



Wrexham Brymbo Squash Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 21 MAY 2026

* Members in attendance: Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kev Jones, Darren Lee, Hannah Clarke, Jo Koscinska, Simon Koscinski, Richard Ackerley, Kate Ackerley, John Evans, Rob Evans.

* Apologies: Jonathan Davies, Lee Harrison, Tom Trueman.

1. Note of the AGM held on 29th May 2025.

Agreed as a correct record.

2. Matters arising.

* Suggested Racketball taster had still not taken place; with its increased popularity, agreed we should try again. **ACTION**

* A concern that CCTV at the front area of the Club, overlooking the car park should be reinstated to increase security. **ACTION**

* It was agreed that every effort should be made to hold a Fast & Furious Christmas Competition this year, with emphasis on it as a social event.

3. Chairman's Report.

Mark's report noted the Club's continued sound **financial** footing with an increase in memberships, notably from Ladies and seemingly with greater social play.

The **Ladies Squash** sessions continue doing well, attracting players at all levels of ability.

Our strong social media and website arrangements help attract new members, though it was acknowledged exploring other options may attract new juniors in particular.

A discussion on the Club's situation with **junior development** identified an approach which has involved local (to the Club) Primary Schools, but only with limited success.

Currently, we have three beginners attending the Monday Coaching session - Years 5/6 pupils, plus four older players attending a second Monday session - the second group of players are at A Level stage in their studies and may, of course, could soon be off from the area to University, or other.

There were questions about the accountability of **Squash Wales** (our National Governing Body) in this area of grass roots junior development and whether they had produced a blueprint nationally (or for North Wales)

that may assist Clubs in attracting juniors to squash. We will write to SW (Tom Rosser) seeking clarity. **ACTION**

Also, a suggestion there may be benefit in reaching out to other similar Clubs, to consider their approach to working with juniors and understanding what works; Aberystwyth was cited as a successful example. **ACTION**

The Club continues to host the **Squash Wales Academy (North)** squad of players from across the region; under Mike Harris, they have had considerable success with some of these juniors, as follows:-

- * Ethan Willis - current Under 17s Welsh Champion
- * Salah Farrag - current Under 15s Welsh Champion
- * Anna Fogerty - a future Champion !

Recent **refurbishment** of both the Ladies and Men's areas had been well received; this week, however, there had been serious issues with flooding across the Men's shower / toilet area. Both Gareth Lloyd and the Cricket Club were aware of the situation.

There was also some snagging work required e.g. toilet door not locking, towel hooks required, sanitary facilities reinstated, etc.

At the earliest opportunity, there's an intention to tidy up the two changing rooms and redecorate. **ACTION**

In the 2025-26 Season our **Teams** had a middling time, as follows:
NWCSL Firsts (Rob) - despite availability throughout described as sketchy, there had been some good matches and the Team completed their fixtures in mid-table. It's hoped the Team may be strengthened in September.

NWCSL Seconds (Richard) - a good and settled Team this year, finishing in 6th place. Twelve players were used throughout in what was described a good season; Home matches were shared with the Team from Brookside but, despite the later finishes, that was not a problem.

North Wales (Tom) - the Winter season was described as challenging, mainly due to a shortage of players and fielding an inconsistent Team; we finished second from bottom.

- for the Spring season, a significant turnaround with a stronger and reliable player squad, in particular playing at Number 1. A major highlight this season was the inclusion of junior, Anna Fogerty who played four matches at the end of the season, winning one match away from home - a fantastic achievement by Anna and, with it, a real positive for the future of WBSC. We finished 3rd in the Spring League.

Thinking ahead to the 2026-27 season, Hannah suggested we consider new Team shirts and, with Kate, would explore the possibility of a new Club' sponsor. **ACTION**

We took the opportunity to reflect on the outstanding achievement this season of **Jonathan Davies (JD) a double British Champion in Racketball**. JD has won many different titles in both squash and racketball over the years but all may have been eclipsed by his winning both the British Closed and Open events - fantastic.

Mark concluded by thanking Jim (Secretary) and Kev (Treasurer) for their, often unseen, work throughout the year.

4. Financial Report.

Kev circulated copies of his Report which again highlighted the Club's sound financial footing. **Approved**

Following discussion, the recommendation to the AGM:
Member Subscriptions and Light Card Fees - no increases across the board in 2026-27, this came with the proviso that any increase in the Light Card fee may be approved by the Committee during the year, if that was felt necessary - **Approved**.

5. Club Constitution - consideration of any amendments.

No amendments submitted.

6. Election of Officers for 2026- 27:

- **Chairman - Mark Davies: Approved**
- **Secretary - Jim Tunley: Approved**
- **Treasurer - Kevin Jones: Approved**
- **Ordinary Members - Hannah Clarke, Darren Lee, Jonathan Davies, Jo Koscinska and Lee Harrison: Approved**

7. AOB / Open Forum.

- (1) Following the concern expressed earlier, it was agreed that we should further ascertain the current status of the **CCTV arrangements** with the Cricket Club and push for it to cover at the front area of the Club, overlooking the car park, to increase security. **ACTION**

- (2) There had been some concern, particularly with all of the recent refurbishment work having taken place, that the **broken window** above the double adjoining doors between the Club and Cricket had still not been replaced.

Jim has already spoken with a member of the Cricket Club; if the situation remains, it will be raised again at the Sections Meeting that Gareth Lloyd is arranging.

- (3) Members who are prepared to either brush, vacuum and/or mop the squash courts, with thanks, would you please record this in a new log which is now located inside the left cupboard door.

- (4) **Club Championships** - the **2026 Club Championships** were launched with a **Finals Day scheduled for Saturday, 12th September**.

Hoping that as many members as possible will take part this year; the **entries are due to close on Friday, 12th June**, with the Competitions to start the following week, on 19th June - so plenty of time to get all of the preliminary matches played.

Both the Squash and Racketball Competitions will have categories for Ladies, Men and Juniors, there will also be a Handicap Competition (details to be forwarded to members). **ACTION**

- (5) **Gareth Lloyd** - we had heard that Gareth Lloyd, the BS&SC General Manager was to take retirement in twelve months (June 2027). The meeting wished to acknowledge Gareth's work as a "friend of the Club" since we first formed the Squash Club in 2007.