



Mayflower Archers

Minutes

Annual General Meeting 2025

Meeting held on **Wednesday 12th March 2025**

Main Hall, Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay, CM11 2AP 7:45pm Start

1. Attendees: Andy Mullender, Wendie King, Matt Webb, Rikki Embley, Mo Embley, Neil Beardwell, Dave Groom, Chris Durrant, Wendy Durrant, James Davison, Malcolm Claridge, Ian Pow, Claire Hardy, Tom Dixon, Bryan Lester, Pete Cotter, David Scolah, Matt Jones, Caitlin Jones, David Bowen, Ann Bowen, Paul White, James Goldsmith, Carrie Goldsmith, Maisie Goldsmith, Evie Goldsmith, Dan Passingham, Harry Passingham, Martin Vidgeon-Hart, John Harper, Julie Bishop, Katie Bowden, Sara Bowden, Rob Beange, Steve Fenton, Michael Judd, Nick Ward, Henry Lim

Apologies for Absence – Kristina Schmidt, Dave Twohey, Neil Newland

2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM & Matters Arising

The 2023 AGM minutes were agreed with two revisions –
Correct typographical errors for 'Wendie King' in attendees and 'Dave Twohey' in committee list.

3. Reports from Officers:

Written reports were supplied & published via website by the Head Coach, Secretary & Web Officer, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Records Officer & Junior Liaison Officer.

- 3.1. **Chairperson** (Wendie) – Wendie thanked a number of people for their assistance at the club over the last year. She noted the achievement of club league teams: Mayflower winning the Albion League again and thanked the members who shot for the new Windsor team and helped the club win their Division in their first year. Wendie also reported that the club was very pleased to see the progress on the Junior side and recognised the work done by Carrie and Matt Webb on this. Wendie also welcomed our new Outdoor Equipment officer, Paul White, who had been co-opted onto the committee during the year and thanked Carrie for taking on the Safeguarding role during the year.
- 3.2. **Vice-Chairperson** (Matt W) – Matt repeated some of Wendie's thanks and noted that he was pleased to report that Barleylands had been undertaking some repairs to improve the track down to the range today. They had also left us some handcore/gravel to help improve the parking area.
- 3.3. **Secretary** (Andy) – See written report.
- 3.4. **Treasurer** (Julie) – See written report and accounts. The club recorded a surplus over expenditure of £3,322 this year. The income amount shown included advance payments for the March /April Beginners' course and the Bryony Pitman evening. The club still has a £1,500 repayable loan from SCAS and Julie has been trying to liaise with SCAS on this without response.
- 3.5. **Membership Secretary** (Rikki) – See written report. Rikki reported that "*March 2024 membership stood at 192 members (March 2023 it was 173). Currently we have 234 members. Membership renewal is due at the end of April with the first email going out at the end of March. We usually expect to lose approximately 15-20% of our membership at that time...*"

Rikki also mentioned the upcoming Beginners' courses both mid-week (6 people started on Tuesday) and Saturday (19 people due on the course at the end of March) which could be expected to further increase membership. It was clarified that the club has started to look at the reasons for people not renewing and will be looking to see if there are any opportunities there.

- 3.6. **Head Coach** (Dave S) – See written report. Dave thanked those coaches, committee and general members who helped during the year with beginners' courses, workshops and other coaching actions. Five people were now completing coaching courses and that there remained opportunities for new interested people to train up as coaches. Dave highlighted that individual coaching support was always available to members on request and more information was available in his report.
- 3.7. **Records Officer** (Martin) – See written report. Martin provided data on Handicap improvements, AGB classifications achieved and club records broken by members over the year. He also encouraged people to submit their scores which could be done via Archery Toolbox app, the website 'Submit Your Score' page or direct email.
- 3.8. **Junior Liaison Officer** (Carrie) – See written report. Carrie celebrated the growth of the junior section (now 36, 22 of which joined in the last year). This followed the running of



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two Come+Try/Taster sessions in the school holidays. Carrie also reported on the introduction of the WA Feather and Arrow award schemes, the five juniors who went to the National Indoor championships, the medals gained at this and the ECAA Indoor competition and the regular 10-15 attendance at the junior club sessions. Carrie also expressed her thanks to Matt Webb for his help and coaching support over the year.

