



# Allington Castle Archers



## Rocking Point

*December 2020*



Christmas Dinner at the Bull Inn

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, POSTPONED

Christmas Frostbite, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10:30  
for 11:00. Presentation and Party after shooting.  
Please bring seasonal eats, mulled wine supplied at  
halftime.

Dates for your diary –

BA Portsmouth :- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm for 7:30



## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Thanks to all of you that managed to make it to the club AGM. At the meeting Ann Medhurst stood down from her role of Treasurer after many years of hard work for the club. Ann couldn't get to the meeting as she has injured her ankle. So good luck in your retirement and get well soon Ann. Pamela Peak was voted in as the new Treasurer after serving as an Ordinary member on the Committee last year. Sally Robinson has also joined the team. So welcome to one and all! Clive and Colin will be preparing minutes for the meeting, so anyone who couldn't make it can find out in detail what went on.

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas so don't forget to look at the club calendar on the web site for the dates of the Dec BA Portsmouth, Prize giving and school holidays if you want to brave the cold and shoot over the Christmas break (just remember to bring a friend so you're not shooting on your own)

Have a great Christmas and I hope Santa brings you lots of Archery goodies to play with in the New Year!

Good Shooting

Neil

## Captains Corner

Hi all, not a lot happened last month. Some of us went to the Ashford and Kent Indoor Championships. Sally and Graham shot well on both sessions, while Cecile and I managed to improve on our first sessions by some margin, thank goodness.

We've shot a couple of indoor rounds at the Lockmeadow hall. By all accounts this is a good venue with attendance in the double figures for all nights so far, which is fantastic.

I am currently chasing a few people for the return of trophies. Thank you to everybody who has returned their cleaned trophies to me, all I have to do now is find somewhere to store them in our tiny flat.

That's pretty much it. I'll be sending out the results of all the indoor and frostbite shoots in a later mail.

I have been keeping the website fairly up-to-date, but if anybody has any suggestions for content, then do drop me a line or catch me on the field or in the hall.

That's it. See you on the field

Charles

## **Secretary's Sidelines**

**Not a lot to say really except to let you know that I am recovering nicely after my operation last week and will visit the field next Saturday to make sure you are all behaving yourselves. I have booked the school classroom for the Presentation of Trophies after the Frostbite so come along even if you do not want to shoot and drink mulled wine.**

**It has become the custom to bring any Christmas cards you wish to give and set them out on a table, remembering to collect any cards sent to you before you leave.**

### Coaching

**Now is the time to practice in order to try to get rid of your faults so you will be ready to shoot improved rounds next April.**

**Remember :- String and hand touching your chin**

**Get it on your back so that the arrow and your forearm are in a straight line**

**When you release your hand moves back behind your ear**

**Now for some personal best scores (P.B.) next year**

**See you**

**Colin**



## Twig & stick

As the weather has closed in and the opportunities to shoot a reasonable target round are few

How about trying something different this year. **FIELD** shooting, Clout or Marks, over this winter.

[www.gnasfield.co.uk](http://www.gnasfield.co.uk)

[KAA - Archery Event Diary 2010](#)

There are opportunities to shoot a **half-day** round at Woodstock field shooting club at the top of Detling hill. I have sent out an e-mail I received from the Winter Field Archery League, giving dates for the field clubs in the southeast.

The main dates of interest are

12<sup>th</sup> December 10am Crawley

9<sup>th</sup> January 10am Crawley

17<sup>th</sup> January 10am Woodstock

Following the Success of the last event, the

### Bowmen of Woodstock

Will be hosting another

#### Field Archery "Taster" session

On

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010

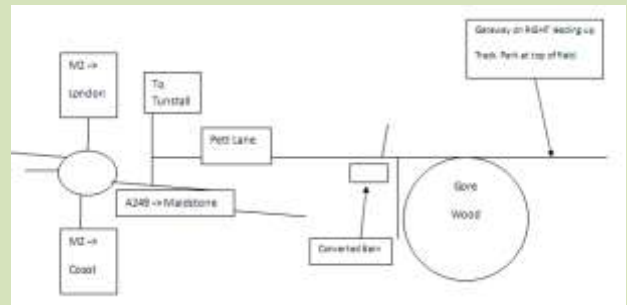
1000 assembly for 1030 start

At Gore Wood, Sittingbourne

We will lay a 12 target marked course for you to try.  
Maximum distance is 60m. There will be no impossible shots.

£3.00 per person

If you came last time - come again and bring some club mates with



13<sup>th</sup> February 10am Crawley

27<sup>th</sup> March 10am Woodstock

The round is a FITA 12 target unmarked or marked. You may have seen strange faces on the field, when I do some practice.

All disciplines are encouraged to shoot, Compound, Recurve, Barebow, Traditional & Longbow.

**Compound & Recurve** shoot distances from 10M to 60M,

**Barebow, Traditional & Longbow** 5M to 50M.

**Compound & Recurve** is exactly as you shoot for target, you need sight marks for 5m intervals. Compound is called Compound Unlimited.

**Barebow, Traditional & Longbow** are classified as un-sighted, that means no bands on longbows.

**Barebow** is any bow that has an arrow rest and button but no stabilisers or sight.

**Traditional** is any bow that has an arrow rest but no button or sight, and arrows are wooden with feather fletchings.

You only shoot against your discipline, gender and age group.

Andy Rout has joined me as I said in the last Nocking Point, so speak to him or me if you have any concerns.

For a great **half-day** out in the woods pinging arrows at targets. This is the **proper archery** as near hunting as you can get in this country.



I will contact Woodstock or Crawley with the names, numbers and shooting styles. Just let me know dates and shooting style.

PS there is now a Kent record for the National Animal Round.

Other types of shooting are **CLOUT**. This is shooting at a flag at 180yds for gents and 140yds for ladies.

Again all disciplines are encouraged to shoot, same as Field above.

If you shot at ACA's Jelly bow clout you will know how it works.

The Longbow only type of shooting is

**At the Marks.** This is like clout but the distances vary for each target. Ranging from 150yds up to 230yds. The *Fraternity of St. George* organise shoots in the southeast.

[Fraternity of St George 1509](#)

[The I.L.A.A the International Longbow Archers Association](#)

Geoff B

Social Secretary

Christmas Dinner – there are 26 of us going to the Bull Inn at East Farleigh. We have hired their function room and are hoping for a tasty meal. I will let you know how it went in the next Newsletter. Input as to venue and meal from anyone else going is invited.

Geoff and I have visited and had three lunches (in the name of duty of course!). .

Christmas Frostbite and Presentation on 12<sup>th</sup> December – I shall be preparing the mulled wine for mid morning. Mince pies will be served with the wine.

Please would you bring any donations of food into the classroom before shooting so that I can arrange it all. There is always lots of food left over at the end so if anyone wants to take some back home -  
**PLEASE DO!**

Traditionally silly hats, tinsel and any other festive attachments are strongly encouraged for the shooting line!

Jean B

Stop press!!! Due to the continuous snow and hazardous driving conditions the Christmas Dinner has had to be postponed. It will now be in January.

