



# Newsletter July 2012

## Special points of interest:

- Second edition of the new look club newsletter.
- Club Secretary Update.
- Club Championships.
- Update on events our members have been taking part in.
- Field Archery update
- 7 Clubs competition
- Junior corner.

## Welcome!

Welcome to the second edition of the club's newsletter. I am hoping to publish them every couple of months.

A successful annual Club Championships took place in July, congratulations to all the winners.

A general update on what our club members have been

up to.

Updates from Junior corner where we find out what Vikki, Nicola and Oliver have been up to.

Also an update on Viv, Victoria and Andy's Field Archery competitions.

I managed to take a few pictures of people

shooting at the field in June which are scattered within the Newsletter this month.

On a final note some of you will be glad to hear that my hat has been "Caitlyn-napped" so less chance that a jet plane will accidentally land in our field!



Alli Mawhinney—PR Officer

## Club Championships—15 July



Len Creswell shooting barebow

The weather was kind this year and we had a sunny day for the championships. Thanks to Scot for judging on the day, and here are a few highlights and pictures!



Scot and Graeme discussing finer points of judging



The day's results:

**Overall winner (handicap):** Nicola Topliss

**Recurve senior:** Richie Mellor, 2nd place Scot Gibson

**Senior compound:** Malcolm Lewis

After a surprise

shoot off - **bare bow winner:** Oliver Topliss

**Recurve junior:** Nicola Topliss

**Veteran:** Jim Streets

**Best gold:** Malcolm Lewis

**Petticoat:** Nicola Topliss

**Pat Fairclough** (most golds) Carol Morris Lewis

**25 Trophy:** Andy Sawyer

**Toxophilis book:** Graeme Gibson

Congratulations to all those who achieved records for the day.

**Single Warwick record:**

Richie Mellor, Nicola Topliss, Ollie Topliss, and Carol Morris Lewis.

**Double Warwick records for:**

Malcolm Lewis, Carol Morris Lewis, Richie Mellor, Ollie Topliss, and Nicola Topliss.



Veteran winner—Jim Streets

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### Club Secretary Update

**Each newsletter I will be updating you on developments in Neston Company of Archers.**

**Please let me know if there is anything specific that you would like to see included.**

#### **Constitution:**

The Revised constitution was approved at the annual general meeting. A laminated copy is available in the container and I would encourage all archers to read it to ensure they are familiar with it.

#### **Forms:**

A revised accident / incident form is also in the container together with guidance notes on what should be reported and what immediate action should be taken in the event of an incident. There is also a

solo shooting form disclaimer which must be completed if you wish to solo shoot on the field. Just a reminder to fill in a missing arrow form if you lose an arrow on the field as a couple of arrows have been found recently with no corresponding form. This is an important health and safety requirement.

#### **Membership renewal:**

Membership renewal forms have been sent out to all members. Please complete and return in accordance with the required timescales to ensure that the club can submit its return to archery GB on time.

#### **Committee minutes and frequency:**

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that the

minutes (once approved at the following committee) would be made available to members. Initially these will be emailed out to members with an email address held by the club. Once the website has been revised the minutes will be held on a members only section of the website. The committee will be meeting every 2 months. If there is anything that you feel the committee should be considering on behalf of its members please let me know.

#### **Help for tri clout:**

Neston Company of Archers will be hosting the tri clout again this year. Volunteers are needed for each of the 3 days of the competition for a variety of tasks. Please let Malcolm know if you are able to help out. The event is on 25th



*Helen Porter Club secretary (above)*

### Seven Clubs competition June 2012

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June dawned. It was the day of the Windsor round at CCB's ground to celebrate the Queens' Jubilee for the 7 clubs.

There was some concern if Neston would have enough to field a team at the event but Lindsey Lawrence, Viv Guthrie, Mark Bathgate and Jim Streets ventured forth, enough for a team to represent Neston.

