



Hi Folks,

May was a strange month with stormy downpours and also some sizzling heat. We didn't miss too much shooting due to the rain but lost some time looking for arrows when the weather baked the ground so hard that 'misses' instead of burrowing in did an imitation of the dam busters and bounced well away from where we expected. Weather looks good from now on so happy shooting everyone.

Jim

Welcome to one new member who was NOT daunted by the downpours.



This is Chris Brierley who was happy shooting while other members were covering under the trees. Colin was hiding under his umbrella, Alan was trying not to get his hairstyle mussed up and Abby complained that she had water going..... well everywhere!



More Club records bite the dust

29/04/2017	WA 70m, Gents Recurve,	Zoltan Olajos,	576
07/05/2017	Hereford, Gents Recurve,	Chris Vince,	1066
07/05/2017	Western, Ladies Recurve,	Yvonne Butler,	640

Well done guys!

More medals for Piers

Piers went to a Aim4Sport GB Key Event 3 comp at the weekend where he walked away with a **Gold** in the Cadets mixed team (Piers and a girl), **Gold** in the Cadets boys team (Piers and another boy) and **Silver** in the individual head to head.

Well done Piers

PLEASE NOTE

Alan Munson has changed his email address to

Xtenarchery4@gmail.com



Another successful beginners course

Sunday 14th May

A fine day and a full turnout of folks who want to find out what it's all about.



Instructions at the line up,

Plenty of expert help on hand from all our coaches.

Coach Chris ensuring his pupil has the correct technique to get it in the gold.

THE FINAL VERDICT

A great day for all and probably more new members for the club.



Birdbrain or brainbox?

Springwatch starts again and once again nature takes a bizarre course in my garden.

Last year I had battling bees in my garden, this year it's great tits in my amphora.

Cutting the grass a week or so back, I knocked into this pot in my front garden and was surprised when a startled bird shot out.

Right at the bottom of the pot were seven tiny eggs so I waited for it to return to get a photo and identify it. It turned out to be a great tit.

Fine I thought – I am now providing a rather posh des-res for the bird population.

Some days later they had obviously hatched as the two parents were shuttling back and fro like yoyos.

I grabbed another quick shot while they were well away from the garden and saw that at least four chicks had hatched. - Yes those are the gaping beaks of hungry chicks.



You are now free to go

'Ahhhhh aint that cute' or just 'Yuk that's gross'.

BUT

Look at the size of the pot and look especially at the length of the neck.

How on earth will the chicks get up that?

Can they do vertical take-offs?

Am I now expected to provide assistance to the trapped offspring of mentally deficient birds?

(Do Stannah do stairlifts that small?)

Jim



The Essex/Suffolk County team 2016

Ade selected again to shoot for the county

Ade will be shooting for the county in the National County Team event at Lilleshall at the end of June.

He is one of the 3 Longbow archers selected.

Congratulations Ade

Hope you shoot well!

Summer – time for the fair and to see more of Rebekka's art

We have seen quite a few of **Rebekka's artworks** over the last few years and I wondered if she was still exercising her artistic talent.

The last bit of her artwork we showed was when she had run out of paper and had used her boyfriend's arm as a canvas.

Her boyfriend comes from a fairground family and she is now using the fair itself as her canvas.

The paintwork had deteriorated considerably and Rebekka has spent weeks removing the old paint, redrawing the designs and renovating it to it's former glory.



The sad state of the paintwork before Rebekka started work on it.



The restored work



As well as renovating and restoring the existing paintwork, Rebekka has been using her own designs (shown here) to brighten up the fair.

Brilliant work Rebekka and not easy as you were using enamel paint.

(The last time I used that it stuck to my fingers for days).



Indoor Tournament mystery – Do the Judge and the winner have 'history'?

During the indoor tournament Piers proved a worthy winner beating Zoli, the former Hungarian International by a narrow margin. Given the normal 'challenging' atmosphere at the club, the usual banter took place, mostly centered around the integrity of the judge. As usual, Alan tried to claim his arrow, embedded in the blue, was in fact touching the ten. Bribery attempts were made involving packets of crisps (We guess this is Alan's preferred currency as he always has a ready supply) but naturally this was rejected. Judging integrity remains intact. But was this the same for all?

Later a photograph emerges of handshakes between winner and judge.

Was this just friendly congratulations or was there more to it?



Turn to Google to investigate if this was a one-off or evidence of collusion?

Finally a picture emerges confirming a long standing partnership.



**Another fine mess they've got us into!
Anon.**

**WARNING
This item of dubious provenance got to my intray by a very circuitous route and was submitted anonymously.**

**Normally I do not print anonymous items but this one is so good that I made an exception.
Good one Rachel.**

JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following lucky members who celebrate their birthdays this month.



Zak Brown



Chris Vince

Karl Boak
 Why can I not find a photo of you? Are you a vampire? Does your image not appear in mirrors or photos?



Annabel Page

Complete Recurve Archery Kit for sale



Unfortunately Steve Phillips has to give up his archery so here is an ideal opportunity to pick up a complete set at a good price.

£280(ono) the whole kit



Details from Steve on Thursdays or on 07794 823323

or email Steve at steve.179@icloud.com

Bird update

On Thursday I noticed the adults were loitering around instead of feeding the chicks so I looked in later to find the chicks had all successfully flown the nest. Obviously vertical take off has been mastered and I can cancel the stairlift.

Glad they made it but I bet they don't come back to clean the pot out!

Reward

Free back copies of all last year's mags to anyone who can send me a picture of Karl Boak.

If you can't get a photograph then a pencil sketch will do.

I have taken several of him and they have all vanished.....????