



Hi Folks

The Blue Arrows Teams have got off to a flying start in the Dec/Jan competitions with loads of medals being gained by our members. Competition reports and results are to follow. These competitions are a load of fun and good practice. If you fancy taking part see David Fellman, Ade Burch or Alan Munson. All are very welcome.

The head to head is now into the third round and the competition is getting more fierce as we reach the final stages. Who is going to be the H2H champion 2016? Maybe we should run a book?

Don't forget the AGM on the 25th Feb after the normal shoot. We need a new **Treasurer** and a **Social Secretary** – You may be just the person to fill the bill. If so let Ade know. It is also your chance to cast your vote and to have your say in the club's future.

Jim

Competition report 13th December 2015

Competition: **Worcester** (black and white face)

60 arrows shot at 20 Yards (Max score 300)

The annual Christmas Worcester shoot, hosted by Racketts Archery Club at Basildon Good Blue Arrows turn out for this one which is optional semi fancy dress for Christmas, We had a few good scores achieved with a number of medals and a club record.

Results

Ade Burch	172	New club record
Alan Munson	251	
David Fellman	299	Session Gold medal and overall Gold medal. Equal club record with myself
Mike Gissing	296	Overall Silver medal
Nick Daynes	276	Excellent first time score for Nick
Piers Skilton	231	Session Gold medal and Overall Bronze medal
Rachel Goode	176	Session Gold medal and Overall Bronze medal
Rob Garnham	274	Session Gold medal and overall Bronze Medal
Sarah Harvey	210	

Competition Report 10th January 2016

Competition: **Portsmouth**

(60 arrows shot at 20 Yards, Max score 600)

The first indoor shoot of the year hosted by Raleigh Town Archery Club in Benfleet, Essex. David Fellman, Nick Daynes and I travelled down to Benfleet together for this competition hoping to get an excellent score for the start of the new year.

Results

David Fellman	565	4 th place overall
Mike Gissing	554	8 th Place overall
Nick Daynes	549	10 th Place overall Nick got a PB

Mike Gissing

Competition report 17th January 2016

Clacton Archers Open annual Portsmouth.

Sunday 17th January 2016 at The Tendring Enterprise School in Clacton.

Blue Arrows had another impressive turnout for this Portsmouth competition which is held in what looks like a newly built school.

Everyone managed to put in a good score and a good hoard of medals was collected by our members.

Results

Ade Burch	440	Gold Medal (Longbow)
Alan Munson	517	
Chris Vince	519	
David Fellman	571	Silver Medal (Comp)
Mike Gissing	562	Bronze Medal (Comp)
Nick Daynes	548	
Piers Skilton	507	Silver Medal (U16 Rec)
Rachel Goode	412	Gold Medal (U18 Rec)
Rob Garnham	555	Gold Medal (Rec)
Yvonne Butler	450	Bronze Medal (Ladies Rec)

Mike Gissing

(That totals at 8 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze just from these three competitions)

Recognise your fellow members?

Of course you do.

Get them all right and I will let you buy me a drink anytime.

Answers on last page



More new members for the club. Please give them a warm welcome!

Kerry Bunting has been attending Alan's beginners course and is now a full member of the club. Her sights appear to be set on catching up with sister Rebekka.



Kerry taking careful aim
(not at her sister I hope!)



Rebekka preparing for a maths exam by adding up my scoresheet.
(That didn't take her long then!)

Tom Lloyd-Davis

is studying A-level PE specialising in archery and is hoping to become an officer in the army.



Harriet Robertson is already a member of Deben Archers but is so addicted to the sport that she needs a second club to get her practice.



Field Inspection

The club has very recently had an inspection of our field from an National Archery GB Judge.

You will be pleased to know that the field passed with flying colours. They were very impressed with everything about it, which is something we should be extremely pleased about.

It means it meets all the safety regulations Archery GB demand from clubs shooting grounds.

Ade

February Birthday wishes go to

Carmel Allison

Paul Henry Andy Rogers

Sarah Howard-Johnson

David Hamilton

Best wishes to you all

Another record broken!

Piers breaks another U16 recurve club record with a score of 529 in the last Portsmouth shoot.



Well done Piers!

Blue Arrows Indoor Competition

2016

This will take place this year on Sunday the 3rd of April.

It will be a Portsmouth shoot.

Announced by Ross when Les couldn't get to their H2H shoot-off.

"He's frightened of me!"

Course he is Ross, probably terrified!

