

**MERDON WHITEBOARD  
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## CLUB NEWS

### Club Diary

Nov 10 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite  
Nov 17 11:00 Warwick  
Nov 24 11:00 Warwick  
Dec 1 11:00 National  
Dec 7 14:00 Handicap Shoot - Warwick  
Dec 8 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite  
Dec 15 11:00 Short Metric  
Dec 20 Probable Xmas Meal  
Dec 21 14:00 Christmas Fun Shoot  
Dec 22 11:00 St Nicholas  
Dec 29 11:00 Warwick  
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Jan 12 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite  
Feb 9 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite  
Mar 9 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Winter Championships - Frostbite  
Apr 20 09:30 Committee Meeting  
May 3 13:00 Field Set Up  
May 4 10:00 60<sup>th</sup> Merdon Arrow  
May 18 09:30 Committee Meeting  
Jun 15 09:30 Committee Meeting  
Jul 20 09:30 Committee Meeting  
Aug 17 09:30 Committee Meeting  
Sep 14 09:30 Committee Meeting  
Oct 11 13:00 Field Set Up  
Oct 12 10:00 Agincourt Arrow  
Oct 19 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite  
Nov 9 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite  
Dec 7 09:30 Committee Meeting  
11:00 Frostbite

### New Club Records

Louise Willsmore - ladies longbow Short Metric  
Paul Emmett - gents longbow Short Metric  
Jon Dawkins - gents compound Short Metric

# EGM

Date; Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Time; 2:00 p.m.

Venue; Clubhouse

Purpose; Election of Club  
Secretary

*A club cannot operate without a Secretary - so, if you want the club to continue, turn up to ensure that we have a quorum to make the EGM legal. If you think that you could do the job then do not be shy - put yourself forward.*

### New Records Officer

For those of you who don't know Phil Stringer is the new Club Records Officer.

Don't forget to put your score sheets in the club hut for Phil to collect.

### Tournament Diary

Nov 10 AC Delco Indoor Tournament  
Nov 29 Southampton AC Floodlit Frostbite and BBQ  
Dec 8 National Indoor Championships - Coventry  
Jan 12 Guildford FITA 25  
Feb 8/9 Hampshire Indoor Championships  
May 13/16 Southern Counties Archery Meeting  
Jun 7/8 UK Masters  
Jun 25/27 Grand National Archery Meeting  
Jun 28/29 National County Team Tournament  
Jul 5/6 Junior National Championships  
Aug 9/10 British Target Championships



*Endangered Species?*

## Agincourt Arrow - 13<sup>th</sup> October

After a number of years of good weather attending the Agincourt Arrow, this years event bucked the trend. As we arrived at the field a light drizzle had started, heralding a day of varying levels of rain.

The bad weather saw a significant number of archers withdraw from the tournament, including the whole of target 3.

The remaining archers, however, soldiered on, donning or discarding layers of clothing according to the volume of water descending from the sky.

The results are printed below but a few merit special mention in my opinion.

First it was good to see that the Agincourt Arrow itself was won by a lady recurve archer, Kirstyn Pragnell of Southampton Archery Club. Lady archers seem to be an endangered species of late so her win was most welcome. It was particularly great as every time I saw Kirstyn she had a smile on her face, even when she picked up her bow case at the end of the meeting and a veritable waterfall poured out the bottom.

I was personally delighted to see Gary Carr win the gents recurve. Not only has he supported our shoots for many years but he recently worked with me when I was having problems and in a few moments spotted my fault and then gave me the self confidence to shoot well enough to win my longbow three gold medal. Finally the hero of the day award must go to lady longbow archer, Lesley Tims of Alton and Four Marks, who stuck it out all day to record just five hits for a total of 17 points. It is easy to stick it out in bad weather when you are shooting well but it takes a special dedication to continue shooting when you are recording blank end after blank end.

After an excellent turnout on Saturday, which saw the field set up in less than 50 minutes, it was disappointing that it was left to Bill Tubbs, Jon Dawkins and myself to do the final set up on Sunday morning in the rain.

Thanks for a successful tournament must go to:

Chloe Edwards	Lady Paramount
Julie Stringer	Tournament Organiser
Caroline Bolton	Catering and raffle
Bill Tubbs	Field Captain
Louise Willmore	Results

And all those who assisted in the field party.

