



Allington Castle Archers

Newsletter October 09

The Dates for Your Diary

17th November ACA AGM

At Margaret Preedy Dance School 33, Tonbridge Road
Maidstone start 8:00pm

Sunday 22nd November **Worcester/Portsmouth**

At

Lockmeadow hall

All hands needed at 7:30am
to set up!

Please help if you can
many hands do make light
work

It has been in the past a tradition that raffle prizes are donated from the membership, so if you can please bring them along on Sunday.

Captains corner

The indoor

The latest information is that the caretaker has been jailed for 3.5 years for crimes 27 years ago, as reported in the Kent Messenger.

The TA will have to get a replacement obviously, and this will take time.

So unfortunately there is no indoor shooting until further notice.

This leaves the club with a real problem. One, the British Archer league, although entered we will not be putting in scores.

Second, the coming Worcester/Portsmouth at Lockmeadow on 22nd Nov. needs the bosses from the TA hall. We have contacted the TA Hall with a view to getting them back, but if the new bosses that Roger has ordered arrive soon, they will not be required.

I will E-mail if there is any change, please pass on to those without web access.



This is what an indoor venue looks like. Sorry to rub it in.

If you still want to shoot indoors then speak to Dave Corke as he shoots at Dartford indoor venue and there is room for more.

Coaches

The three **trainee coaches** (Sandra, Warwick & Chris) are well on their way to completing their course. By the end of the month they will be qualified. It's been a lot of work for them all. Colin & Ken Bearman have also had a considerable input. We thank them all for their hard work.

We seem to have been doing beginners courses forever. The new members that have joined need to be encouraged by all.

Club Captaincy

You may have heard that I am not standing for the Club Captain next year. This is the result of a few things. One, I have been captain for 4 years, now's the time for someone younger to lead the club.

Second, I am, next season, going to try for Master Bowman classification. This requires absolute commitment to shooting. I feel that I cannot do justice to the club and myself at the same time. Selfish as this is, I am not getting any younger and I feel that this may be my last chance to get that Master Bowman badge.

A younger man is in the wings for the club captain and you will get to vote at the AGM.

MB progress report

A new feature. I am going to give a progress report each month of what it takes to get that little bronze badge.

What MB means for a longbow. You need a minimum of three Record Status shoot scores for a York of 362+ or FITA scores of 560+.

Sounds easy when you say it like that.

Step one - make the decision to go for it.

Note from Geoff's wife – Have some sympathy for me please!

MKL

After the confusion about the away bye in October, the season finally ended. The scores are not in yet but we are second in the Handicap division. Colin and Mags are going to the MKL AGM 1st Nov. (oh Joy) so I hope to have the final results then.

Dave Corke, Sandra, Alf, Chris, and Lawrence did us proud. Hopes are high that we may win the division.

The pure score team did not do so well, we need more high scoring recurves, so get practising for next season.

Annual Dinner – 20th November

If you would like to come to the Annual Dinner you have until the **10th November** to give me your menu and £10 deposit. At present we have only 20 people and really need 30 – 40. It's a good meal in a pleasant venue for a reasonable price. Please come if you can.

Dedication versus insanity

I spent the hour from 8:30 till 9:30 on Sunday 1st Nov helping our next-door neighbour refit his tarpaulin over his garage he is re-roofing. As we were pulling the wet tarp and lashing it down, the heavens opened.

After having a complete change of clothing I had a call from Andy Rout, from the field. 6 hardy souls turned out to shoot the first Frostbite.

I commend your dedication but question your sanity.