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Shoot Information

Acorn Archers

2025 shoot dates

First shoot
Sunday 18th May

Second shoot
Sunday 27th July

2 x 20 mostly 3D targets

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MASTER ARCHER Shoot

11th May 2025

Report, scores & pics provided by Martin Joy.

We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout for our latest Aurora Master Archer event, especially with the weather treating us to an unusually glorious day - a rare gift for anyone familiar with our usual conditions. Our heartfelt thanks go out to every participant; your continued support means everything to the Aurora team.

This shoot followed our established Master Archer format: a course featuring 20 x 3D targets arranged in a loop, with each archer completing two circuits for a total of 40 targets. As always, gold, silver, and bronze medals awaited the top scorers in each class. The first round used standard Big Game scoring, allowing up to three arrows from the regular pegs. The course design made full use of the unique terrain, with challenging and deceptive shots that rewarded careful fieldcraft and strategic thinking - nothing overly long, but plenty to keep everyone on their toes.

For the second round, we switched to a 1-Arrow challenge from a special black-and-white Master Archer peg. These shots were generally closer than the red peg but often more technical. To earn the title of Master Archer,

competitors needed to match or exceed their Big Game score with their 1-Arrow total. To keep things fair, each class had a calculated par score - based on 2024 3D Champs results and refined using previous Master Archer data - which had to be equalled or beaten to qualify for the award. The challenge is in striking a balance between exclusivity and attainability and we aim for a sweet spot of five to ten Master Archer awards per event.

Those who achieved Master Archer status received one of our unique, expertly crafted badges, designed by our super-talented graphic designer, Spencer Phillips. Congratulations to the eight archers who earned this distinction (don't you love it when a plan comes together), as well as to all our routine medal winners.

This event also marked the second leg of our 2025 Aurora Triple Crown series. To claim the Triple Crown, an archer must compete in all three Aurora shoots in 2025 and win their class at each - regardless of class changes. Triple Crown winners receive a custom-made trophy, a year's worth of bragging rights and free entry to all Aurora NFAS open shoots in 2026. As it stands, seven archers remain in contention, making our September finale one to watch.

A huge thank you goes to every Aurora member who contributed before and during the weekend - you are the backbone of these events. Special recognition goes to Kieran and Shaun Grundon and their team for another outstanding course layout, making creative use of the woodland and keeping things fresh for our regulars. Thanks as well to Diane Grundon for her calm and efficient management in the admin tent, overseeing scorecards and presenting medals and Master Archer badges.

We're also grateful to Garry and his team for keeping everyone fuelled with tea and cake, to Radical Bikes for their ongoing support and good humour in hosting us, and to Lord Petre for granting us access to the wonderful Parsons Spring woodland.

We look forward to welcoming you back for our final shoot of the year on September 7th, where we're planning something a little different to round off the 2025 Triple Crown challenge. Online booking will open soon - keep an eye out for details.

Until then, stay safe, shoot straight and keep smiling.



Results:

			1-Arrow	Big Game	Total/Spots	
AFB - M		**Par 620**				
1	Roger Massey	1066 Field Archers	352	352	704 9	
2	Mark Jones	Rednex	372	318	690 7	
3	Ian Weeden	Magic Dragon	294	292	586 6	
4	Derek Hunt	HNA	280	274	554 4	
5	Graham Brown	Independent	248	300	548 6	
6	Stefan Purdy	Company of 60	236	270	506 2	
AFB - F		**Par 524**				
1	Monique Purdy	Company of 60	248	300	548 4	
2	Georgina Brown	Independent	184	292	476 4	
3	Alex Tyler	Tendring Field Archers	212	250	462 1	
4	Mel Hull	Independent	156	208	364 1	
BB - M		**Par 692**				
1	Owen Biggs	C.O.L.A	308	360	668 8	
2	Mark Wiseman	HNA	268	320	588 6	
3	Andrew Lehane	Bridgewoods FAC	304	276	580 2	
4	Peter Morgan	Cloth of Gold	220	280	500 1	
5	Michael Gregory	HNA	184	274	458 2	
BB - F		**Par 590**				
1	Sue Dickenson	HNA	276	334	610 4	
2	Melanie Hart	HFA	152	182	334 0	
FS - F		**Par 602**				
1	Madeline Hammond	Cloth of Gold	368	362	730 10	**MA**

			1-Arrow	Big Game	Total/Spots	
FS - M		**Par 776**				
1	Duncan Gist	Cloth of Gold	372	346	718 11	
2	Omar Hussain	Company of 60	316	312	628 3	
3	Andrew Knott	Tendring Field Archers	168	248	416 2	
HT - M		**Par 620**				
1	Neil Gamble	Panther	308	318	626 3	
2	Graham Radford	HNA	292	312	604 5	
3	David Moore	1066 Field Archers	236	220	456 2	
HT - F		**Par 530**				
1	Kim Lea	Ratpack	268	296	564 4	
LB - M	**Par 586**					
1	Alain Jacq	Ind	304	312	616 7	
2	Nick Murphy	C.O.L.A.	268	320	588 5	
3	Michael Ashington	Longbow Heritage	212	282	494 3	
4	Innis Jephcott	Tendring Field Archers	168	326	494 3	
LB - F		**Par 462**				
1	Anita Sutton	Tendring Field Archers	164	220	384 2	
2	Katherine Roper	HFA	112	236	348 2	
PV - M		**Par 536**				
1	Ian Stanley	Tendring Field Archers	300	352	652 4	
2	Andy Doyle	Independent	276	260	536 4	**MA**
3	Kevin Button	Priory Bowmen	240	286	526 3	
4	Tony Simons	Tendring Field Archers	156	196	352 1	
PV - F		**Par 400**				
1	Clare Peeling	Tendring Field Archers	148	188	336 3	





TB - M		Par 656	1-Arrow	Big Game	Total/Spots	
1	Paul Meeson	Salamander FAC	380	396	776 12	
2	Sorin Dediu	C.O.L.A	360	360	720 15	**MA**
3	Garry Fisk	Oakwood	316	338	654 3	
4	Peter Arterton	Bridgewoods FAC	308	342	650 8	
5	John Hillsden	Orion Bowhunters	308	342	650 3	
6	Scott King	HNA	340	296	636 7	
7	Stephen Dixon	Independent	308	318	626 6	
8	Nick Lea	Ratpack	292	300	592 6	
9	Neill OBrien	Cloth of Gold	326	260	586 5	
10	Roy Fisher	Bridgewoods FAC	300	282	582 4	
11	Mick Maxen	Cloth of Gold	288	276	564 4	
12	John Foster	Magic Dragon Archers	252	312	564 4	

			1-Arrow	Big Game	Total/Spots
TB - M cont.		**Par 656**			
13	Tim Seed	Magic Dragon Archers	272	268	540 3
14	Steve Waldie	HNA	288	252	540 2
15	Kevin Hill	HFA	248	280	528 4
16	Glenn Bolton	Bridgewoods FAC	228	284	512 6
17	Lee Lilley	Cloth Of Gold	212	280	492 3
18	Shaun Bateman	Company of 60	220	270	490 3
19	Bill Allender	1066 Field Archers	224	242	466 1
20	Marc Foster	Independent	108	130	238 1
TB - F		**Par 568**			
1	Lauren Morse	1066 Field Archers	244	302	546 6
2	Sarah Allender	1066 Field Archers	280	244	524 3
3	Paula Cheung	Cloth Of Gold	248	252	500 2
4	Bev Cooke	Independent	172	286	458 2
5	Zoe Burgess	Bridgewoods FAC	212	174	386 1
6	Linda Lehane	Bridgewoods FAC	140	196	336 2
TB - U16B					
1	Ryan Weeden	Magic Dragon Archers	184	204	388 1







			1-Arrow	Big Game	Total/Spots	
UL - M		**Par 892**				
1	Iain Cope	Black Eagle	480	468	948 37	**MA**
2	Karl Bowles	Black Eagle	472	444	916 31	**MA**
3	Simon Critchley	Avalon	444	432	876 25	
4	David Lovell	Avalon	412	456	868 28	
5	Howard Ife	HNA	444	408	852 21	
6	Alexander Orlov	Company of 60	436	408	844 18	
7	David Stone	Avalon	432	402	834 18	
8	Dennis Ife	HNA	408	406	814 15	
UL - F		**Par 828**				
1	Sarah Cope	Black Eagle	464	420	884 26	**MA**
XB - M		**Par 878**				
1	Neil Melton	HFA	426	404	830 16	

Shoot Information

Wrekin Foresters

2025 Shoot Dates

20th July	Field/Expert Round
17th August	Hunter Round
21st September	Field/Expert Round

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“Seasons of field archery: Spring!”

by RE & T.

What an outstanding spring we have been having! The fact we were wading out to the red pegs this time last year just goes to show how barmy our seasons are. Very little to no rain at all this year, in fact we’ve scored very decent weather on all three of the early bank holiday weekends, is that a national record?

The crops in fields next to the courses are looking very healthy this year too, a far cry from last year!

I spotted a hare late on in the winter, which is unusual. I got my first sighting of another one very early on this spring, just as the weather began warming up and the snowdrops started to show. I hope this is a sign of an increase in the number of our Lepus friends.

All the good weather and blue skies have meant the lighter nights have been a bit longer, which in turn has meant more opportunities for me

and Tilly to mooch about down the woods.

I've been working on my form and a bit of conditioning over the winter and I'm glad to say that paid off - and a fair bit quicker than anticipated too. Being back up to speed, I've been happy to get the sinew-backed primitive yew down off the rack and put some arrows through her - she's an elegant beast and shoots as good as she looks. I like to test my bows by shooting for distance with my standard target arrows. She's sailing them over the 200 yard mark with ease… and I'm still being a little shy on the draw with her. 170-175 FPS, greasy quick and puts them in the spot you're looking at. I think we shall be good friends.





Late March saw me over in Whiston, Staffordshire shooting a rove on some excellent farmland over there. A great crowd and the shots are testy, to be polite; laid out over very deceptive terrain that has you over shooting and short shooting in equal measure… all set out by design. There are no easy breaks with these chaps, even on the shorter range shots. Some of the long distance marks are just beyond the capabilities of me and my bow. It's enough for me just to see IF I can score, never mind how much I can score on these shoots. They are always a good day out though and that is what it is all about.

