



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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For a change, no lists of scores and results this time!

Mark Turner was selected to shoot for Essex in their Barebow Team in the match with Kent and Sussex at West Essex on Saturday 23rd June 2018. Well done Mark. The round shot was a WA1440 and Essex won!

While we're on the subject, our 42nd Club FITA Championships took place on Sunday 3rd June 2018. This is the same as the WA1440 round mentioned above, they've just changed the name. The Results Sheet is attached to this Newsletter as is that for our 65th Club Target Championships held on 8th July 2018.

Our Annual Club Clout Championships deferred from 6th May will now take place on Sunday 23rd September 2018.

Abbey Bowmen have, unfortunately withdrawn from the Essex Summer Albion League. The reason is that they have insufficient members who've shot 80 yards to field a team of 8. In fact, they could field only 4 for their match with Colchester this month, which they effectively couldn't win without at least 5 archers so they decided to drop out of the League until they can field a team which, all being well, will be next year.

We had a "bye" for June and Abbey couldn't field a team for July so no match there then so we didn't have to shoot it, but at our last League, in May at home to Malgrave, for a variety of reasons we had only 6 archers who could shoot in our team. We do encourage people to shoot 80 yards when we feel they are capable. Not, you will notice, dear reader, when they feel they are capable of shooting 80 yards, which could be some time, or never!

I will now, in my capacity as someone who has been with the Club quite a long time, take you back to the days when the Earth was young (back in the 70s!) when all the new archers couldn't wait to shoot 80 yards so we would be eligible to have the chance of being picked to represent our Club in the team, whether it was in the Summer League, or Pilgrim (nominated teams for that competition then), or wherever. Ardleigh were, at that time, in the First Division and you actually had people, both ladies and gentlemen (and juniors) competing to shoot for our team. The Records Officer and Chair picked the team and had a choice of somewhere between 15 and 20 archers to pick from so fielding 8 archers didn't present the problem it seems to now.

In more recent times we have generally managed to field a full team, even if "Uncle Albert" came to a match to watch and occasionally found himself, much to his surprise, shooting as our number 8, but I digress. At one time, our Summer Programme specified the types of rounds to be shot on a particular day and people shot them. We're not nowadays so strong on telling people what rounds to shoot and when but, and this is just a slightly sad observation, unless more people try to shoot the longer rounds we could well be in a similar situation to Abbey before very long. I've shot in many matches and I always gained great pleasure from representing our Club and the County considering both an honour. The other good thing is that when you shoot with "better" archers it pulls you along and you improve each time you do it.

Do you think it would be a good idea to go back to the days of shooting specified rounds during the summer Season? This would mean groups like St. George, Albion and Windsors, or New, Long or Standard Westerns and the National Rounds?

We welcome a new archer, a young lady, Niamh St. Pier who has completed our most recent Beginners' Course and shows great promise. In the first round ever of her Archery career Niamh scored 341 for a Short Junior Metric, achieving by a long way her first green 252 Warwick Badge and setting a new Club Record at the same time.

Our former member, Sarah Bettles, was selected again to shoot for Great Britain at the Hyundai World Archery Series held last month in Berlin. Our Ladies' Team (with Bryony Pitman and Eleanor Piper) won silver, beaten only by the Korean Team. Sarah has also been selected to shoot for Great Britain at the European Championships in Legnica, Poland at the end of August. The same team will be competing as they are the only ladies in the whole of the United Kingdom who've achieved the qualifying standard for selection. A photograph (left to right, Eleanor, Bryony and Sarah) of them with their medals and teddy bears is shown below. Eleanor is still only 19 which shows great promise for the future!



This really is an achievement, bearing in mind the Korean Elite Team Squads don't need to have jobs while they represent their country and get other benefits too including getting their equipment supplied while they are competing and a pension afterwards. Although a great deal of Archery equipment originates in Korea it's comparatively expensive there so having it supplied would be a great help for their squads. I believe there's no help for people who just want to shoot for leisure and few facilities for them to do it anyway. Archers from the United Kingdom do get some sponsorship from manufacturers in return for being seen using particular items, endorsing them and, by using them, encouraging others to buy them. Archery GB do get grants from Sport England and others and that helps with international competition but there's nothing on the scale of what happens in Korea.

Archery, being the Korean National Sport enjoys great support from their government, but their archers really have to work at staying excellent otherwise they get dropped, no matter how eminent they may have been previously. That said, I believe one of their team members was shooting for his country for 16 years. That's real tenacity!

