

GREAT BRITAIN – Report to EVF Congress 2025

International Events

European Team Championships, Ciney – May 2024

A fabulous venue in Ciney, Belgium with so much attention to detail. Everything was brilliant - accreditation, DT, weapon control, the referees, the ceremonies, the café, the volunteers, Dartavache the cow and the ice cream van! The true spirit of Veterans fencing prevailed throughout.

The quality of fencing was as expected, very high and all matches were well fought.

Our squad returned home with 3 medals:

WS (GV)	Gold
WF (GV)	Bronze
WE (GV)	Bronze



WS (GV) Team 1

Veterans World Championships, Dubai, UAE – October 2024

At a fabulous venue with superb organisation throughout, the World Championships was a very enjoyable event for all.

The squad achieved very good results – 2 World Champions, 3 silver medals and 4 bronze, finishing 5th on the medal table.



Georgina Usher – Champion WE 50-59



Jane Clayton –
Silver WE 60-69
Sheila Anderson -
Champion WF 60-69

Domestic Events

- June 24 - Bard's Bash, Stratford-upon-Avon - a friendly team and individual event with a social barbeque hosted by Graham Paul and Janet Cooksey. The weather held out and a good time was had by all.
- September 24 - The Winton Cup – BVF's annual 10 region team event, with South East winning overall. The gala dinner and quiz were much enjoyed.
- November 24 – BVF v Royal Navy was held at HMS President on the Thames, close to Tower Bridge. A well fought competition with great camaraderie.
- January 25 – Guildford International – our 3 weapon EVF Circuit and BVF selection event was again, a great success.
- March 25 – BVF Age Groups and AGM, Nottingham. The second BVF selection event of the season was well attended. Carl Morris was re-elected as BVF President.
- April 25 -Home Nations – team match between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, hosted by Wales in Cardiff. England were the overall winners, receiving the Justin Smith Trophy.
- May 25 – BVF Championships, Oldham. The third and final BVF selection event for the season.
- Ongoing – Fencing Museum Visits. Fencers have been able to visit Malcolm Fare's fabulous Fencing Museum in the Cotswolds and to enjoy a sociable pub lunch. More visits to the museum, hosted by Malcolm, are being planned.



Guildford International ME 60-69 medallists

Selection for the 2025 World Championships is in progress.

It is very encouraging that more GBR fencers are taking part in EVF Circuit events and there will be a good entry for the Criterium in Paris in July 25.

BVF President, Carl Morris, and the committee members continue to work together to ensure that our fencers have good competitions and events and are well informed.

GBR fencers and supporters are looking forward to a great European Championships in Plovdiv, to meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

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