I recently organised an inter-club field target competition for my longbow club. It's nice to get them out in the fresh spring air to blow the cobwebs away after they've spent most of the winter in the sports hall. Bacon sandwiches, cups of tea, home-made cake and natural sunlight - does them the world of good!

A light-hearted shoot, simplified scoring to keep the pace up, some gentle ribbing and plenty of lost arrows. Warmed up around lunchtime and a good day was had by all. Might do it all again next year!









The NFAS 3D champs also took place in May. I didn't attend, but a few of my fellow Badgers did. By the tales I've heard, I can say I'm a bit tempted to take part myself, probably in the primitive category. I'll have to do a couple of opens this year, ahead of next year's competition because I keep forgetting to keep hold of my score cards from the opens I've shot in! Not sure Tilly will be keen though - she doesn't do crowds and fuss, unless there's bacon on the go of course!

All the good weather has allowed us to watch the woods transform before our eyes this year and this has got me thinking about planting some different species of native flowers and plants in our woods. The folk that started this club only a few years ago have done a massive and sterling job at clearing bush, brush and blackthorn out from between the trees. I believe the wood was mostly unused and somewhat neglected when they first became the custodians of it but now nettles, hogweed, cow parsley and goose grass have taken over the open ground. I'd like to see a bit more colour and some natural pongs about the place next spring. I've missed the boat for getting that planted for this year, that's why I was a bit rubbish when I had an allotment - good gardeners are planning the summer in the winter whilst putting in the graft for the coming spring. So, advice taken, we're planning and plotting for sowing some patches in the autumn to see if we can make a difference in the woods next spring. *If our plan comes right we'll be seeing snowdrops and getting a sniff of wild garlic by early March and seeing* ***Tilly*** *lolloping about in patches of bluebells come May -* ***Bluebell just happens to be her middle name!***





I wonder if any other clubs deliberately plant stuff on their courses for one reason or another, or if it is mainly left up to the whims of Mother Nature? It would be nice to have some ferns and other low ground covering, if only to keep the hogweed at bay. There aren't many native plants that I take issue with - hogweed happens to be one of them, I'm not sure why... it's not like it's innately aggressive like nettles or brambles - but there you are!

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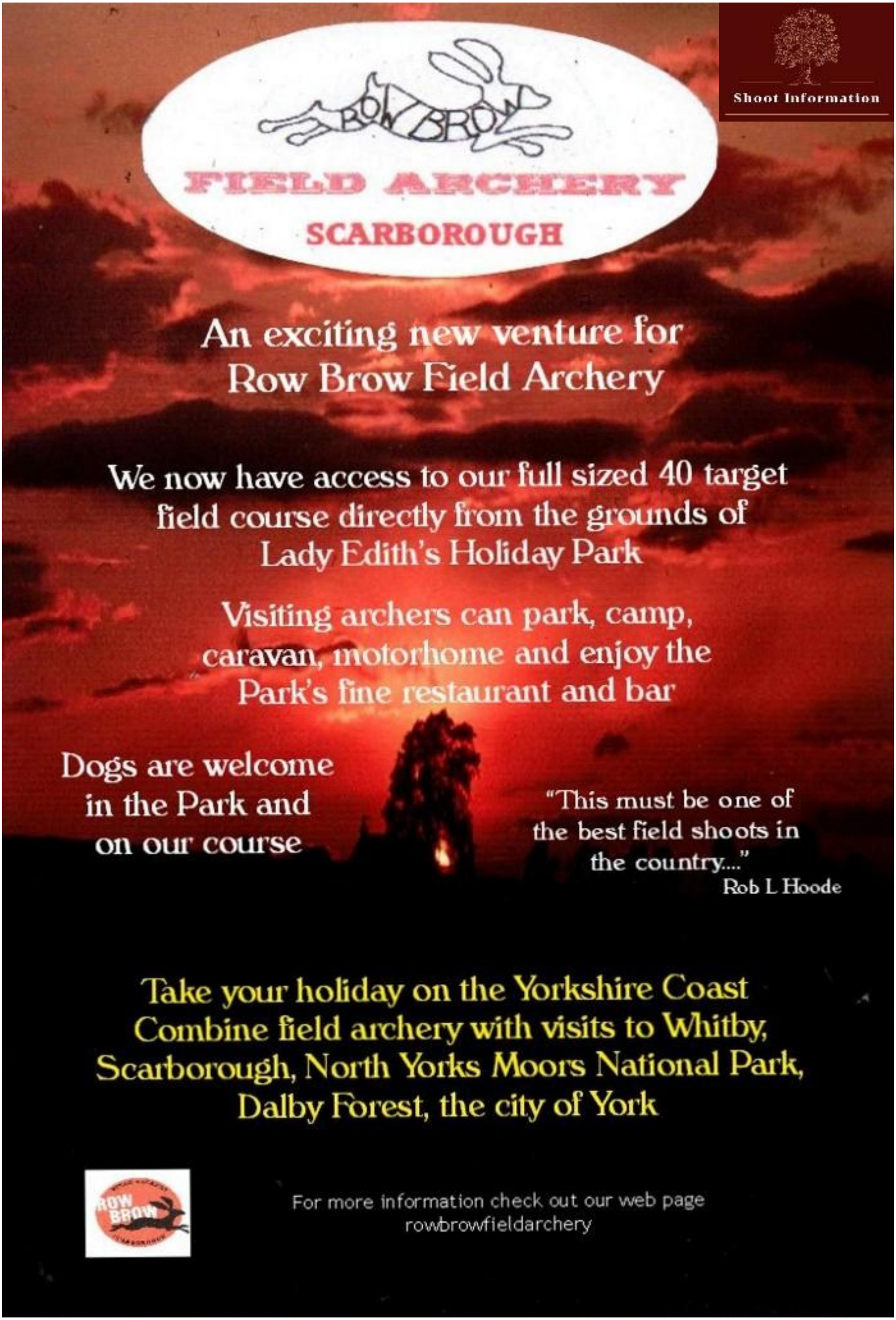
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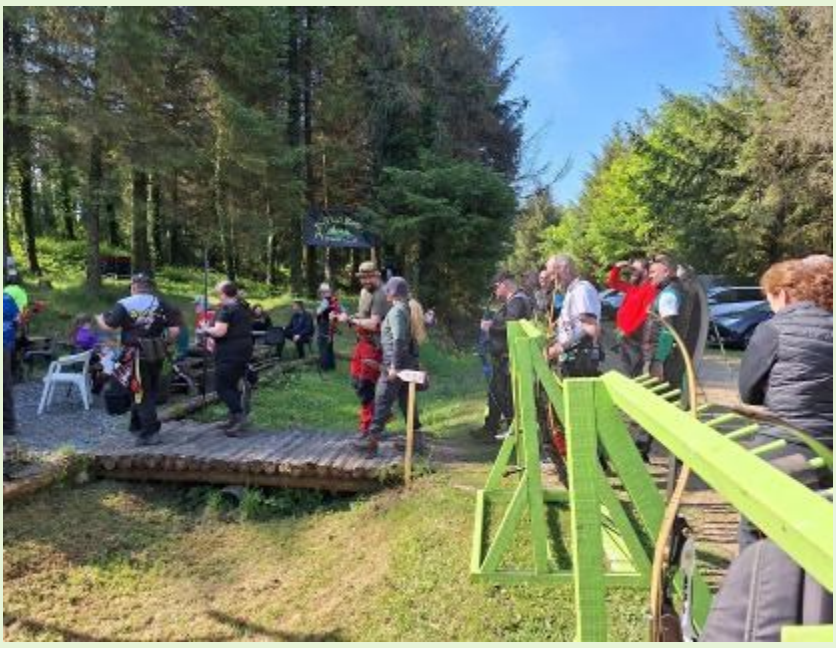
11th May 2025



What a great day we had down in Waterford with Valley Bowmen Archery Club!

Thanks to our shooting buddies today, the legends that are Michelle Jay, Mick Seery and Dave 🙂🏹.





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When was STAFAA founded?

Formed in 2012 to promote Field AND Target Archery within Scotland, the Scottish Target and Field Archery Association is a progressive independent archery association which brings together the popular target archery familiar to most (Olympics & Common-wealth games), with the lesser-known field archery discipline.

STAFAA has a vision to promote archery to all levels of ability, all ages from 9 years old and up, and encompass all styles of archery. This inclusive ethos is core to our philosophy in that our archery organisation isn't just about the sport, it is a community where people from all walks of life can come together, enjoy each other's company and sometimes even shoot a few arrows!

What is unique about STAFAA?
How do you help/support your clubs?

We offer the whole gamut of archery-related activities... we run "come and try" archery sessions for the public - people come along and pick up a bow for the first time, shoot a few arrows and are immediately smitten! Parents often bring their kids along and get hooked themselves! We held a

come and try event at Beecraigs in 2023 in the pouring rain and over 200 people turned up! I think we are still working through the list of people who want to enrol from that day!

We run a five-week beginners course indoors where people can try various styles and offer advice on bows, arrow choice et cetera when they complete their course. Emphasis is on coaching and we take our time to have that one-on-one relationship to ensure our archers can build their confidence and improve their technique.

With an ever-expanding collection of clubs under the "STAFAA umbrella" we want to ensure all clubs are singing from the same hymn sheet, so we regularly put members through their coaching/ Instructor training and exams. First aid training and child protection are all part and parcel of this initiative.

As well as offering field course induction before archers can safely shoot outside on our outdoor courses, we also have a partnership with a charity called **Blue Eyes Sports Foundation** who generously support our Youth Development Initiative. We are aware that youngsters very quickly outgrow their equipment and we can subsidise the purchase of new limbs, bows, arrows et cetera for those who are eligible.

We run both outdoor and indoor target competitions as well as outdoor field classification events and championships. Each club gets a chance to host a competition and support is offered by the other STAFAA clubs to make these events successful. Clubs across Scotland include Dunbar Archery Club and Castlefield Archers at Gullane - both in East Lothian, West Lothian Archers & Beecraigs Archers in West Lothian, West Fife Archers, Loch Tummel Archers at Pitlochry, Mearns Archers at Laurencekirk and Abbey Archers at Arbroath. We have World and European champions within our membership.

Recent developments include the on-going creation of an easy access field course in East Lothian where less abled archers will be able to get access to the targets. We also encourage disabled and restricted-ability archers to attend our indoor events and outdoor target events. Last year we had an accessible 3D animal field event, which was a huge success, on the flat playing fields at Dunbar.

