

Pete Verrall:- Wanted to concur with everything the others have said, and having seen some of the plaudits on Frank's FB page since his death, I noted the influence Frank had in his academic career both at Pfizer, and the respect he was held in among his academic colleagues and former students.

4. Chairman's Report AGM 2021 - Mike Davis

Well, it's been a remarkable year. The covid pandemic has caused constant change to the way we do things, our schedule and our finances. Following a lot of hard work by Bob a decision was taken to revoke our affiliation to AGB. This again caused more work for the committee especially Bob.

Bob has been successful in getting AGB to change their rules to allow other archery associations to shoot with us opening the way for our de-affiliation.

As Bob has said in his report, we have had great success with the "Have a Go Day" and the beginner's course and surprise, surprise Bob has been instrumental in organising these events.

In fact, as you will be aware Bob has been involved in every aspect of running this club for many years. It is therefore unsurprising that the committee are worried about Bob's desire to stand down. He has been trying to do this for at least two years. Sorry Linda.

You, the members, therefore have an opportunity to volunteer to join the committee and be involved in the future direction of the club and the activities it offers. I know that the committee have approached several people over the last year to try and cajole them into joining us and I am grateful to all those who have put their head above the parapet and offered help.

Usually at this point I harp on about how little people help out with all the chores that have to be done to keep the club running. But this year I would like to praise the way some people who, even though they are not on the committee have stepped up and helped out with the events and day to day tasks that have to be done. They know who they are but just in case everyone doesn't...

Thank you to:-

Dave Rhodes

Dave Batchelor

Ted & Jenny Walsh

Grahame Andrews

John Holton

Jim Whiddett

I am sure there are more I am sorry for any I have missed. Saying that there are still some who turn up just before shooting time and expect the field to be ready or find many important things to talk about and do not help with setting out the targets. There are some who do not put their targets away when they finish shooting. I am not going to call out names but if the cap fits wear it.

5. Secretary's report - Peter Verrall

At last we seem to be getting back to something approaching normality, including an in-person AGM – woo-hoo! Yet even with this return to 'business as usual', for the club this year has been extraordinary.

1/ In April just before archery was able to restart, the school notified us that things were beginning to move with regard to the development of the field, and that we have to get ready to relocate from the old clubhouse, which would need to be demolished, and we completed the first stage of that, when we moved from there into our current 'temporary' accommodation across the car park. A big shout out to thank everyone who helped with that at only a weeks' notice. Eventually we are due to move to a new location at the top field on the other side of the railway line, but the timescale for that remains open-ended, apparently even to senior staff at St Lawrence college. 😊 For the time being we continue to organise activities at our present location, but 2022 promises to be another eventful year.

2/ During the pandemic, we had many enquiries about beginners courses which we were unable to fulfil last year. Consequently, we did our best to accommodate more beginners this year, running 4 courses during the summer season (2 in May & 2 in October), as well as a Have-a-Go during the August bank holiday, which a number of the new club members attended and enjoyed enough to attend the beginners' courses on the 3rd & 17th October. That we now have a significant number of new club members is due to the considerable effort and dedication of those previously mentioned above, as well as quite a few others who helped with the Have-A-Go. Thanks to everyone who pulled together on those events and made them such a success.

3/ As well as the impending relocation, the school also asked us to run 6 weeks of holiday taster sessions 3 afternoons a week, which we provided free-of-charge to the school, the burden of which once again fell on Bob Gawler and a small team of helpers, again already mentioned above, and more recently 8 Saturday morning sessions between 8:30 – 9:25am during the autumn term. To give Bob (and Linda) a break, these were run by Mike Davis, Ted Walsh, David Rhodes, Dick Bailey, Fred Hammond, Dave Batchelor, John Holton & myself. Some of these guys (not saying who) are at the time of their lives when people generally look forward to putting their feet up and taking it easier, yet they get up a bit earlier on a Saturday to give these youngsters an enjoyable archery session. A special mention to David Rhodes, who lives in Whitstable (as do Bob & Linda) yet has turned up before 8am for each of the Saturday morning sessions we have run for the school, and also to Fred Hammond who is also there before 8am for every session, and has been an absolute stalwart all summer, despite having had a foot operation back in July (?). What has made it particularly enjoyable is the pupils are enjoying the lessons and are a great bunch of youngsters to teach - keen, attentive, mature for their age and considerate to one another. I have to note also that Fred is a natural with them and has developed a great rapport with some of the lads.

4/ When Bob announced he was standing down, it was clear immediately that his would be tough shoes to fill, and it would be difficult to find volunteers willing to try. Because of this, and also in part due to the changes brought about by our vote to disaffiliate from Archery GB, now seemed like a good time to revisit/formally write the role descriptions for a new era.

