



## Hi Folks

The indoor season is coming to a climax with the handicap head to head throwing up another flurry of surprise wins. The quarter and semi finals take place this month with the final scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> to coincide with the indoor competition. Looks like the fight for the title will be a real cliff-hanger.

Thanks to Mike Gissing and David Fellman for the competition reports and thanks to Rachel Goode for sharing her Paris trip with us.

Don't forget next month we are outside – you may want to get those thermals aired!

*Jim*

## A Happy Valentine's day for the Blue Arrows team!! Seven more individual medals and a Team Silver!!

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
Sudbury

**Hosts: Tudor Archers**

**Venue: Sudbury Sports Centre,**

Round: WA 25 ( 25 metres, 60 Arrows)

This is the annual **Valentine's Day shoot** held by Tudor archers on the nearest Sunday to Valentine's Day. Each lady (and some men if they wish) is presented with a red rose on arrival. This is the longest distance that is shot indoors.

### Results

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Session

David Fellman	Compound	555	Session Gold and Overall Gold
Mike Gissing	Compound	543	Session Bronze
Nick Daynes	Compound	518	

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

Alan Munson	Recurve	484	
Chris Vance	Recurve	490	
Rachel Goode	Recurve	310	Session Silver
Rob Garnham	Recurve	522	Session Gold and Overall Silver
Yvonne Butler	Recurve	348	Session Bronze
David Fellman	Compound	545	
Mike Gissing	Compound	556	
Nick Daynes	Compound	524	

Blue Arrows was also awarded the Silver medal award for the team competition.

If there are 4 or more members of a club present the top 4 scores are taken and added together to produce a score and the top three clubs are given a medal.

Blue Arrows team members for this competition were:

**David Fellman, Rob Garnham, Chris Vince and Yvonne Butler**

Total score : 1915 Silver medal for each team member.

*Mike Gissing*

## 9 More medals and 2 broken records at Braintree!



Piers, Ade, Rob and Alan looking well pleased with their Braintree results.

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016** Hosts: Braintree Bowmen Venue: Gosfield School, Gosfield, Essex  
**Round:** Worcester (20yards 60 Arrows at the Black and white Face)

Another good turnout for Blue Arrows with lots of medals and two new club records achieved by Ade Burch with his longbow and Piers Skilton U16 boys recurve.

### Results

Ade Burch	Longbow	189	New Club record	Session Gold and Overall Gold
Alan Munson	Recurve	244		
David Fellman	Compound	295		Session Gold and Overall Bronze
Mike Gissing	Compound	295		Session Gold and Overall Bronze
Nick Daynes	Compound	253		
Piers Skilton	Recurve	240	New Club Record U16	Overall Silver
Rachel Goode	Recurve	167		Session Gold and Overall Silver
Rob Garnham	Recurve	273		
Yvonne Butler	Recurve	188		

Report by Mike Gissing, photos by Rachel.



### Hark, is that some ships I see?

Natalie and Matt Skilton looking at their son Piers "Skittles" Skilton who went on to win silver medal for coming in 2nd place overall in the boys under 16 recurve.

*(Rachel)*

## IMPORTANT

The Hall will be closed on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

There will be no shooting that night.

## Rosie knocks multimedalist Ade out of the H2H

Although Rosie Reynolds had not shot at 20m before, she rose (no pun intended) to the challenge and eliminated Ade from the Head to Head. She now goes through to the fourth round while Ade goes back to the practice sessions.



A worried Ade limbers up to do battle with Rosie.  
He knows it is going to be a tough one.



Halfway through and already Rosie looks confident.  
Ade looking even more worried



Game over. Time to tot up the score.



"Give me a hand here chaps.  
You can't let me be beaten by one of the youngest members of the club"