In addition to all this we have also recently started having a "Fun outdoor shoot" day for cubs, juniors and new archers where the competitive aspect is removed. The young and new archers get to shoot whatever distance they feel comfortable with and get to experience get to experience Hunter and Field target faces, 2D and 3D animal targets - there is literally something for everyone!

STAFAA offers more than just archery, we create a nurturing environment, where cubs and juniors feel safe and can thrive, and where great friendships are established.

Where did the indoor 3D shoot idea come from and how long have you been holding these events?

Veteran Archer Phil Sutherland (with European and World Championship titles under his belt) shot the very first indoor 3D at the IFAA European Indoor Championship in 2017. He thought it was amazing and brought the idea home. We have been running 3D shoots since then, both indoors and outdoors... unbelievably frustrating but hugely enjoyable and rewarding when you can maximise your score by hitting "the animal" with your first arrow!

These events are very well attended and hugely popular. Winning a 3D medal is the highlight of the year for many!





Pictured above large: Beecraigs.

Pictured below: Dunbar 3D.



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Stephanie Oliver, Colin Baxter





Pictured lower central:

Quarry,
West Lothian.

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(twice) and Linda Sutherland.

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Pictured below: Tummel 80yd shot.





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The Bowyer's Diary

"Flight Bow Re-work and Experiments"

by Derek Hutchison AKA 'Del the Cat'.

My Osage flight bow is a bit too heavy for me now - and I'd sheared a nock off it when I last shot it in 2019! I'd jammed the arrow into the belly and it exploded when I loosed, throwing the string and the nock overlay 10 yards down range! I'd repaired the nock but was reluctant to take it to full draw. Initially I had a look at it on the tiller, working it back and forth and only daring to take it to about 50#-60#.

The plan was to reduce the draw weight from about 75-80# to a manageable 50#. As I cautiously rasped wood off the belly revealing the nice fresh yellow wood, I realized that taking it down to 50# was too big a reduction; also, once down to 50#, it couldn't come back up. The maximum draw length is 27" to the belly (it was a 27" arrow that I exploded), so, 60# @26" seemed like a sensible target for tillering - this avoids overdrawing on the tiller.



Pictured:

Repaired bow nock.

I probably only rasped off about 1mm, but I took thickness measurements every 3” to avoid any thick or thin spots and to make sure it was a smooth curve.

I tested it in the garage using my shooting machine adjusted for a 26” draw, this gave reliable results using my lightest flight arrow to which I fitted points of increasing weight. Predictably, increasing weight reduced the speed but not drastically. Adding weight to the point isn’t the same as increasing the weight evenly, so the final shot with a 100gn point was a bit slow and the arrow actually broke, presumably due to excessive flex. I’d videoed one of the shots and you could see the arrow flexing (excess point weight weakens the dynamic spine).



Pictured:

Arrow with heavy point flexing as it is shot.





Pictured:

Shooting machine set up for horizontal shooting.

I later realised I had an issue with clamping the bow too tightly in the shooting machine, so it wasn't drawing the string truly in line. The bare arrow was 209 grains and the speeds were as follows:

20gn	248.9 fps (feet per second)
40gn	249.0
60gn	247.3
80gn	235.6
100gn	207.0 (the arrow broke).

Shooting the bow on the field at our club, the furthest I managed was about 320yards with two of the arrows weighing about 280gn.

The next set of tests would need to be with different spine shafts.

The problem with flight arrows is that there are a load of conflicting requirements:-

- Light as possible for maximum speed, but as heavy as possible for maximum efficiency and energy.
- Thin as possible for minimum wind resistance, but thick enough for optimum stiffness.
- Thick and stiff at the nock end as that's where most flex occurs, but heavy enough at the point end to get the centre of gravity close to the geometric centre. Fletchings are, of course, fairly minimal.



Pictured:

Contrast between freshly rasped and old Osage + flight arrows.

Not only is there the problem of tuning the arrow to the bow, there is also to potential to tune the bow to the arrows, by carving away or building up the arrow pass.

After removing the leather from the arrow pass and relieving it a little, I took some high speed video (1000 frames per second) and this showed an improved clean arrow flight without too much flexing.



Pictured:

Cleaner arrow launch.

The two common mistakes with flight arrows are thinking they need to be a certain weight (10 grains per pound of draw weight [gpp]) and they need to be stiff. The weight can go down to below 4gpp with no problem, and - because of the low weight (and thus inertia) - the static spine can be much lower than one might think. I've had 40# spine arrows shot from 100# warbows, but they did snake a fair bit! Subsequent tests produced 230 yards again!

My next trick is to extend the arrow shelf towards the archer by 3" using stiff card and papier-mâché - this will enable me to shoot a shorter arrow (24") which will be lighter and more aerodynamic ... watch this space!





Pictured:

Papier-mâché arrow shelf extension.

P.S. Following-on from my last article, I did make a 120# @31" Hickory warbow. It's a bit of a work horse rather than a spectacular performer.

Read more from 'Del the Cat'

@ https://bowyersdiary.blogspot.com/


THE REBEL
BY FAIRBOW

Photographer: Mark Service



Club Locations List 2025

Club info

I have noticed a lot of discussion lately on field archery social media groups regarding c
the UK/ROI/NI they are so if your club is interested in being included on such a list, I sh
Archery News UK. People like to have a rough idea of how far/close clubs are from them

You can submit your club info to me via email ONLY please at **fieldarcherynewsukmaga**

Club name, Society/Societies covere

e.g. Audris-Hart Field Archers,

If you want to include info as to whether or not your club allows dogs or crossbows

Club Name	Society/Societies covered by club	County	Country
AFAN NEDD	NFAS, WFAA	Neath, West Glamorgan	Wales
Ashcombe Valley Archers	NFAS	East Devon	England
Audris-Hart Field Archers	NFAS	North Devon	England
Black Arrow Field Archers	NFAS	Leicestershire	England
Bourne Retinue of Archers	The Medieval Society	Kirmington, North Lincolnshire	England
High Cross Field Archers	NFAS	Chedworth, Gloucestershire	England
Regent Archers	NFAS	East Yorkshire	England
Strongbow Archers	IFAF	Co. Laois	Republic of Ireland
Wrekin Foresters Field Archers	EFAA	Telford, Shropshire	England

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* Current list updated 8th July 2025 *

compiling a list of clubs which includes the basic information of roughly whereabout in
hall begin compiling one and include updated versions in each upcoming issue of Field
n so I am more than happy to start doing this to help fellow archers!

zine@gmail.com in the following format -

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then please do so and I will add that to the existing list in the magazine also 😉🐶🏹





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Laois Archery

3rd & 4th May 2025

Field and Hunter shoot

Thanks Laois Archery for a great weekend at your Field and Hunter Shoot. It was the perfect preparation for the National Field and Hunter Championships held later this month.





Report





Thanks to our shooting buddies this weekend – Nigel and Victoria Stobie – for their company on both days 🙂 🏹 .

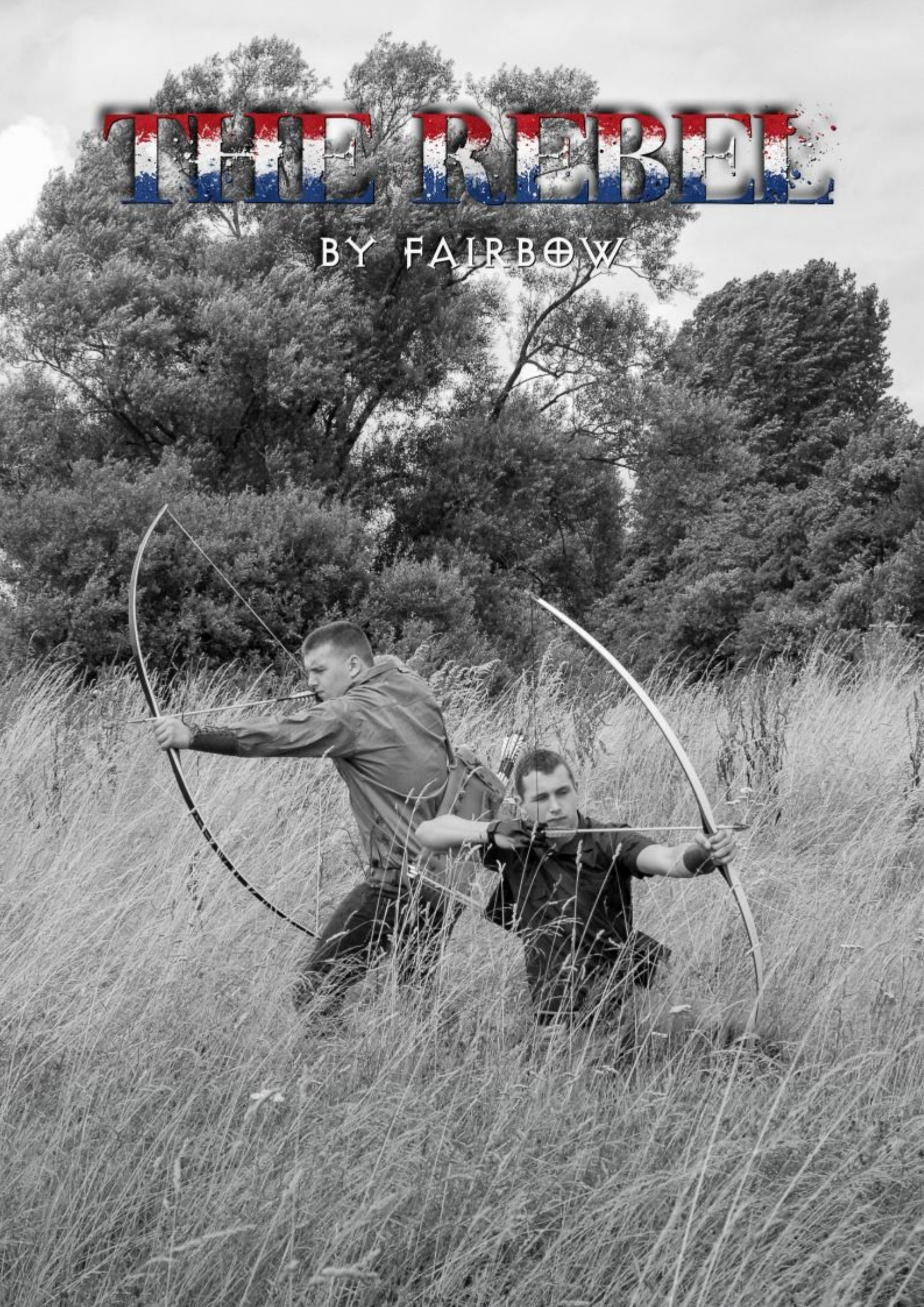
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Black Arrow Unsighted Shoot

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Clash of the Classics Part 3
Longbow vs Primitive
and win the coveted
Archer's pick!



