percentage – something to consider

SM – Sponsorship for the men’s team, Brad Sinfield £500 for 12 months – agreed to use this for junior development. JW to check with Beaconsfield to see what they do. RP to put it in the newsletter.

KW – Last club night of the year to be on 12 December. Friday beginners 6- 8 attending mostly racquet ball (mostly older squash players, will run until 12 December.

9 NEXT MEETING

Dates for future committee meetings:

Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.02pm

Jan Kerry

Tring Squash Club Secretary