Accordingly, we now have formal descriptions for all the named committee roles, (sent to club members with the AGM agenda) and have created a new role of Head Coach, which with both Bob and Pat Powell before him, had in practice merged with the Club Captains role, although coaching has never formally been part of that role. The Head coach role specifically includes the development of a coaching team, and those involved will be encouraged to undertake the World Archery training module if they would like to, to broaden the knowledge base of that team. In addition, the Equipment officer's role will now include heading up an equipment maintenance team, and any club member with appropriate craft skills is welcome to be part of that. As Mike has already alluded to, the last 18 months have shown that, in difficult times even more so than easy times, teamwork is essential for making a club work for everyone.

Finally, with Bob at last being able to take a break from the running of the club, I would like to formally thank him on behalf of both committee & club for all the dedication, effort,

enjoyment and experience which he has shared with us, both on an organisational and on a personal level. He clearly derives a great deal of pleasure from seeing new archers coming into the club and helping them to enjoy archery as much as he does, which is what makes him such an inspiration to us all, and while he has stepped down from the committee, I look forward to him continuing to do so as an extra-ordinary club member.

6. Treasurers summary and presentation of accounts - James Plummer

See separate Summary document.

7. Matters arising from Statement of Accounts (if any).

a/ Jim Whiddett asked if we were now breaking even. *James P replied that with the influx of new members we were.*

b/ Graeme Andrews said that we'd done well given the circumstances of the last 2 years.

8. Membership - James Plummer

Membership Summary 2020-21 AGM

Membership this year has been healthy for the club.

At the beginning of the year membership stood at 64 (including 8 Honorary, 6 Associate and 1 Social) Of these 14 have not renewed, however we have welcomed 44 new members during the year making our total year end membership 94. About 20 of our new members were juniors, which is good news. A number of our members are now associate members, but not everyone has provided alternative membership information.

We ran four Beginners Courses this year, two in May and two in October and 32 attendees from these courses subsequently joined the club. 12 others joined, being a combination of transfers from other clubs, existing archers taking up the sport again and new archers having been assessed.

With the move away from AGB we have had several members move to Associate so that the breakdown of the 94 is now includes 7 Honorary, 15 Associate and 1 Social.

79 archers have shot at least once during the year

9. Records - Anne Fretwell/Mike Davis

Even with the Covid restrictions, we have managed to have 208 score sheets presented during the Summer Season.

Many of these were for Mike's ever popular 48 Badge Scheme but they qualify to be recorded against the Archery GB classifications.

12 qualified for a 48 badge this season.

4 New Members achieved a White Badge for (30/20) they were:

Addison Ritchie, Jamie Cox, Nathalie Crespel & Robert Palmer

+ one Returning member, Joe Spain who also qualified for a WHITE badge

Not forgetting the determined regulars:

Fred Hammond & David Rhodes achieved RED Badges (60/50) & GOLD Badges (80/60)
Frank Pullen & John Holton achieved RED Badges (60/50). This was the last time Frank shot.
Jim Whiddett who achieved a GOLD Badge (80/60)

The most scores recorded were:

Joint 3rd Jim Whiddett & David Rhodes 13

2nd Linda Gawler 14

1st Fred Hammond 15

Class Achievements

Even though we had a season with all the restrictions, some people have still achieved new classes.

Fred Hammond achieved his 2nd Class Badge

John Ritchie achieved his 2nd Class Badge

Handicap Improvement

We record people who improve their handicap from the start of the year to the end of the season

The winners are:

Handicap Improvement by Newcomers

3rd **Nathalie Crespel** 100 – 72 improvement of 28

2nd **John Ritchie** 100-71 improvement 29

1st **Harvey Tearle** 100 - 66 Improvement of 44

Handicap Improvement - Old Hands

Joint 3rd **James Plummer** 44 - 41 Improvement of 3

David Rhodes 62 -59

Mike Davis 74 - 71

2nd **Gwen Smith** 74 – 70 improvement of 4

1st **Graham Andrews** 55 - 50 Improvement of 5

We also had some of the club records broken.

Bob Gawler - WA60 &WA70 longbow club record

Graham Andrews - New National longbow record

John Holton - Short Junior Warwick Compound record

James Plummer - WA70 Recurve club record.

Two archers achieved KAA status records

Alex Moss - Junior National recurve record

David Rhodes - Long Warwick longbow record.

10. Captain's report - Bob Gawler

After all the setbacks with Covid, apart from not being able to run the competitions and the very sad news that we lost our President Frank Pullen, one of the mainstays of the club for many years. He will be a hard act to follow.