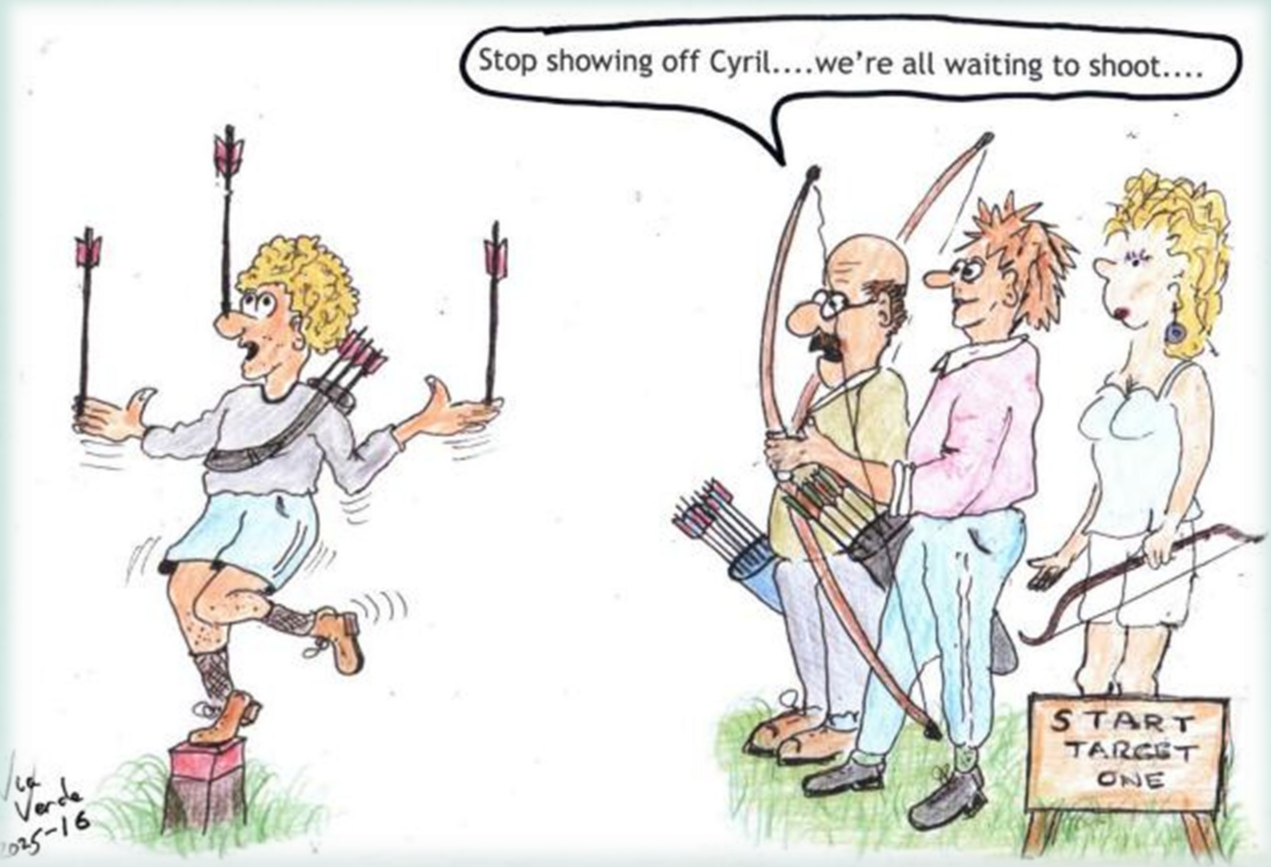
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Shoot Report

CMA Birthday Bash 2025!

It's hard to believe that our little club is 10 years old already! To mark the occasion, clearly a party was in order... and what a party it turned out to be!

The event was based around an HBAE (Horseback Archery Eventing) competition - the first such competition to be held in the UK with a full IHAA Hunt track. But, of course, we also had to have some fun events alongside the more formal competition - such as the **Beer Trot**, which proved very popular!





Day one began with the first walk event, the Arena 30, which saw some impressive scores mount up - including a **British record-breaking 117 from Maria,** our Chair. Then the first of the HBAE tracks, the Raid 233 was run - and run rather quickly by some of the horses, making for some exciting watching!









Day two was the main event, the IHAA Hunt Track ... two runs of a winding 500m course with 12 targets to hit, including a longshot at 30m, ground shots and an offside shot.

The course also contained a technical element - a stop box where competitors needed to keep the horse absolutely still whilst taking their shot at a Tabla target - a real test of riding as well as shooting!







We also ran a shorter intermediate Hunt track that could be done at walk or trot. After the excitement of the hunt track, there was an unmounted Wand Shoot - aiming for a very narrow target with only 3 arrows allowed in a fast knockout competition with increasing distances from the target. Some sharp shooting from Katherine saw her take the prize for this one!







Then the final event of the day - the **Beer Trot**. Riders needed to carry a pint of beer down the 90 metre run in trot spilling as little as possible. Marks were also awarded for style.



We had a lot of people clearly highly skilled in not losing their beer, since they got to drink the beer afterwards!

The Top prize went to Becca for this one, and a special prize for Dom who not only didn't spill any beer whilst trotting, but also not even when her pony decided to rear!





Finally the day was rounded off with a barbecue and firepit with marshmallows to toast.

Day 3 was for the final HBAE track, the Tower 90. There were some very impressive scores in this competition and not one but **two** British national records set - **Katherine** shot a senior record and **Issy** a new junior record!

We also ran a final fun event, the Two Towers, just at walk but with a tricky Orc target to hit as well as two tower targets.







Final results for the HBAE competition: congratulations to winner **Nick**, with **Michael** and **Katherine** runners up.

We would like to thank all competitors, helpers, judges - Helen, Maria, John, Alick, Mike and Chris; and Black Fox Archery for being such an excellent host. Here's to the next one!







Results:

Arena 30

1. Maria Williams
2. Victoria Brown
3. Amy Lewis

Intermediate Hunt

1. Amy Lewis
2. Helen Barnes
3. Lynsey Henserson

Wand shoot

1. Katherine Robinson-Park
= 2. Rachel McIlroy
= 2. Oli Secker

Field Archery

1. Leia Sunter
2. Rosie Reed
3. Oli Secker

Two Towers

1. Rebecca Hills
2. Nick White
3. Cora Moore

Beer Trot

1. Rebecca Hills
2. Eowyn Barnes-Short
3. Oli Secker

Raid 233

1. Nick White
2. Michael Ruby
3. Issy Young

Tower 90

1. Katherine Robinson-Park
2. Issy Young
3. Leia Sunter

Results continued:

IHAA Hunt

1. Rebecca Hills
2. Nick White
3. Michael Ruby

Overall HBAE winners:

