



SHROPSHIRE ARCHERY SOCIETY

# Newsletter

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Apologies all – this was meant to be written to go out before Christmas – but never made it. Actually, there wasn't actually that much news to tell at that stage. Much more now though.

Only a couple more weeks and we are into March – thus at least in theory the winter months will be behind us. But these days, who can predict anything about the weather? But at least we can start to think about the outdoor season to come which is definitely something to smile about.

## **West Midlands Archery Society stuff.**

As most of you know, Shropshire Archery Society is affiliated to West Midlands Archery Society. You may know very little about WMAS but every year, a small part of your club subs goes there with another part going to our own SAS. The WMAS committee (2 representatives from each of 5 counties plus the usual officers) meet regularly through the year. Some funds are available to assist both clubs and individuals further their archery aspirations and WMAS also oversees our judges and coaches in the region.

Our region is looking for a new secretary – Geoff Beston from Nuneaton is standing down. It is not a massively onerous job but does need someone with enthusiasm and some administrative ability. Having email is essential. It is an important post, the holder rarely gets applauded but someone really is needed at this stage – Geoff has already held out for a year more than he had agreed to. So, one of you Shropshire Archers, offer your services. Geoff's email address is below. The new secretary will take up post from our Regional AGM which is on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at Wythall Community Centre Silver Lane, Birmingham B476LZ. It starts at 2pm.

This AGM is your chance to have a say about what goes on in our region – much better to be there and say your piece in person than complain about decisions taken in your absence!

One of the items that the WMAS committee has been discussing over the last couple of meetings is the idea that the Region should purchase a full set of WA (FITA) timing equipment that can be borrowed by clubs within the region for different events. The cost of this is about £8,000. Funds are available if the decision is made at the AGM to go ahead with this. Of course, even if such equipment is purchased a system would have to put in place for storage, safekeeping, maintenance, etc etc. If you have an opinion about this get it to your club's rep on the Shropshire County Committee or let Geoff Beston know direct. WMAS Secretary, Geoff Beston,; [secretary@wmas.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wmas.org.uk).

## **Shropshire Archery Society (SAS) stuff.**

The next meeting of the SAS County Committee is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Church Stretton club. All our county's archery clubs are invited to send two representatives to these meetings but we always welcome extras who turn up. As of a few months ago, some refreshments are supplied by our hosts – so at least come down and have a bit of free food.

Club secretaries, please remember that all the County's clubs are requested to send in a brief report of what has been going on at their club plus any plans they might have for events in the future.

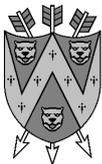
Shropshire Archery Society's most important meeting of the year is our AGM which will be held at the Church Stretton Club on Weds 22nd March starting at 8pm. Too often these AGMs have been really poorly attended with perhaps only 2% of our county's archers bothering to turn up. Let's make the 2017 AGM to remember for positive reasons.

## A word from the County Vice-Chair.

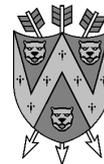
You will be sad to hear that Jeremy Hilditch, our County Chairperson for a number of years is moving away so is stepping down from this position. I am not going to step up as Chair – a combination of advanced age, other commitments and wanting someone else to do it!. So, we need one or more nominations for this post. Surely among the 700 or so archery club members in Shropshire there is one of you who is prepared to take on this role. It is not arduous – attending and chairing the bi-monthly committee meeting plus working with any other ongoing initiatives (of which there have been but few recently).

As you are all aware, Sue and Tom Williamson have been the mainstays of SAS for more years than most of us can remember. At present they hold the positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. I have talked to both of them and they would very much welcome a couple of people coming forward and taking over these posts – so how about someone putting their head above the parapet and allow Sue and Tom to retire in the knowledge that the SAS will continue and flourish. Again, the posts are not excessively arduous – if you might even think about being nominated for either of them and want to talk more about it, feel free to contact me. [jonathan@the-waltons.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@the-waltons.co.uk) or 07970 702084.

The formal notification of the AGM is shown below. I hope lots of our county's archers will make a point of trying to get there.



