



Message from the Chair

This month I need to start with an apology – the reason your newsletter is late is down to me, as I've been in Wales for a fortnight on holiday and wasn't organised enough to write something for Antje in advance.



That said, this has enabled me to follow my apology with a whole **host of 'thank-yous'**, as I've just popped down to the club to check I still know how to shoot ('know' being the operative word) and the field looks stunning.

[Mal Skuse](#) (our Field Captain) and the members who attended the field party at the weekend have done a fantastic job. It's so nice to have the club looking its best for the Summer Shoot / Club Championships (see later).

[Mal](#) will be standing down at the next AGM, so **we are currently looking for people to fill his large wellies**. As the role has grown, the idea is now to split the duties and responsibilities into smaller parcels of work, with teams allocated to each, which the new Field Captain can oversee – i.e. cutting the grass, building the indoor target wall and controlling the shooting at club events.

Just in case you were worried about Mal leaving Bruntwood, that is far from the case. He will continue to shoot as a member, and we are very lucky that he is still happy to be involved in organising the junior club.

Thank you also to those members who signed up to run the **August Bank Holiday Monday 'Have-a-Go', which was sadly rained off**. As mentioned previously, this event not only acts as a great way for the club to connect with the local community and park users but also raises funds which we use to support junior archers who might not otherwise be able to enjoy the sport.

So, the **Summer Shoot / Club Championships...** While historically called the latter, I'm now trying to 'rebrand' the event slightly to make it clear that it's there *for every member to enjoy*, and not just the best and most competitive archers *in each bow discipline*.

While we have monthly handicap club shoots throughout the summer, the idea is that if you attend only one, this is the one to choose. Details are on the board in the club hut, but in short, it's a week on Sunday, will only take up half of your day, and you'll get fed at lunchtime – including any long-suffering family members you can persuade to come and watch.

It was great fun last year and, if we're blessed with sunshine, there will be ice creams all round. I really hope to see you there.

And finally, some housekeeping...

This **Thursday at 7.30pm in the Indoor Range** there will be an **Open Meeting** (tea and biscuits provided). As usual, it's a chance to learn what's going on behind the scenes, ask questions and raise any issues or suggestions you might have.

Also, as we are now into **September**, your *annual club membership fees are due*.

There will be an email going round shortly detailing how much they are and how to pay. While they are more than last year, the subscriptions are still amazingly good value, cheaper than many other clubs, and only just about manage to cover our overheads – which is why I had a fortnight's holiday in Wales and not the Maldives!

David Woodroffe

Chair – Bowmen of Bruntwood



Handicap shoot, 9th August



The glorious british summer was toady upon us! As we are currently racing from heatwave to heatwave – the Bob members gathered today to shoot either a **St George**, an **Albion** or a **Windsors**. With 3 dz arrows at 3 different distances – this is one of the longest shoots. It proved very useful to have pre-registered attendance as the field preparation was a lot easier and smoother. Thanks to all who participated in pre-registering and also helping to set the field up!



Not being able to receive his last years trophy for “best improved handicap” – [Amin Ali](#) was presented with it today! **Congratulation!**

This was a great day!

Thouroughly enjoyed by all.

The most impressive shot however was done by [Mal Skuse](#)..... that, I am sure you agree!





Work-Party , 29th August



Unfortunately the weather was not ideal to tackle all the work needed to get done - and with only 7 people attending the party - it would have been a stretch under any circumstances.

Amazing – how many jobs got completed. **THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE THERE** 🥳

For future events - we need more volunteers to contribute. It is the place where members want to shot and enjoy the

amenities - so let us all make an effort to create the environment to our liking. Being a members club - it is up to us 😊

Have-a-Go event, 31st August

The northwest weather 🌧️ managed to hamper our Have-a-Go at archery day on the bank holiday Monday. A constant stop and start of rain 🌧️ did not attract customers and so the decision was made to abandon the event by 11am.

THANKS again to all who offered their help and were on hand to support the club - turning up despite the doubtful weather forecast.

We hope we can count on your support the next time.

Late news: we received a £25 donation from *Peter's* family who came for an indoor have a go.

Taking out the £8 for balloons we made a mahoosive £17!!!!





British Transplant Games, Sheffield, 6 - 9th August



We are utterly impressed and please to report that our two BoB archers [Christine Keown](#) and [Khalid Bostan](#) were medal winners at the British Transplant Games, held in Sheffield.

[Christine](#) got a silver with 287 points (which is an improvement on last years 276) - and only 9 points behind gold. And [Khalid](#) smashed it with a gold !!!!

