



## Hi Folks

Please welcome the new members to the club and give them a helping hand if needed. There are more members just enrolling – their pictures will be in the next mag.

Rachel has put in a display of her sports and fantasy photos and on seeing the quality of them I have decided to promote her from assistant photographer to Chief Blue Arrows photographer. I am quite content to take a back seat in the presence of a better talent than mine. I have given her fantasy picture a full page spread as each section is a photo and also a puzzle in it's own right.

*Jim*

### New members to welcome



**Annabel Page**



**Olajos Zoltan**



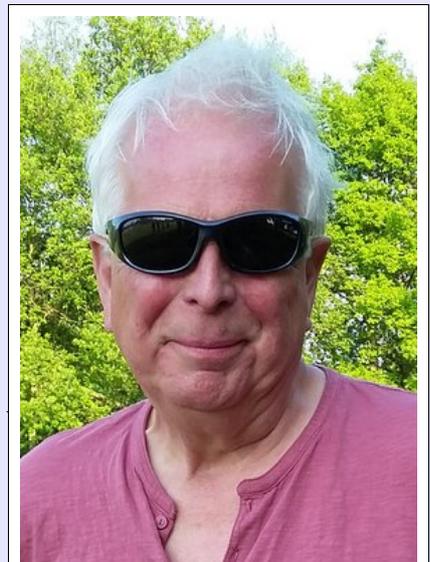
**'Ben' Tyndale-Brown**



**Adam McTague**



**Dale Jennings**



**Charles Currie**

**Best Indoor Season for ages for Blue Arrows**

At this time of the year, just as we move into the outdoor season, I think it is good to reflect on the clubs performance over the previous season. Some years it has not been as positive, like the indoor of 14/15 when we were relegated from the Andy Harris top division, but if you look back at the indoor season we have just had, there have been some fantastic performances both for the club and individually.

In the winter Postal Leagues we performed very well.

The Andy Harris was probably our best performance, winning Division 2 without losing a game. Our average improved from last year also, so it puts us in a good position moving into the top flight again. Our Recurve B team in the BA Portsmouth league did very well by winning all their matches also.

**Andy Harris –**

- Recurve - 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 2 – won all 8 matches.

**The BA Portsmouth league –** (final league position have not been published)

- Recurve A – won 4 of the 5 matches so have a good chance of winning the division
- Recurve B – won all of their 5 matches so a very good chance they have won their division
- Compound – won 2 of their 5 matches

**The Frostbite league –** (final league positions have not been published)

- Recurve – won 2 of their 5 matches
- Compound – won 1 of their 5 matches

**Bray Longbow –**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 3 – won 3 of their 5 matches

**Bray Compound –**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 1 (ended on the same points as the winners, less average score)

This year also saw us receive Team awards at external comps, which we have not been won for a few years, if at all.

The Team members included Mike Gissing, Dave Fellman, Alan Munson, Rob Garnham, Piers Skilton, Chris Vince, Sarah Harvey, Nick Daynes, Rachel Goode, Rob Garnham, Yvonne Butler and me.

Individually there were also some brilliant performances with many medals won and club records broken. We saw more members taking part in external comps, which is great to see. Let's hope we can get more involved in the future.

Here is a list of those that won medals at external competitions:

Dave Fellman –	7 golds, 1 silver, 2 bronze
Ade Burch –	4 golds, 2 silvers, 0 bronze
Rachel Goode –	3 golds, 2 silvers, 1 bronze
Rob Garnham –	3 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze
Mike Gissing –	2 golds, 1 silver, 5 bronze
Piers Skilton –	2 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze
Yvonne Butler –	0 golds, 0 silver, 2 bronze

That's a total of 21 golds, 8 silvers and 12 bronze. 41 medals in all. I think that is pretty good going.

We also had a number of club records broken:

**Jon Hammond** breaking the Andy Harris in one week and then the Portsmouth the week after was a massive achievement. These records had been held for some years so fantastic to see them broken. Only makes them harder to beat now!

**Other record breakers:**

Rosie Reynolds broke the Recurve Ladies U14 Portsmouth record

Piers Skilton broke the Recurve Gents U16 Portsmouth, WA18m, Worcester and WA18m Triple records. What a season!

Rachel Goode broke the Recurve Ladies U18 WA18m and the WA25m record.

Yvonne Butler broke the Recurve Ladies WA18m record

David Fellman broke the Compound Gents American record

Ade Burch broke the Longbow Bray 1, Portsmouth, Worcester and Double Worcester records.

**Broken PBs:**

Outside of these record breakers I know of a large number of archers that broke personal bests during the season, e.g Colin Betts, Dave Hamilton, Rosie Reynolds, Jay House, Steven Edwards, Steve Woods.

Sorry if I have missed any.

This list includes new members who have not been shooting for long but have improved somewhat over the course of the season. In particular, Steven Woods who reach the semi final of the Head 2 Head comp, Steven Edwards who reached the last 16 and Jay House for knocking out a compound archer in the first round!

Rob Spindley has also had one of his best indoor seasons for many years with consistently high Andy Harris scores and really good Portsmouth scores.

Our juniors showed great promise, with Piers Skilton winning many medals and breaking records. Rachel Goode for breaking records and collecting medals, although now moved up to the senior category. Rosie Reynolds, not only breaking club records but knocking out both myself and Mike McLeod on the way to the semi-final of the H2H. Finally, Ross Trinder, who fought his way through every round of the H2H to shoot absolutely brilliantly in the final to take the trophy.

