



Bowmen of Arleigh  
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With much regret, I have to report the death of the President of the Bowmen of Arleigh, Tom Hall, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at the age of 98.



Tom was our last remaining Founder Member from the first days of our Club in the early 1950s. Together with his brother Jack and others, Tom had been looking around for a ground, having tried nomadically in several places and eventually found a likely looking spot at the back of the Arleigh House Community Association. This was in the days when the original Arleigh House was still there and from that our Club was named “The Bowmen of Arleigh”.

Once a permanent home had been found, the first Annual General Meeting of Arleigh was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1954 and Tom was listed as attending in the Minutes of that meeting, together with several members who were still with our Club in 1970. Tom was our Secretary from the AGM in February 1955 until February 1978 and then became our Vice-President, later President, and continued to play an active role in all matters at our Club.

The ethos of our Club stems from Tom and those earliest members in that enjoyment of our sport should be the primary purpose of our Club, but also left a legacy of a quest for excellence in all that we do.

He will be much missed.