- 3.9. **Equipment Officer(s)** – Paul White gave a report on behalf of Dave Twohey who had been unable to attend for work reasons. Dave had reported that all club bows had been taken back in February for maintenance and relabelling. About 30 bows were yet to be checked. Paul also reported on recent actions to repair targets and that he was looking at more robust target cover design to replace the tarpaulin covers.
 - 3.10. **Safeguarding Officer** (Carrie) – Carrie reported that there were three concerns dealt with during the year.
 - 3.11. **Web Officer** (Andy) – See written report. Andy reported that he had taken over this role during the year and there was still plenty more that could be done. He highlighted that there were opportunities for other people to pick up web communications work, both internally or public-facing, and anyone interested should contact him.
 - 3.12. **General Members** (Wendy) – Wendy reported that she had been working on the recent club members survey results and would be compiling a report for the next committee meeting.
 - 3.13. No or nil reports received from: Club Captain/League Secretary (vacancy),
4. Presentations – Awards, Medals and Trophies
The following club awards were made:
- 4.1. AGB Handicap Awards – The GNAS Handicap medal was awarded to Paul White.
 - 4.2. AGB Classification Awards – Martin handed out AGB Outdoor Classification badges. See Records Officer report for details.
 - 4.3. Albion League 2024 – ECAA medals for the participating archers were presented. The ECAA Summer League trophy was presented to Andy Mullender.
 - 4.4. Windsor League 2024 - ECAA medals for the participating archers were presented. No trophy for this division.
 - 4.5. Frostbite League – Mayflower medals were presented to the top three overall scorers in each bow and age group category.
 - 4.6. Club Indoor WA25 Championship – Mayflower plaque and medals were presented to the top scorers in each category.
 - 4.7. Club Awards: See table below.

Mayflower Award	2025 Winner
Alan Cavaye Award (Senior) <i>Non-Committee Member who has gone above and beyond to help the club</i>	James Goldsmith
Bruce Martin Award (Junior) <i>Non-Committee Member who has gone above and beyond to help the club.</i>	Maisie Goldsmith
Best Junior - Boy	Oscar Callendar
Best Junior - Girl	Maisie Greaves
Junior Captain	Maisie Goldsmith
Junior Vice-Captain	Maisie Greaves
Senior Recurve Award	Andy Mullender
Senior Compound Award	Mo Embley
Best Newcomer – Junior	Katie Bowden
Best Newcomer – Senior	Alec Hilton
Handicap Improvement Medal – Senior	Paul White
Handicap Improvement Medal – Junior	<i>None Eligible</i>

It was reported that Best Junior Girl trophy and the badges for Junior Captain and Junior Vice-Captain are currently missing.

- 4.8. ECAA Awards: The club had submitted nominations for two Essex & Suffolk County Archery Association awards both of which were successful. ECAA Trophies were awarded to Julie Bishop & Dave Scorah. Awards and citations are listed below:



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County Awards	
<p>The Graham Sibley Memorial Trophy <i>The award is considered as a club level award and clubs may nominate any member whom they consider has assisted their club in whatever way is felt appropriate to be recognised. (for example: long service, continued development of a club, stepping in when others would not, always offering assistance in any capacity, etc.)</i></p>	<p>Julie Bishop</p>
<p>Citation: Julie has been our treasurer for 25 years, this year and continues to do a fantastic job. Not only has Julie held this position for many, many years but regularly goes above and beyond her committee role whenever necessary.</p> <p>She is always present at club events, offering her help freely and goes out of her way to encourage all club members, but particularly our junior team and disabled members, to compete, imparting her vast knowledge of archery at every level.</p> <p>As a club, we feel it would be wonderful for her to be acknowledged by the County for the many years of dedication to the sport, our club and its members.</p>	

<p>The Baldwin Trophy Award <i>Clubs may nominate a person whom they consider has done most to enhance the sport during the past year e.g. coaching, judging, tournament organising, etc</i></p>	<p>Dave Scolah</p>
<p>Citation: Dave is our longstanding Head Coach/Coaching officer. Dave is reliably at the club every Saturday, through rain, wind and snow, providing bow maintenance, advice and coaching support to our members. In fact, if Dave isn't at the club, it usually means he is supporting an ECAA coaching event elsewhere!</p> <p>Dave arranges a regular series of coaching sessions covering both equipment and technique topics. He also arranges our successful series of beginners' courses bringing in a vital flow of new members and is now supporting the development of multiple new coaches as well as assisting a new registered blind archer.</p> <p>We believe that for his exemplary service, to both ECAA and to Mayflower Archers, Dave would be a worthy recipient of the Baldwin Trophy</p>	

