



Message from the Chair

I just wanted to start this month by wishing our Muslim members a belated Eid Mubarak. If anyone was shooting last Wednesday then they will have seen the glorious celebrations in full swing.



Being based in a public park, we are very much in the centre, and part of the local community, with its increasingly diverse membership.

Since gaining our CASC classification, we are now committed to increasing our efforts re inclusivity... luckily, if you are interested in archery, and happy to muck in, our doors have always been open.

This all leads me neatly onto next weekend which will see Bruntwood host it's second **East meets West** Competition, the only AGB sanctioned Asiatic Bow Tournament in the UK! This classification includes a variety of equipment from many parts of the world, but they are all traditional bows from their respective countries and all shot with a thumb ring.

The event is on **Sunday 7th starting at 10.30am** and all members are welcome to come down to watch (obviously the field will be closed for shooting on that day). I am also putting out a repeated call for members to volunteer to help on the day as part of the field party, as well as the day before, to help get everything ready for the visiting archers.

If you have time to spare, please get in touch with [Peter Allan](mailto:peter.allan@bowmenofbruntwood.co.uk) safeguardingofficer@bowmenofbruntwood.co.uk - who is this year's Tournament Organiser.

Many of our members are taking part - it's the fastest growing discipline in the club, partly, I think, due to the fundamental simplicity of it; it takes you back to the enjoyment for felt when you first started, just you, a bow and arrow, and a target. Don't get me wrong, it's not easy, especially as you have to learn a new and very foreign release... but when was the last time you were elated to hit a gold?

Anyway, we are actually lucky to now have several sets of equipment for members to give it a go, so if you fancy having a try, please get in touch with [Colin Ashworth](mailto:colin.ashworth@proton.me) asiatic99@proton.me and he will be happy to arrange a session. Who knows, you might even end up competing next year!

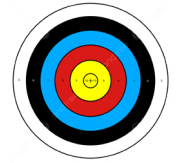
In the meantime, wear sunscreen, stay hydrated, and keep shooting!

David Woodroffe
Chair – Bowmen of Bruntwood





Handicap shoot, 3rd May



It was all about taking part!

Despite the rather mixed weather a good bunch turned up for the monthly handicap shoot - which was a short metric.

Interesting to see how different the *warm-up routine* is for the different age groups



Then it was about "*what sight-mark to use*" - and you can see [Lisa Creer](#) consulting her little notebook to find out.

In the end there was no need for the woolly hat and the rainproves – but prophylactically they certainly added colour to the scene! And from the distance looked rather deceptive

But I loved the entire [BoB-team](#) walking around and looking for lost arrows.... Only archers would understand whats going on there!



Have-A-Go @ BoB – 4th May 2026



It seems to come round very quickly – every year! This is a staple for the club – and a very good one too!

We were able to attract un-assuming members of the public and it was evident – they really enjoyed the experience.

Thanks to many members of the club – we managed to make this yet again a successful event. It was great that family members of club members supported us! And as you can see – *Natalie's mum* even was able to ring the bell! Thanks for coming along!

There was a lot of coaching to be done and it was amazing how much enthusiasm was on the field!



We managed to **raise £442** in total – and as you know – these funds will go towards supporting less able members and families in enjoying the archery sport.

It was especially wonderful to welcome members of the

Granelli family – from the *Vinery* – to the field! I could not believe that they had never taken up a bow and tried Archery!! As they are looking after us so well – year in year out – we were glad to entertain them for once on our ground! *Sarah Davnall* and *Steve Ash* were tasked with instructing them professionally.





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These events are run twice a year – first May and August Bank holiday – so put it in the calendar to be part of the party next time! 😊

Whilst there was a lot going on outside on the field – the indoor range was busy too!

Mal restored the wall with the usual perfection – something which I think is always taken for granted – but it shouldn't – so – **Thank you!**

CASC - update

The Bowmen of Bruntwood is now officially a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) - This has been backdated to 5th March which was when our application was validated.

