



Message from the Chair

Well, is it just me, or was it a bit hotter than usual last week? While we all struggle with form shooting in the cold, the rain, and the wind, I now know that 30 degree+ heat brings with it a new set of challenges. At least we now have another set of excuses for not shooting as well as we know we can!



Anyway, it's been another busy month on the field, and behind the scenes, so while the rest of the newsletter covers some of the various club activities, I thought I would highlight a few of the 'back-room' ones.

In preparation for the next indoor season, we have just appointed a new firm to come and **fix the gas heater** in the indoor range. They are confident that they can reconfigure the meter to work and will then take on the annual services and troubleshooting. They are local and come highly recommend. We have also discussed ways to make the whole set-up more efficient i.e. how can we keep the hot air at the shooting end of the range and not spend our money heating the targets. Still on the Indoor Range, the **'Raise the Roof' fundraising team** met for a second time – there are still a couple of seats left at the table if anyone is interested in joining them. There are lots of innovative and interesting ideas in the pipeline, and I am excited to report that we have had our first donations come in! The group will be sharing more details of what is planned in due course, but by breaking down the amount needed into three sections – money already in the bank, money from grants, and money to raise, suddenly makes the total sum seem completely achievable. As we as a Community Amateur Sports Club, **Gift-Aid** can be claimed on all donations. This status also brings with it a commitment to make Archery available to more people, including those who might normally be excluded for various reasons. This fits well with a scheme we already have in place to support junior archers from low-income families. All monies raised from the 2 have-a-go events we run each year (circa £1,000) is ring-fenced in the accounts for this purpose. The sort of support we have offered in the past includes subsidising membership fees and equipment purchasers, but as it's there to encourage participation, it could be used for a host of things. If this might be something you would like to access, or know of someone who might benefit from it, please have a with one of the junior coaches. All requests will be handled confidentially.

OK – something to end this month concerning the wider archery world and our national body. This week, **Eccles Archery Club** held a ballot to decide whether to remain affiliated to AGB or to become independent. The results are due at the end of the week, but exit polls predict that they will be leaving the fold. If they do strike out alone, it will be interesting to see what effects this has. While on day one, as a non-competitive archer, I can see that saving around £70 pa appears a no-brainer. My view is that at Bruntwood, we are not simply a group of self-interested individuals, we are a club, and everything detailed above shows this to be true.

Keep Shooting, and don't forget the hydration break!

David Woodroffe

Chair – Bowmen of Bruntwood





Work-Party , 6th June



With the month promising to have a lot going on – it was essential to get on with all the necessary repairs, the tidying up, the gardening and the cleaning!

Thanks to all the good people who made time for it on this Saturday.

The mood was excellent – and the results even better! There was not enough space here to showcase all what's gone on – but rest assured – it didn't go unnoticed!

Thank you All! 😊

EAST MEETS WEST Tournament 2026, 7th June



East Meets West 2026 was held this year on a typical British summer day, bit chilly, threat of rain, some wind and very little sunshine.

The seemingly habitual overly pessimistic weather forecast from the BBC appears to have put off a few entrants with a final shooting field of three ladies (with two DNS), and thirteen gents (with four DNS).

The Field Party is busy getting ready – so are the Judges.



The **lady's competition** was won by the highest placed lady from 2025, [Lauren Fell](#) (AGB), with a score of 433, with Bruntwood's own [Lauren Ashworth](#) second and [Stephanie Richards](#) (AGB) third with scores of 275 and 267 respectively. Both Lauren Fell and Stephanie are predominantly horse archers, typically shooting shorter distances to the Windsor 50 round, and Lauren Ashworth was competing after only a few sessions using thumb draw and about 30 minutes practice at the longer distance of 50 yards, so all should be congratulated for their sense of adventure as well as their scores.



The **gent's competition** was a very tight affair with just

6 points separating [Colin Ashworth](#) (Bruntwood) and [Daryl Renshaw](#) (Assheton) going into the final distance, with [Enrico Placci](#) (Howard Bowmen), who had travelled up from Welwyn Garden City, 30 points behind. The first three ends saw a serious effort by Enrico to join the front two, shooting 152 from a possible 162 to put him just 10 points off the lead. He couldn't however maintain that standard over the final ends and finished third with a score of 678.

First and second was only decided on the final end, with [Colin Ashworth](#) eventually maintaining his 6-point lead to finish with a score of 704. [Daryl's](#) score of 698 would have been enough to win last year's tournament, suggesting the overall standard was up this year.

This view is reinforced by looking at 4th place to 7th place, with Bruntwood's [Steve Carey](#) finishing in 7th place with 617, just 7 points behind [Alex Ludlow](#) of New Century and [Richard Clatworthy](#) (Assheton) who finished joint 4th with 624 points. Steve improved his score over his 2025 round by 66 points but due to the increased competitiveness, fell one place from last year.



Bruntwood's third gent's shooter, [Nigel Atkinson](#), improved on his last years performance by 51 points, and his position by one place, finishing 9th.