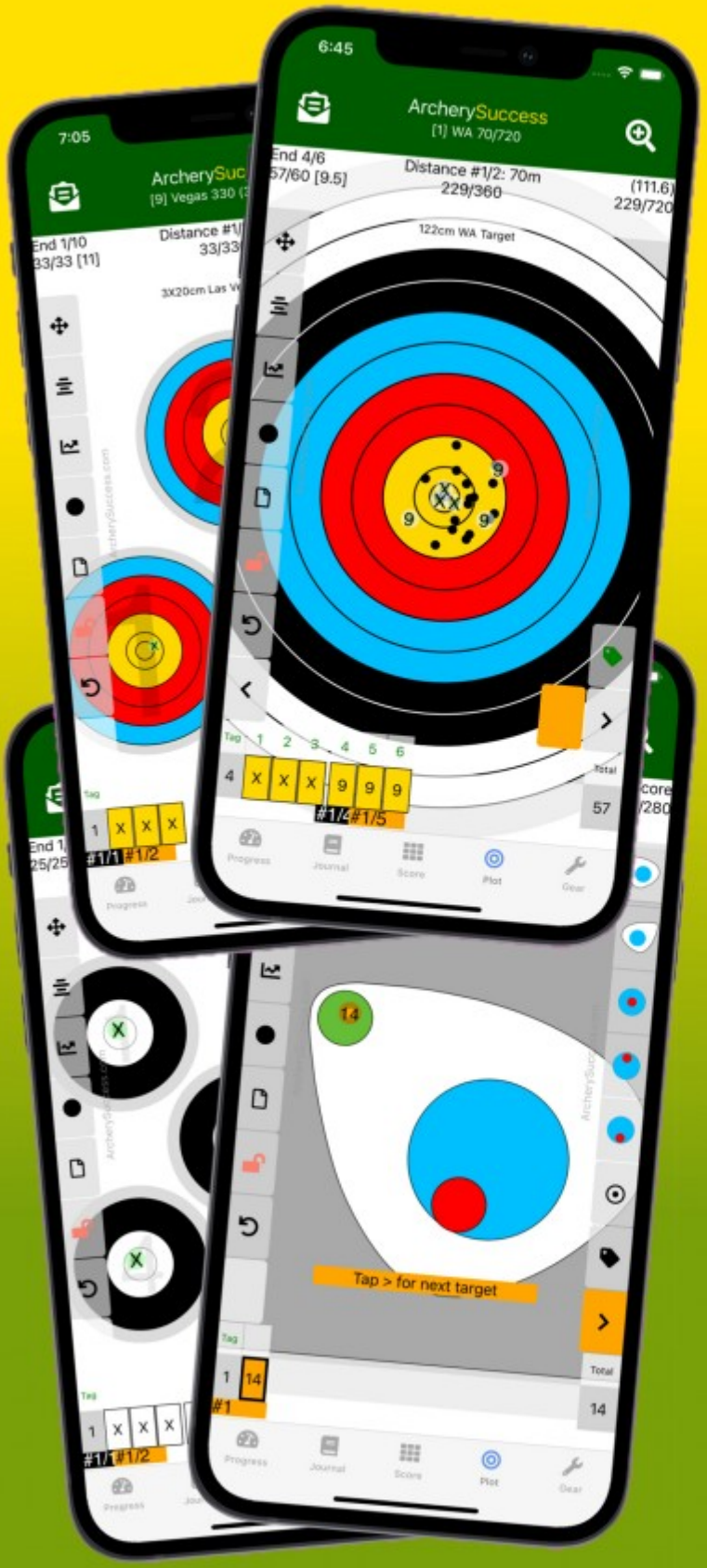
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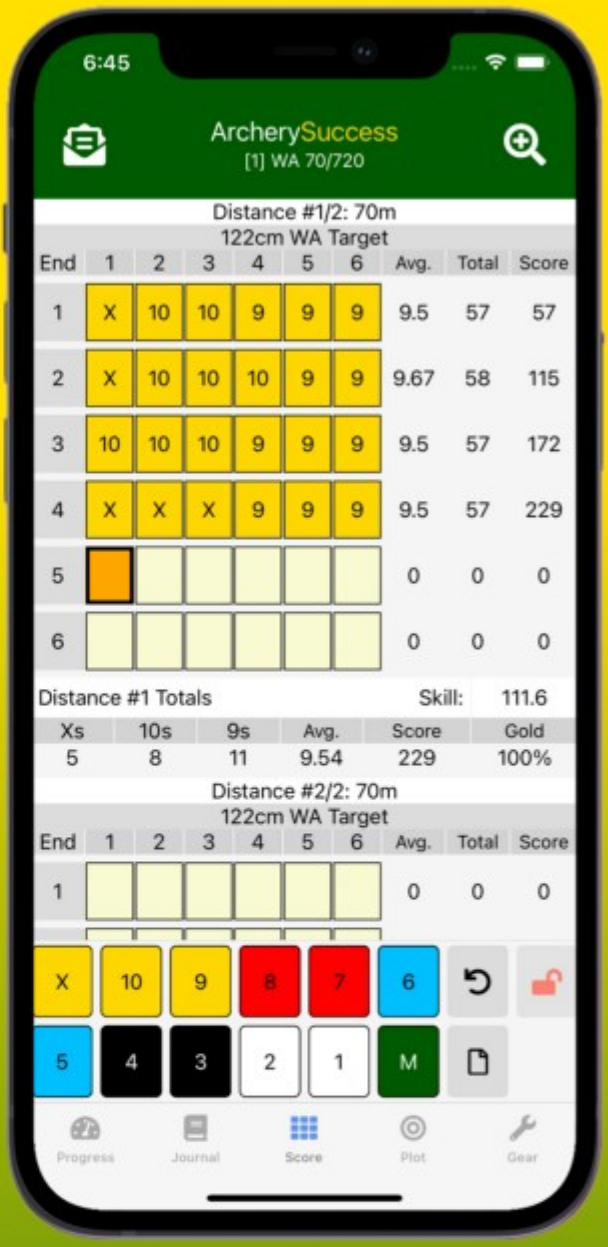
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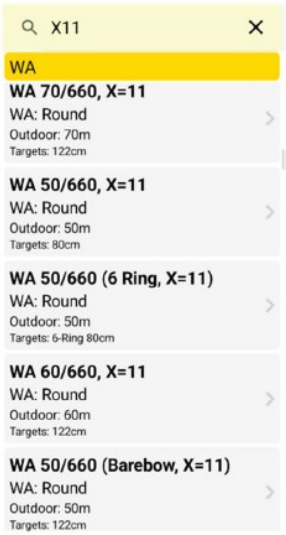
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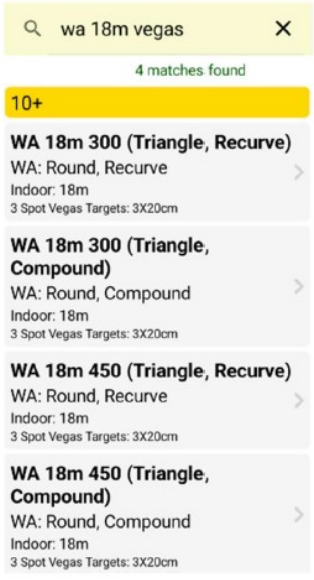
We have added new rounds and made improvements to ArcherySuccess! Update now to use all the new features!

Target Rounds

Challenge yourself! Try X=11 scoring for World Archery rounds! The 2025 Hyundai Archery World Cup World Archery was a test for changes to ranking rounds (60 arrows instead of 72) as well as scoring. For the event X was scored as 11 instead of the traditional X=10. The new rounds and X=11 scoring now available in ArcherySuccess.



Indoor Rounds



The Vegas three spot indoor target face (also known as triangle target face) can now be used for World Archery and JOAD indoor rounds.

Search round list for "Vegas" to list relevant rounds. If you usually shoot indoors on a single or vertical three-spot, try the Vegas target face for variety.

Sight Settings:

- To simplify recording sight settings, the distance units (ft, m, yd) used for a sight setting can now be changed when editing a sight setting, previously this was read only.
- For field archery, the Angle of the slope to the target can now be recorded in sight settings.

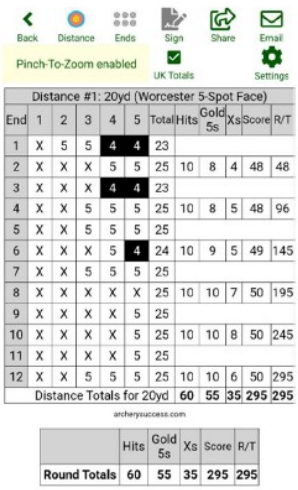


- For barebow archers, vertical and horizontal sight entries now support multiple lines of text to enable more detailed finger placement descriptions.

Personal Bests

The Personal Bests and Competitions reports now also show the Setup and Bow Type used for a round, making the reports more informative.

Scorecards



	Hits	Gold 5s	Xs	Score	R/T
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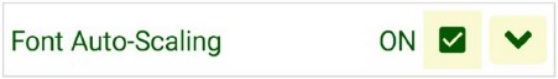
The scorecard page now supports more than one scorecard layout.

For UK rounds, simply tap the new UK Totals button to show UK round totals and distance counts, such as Golds, totals per dozen, etc.

Journal Notes

New Journal options added to better track your progress: Learning and Mental Training

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See app store release notes for more information and new features. Contact us at: support@archerysuccess.com

FAN UK presents...

"Footbow"

by Csaba Fenesi, Archery Historian.

https://archeryhistorian.com/.

Footbow. Foot bow. Two words? One compound word? I'll go with the compound version and from now onward use footbow as one word.

So, how did this peculiar technique of shooting a bow with the aid of one's feet come about? There are some historical [https://archeryhistorian.com/history-of-archery/] examples of this technique and / or type of bow being used in the past. The primary practitioners of this technique in modern times are flight shooters - those who are seeking to shoot an arrow as far as possible. In this article, we'll take a look at this method as well as some history.



Without further ado and without any puns intended, let's step into the world of footbows!

Footbow Defined

There are many terms in archery that seem somewhat unclear to the uninitiated or those not intimately involved in archery. The term footbow may be confused between two definitions - the one definition is simple enough to grasp, a footbow is a bow used on foot, aka with the archer standing with their feet on the ground. Most bows are indeed used this way today. In the past, however, in various cultures, specifically those of the Eurasian steppe, most bows were utilized while on horseback.

Now take this definition of footbows and put it aside for now. In this article, we are precisely referring to when we say "footbow" is a bow held or braced with the feet, while the archer pulls the string back using their upper body. This is done with the archer sitting on the ground. The bow is braced with the feet and the legs are elevated to roughly a 45-degree angle to the ground. The archer uses their upper body, leaning backward to allow gravity and their body weight to assist in drawing the bow.



This technique is for drawing very heavy bows, (200 pounds plus) and is used primarily today for flight shooting.

Check out our article on flight shooting [https://archeryhistorian.com/flight-archery/] for more information.

Historical Usage of Footbows

Some historical examples of the usage of the footbow technique come to us from various areas worldwide and throughout history.

In medieval China, during the Song Dynasty (960-1279AD), this method - of sitting and/or lying down and using one's feet to brace the bow - was used to draw crossbows. For more on crossbows in general, check out thecrossbowguide.com [https://thecrossbowguide.com/].

Other accounts come from the indigenous [https://archeryhistorian.com/native-american-archery-the-indigenous-bow-and-arrow/] peoples of South America. The technique was apparently used in war and hunting birds.

The technique seems to be effective for bird hunting as large bows with heavy draw weights are required to shoot the required distance up to where flocks of birds fly. Also, once the bow is at full draw the archer finds himself lying back looking up at the sky, a good position to be in if hunting birds.



Chinese Footbow

As mentioned, this technique, of drawing the bow while sitting and bracing the bow with the feet, was apparently widely used in medieval China [https://archeryhistorian.com/traditional-chinese-archery/]. Well, the technique was not really used with a standard archery bow, but rather with a crossbow. The act of bringing a crossbow to full draw is known as spanning the crossbow. Without the use of mechanical aids, this method of using one's feet and full upper body gives great leverage in order to span heavy crossbows.



It may have been noticed that after bringing the crossbow to full draw with the footbow method you could in fact fire from this position as well. After the arrow or bolt is released, the operator remains in a good position to reload and repeat the process. This tactic does not rely on individual accuracy, but rather on the sheer volume of fire. The proper range to the enemy is all that is required as opposed to pinpoint accuracy.

The medieval Chinese are well-known for their deployment of crossbows in battle. Several gradual improvements and modifications were made to their crossbows over time, and they even developed a repeating crossbow, the Chu Ko Nu.

As some may be aware, this method of using massed crossbowmen shooting the footbow method is on full display in the 2002 movie "Hero" starring Jet Li.

Harry Eugene Drake

An article on the footbow would not be complete without the mention of Harry Drake. Harry Drake was born in Kansas on May 7, 1915. He would go on to become a pioneer in the development of modern recurve and compound bows. However, Harry Drake is most remembered for his involvement in flight shooting [https://archeryhistorian.com/flight-archery/], seeing how far one is able to shoot an arrow.

Flight shooting involves just as much, or more, engineering and manufacturing than shooting. The flight bows developed by Harry Drake were designed and built by him from the scratch - some were hand-held models and some were footbow designs.

