



Hi Folks

With the success of the two beginners courses we have several new members to welcome into the club again this month. Please do your best to help them settle in and give them a hand if they need it.

At the risk of boring more seasoned members, I will mention a few basic points which new members should be aware of.

If you are using club equipment please help yourself from the container and also please replace it neatly when you are finished. If you need help setting up just ask. We are all willing to help and if we can't solve your problem we will point you to someone who can.

Also at the end of the evening shoot, we have to get **ALL** the equipment back into the container so any help offered by those still around will be greatly appreciated..

I was going to mention the fact that we **really have to find lost arrows** but as we all spent ages last Thursday searching for one, I think that topic is already fully covered.

Good shooting everyone – enjoy the weather while it lasts.

Jim

A snippet of information for new members

A lot of archers change back to their wider arrows indoors.

They make a larger hole in the target and (hopefully) cut the line on the next higher score.

They are known as '**linecutters**'.

I give you this snippet so you can better appreciate the humour on page 6

10,000\$ Reward

'WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE'

The hole in the head gang



Derek Tullock



Rob Garnham



Roy Bates



Mike Gissing

Oh no, I'm so sorry, it's the Blue Arrows July Birthday Card

(I get too easily confused these days!)

Best Wishes to you all !

New Members



Natalie Skilton



Ellie Taylor



Nichola Bull

Welcome to the club. We hope you all enjoy shooting with us.



Lewis and Carmel Allison



Linda Pavey



Zak Brown

Don't forget – this is YOUR magazine

for your ideas, photos, artwork and articles.

Got stuff to sell? Want to buy anything put it in the mag. Know any good clean jokes. Let's have them.

See me (**Jim**) on Thursdays or e-mail thehiggins@supanet.com

More competition successes

Mike Gissing and Dave Fellman have won 4 more medals this month

**Mike two silvers and Dave two bronzes
bringing the current 2015 Medals Tally to**

11 gold

4 silver

6 bronze and 1 trophy

and it's only JULY

With regards to last month's magazine article which asked **is a man still wrong if there are no women about to hear?**

My 9 year old daughter says yes, so what hope do I have!

(I didn't see the point in asking my wife after that)

Dave Morrow

There was something in the air that night

I had a quite a good evening shoot the other night. I couldn't stay long but the arrows were going where they should so I was quite pleased.

Ade, beside me was shooting really well and getting many in the gold with his old stick and feathery twigs. His only complaint was that he had not shot as well the previous week when there was a Selby on. But then that's Ade, if he ever reaches those pearly gates he will probably complain that they are too shiny.

I think maybe there were some good luck particles in the air that night (nuclear physicists haven't got round to these yet) as I found out later that **Dave Fellman** had experienced a really amazing night's shooting. Ade was so impressed that he sent me the following e-mail.

"Mr Fellman last night had one hell of a night. He was shooting at 90m.

He has been shooting for about 10 years now and in that time has achieved **one ALL gold end at 90m**, i.e. all 6 arrows in the gold. Some achievement at 90m.

Last night he shot 3 all gold ends at 90m, taking his total from 1 to 4 in one night. That was how good he was last night.

Most of us cannot reach 90m, let alone stick that many arrows in the gold."

Ade

Well, I think the good luck particles may have been raining gently down on Ade and me but Dave's shooting has to be the result of sheer dedication and skill. **Well done Dave**

PS. It must have been a lucky night because when I arrived the following week I was presented with £5 that I had won on the club 'pub card' after I had left early the previous Thursday.

I think maybe it's time for those nuclear physicists to start using the Hadron collider to look for the 'good luck particle'. We could all benefit from that.

Jim

New Member? You need to know about the 252 badge scheme.



Achievable targets for developing your archery

Once you have settled into the club you will want to improve your archery skills, as we all do. The 252 badge scheme helps you do just that.

Starting at the lower distances you gradually improve your scoring to the point where you want to consolidate your shooting with a performance medal and then try for the next higher distance.

