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An exciting future for the club

It's a really exciting time to be part of the club! We're working on big things for our future, with some of the major milestones on the way shown below. But even better—the rest of this newsletter is packed with all the fantastic things happening on and off the court right now!

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Year one - foundations

- Establish the club as a member-owned non-profit organisation
- Put the governance framework, constitution and committee in place

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Year two - investment

- Secure grant funding for sustainable energy projects
- Expand the coaching and playing offer for juniors, adults and newcomers

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Year three - delivery

- Projects implemented; growth in membership and participation
- Healthier finances as energy costs are slashed

Member owned. Sustainable. Growing Participation.



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CLUB SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship Showdown! 🏆

The Annual Club Squash Championship brought lots of drama on the 14th of August as Ed Bidder and Yusef Forster went head-to-head on court! A packed gallery watched every thrilling rally—cheering, gasping, and marvelling at the insane speed and skill on display.

After a fierce contest, Ed Bidder claimed the title and was presented with the trophy by Duncan Ross. Both players left the court with big smiles—though Yusef is already eyeing revenge for next year! Huge congratulations to both players! 🙌

Huge thanks to Paul "Knocker" Norton for expert refereeing throughout the match.

Full match report kindly provided by Mike Reid [here](#).



Duncan Ross, Chair of the committee, presents the club trophy to Ed Bidder.



Yusef and Ed still friends after a great match!



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LADIES SQUASH

Women's Squash Saturdays: Free Coaching & Fun! 🙌

Ever wanted to try squash? Now's your chance! We're hosting FREE, women-only sessions every Saturday this September. It doesn't matter if you've never held a racket before—our club coaches will help you, whatever your standard, in a supportive, relaxed environment.

- Dates: Sept 5, 12, 19 & 26
- Time: 10:00 – 11:20 AM
- Price: £0

Spots are open to all active players, returners, and beginners. Grab a friend and come and hit some balls!

Get in touch: Jackie (07803 266707) | Chris (07768 578008)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/262323923804606>





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JUNIORS

Level Up Your Game: Junior Mini-League Coming Soon!

We're thrilled to announce a brand-new competitive mini-league for our junior players, run by club coach Andy Cockerill! Battle it out, gain match experience, and climb the ranks as you win points and move up the divisions.

Keep an eye out—Andy will be in touch with all junior members shortly with full sign-up details!

Player Safeguarding & Match Setup:

- Up to 14: Adult accompaniment required during matches.
- 15–16: Unaccompanied play allowed with parental / carer permission.
- 16+: Standard player rules apply.

WINTER LEAGUES

Winter leagues

Bring your A-game to court this season! Our Winter Leagues are returning, giving you the perfect platform for regular competition, skill development, and team camaraderie. To maximise the enjoyment, players are asked to:

1. Be available to play on the allocated night
2. Be present for the duration of the match, to support their team
3. Play in the allocated order
4. Take their share of marking
5. Use the subs list if a sub is required before asking any of the regular players

Duncan Berriman will be in touch soon to get things moving!



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GRIMSBY 3-PLAYER LEAGUE

We are looking to enter new teams into the Grimsby 3-Player League to join Andy Steeper's current squad!

- Format: Midweek evening matches with South Bank clubs (no post-match food needed).
- Who Can Play: Open to all! The lowest division is actively recruiting, making this ideal for first-time team players.
- Squad Size: 4 to 5 players per team.

Interested in getting a group together? Contact Mike Clemson at mikeclemson6@googlemail.com.

SQUASH MINI-LEAGUES

Another great round of Mini-Leagues finished up in June! Big congratulations to Jon Horler for edging out Anthony Bennett in the Premier Division, and to Bobby Bassett for taking Division 1 in a close contest with Mark Vahey.

We're also saying a huge thank you to Richard Young as he steps down to focus on his growing family and work commitments. Taking over the reins is James Rudge, who is moving the leagues to a quarterly schedule starting on the first Monday of every third month.

Unlike the handicap leagues, Mini-Leagues group players strictly by standard, giving you 3 months to complete your matches with flexible promotion and relegation each round.

