



Newsletter

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A message from the editor...

Your newly appointed chairperson is Shane Brewer. Please say hello and welcome Shane to his new role when you next see him.

I asked Shane to introduce himself by writing a few words so we might get to know a little bit more about him, his work, hobbies and vision for the club moving forward,

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Hello from your new Chairperson



Greetings to all club members, just a few words to introduce myself to you.

I am currently working as an Engineering Technician at GE Power Conversion.

Hobbies I enjoy include playing guitar, fishing, motorcycles and woodwork, but I enjoy archery most of all.

I've been shooting for 5 years now and as you will be aware I have recently been elected as your new club chairperson.

I really enjoy competing and during May and June I have represented our club in various competitions such as the

Leicester Ancient Order of Foresters, the County Selection Shoot, the Sherwood WA 720, the Welbeck WA 70, the Welbeck York, 720 and the Meriden Head to Head.

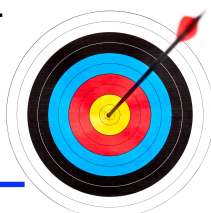
It's going to be exciting time taking on the role of chairperson, my aim moving forward would be to try and bring the club more into the future whilst maintaining the atmosphere and club charm we all know and love.

I am really looking forward to meeting members at club days and future events, I am open to any suggestions you may have regarding your club and more than happy to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have.

Happy shooting!

Shane

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Notice Board

Please check the website for any date or time changes of club competitions or notices.



Please do not move the targets at the field as they are set up for all to use.

Did you know?

Aside from the occasional bird catastrophe (kidding!), archery is one of the safest sports

According to the National Safety Council (it does exist), archery is more than three times safer than golf, with just one injury for every 2,000 participants. USA Archery reports that the sport is even safer than bowling.



A chairman's lot...stepping down after 10 years!

There I was enjoying our annual New Year lunch at Kilworth Springs in January 2012 when Val Ward and a few other members approached me and asked if I would take on the role of Club Chairman as she intended to stand down at the 2012 AGM. Val could be very persuasive!! So I eventually agreed to take the post for a couple of years (I was still working full time and involved in some high profile projects at the time). I was duly elected at the AGM that year.

Since then the club has gone through a lot of changes in order to keep up with changes within the sport and AGB instructions which have necessitated implementation.

I started off my chairmanship with various ambitions and aims such as, improving the equipment at the club, Improving our indoor venue, increasing membership and developing partnerships with local schools/organisations. On the whole I think these have, been achieved, but it was not without its difficulties and obstacles to overcome.



by Mick Shaw

My first job was to organise the club's 10th anniversary. We agreed to hold a charity shoot and I arranged for The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Lady Jennifer Gretton, to attend and present the results.

Val had also got me involved in delivering beginners' courses and coaching. So whilst working to achieve my aims for the club, I was also planning and delivering beginner courses and have-a-go sessions. I also found myself being co-opted onto the county coaching team assisting at JEDIS coaching sessions. In addition to attending County meetings as our club rep.

The club cabin had begin to show serious signs of wear, the leaking roof being the main problem. It was decided to try to replace the cabin and so we set out to source a replacement. Funding was secured and negotiations took place with a local supplier and eventually we purchased our new cabin. The old one was demolished just before bonfire night in 2014 - I think we saw another side to Charles that night as the remnants were burnt on Marcus's field together with some old bosses. We then purchased the composting toilet and had it installed to complete the improvements.

In 2015 we were still shooting indoors at Lutterworth College but getting consistent bookings on a Saturday afternoon was proving to be more difficult each year so we began to search for other premises.

Over the next few years we considered various options all of which were discounted as not suitable. I then approached Lutterworth Sports Centre who were enthusiastic at the idea and, as you now know, the venue is light and heated, perfect for archery. I then embarked on, what turned out to be, 3 years of negotiations between the Sports Centre, Harborough DC, our local MP and Leicestershire and Rutland Sport. Overcoming all obstacles one by one and securing the necessary funding for a new net, we moved into our new indoor venue which, I believe, is one of the best in the county.

AGB then introduced venue registrations. Every club had to register their outdoor and indoor venue which had to comply with certain criteria in order to be able to be used for archery. As a result I spent time measuring our field, drawing plans, identifying overshoot areas and moving target bosses in order to achieve our registration certificate. The same had to be done for our new indoor venue and included producing a dynamic Risk Assessment for both venues. All completed we achieved our registration certificates for both indoor and outdoor venues.