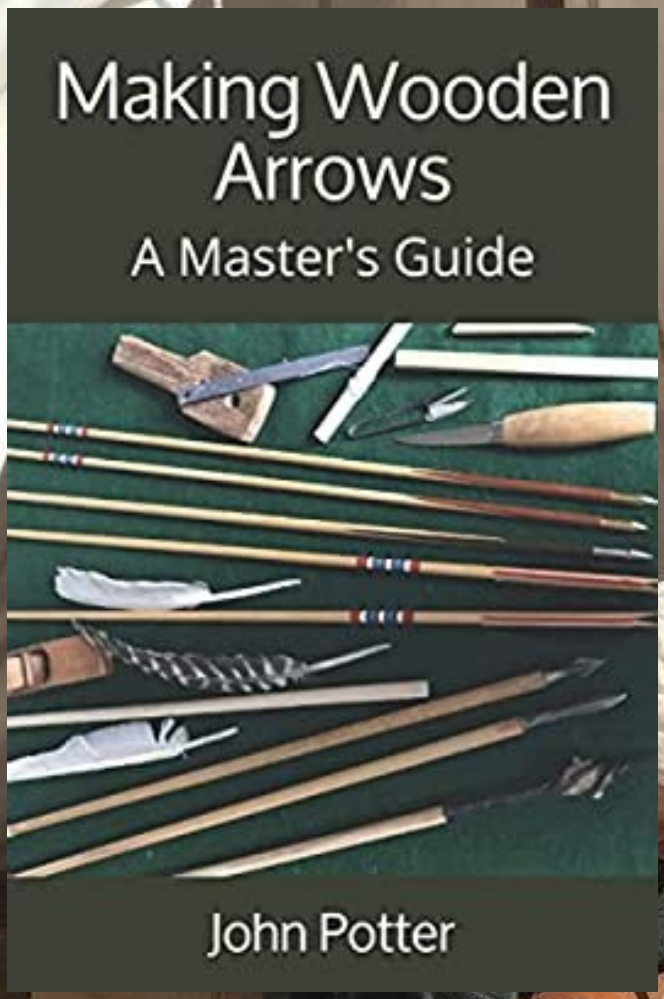
Harry Drake was the first person to shoot an arrow over 600 yards since the time of the medieval Turks (May 31, 1947, Southern California Archery Association tournament - 603 yards). Apparently, Drake was the first person

to be recorded shooting an arrow over 1 mile.

Since the late 1940s, no one has accumulated more flight shooting records. One of these records was set by a foot bow. Drake broke the world record for the longest shot with a footbow on October 24, 1971, with a shot that flew 2,028 yards.

As well as flight bows, Drake manufactured several hunting recurves which were widely considered extremely well-built and high-performing bows. He later went to work for Browning, the arms manufacturer, when they opened their archery division. He had a hand in developing some of their earlier hunting bows including the Browning Explorer as well as the Stalker.





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Shoot Report
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June Shoot Report

Blue skies, sunshine, and a welcome drop in temperature—what more could you ask for on another Black Arrow shoot?

With the heat finally easing, our visiting archers arrived ready to take on their next challenge—and what a challenge it was! This time, the course was transformed into a 40-target 3D shoot, weaving through every corner of the woods to deliver framed, intriguing, and downright exciting shots.

Before we dive in, we want to send our best wishes to Mike, our chairman, who's been under the weather but is thankfully on the mend. Mike and his team poured their hearts into crafting this course, and while he couldn't be there in person, his signature style was all over it. Let's be honest—he's not called *The Riddler* for nothing 😉. There's a mischievous brilliance in the way he sets up those cunning shots that catch even the best of us off guard!

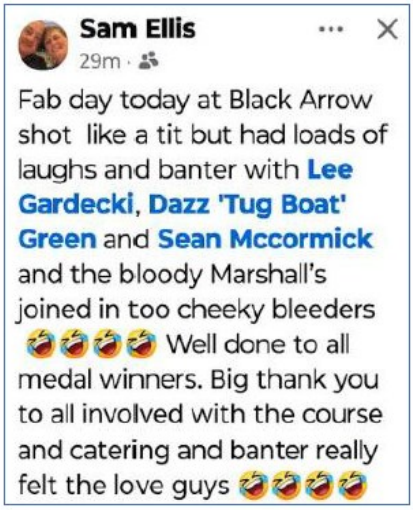




Our catering crew once again worked their magic, serving up a feast that kept everyone fuelled and focused. The food was flying off the tables—some even came back for seconds, only to discover their favourites had already vanished! But no worries, new favourites were quickly found. And the cakes? Absolutely splendid. That coffee cake (my personal favourite) disappeared in record time 😳. Perfect fuel for chasing those elusive 24s 👌.

Now, let's talk numbers and vibes. Just shy of 150 archers filled the woods, and thanks to our Admin team, check-in was smooth with only one peg change. And of course, the day kicked off with the unbeatable aroma of bacon, sausage, and egg cobs wafting through the trees. Is there a better way to start a shoot? 😋

With Mike out, Pete took the reins on course etiquette—welcoming everyone, covering the safety bits, and reminding us all to *try* to behave (especially when celebrating those wayward shots 🤦).



The banter was, as always, top-tier. Shoutout to the marshals for keeping the laughs going—yes, Sam, we saw you 😁 👍 .

This shoot wasn't just about fun—it was also about innovation. The course was cleverly aligned with the natural environment to deliver some wicked new shots. The bear and deer setups were brilliant, and… was that a dog?

Best not to ask too many questions 🤦 🤦 🤦 .





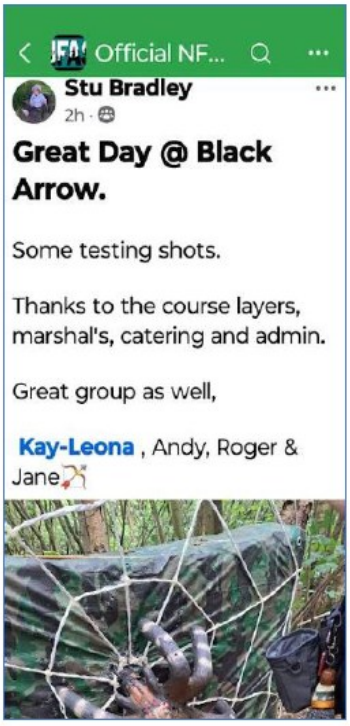
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And then there was the *Mudskipper*. Confusing at first, hilarious once you figured it out. Definitely a talking point!





We welcomed a great mix of bow styles and were thrilled to see so many new faces in the woods.



Hopefully, the spooky shots (looking at you, resident arachnoid 🕷) didn't scare them off!



As always, we celebrated our winners with well-earned medals and heaps of admiration. Your feedback has been fantastic—it keeps us inspired to dream up even more creative and challenging targets.

A massive thank you to our members and volunteers for making the day such a success—and to all of you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

We can't wait to welcome you back to Black Arrow Woods on **21st September** for more fun, more games, and a fully recovered Mike—ready to regale us with tales while secretly plotting his next set of devious challenges 😉





I bet you thought we forgot about Freddie! Nah, he was up to his usual tricks try to beat his dad but he had his eyes on the prize and luckily won the Nerf guns in the raffle. Let's hope he doesn't shoot us all up!



See you soon for the next trial? 😉

Black Arrow June Shoot

April 22nd 2025 Open Shoot
40 target course (Max score 960)

American Flatbow (AFB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Andy	Betts	Artemis	604	5
Paul	Tolley	Padget	540	1
Philip	Wood	Paget de Vasey	538	4
Rob	Jones	Duvelle	428	
Adam	Blackwell	Kings Clipstone	406	1
Neil	Collier	Forest of Arden	396	2
Karl	Asbury	Harlequin	392	
Derek	Scaysbrook	Kings Clipstone FAC	348	1

American Flatbow (AFB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Joy	Rudge	Paget de Vessay	560	5

American Flatbow (AFB) – Under 16 Girls

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Ellie	Priest	Kings Clipstone	522	2

American Flatbow (AFB) – Under 16 Boys

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Isaac	Jones	Kings Clipstone	520	1

Barebow (BB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Joe	**Ward Tucker**	**Pines park**	**716**	**10**
Mark	**Brookes**	**KLFA**	**682**	**5**
Rob	**West**	**Pines Park**	**674**	**3**
Martin	Greenway	Independent	664	5
Constantin	Chirila	Independent	608	2
Mark	Jenkins	Worcester Woodlands Archers	604	3
Terry	Hicks	Birmingham Archers	600	4
Laucon	Drennan	Highcross	600	2
Jake	Owen	Robin Hood Longbowmen	518	2
Ashley	Murphy	team firebird	492	
Dave	Nixon	Lyme Valley Archers	440	1
Fraser	Whieldon	independent	420	1
Gary	Weston	Birmingham Archers	NC	

Barebow (BB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Becca	**Leach**	**Black Eagle**	**642**	**4**
Andrea	**Ternent**	**Pines park**	**592**	**3**
Jacqui	**Johnson**	**Briar Rose**	**588**	**4**
Maureen	West	Pines Park	572	4
Mariana	Almeida	South Birmingham Archers	534	4
Anne	Moon	Briar Rose	488	1
Hannah	Priest	Spirit of Sherwood	482	1
Amal	Htait	South Birmingham Archers	472	
Ulfi	Nuraini	Independent	462	2
Gill	Higgins	Lyme Valley Archers	450	1
Clair	Shepherd	Paget de Vesey	440	1

Barebow (BB) – Under 9 Girls

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Avaleigh	**Hampson**	**Poulter Guys Bowmen**	**352**	**1**

Bowhunter (BH) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Ed	**Kovac**	**Independent**	**734**	**9**
Stu	**Bradley**	**Duvelle Bowmen**	**658**	**6**

Bowhunter (BH) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Helen	Harris	Artemis	654	1
Kath	Harrison	Team firebird	636	1
Sam	Ellis	Harlequin Bowhunters	590	

Bowhunter (BH) – Under 16 Girls

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Sophia	Henshall	Lyme valley archers	464	1

Compound Limited (CL) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Phil	Johnson	SVYF	740	8
Dazz	Green	Harlequin	680	4

Freestyle (FS) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Jorden	Cunliffe	Spirit of Sherwood	584	1

Freestyle (FS) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Erica	Williams	Dearne Valley	698	10