Want to play in the next round? Put your name on the noticeboard above Court 2 or drop James an email at 97.james.r@gmail.com.



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MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026-7

New Way to Play: Monthly Memberships for 2026–27

Membership renewals open this October, and we're making it easier than ever to get on court! We've introduced monthly payment options alongside our annual plans, plus a brand-new "30 Under 30" discount to keep young adult players in the game.

Annual Subscriptions

- Adult: £130/year (Includes a FREE junior membership!)
- 30 Under 30 (Ages 18–29): £30/year
- Secondary Junior: £20/year (or FREE with any adult membership)
- Primary Junior: £5/year (or FREE with any adult membership)

Monthly Payment

- Adult: £12/month
- 30 Under 30: £3/month

Look out for your hassle-free electronic registration link in your inbox this October! As this is our first year offering monthly payments and electronic subscription, we appreciate your patience while we fine-tune the system.



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COURT FEES 2026-7

We're making a minor tweak to our court fees for the new season. While a small increase helps us keep up with rising energy costs, we've also introduced discounted rates to encourage more play during quieter times!

- Peak (£8): Weekdays from 4:20 PM / 4:40 PM
- Off-Peak (£6): Weekdays before 4:20 PM / 4:40 PM and weekend mornings
- Weekend Super Saver (£4): Weekends after 12 PM

RACKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual racketball championship kicks off shortly with first round matches to be played by the end of August. We have 16 players lined up including some ringers (ex-world No. 21 squash players for example!) for what promises to be a lively contest. With a following wind and the iron grip of Colin Brooks to ensure matches are played in a timely manner, the final is due to be played by the beginning of November.

Ready to Elevate Your Game?

Andy Cockerill — Ferriby Club Coach

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Whether you're stepping onto the court for the first time or looking to sharpen your competitive edge, targeted coaching is the fastest way to break through plateaus and smash your goals! Get in touch with Andy today to unlock your full potential.



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GOVERNANCE

A new chapter for Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball Club

From 1 October, Ferriby Hall becomes a non-profit, member-owned club — protecting our courts, our community and our future. This is a positive step that puts the club's future in the hands of the people who use, support and care about it most: the members. The new organisation will be a company limited by guarantee.

Why this matters

- Run for members and the community. Any surplus will be reinvested in the club, facilities, activities and future development.
- One member, one vote. Every member will have an equal say in key matters.
- Members' liability is limited to £1 under the guarantee structure.
- Clearer governance. Members can attend and vote at annual general meetings, receive key information and hold the committee accountable.
- The club will be better placed to apply for grants as a non-profit, community-focused organisation.
- A community lock keeps the club's assets for community benefit, not private profit.

What changes for members?

Day to day, Ferriby Hall should feel the same: a welcoming squash and racketball club. The change is mainly about creating a stronger, safer legal structure behind the scenes. Members will have democratic rights, including one member, one vote; the right to attend and vote at annual general meetings; and clear routes to ask questions or challenge decisions through the club's governing arrangements.

Why the club is making this change

Until now, the club has legally been a private company with two shareholders. This change brings the legal structure into line with how Ferriby Hall already feels: a community club. It also gives the club a better platform for the future. The new structure should strengthen grant applications and help support facility improvements, coaching, participation and new opportunities for members and the local community.

What is not changing

This is not a sale of the club or a change to its friendly, member-focused culture. The purpose remains the same: squash, racketball, friendship, participation and community sport.

More information / FAQs

A detailed explanation of the changes along with some Frequently Asked Questions is available [here](#). If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact any member of the committee.



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HOUSEKEEPING

Quick Housekeeping Reminders!

Help us keep the club in tip top shape and running smoothly:

- **Beat the heat, but hit the switch!** Fans don't turn themselves off, so please switch them off after your session.
- **Last one out?** Double-check that all lights are turned off if you're leaving an empty club.
- **Protect the courts:** Clean, non-marking shoes only when playing, please!
- **Treat the glass with care:** Handle the court doors gently - no slamming!



SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Facebook members group now has 56 friends. if you haven't yet had a look, please find us [here](#) or search "Ferriby Hall Squash and Racketball Members Group".