



AGM 2026

Thursday April 2nd

7:30 for 8:00pm

Morris Clown

Agenda:-

- Attendance, Apologies & Welcome
- Treasurer's Report -2025
- Secretary's Report - 2025
- Chairman's Report
- 2026 Season
- AOB
- Election Of Officers & Committee
- 8 A Side Draw



Minutes of AGM – 2026

Morris Clown 2nd April

1. Teams represented

Of the 56 registered teams, 18 teams in total were represented at the AGM. 8 more than 2025.

Athletico Talbot	Bell A	Bell B	Clangers
Faringdon FC	Faringdon Follicles	Firebells	Grifters
Horseshoes	Morris Clowns	Morris Marauders	Morris Minors
Social Misfits	Talbot Alternates	Touchliners	Troutlets
West Witney Wangers	Ye Olde Ploughmen		

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from two teams: -

Carpenters B Windies and from Committee member Danny Cox

3. 2025 AGM – matters arising

No items were carried forward.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2025

The Treasurer presented the 2025 accounts.

Income for 2025 was solely from subscriptions –
£2495, comprising 31 teams @ £45 (early payment discount) and 22 teams @ £50.

Expenditure totalled £3916 which left a cash deficit of £1421 for the year.
Each expenditure item was described for the benefit of attendees. (See next page)

Added to the balance of the bank account, this gave an end of year total of £3950. The end of year bank statement (23/12/2025) showed £40125 – a surplus of £75. This was due to the Treasurer having personally paid the Web site hosting fee, but not claimed it back. This has now been done and was clarified at the February Committee meeting.



Income & Expenditure Accounts

	2025	
INCOME		
Team Registrations	£2,495	
Total Income	£2,495	
EXPENDITURE		
Village Hall Hire	£120	
Stationery	-	
Secretarial Expenses	£285	
Engraving & Medals	£1,865	
Inter-League Expenses	£350	
Finals Night Stock	-	
Finals Night Cleaning	£35	
Web Site: maintain, develop	£200	
Web Site Domain renewal/host	£90	
Asset purchase/repair	£411	
Trophies (New/Replace/Repair)	-	
Bank Charges	£35	
Misc		
Beer League Prizes	£525	
Total Expenditure	£3,916	

