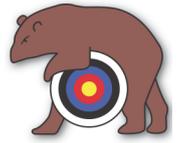


Bere Facts

NEWSLETTER OF FOREST OF BERE BOWMEN



December 2018



Soup and Shoot



For our newer members to the club, on New Years day, we get together and shoot a Frostbite round, followed by a hot cup of soup and a roll. After the Christmas period, it's a good chance to get some fresh air, and have a chat.

Also we award a medal for the best Handicap reduction, of the 2018 season. For newcomers who have not been shooting long, it is a great opportunity to see how they have progressed with their shooting.

Please come along, we have a little fun, and it certainly gets rid of the cobwebs.

If you wish to come would you please inform Tony, so he has numbers for the catering. e-mail anthony-arnold1@sky.com

Or **Mobile : 07973468960**



Dates for your Diary

1st January Soup & Shoot

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The Old Days

Dave and Doreen Revel, were kind enough to give me some pictures of the original Club-house when they first took over the field. I thought you might like to see, how the club started.



The picture on the left, shows a much younger looking Dave and Doreen.

Also on the left of Dave is Brian Williams and his wife, who were one of the founder members of the Club.

As you can see Mainly White was the uniform of the day.

From the start young Archers have been encouraged to take part, and it is still the same today, keeping the shooting members coming through.



Things have not changed, in the way we award the prizes. Also in the background, you can see the Bus Shelter, which has lasted well and is still giving us good service.



Message from the Chairman

It has been an interesting couple of months, all things considered. As you will know John and Gill recently stepped down and many thanks to them for the work they have done for the club over many years.

Several jobs have been undertaken, by committee and club members, to ensure that the club functions well. Clearly, the car park has been a great success and we had to buy a blower to keep it clear of leaves, during this Autumn period. The entrance gate fence has been secured, the clubhouse has been tidied up and the Portaloo has been serviced, to name just some of the things that have taken place.

If you have read the minutes of the last committee meeting, you will know that we discussed changing the lock on the main gate. It was old, and it was fairly easy to open it, even without knowing the combination! A new lock has now been fitted and we will change the combination in due course, when members have been informed.

It was great to get an email from the Trust, starting the process for securing a new five-year lease. We look forward to finalising the lease early in the new year and considering the future.

On a couple of recent occasions, various members of the committee received communications from club members and these were of a 'scattergun' nature, which made it difficult to know who should (or did) respond and when. You will see that Bere Facts now has a contacts page and I would ask members to make any contact using the email address (or speak to a committee member), so that the correct person receives the enquiry. However, if you have a simple question for a particular committee member, such as asking the Records Officer for your handicap, you could use the published list of committee contacts.

Hopefully many of you will attend the Soup and Shoot on New Year's Day and it would be terrific to see all the targets being used. I'm sure that it will be a fun day and if you are going to come along, please let Tony Arnold know, so that enough soup is available for everyone.

I'm sure we all look forward to enjoying another great year of archery and my thanks to all the members who volunteer and take on jobs to keep the club in excellent shape. In the meantime, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Vince Ibbs

Chairman/Treasurer



Les Cooper's Christmas poem

**Merry Santa**

'Twas the night before Christmas and in the house
something was moving, it wasn't a mouse.
With a very loud crash, down the chimney he fell
in a cloud of soot, with a very loud yell.
As he sat on the floor mumbling to himself
he noticed something on the mantle shelf.

A plate of biscuits and a very tall glass
of whiskey, he thought "this is first class".
He drank the whiskey and the biscuits he ate
then licked the crumbs off the empty plate.
He wanted some more and a bottle he found
and several more glasses he managed to down.

He knew he was merry when he started to laugh
then wobbled a bit and fell down on the hearth.
He couldn't stand up so on the carpet he lay,
fell asleep, and forgot about the sleigh.
An Elf on the roof near the chimney stack
knew something was wrong when he hadn't come back.

He found Santa asleep flat out on the floor
"you've drunk too much and mustn't have more".
He managed to get him back to the sleigh
and very merrily they went on their way.
The night went by in a drunken haze
and when Santa got home he was still in a daze.

Mrs Claus took one look and knew what he'd done
"you've had a good night, that must have been fun".
"I've got a hangover and an aching head,
so if it's alright I'll just go to bed".
She tucked him in with a pill for the pain.
"Thank you dear, I won't do that again"

Les Cooper



A Christmas Cartoon by John Cabell



GREAT ISN'T IT! NOW WE'VE GOT THE NEW CAR PARK
YOU FEEL YOU CAN COME UP ANY TIME! ☆

Thank you John
For another
great drawing.
Hopefully con-
ditions will not
get this bad.



New Club Shirts



Wayne Goble has kindly designed a Tournament Club Shirt for us. These new shirts are available to buy, for the price of £24.00.

They are a pleasant change, and have been asked for, by our Archers shooting at other venues. If you wish to order, please contact Wayne. He's details are on the Contact page.

Wayne is also working on a Tracksuit version, if you would just like to buy the top, you will be able to do so, details are to follow.



Local shoots coming up by John Taylor

Tournament Date	Club & Venue	Shoot Name	Round Name	Bow Type	County Status Awards
January 20th	<u>Guildford Archery C</u>	Indoor Open	WA25	ALL	WRS+FITA target awards
January 20th	<u>Bournemouth Archery</u>	Indoor Open	Portsmouth Non RS	ALL	Medals only
February 2nd	<u>Hampshire Archery Association</u>	Indoor Champs	WA18 & WA25 Combined	ALL	WRS
February 3rd	<u>Hampshire Archery Association</u>	Indoor Champs	WA18	C/P and REC	WRS
February 3rd	<u>Hampshire Archery Association</u>	Indoor Champs	Portsmouth	BB & LB	UKRS
February 23rd	<u>Old Basing Archers</u>	Battle of Basing	Vegas + Nerves of steel	ALL	Non RS Medals only
February 24th	<u>Old Basing Archers</u>	Battle of Basing	WA25+WA18	ALL	WRS+SCAS Champs



FoBB Business



The next meeting of the FoBB Committee will be **Thursday 21st February 2019**. Further meetings will be held on **Thursday 16th of May 2019 and Wednesday 7th August 2019**. All items discussed in these meetings will be published in the minutes of the meeting and be available to view on the website.

The list of Committee members is also available on the FoBB web site at :

<http://www.forestofberebowmen.co.uk/memberspage/admin/COMMITTEE%20MEMBERS.htm>

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We're on Facebook

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Just a note

The username and Password to access the Members area on website, can be found in the Handbook, an update will be sent out shortly.