Our new status brings both obligations and benefits, however importantly, it doesn't fundamentally change the nature of what the club is and does.

Many of the obligations fall in line with the aspirations we already have in areas such as engaging with the local community and supporting a wider cross-section of people in getting access to the sport. Others require us to tighten up procedures, formalise processes and basically be held to account, all area that we have been working towards anyway.

In terms of benefits, as this is a HMRC classification, these are mainly financial. As we rent non-residential premises, we are liable for corporation tax, however, as a CASC this will now be cut by 80%. Also, any donation made to the club are now eligible for Gift Aid, which will be music to the ears of the '*Raise the Roof*' committee who are currently looking at way to raise the money needed for the Indoor Range.

While this is a big change in the club's structure, it's one you hopefully won't notice – although we would now like to ask everyone to sign-in when they come to shoot as we need to evidence the level of members participation.

I would like to finish by thanking the Committee for achieving this, and in particular *Sarah Davnall* for her work bringing the Club's Constitution in line with CASC requirements, and *Antje Teubner* for handling all the paperwork – both tasks requiring much thought, time, patience and attention to detail. I would also like to **thank all the members** who came to the EGM and AGM and voted this through, while we suggested it. Without your engagement it wouldn't have happened.

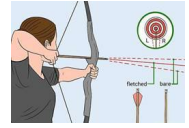
Keep Shooting!

David Woodroffe

Chair – Bowmen of Bruntwood



Recurve Bow Set Up and Tuning session , 30th May



A very eager group of Recurve-Archers turned up at 10:30am on Saturday, 30th May. There was expertise on site to show how to set up recurve equipment and how to tune it to achieve the perfect arrow flight.

An art – which I am sure you all agree – is best observed in a *hands-on workshop* like this. A big **Thanks** to *Steve Ash, Peter Allan* and *Alan Westmoreland* – who gave up their time to demystify the process and who were there to make participants look at their bows, arrows, arrow

rests and pressure buttons with great intense and walking away with a lot more knowledge than when they arrived. It is thanks to the enthusiasm of the *coaching team* – that sessions like this are offered. Please do let us know if you feel there is an area you'd like to be covered in a workshop.

Club – Achievement

The Silver Squad winter league was won this year by *Peter Shaw*.

Here he is receiving the trophy from *Sarah Davnall*.

Congratulation!



Away – Achievement



Lisa Creer ventured to the **Goldcrest Archers Open UKRS Western** on the 4th May – and (!) **came first** in the Senior Lady Recurve category!

With a score of 620 she was well ahead of the second place with a score of 566.

Congratulation!





CAA Junior Portsmouth Postal League 25/26

Here a report from the junior coaches.

Well done to all the juniors who submitted a score for the CAA Junior Portsmouth Postal League last season.

Please find here the results.

Many congratulations to all!

A huge thanks also to **ALL** the coaches and helpers who support and supervise the junior sessions!

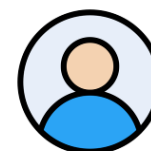
Without their commitment and patience (!) these sessions would not be possible.



CAA Junior Portsmouth Postal League 25/26				
Individuals				
Longbow	Women	U18	Jess Wilkinson	1st Place
Compound	Men	U21	Arlo Teubner	1st Place
Recurve	Women	U12	Isabel Ranito	2nd Place
		U14	Isla Elliott	3rd Place
			Safa Akhtar	4th Place
			U16	Alyssa Hughes
			Rahma Alam	3rd Place
			Elisa Dani	5th Place
		U18	Lily Tunstall	2nd Place
			May Cooper	5th Place
Recurve	Men	U12	Jibraan Dani	6th Place
		U14	Adam Chadwick	5th Place
			Onno Teubner	6th Place
		U16	Jacob Browne	6th Place
			Salmaan Akhtar	13th Place
Teams				
Recurve Team			Alyssa Hughes Rahma Alam Jacob Browne Lily Tunstall May Cooper Salmaan Akhtar Elisa Dani	5th Place

Member – Profile

Daniel Marsden



Q (1): Why did you choose archery?