## SHROPSHIRE ARCHERY SOCIETY



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2017, 8.00pm - Church Stretton & District Club**

**Current officers:**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>		Mr. T. Williamson	
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	*	Mr.J Hilditch	- is definitely standing down.
<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSON:</b>		Mr. J. Walton	
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	*	Mrs. S. Williamson	- would be happy to retire
<b>TREASURER:</b>	*	Mr. T. Williamson	- would be happy to retire.
<b>RECORDS:</b>		Mr. J. Poole	
<b>COUNTY COACHING:</b>	*	Mrs. S. Williamson	- has actually already retired
<b>WEST MIDLAND REPS:</b>		Mr.P Nelms and Mr J Walton.	

Could you please return any nominations for the positions marked “\*” to Sue Williamson no later than **15th MARCH 2017**.

The nomination should be made in accordance with the SAS Constitution RULE 12(c) (d). But if you have no access to the constitution, please submit the person's name and confirm that they are happy to be nominated, together with the names of a proposer and seconder.

Send nominations to;

Mrs. S. Williamson  
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Church Stretton  
Shropshire  
SY6 7HA  
01694 722767  
[sue@chelmickforge.co.uk](mailto:sue@chelmickforge.co.uk)

**We look forward to seeing lots of you there at the AGM!**

## Heritage shoots in 2017.

As you are aware, our county has a wonderful tradition of Architectural heritage shoots, spaced through the summer. These are not only great shoots for everyone, perhaps especially those newer archers who want to dip their toes into the world of competitive target archery but they are also great fun social occasions. Long may they continue.

It would really help if all clubs were able to send details of their heritage shoot planning (specifically the date) for the coming summer to Sue Williamson before the next County Committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Failing that, we really do need to have the final list before the AGM in March. Also, could any clubs planning any other open events during the summer please send details to Sue Williamson asap.

County is keen to encourage all heritage shoot organisers to include a "New National" round into their event – that is 4dozen arrows at 100yards and 2dozen at 80 yards. When you send Sue Williamson the details of your heritage shoot, could you indicate whether you are able to fit in a New National.

The previous 2 paragraphs are really for Club secretaries – bit it is all open for everyone else to read.

The other person who is keen to receive any information about planned events is Dave Baron, our County Webmaster – he cannot post things on the website unless someone tells him about them!

Try [davidbaron012@btinternet.com](mailto:davidbaron012@btinternet.com).

One other aspect of the Heritage shoots. As most of you know, our County Records officer, Jon Poole, spends quite a lot of time at the end of the summer collating all the results from all the Heritage shoots into a single comprehensive spreadsheet. Jon is requesting that everyone structure their results in the same way, with the various classes in a specified order – this would make his work a lot easier.

When submitting scores, could you submit the results in the following order for each competitor.

Position / Name / Club / Hits / Golds / Score.

In addition, it would help Jon if all the various events and classes could be submitted in a consistent order. As follows

Adults – New National,

Order of classes - Gents Recurve, Ladies Recurve, Gents Longbow, Ladies Longbow, Gents Barebow, Ladies Barebow, Gents Compound, Ladies Compound.

Adults – Long National 80/60 – same order of classes please.

Adults – National 60/50 - same order of classes please.

Juniors

U 18 Boys - National 60/50 - same order of classes please

U18 Girls - Short National 50/40 - same order of classes please

U16 Boys – Short National 50/40 - same order of classes please

U16 Girls – Junior National 40/30 - same order of classes please

U14 Boys- Junior National 40/30 - same order of classes please.

U14 Girls- Short Junior National 30/20 - same order of classes please.

U12 Boys- Short Junior National 30/20 - same order of classes please.

U12 Girls- Very short Junior National 20/10 - same order of classes please.

U10 boys- Very short Junior National 20/10 - same order of classes please.

A special request from County that all clubs should offer the very young archers the chance to shoot the shortest of the rounds above (20/10yards) although this is not an official ArcheryGB round.

## Shropshire Archery Winter Postal League.

3 rounds have now gone, two more to go. Here is the latest report from Ian Johnston

*January is the halfway point in the Indoor League, so here is an update on Fixture results and Archers best individual performance.*

*The league got off to an excellent start with some very good team and individual scores as seen with one archer falling just six points short of maxing out.*

*The new Compound and Barebow divisions have proved successful with 9 compound and 6 barebow teams competing and the competition in*

both is very strong, This seasons league has had the largest entry of teams (45) since the league was started in 1995.

