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Lutterworth Archery Club

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In the beginning.....



A little bit of history about your club.

**Some original text taken from a booklet written and produced by
Val Ward, founding member & Chair of
Lutterworth Archery Club 2002-2012**

Obviously some things have changed since this was written but hopefully interesting to read how the club began and compare it to the club we know and love today.

In the spring of 2002 an advert appeared in the local free paper, the "Swift Flash" enquiring if anyone would like to have an archery club in Lutterworth. The volume of enthusiastic replies led to a meeting of 16+ people who were really keen and many of them were juniors. With that amount of interest, it was certainly a viable proposition and Lutterworth Archery Club was conceived that evening.

It was intended that we should use the playing field opposite the Lutterworth Grammar School beginning in July. The gestation period was rather longer than anticipated due to a lengthy decision making process interrupted by the summer holiday.

We were lucky enough to get a grant for all the necessary equipment and the container to keep it all in.

In those early days and on a school field, it was not possible to mark the field out the way we can now. At every session a boundary marker had to be placed out on posts for safety. A rope was then laid at the first shooting distance. Almost everyone turned up on time every session to help with the setting up process. These days the field only needs marking out 3 or 4 times a year, which is much easier.

It was finally October before the club was actually born and members shooting started, by the time the weather had lost its glow. The three established archers who started the club were a little concerned that many of these first 16 beginners would drop out because of the weather but not so. As a very new club we could not even think about paying for indoor shooting but it seemed that whatever the weather threw at us no one, especially the juniors, had any intention of surrendering to it. They were all so keen. On more than one occasion that first winter we were damp and cold but totally indomitable.

In 2004, the high cost of the shooting ground and rumours of it being wanted for building sent us looking for an alternative venue. Meg, our treasurer, knew a farmer near Walcote and his land is where we are now. We have seven-day access whereas at the school we only had Saturday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Having our own ground has enabled the club to develop a more social side, and members to practice more and enjoy their sport more often. We are now also able to shoot indoors in the gym at Lutterworth College.

Over the years about 200 people have taken part in beginner courses. Not all of them went on to join the club, of course, and a number of members drop out each year but the club maintains a fairly steady membership of around 30-35. Only three of the original members are still with the club but the enthusiasm for archery remains constant with all existing members. It is good to see more juniors joining since they are the future of the sport. Hopefully all members will do everything to encourage them.



We usually arrange a fun shoot or charity shoot during the summer, a skittles evening in October or November and a Christmas/New Year lunch in January. The highlight of the social calendar is the awards evening with buffet in April with the presentation of the ladies and gents club champion trophies and a handicap improvement shield. The number of juniors we now have means the we shall soon need a couple of new trophies for them and maybe the longbow archers too.



A BIT OF NOSTALGIA

Archive pictures from the club's 10th anniversary (2012) charity fund raiser



Left - I expect you can spot some familiar faces in this line-up!

Below - Val Ward with Lady Jennifer Gretton, who was the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire she presented the prizes and was guest of honour.



Above - usual shooting line picture with the old cabin in the background



Left - nothing changes much, lots of food in the cabin and look who's tucking in!





Anniversary Celebrations Fun Shoot October 2022



The weather was kind to us, well at least it wasn't raining, as many club members and guests assembled at the field for the 20th Anniversary fun shoot on Saturday 1st October. It was good to see so many members, past and present at the field, those with a current AGB membership were invited to shoot. It was great to see Sally; Steve and Fran all who had travelled from Wales to be part of the celebrations.



Members past and present

An array of targets was set out to challenge archers skills at various distances from 10 to 22yds and some in between. Some targets had been seen before whilst others were new. You can thank the Junior County Squad for the plates target and WA 'Beat the Lockdown' competition for the Archery all sorts target.



With Team Captains selected archers were divided into 3 teams of 5 and, after sighters, archers shot one end at each target face, moving along the line of targets after each end being careful to avoid minus scores and trying to find the bonus scores on the targets.



A team bonus round was thrown in for good measure with the team captains attempting to score 21 at the cards target face with just 2 arrows. Rob managed to make it look easy scoring exactly 21, well done Rob.



At the end of the shoot, all the scores were added up whilst archers and guests dived into the vast array of cakes and savouries laid out in the cabin.



The results were announced and trophies presented by the Mayor of Lutterworth to the winners and to the team captains of the 2nd & 3rd place teams.



Feedback from individual archers taking part was positive and hopefully everyone enjoyed the shoot. Thank you to Mick our Tournament organiser for arranging the event.

