



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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We have more new members so a warm welcome goes to Derren, Tom, Jack, Oby, Alfie, Selestina, Steve, Michael and Bradley.

We held the last of our free taster sessions on 27th June and we were privileged to meet Robert Coleman who wanted to try Archery with us.



Robert is shown here, shooting and he achieved several golds and hit the target most of the time. Quite remarkable for a first ever try at shooting a bow, but he'd always wanted to "have a go". Considering Robert is blind in one eye and has severely limited vision in the other, I think he did rather well!

Some of our new members felt ready to join us before we arranged their follow up Introductory Sessions and we're organising those now, and the schedule for Sunday mornings from 11th July is being prepared to facilitate another 45 people who've indicated they wish to take a follow-up course with us. We're also aware that some of them are already considering joining us.

The courses will cost £25 for over 18s and £10 for younger people and this is credited against membership fees when they join. The sessions will commence on Sunday 11th July and starting at 10.00am and will last for two hours. We'll be covering safe shooting, putting a bow together, shooting using a sight, scoring and anything else that pops up during the sessions. Again, any help members can give, either helping to set up the field, helping people with their shooting or just having a chat will be much appreciated. We've had marvellous help with the free sessions from members and that's contributed greatly to their success.

These are the scores for our third League Match of the Essex Summer League series.

ARDLEIGH		Noak Hill	
Archer	SCORE	Archer	SCORE
Chris Lowe	782	A. Horne	884
Chris Pollard	720	W. van Kleef Bolton	860
Dave Clegg	598	A. Lock	824
Chris Phillips	537	A. Maher	808
Maria Coppens	495 (PB)	Ms. R. Easton	800
Totals	3132		4176
Dave Cook	323 (PB)	G. Rogers	720

A win for Noak Hill by 1044 points! Ardleigh are still supporting the rest of the teams in the results table. Full results can be found on the Essex and Suffolk website (ecaa.org.uk).



Our team is shown in action by our hedge, with Selestina and Steve practicing nearby. Both demonstrate a good style in a very short time, which is nice! We've gained 14 new members so far this year, two of them in the back ground, Dell comfortably having a look after the football the night before and Nicky looking contemplative!

As can be seen, we've been extremely lucky with the weather (so far!) for the Sunday Morning free Taster sessions and, as can be seen, it really turned, into a quite nice day. Let's hope we have the same good fortune for the Introductory Sessions during July and August! (Help with whatever time you can give, as always, needed for

Sunday mornings 11th, 18th and 25th July and 8th August!)