Below is a table of each divisions leading team and the best individual scores entered at the end of round 3.

Leading Teams

Discipline	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Recurve	Audco A Won 3 out of 3	Shrewsbury A Won 2 out of 3	Bowbrook B Won 2 out of 3
Compound	Long Mynd Won 2 out of 3	Teme Won 2 out of 3	-
Barebow	Bowbrook Won 2 out of 3	-	-
Longbow	Bowbrook Won 3 out of 3	Cleobury A Won 1 out of 3	-
Junior's	Long Mynd A Won 3 out of 3	Long Mynd B Won 3 out of 3	-

Each month a full result's sheet is sent to club league reps. for display at their venue and at the end of the season not only are all the teams final positions published on the County web site but also all the scores submitted for each archer throughout the competition, so they can see how they have performed within the county.

Teams progress up or down the divisions by a promotion/relegation system that is dependant on the teams average score for the previous season,

Senior and Junior Ladies best scores

Senior Discipline	Name	Club	Score
Recurve	Bella Booth	Long Mynd	566
Compound	Kay Lucas	Teme	566
Barebow	Rachel Beer	Audco	485
Longbow	Katie Clark	Telford	402
Junior Discipline			
Recurve	Lauren Rawlings	Bowbrook	516
Compound	Kaitlyn Beetz	Long Mynd	533
Barebow	None shot		
Longbow	None shot		

Senior and Junior Gents best scores

Senior Discipline	Name	Club	Score
Recurve	James Beckett	Bowbrook	594
Compound	Ryan Jeavons	Bowbrook	588
Barebow	Dean Prior	Bowbrook	508
Longbow	Gerry Wilsmore	Bowbrook	476
Junior Discipline			
Recurve	Jacob Reid	Telford	589
Compound	None shot		
Barebow	John Seabury	Bowbrook	496
Longbow	None shot		

January's round saw changes in the top spot in the Recurve divisions 1 & 2 so with two rounds still to go there is everything to shoot for, so get up to the shooting line, especially those juniors who are the future of the sport.

Ian Johnston

## Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Long Mynd Archers. "Blow the cobwebs away" Junior shoot. The new WA junior round x 2! ie a total of 12 dozen arrows.

Recurve, Barebow & Longbow.

Under 18s G & B, 60m to a 122cm face.

Under 16s G & B, 50m to a 122cm face

Under 14s G & B, 40m to a 122cm face

Under 12s G & B, 30m to a 122cm face

Compound

Under 18s, G & B, 50m to an 80cm face

Under 16s, G & B, 50m to an 80cm face

Under 14s, B, 40m to an 80cm face

Under 14s, G, 30m to an 80cm face

Under 12s, G & B, 30m to an 80cm face

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Long Mynd Archers. "Blow the cobwebs away" Senior shoot, 720 WA round x 2.

Entry forms for both these events on Long Mynd Archers website.

Start time for morning session 9.00am, start time for afternoon session, 1.00pm.

Payments for these events can be made online.

**IN SUPPORT OF**



Bowmen of Caradoc, Church Stretton

We would be delighted if you were able to join us for an  
**Open Invitation Charity Shoot - with a PINK theme**

*We propose a Foresters round for traditional hunting tackle only.*

*L/B, B/B (no aids or attachments), with wooden arrows.*

To be shot around our

Woodland Field Course at Womerton

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Arrows away at 10.30am

Entry fee of £3 payable on the day

(Any additional cash, or prize donations **with a pink theme**, would be greatly appreciated)

All participants are requested to **WEAR SOMETHING PINK**

(You know you want to...)

We will be shooting the Lower Wood in the morning, to get the climbing out of the way,  
and finish the round in the Upper Wood after lunch.

*Unfortunately, unless the weather improves dramatically, parking on the field will need to be restricted to 4 x 4's and Blue Badge Holders. Please park sensibly on the hill and walk in.*

*We don't currently have on site catering so you will need to bring your own lunch.*

Please email [CDavies936@aol.com](mailto:CDavies936@aol.com) if you intend to participate so that we can plan for parking etc.

**And Finally; There is a fun Easter Shoot organised by Lauren Rawlings at Bowbrook's field on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. All junior archers registered with ArcheryGB welcome – but not seniors allowed!! See separate poster for details.**