Well done everyone!





The Originals (the Winning Team)
Rob (Team Captain), Meg, Terry, Sylvia and Charles



AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Swiftly Missed Captain, Cliff

The Originals
Winning Team

Swiftly Missed
2nd Place

Kelly's Heroes
3rd Place

Archers receiving their awards from
The Mayor of Lutterworth
Bill Zilberts



Kelly's Heroes Captain, Andrew



Swiftly Missed Team (2nd Place)
Cliff (Team Captain), Sally, Jon, Glynis and Martin



Kelly's Heroes Team (3rd Place)
Andrew (Team Captain), Angela, Fran, Lyn, Sharon and Steve

VAL WARD HANDICAP TROPHY



Congratulations to Mick on winning the Val Ward Handicap trophy this year with a cumulative score of 7110.

Mick was presented with the award by The Mayor of Lutterworth who was guest of honour at the anniversary celebrations.

RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW



After the awards were presented there was a raffle prize draw, everyone had been given a raffle ticket and there were various prizes set out on the table.

The Mayor picked out tickets at random and members chose what they wanted, the Mayor picked out his own number so had a prize too.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes.



All the lucky raffle prize winners!



LATEST CLUB NEWS



INDOOR SHOOTING

As we move into autumn and the nights draw in archery moves into the indoor season. From Saturday 8th October we will be shooting indoors at the Lutterworth Sports Centre, Coventry Road, Lutterworth 2pm - 4pm each week.

They are charging us an increased fee this year, so we have unfortunately needed to increase the archers shooting fee to £5 for the 2-hour session. You can pay cash on the day or direct to the bank account with a clear name in the reference.

Should you prefer to pay for multiple weeks in advance then again do pay direct to the club bank account making clear your name in the reference to help Cliff.

This facility was hard fought for and secured after 3 years of negotiations and is amongst the best in the county. We can normally arrive from 1.30pm and if the sports hall is not in use with earlier bookings can get set up for a prompt start, if in use you can set up bows in the coffee area.

We would ask that as many members as possible support the club and join us at the sports centre. Unfortunately, if we don't get the support, we may lose this facility forever so please support the club and shoot indoors.

You do not need to be a member of Lutterworth leisure centre to shoot, they will just let you in.

We look forward to seeing you.

Can you help?

The County is organising a series of squads which will be Junior am and Senior pm (see edit below)

The next one is on 27th November. then 15th Jan, 19th Feb, then outdoors March 25th

We are looking for coaches to help on all if possible, or if you have any expertise in Nutrition, S & C, Psychology etc and could do a one off session on the dates above or in an evening please let me know.

Thank you, Maggie Squires, County coaching organiser, Development officer.

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Leicestershire and Rutland County Archery Association Coaching days 2022/23 Juniors and Senior Development.

Nov 27th, 15th Jan, 19th Feb, then outdoors March 25th

Recurve, Barebow, Compound, Longbow and flat bow.

**Venue Winstanley Community College, (the Foxes Indoor Venue)
Kingsway North, Braunstone Town, Leicestershire, LE3 3BD**

Come and have fun

Juniors £5 • Seniors £10 • Max 15 places pm/am.

Juniors 8.45am -12.15pm • Seniors 12.15pm - 4pm

Club Coaches are welcome to attend, Archers Will be required to set up and pack down the targets. Please supply your own food and drink .

Priority may be given to those who want to attend all 5.

If it is over subscribed other dates may be possible.

If interested please email, or any questions to: lraacodevelopment@gmail.com



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Indoor Shooting and Winter Competitions Diary



Date	Round	Doz Arrows	Sighters
Saturday 15th October 2022	Practice Session		1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)
Saturday 22nd October 2022	Portsmouth	60cm target face 5 doz.	1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)
Saturday 29th October 2022	L&R 300	3 different target faces 1 doz at each	1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)
Saturday 5th November 2022	Practice Session		1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)
Saturday 12th November 2022	L&R 300	3 different target faces 1 doz at each	1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)
Sunday 13th November 2022	Portsmouth	The Foxes AC (Countesthorpe Triple)	See County website
Saturday 19th November 2022	WA 18	40cm target face 5 doz	1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)
Saturday 26th November 2022	Frostbite at the field	80cm target face 3 doz at 30m	10.30am (Sighters at 11am)
Saturday 3rd December 2022	Practice Session		1.30pm (Sighters at 2pm)

Dates can be subject to change, please check the website and emails for any changes and up to date information