Include £35 cleaning costs not claimed in 2024

**Hosting £74.98
Storage update £14.99
£89.97**

Jamie's laptop

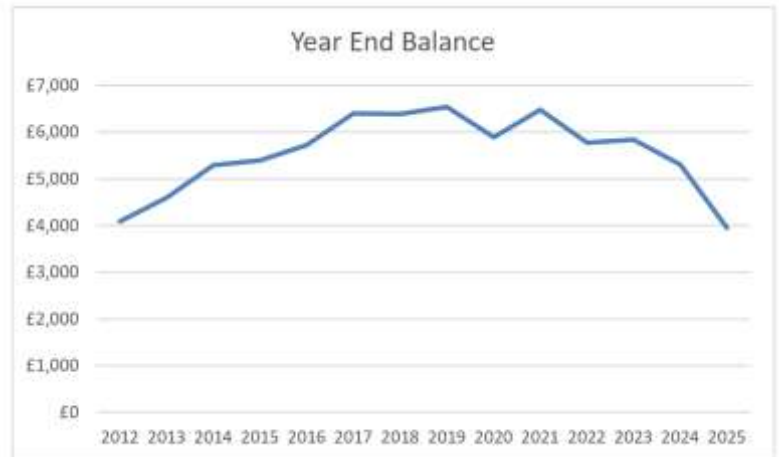
HSBC cancelled fees in July



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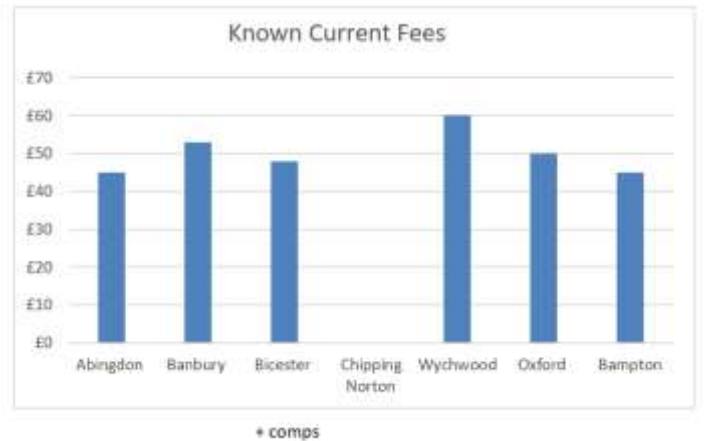
Members were shown end of year balances since 2012.



A chart of our fees shows no increase for the past 5 years.



Comparing known fees, Bampton is still one of the lowest, but this may need to be addressed next year