Hunting Tackle (HT) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Roger	Hands	Independent	644	4
Michael	Smith	Wasp	622	4
Chris	Moon	Paget de Vesey	586	
Chris	Reed	Annesley Archers	538	1
Neil	Groeber	Independent	530	3
Mick	Newell	independent	500	1
Peter	Whieldon	LEFA	494	4
Brian	Nash	Wasp	484	
Stephen	Lovell	Robin Hood Longbowmen	282	
Glen	Hampson	Poulter Guys Bowmen	DNF	

Hunting Tackle (HT) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Shelagh	Newell	independent	462	1
Carole	Evans	Kings clipstone	442	1
Mandy	Collier	Forest of Arden	290	
Donna	Lovell	Robin Hood Longbowmen	288	1
Stephanie	Weston	Paget de Vasey	276	1

Primitive (PV) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Pat	Morrow	Black Swan	442	2
Grot	Davis	Lincoln Longbows	428	4
Tom	Smith	Harlequin	198	

Primitive (PV) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score
Tracy	O'Keefe	Independent	420

Crossbow (XB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Mike	Cobban	Oakridge Archers	864	22
Phil	Johnson	Briar Rose	854	20
Robert	Hickey	Centaura Bowmen	766	9
Dan	Smith	Lyme valley archers	566	8

Crossbow (XB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Isobel	Feather	team firebird	776	11

Traditional Crossbow (TXB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Kevin	Alcock	Forest of Arden	670	4

Longbow – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Kay-Leona	**Hodgkinson**	**Artemis**	**538**	**1**
Sue	**Fenyn**	**Kings Clipstone**	**492**	**1**
Jackie	**Brookes**	**Independent**	**416**	
Wendy	Young	Paget de Vasey	378	2

Longbow – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Chad	**Parker**	**PDV**	**622**	**2**
Dan	**Sambrook**	**Paget de Vesey**	**598**	**4**
Steve	**Whapplington**	**Spirit of Sherwood**	**584**	**4**
Dave	Wood	Paget de Vasey	542	1
Ken	Adams	Kings Clipstone	540	3
John	Cullwick	Paget de Vesey	540	2
Christian	Mullan	Independent	528	1
John	Richardson	Kings Clipstone	522	3
Neil	Beeby	DW Longbow	518	3
mark	Tarbuck	Paget de Vasey	488	
Graeme	Hicklin	Kings Clipstone	486	5
Ade	Stawicki	Robin Hood Longbowmen	478	2
Roger	Bates	Lincoln Longbows	406	
Dave	Riley	Robin Hood Longbowmen	366	
Graham	Suffolk	Robin Hood Longbowmen	362	
Phil	Hiatt	Albion	360	
Steve	Cox	Harlequin	348	
Jeff	Holmes	Dearne Valley	332	1
Colin	Wood	Pines Park	322	1
Rob	Clarke	Lincoln Longbows	312	
Graham	Baker	Robin Hood Longbowmen	296	
Roy	Houldon	Lincoln Longbows	294	

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Sam	**Ward Tucker**	**Pines park**	**714**	**9**
Grant	**Gilbert**	**Audley Parish bowmen**	**712**	**4**
Pat	**Calvert**	**Delamere Field Archers**	**672**	**1**
Martin	Hampson	Poulter Guys Bowmen	646	3
Jonathan	Brazel	Independent	624	5
Mark	Biddle	Worcester Woodland	624	4
Dean	Mayne	LEFA	624	3
David	Yates	Audley Parish bowmen	608	3
William	Spencer	Spirit of Sherwood	590	
Phil	Alcock	Audley Parish bowmen	576	3
David	Sankey	Dearne Valley	576	1
Steve	Burnett	Independent	566	1
Paddy	Johnson	Forest Bowmen	562	3
Stuart	Dix	Lyme Valley Archers	562	1
Sean	McCormick	Harlequin Bowhunters	538	2
Stuart	Higgins	Lyme Valley Archers	484	3
Adam	Fardell	Afan Nedd	442	
Jack	Banton	Black Swan	270	1

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Gemma	**Riley**	**Independent**	**476**	**2**
Linda	**Crossley**	**Independent**	**476**	**1**
Paula	**Fardell**	**Afan Nedd**	**430**	
Lanny	Swindell	Forest Bowmen	336	

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – U16 Girls

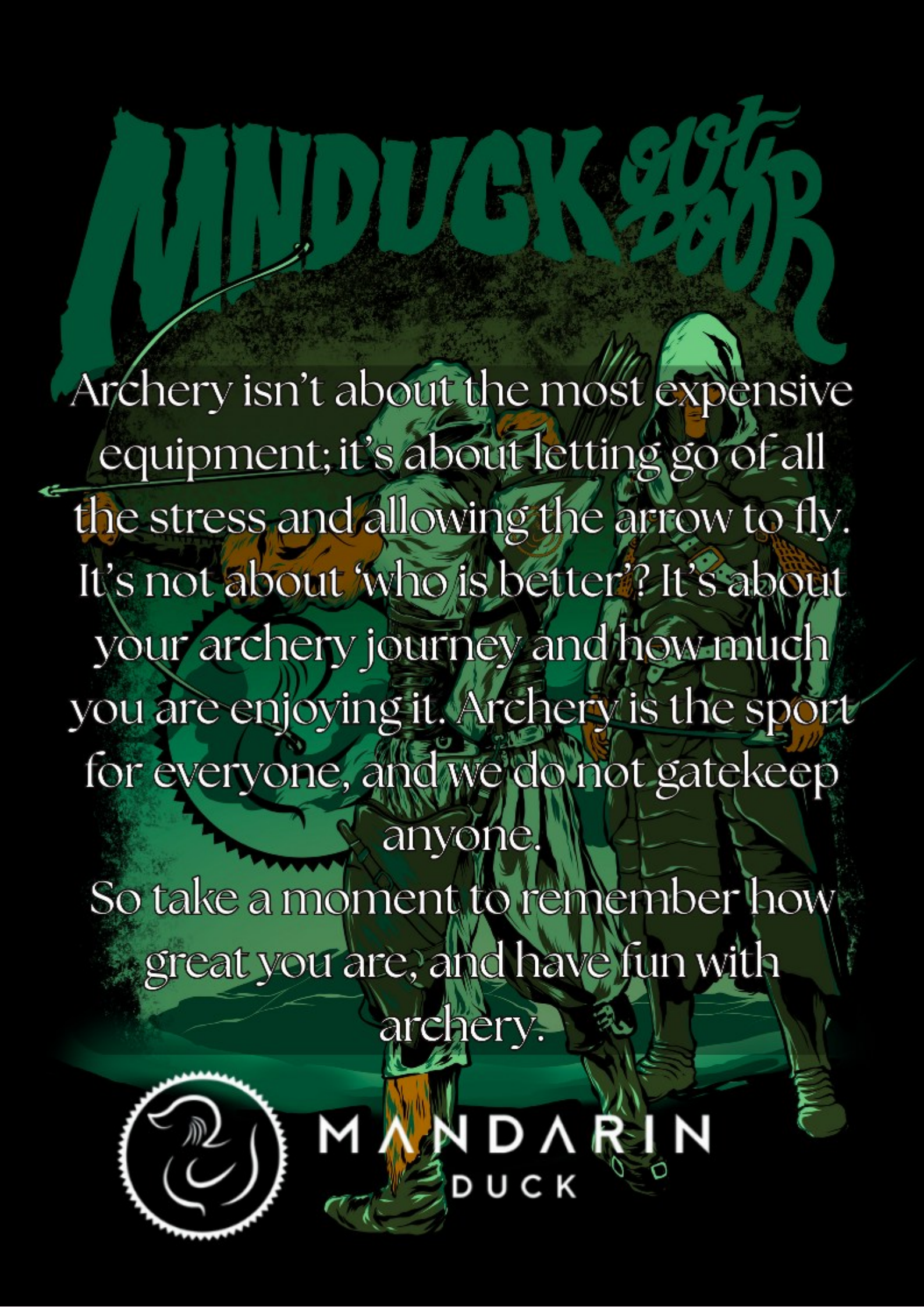
First Name	Last Name	Club	Score
Freya	**Allcock**	**Lyme Valley Archers**	**508**

Unlimited (UL) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Iain	**Cope**	**Black Eagle**	**940**	**35**
Karl	**Bowles**	**Black Eagle**	**920**	**32**
Andrew	**wood**	**Paget de Vasey**	**908**	**29**
Paul	Farrimond	Audley Parish	904	28
Nick	Wadey	TAC	900	27
Tim	Chatfield	Audley Parish	892	25
Steve	Langton	LEFA	888	26
Paul	Graham	Delamere	888	23
Tony	Moulton	LEFA	880	25
Lee	Gardecki	Harlequin Bowhunters	858	21
Dave	Lovell	Avalon	856	21
Mark	Harrison	team firebird	856	20
Andy	Etches	Independent	854	18
David	Blount	Pines park	816	12
Carter	O'Keefe	Independent	814	16
Graham	Lord	Team Firebird	810	16
David	Whapplington	Spirit of Sherwood	790	14
Jason	Becket	Team Firebird	786	12
David	Clowes	Clayton Woodsmen	778	10

Unlimited (UL) – Under 12 Boys

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Freddie	**Wood**	**Paget de Vasey**	**818**	**12**
Oliver	**Biddle**	**Worcester woodland**	**778**	**12**


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The Medieval Society's Annual

St. George's Day shoot

by OH Boyd.

The day was hosted at Belmont house near Faversham, the weather being with us on a bright and sunny day in the most beautiful of settings, as it has done for some 50 years or so.

Attendances were deliberately down to get back to the original feeling of companionship, competitiveness and exclusivity that once was. This worked very well and we got back to the closeness and bonhomie of the old days. Next year the event will be expanded on that happy basis now that our original principles are back in place.

We particularly welcomed our French guests who have supported us for many years and always enhance the occasion.





Our French friends relaxing out of the sun.

We shot after an excellent and welcome breakfast from the top of the bank adjacent to the house, which is approximately 50 yards, and the bottom of the bank which is around 40 yards (it is never measured), the emphasis being on consistency - it's only the number of hits that are counted and, in the event of a draw, the number of hits on the Tudor Rose decides the winner, failing that, a shoot-off. Shooting was light-hearted, deadly serious and relaxed - the day being enjoyably shared by all.





On the Shooting Line.



The Marshal supervising the French contingent.





On the Shooting Line.











ring.



