

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report - Autumn 2018

Well, it has been just over a year since I was elected as Chairman of Ledbury Archery Club and the year has seen a number of changes (hopefully improvements!) which I will attempt to summarise below.

Before I do, I would like to extend my personal thanks for all the support provided by the other members of the clubs' management committee, and members, without whom none of the achievements and activities throughout the year would have been possible. A special thanks go to our Secretaries, Pete Dobson (and more latterly), Robert Oates for all the tedious admin work necessary in running the club, and to our Treasurer, Tony Fussey, for keeping the finances in order. Also of course we must never forget the invaluable help and assistance provided by Graham Blandford in keeping our shooting grounds and club facilities in such wonderful condition. Our coaches, Peter Dobson and James Ridge have also contributed immeasurably by running courses, have-a-go and taster events and generally providing advice and coaching to improve the archery standards of members in the 2017/2018 year.

Since our last AGM we have;

- Seen our membership increase to 35 at time of renewal.
- Run 3 x beginners' courses in 2018 - now held over 2 days instead of 3.
- Held a number of organised (internal) club shoots at Putley, from varied fun shoots to more formal recognised rounds and shooting different disciplines. These tend to be held on the last Saturday in the month from late spring to early autumn.
- Hosted 3 county shoots
- Organised external coaching at both Bromyard and Putley
- Sourced, purchased, relocated, installed, repaired, painted and fitted out a storage container which will be adequate for the clubs needs for many years to come.
- Organised a trip to visit the National Roman Legion Museum, Fortress & Roman Baths at Caerleon
- Provided enhanced seating and tables for our tea / coffee area
- Acquired more straw target bosses and stands and repaired where necessary. Refurbished foam bosses.
- Been present at 4 external 'Have-a-Go' sessions, and held 2 successful events at Putley for external parties.

- Worked with HAA & Lugg Valley to acquire some of the equipment which has become available following the winding up of Lugg Valley Archery Club.
- Secured insurance for the clubs' equipment
- Reviewed and updated our club constitution, forms, policies and procedures to make them more relevant and compliant with Archery GB requirements and national legislation (principally GDPR).

The club continues to thrive with weekly enquiries about membership, beginners' courses, taster sessions and have-a-go events (either at Putley or elsewhere). We have also had to turn down a number of requests for have-a-go events due to a lack of resources or time or both.

Our funding streams continue to be;

- Membership fees
- Beginners courses
- Taster sessions
- Have-a-Go events

The only way we can afford to invest in new equipment for the club, target faces, bosses, stands, nets etc etc is through the above means and we really do need the help of our members to run events which will generate revenue for the club. Our next 'have-a-go' event will be held as part of 'Apple Day', indoors at the Hereford Cider Museum on the 20th October. We will need volunteers to take the money, issue (and collect) armguards, assist on the line and rig up / take down the targets & netting, signs and safety barrier ropes and tape.

Our future plans include the purchase and installation of a large noticeboard on the end of the container (thereby enabling us to consolidate our two smaller noticeboards), consider how to better regulate and balance the time available for the coaches by introducing a more formal structure, consider installation of a second bow rack in the container to cater for the additional bows acquired by Lugg Valley and to assess the requirements for, and cost of, the installation of a form of French drain along the outside of the northwestern wall of the barn to prevent water seepage into the barn at its southern end.

Myself and the Committee are always open to suggestions for ways in which the club may develop, and the AGM is a great forum to present any ideas you may have - so over to you.....!

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