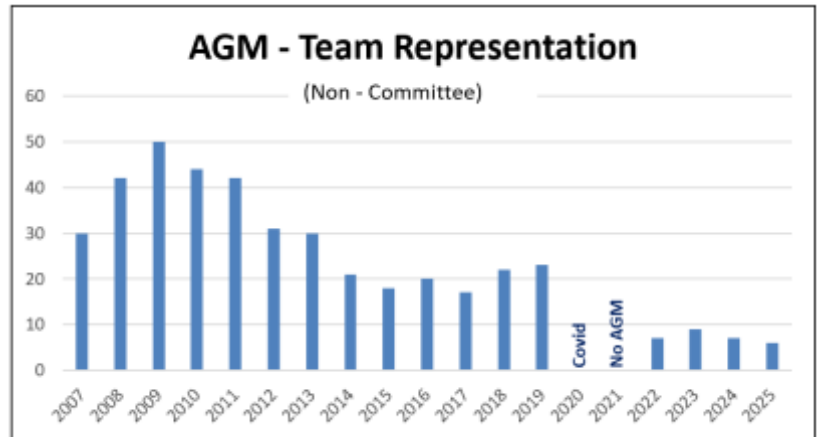




5. Secretary's Report for 2025

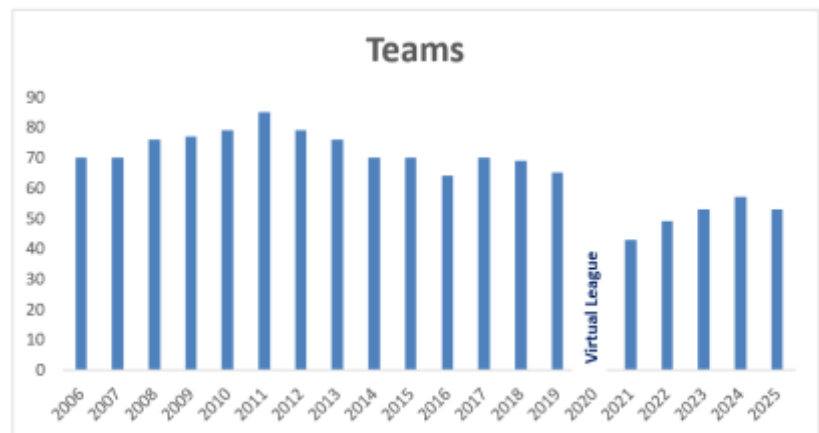
5.1 AGM attendance

7 non-Committee teams sent representatives



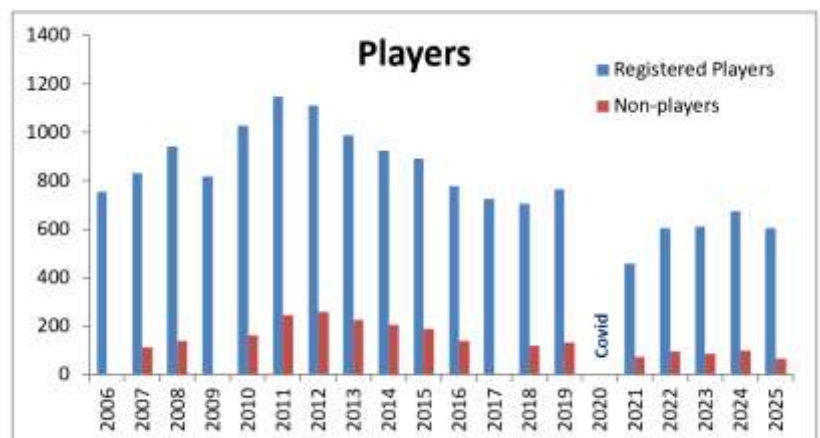
5.2 League Analysis

53 teams were registered for the 2025 season.



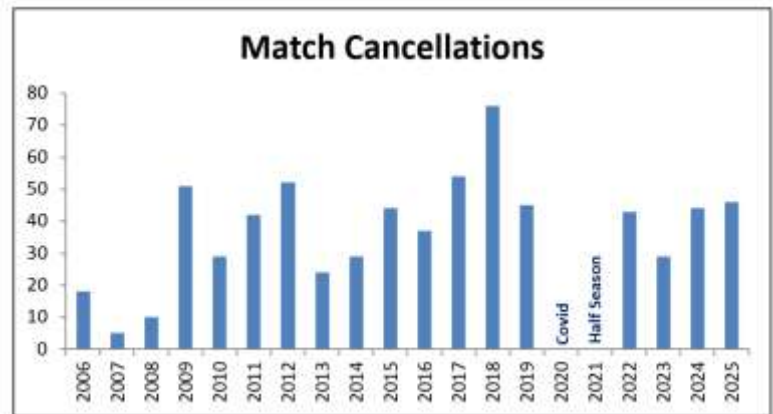
673 people signed on, of whom 606 actually played.

Added to the 57 people who only played 1 game, there is creatively the potential for additional teams, further reducing byes.





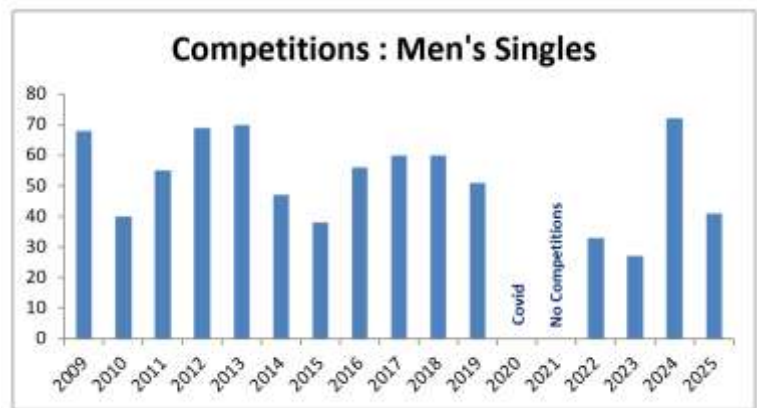
There was a slight increase in the number of re-arranged games – up to 46, of which only 6 required Committee adjudication. (6 out of a total of c 900 matches)



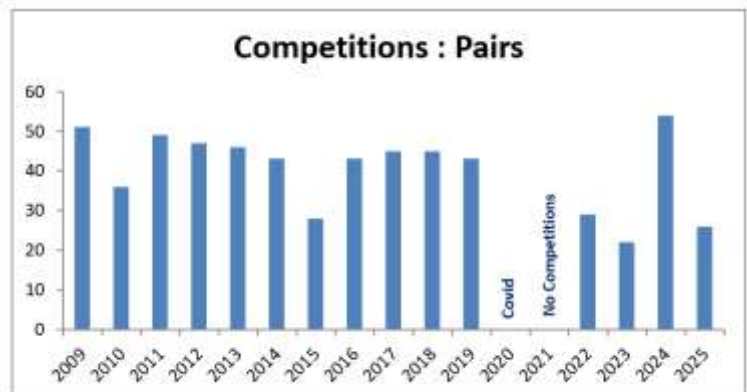
5.3 Competitions

Individual competition entry figures were presented: -
(We have no figures for 'no-shows' this year)