One of my ambitions as chair was to increase the membership and forge a relationship with local schools to get juniors interested. This proved more difficult than I had imagined. Schools and colleges were contacted either directly or via Harborough DC Sports Liaison team but with restrictions on time and space imposed on schools we struggled to even get a response. That was until Swinford School made contact and we did get that relationship started. I went into the school to talk about archery and show the pupils various equipment. This resulted in pupils attending the club for a practical have-a-go session. As a result of this work we were nominated for local sports and community awards and won the AGB Community club of the Year for 2020



In 2019, having been chairman for 7 years by then, I decided that it was time for a fresh approach, with new ideas so I intended to stand down at the 2020 AGM. But then COVID hit!!!! Circumstances overtook us and changes were occurring weekly, if not daily, as the Government and AGB wrestled with the COVID pandemic. I had to organise a dash to the Sports Centre on a Friday night to quickly remove all our kit before they closed the doors. The field was closed down and secured as Archery was not permitted. Meetings (and coaching) all went on line, a whole new experience for me! Together with Glynis, we checked websites every few days to ensure we hadn't missed an update.

Eventually, as restrictions began to be lifted, in 2021 we had to undo our actions, gradually re-opening the field, putting booking systems in place to restrict numbers and other measures in order to comply with AGB instructions

I'm pleased to say that, as far as COVID is concerned, we are now back as a fully functional archery club with both outdoor and indoor facilities for our members to enjoy. Of course, none of this could have been achieved without the help and support of club members, in particular other members of the committee who volunteer to give up their time to help out and take on responsibilities to ensure the club functions.



My time as Club Chairman has been an interesting one, never dull and often very busy. Even though I have now stood down from this role, I still intend to be an active member of the club and will continue to coach for a while. I wish our new chair person the very best. I will still be available for support and advice as required.

So this is me, signing off as chairman, may all your arrows fly straight and true!!.

Rumours of a robot invasion are true!



The field is now being patrolled by robot mowers!

Two robot mowers have been installed to keep the field nicely trimmed for our archery sessions.

One will service the top half of the field and the other one the bottom, programmed to set out at various times zigzagging across the field quietly doing their job.



The field certainly looked very smart when we arrived this Saturday (26th June), hopefully making it much easier to find any lost arrows (of course that doesn't happen very often!).



Lost arrows

If you lose an arrow whilst at the field please remember to report this. Please send the following details to: secretary@lutterwortharchery.org.uk



- date and time of loss of arrow
- approximate location in the field
- arrow make and type
- colour of nock and fletchings



Club BBQ



The BBQ is available for members use, if you do use it please bear the following safety tips in mind:

Never leave a BBQ unattended

Ensure the BBQ is on a flat site well away from sheds, trees or shrubs

Keep children well away from the cooking area

Ensure the BBQ is cool before attempting to move it

When you have finished using the BBQ please clean it.

Ha Ha!!

Q: What did the lustful maiden say to the handsome archer?

A: 'You make me quiver.'

My partner asked how I got invited to the Archery Champions Ball. I told her I had to pull a few strings.

I recently got into archery. There's a bit of a drawback, but I think it's quite fun!

CLUB NEWS

Some of you may have noticed that the cabin has been painted and smartened up inside.



Cliff moved all the furniture and prepped the walls, then he and Shane painted the walls.



It looks much cleaner and feels fresher, so thank you to both for their hard work and for giving up their time to do that for the club.



Nice clean walls and floor!



Don't forget your sun protection

When you're at the field for hours on end, it can be easy to forget the impact of UV exposure as you focus on the target.

Sportspeople receive substantially higher UV exposure, and routinely exceed the recommended exposure limits, increasing their risk of sun damage and skin cancer.

Only 50% currently sun protect when exercising outdoors.

Broken Arrow!



*Shane's snapped arrow after 100yd shoot...not something you see very often!
I don't think super glue will work this time!*



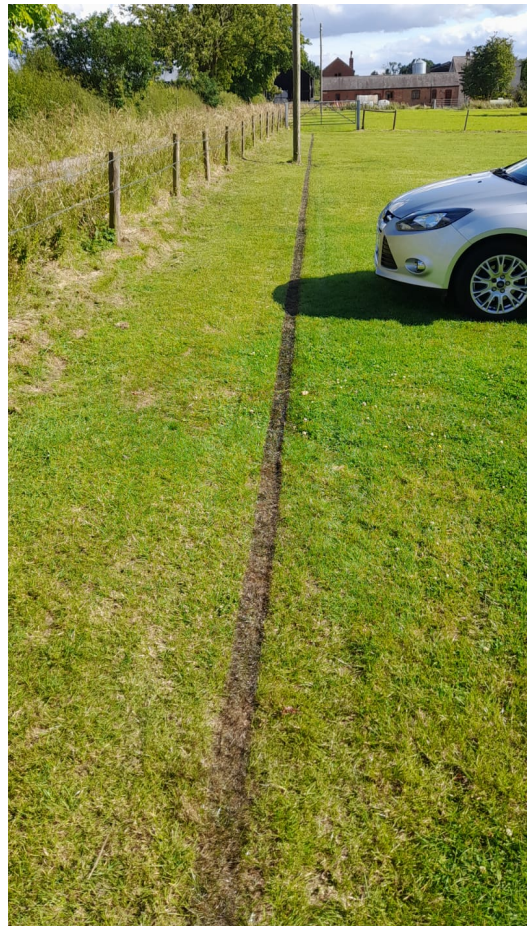
Parking at the field

When parking at the archery field please park behind the line.

