

Allington Castle Archers
Newsletter March 08

The Dates for Your Diary

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

IS

DUE BEFORE THE

1st April

NO PAY, NO PLAY

£50 SENIORS

£25 JUNIORS

Darentford Challenge is

on the

29th March, Saturday 1:30

for 2:00

at home

all Longbows welcome

Captains Corner

Well, what do you say when the temperature is 14 deg C, the sun is out and no breeze in February?

What could be better than a day spent on the shooting line.

The field has been well used over the past few Saturday mornings. Approx 30 shooting on the 9th Feb. & very few shooting rounds. Why?

I hope this bodes well for the coming outdoor season.

Very few are shooting Sundays (6)

One worry is that just about all internal tournaments, Mid Kent League Matches & open external tournaments are on Sundays. If archers get into a routine of shooting Saturday mornings will it change easily come this April?

Our **President, Ken Garrett** is not well at the moment,

For the newer members, Ken is a stalwart of the club, and has been for as long as I can remember.

When we seriously looked for our own ground, Ken persuaded the Sports Council to come up with a grant of £10,000, which was held available to us for some years. Unfortunately we could not find the right parcel of land to buy, so it came to nothing.

He has been our President & great ambassador for 15 years at least. In that time he has shot hundreds of times for the club.

As each year comes & the new batch of archers embark on their career, I have used Ken as a role model for archery technique. With his rock steady upright stance, steady draw & hold, then solid loose & follow thru - without a clicker - his has to be the most stable draw length in the club. Not a mm forward movement. All archers should observe Ken on the line. For best practice he takes some beating.

Our **County Coach Geoff Allen** is again having treatment. I take this opportunity to wish him well for the future.

All the best from us all!!!

I KNOW YOU WILL ALL JOIN ME IN WISHING THEM BOTH THE VERY BEST FOR A QUICK RECOVERY

I have been guilty of assuming again. The presentation to Hilary Carter at the Christmas Party, could have been better.

I should have not assumed everyone knew that Hilary has been:-

Chairperson (4 years),

Club secretary,(4 years)

Social secretary and

Ordinary member of the committee in her time .

Organised & assisted in the running of the Sir Tomas Wyatt open for 6 years.

Organised the Worcester/Portsmouths for 8years).

The only tournament organiser who took on two a year.

As well as organising, Hilary has always been ready to help at all the clubs events.

Hilary, thank you again for your help & assistance over the years, hope to see you on the shooting line this year.

The Club Website

There has been movement, it is in hand & we hope to have it up & running very soon. Paul will be concentrating on three main areas.

1. Events calendar
2. Newsletters
3. Contact us

County Records

I have been looking at the KAA website www.archerykent.org.uk, the county records page.

Looking at the outdoor & indoor for **juniors**, it looks to me as if a few records have not been taken.

As the KAA is now not restricting the claims for any round shot, now's the time to get

them in. **Eleanor, Charlie, Jade, Max, Tim, Dominic, Jamie, Peter, Daniel, Joshua, & Dean & any other junior in the club.**

See Dave Corke for Kent Record Application Form.

Another **PB at the indoor** Geoff Chenery broke the 400 barrier for a Portsmouth Longbow (401).

Well done Geoff, look out Bill, Rudi, Bill, Paul, Barry, James, Phil & me.

Bill, he has also joined the 10-10-9 club.

Worcester/Portsmouth Lockmeadow 17th February

As usual it was a great success, with everyone pulling together. A few minor hick-ups. First, no power to one of our usual sockets, so a swift relocation by Roger saved the day.

Second, a stand gave up the ghost and had to be replaced. Apart from that it went well.

Dave Corke & someone else Robin Hooded them selves on the first end of sighters.

Paul Meekins & Stan Crowther shot good Worcester's & came second, I managed third in the longbow. Full results from Sandra soon.

Geoff B

Secretary's Sidelines

You were warned last month !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FEES ARE DUE NOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

They are:- **Seniors - £ 50.00** **Juniors - £ 25.00**

Pay me on the shooting line or send to Ann Medhurst, 1 Beaver Road, Allington, Maidstone, ME16 0XR.

These do not include affiliation fees, which are not due until September.

Lost

- 1 A number of members who joined last summer and have not been seen during the winter season:- Simon Little, Phil Wood, Patrick Child, Ian Clark, Steven Rothery, Freda Evans, Pat & Sophie Turnbull, Jedd Patrick, Luke Frampton, Rebecca Crisp.

Where are you all ?????? If you wish to start shooting after **1st April** you will have to pay fees again as above. You are very welcome but don't pay if you do not think you will be shooting. You can pay later if, or when, you decide to start again.

Lost

- 2 A red folder, which lives in the shed and contains Open Shoot entry forms. Have you seen it? Have you borrowed it? Please return to me or Elaine Smith – or sneak it back into the shed. Thank you.

The two new members mentioned in the previous newl letter have not joined yet and seem to have disappeared into the blue yonder. If they arrive they need to pay us some money before shooting.

Young Joe has started his beginner's course. He shoots compound and needs compound expertise.

P.S. Geoff Allen is not well at present and is unlikely to appear on the field in the near future. Get well soon Geoff!

Looking forward to seeing you all on the field now that summer is a coming.

Colin