41 Singles entrants



26 Pairs entrants

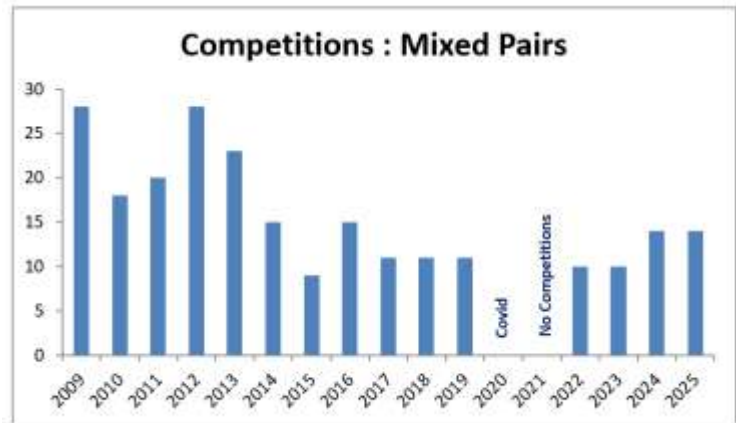




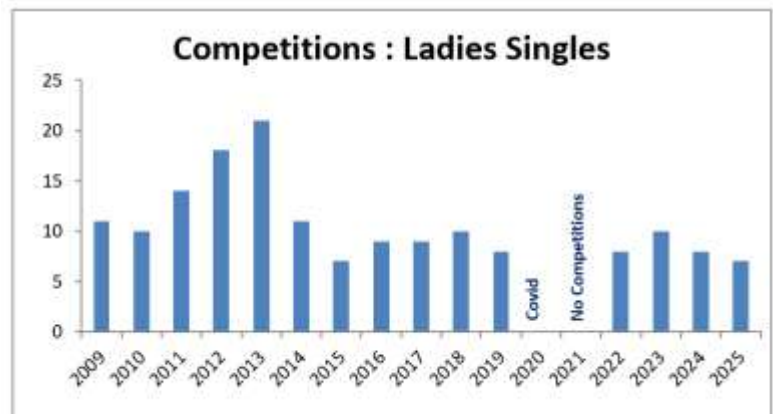
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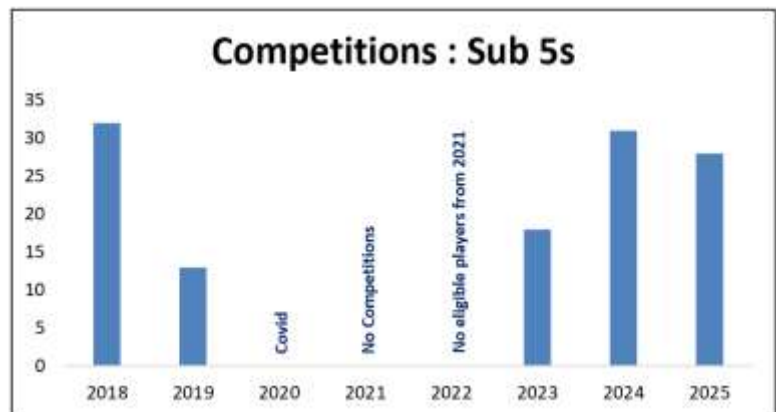
14 Mixed Pairs entrants



