



Welcome to the August 2018 issue of the newsletter...

There is a lot of competition news in this one... As well as news of some 'Have a Go' days that we have had recently...

Have a go news...

We have recently hosted three 'Have a Go' afternoons at the field. These are done to introduce people to archery, and hopefully get some more who want to do a full beginner's course, and go on to join the club.

On 23rd June we hosted the Otford cubs, Leaders, and parents. Some of the parents and leaders were very good... some of the cubs were very good... a great afternoon was had by all! On the 5th of July, we held a 'Have a Go' for the teachers and staff of St Michael's School. This was as part of their end of term celebrations... all of the children having left for the summer at lunchtime! Again... a good time had by all...

And just as the rain came heaving down after a few weeks of really hot weather, we had the Mazda MX5 owner's club Have a go and Bar-B-Q... This was a very wet day, and pretty windy, but that didn't seem to put them off!! A soggy time had by all!

Competition News...

On the 1st of July, we held the **28th Independence day shoot**. This is held on the Sunday closest to the 4th of July, and always attracts a good crowd... some for the shooting, and all for the lunch and then strawberries for tea!

The full result sheets are on the club website (www.foxarchers.co.uk), but here are the highlights...

Michael Hare was 2nd in the Gents compound, and John Hare was 3rd...

Gents recurve: Errol Barnett came 1st, Nigel Nash 7th, Cyril Reed 13th, Martin Hill 16th.

Gents Longbow: Steve Purkiss 3rd.

Gents Barebow: David Fogarty 4th.

Ladies Compound: Molly Tyrrell 1st.

Ladies Recurve: Maria Nash 8th.

Ladies Longbow: Julie Andrews, 3rd

Ladies Barebow: Marian Reed 3rd.

Best Gold... Nigel Nash

Very well done to you all!!

Many Thanks to:

In Range Archery for sponsoring the target faces (<https://inrangearchery.co.uk>)

And, of course, to our Judges... Mick and Maggie Pearce

And... to the caterers... Dot, June and Zoe

Photos are on the next page...

Independence Day Shoot... Photos



The Strawberry Ladies...
Dot, June and Zoe



MKL News...

15th of July... MKL at home vs Abbey bowmen...

Our scoring team of: Summer Hexter, Errol Barnett, Steve Purkiss and Molly Tyrrell scored 5920, against 5651 for Abbey... a really good win... Well done to you all!

Overall... **That puts us at the top of the league**, with 23,691 points (but Abbey are only just behind us with 23,675!!)

Congratulations also to:

Errol Barnett... Top Gents Recurve in St George with a score of 758, and to Zoe Tyrrell... Top Ladies Barebow Windsor, with a score of 536.

August 11th... MKL away to Crown...

Our scoring team of Summer, Marian, Errol and Alan... 5766, Crown: 5939

We have to wait a bit to see who is top of the league...!

On the 7th and 8th of July, KAA held a record status 1440 shoot at Vigo.

The representatives from Fox were, John and Michael Hare, and Steve Purkiss.

My reading of the results (which are fairly complicated!) is that John and Michael both got through to the last 16 shoot off, and that John came ahead of Michael due to a higher qualification score.

Steve Purkiss came 3rd in the mens longbow... AND Steve shot for both days!

Congratulations to you all...

It must have taken some stamina to shoot... It was a really hot weekend!!

Invicta Coaching Group Springboard Competition

The 22nd of July saw us host the Springboard competition...

This is a yearly event, for those who haven't yet achieved Bowman status.

Awards are on a handicap basis, worked out after the first 24 arrows...

We did quite well as a club...

Gents Recurve: Martin Hill 1st, Alan Lythaby 2nd

Lady Barebow: Marian Reed 1st

Junior Girl Recurve: Summer Hexter 1st.

Overheard on the line..." I come to as many shoots as I can here... Its such a great setting"

At the same time as the Springboard, Essex County Archery Assosiation held a record status 1440 shoot.

I'm told that it was very hot, and that the ground was breaking up... scopes were falling down holes!

We were represented by Michael and John Hare, and Steve Purkiss.

Michael came 4th in the visitors Gents Compound,

Steve came 1st in the visitors Gents Longbow,

John came first in the visitors Gents Masters Compound.