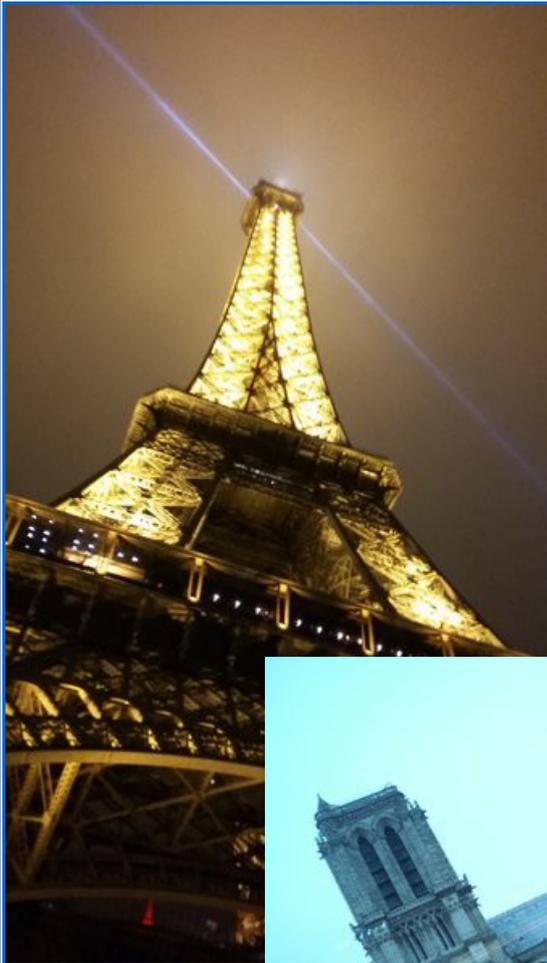
**Sorry Ade – She has whooped you!**



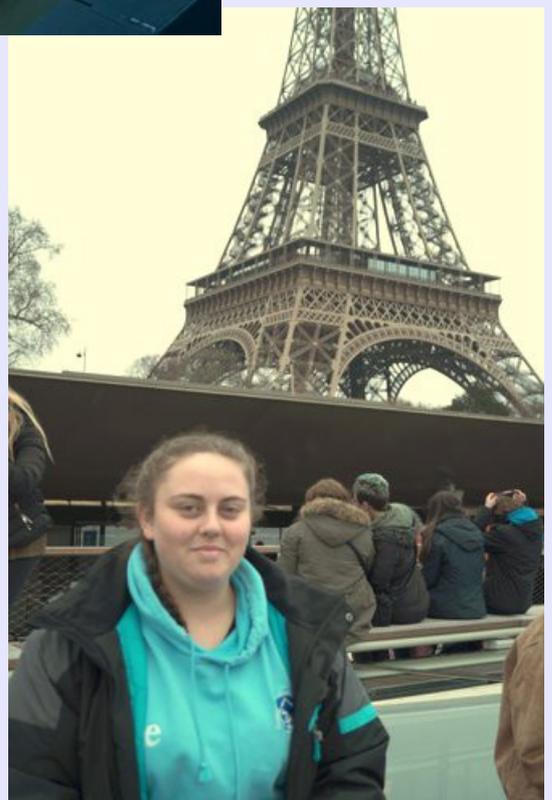
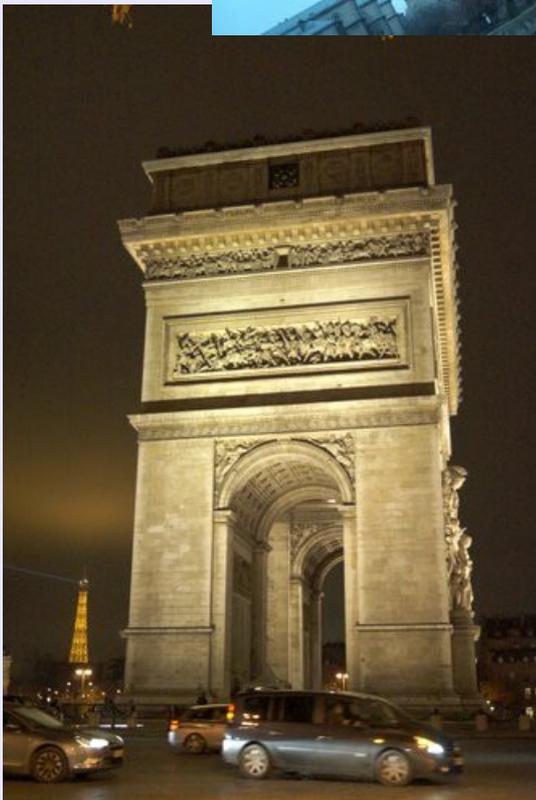
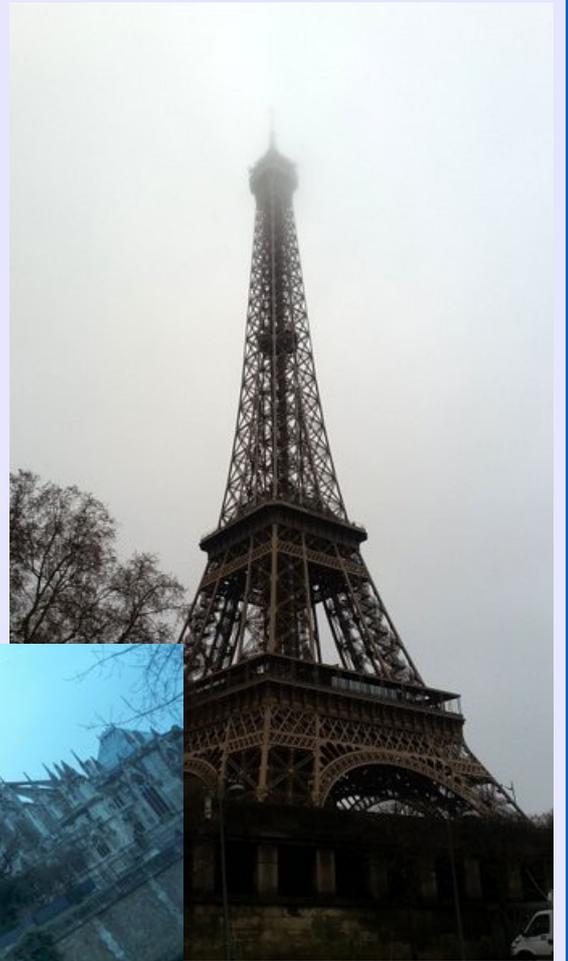
**Rosie rules! Role on the next round!**