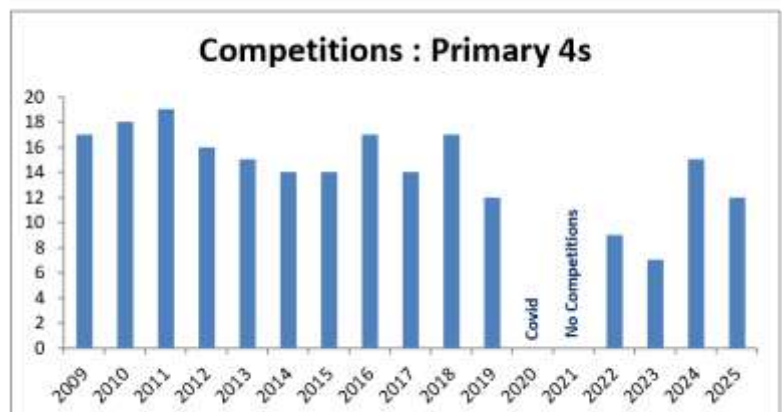
7 Ladies entrants



28 Sub 5 entrants

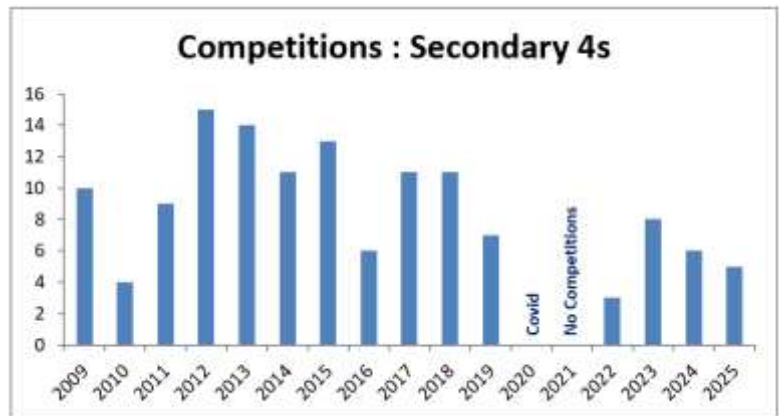


12 teams entered





5 teams entered



Since numbers are down for every category, a survey will be carried out later in the season to analyse reasons.

6. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman endorsed the 2025 season, thanked the membership for their continuing support and co-operation and wished them a good 2026.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The Officers and Committee stood down en-bloc. Barry is retiring from the secretarial role this year, after 20 years of service, but will continue in the roles of Treasurer and Webmaster and will provide support to his replacement, Jamie New.

The remaining Officers and Committee were re-elected en-bloc

The make-up of the Committee for 2026 is therefore: -

President	Fred Cook	Athletico Talbot
Chairman	Steve Mace	Morris Clowns
Secretary	Jamie New	Faringdon Follicles
Treasurer	Barry Aylett-Warner	Troutlets
Committee Members	Danny Cox	Morris Marauders
	Dickie Weedon	Morris Marauders
	Bez Berry	Bell B
	Darren Lloyd	Athletico Talbot
	Ady Pitts	Athletico Talbot
	Dave Tillyer	Morris Marauders

8. 2026 Season

8.1 Registrations

At the close of registration, a total of 56 teams had registered, 3 up on the previous season – and therefore 3 fewer byes.



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No teams were lost from 2025.

New teams registered for the first time: - *Shilton Owads* – *Rose & Crown Shilton*
You're Welcome - *Rush*
*Windies** - *Windrush Club*

*Made up of part Grifters; part Windrush Cockerels

Team name changes and venue changes were presented and will be listed on the 'League Structure' page of the web site along with the rationale of this season's section setting.

8.2 Key Dates & Times

Members attending the AGM were informed that key dates for 2026 are already published on the web site and can be printed from the 'Documents Downloads' page.

The first two activities of the season are: -

8 A Side First Round	Thursday April 30th
League Week 1	Thursday May 7 th

Competition registration will open on May 1st and run until June 1st.