**The Andy Harris league** publishes individual performances and ranks archers over the whole course of the season, no matter what division you are in. As a result, we have had some brilliant individual performances.

This is from a list of 214 archers that are recorded in all the teams. The top archer scored an aggregate of 2723 with an average of 340, so you can see how well our guys did.

This includes;

11<sup>th</sup> overall – Rob Garnham - aggregate of 2599 – 8 scores recorded (average 325)

29<sup>th</sup> overall – Jon Hammond – aggregate of 2352 – 7 scores recorded (average 336)

66<sup>th</sup> overall – Rob Spindley – aggregate of 1904 – 6 scores recorded (average 317)

90<sup>th</sup> overall – Alan Munson – aggregate of 1574 – 5 scores recorded (average 315)

91<sup>st</sup> overall – Chris Vince – aggregate of 1565 – 5 scores recorded (average 313)

If Jon had a shot all 8 times instead of going off skiing, he would have recorded a score worthy of a 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.

This has to be one of the best seasons we have had as a club for some time. It was good to see so many of our members breaking PB's, club records and bringing home medals, let alone winning leagues. I think the club has moved on in terms of performance this year and I think we ought to celebrate this. It will also hopefully encourage others to think about joining in the tournament team and maybe getting more involved in club league shoots and competitions.

*Ade*

**PS from Jim**

**Ade's** own performance with the Longbow has been nothing short of outstanding over the season. His committment and dedication has resulted in such a rapid rise through the ranks that the club can now boast a county archer.

*Jim*

## Ode to Sarah

She drew her bow with confidence  
and let the arrow fly.  
It should have hit the target  
but it vanished in the sky.



It wasn't in the boss at all  
nor sticking in the wood.  
It seems as if her aim that day  
just wasn't very good.

We looked around for quite some time  
but nothing did we find  
but pencils, pens and old tin cans  
and ancient orange rind.

The theories then came thick and fast  
The whole club had their say.  
"The ground's too hard-it must have bounced  
and skidded off that way"

"You might have only shot the five  
you'd better check your quiver"  
"I think the wind has whipped it up  
and dumped it in the river"

At last, of course, the arrow's found  
It's buried underground.  
And Sarah said "To show my thanks  
I'll buy you all a round."  
(Or did I imagine that last bit !)

## 'Flaming' June

This is the month of the  
summer solstice

**20<sup>th</sup> June**

Time to go to Stonehenge, let your  
hair down (If you have any).

A time to join in the summer  
festivities and get stonehanged.

**Happy Birthday to the  
following members who  
will definitely be  
celebrating this month.**

**Carl Baskett**

**Karl Boak**

**Ian Smith**

**Chris Vince**

**Zak Brown**

**Mike McLeod**

**Ben Tyndale-Brown**



## The Arrowcatcher

**Lost an arrow ? Call in the expert.**

**After spending weeks looking for our lost arrows  
without success, Rachel finally masters the  
technique and bags two in one night.**

**However, I think an addiction is setting in here as  
she now goes round the shooting line nudging  
people as they release.**

**letter to the editor**

Dear Jim

I am sure you know by now that there is a school in Milton Keynes. that has banned the use of the whistle to announce the end of break as it is now deemed to be 'too aggressive'.

I must say that I admire their stance on this and consider it a great step forward in producing a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Surely it would be possible to do the same at the club?

Perhaps to signal the end of shooting the linesman could gently hum the first few bars of '*where sheep may safely graze*', and the start could be signalled by a few bars of '*all things bright and beautiful*'. Anon.

***Do let the editor know what you think but no aggressive or rude words please!***

**GNAS Fees**

It is coming round to the time for paying our GNAS fees for the coming year.

We need to get them sent in by August, so Sarah will start collecting them towards the end of June or early July.

We have not been given a figure for the fee yet but will let you know the amount as soon as we receive it.

Ade

**Rachel's sports photography**

**Hi Jim**

The 3 Sports photography pictures were taken as part of my extended project. This was a project where you could choose what you wanted to photograph and I chose to focus on the Ipswich Cardinals (the local American football team). I felt this was a sport I knew really well and that the players and coaches would be up for being photographed. The three images attached are my personal 3 favourite ones. Over the course of this project I probably took (and I'm not joking) over 5,000+ images. It's so easy to take so many especially when it is one continuous mode.

I would if possible like to include the fixtures for the home games up at Northgate Sports Centre just so anyone who sees the mag and my photos and fancies coming up and giving us a look?

19th June - Ipswich Cardinals vs Wembley Stallions

26th June - Ipswich Cardinals vs Essex Spartans

10th July - Ipswich Cardinals vs London Hornets

31st July - Ipswich Cardinals vs London Blitz 'B'

7th August - Ipswich Cardinals vs Cambridgeshire Cats

**If anyone would like any further information feel free to ask me or my Dad or alternatively consult the website - <http://www.ipswichcardinals.co.uk/>**

The **Truth Fantasy or Fiction** photograph attached is my final piece for my A2 Level Photography Exam. Within this project we could focus on different artists and Photoshop techniques as long as it fitted in with the theme. For my final piece I chose to focus on an artist called Jonathan Bradshaw. He is an Australian photographer who is known to friends and family. He does this technique called Polar Coordinates photography. This is when he takes a landscape photo and manipulates it so both edges meet in the middle to form a "little world". I absolutely fell in love with this technique when I saw it not only because it really different to normally manipulation and looks really technical but also how incredibly simple it is.

**Rachel**



**The Ipswich Cardinals in action**