The competitive day was brought to a close with another **Olympic style head-to-head competition**, with [Colin Ashworth](#) and [Sergej Chuganov](#) (Assheton) progressing to the final, with [Sergej](#) winning by 6 points to 4 in a very close and tense match.

Prize giving was officiated over by **Lady Paramount** [Sarah Davnall](#), sporting a very natty hat, bringing the day to a conclusion before the rain started in earnest.

(PS a mathematical error in the gent's competition, if corrected, would have placed Steve Carey in 6th place as last year, dropping Richard Clatworthy to 8th)



Written by Colin Ashworth

RESULTS - EMW 2026

Ladies			Score	Corrected Score
1	Lauren Fell	AGB	477	
2	Lauren Ashworth	Bowmen of Bruntwood	276	
3	Stephanie Richards	AGB	231	269
DNS	Hannah Imraan	Bowmen of Bruntwood		
DNS	Kuzuma Ahktar	Bowmen of Harrow		
Gents			Score	Corrected Score
1	Colin Ashworth	Bowmen of Bruntwood	704	
2	Daryl Renshaw	Asheton Bowmen	698	
3	Enrico Placci	Howard Bowmen	678	
4	Alex Ludlow	New Century Bowmen	624	634
5	Richard Clatworthy	Asheton Bowmen	624	499
6	Sergej Chugunov	Asheton Bowmen	619	
7	Steve Carey	Bowmen of Bruntwood	617	
8	Usayd Ganpot	Crescent Archers	604	
9	Nigel Atkinson	Bowmen of Bruntwood	477	
10	Ian Johnson	North Cheshire Bowmen	378	
11	Sulaiman Mehmood	Rochdale Co of Archers	355	
12	Andrew Coles	North Cheshire Bowmen	278	
13	Hugh Foster	North Cheshire Bowmen	181	
DNS	Lee James	Stalybridge AC		
DNS	Emanuel Pop	Stalybridge AC		
DNS	Adrian Riley	Bowmen of Bruntwood		
DNS	Ben White	North Cheshire Bowmen		

In closing, **thanks once again to the work party from the Saturday, and the field party on the day**, for your support, without which we couldn't hold this tournament.

It was humbling to see so many people who have no real connection to this bow style turning out to help the club!



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Even the Photographers made some great shots 😊!



Some Flying Arrows...

Lauren Fell – the Ladie's winner



Lady Paramount....

Happy Faces – *Sarah Davnall* and *Hugh Foster*



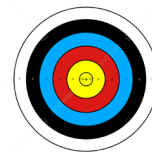
Unusual visitor ...

Colin Ashworth – the Gents winner

Handicap shoot, 14th June

And the rest of the BoB membership did not have to wait too long for taking to the shooting line themselves

These handicap shoots seem to be coming round very quickly – and so we were here to shoot a **Long Metric** in glorious sunshine.



Away – Achievements

Field Archery Frency from May – spilling into June

- **Flavia Cimpean and Andrea Xin Yie Perng** – travelled to the **University field shoot at Dearne valley, 31st May**



NEUAL Field Championships 2026
North of England Universities Archery League (NEUAL)
Dearne Valley Field Archers, 31 May 2026

Pos. Country		Unsighted Team [After 108 Arrows]		Total
1	2368 - Newcastle	CARMICHAEL Rebecca DAWSON Greg RIGBY Joshua		238
2	2324 - Mmu	RAUF Mauna AJITH Akash TESFU Meron		201
3	2737 - Manchester	CIMPEAN Flavia XIN YIE PERNG Andrea BORDERS Joshua		163



- **Daeron Meredith** attended the **British Field Championships 2026**, Pentref Bowmen (PB) Pentref Bowmen, Llwynypia, **30-31 May 2026**
- **Daeren Meredith** and **Lee Kellett** ventured to the **Merlin field shoot in Leicestershire**
- **Daeren and Lee Kellett** also shot at the **Cheshire Field Champs/English Field Champs** at **Peak Field**, 13/14th June – and **both (!) won** in their respective categories!!



- **Arfan Khan** went to a very special event – where **he won (!)** – here his post from his Facebook page

The Gratitude Games - The Gratitude Games



- **Steve Ash** - Managed to achieve 2 Medals so far this year, **second place** at **Goldcrests Metric Clout, 25th May** and **third place Eagle Bowmen's Metric Clout, 21st June**. The two small badges are Bannockburn bowmen Spider badges unique to their clout competition, the only one held in Scotland each year. They are earned by achieving levels of score and go from green to gold. He modestly stated his scores were not record breaking but everybody had a great weekend. **Steve** would also everyone know that - If anyone is interested in trying clout he will be attending **Lancashire Clout champs** at **Blundell Sands, 26th July**. He can give clout instruction before the event and can probably get three people and gear in his car.



Congratulation to each and everyone of you!

It is amazing to see the BoB members to be so actively seeking the thrill of competitions!

Club – Achievement

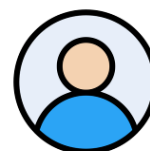


Mal Skuse managed to make his **BareBow** go all the way in achieving his **252 @ 100yards!**

Congratulation!!