Well done you two! Amazing achievement!

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[*Archery Results.xlsx](#)



60 to 69	ZANJANI	Elaine	1	3	296
60 to 69	KEOWN	Christine	2	2	287
60 to 69	WRIGHTSON	Susan	3	1	270
60 to 69	WILSON	Helen	4		178
60 to 69	NIVEN	Marie	5		133
50 to 59	BOSTAN	Khalid	1	3	243
50 to 59	GADDUM	Toby	2	2	217
50 to 59	DORRIAN	Andrew	3	1	206
50 to 59	EARL	Tony	4		134
50 to 59	MILES-HAYLER	Timothy	5		DNS
50 to 59	CHAPLIN	Mark			

Away – Achievements

There is a series of results to report

Grand Northern Archery Meeting (NCAS regional Champs) at the York Archers Society, 25/26th July

- [Daeron Meredith](#) entered the Grand Northern Archery Meeting (NCAS regional Champs) at the York Archers Society and **took home silver** 🥈 !

Cheshire Champs, Neston Company of Archers, 2nd August

- [Daeron](#) walked away having **won** (!) this competition on the 2nd of August 🥇

VISITOR AWARDS				ROUND 1			ROUND 2			TOTALS		
Open Compound WA 720 50m												
	Name	Club	WA Category	Xs	10s	Score	Xs	10s	Score	Xs	10s	Score
1st	Daeron Meredith	BoB	O	9	20	666	16	20	675	25	41	1341
2nd	Peter Farrell	Stalybridge	O	6	19	650	12	18	667	18	37	1317
3rd	Joe Shaw	NCB	O	10	17	660	9	14	647	20	28	1307



Wigan and Orrell WRS WA720 + Head to Head, 9th August

- Daeron** and **Arfan Khan** entered this competition. **Daeron** finished **3rd Place** 🥉 in the qualifying as well as in the Head-2-Head ! **Arfan** came an impressive 4th in the qualifying and finished **3rd** in the Head-2-Head 🥉.

Gold	
Hulme Myles	6
Hadfield Leigh	2
2	2
-	-
2	2
Khan Arfan	7
Teece Mark	3
2	2
-	-
2	1
-	-
2	1
-	-



Compound - Open			50m-1	50m-2	Total	X	10
1	MOORE Roger	2327 - Clwyd Archers	336/ 3	339/ 1	675	13	24
2	HARPER Rhys	2327 - Clwyd Archers	337/ 2	336/ 3	673	12	18
3	MEREDITH Daeron	938 - Bowmen of Bruntwood	337/ 1	333/ 4	670	14	22
4	WARD Stewart	860 - Wigan & Orrell Archers	330/ 5	333/ 5	663	12	17
5	PATTERSON Neil	814 - Aire Valley Archers	332/ 4	331/ 6	663	11	21
6	BEEBY Gareth	436 - St Neots Bowmen	326/ 6	325/ 7	651	5	17
7	OLLERENSHAW Mark	881 - Eccles Archery Club	307/ 7	338/ 2	645	9	15
8	SHIELDS Alastair	2814 - Prestwick St Cuthbert AC	286/ 8	307/ 8	593	3	10

Horseley Hills Lane, Cookley, Kidderminster. The Sunset Challenge, 2 x WA field Mixed Rounds, August 22/23 – 2026

- Daeron Meredith** achieving **3rd Place** 🥉 in this category.

Compound - 50+ Open			Saturday	Sunday	Total	6	5
1	AUBREY Mike	872 - Bowmen of Pendle & Sablesbury	369/ 1	384/ 1	753	67	48
2	SIMPSON Colin	515 - Bowmen of Warfield	367/ 2	371/ 3	738	52	61
3	MEREDITH Daeron	938 - Bowmen of Bruntwood	353/ 3	372/ 2	725	52	52
4	TAYLOR Ian	570 - Cleve Archers	309/ 6	320/ 4	629	20	49
5	HARRIS Tony	357 - Ashford Archers	310/ 5	300/ 5	610	22	34
6	BEANEY Bob	357 - Ashford Archers	311/ 4	292/ 6	603	23	38



York Archers Society WA1440, 30th August 2026

- Daeron Meredith** achieved **1st Place** 🥇 in this category.

Clwyd Archers WA720 and H2H, 31st August 2026

- Arfan Khan** and **Daeron Meredith** achieving both **4th Place** **Congratulations!**



Club – Achievements



While we are still recovering from [Mal Skuse](#) getting his Barebow 252 @ 100yards - He continues to set/beat **BareBow club records** – **even his own (!)**

Round	Date	Score	Prev Date	Held by	Sore
Windsor	9/7/26	658	29/4/19	T Burns	634
WA900	22/8/26	726	5/10/25	M Skuse	681
WA50m	23/8/26	568	25/9/16	C Roberts	256

Congratulation!!