The weather stayed dry although dark clouds threatened rain and it remained blustery wind conditions for the 9 dozen arrows shot. Archers were encouraged to wear red, white & blue & received a

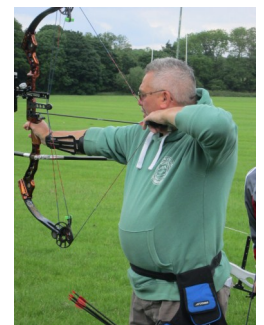
Jubilee commemorative badge sourced by the secretary Bob Crate.

Despite this, Lindsey Lawrence won the Ladies Recurve Handicap, Viv Guthrie won the Ladies Longbow handicap and Mark Bathgate won the Mens Compound handicap.

What was truly amazing was Mark shooting an almost perfect round (only 2 points adrift) and able to claim a Cheshire record. Viv Guthrie who also shot a Cheshire record in the Longbow was able to claim the new 3 gold end for longbows. Jim was pleased and shot a personal

best on the day.

7 clubs will be celebrating 30 years in 2013 come & join in the fun!



*Jim Streets (above); Lindsey, Mark, Jim and Viv (below)*







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### Club member update



*Bill shooting at the field  
in June and Jim (Below)*



A few of our members have been out and about again in the last couple of months. Also there is a special update on Field Archery on page 3.

In June the 7 Clubs competition took place with a small representation from Neston, more details on page 3.

Graeme Steele represented Neston at this years National UK Masters invitational event at Lilleshall. Graeme achieved a 4th place in the gents compound after a fairly gruelling 2 day competition closely behind 3rd place. There was some interesting weather, such as some horizontal rain.

Graeme followed this up with a 2nd place at the



*Nicola and Jim Streets  
(Above)*

WMAS open county championships and qualification as a reserve for the England squad again.

We also had a successful Club Championships slightly later in the year than normal but the weather was dry.

Full results featured on page 1.



*Andy Mara shooting at  
the field (Above)*

### Junior Corner

Our juniors are still active with Vikki, Nicola and Oliver taking part in competitions.

On the 14/15th July Vikki retained her English under 18 junior girl field title down in Somerset with a new Cheshire record score. She has held this title for the last three years and as she goes to Senior status in November she will retire from the junior ranks undefeated in this competition. This coming weekend the 21/22nd Vikki will be com-

peting in the junior UK Champs down in South Wales. Good luck!

We had a brief update on Oliver and Nicola's competition in May in the Cheshire County Bowmen's tournament. Oliver came 6th in the Boys recurve and Nicola also came 6th in the Girls recurve a very good result for both.



*Victoria Mara (Above)  
Oliver Topliss (Below)*



*Nicola Topliss shooting  
at the field (Above)*



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### Field archery Activities

Update from Andy Mara:

On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May Victoria and I took part in the All British Field Archery Champs down in Newbury. In the field where the book Watership Down was written as it happens!

Although a senior event, juniors shooting the senior distances are allowed to compete. Victoria came second and, well lets say, I enjoyed the walk round!!!

She is now building up to hopefully retain her English junior field title in Wiltshire

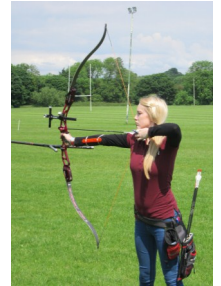
followed by the junior UK field champs in South Wales in July.

In the same competition, Watership Down, Viv won the Ladies Longbow and was awarded the Victoria Trophy. The weather was very windy on the first day although the sun shone brightly for both days. Dehydration was a real threat as the shooting took place in 2 huge chalk bowls with cliffs so high that we were above the red kites flying around at times. The terrain could be tricky at times with lots of rabbit holes to

put your foot down! Very few targets were upright and judging the distances was difficult due to the terrain but great fun!

At Dearne Valley field shoot in Yorkshire Viv shot a combined 24 Fita Longbow British Record which has now been ratified and Victoria Mara shot a Cheshire Record.

If anyone would like to know a little more about Field Archery please contact Viv



*Victoria Mara  
taken on Neston  
Field Jun 2012*



*Viv Guthrie*

### Anything you would like to see

If there is anything anyone would like to see or add to in the next edition I would

really appreciate the help!  
Please email me at  
[Allison@freki.co.uk](mailto:Allison@freki.co.uk).

I hope you enjoyed this edition.