We have achieved a lot this year; we have done eight weeks of summer camp for the college. I would like to thank all those that gave up their time to come along and help the college; also appreciated all the time you gave, and it went down well with all the pupils and staff. We have also been doing a Saturday morning lesson for a group of their senior pupils and the feedback has been very positive. I was not involved with this myself, but I really appreciate all those that got up early and turned up to help. We did not manage much at the beginning of the year, but we have made up for it since we managed two beginners' courses early in the year where we gained new members then we ran the taster day which was a great success thanks again to all those that helped we had lots applied for the beginners' courses, so we had to put on two which were even more successful. I believe the membership now stands at over 80 members. I believe some of this is down to the fact that we have pulled away from Archery GB so we can give new members the option. We already have a waiting list for next year's beginners' courses. We have also managed to spend a lot of money this year; we have purchased the flat bed trolley, the new line marker, arrows, lots of bows and several rolls of new faces and we had the stands repaired. I must stress how much I appreciate all the help and support I have had this year.

The Indoor has started again at Ursuline College - so far great numbers keep it up.

I am standing down at the AGM in November for a complete rest from the committee, but I will be around to help the next Club Captain and any club members if I can.

11. Child protection officer - Dick Bailey

As safeguarding, welfare and health & safety officer, you will be pleased to hear that I have nothing to report.

Anybody who has been member of our club for any length of time will agree, I hope, that it is a friendly and safe club. But that's down to all of us, not just some individuals. Let's keep it that way, so if anything concerns you about anyone in the club, be it for good reasons or bad, or if you have any safety concerns, please speak up, or let me, or any committee member know.

12. Equipment Officer - Brian Horne

I took on the role prior to Covid, and found the role more demanding than expected, esp. finding myself needing to socially distance and take more care with my health with Covid coming along, also not being as young/fit as I used to be. But this year with all the extra taster shoots and beginners courses, there have been a lot more arrows for me to

repair. Looking forward to working with an equipment maintenance team to spread the workload.

13. Junior Rep - [Vacant]

14. Election of Committee members

Post	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder	Votes (for/against)
Club President	Fred Hammond	Bob Gawler	Linda Gawler	>20 for
Club Chair	Mike Davis	Dave Batchelor	Fred Hammond	>20 for
Club Captain	Jim Whiddett	Linda Gawler	Bob Gawler	>20 for
Club Secretary	Pete Verrall	Graeme Andrews	James Plummer	>20 for
Treasurer/Membership Secretary	James Plummer	Jim Whiddett	Fred Hammond	>20 for
Head Coach	Dick Bailey	Bob Gawler	James Plummer	>20 for
Records Officer	Anne Fretwell	Graeme Andrews	James Plummer	>20 for
Trophy Officer	Lee Burns	Jim Whiddett	John Holton	>20 for
Equipment Officer	Brian Horne	Bob Gawler	Jim Whiddett	>20 for
Child Protection/Safeguarding Officer	Dick Bailey	Linda Gawler	James Plummer	>20 for
Junior Representative	Mia Charles*	Bob Gawler	James Plummer	>20 for
Ordinary member	Roy Holden	Jim Whiddett	John Holton	>20 for
Ordinary member	David Batchelor	Jim Whiddett	James Plummer	>20 for
Ordinary member	Ryan Holden	Graeme Andrews	James Plummer	>20 for

*Note:- Junior rep to be confirmed by Mia's parents

15. Propositions previously circulated

- None.

16. Trophy/Award Presentations –

Handicap Improvement Award

New members trophy - Harvey Tearle

Existing members trophy - Graeme Andrews

Special achievement award (for a member who has gone above and beyond to support the club over the last year):- David Rhodes – for unflinching support with all the holiday taster sessions, school archery lessons, Have-A-Go, beginner courses, etc throughout the year, always early to put targets out, despite living in Whitstable.

Special presentation to Bob Gawler of a case of red wine as a thank-you for the many years of dedicated service on the committee, as he now steps down as Club Captain.

17. Christmas Shoot Sat 11th Dec (hopefully!) – the theme revealed!

The theme of this year's shoot is the "12 days of Christmas". Fancy dress is desirable but not obligatory. Please each bring a wrapped present up to the value of £3.50 for the Secret Santa lucky dip. Please also bring buffet food/drink to share for lunch afterwards.

Arrive from between 9 - 9:30am to help set up and start at 10am. If you are using a club bow at the moment and you intend to be at the Christmas shoot, you will need to take the bow home with you after shooting on Sat 4th Dec.

18. AOB

a/ Due to higher-than-expected take-up, insurance fee reduced to £20/yr from April 2022.

b/ We will be returning to the pre-Covid Saturday practice of arriving by 9:30am to set up our equipment ready to muck in and put out targets at 9:45am ready to start at 10am.