

Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club



Minutes - Committee Meeting

21st April 2026

Present:

- Theo Todman – Chairman, Secretary & Webmaster
- Linda Fleet – Treasurer
- Angela Fenton – Matchmaker, Catering Manager
- Chris Comer – Committee Member
- David Piper – Director

Apologies:

- Marcia Levan-Harris – Committee Member

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes of 10th February 2026:** Agreed. Matters Arising Follow.
2. **Completed or substantially completed Items:**
 - **Marcia transition:** Complete. David will act as Director even when Marcia is present. Additionally, Angela will act as the lead Catering Manager – bringing the milk and checking on supplies – in like circumstances. Marcia's assistance when present gratefully received, of course.
 - **Chairman / Secretary combo:** Added to AGM agenda.
 - **MVH Contacts:** Linda and Theo are the primary recipients of the key-code. The MVH website has been updated with Theo and Angela as the contacts.
 - **Garden Cities:** Thorpe Bay had declined, and the place was offered to Mayflower. However, no team of 8 was available.
 - **Club Championship:** Complete. Won by Theo and David.
 - **ECBA Cups:** Sue Thorburn has collected these from Theo.
 - **Laptop:** No recent problems. If it does become an insuperable problem, and – as is likely – there are no available 'reserves', an 'appeal' will be put to members.
 - **Club History:**
 - Theo has updated the website with the results recorded on Shields and Cups received from Marcia.

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- Theo's 'Mountnessing and Friends' site: See <http://www.theotodman.com/MountnessingAndFriends.htm>.

3. Items for Discussion

- **Time & Location of Club Sessions:** There's no pressing need to make a change. Last year's AGM had rejected the idea of 'going on-line'. The Committee discussed but deprecated the idea of playing in the afternoon, though this will be put to the AGM (with this guidance) as it had been raised under AOB last year by Sandra Fenton. The possibility of moving to Barleylands will not be progressed at the moment, nor put to the AGM.
 - **Accounts Scrutineer:** Linda expects that Robert Elliott will continue for another year. To be confirmed after this year's cycle.
 - **Financial Modeling:** Linda presented some figures in her Treasurer's Report (see Appendix B). Based on current projections, the Club can continue from a financial perspective for some few years yet, though it cannot accrue any reserves.
 - **WhatsApp Group:** Complete for all whose mobile phones are known. Has proved useful on occasion. Theo will send an email soliciting further members and reminding members of its use.
 - **Mayflower Cups:** On reflection, it was agreed that we would not reinstate them. Only one cup – for the Championship Pairs – is really serviceable and it might be seen as somewhat self-serving to revive and award it to Committee members.
 - **Club History & 50th anniversary:** Peter Williamson said the Club was founded mid-1976. So, it is the Club's 50th anniversary. The Committee was not enthusiastic about holding a celebration, but this will be put to the AGM for decision.
4. **Membership Renewals for 2026/27:** See Appendix C. Linda reported that 8 of last year's 43 members are not expected to renew their membership, though there are 3 new members. 33 members have actually paid their dues, but a further 4 are likely to renew giving a projected membership of 37, a decrease of 6.
5. **Accounts Preparation and Agreement:** Linda has prepared the accounts (see Appendix A) and handed them over to Robert Elliott for scrutiny and approval. The approved accounts will be tabled at the AGM and published with the minutes.
6. **Club Development / Viability:** Table numbers for the 2025/26 Club Year averaged 5.75, 59 distinct attendees; down from 6.2, 62 distinct attendees in 2024/25.
7. **Committee:** All confirmed they are willing to stand for re-election.
8. **AGM:** 9th June.
- **Deadlines for communications:** The Constitution states that two weeks' notice are required with one week's notice for AOB items.

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- A draft Agenda was tabled at the meeting and Theo will revise this and send it out to the Committee for approval and then send it out to the membership as soon as agreed.
9. **Club Entries for ECBA Events + NICKO:** No information is currently available on the ECBA website. An ECBA Committee meeting is to be held on Wednesday 22nd April to determine the future of the various ECBA Club competitions. The Club will seek to enter teams in all available competitions.
10. **SIMS:** 2026 dates were / are ... 10th March & 10th November. No 'matching'. Dates for 2027 are currently unknown but are expected to be in March and November as this year.
11. **AOB:**
- **Nick Hagan:** Theo had updated the Club website with the details of Nick's funeral and emailed the membership and guests. Angela has collated the responses and reported approximate numbers to Nick's son, David.
 - **Approach to scoring errors late reported:** It was agreed that the policy on amendments would be that errors reported on the night BEFORE SYSTEM SHUT-DOWN would be corrected, but those reported later would NOT be.