From a previous newsletter, we have pictures of Sarah shooting before sunrise, before she goes to work. There is some good fortune in that Sarah shares a house with plenty of ground around it (21 acres!) where she can shoot safely as, normally, "garden shooting" must be considered very carefully. That was probably a decider before Sarah moved there, aside from moving jobs. In any case, the Club's ground is covered by the Archery GB Insurance scheme but with "garden shooting" the people who insure where you live might go several shades of white when you let them know!



Must have been a fast shutter speed! Do notice the bow arm has not dropped!



BOWMEN OF ARDLEIGH
42nd FITA CHAMPIONSHIPS
3rd June 2018

Awards made on Straight Score

Gentlemen's WA 1440 Championship Round, Recurve (36 arrows each at 90, 70, 50 and 30 metres)

1	David Clegg	785	Booth Trophy and Gold Medal
2	Chris Lowe	764	Silver Medal

There were no Ladies or Juniors shooting a full FITA Metric Round (36 arrows each at 70, 60, 50 and 30 metres or other corresponding distances according to age group).

Lady Champion

1	Ann Mills (Barebow)	170	Silver Salver & Gold Medal
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Junior Gentlemen's Championship, (Under 16) Short Metric III (36 arrows each at 30 and 20 metres)

1	Ryan Hall (Barebow)	429	Shambrook Trophy and Gold Medal
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Gentleman Champion, Longbow, also shooting the WA 1440 Round.

Mark Turner	236	Gold Medal
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Awards made on Handicap

Short Metric Round (36 arrows each at 50 and 30 metres)

	Archer	H/cap	All.	Score	Total	
1	Alan Mills (Barebow)		1291	240	1531	Prior Trophy & Gold Medal
2	Ann Mills (Barebow)		1333	170	1503	Silver Medal
3	Paul Campion		923	548	1471	Bronze Medal
4	Gary Prior		964	446	1410	
5	Wayne Scott		987	320	1307	

The three top archers all did some damage to their handicap ratings this time!

Congratulations to all those winning medals and awards. Thanks again go to Tom Hall for presenting the awards, Jann for organising the entries, medals and preparation of trophies, Gary for working the results out, and to members and their families for helping to set up and put away.



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Results of 65th Club Target Championships

Sunday 8th July 2018

A beautiful day, lots of sunshine with little wind at first, then a cooling zephyr, which was very welcome, towards the end of the shoot.

Awards based on Straight Score

Gentlemen's York Round, Recurve

1	Chris Lowe	632	Championship Trophy and Gold Medal
2	David Clegg	603	Silver Medal

Gentlemen's York Round, Barebow

1	Mark Turner	308	Gold Medal
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Chris also won the medal for the best straight score by an archer with a handicap between 0 and 40 and the Worst White Award. Dave Clegg won the medal for the best straight score by an archer with a handicap between 41 and 100. Colin won the Best Gold Award which was run jointly with both the York and Western Rounds.

Ladies Championship, Short Western Round

1	Nicky Woodhouse	562	Championship Trophy and Gold Medal
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Awards based on Handicap

Hammond Trophy (For the highest score on handicap for the York Round only as no ladies shot the Hereford this year)

	Archer	H/cap	All	Score	Total	Award
1	Dave Clegg	48	866	603	1469	Trophy and Gold Medal
2	Mark Turner	55	1078	308	1386	
3	Chris Lowe	33	463	632	1095	

Munroe Cup (For the Highest Score on Handicap for the Western Round)

	Archer	H/cap.	All.	Score	Total	
1	Colin Vaughan	43	751	694	1445	Trophy and Gold Medal
2	Ken Dell	48	815	578	1393	Silver Medal
3	Gary Prior	47	801	583	1384	Bronze Medal

New Members' Round, Short Western

	Archer	H/cap.	All.	Score	Total	
1	Kenny Scott	64	1000	418	1418	Esme Henley Trophy and Gold Medal
2	Nicky Woodhouse	52	792	562	1354	Silver Medal

The Esme Henley Trophy is awarded for the Highest Score on Handicap by an archer with less than two full season's experience. The handicap ratings are based on the first two dozen arrows

The Attwood Trophy, (for the highest score on handicap by a couple) was awarded to Kenny Scott and Nicky Woodhouse this year.

Thanks go to Tom Hall for presenting the prizes, Jann for organising the entries, medals and awards, Gary Prior for doing the results and to members and their families for helping with the puttings out and away.