Ade graciously accepts defeat and congratulates Rosie



*A day out in Paris  
with Rachel*



**H2H tactics.****Meet the master of extreme camouflage!**

Desperate to retain his title of H2H champ, Alan has resorted to covert surveillance in order to assess his opponents techniques. Standing still as a rock behind his bow, he fades seamlessly into the background.

The sneaky devil,

**BUT - DID IT WORK?** See later!

**Which well-known people have birthdays in march?**

Steven Edwards

Mark Ramsey

Rachel Goode

Rosie Reynolds

**Happy Birthday**

(and a few not so well known people

Bruce Willis Daniel Craig

Albert Einstein Lady Gaga)

Special Birthday greetings to

**Rachel**

who is **18** on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.



Best Wishes Rachel from your dad and all the club.

**Another club record bites the dust (or was that the sawdust?)**

**January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**Hosts: Raydon Hall Archers**

**Venue: Wix Equestrian Centre**

**Round: American (60 yards, 50 yards, 40 yards 30 arrows at each distance)**

This is the first outdoor shoot of the year shot indoors! inside a big equestrian hall which is not heated. This was supposed to be attended by myself, Nick Daynes and David Fellman but Nick and I could not go in the end so David went alone.

David reported that this was a very enjoyable shoot and not as cold as expected. David went on to produce an excellent score taking the Blue Arrows club record.

**Results**

**David Fellman** Compound 798 Club record

*Mike Gissing*

Mike's cartoons are becoming educational.

This visual treat shows us how far archery has evolved over the ages

*"In my tribe we welcome guests by exchanging weapons".*



### Colin Betts puts paid to Alan's hope of retaining Head to Head record.

Despite Alan's surveillance tactics employed earlier, Alan could not outshoot Colin in their hard fought match to get into the next round of the Handicap Head to Head.



As you can see Colin felt really sad about knocking Alan out of the competition and was pictured here offering heartfelt and sincere commiserations in typical Blue Arrows style to a rather downhearted Alan.

## Record-breaking Rosie

After beating Ade in the H2H, **Rosie Reynolds** went on to get a new **U14 girls recurve record** with a score of **376**. **Well done Rosie!**

( She also does some seriously nice baking as we found out when celebrating her birthday – I think she should be awarded a Blue Arrows baking excellence badge!)

### Natalie Skilton

was elected at the A.G.M to the new non committee post of Social Secretary.



### Sarah takes over the treasury

Following the resignation of **Rob Garnham** as treasurer, **Sarah Harvey** has boldly offered to step into his financial shoes and was duly elected as treasurer at the AGM.



Don't be fooled by the smile, however, she will be every bit as ruthless as Rob in parting you from your money.

### Some March Days to remember!

- Sun March 6<sup>th</sup> - **Mothers day** – Don't forget the flowers & chocs.
- Thurs March 10<sup>th</sup> - **NO CLUB NIGHT**
- Sun March 20<sup>th</sup> - **Spring equinox** – The official start of spring. Stonehenge open today for 'Druids, pagans and other revellers' - fancy dress optional.
- Thurs March 24<sup>th</sup> – **H2H quarter finals** to be shot by today
- Sun March 27<sup>th</sup> - **Easter Sunday**– hot cross buns and easter eggs.  
**ALSO the start of British Summer Time** – put the clocks forward one hour.
- Thurs March 31<sup>st</sup> - **H2H semi finals**. Don't miss it – especially if you are lucky enough to still be in it!

### Returning equipment to the container?

The equipment in the container has to be well maintained and neatly stacked.

**Please** help us to keep it shipshape and in good order by putting everything back where it should be.

**We don't have any servants to do the job. We have to do it ourselves!**

**Apologies to Colin and Alan** for taking a slight liberty with their photo – it just seemed to fit in with the spirit of their match!

(Please send any resulting litigation cases to the club secretary)