I chose Archery in late 2019 because I was looking for a sport that would develop my back muscles. Only a couple of years before hand, I had had extensive spinal surgery to treat Scoliosis, which straightened and fused most of my spinal with metal rods.

The result of this surgery was the severing of all my back muscle connections and a lengthy recovery period when I couldn't do any proper exercise.

As soon as I was out of this period I got booked onto a beginner course at the club.



Q (2): Tell us what you find particularly special about the sport?

Archery is considered pretty niche these days, seems everyone has tried it once by only a handful of us get hooked. It seems a shame because it's a relatively accessible sport with something for everyone, that can be practiced almost anywhere (being sensible), and it's way better than golf!

Q (3): What's your particular discipline –and why?

I've shot Barebow, but now I've moved on to Longbow. I love the look and feel of a bow that has been crafted by hand of natural materials, not just manufactured in a factory.

The satisfaction of consistent practice, that makes shooting completely instinctual, just can't be beat. To me, the longbow evokes so many centuries of European history (the Chivalric age, the Crusades, the Wars of the Roses etc.), so by learning to shoot one, I can be living part of that heritage.

Q (4): Are there any occasions when you were shooting that are particularly memorable?

Last year, myself and a group of friends went glamping, and we ended up hiring put the field to ourselves. I brought my bow, thinking I could do a little target shooting, but then I realised that with about 400m of open ground I could actually practice some flight archery.

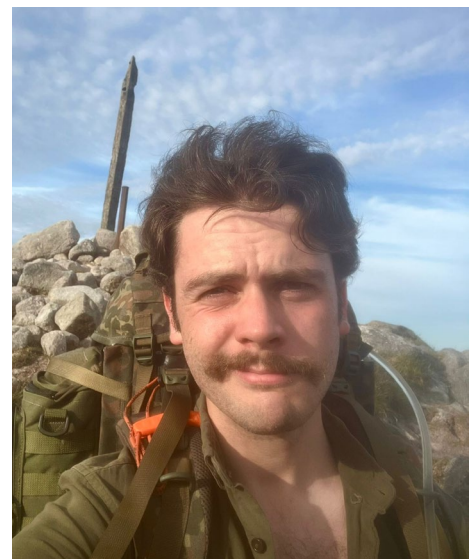
This was just after the taster day we had at the club and I was excited to see how far I could shoot my new arrows with my new longbow. I had a terrific time, leaning way back, over drawing the bow, letting the arrows soar into the sky. There was no problem finding them again either as they stuck straight out the ground. I estimated the furthest I got my arrows was about 250m, which I was quite pleased with.

Q (5): Tell us a little bit about your background!

Born and raised in Cheadle Hulme, Bruntwood Park has been a part of my life since my very early childhood. I love spending time in nature, indeed, once I finally learned how to set up the outdoor range equipment, I all but stopped shooting indoors altogether, even in rain and snow.

I'm actually writing this from the inside of a tent right now, so it's "hello" from Bleaklow!

(Written by Daniel Marsden)



Miscellaneous

- **Club open meeting** – Don't forget to put the **4th June** in the calendar for the open meeting. 😊



- **Work-Party 6th June** – Please feel free to come along and give a hand in tidying the field up and making it look good for the EMW tournament. It would be great to see many of you there! There is always something to be done – repairing, fixing, cleaning, moving... Bring a cup for the breaks – and we shall see you!



- **Field Marking already done** – busy people have already prepared the field ... so the finishing touches need to be added. The rubbish which was piling up near the entrance has also been shifted Come along and give us a hand!

- **EAST-Meets-WEST Asiatic Tournament - 7th June** – The club is hosting the second year in a row this competitive Asiatic event! If you are interested in coming to help to make it a success – please do so. And if you want to just be a spectator – you are welcome too!



EAST MEETS WEST
The Original UK Asiatic Recurve Tournament for Thumbdraw

The Bowmen of Bruntwood cordially invite archers from near & far to test their skills at our annual Asiatic Recurve Thumb Draw Tourney!