8.3 Fixtures for 2026

It was pointed out that in addition to the normal promotion/relegation, extra promotions were necessary owing to there now being fewer byes in the upper sections.

One such promotion was described in detail to the membership, because of its unusual circumstances.

Section D	Played	Dolls	Legs
Horseshoes	16	464	32
White Hart ML	16	451	30
Faringdon Follicles	16	451	29
Talbot Alternates	16	451	29
Griffin Gruffalos	16	431	27

Having already promoted Horseshoes as section winners and White Hart ML to fill a bye, a further promotion was required to fill another bye.

Since Faringdon Follicles and Talbot Alternates had tied on both points *and* dolls, the decision to promote Talbot was made on the number of games won (10-8).

League Fixtures were issued. This incorporates competition heats and will shortly be available as a page on the web site and as a printable PDF file in the 'Documents Download' page).



At this point, Committee member Bez Berry challenged the validity of the Fixture setting process, claiming that it disadvantaged certain multiple team venues by denying access to preferred throws. It was further claimed that the process had been altered since 2023.

For transparency, the current process was briefly described to the membership, with confirmation that the same process has been in continuous use, having been passed down from the previous Secretary in 2005.

Four multi-team venues have historically requested a preferential home/away pattern and these have been accommodated into the process. Apart from these, other multi-venue home/away settings will have varied year on year on a random basis as the settings were compiled. No complaints have ever been received about Fixtures.

The Chairman proposed that an extra-ordinary Committee meeting be convened where Bez Berry's alternative setting method will be demonstrated, analysed and the preferred process be adopted for next year's Fixtures setting, with feedback to the membership.

9. AOB

Tabled Discussion Items

For the first time since 2014, a written request for 3 discussion items has been received (Bell B). Since a voting outcome of one of these could affect the 8 A Side draw, the default order of events of the AGM was changed to accommodate this.

9.1 Motion to Replace the 3 8 A Side competitions with a 6 A Side Handicap competition.

For full wording, see Appendix.

It was pointed out that that in a (September 2025) survey of the membership, 27 teams voted to retain the 8s competition in its current format and whilst the Committee opposes this motion, it would support the proposal of this as an additional Sunday only competition. (See **9.4**)

To clarify the text wording, a slide presentation was made to graphically explain the handicap principle. After a short discussion, Bell B withdrew the motion.

9.2 Cancelled matches (1)

*"Games cannot be cancelled because of a lack of players.
In the event of a team not having 6 players the team play with whatever number they have of they forfeit"*

It was pointed out that in the previously mentioned survey, 31 teams had voted last year to not change the existing process.

After a discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was rejected by 15 votes to 0



9.3 Cancelled matches (2)

*“If a team cannot raise a side the opposition should propose 2 dates for the rearranged fixture. This should be either by email / text / WhatsApp
The team cancelling the game agree to one of these dates or the game is forfeited.”*

It was pointed out that this reverses the current practice, where the defaulting team is expected to take responsibility to re-arrange the game and is taken into consideration when the Committee has to adjudicate a match.

After a discussion, a vote was taken and the proposal was defeated by 12 votes to 3.

9.4 New Handicap based Competition

The Committee proposed that the original (9.1) motion be adopted as a trial event, taking the form of an additional voluntary 6 A Side handicap competition run exclusively on Sundays.
A vote was taken and the motion was carried by 8 votes to 4.
The Committee will design the detail and communicate back.

9.5 Open Forum

Publishing Of Minutes

A proposal was made by Graham Collett (Morris Clowns) to publish the minutes of Committee meetings.

It was agreed in principle. The Committee will discuss in detail and respond.

10 8 A Side Round One Draw

The draw was conducted live at the AGM for the fifth consecutive year, using traditional analogue methods and audience participation.

The draw will be available on the web site from the following day.

It was noted that entry numbers are up on the previous year.

There being no other business, the AGM closed at 10:05pm.



Appendix: Verbatim discussion item requests