This is to allow the robot mowers to track back to their parking bays.

They follow the wiring underground when their batteries require charging and can't get past if cars are parked close to the fence.

Thank you



AGB FEES 2022-23

A reminder that Archery GB fees are due by the end of August.

For all wishing to renew can you please pay direct to the club account and not direct to Archery GB

Please note:

If Archery GB membership is not renewed by the end of August, you will not be insured and will not be able to shoot until renewed.

SENIOR CLUB MEMBER (aged 25 and over) **£58**

SENIOR CLUB MEMBER (aged 18 to 24) **£20.25**

JUNIOR CLUB MEMBER (under 18s) **£20.25**

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Account Name: Lutterworth Archery Club

Account No: 65913469 • Sort code: 60-13-30

You can also pay by cheque or cash.



**The fees shown are correct at the time of this newsletter, should there be any changes to the fees an email will be sent out to all members.*



Martin Kent pictured receiving the Indoor Handicap Improvement award for 2021/22

Did you know?

One of England's greatest victories was because of the skill of its long-bowmen. During the Battle of Crecy in 1346, they killed almost 2000 French knights and soldiers. The English lost just 50.

20th Birthday Celebrations

...SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1st October 2022

Yes its' 20 years since the club was founded.

We aim to celebrate with a shoot and afternoon tea for current and past club members.

So please save the date and join us.

Watch for the club survey to seek your views about the sort of shoot you'd like.





<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Do you shop online?

Then you could help raise money for the club.

Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity fundraising site.

Lutterworth Archery Club is registered as a good cause that you can raise money for. It's simple to use, and it's free.

How does easyfundraising work?

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into donations for your good cause, at no cost to you. How? Just visit your favourite retailers through the website and then shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase the retailer will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you".

Can I buy everything online that I would normally?

Yes! easyfundraising's 3,500+ retailers include big names such as John Lewis, M&S, Boden, Expedia, Amazon, eBay, all the major supermarkets, holiday operators, insurance providers, plus a wide range of smaller and more niche online shops and stores.

What do I need to do to raise donations?

Firstly, [register](#) with us and tell us who you want to support. Then, next time you want to buy something online, log into easyfundraising first and click on the retailer you want to shop with. You'll then be taken to their website where you can continue to make your purchase in the usual way. But – crucially – because you visited easyfundraising first, your cause will get a donation.

Ready to raise funds? – then please [register](#) .

Still like to find out more then visit their "A guide for shoppers"

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/blog/how-does-easyfundraising-work-a-guide-for-shoppers/>

JUST A FEW FAMOUS NAME RETAILERS AVAILABLE TO SHOP WITH



Very hot day at the field

16th July saw a good turnout of members at the field on a very hot Saturday.

Quite a few archers arrived earlier at 10.00am, some to do the competition but most to avoid the afternoon heat. It was a very hot day so frequent breaks for tea, biscuits and a chat were very welcome in the cabin as usual. It was great to see a busy shooting line on a beautiful day.





Lutterworth Archery Club ...for your information



COUNTY NOVICE SHOOT

The County Novice shoot will be held on 4th September at LOAFAC, Countesthorpe.

This will be a National round and open to any archery who started in the sport since 2019.

Entry forms will appear on LAOFAC and county website shortly.



Volunteers wanted... are you able to help?

Archery GB are asking for volunteers to help at the National tour & Euro Para Cup being held at Wollaton Park, Nottinghamshire in September.

They are particularly looking for anyone who can drive a minibus on 14th & 15th Sept.

To register please use the following link <https://forms.gle/hBmr9SnygdkyARGp6>

COMPETITION DATES

Club competition dates and start times are on the notice board in the cabin and on the club website.

If entering, please ensure you enter your current handicap on your scoresheet in order that accurate results can be produced.

All points gained in club competitions go towards the Val Ward memorial trophy at the end of the year.

If you don't know your current handicap please contact Andrew.

252 CLUB

Congratulations go to Fran Egado, who recently achieved 20 yards in the 252 Club with a score of 270.

Lutterworth Archery Club Competition results for 16 July 2022 Round: WA1440, York, Nationals

Round Variation Shot	National	WA1440
Archer	Terry Deery	Callum Newlands
Bow Style	Barebow	Recurve
Current H/cap	57	31
Pure Score	358	1067
Class	2nd	Bowman
H/cap for round	56	36
Allowance for round	1104	291
H/cap adjusted score	1462	1358