

# Allington Castle Archers

## Nocking Point

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***September 2011***



**Dates for your dairy – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Beginners Course 10:00**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept ACA Captains Challenge Single and Double Nationals 10:00 for 10:30 see Social Secretary's article below.**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Beginners Course 10:00**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Junior Challenge Trophy 1:00**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept MKL away v Abbey 10:30 for 11:00 see Charles for details & map**

## Clout shoot

After being bitten by the Clout bug at Dunster, Graham and I decided to look for shoots in the South East till the end of the year. Which brought us this fine Sunday (7th August) to Southampton.

It was an early start for me (5 am wake up call) and a little less early for Graham.

After packing the car with the usual load (tent, seats, lunch boxes, warm/cold/wet/dry weather gear, trolley, bows, wellies etc), we set off from Orpington just before 7 am. The sat nav estimated we'd get there in about 90 minutes.

The roads were clear, the sun was shining and we were making good progress so we got a little cocky and stopped for coffee. You guessed it, we then got lost for nearly 30 min around Southampton and arrived with 5 minutes to spare. As it turns out, we had found the right stretch of road when we arrived but only went down a short way. Once we got back on the same road and went up it instead of down it, it was easy to find the field. Doh.... We went bolting down the field, got set up in record time and then realised we had a further 15 min before the shoot commenced after assembly. Oh well, at least it gave us time to make the acquaintance of our fellow archers, who were all from Hampshire. Apparently no one else thought it would be a good idea to get up at the crack of dawn for a clout. I can't think why.

There were a few familiar faces from Dunster, and it was great to reconnect with a number of people. It was also a good occasion to spread the name of the club. It's a shame we didn't think to plug in the Whitefriars, but as we are back

down for a Western on the 14th, we can take a few entry forms with us.

The shoot was a one way double clout with 2 flags for gents, 1 for women and 1 for a junior lady (who shot very well, reaching well over the 200 mark).

The weather was so so. For those who were at Dunster, you will remember the sudden temperature changes with rain and bright sunshine interspersed. Well that's exactly what we had again, except this time, with the added pleasure of 30 km gusts of wind.

I managed to get one of my arrows straight through the flag in my first end. That was to be my only 5 of the day as the wind progressively picked up. I started aiming my pile on the flag, by the end of the day I was aiming at the gent's flag to the left to stay about central.

I was hoping for a black tassel and I'm happy to say I managed it, scoring 98. Graham missed out on his white tassel by one point, however the Kent County Championships are just around the corner and it won't be long before he secures it. Oh, and I should probably mention that 98 was the best ladies barebow score by a mile...so I won :-). And once again there's no Kent County Record for a one way double clout Ladies Barebow. That's another application I will be posting out shortly then.

Graham and I enjoyed our day very much, and we look forward to the next clout in September. It won't be our last of the season as there's another one in Southampton in October (the Hampshire County Clout Championships), which I will be posting a form for next week. If anyone is interested, it's taking place on

the 2nd of October. Let me know if you'd like some further details.

### NEXT YEAR'S DUNSTER 2012

Anyone interested in an organised trip for Dunster week mid June next year please contact me at [midrouillet@hotmail.com](mailto:midrouillet@hotmail.com)

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### White Friars Report:

Well my first White Friars shoot took place on the 28 August. It was a good turnout with 60 archers shooting, and it was good to see all the rounds being shot from the York to the Bristol 5. The weather was good for the morning session then at lunch was a heavy shower, which led onto light intermittent showers during the afternoon sessions.

The shoot itself ran smoothly with no problems. However, no first shoot would be a miss without a slight hitch; Phil Bussingham (one of the Judges) was taken to hospital with a serious cut to one of his fingers, we have later found out that he had cut a tendon leading to him being kept in hospital awaiting an operation.

A big thank you to Roger for sorting out the equipment and the field markings before the shoot and also arranging the refreshments stand, Thanks goes to Pam and Sally also for helping out on the refreshment stand. Thanks also go out to Christine, Margaret, Sandra, Karen and Hilary for helping with the scoring. Thank you to Charles for taking control of the field party and making sure the field was set correctly. My thanks to Jean for providing a great judge's lunch. Thank

you to my Lady Paramount Linda Rudnick for assisting me.

My grateful thanks go out to all the ACA members who turned out to help before and on the day, all of whom made this shoot happen.

Regards

Warwick

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### Twig and Stick

Not much to write about again in the longbow, only I won a great trophy for longbow at the **Pastimes FITA** by default - I turned up.

**Longbow only** York 17<sup>th</sup> and Clout 18<sup>th</sup> shoot at Cobham hall 17/18<sup>th</sup> September ILAA.

As we come to the end of the outdoor season for target the **Field shooting** starts.

