



Club Newsletter May 2026

Welcome to the latest Newsletter, after a very wet winter we are now experiencing some very varied weather from hottest day on record to continuous if not light rain and cold temperatures. All that mud produced by the winter rains seem to have mostly dried up and we can traverse the new course without having to worry about slipping. The course was re-laid early in the year whilst our Chairman was sorting out his knee and we are now rotating anti clockwise around the course. A lot of work has been done on the Ash trees and there are plenty of trunks still to move up to the wood storage shed. A further visit by the Arborist is expected later in the year to check that all is no well..

Course Layout

The course was completely re-laid and the direction reversed with some very interesting new shots requiring more thought being required by the archers to avoid foliage in the woods. Due to the limited area we had to reduce the number of targets so there are now four single targets on the twenty pegs rather two on each peg.

Work Parties

We have had some new members helping out on work parties but need more helpers to reduce the workload on the small number of members who regularly turn up to help with course maintenance. We are appealing for more of our younger members to step up and join the work parties, dates for work parties will be given on the WhatsApp group and Facebook pages.

New Targets

We expect to place an order for new targets later this year with a budget of around £4500 so there should be some interesting new targets for the latter part of the year.



Beginners Course

The 'Beginners Course' is produced a new group of members boosting our number to over 120 however there are a number of archers who are no longer using the course so we can expect a reduction in numbers during June when membership fees get paid. A second course is planned for August, our list of those who wish to attend has reduced somewhat but we expect to have a full list when the course starts.

Changes in the insurance that is provided by NFAS now requires all those attending a beginners course to have provisional membership before they attend the course making it more expensive in the short term but overall the cost of getting ready to become a member of the club remains the same.

Other changes by the NFAS involve the definition of an 'Experienced Archer' which is no longer defined by the NFAS even though the use the term readily, it appears that clubs must now decide on who is an 'Experienced Archer' and we are working to resolve this.

AVA Monthly Challenge

The monthly AVA challenge has continued throughout the year with new members joining in and getting some excellent scores. A group of archers from the top two divisions is regularly coming back from open shoots with a nice haul of medals. The challenge is free, and open to all members, just fill in a score card, which are available in the Visitors enclosure, and leave it in the Honesty Box. You can make more than one entry during the month and the best score will be used for that month. There are prizes of engraved wooden plaques for first place in each of the four divisions, archers will be placed in the relevant division based on their handicap average scores and move up or down as the handicap average changes.

Scoring using archery apps is OK, just send the results by email to secretary@ashcombevalleyarchers.club, and save some paper.

Medieval Shoot

We are planning a medieval themed shoot for July 19th using an unusual set of targets which we recently acquired, only wooden arrows are allowed and there is a fine for any archers not wearing medieval attire.

As I don't attend many Open shoots myself, I will be pleased to accept items to include in the New Letter from those members who regularly attend these external shoots.



For our newer members the committee members 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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