

Henley Squash Club celebrates a busy 2025 and looks ahead to 2026.

Henley Squash Club is looking forward to 2026 after another successful and action-packed year both on and off the court.

Throughout 2025 the club ran a wide range of activities, including weekly open club nights, monthly internal leagues, competitive teams in the Oxfordshire and Berkshire County leagues, an internal handicap tournament, and a thriving junior coaching programme. Club members also competed at county, national and European level, proudly representing Henley.

At the start of the year Henley Squash Club fielded two teams in the Oxfordshire County Squash Leagues and a veterans' team in the Berkshire leagues. During the summer and winter seasons, the club was able to increase this to three Oxfordshire league teams — a notable achievement not seen for several years. This success was made possible by the dedication of team captains Harry Carr, Richard Little, John Williams, Peter Rivers and Steve Dance.

Individually, club member Jill Champion — a multiple World, European and British Masters champion — enjoyed another outstanding year, winning the 2025 European Masters Championship in Wroclaw, Poland, in August. Her victory was particularly impressive following recovery from a serious knee injury earlier in the year. Jill also supported the club by hosting several women's coaching sessions.

Closer to home, Peter Rivers won the club's internal handicap tournament, narrowly defeating Richard Little in a five-game final. Ron Marsh won the Plate competition, with James Mortimer and Alistair Robbie taking second and third place respectively.

The club's popular Friday evening open club nights continued throughout the year, alongside monthly internal leagues where players were promoted or relegated based on performance. Weekly junior coaching sessions, run by Paul Nieduszynski and Adam Edge, focused on skill development and enjoyment of the sport, with additional introductory sessions held at Gillott's School.

Behind the scenes, club secretary Duncan Nightingale was praised for his commitment and experience in ensuring that league, tournament and team activities ran smoothly throughout the year.

Henley Squash Club also thanked its supporters, including local businesses and organisations such as Zzoomm, Invesco, Tesco, Mercers Solicitors, GLL/Better, England Squash, Oxfordshire Squash, South Oxfordshire and Henley Town Councils, as well as club members Tom Moore, Roger Booker, David Wright and Simon Stone.

It's been a fantastic year for the club, from our league teams to our juniors," said club Chairman Steve Dance. "We are proud to represent Henley and are excited to welcome new players in 2026".

Henley Squash Club is an inclusive club welcoming players of all ages and abilities. With squash set to feature in the 2028 Olympic Games, the club is keen to build on its success and encourage more people in the Henley area to take up the sport.

Pictures: A selection Following:

Peter Rivers (Centre) and Richard Little (Left), receive the Club Handicap tournament winner and runner up prizes from Roger Booker, Club President (Right).



Jill Campion winning the 2025 Women's Masters over 65 European tournament in Poland at the end of August.



Regular 2nd and 3rd team members: Richard Little (left), Duncan Nightingale, Peter Rivers and Jim Reay (right), wearing club team shirts and smiling before a team match.



Club secretary Duncan Nightingale serving during a team match team.



Peter Hopkins regular team member and loyal club supporter ready for action



Harry Carr 1st team captain serving in a home team match



Jim Reay another regular team player ready to receive a serve in an away team match.



Peter Harrison, regular team player and most improved player of the month, two months in a row, in March and April 2025 – a rare achievement.