Anyone interested there are three shoots not so far away. Crawley and Essex are doing FITA 24 events,

**Crawley is two day 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Essex is one day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

**The Surrey National Animal round is on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

For further information see Geoff B or [www.qnasfield.co.uk/diary2011.htm](http://www.qnasfield.co.uk/diary2011.htm)

**Just a reminder about ANY external tournament scores.** Please send them to Warwick ASAP so he can update your shooting record and handicap. Please do not leave them till the end of the month or longer. As this causes problems with the software he uses.

Geoff B

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**Indoor shooting** – If you pay up front for the winter shooting season you will pay only £50 instead of £60 that's a saving of £20. The dates are as follows

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> (BA), 25<sup>th</sup>

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> (BA), 25<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup> (BA), 16<sup>th</sup>

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (BA), 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> (BA), 17<sup>th</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup> (BA), 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

Worcester/Portsmouth Tournaments

27<sup>th</sup> November

12<sup>th</sup> February

see the winter calendar on your website.

### **STOP PRESS**

Karen shot a 4 at 50M at the Pastimes FITA Sunday. With a Compound!!! You thought I would forget didn't you. Not to be outdone, Ken shot two 6's

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I received this from Alf

Hello All

The Kent County Open

I did terrible, the worst York I've shot this year. I think it is because I'm getting too uptight and it is affecting my shooting, everybody else was blaming the wind but there wasn't that much about. It is me, I'm still trying to break that 300 York score but I only managed 205, my worst.

Trying to run before I can walk, I think I need to give it a rest for a while. I need to do some work on my archery, not only me but there is still a lot to learn about the equipment which I don't know. Matching arrows to bow, getting the right pile weight, length, spine rate, fletchings, weight. Talking with Clinton and Chris (Ellis), they spend ages playing about with the different aspects and

equipment, getting everything just right. It will be a while before I'm that good, they gave me some hints about what to do with my equipment (which I will take 'on board'), not too many hints..... They are very secretive about certain things. I have been lucky to be among people willing to help me but I want to continue to enjoy the sport, so I will 'back off' a little and get things right.

Sorry about that Geoff, I seem to have gone on a bit. How did the FITA go. It was a lovely

day in the end, all day, in fact a little too hot. I'm still booked into a number of shoots this year but I hope that I keeping the good name of Allington Castle on the map.

Regards

Alf

### **STOP PRESS**

It has been brought to our attention that the toilet used by the Club members is now being changed from one adult to two child toilets and obviously we cannot use it. Having spoken to the builders it may be up and running by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August so this may not be a problem. The Porta-loos are there for the Whitefriars(Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>)

### **Social Secretary**

Here is some information that the Committee wanted me to put into the Newsletter

Profit from the Sir Thomas Wyatt was £311.59. These tournaments help keep fees down for everybody.

**Captains Challenge** – There will be a barbecue after the shoot and friends and family are invited. Bring your own meat and the Club will provide rolls and items of salad. If you will be coming please let me know your numbers **by Saturday** please. Sorry for the short notice.

## **Christmas Dinner**

This will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December – let's hope there isn't an early snowfall this year. It will be at The Horseshoes in Dean Street. The cost of the three course menu is £20.95. I've been there several times since we moved to Maidstone and have always had a good meal. Please put this on your calendar. I've told the restaurant about 30 people so let me know your choice of menu from below as soon as possible and secure your place with a £10 deposit per person. The last date to book your place is by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. As this is a restaurant I have to hand over your chosen menus and there can be no changes as tables from the beginning of December are already being reserved.

### *Starters*

Roasted plum tomato and baby basil soup with crème fraiche  
Scottish smoked salmon on brown bread, with fresh lemon, capers and onion rings  
Duck and chicken parfait on brioche served with winter chutney  
Baked Portabella mushrooms with garlic and chilli oil, topped with watercress

### *Mains*

Roast turkey roulade with sage, onion and cranberry stuffing, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, seasonal vegetables and home-made gravy  
Grilled rump steak served with fries, grilled tomato and cracked black pepper sauce  
Slow-cooked pork belly glazed in maple syrup with a light jus, served with braised red cabbage and crisp home-made onion rings  
Black olive and onion tart, cumin roasted vegetables, chef's onion rings and smoked tomato dressing  
Scottish salmon wrapped in filo pastry and mascarpone on a bed of beetroot, spinach and new potatoes

### *Desserts*

Christmas pudding served with brandy cream  
Crème brulee with raspberry compote

Chocolate Yule log served with winter berries and fresh cream  
Beechdean Farmhouse Dairy ice-cream with a home-baked cookie  
Cappuccino cheesecake with mocha sauce

Email or phone me with your menus and Geoff will chase you for the deposit. Your place is not secure until I have received the deposit.