Most of us (probably all) have improved our shooting, increased the distance we are competent at and collected performance medals on the way by using the 252 scheme. It really is a great way to help your archery develop. When you can keep **most** of your arrows within the red and gold areas of the target then you will be ready to shoot your 252. **Go for it and Good Luck!!**

There are eight distances to achieve (15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 and 100 yards) with 36 arrows,

The scoring is 5 zone scoring.

All golds count as 9, all reds are 7, blues 5, blacks 3 and whites 1

You have to achieve **252** or above **twice** and pass your completed score sheets to **David Fellman**. Official score sheets are not necessary. Whatever you have kept your score on will do.

The badges come in different colours which represent each distance.

The badges are presented at the evening shoot, the only downside to that being that if I'm around I take your photo and stick it in the mag!

You can start at any distance you feel happy with, but for members who have just started their archery career I would recommend starting at the shorter distances.

Jim

The colours of the badges are

15yds	green
20yds	white
30yds	black
40yds	blue
50yds	red
60yds	gold
80yds	purple
100yds	orange

Linda Pavey, a new member, shot with us for the first time last week (picture page 2).

When she arrived she was definitely not a happy bunny. Her bus which should have arrived at 5.30 arrived at 5.42. Not too bad for Suffolk you might think but then the driver went and had a tea break before returning eventually to get the bus under way.

When I cautiously enquired whether this had annoyed her slightly she responded

" I was spitting feathers".

Well Linda, we can't improve the current bus service but we can introduce you to some of the best drivers that once kept the service running. Read on for further information.

Pictures from a bygone era

On The Buses

The Ipswich buses during the 1970s were kept running by a whole lot of guys, amongst them the gang pictured here.

No – not the Ipswich Mafia – look more closely and you will recognise the familiar (but slightly younger) features of the Harris brothers, Les, Mick, Alan and Dave.

This was the era when a bus not only had a driver but also a conductor, or a clippie as they were often called (they carried a machine which clipped your tickets).

The clippie came round and collected your fare AFTER you had got on and found a seat – no queueing at the door searching for change and holding everyone up outside in the rain.

As a kid, they would keep an eye on you and made sure you didn't miss your stop (or do too much messing around!) and they would give a helping hand to passengers where needed.

Where I came from in Lancashire, most of the conductors were would-be comedians. You were always treated to a constant flow of banter, information and jokes about the places you were passing. All good fun. At the time it was a totally male scene - you **never** got women drivers or clippies.



That era has gone now and the buses are more comfortable and no doubt more profitable.

However queueing at the door holding other passengers up means longer journey times, and the lack of a clippie means there is no helping hand when needed. Late night travellers no longer have the sense of security that came from the presence of a conductor in the bus, and the comic banter is no more. Have things really improved on the buses? Linda would probably say not.

Fortunately the help, the banter and the jokes are not lost entirely – they have only moved to Blue Arrows with three of the Harris brothers.

Nice to have you with us guys and thanks for the vintage picture.



Alan



Mick



Les

Rebekka



It was **All eyes to the ground** last week when we lost an arrow. This was the worse lost arrow case that we have had with all members trekking up and down for ages. Not a good intro to the club for new members, but hopefully a very rare occurrence.

Whatever you do don't let it put you off your archery!!



As you put up with the pain of the search without too much grumbling I thought I might try your patience a bit further by recycling a few verses of a poem '**wot I wrote**' the last time we lost one.

The lost arrow

Ade decides to boost his longbow scores by using the ultimate 'linecutters'



Picture and inspiration courtesy of **Dave Morrow**

We're on the line, the whistle goes.
We all prepare to shoot.
The weather's dry, the wind is calm.
Mike's hat is looking cute.

The arrows fly, some good and true
some in the white or black.
There's praise for some "good shot! well done!"
but others just get flack.

We're waiting for the whistle now
but Mike is in a dream.
He gets a dig and gives a blast
and back on line we stream.

But trouble now, an arrow's lost
It's buried in the ground
and no one can go home until
the wretched thing is found.

We form a line on hands and knees
and crawl around for hours.
My tea's gone cold, it's getting dark
and all we find is flowers.

At last the cry goes up "it's here"
no longer need we seek,
and we can all go home at last.
But we'll be back next week!

Don't lose any more arrows or I'll print it again!
You have been warned!