

GREAT BRITAIN – Report to EVF Congress 2026

International Events

European Individual Championships, Plovdiv – May 2025

The conference centre venue in Plovdiv was appreciated by many fencers in that everyone was in the same hall. DT was superbly run and the inclusion of a WhatsApp group for HoDs made communication instant and accurate. The high standard of refereeing was much appreciated across all weapons, and the overall organisation was good, including the airport transfers. The city of Plovdiv is steeped in history and fencers very much enjoyed exploring the ancient sites, and the city centre.



Opening Ceremony dancers

WE 50-59 medallists – European Champion – Georgina Usher

The standard of fencing was high with some very close, well fought matches. Our squad was delighted to return home with a total of 11 medals: 5 Gold, 1 Silver and 5 Bronze, finishing 3rd place on the medal table.

European Champions

Sheila Anderson	WF 60-69
Greg Allen	ME 50-59
Jenny Morris	WS 70+
Georgina Usher	WE 50-59
Paul Wedge	MF 70+

Silver

Jane Hutchison	WS 60-69
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Bronze

Beth Cranston-Selby	WS 50-59
Carl Morris	MS 70+
Jenny Morris	WF 70+

Veterans World Championships, Manama, Bahrain – November 2025

With the inclusion of 40-49 weapon categories for the first time in a Veterans World Championships and the European team format of Veteran and Grand Veteran teams, this was a very much anticipated event. The venue and organisation were very good and the friendliness of all involved was much appreciated. As always, the refereeing was to a very high standard. Manama itself had much to offer and time out was enjoyed by all.

GBR finished with very respectable results: 2 Gold and 7 Bronze medals, finishing 6th place on the medal table.

World Champions

Paul Wedge MF 70+
WE Veteran Team

Bronze

Anton Pollard ME 70+
Graham Paul MF 70+
Georgina Usher WE 50-59
Michele Narey WS 60-69
MF GV Team
WF GV Team
WS GV Team



WE V Team – World Champions!

A special mention goes to Paul Wedge – Individual European and World Champion – MF 70+.



*MF 70+ Medallists
Paul Wedge – World Champion, Graham Paul - Bronze*



Opening Ceremony dancers and drummers

Domestic Events

- *June 2025 - Bard's Bash, Stratford-upon-Avon - this friendly mixed team and individual event was held at King Edward's School, the home of Shakespeare's Swords, with a social barbeque hosted by Graham Paul and Janet Cooksey at their home.*

- *September 2025* - The Veterans Winton Cup took place at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre. This is BVF's annual 10 region team competition, with South East winning overall. The popular gala dinner and quiz were held at a local hotel.
- *January 2026* – Guildford International – this very successful 6 weapon EVF circuit event and BVF selection event was held at the Guildford Spectrum. A total of 425 fencers, with 484 weapon entries (164 women, 323 men) from 27 countries took part.
- *March 2026* – The BVF Age Groups and AGM were held at the Harvey Hadden Sports Centre, Nottingham. This was second BVF ranking event of the season and following this event, Team selection for Cognac was announced.



Guildford International – MF 50-59 medallists

Upcoming events

- The BVF National Championships, the last ranking event of the season, are being held at the Bedford International Athletics Stadium from June 19th – 21st. Selection for the Worlds, will be announced after this competition. The best two results from three ranking competitions are used for selection.
- England Veterans Fencing will be hosting the Home Nations at Nottingham Trent University on 27th June. This is an all-weapon team match between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- An all-weapon team match between GBR and GER will be held at the Cardiff Academy of Fencing, Cardiff, Wales on 25th July with a dinner at The Botanist, Cardiff, and a social activity in Cardiff city centre the following day.

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. Our website has been redesigned and is working well.

EVF circuit events are well established and popular, and increasing numbers of GBR fencers taking part. There will be a good number at the Criterium in Paris in July.

We were all very sad to have lost John Mason in November 2025. John was a true gentleman, a stalwart of both British Veterans Fencing and EVF, and a good friend. He is very much missed. His obituary is on the BVF website: [John Mason – 1944-2025 | British Veterans Fencing](#)



John was delighted to receive his EVF Member of Honour Award last summer

GBR fencers and supporters are looking forward to an exciting European Team Championships in Cognac, to meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

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