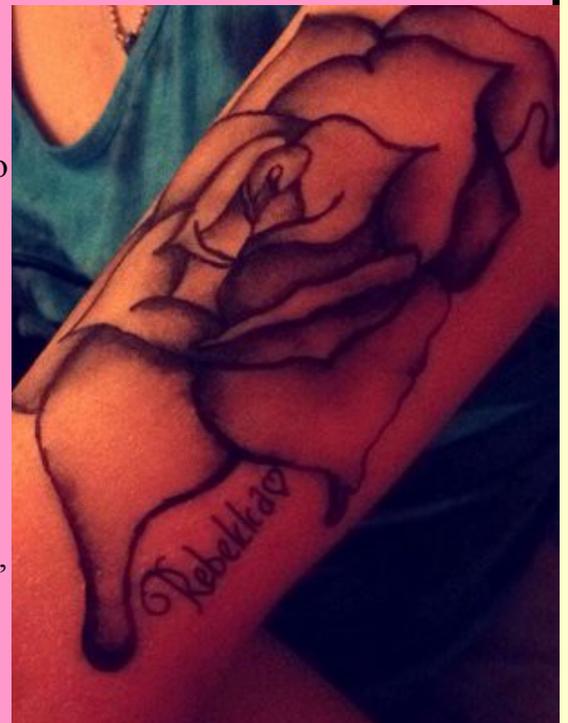
What do artists do when they run out of paper or canvas?

Fabergé had a brainwave over the breakfast table and started decorating eggs,

Michelangelo, lying in bed one day looked up and decided to do a spot of ceiling decoration,

Banksy decided to brighten up his neighbourhood by using his neighbours walls,

Rebekka chose to use her boyfriend's arm.



Not only does it save paper and postage in sending him a valentine, it lets all the other girls know he's spoken for.

Nice one Rebekka.

(The following is an extract from the target Archery book of rules)

Compound Bow – Target Archery (World Archery; Book 3, Chapter 11.2)

1. Any type of Compound Bow is permitted. **The maximum peak draw weight allowed is 27.216 kg. (60 lbs.)**

I wonder what Mike our cartoonist makes of this?



An unusual film recommendation from Peter Stock

I saw a South Korean film a couple of weeks ago, about a monster in a river who comes out to eat people, and a family try to save their daughter from it after it drags her away. Anyway, her sister is a champion archer and uses her recurve bow against the monster, when everyone else has a gun. I think most films don't get the archery realistic, but this was really good - squashing her nose with the string and letting the bow fall away beautifully

I thought some people might enjoy it, although it's probably not for the young ones.

It was called '**The Host**', made in 2006 (there's a different unrelated film with the same name that was made in 2013).

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0468492/>

Peter

February is an interesting month

Feb 9th is known as **Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras** (French for fat tuesday) and more recently **Pancake Tuesday**. Historically it is the last day of feasting before the 40 day fast of **Lent** when no meat was eaten. A time for a really good party then. Many countries celebrate with fireworks, feasts and an exotic **carnival** (the mardi Gras). What do Brits do? We eat pancakes. Wow!

Feb 14th St Valentine's day

St Valentine was beheaded on Feb 14th AD270 by the emperor Claudius 2nd for carrying out Christian wedding ceremonies and so became the patron saint of lovers.

Feb 29th Leap Day

Make the most of it as it will not come around again until 2020.

Leap day was introduced into the calendar by **Julius Caesar** and eventually became the traditional day when women were allowed to propose marriage to men instead of the other way round.

(Just thought this might bring a little hope to any shy bachelors in the club!)

Answers to the puzzle pictures – I'm sure you got them all too easily.
I'll have to make the next one a bit harder!

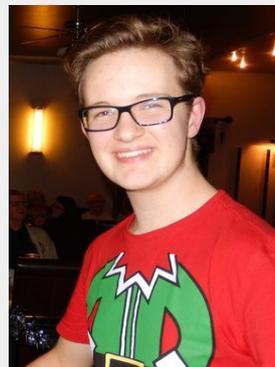
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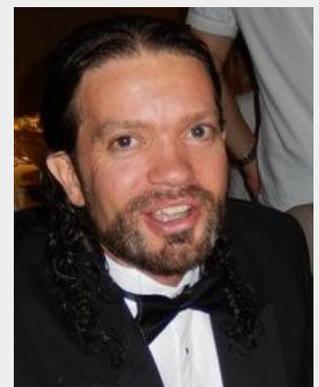
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