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Appendix A: Draft Accounts

Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club Income and Expenditure Account For the year ending 31st March 2026

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
INCOME		
Members Subscriptions	625.00	701.00
Table Fees - Members	4,206.00	3,267.00
Table Fees - Visitors	88.00	56.00
Sims	225.00	526.00
Discounts	-68.50	
Differences	-50.76	-18.72
	<u>5,024.74</u>	<u>4,531.28</u>
EXPENSES		
EBU Membership	30.00	29.00
Bridgewebs Licence Fee	64.80	64.80
Universal Membership	553.84	639.44
Rent	2,632.00	2,400.00
Stationery etc	2.99	0.00
Catering & refreshments	423.92	280.18
Parties	0.00	158.84
Computer Dealing	898.50	705.00
Equipment	0.00	167.50
Sundry - Director training	0.00	33.50
Monies paid for SIMS	384.60	574.50
Competition Fees	217.60	250.00
Insurance	74.70	74.70
Discrepancy	-8.03	
	<u>5,274.92</u>	<u>5,377.46</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>-250.18</u>	<u>-846.18</u>
Balance brought Forward	1,070.55	1,916.73
RETAINED PROFIT	<u>£ 820.37</u>	<u>£ 1,070.55</u>
Represented by:		
CASH AT BANK		0.00
Barclays	820.37	1,070.55

<u>£ 820.37</u>	<u>£ 1,070.55</u>
0.00	0.00

Prepared by Linda Fleet Dated 04/04/2026
Expenses are accounted for on a cash basis and included in the year in which they are paid

The above is an accurate account of the books and records of the club which I have examined.
It represents a true and fair view of the Club's financial affairs for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Signed Independent examiner. Dated

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Appendix B: Treasurer's Report

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AGM 09.06.2026

Treasurers Report

Bank Balance at year end 31/03/2026- £820 –(2025 £1,070)(as per accounts)

There was a deficit of £250 at the yearend (deficit £846 in 2025)

Bank Balance at the end to date - £1,199

Our membership for the year ending 31/03/2025 was 43

Memberships renewed this year so far is ~~28~~²³ (8 not expected to renew)

Subs collected for 49 sessions last year was is £4,294 average = £350pm

Expenses pm are:

Rent £208

UM approx. £40

Dealing £60

Milk etc £20

Total £328

At the moment we are holding our heads above water but if attendance continues to fall ...

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Appendix C: Membership Renewals

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For the year ending 31st March 2026				
			Paid	
			Cash	BACS
1	Dave	Brace	£ 15.00	1
2	Lorraine	Butler	£ 15.00	2
3	Chris	Comer	£ 15.00	3
4	Tim	Connett	£ 15.00	4
5	Peter	Copsey	£ 15.00	5
6	John	Cosgrove	£ 15.00	6
7	Brian	Davies	£ 15.00	7
8	Steve	Ensor	£ 15.00	8
9	Tony	Falder		£ 15.00
10	Lynn	Falder		£ 15.00
11	Angela	Fenton	£ 15.00	10
12	Sandra	Fenton	£ 15.00	11
13	Renee	Flanagan	£ 15.00	12
14	Linda	Fleet	£ 15.00	12
15	Nick	Hagan	£ 15.00	13
16	Michael	Harbour	£ 15.00	13
17	N.	Hornsby		£ 10.00
18	S	Hornsby		£ 10.00
19	Pat	Johnson		£ 15.00
20	Bernard	Kaye	£ 15.00	16
21	Albert	Kitchin	£ 15.00	17
22	Jacek	Lapszeys	£ 15.00	18
23	Marcia	Levan-Harris	£ 15.00	19
24	Leon	Lewis	£ 15.00	
25	John	McCoy		£ 15.00
26	Vai	Mollison	£ 15.00	20
27	Simon	Moorman		£ 15.00
28	Martyn	Neill	£ 15.00	
29	Peter	Oake	£ 15.00	
30	David	Piper	£ 15.00	21
31	Sandy	Riach	£ 15.00	22
32	Colin	Scott	£ 15.00	
33	Tony	Scott-Russell	£ 15.00	23
34	David	Tennet		
35	John	Thompson	£ 15.00	£ 15.00
36	Theo	Todman		
37	George	Vede		£ 15.00
38	Maureen	Vede		£ 15.00
39	Jeanette	Webb	£ 15.00	£ 15.00
40	Peter	Williamson	£ 15.00	28
41	Wendy	Williamson	£ 15.00	29
42	Sharon	Glover	£ 10.00	30
43	Gemma	Fewster	£ 10.00	
				£ -

SUE REDON 31
 ANN GILLESPIE 32
 ROGER MOORE 33