MORE Robin Hoods!!



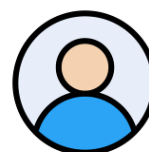
The avid reader will remember that [Colin Ashworth](#) series of Robin Hoods came to a hold in Fedbruar this year after a string of an impressive 7(!).

Well – **on the 3rd of August** - having managed to avoid Robin Hooding his arrows all summer, [David Woodroffe](#) got him shooting his horsebow. So technically speaking – it is one for [David Woodroffe](#)!

And what a beautiful picture too! 😊

Member – Profile

Glyn Ball



For our member Glyn Ball it looks like the ancient god of love and desire, Cupid, was in action with his bow at one particular tournament, as we find out in this profile.

Why did you choose archery?

I was always interested in shooting sports. Growing up in Northern Ireland in the eighties gave me limited opportunity to try these until I saw the local archery club practicing at the leisure centre where we went swimming and thought the take down recurves looked super cool.

Tell us what you find particularly special about the sport?

I think for me there's a few angles to this. Frankly, it's a sport that you can compete in even if you're only 5'5" and not very strong.



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I like the blend of the physical and technical elements.

At the most basic, getting lost in the flow of the shots and putting a group into the gold at the far end of the field is equally therapeutic and addictive

What's your particular discipline – and why?

Recurve "Olympic" -although we used to call this freestyle. Shooting with sights always made more sense to me in the beginning. I've tried most other types of bows, some I'd like to learn more about once I've properly mastered recurve.

Are there any occasions when you were shooting that are particularly memorable?

Probably too many to list here. I met my wife at an archery competition which I must list first. I used to travel a lot to shoots and training camps with friends so I had a lot of cool experiences from Korea to the Beiter centre, Nimes indoors and all over the UK. We used to go to the Skye shoot every year, fun times.

Some of my (few) wins I remember well but the times when I felt like I was shooting at my highest level and maybe got a PB or hit a milestone but didn't win stand out more.



Tell us a little bit about your background!

I grew up in Northern Ireland, living in the countryside. I started archery age about 10. We could go out into the fields with our wee fibre glass bows and shoot at straw bales or to see how far they could go. My first instructor was the late Ron Bell, who was quite well known in the field archery community. I went to university at Edinburgh where I started to take it a bit more seriously and competed a lot over the next years until work and family took up more of my time. I've worked as a lead scientist in a medical diagnostic company in Manchester for the last ten years.

I continually plan comebacks to competitive shooting, and look forward to see if I can get my sons interested in shooting bows and arrows. I've learned one or two things I'd like to pass on now.

Some time I'd like to get around to writing a journal article on optimising bow setups. I think there's enough to keep me going for another 40 years.



Written by Glyn Ball



Miscellaneous

- **Wasps nest removed** – Unwanted visitors needed to be removed! Following the discovery of many more beasts than usual around the indoor range – swift action by [Peter Allan](#) arranged for the professionals to turn up and sort the problem. So no further danger – till next year- maybe



- **Container roof leaking** – It looks like roofs are not our thing these days 😞 The target storage container seems to let water through now.... We are in the process of investigating what needs to be done. Just so that everyone is aware. Please feel free to always highlight any issue to the committee. **Thanks.**

- **OPEN MEETING** -Thursday, 3rd Sept 19:30, indoor range
- **Club Championships – September 13th** – make sure you sign on the board in the outdoor hut, **you cannot simply turn up for it (!)**
- **Club Membership fees** are due this months!



Quote

"Forget the last arrow, only the next one counts."

– Archery Insiders

And here the outlook for next Month:

SEPTEMBER	Thur 03	Club Open Meeting	Bruntwood	7.30pm.
	Sat 05-Sun 06	NCAS Clout Weekend	York	Clout
	Sun 06	Cheshire Junior Champs	Chester	WA1440 / Metrics
	Thur 10	Coaching Evening	Bruntwood	7pm onwards
	Sun 13	Bruntwood Club Championships	Bruntwood	WA 720s (Sighters 10.am)
	Sat 19	Beginners Coaching	Bruntwood	9am - 12pm
	Sun 20	Beginners Coaching	Bruntwood	9am - 12pm
	Sat 26-27	Kendal Bowmen Imperial Clout	Milnthorpe	AGB Clout

HAPPY SHOOTING!