5. Election of Officers & Club Committee for 2024/5

5.1. The following people were elected unopposed to the committee for 2025/6:

Position	2025/6 Incumbent
Chairperson	Wendie King
Vice Chairperson	Matthew Webb
Secretary	Andy Mullender
Treasurer	Julie Bishop
Club Captain/League Secretary	Vacancy
Head Coach (appointed)	David Scolah
Membership Secretary	Rikki Embley
Equipment Officer/Armourer	Dave Twohey
Outdoor Equipment Officer	Paul White
Safeguarding Officer	Carrie Goldsmith
Records Officer	Martin Vidgeon-Hart
League Secretary	John Dibley
Website Officer	Andy Mullender
Junior Liaison Officer	Carrie Goldsmith
General Member(s)	Wendy Durrant + 1 vacancy
Competition Secretary	New role - vacancy

5.2. The vacant positions for Club Captain, League Secretary plus one or more general members were highlighted but there were no volunteers. Anyone potentially interested was encouraged to speak to a member of the committee or the club email address.



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6. Proposed Constitution Amendments (Andy Mullender)

6.1. The set of constitution amendments circulated prior to the meeting were agreed. These changes:

- addressed the AGB move to renewing AGB membership on anniversary of joining instead of 1st October each year.
- removed the requirement for audited accounts.
- assigned accountability for assigning responsibility for equipment maintenance to the committee.
- enabled all types of membership fee to be set at each AGM
- changed the required AGM timing to be 'no more than 15 months after the last AGM'.

Andy announced that the revised constitution would be published on the website.

6.2. An A.O.B. proposal to create a 'non-shooting' club membership category was referred to the committee for further discussion.

7. Annual Fees

7.1. It was agreed to maintain the Adults and Junior club membership fees at current level. It was agreed that Associate membership fees will be increased to match full member fees.

8. Honorary Membership proposal (Wendie King)

In recognition of long service and contribution to the club it was agreed to offer Honorary lifetime membership to Dave Scorah and Martin Vidgeon-Hart.

9. Any Other Business

9.1. External Competitions - There was a question during the meeting about whether the club could do more to promote and encourage club participation at external open competitions. Andy said that this was one of the activities that the committee has created the Competition Secretary role to do but it appeared that nobody was yet willing to take this on. He also said he had tried to promote a few competitions last year (e.g. Air Ambulance, GB 50+ Masters) with no success other than for the Malgrave Moonlight shoot. Matt said that he could post the county calendar in the shelter like he did last year and we could include a link to this in a future email.

9.2. Shooting Rules - Pete Cotter enquired about the plans (announced on Facebook) for implementing a time limit for shooting ends. It was explained that, in order to avoid excessive delays at busy times, that committee planned to experiment with a '5 minute limit' per detail at busy times. This would be enforced by the Field Captain through use of the whistle and should allow plenty of time to shoot six arrows (in competitions the limit is four minutes). It was hoped that this would keep things moving and discourage people walking up to the line to start shooting part way through an end. Field captains would be asked to limit time spent searching for arrows at these times as well.



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Appendix 1: 2025 Statement of Accounts

MAYFLOWER ARCHERS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1ST FEBRUARY 2024 TO 31ST JANUARY 2025

INCOME

Membership & AGB	23506.00
Beginners Courses	4200.00
Equipment Sales	774.89
Shirts	420.10
Refund Apparel Man	1454.50
Bowhire & Deposits	5840.00
Indoor fees	1485.00
Easy Fundraising	130.86
Clubhouse	90.43
shoots	355.00
jnic juniors	143.62
Grant	4920.00
Interest	151.51
Bryony Pitman advanced sales	530.00
	£ 44001.91

EXPENDITURE

Outdoor rent	2472.00
Indoor rent	1320.00
Meeting Room	100.00
Field expenses	1881.10
Shooting Equipment	2198.03
John Deere Mower	3110.00
Field Maintenance(grass)	250.00
Loo Empty	860.00
Clubhouse	732.59
Solar & Electrics	7049.12
Internet & software	371.89
Paper & printing	96.16
Gifts & in memory	261.00
Jnic entry	274.75
Bowhire Deposit refunds	4005.00
Beginners refund	140.00
Overpayment refunds	93.00
Coach courses	583.00
League fees & food	202.11
Junior events	144.84
Shirts (Apparel Man)	1362.50
Badges & medals	512.36
AGB SCAS & ECAA	12462.00
Sum Up Fees (card payments)	82.55
Try Booking fees	115.18
	£ 40679.18

Opening Balance	£20389.78	
Closing Balances	£ 23712.51	
Made up of		
	Cash in hand	444.45
	Current Account	6727.68
	Deposit Account	13074.17
	Competition acc	453.49
	Sum up Account	1739.22
	Try Booking Acc	1273.50

SCAS Interest free loan £1500 outstanding to be repaid