

2025 Mayflower AGM Report – Secretary (Andy Mullender)

This has been my second year in the Club Secretary role and on the club committee. The job seems to have grown somewhat from the 'just direct incoming emails appropriately and write up minutes' description!

Club emails come in on a daily basis. Rikki does an excellent job dealing with the membership ones and increasingly we have been able to move to customised (but templated) responses to the regular beginner enquiries. Our speed in responding to these enquiries is certainly appreciated by recipients.

This year the club moved to use TryBooking for a number of club events and also for beginners courses which, I think, has assisted in simplifying administration (although at the cost of a small handling fee for card payments). Some other committee members are now able to set up events in the booking tool which helps spread the work around.

We have made a couple of grant applications over the last year. The main one was to the SportEngland and National Lottery Movement fund which, in July, awarded us a grant of up to **£4,920** for a '*50+ Masters project*'. This funding supported the installation of solar power at the clubhouse and also provided funds to support 50% of the costs for training of up to three new level 1 Session Coaches (costs estimated at ~£300 per coach). As our members will have noticed, the clubhouse power has now been in place for several months. The lighting and power installed in all our containers (with the valuable help of James Goldsmith) is proving an asset to the club - as well as making the clubhouse toilet a less risky experience 😊.

Training for the session coaches is well advanced, and the personal time commitment of these individuals in undertaking the necessary online and in-person courses is much appreciated. I'm hoping that this will enable us to build on the admirable work of Pete Cotter (and others) and run some more daytime beginners' courses to hold back the ever-expanding wait list.

We have also made a couple of applications for funding to support for the installation of a Defibrillator unit. I am hoping to hear back on the second of these in the next few weeks.

I ran the winter Frostbite league for the club again this year. Hopefully we can find people to fill the vacant Club Captain/League Secretary and Competition Secretary roles to help out with this next season.

One less successful aspect of our work this year has been the securing of a new batch of club clothing (mainly shirts). Looking back to old correspondence it appears to have been a problem in the past too. An order placed in the summer was delayed and delayed until eventually we had to file a court claim to get our money back. We finally achieved this in January. A replacement order has been placed with a new supplier, which sadly has also taken longer than expected but we are promised delivery before the end of this month 🙏.

2025 Mayflower AGM Report – Web Officer (Andy Mullender)

I took over the role of Web Officer from Matt Prior in the summer last year having already made a few website updates to make it more current. As of this month, I also have access to our domain & email hosting account with IONOS and have done some initial tidying up. The majority of our internal communications are done via our members Facebook page together with 'all member' email notifications done via our Mailchimp mailing list. We try to communicate all events on both, and our club event calendar is always available on the club website. We do have a public-facing Facebook page but updates to this are infrequent. The club website has quite a lot of information including Club Records (provided by Martin). It's clearly successful in pointing potential new members in our direction. If members would like to see more information on our various communications channels, please let me know. We don't really have a process for ensuring tournament/shoot results are posted on the website so that information is currently limited.

There is also an opportunity for other people to take on this web communications work either partially, or fully. If you could be persuaded to help out with this please let me know. No previous expertise is required. Any email sent to mayflowerarchery@gmail.com will get to me!