### AGINCOURT ARROW TOURNAMENT 2013-RESULTS

Name	Club	Hits	Gold	Score	
Agincourt Arrow-Archer shooting closest to their Handicap					
Kirstyn Pragnell Southampton					
Gents Recurve					
1	Gary Carr	ACDelco	95	35	677
2	Mike Smith	Wight	91	41	669
3	Jon Pragnell	Southampton	92	13	590
Ladies Recurve					
1	Caroline Owen	Alton&Four Marks	96	33	698
2	Kirstyn Pragnell	Southampton	92	35	642
3	Michelle Lawrence	Sway	70	4	328
Gents Compound					
1	Lee Grace	Wight	96	85	838
2	Rob Young	Waterside	96	76	804
3	Stuart Brown	ACDelco	96	61	786
Ladies Compound					
	Tina Grace	Wight	96	58	782
Gents Longbow					
1	Adrian Jones	Sway	75	8	413
2	Rick Davidson	Wight	50	4	192
3	Dave Tims	Alton&Four Marks	35	3	163
Ladies Longbow					
1	Sandie Baigent	Sway	32	0	102
2	Liz Robertson	Alton&Four Marks	23	2	81
3	Lesley Tims	Alton&Four Marks	5	0	17
Gents Barebow					
1	David Strong	Petersfield	90	14	492
2	Greg Jasper	Sway	76	7	380
Juniors					
1	Cameron Hudson	Wight	74	5	334
Best Gold					
	Lee Grace	Wight			
Worst White					
	Gavin Watson	Andover			
Colour Prizes					
	Gold Stuart Dyer	Wight			
	Red Andy Whitlock	Waterside			
	Blue Andy Constable	Petersfield			
	Black Liz Robertson	Alton & Four Marks			
	White Ken Payne	Wight			
Lady Paramount's Prize					
	Geoff Buss	Alton & Four Marks			



*These guys had to apply for planning permission for their tent*



*Caroline Owen hurrying back to get out of the rain.*



*The depleted field of longbow archers*

## Frostbite Shoot - 20<sup>th</sup> October

The first round of the Winter Championship qualifiers saw ten members taking part. It was woolly jumper weather with the occasional brief showers and a few gusts of wind.

I had a smashing time. First I shot one of Bill Tubbs fletchings off, then I damaged one of my own nocks, but it was Bill that smashed one of Louise's arrows. Damage was not confined to our target as Rob Norris had string problems on the last end and shot the final few arrows with my bow, and Jon Dawkins shed so many fletchings off his arrows that he had to borrow two arrows from the club learners arrows - note to Jon - get some better glue.

Scores were:

		Hits	Golds	Score
Bill Tubbs	compound	36	15	336
Gerry Willsmore	recurve	36	10	317
Jon Dawkins	compound	35	8	298
Ed Mickelwright	recurve	36	8	297
Louise Willsmore	compound	34	9	288
Mark Warwick	recurve	36	2	258
Rob Norris	recurve	33	3	252
John McCrea	longbow	32	2	172
Bill Jones	recurve	29	0	125
John Martin	longbow	27	0	123

Most notable performance came from Ed Mickelwright. Whilst Bill T, John Martin, John McCrea and I scored almost exactly the same score as we did at the Winter Championships in March but Ed improved by 77 points. Next target is the 300 threshold.



## Sunday Shoot - 27<sup>th</sup> October

Strong winds, forerunners of the threatened coming storm, greeted the "magnificent seven" who turned out to battle the elements and shoot a Short Metric round.

Despite the wind, which my maternal grandmother would have called "bracing", new club records were set by Louise Willsmore, Paul Emmett and Jon Dawkins

### Scores

	Hits	Gold	Score
Gerry Willsmore - recurve	72	8	531
Jon Dawkins - compound	69	7	501 club record
Ed Mickelwright - recurve	69	5	460
Mark Warwick - recurve	70	1	455
Roger Minors - recurve	61	5	394
Louise Willsmore - longbow	43	0	221 club record
Paul Emmett - longbow	33	2	172 club record

## Sunday Shoot - 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Six of us turned up for the Sunday shoot. Louise and I had expected this to be our last shoot but, due to circumstances, we now have four more to attend.

The wind was lighter than of late but there was the threat of rain in the air so the archers decided to shoot another Warwick round to ensure that we completed the round.

The day started badly for Jon Dawkins when the lens fell out of his compound sight and, search as we might, we couldn't find it, so Jon reverted to his recurve.

	Hits	Gold	Score
Gerry Willsmore - recurve	48	20	356
Ed Mickelwright - recurve	48	10	310
Jon Dawkins - recurve	48	7	272
Roger Minors - recurve	46	6	262
Louise Willsmore - longbow	35	5	161
Paul Emmett - longbow	17	0	83

## Archery Trivia

### Team GB Success

The World Para-Archery Championships took place in Bangkok during the first week of November and Team GB came away with a hatful of medals:

Individual Gold	John Stubbs
Team Gold	John Stubbs Richard Hennahane Frank Maguire
Individual Silver	Danielle Brown
Individual Silver	Paul Browne
Team Silver	Danielle Brown John Stubbs
Individual Bronze	Mel Clarke
Team Bronze	Kenny Allen Phillip Bottomley Paul Browne



Danielle Brown

## Handicap Shoot - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Louise and I didn't make the shoot due to a combination of bad weather at home and clearing out the garage in preparation for our move.

However, four members did make it to the field in windy conditions in order to shoot a Warwick round.

With the lack of a records officer between the AGM and Phil Stringer taking up the post the current handicaps had become out of date but I recalculated those for the participants so that I could report a correct result:

	Hits	Gold	Score	Allce	Total
Ed Mickelwright	46	13	298	1135	1433
Matt Collins	46	12	295	1114	1409
Roger Mears	40	3	180	1151	1331
Paul Emmett	22	2	111	n/a	111



John Stubbs