



# Club Newsletter September 2024

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2024, with a roundup of news in this current year which for me started with the resignation of the previous secretary resulting in my taking his place as Acting Secretary in March 2024.

We held my first AGM in June when I was confirmed in the position of secretary and the remaining members of the committee were approved for the 24-25 year. Our coach Paul Simister resigned at the meeting but we were able to welcome Kevin Brownhill as his replacement. Kevin had recently passed his coaching qualification and had expected to be the number two, however he has settled in quickly to his number one role.

Our membership has increased by over 50% during the summer, in the main thanks to Kevin running a beginners course in September and another one in October. This will still leave a waiting list of prospective members and the committee are exploring ways in which we can ease the load for Kevin.

The NFAS has made changes to membership classes, all new archers who complete the beginner's course are now placed in the Provisional Class and after a suitable period of time will progress to Full Membership after an assessment by the coach. We are also getting a number of archers joining the club who have previous experience at archery or are currently Target Archers looking to start 3D Field Archery. On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> we had a group of such archers together with a Junior who was already a NFAS full member who was looking to join the club and one of our beginners who our coach felt was sufficiently advanced to warrant an assessment. Several of our experienced archers and committee members joined the groups to assist in showing the archers around the course, by definition an experienced archer is a member of the NFAS and has had at least two years continuous experience since achieving full membership status. Any provisional members who are shooting our course must be accompanied by such an experienced archer.

The other type of membership is the Associate and again there is a new class of Unconfirmed Associate, similar rules apply to this class of member as apply to provisional members but they can be signed off by any experienced full member of the NFAS. Associate membership is a non shooting class of member who is allowed to accompany other archers on the course, for example a guardian for a junior member, any member under the age of 18.



We have a full list of the membership classes on our web site which is a copy of the details freely available on the NFAS web site.

This leads me on to another issue that is possibly not well understood by members, especially those new to the club but is clearly shown on the maps in the sign in enclosure on the barn in the car park, and in and on the club house. The course (the Woods) starts at the gate next to the tag board and extends down to the land boundary on the far side of the stream. The practise ground and the car park areas do not form part of the woods and fall under a different set of rules designed by the NFAS and its insurers to allow persons who are not members of the NFAS to be trained and for archers who are new to field archery to commence their assessment. The barn, and the ground in front of the barn is also part of the training area and the car park is not a shooting area. A recent change by the land owner will allow the area in first field that is fenced off and gated to be used as an overflow car park, but bear in mind this is only suited for 4x4 vehicles.

There is no requirement for those who only shoot on the practise ground to be full members nor for provisional archers shooting on the practise ground to be accompanied by experienced archers. Beginners and persons who want to try archery can shoot on the practise grounds either on a beginners course or to 'Have a Go' when accompanied by the coach and those experienced archers the coach chooses to assist him. When such courses are in progress it is requested that other members keep clear of the practise area unless the club coach has requested your presence or you are a committee member carrying out your duties. The next beginners' course begins in October so please avoid the practise area whilst the beginners are being trained.

As part of the new rulings from NFAS we have appointed a Child Protection Officer and an Assistant to ensure we can cater for both male and female members who need advice. The club has also published a Child Protection Policy in line with current requirements, a copy of which is available on the notice board in the club house. A separate page on our web site covers our child protection policy.

We have also produced a privacy policy which is again published on a page on our web site which covers all forms of data we hold on our members, your rights to view such data that applies to yourself and to request items to be removed. We currently only keep details of NFAS membership, and names addresses, email addresses and phone numbers all of which are necessary for us to communicate with our members, and fulfil our duties to the NFAS and its insurers.



We held our first club shoot of 2024 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July with some twenty archers taking part with the results as follows:

Free Style	Steve Sharp	474
American Flatbow	Jaine Whitford	354
Hunting Tackle	Derek Sharland	518
Long Bow	Barry Weston	460
	Bob Scott	446
	Terry McMillan	406
Bare Bow	Richard Ford-Triana	572
	Kevin Brownhill	470
	Stuart Armstrong	278
Trad Bow Hunter	John Bowhay	478
	Phil Smith	440
	Malcolm Brook	438

The committee is proposing to run more shoots for club members running over a weekend with all club members eligible to shoot. Score cards will be provided and should be returned via the honesty box positioned close to the visitors enclosure. We will confirm the date of these shoots in due course.

We held our Open Shoot on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August with nearly eighty archers attending from across the south west, we were complimented on a successful shoot by a number of competitors:-

**“We thoroughly enjoyed your recent shoot, it is such a pleasure to see targets laid so realistically and sympathetically - and deceptively!!!”**

So congratulations to our course layers, all those who helped out on ‘work parties’ prior to the shoot, and all club members who participated as Marshalls and helped in the food tent during the shoot.

Ashcombe Valley Archers 25th August 2024

Sunday morning arrived after a couple of wet days, with a fine day and after final preparations and the arrival of seventy seven archers from around the South West we managed a 10:00AM start. The fine weather stayed with the exception of a blustery period in the afternoon but as major part of the shoot was in the woods it did not cause any problems for the competitors. Feedback from our visitors was all positive, they congratulated the club on a well organised shoot which they enjoyed, especially the cheese cake at the food tent which disappeared quickly.

Thank you to all our members who helped to prepare the course and on the day of the shoot, a great job done by all.

We had 21 first place medals who all received an engraved coaster, a tradition we hope to continue so they can all collect a set.