Michael also won the best gold competition!

Well done to you all!!



Michael's Golden Arrow award...

This is carved from a single piece of wood...!!

Fox Archers now has a UK ranked archer!

Congratulations to Michael Hare on becoming a UK ranked archer...

He is 213 out of 345

Just need a few more ranking competitions to move up...

Errol is now the Kent County Recurve champion!!
And here is the photo with the prizes...



New Club Records...

Martin tells me that the following new club records were claimed during July...

John Hare	Gentlemen	Compound	WA 1440 Ladies
Michael Hare	Gentlemen	Compound	WA 1440 Gents
Steve Purkiss			
	Gentlemen	Longbow	Double York
	Gentlemen	Longbow	Western (2-Way)
	Gentlemen	Longbow	Double 2-Way Clout
	Gentlemen	Longbow	WA 1440 Gents
Molly Tyrrell			
	Ladies	Compound	American
	Ladies	Compound	New Warwick
	Ladies	Compound	Albion
Zoe Tyrrell	Ladies	Barebow	New Warwick

And that the following new awards were made...

Ian Alexander	30 yards	252
Gilly Watling	20 yards	252
Summer Hexter	Third Class	
Craig Spickernell	Second Class	
Molly Tyrell	Bowman	

Very well done to you all!!

The Fox Longbow shoot has been cancelled....

This was due to take place on the 26th of August, but due to a lack of entries has had to be cancelled.

This means that normal club shooting is available on the 26th of August.

The Club Outdoor Championship will be moved....

Not quite sure what date yet.... But Zoe will let us all know..!!

We have some new containers...!

Here are some photos showing the work that has been going on to get the new containers into position... It was very hard work digging the railway sleepers into the chalk, but they are not going to move...!

Delivery was on Thursday 9th August, and of course, it was raining... Luckily the lorry driver only had difficulty going up the slope to leave, having very accurately positioned the containers onto the sleepers.

We are currently moving stuff across to the new containers, so you might find some things are not where you expect them at the moment.

We hope to have finished the move in the next couple of weeks....

The containers have new padlocks, and Zoe will be writing to let you all know where the key is...



Levelling the plot.. first attempt in the rain



After the first attempt..



Dug in and level..!



Arriving...



Positioning number 2



Fine positioning...



Both in position...



Moving the shelf... (Very Heavy!)

An EMail received...

Dear Foxes,

Sunday afternoon, just back from the pub, loafing on the sofa. Thoughts turn to Spitfires, buzzards and arrows all flying on a hot Kent Sunday. The clock still stuck at three minutes past nine? Tractor backfiring? Heat building.

Fox Archers did a good job with us. You welcomed us, taught us and inspired us to appreciate the skills and techniques needed to get a pointy stick from the ropey thing to the yellow bit with some degree of accuracy and without maiming anyone.

So a huge thank you to all at Fox. It is always unfair to pick out individuals for a special mention; so here goes.

Thank you to Cyril for putting us right, to Michael and Molly for putting us wrong; to Andy who got me to the stage of hitting a balloon at 10 yards; to Graham for guiding us through competitions; to Craig for his superior twangs; to Zoe for keeping it all together; to Derrick who maintains order when it all falls apart; to Peter who explained back muscles; to John who explained arrows; to Christine who explained cake baking; to Chris for keeping the books in order; to Ian as the perfect gentleman; and to Errol as the perfect rogue.

Special, special thanks to Alan who coached us with wisdom, patience and understanding. And Martin, who shared the journey.

We may be 200 miles away, but still thinking of you.

Nigel & Maria

Extra shooting...

We have some extra shooting times for those of you able to get to the field...

Wednesday 15th August from 9am all day

Thursday 16th August from 9am all day

Wednesday 22nd August from 9am all day

Thursday 23rd August from 9am all day

Is there any news that I should include..??

PLEASE let me know !!

If I don't know about it... It can't be included!

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Other Notes...

Just to let you know...

I have now achieved level 2 coach status...

Many thanks to Nigel Nash for his forbearance as my tame archer!!

Diary... August

19th Porsche Owners Club Have a Go and BBQ

(normal club shooting as well)

September

15th MKL home to Ferryfield

22nd Beginner Course (1)

23th

29th Beginner Course (2)