The event being completed we had the usual steaks, done to absolute perfection by our Marshal, Gary Bourne and Hilary Parren - who also cooked the breakfasts.

I don't know how they do it in such limited circumstances, served with coleslaw, potato salad and lovely glass of wine provided by the French contingent.

RESULTS:



The CHANCELLOR'S CUP: Tim Dow

GOLD MEDAL: by newcomer Andrew Deliu.

SILVER MEDAL: OH Boyd

BRONZE MEDAL: Charlie Deliu (Andrew's 14 year old son)

We are now looking to an even more enjoyable and fabulous year next St. George's Day, now the original principles of the shoot are restored.

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**** St. George's Day image CREDIT with thanks - "Designed by Freepik".***



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West Lothian Archers

20th anniversary shoot

20th April 2025

What a fantastic turnout for our field shoot and celebrating 20 years of archery 💘.

The weather wasn't kind at all - a cold easterly wind on certain parts of the course!

Thank you to each and everyone of you for a brilliant day. We had new members shooting field archery for the first time and they absolutely loved it!









Report

Wow Jamie Jack, your cake was amazing and delicious 😊 - thank you so much👏 - no one was leaving today until they had a slice!

Thank you to our catering team, administration team and members who put out the targets this morning👋 - you are all very special people. ***Thanks Eryn for taking photos and sending them***.





Write-up & pics provided by Linda Sutherland.

Happy 9th Anniversary to Field Archery News UK for keeping our wonderful sport in the spotlight!

Linda Sutherland, STAFAA.

















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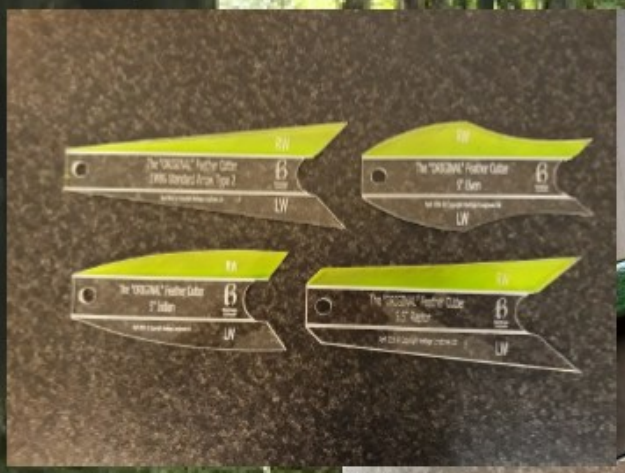
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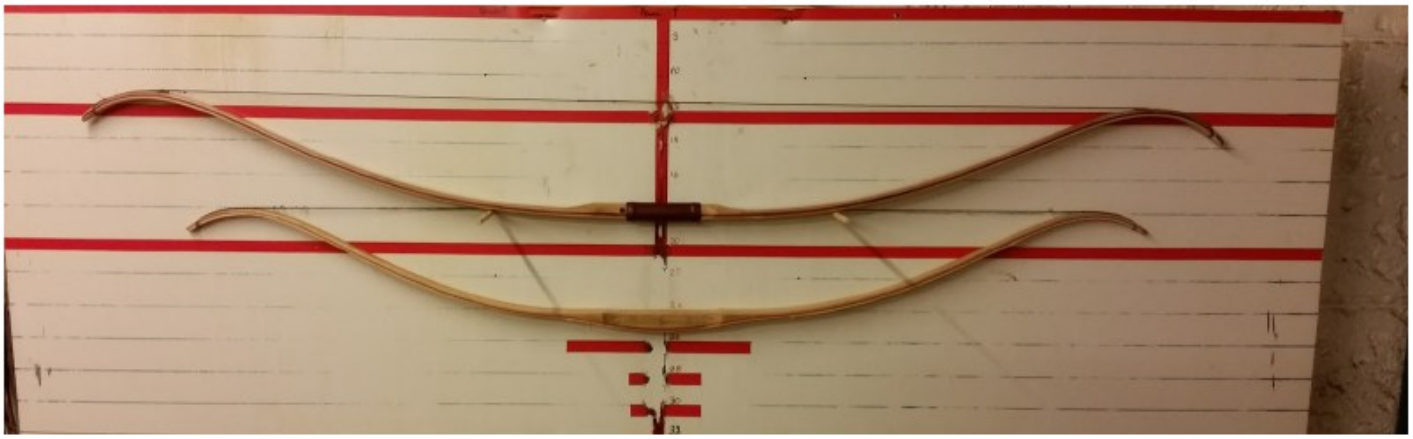
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NEW WEBSHOP COMING SOON!

Shoot Information

Henry V
France campaign 2025

Dear Archers,

Following great feedback from last year's tournament, here is your **personal invite** to go **"once more unto the breach"** in this different type of shoot on **Saturday 9th August 2025**.

Experience Henry V's medieval campaign as reported chronologically in the year 1415 and take part in a series of military operations intended to successfully bring about his particular objective, namely **"to achieve the Crown of France"**.

You'll enrol in **Sir Thomas Erpingham's Salopia Retinue** and relive his historic march while strolling over Shropshire's beautiful hills and pastures to shoot the 6 events that follow:

i. **Prelude -** a black commemorative arrow volley to honour those fallen during the 100 Years' War and our recent lost comrades.

ii. **Act 1: Le Siège d'Harfleur -** using 2-way medieval clout targets as Harfleur's gates, Henry orders "once more unto the breach" and makes his final demand.



"Target, Act 1 - Harfleur."

iii. **Act 2: Valle de Somme Escarmouche -** an arrow volley competition ensues as encamped knights and crossbowmen bar Henry from crossing the River Somme.



"Target, Act 2 - Blanchetaque."

Intermission - upon reaching Maisoncelle, Henry orders his army to rest, to eat, to be silent and to pray.

iv. **Act 3: Les Chevaux de guerre charge -** ordered to shoot at distance, "we happy few" challenge knights and heavy war horses, provoking them to charge.



"Target, Act 3 - Destrier."



"We happy few."

iv. **Act 4: La Bataille d'Azincourt -** "On, on you noblest English", as you speed shoot against the clock at close, fast-moving, ducking and diving men-at-arms.



“Target, Act 4 - Azincourt.”

v. **Finale: La charge du knight Francais -** you, Salopia Retinue, with lustre in your eyes, loose arrows as a real, living poleaxe-bearing man-at-arms attacks.



Salopia Retinue

Equipment required: (please contact me if needed)

- Traditional wooden warbow, longbow, primitive or barebow and wooden arrow shafts.
- Prelude - 1 black arrow, with or without whistling point.
- Acts 1, 2 and 4 - 6 typical arrows.
- Act 3 and Finale - 6 flu-flu arrows with blunt rubber points, 'able to shoot 90 paces'.
- Should you wish, traditional clothing.

Please reserve your place using a return email to **andrew.brodley@aol.com**, soonest or by Friday 16th May 2025, then I'll confirm further details.

Shoot site: Bowmen of Caradoc, Womerton, Nr. Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY6 6LJ.

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Dogs & Crossbows

Club List 2025

Club info

To help archers choose clubs that they can shoot crossbows at and/or take their trusty compa most recent status on these queries! If you would like your club to be included in the list then just l regarding Crossbows at your shoots. You can contact me in the following ways:- 1. Email fieldarcherynewsuk.wixsite.com/fanuk or 3. FAN UK Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/Fi

Club Name	Crossbows allowed?	Dogs allowed?
Archers of Dolphinholme	YES	YES
Artemis Archers	YES	YES
Ashcombe Valley Archers	YES	YES
Auld Kirk Bowmen	YES	YES
Aurora FAC	YES	YES
Avalon Archers	YES	NO - unfortunately the land owner does not accept dogs.
Birkhill FAC (near Wormit, Fife, Scotland)	Sorry, it's a NO.	YES - well behaved dogs on leads at all times please.
Black Arrow Field Archers	YES	YES
Black Sheep Archers	YES	YES
Bowbearers of Wyresdale	-	YES
Brixham Archers	NO	NO
Butsfield Bowmen	YES	YES
Centaura Bowmen	YES	YES
Cheshire Oak Bowmen	YES	NO
Company of Sixty	YES	Not at Open Shoots
Delamere Field Archers	NO	YES, with well-behaved owners!
Druids Field Archers	YES	YES - on leads please.
D W Longbow	YES	YES - on a lead please.
Forest Spirit Archers (near Cluny in Fife)	NO	YES
Hanson Bowmen	YES	YES
High Cross Field Archers	YES	YES
Kings Lynn FA	YES	YES
Lakeland Field Archers	YES	YES
Longbow Heritage	YES	YES
Long Eaton Field Archers	YES	YES
Muscovy Archers	YES	YES
Oakwood Bowmen	NO - sorry.	No - sorry.

Thank you to all clubs that have let me know so far, Hels :-)

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*Current list updated 8th July 2025 *

nions with them to shoot, I have compiled an albeit short yet important list of clubs and their let me know - all I require is your Club's Name and a 'Yes' or 'No' regarding Dogs and a 'Yes' or 'No' fieldarcherynewsukmagazine@gmail.com; 2. Contact form on the FAN UK website at http://eldArcheryNewsUK/ .

Club Name	**Crossbows allowed?**	**Dogs allowed?**
Paget de Vesey	YES	YES
Pennington Archers	YES	YES
Pentref Bowmen	NO	We have a no dogs on the course policy however, archers are welcome to bring their pets but they must be left in their vehicles while the shoot is in progress.
Pines Park Archers	NO - sorry, due to landowner restrictions.	YES - on leads & with owners at all times please.
Redgauntlet Archers	YES	YES
Regent Archers	NO	YES
Rednex	YES	NO
Redoubtables Archery	YES	NO
Riggwelter Field Archers	NO	YES - but on a lead.
South Hams Field Archers	YES	YES
Spirit of Sherwood	YES	YES
Stonebow Field Archers	NO - sorry.	NO - sorry.
Toad Hollow Archers	YES	YES - on leads at all times please.
Westcombe Archers	YES	YES - with advance notification, on leads & with owners at all times please.
Wolfshead Field Archers	YES	YES - on leads at all times please.
Wrekin Foresters Field	NO	YES
Ye Olde Delph Bowmen	YES	YES

KEY:

RECENTLY ADDED!





Thank you for reading and for your ongoing support,

Hels.

P.S. NEW patches out soon!