Surname	Forename	Club	Gents/Ladies	Snr/Jnr	Style	Score
Twigg	Sophie	Exmouth	Ladies	Senior	AFB	506
Walter	Jane	Bowmen of Bude	Ladies	Senior	AFB	478
Sharples	Erin	Brixham	Ladies	Senior	AFB	448
Peeling	Jane	Yew Tree	Ladies	Senior	AFB	280

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Butt	Daryl	Brixham	Gents	Senior	AFB	548
Peeling	Roy	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	AFB	492
Bennett	Scott	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	AFB	458
Tipping	Brian	Torquay	Gents	Senior	AFB	292

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Walker-Cook	Charlie	Yew Tree	Boys	Junior	AFB	396

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Potier	Warren	Independent	Gents	Senior	BB	614
Gilbert	Rob	Ballards	Gents	Senior	BB	604
Twigg	Rob	Exmouth	Gents	Senior	BB	602
Winmill	David	Westcombe	Gents	Senior	BB	584
Axford	Martin	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	BB	546
Cain	Pasty	South Hams	Gents	Senior	BB	520
Topps	Andy	Thornbury	Gents	Senior	BB	442
Dickenson	Ben	Brixham	Gents	Senior	BB	436
Hayter	David	Independent	Gents	Senior	BB	420
Manley	Nick	Westcombe	Gents	Senior	BB	370

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Topps	Sue	Thornbury	Ladies	Senior	BB	494
Dyson	L.J.	South Hams	Ladies	Senior	BB	468
Boyde	Melisa	Muscovy	Ladies	Senior	BB	386
Fry	Denise	Muscovy	Ladies	Senior	BB	338

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Axford	Elizabeth	Muscovy	Girls	Junior	BB	494

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Axford	Willow	Muscovy	Cubs Girls	Junior	BB	358

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Walter	Trevor	Elm Tree	Gents	Senior	BH	634

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Dickie	Gordon	Bowmen of Bude	Gents	Senior	FS	398

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Fryer	Dave	Brixham	Gents	Senior	HT	602
Martin	John	Bude	Gents	Senior	HT	586
Allen	Paul	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	HT	458
Buckley	Philip	Brothers In Arms	Gents	Senior	HT	448
Jackson	Terry	Independent	Gents	Senior	HT	442
Schofield	Mike	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	HT	436
Hibbert	Albert	Independent	Gents	Senior	HT	422
Butt	Kieran	Brixham	Gents	Senior	HT	414
Turner	Alan	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	HT	394
Neal	Malcolm	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	HT	380

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Gulliver	Rae	Bowmen of Bude	Ladies	Senior	HT	512
Perris	Alison	Brothers In Arms	Ladies	Senior	HT	420

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Richards	Sarah	Brixham	Ladies	Senior	LB	538
Wells	Pauline	Ballards	Ladies	Senior	LB	342
Smith	Karen	Yew Tree	Ladies	Senior	LB	312

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Smith	Darren	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	LB	564
Waters	Gary	Brixham	Gents	Senior	LB	514
Proctor	Rory	Westcombe	Gents	Senior	LB	428
Mudie	Ian	Bowmen of Bude	Gents	Senior	LB	408

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Hatch	Graham	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	PV	492

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Shelton	Andrew	S Hams	Gents	Senior	TBH	616
Groombridge	James	Independent	Gents	Senior	TBH	564
Read	John	Brixham	Gents	Senior	TBH	554 4.
Acland	Chris	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	TBH	554 3.
Baxter	Ian	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	TBH	544
Hawken	Nick	Muscovy	Gents	Senior	TBH	534
Bennett	Jack	Bude	Gents	Senior	TBH	520
Start	Jim	S Hams	Gents	Senior	TBH	502
Batten	John	S Hams	Gents	Senior	TBH	474
Paine	Dave	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	TBH	466
Bleazard	Mark	Independent	Gents	Senior	TBH	428
Heap	Wayne	Yew Tree	Gents	Senior	TBH	416
Mudie	Joseph	Bude	Gents	Senior	TBH	410

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Cotterill	Julie	Yew Tree	Ladies	Senior	TBH	478
Axford	Chloe	Muscovy	Ladies	Senior	TBH	474
Sharples	Rachel	Brixham	Ladies	Senior	TBH	444
Paine	Adele	Yew Tree	Ladies	Senior	TBH	402
Herzog	Lauren	Bude	Ladies	Senior	TBH	394

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Shelton	Oscar	S Hams	Boys	Junior	TBH	510

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Rushby	Toby	Brixham	Cub	Junior	TBH	470

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Evans	Derek	South Hams	Gents	Senior	TD	614
Treholme	Stephen	Windwhistle	Gents	Senior	TD	426

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Dart	Jacob	Brixham	Gents	Senior	UL	746
Hearson	Alan	Umberleigh	Gents	Senior	UL	716
Vanstone	Trevor	Elmtree	Gents	Senior	UL	706
Nash	Dave	Exmouth	Gents	Senior	UL	696
Waters	Jon	Westcombe	Gents	Senior	UL	436

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Parkinson	Andrew	Independent	Gents	Senior	XB	732
Winmill	Ryan	Westcombe	Gents	Senior	XB	624
Monroe	Marylin	South Hams	Gents	Senior	XB	548





It has come to my notice that some of the newer members do not know who the committee members are, they are all listed on the 'contact us' web page of our web site and listed in the current copy of the constitution on display in the club house.

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