

CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2026

GBV have continued to thrive in the last year. Nothing particularly new but maintaining the successful fixture list and continuing to extend our geographic reach boundaries from York via Cardiff as far down as Chichester.

Tours remain popular as does Aubrey's 5 Q's, Nigel's Newsletters. Thanks to all those people who put the working parts of the Club together.

Our route forward has to be maintaining what is already working well. There will be another attempt to increase tournament numbers and make greater use of the website.

We lose Nick Sheppard as our Fixtures Secretary at the AGM and he has done a brilliant job in building our fixture list for the last 10 years. Not many players have the opportunity to play at Lords, Hurlingham, Fitzwilliam Dublin, HMS Temeraire et al. A sincere thanks to Nick for all the time he has spent doing this.

Finally, our playing numbers have been decreasing as members age but recruitment is going extremely well with 25 new members. The Club continues to have a group of dedicated committee members who make the whole thing work. My continued thanks to them all.

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