Member – Profile

Flavia Alexandra Cimpean



I'm Flavia and I'm more than happy to be part of the club! I am a foreign student from a country (Rumania) that doesn't really have the concept of societies in the context of universities and so, the moment I arrived in the UK, I signed up for anything and everything that caught my interest, archery included.

I initially joined because archery to me has always been associated with inspiring figures; people that can provide for themselves and others, people that are strong and resourceful. I think this is because archery is an art related to both the body and the mind: you must have the discipline to become consistent and a keen awareness and understanding of your and your body's position relative to your surroundings, to the world at large. Archery is a test of technical skill but also wisdom: you must be able to make quick decisions and follow through without doubting.

All of the reasons above is why I shoot barebow. I want to reach as in-depth an understanding as I can of myself in relation to my bow (which I've had since February and which I love very dearly!); my surroundings; and my inner thoughts. Especially after seeing the *East meets West* competitors shooting their traditional bows, I'd like to witness and try as many styles as I can. I've even contacted a kyudo club in Japan where I'll be going for a conference to have a go at their particular form of archery.

Through a series of unfortunate events surrounding the pandemic, I didn't initially have much time at all to shoot and didn't manage to pick it up until this academic year when I decided I had delayed it enough and bit the bullet to properly join the **University of Manchester archery society**.

Once I found such a welcoming community, I couldn't get enough of it! I signed up for every competition I could - just for the chance to shoot more. I heard that others were also shooting at Bruntwood and immediately pounced at the chance to get more shooting time (and I'm really glad I did).



I like trying new things and gathering knowledge from more experienced people, discovering the joy in the details; however few things stick with me in the longer term. But archery already has me invested; and I think that is in large part due to the community. I've made friends I feel I've known forever, like [Xiaoqian](#) and [Andrea](#) who many of you have met. At university competitions, each medalist goes on the podium with their university's plushie (or crocheted) mascot; which is the first sport I've seen this happen in.

At **Bruntwood** in particular, everyone I've met has welcomed me with a smile and has offered their expertise (and equipment; thank you [Marcus](#) and Stick!!). Every time, I leave with a feeling of belonging and with tidbits of knowledge I may not have discovered on my own ([the coaches](#) patiently helped me tune my bow during the recurve set-up course, [Kerry](#) has given me few pointers; [Sarah](#) patiently explained the layout of the rounds; [Adrian](#) offered tea; [Antje](#) shared her mushroom expertise; [Lisa](#), [Steve C](#) and [Colin](#) have shared a target and a chat with me at the last club shoot; and everyone had been more than accommodating of all my questions).

Thank you for making Bruntwood a place I am excited to come back to again and again!

Written by Flavia Cimpean



Miscellaneous

- **“David Mowie” was under the weather** – our beloved ride-on mower was having difficulties last week. After not managing to fully negotiate the tick-out tree roots at the far end of the field – some adjustments had to be made at a nearby workshop. You will be pleased to hear all is well again! Just need to watch these roots the next time....
- **Target trolley broken..... and fixed** – and that was not the only casualty this month! The metal target trolley was in need for attention after > 15 years of good service. Thanks to [Mal](#) – it back in tip top shap. Thank you!





- **Next Handicap shoot** – will be this coming Sunday. Records Officer [Sarah Davnall](#) is unavailable for this shoot, so [Lisa Creer](#) is stepping in and deputising for her. To assist Lisa, we ask you to declare your interest in shooting and sign up in advance on a note put up in the outdoor hut. If we could ask you to do this by 4th July the latest. If you turn up without having signed, you will be fitted in only if there is time as well as space. Thanks for your consideration.

Quote



"To me, archery is like meditation. You have to be present in the moment and concentrate on your breath and your form."

– Deepika Kumari

And here the outlook for next Month:

JULY	Sat 04	Yorkshire Metric Weekend	Thirsk	Double WA 50/70
	Sun 05	Yorkshire Metric Weekend	Thirsk	WA900
	Sun 05	Handicap Series: Westerns	Bruntwood	Sighters 10am
	Sun 05	Junior/Novice 252	Bruntwood	Sighters 1.30pm
	Sun 05	Chester Double WA720	Mannings Lane, Chester	Double WA70/WA50
	Sat 11-Sun 12	Bronte WA Weekend	Bronte Archers, Bradford	WA1440, Double WA70/WA50
	Sat 11-Sun 12	Cumbria FITA Clout	Frenchfield, Penrith	Clouts
	Sat 11-Sun 12	North Cheshire Double Double WA720	Knutsford Sports Centre	Double WA70/WA50
	Sun 12	Blackpool Bowmen Double WA720	Thornton-Cleveleys	Double WA70/WA50
	Sat 18	Beginners Coaching	Bruntwood	9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm
	Sun 19	Beginners Coaching	Bruntwood	9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm
	Thur 23	Coaching Evening	Bruntwood	7pm onwards
	Sat 25-Sun 26?	Grand Northern Archery Meeting	TBC	York, Hereford
	Sun 26	Lancs Clout Championships	Blundellsands	Clouts

HAPPY SHOOTING!