When: Sunday 7th June 2026
Assembly / Briefing: 9:45am **Sighters:** 10am

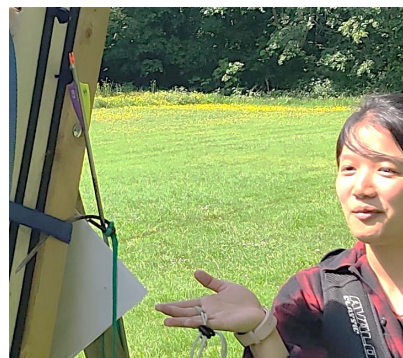
Held at our outdoor range in Cheadle (SK8)
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Windsor 50 (9 Dozen Arrows)
Traditional or Modern Arrow Materials
Asiatic Recurve (Horsebow) & Thumb Shooting Only

- **Website migration** – The migration of the Bowmen of Bruntwood website and email accounts into **it's own hosting site** using CLOOK (Sub6) is now complete. Please let us know if you spot any issues or have difficulties to access areas on the website.



- **Mastershot** - *Tina* managed an unusual landing for her arrow. Brushing the target on the right, getting it through a loop as well as some paper – embedding it in the wood of the target stand. Certainly unintended – but **utterly impressive!**



Quote



"With archery, if you have good gear,
you can't blame being bad on anyone but yourself."

— Brad Leone

Pre-loved – Declutter - Sale

Please could members who still have items advertised on the club website let me know if they have sold anything. Just indicate if items are still available or not. Many thanks.



Recurve Equipment – All in excellent condition

Happy to talk **discount** for multiple items, contact [Colin Ashworth](#) on 07768 973706 to arrange to view or try out before buying

Hoyt Horizon Pro Riser - £175

- Metallic Blue
- ILF Limb Fitting
- Shibuya stick on arrow rest
- One pressure button
- Custom shocking pink grip
- Bow stand and Hoyt riser sleeve



Hoyt Grand Prix Carbon ACE Limbs (Medium) £270

- 34lb@28 inch
- Carbon fibre with syntactic foam core
- ILF fitting
- Limb sleeves included



Hoyt Grand Prix Carbon Pro Limbs (Short) £195
• 30lb@28 inch
• Carbon fibre with wooden core
• ILF fitting
• Limb sleeves included

12 x Easton ACC (26 1/2") 2L-04/1020 - £65
Win & Win Silver hard case with wheels (only available once bows have sold) £120

And here the outlook for next Month:

JUNE	Thur 04	Club Open Meeting	Bruntwood	7.30pm.
	Fri 05-Sun 07	Grand National Archery Meeting	Lilleshall	York / Hereford and Nationals
	Sat 06	Work Party	Bruntwood	10.00 onwards
	Sat 07	Lez Newsome Metrics	Thirsk	WA1440's
	Sun 07	East meets West Asiatic Open	Bruntwood	FIELD PARTY REQUIRED
	Sun 07	Yorkshire Senior Championships	Thirsk	York / Hereford
	Thur 11	Coaching Evening	Bruntwood	7pm onwards
	Sat 13	Lancashire Double WA720	Assheton	Double WA50/WA70
	Sat 13-Sun 14	Cheshire & English Field Champs	Peak Field Archers, Buxton	WA24 Unmarked and Marked Field
	Sun 14	Handicap Series: Long Metrics	Bruntwood	Sighters 10am
	Sun 14	Junior/Novice 252	Bruntwood	Sighters 1pm
	Sun 14	Lancashire Champs	Assheton	York / Hereford
	Sat 20-Sun 21	New Century Open	Macclesfield	York, Hereford, Bristols 1-V
	Sat 20	Beginners Coaching	Bruntwood	9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm
	Sun 21	Beginners Coaching	Bruntwood	9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm
	Sun 28	Goldcrest Archers WRS WA900	Droylsden	WA900

HAPPY SHOOTING!