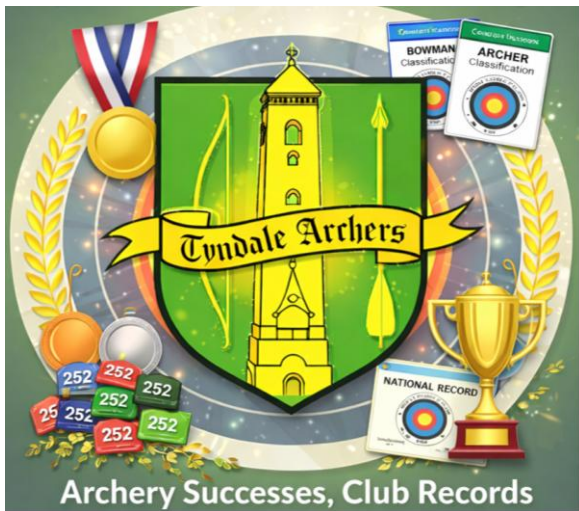


Tyndale Archers Newsletter



Welcome to the spring newsletter. As we look forward to longer days and warmer weather it can only mean one thing - the outdoor season is upon us. Please make note of the important changes about shooting at Woodfields at the end, but first...

🏹 Beginners Course 🏹

We will be holding a beginner's course at Woodfields school on 11th and 12th, and the 18th and 19th of April. Volunteers will be needed for both weekends, along with bakers to feed lots of hungry archers! If you are planning on baking something, please bear in mind that Woodfields is a nut free zone, so no coffee and walnut cake or peanut butter cookies! If you can help on either weekend, please let Nicole know.

And speaking of volunteers being needed...

🎯 Have A Go's 🎯

Tyndale will be doing Have a Go archery again on both days of the Joust at Berkeley Castle this year over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The dates are the 30th and 31st August. Volunteers will be needed as it was extremely busy last year on both days. Dressing up is not required, but is suggested to keep within the medieval theme of the weekend. Nicole managed to acquire some costumes to wear last year while Tim and Chris S somehow got hold of some Templar looking costumes. Gemma has been given two 12th Century style dresses for use as well this year so if you want something to wear to get into the spirit of things, just ask, and you too can look like a Norman peasant! Alternatively, the club top will do.



There will also be a Have a Go at Frampton Country fair this year too. This will be on the Sunday 13th September and will also need volunteers to man the stall, so to speak. Dressing up is not needed for this one, though waterproofs may be if the weather is anything like last year!

If you are available to help for either of these, then please let Nicole know.

🏆 Tournament news 🏆

In January Dave took part in the Warwickshire Indoor champs and won his category while Andrew H took part in the Welsh Indoors and won silver in his.

Feb 1st was a busy day for Tyndale archers as 11 took part in Bowmen of Minchinhampton inaugural Portsmouth competition at Archway school in Stroud, while Dave M drove all the way to Boston in Lincs for another competition. Congratulations to Dave for winning his tournament and the indoor series he was taking part in, while at BoM, Caroline and Nicole won their categories, Andrew H and Nicky won silver in their respective categories while Alain, Chris S and Gemma won bronze in theirs.

Caroline took part in the Devon and Cornwall Indoor champs at won her category and also finished third in her category at the GWAS indoor champs.

In March, it was the Gloucestershire Indoor champs, where Dave won gold in his category, while Alain, Andrew H and Nicole won silver in theirs.



Club Records

From Alain, records officer:

Awards and Records (spring 2026)

We're coming to the end of a successful indoor season.
So far, we have two new **club records**:

- Caroline Wynn - Ladies Recurve **WA 18m: 534**
- Andrew Hamilton - Gents 50+ Recurve **Portsmouth: 556**

Congratulations to both of you. Very impressive!

Indoor Classifications

Eight archers have gained new indoor classifications.

Classification	Names	
Indoor Bowman 1st Class	Andrew Hamilton	
Indoor Bowman 2nd Class	Simon Wellicome	
Indoor Bowman 3rd Class	Gemma Higgins, Mike Chinnick	
Indoor Archer 1st Class	Andrew Evans, Michael Fishpool, Nicky Seaton	
Indoor Archer 3rd Class	Tom Chinnick	

These classifications recognise consistent performance. Well done to all of you!

Looking forward to the 2026 outdoor season...

Outdoor 2026 Initial Handicaps

Name	Bow Style	Handicap
Alain Cottignies	Barebow	58
Amanda Cale	Longbow	79
Caroline Wynn	Recurve	52
Daniel Taylor	Recurve	44
Gemma Higgins	Barebow	59
James Rolfe	Recurve	61
Katie Powe-Bailey	Barebow	71
Michael Fishpool	Barebow	62
Simon Wellicome	Recurve	55

Keep logging those rounds! Plenty of badges available for blinging your quiver :)

For the newer archers, award badges are available once you are getting most of your arrows in the blue/red/gold. If you are looking for a target to aim for once outdoors, may I point you here: <https://www.tyndalearchers.co.uk/252-award-scheme-2/>

Mentoring

The club will be bringing in mentoring for novice archers who want some advice from the more experienced club members regarding technique along with hints and tricks they have picked throughout the years regarding their bow style. This will start with the outdoor season. There will usually be one there at each Woodfields evening session Your club mentors for the various bow types are:

Barebow - Alain and Gemma

Compound - Dave M

Longbow/Traditional - Mandy and Nicole

Recurve - Gareth.

They are a friendly bunch, so if you want to know anything, just ask, although they aren't promising to have all the answers! Anything too technical might involve blank stares from Gemma!

🌳 Outdoors 🌳

The outdoor season will start on Tuesday 31st March at Woodfields school from 6pm until the light fades, until the end of September. There will be no indoor sessions running during this time. Just a reminder for those of you who are needing to get, or want to get, new arrows - no 100% carbon arrows are allowed to be used at Woodfields, due to the fact that it's a school field and carbon arrows cannot be found with a metal detector. The last thing we want is for some 5 year old to get injured on an lost arrow during the school playtime. And from experience, if you can't find that errant arrow in the evening, the kids will certainly manage to find it the next day!

I have also received this message from Gareth about changes to the upcoming outdoor season:

Club Improvements

We're fast approaching the latest outdoor shooting season and can't wait for it to begin. This year the club will be making improvements to how we shoot outdoors based on your ideas.

As we progress through the season let the committee know about any tweaks and changes we can undertake to make it even better.

Here are the main changes for the 2026 season:

- a./ Shooting distances marked in both metres and yards
- b/. Change the alignment of the shooting lanes
- c/. Some weekend shooting sessions to be on a Saturday
- d/. Hold a BBQ shoot one weekend
- e/. Hold a fun closed tournament (Tyndale only) that all club members can compete equally in

- a./ Shooting distances marked in both metres and yards

Yard distance markers will continue to be used for all lanes but additionally 2 lanes will also have a different colour marker put out at 30, 50, 60, 70 and 80 metres.

- b/. Change the alignment of the shooting lanes

This is a work in progress with the aim of changing the range layout from being aligned with the road side hedge (the one behind the shooting line) to being aligned with the hedge running down the length of the shooting range. When standing on the shooting line this will make it easier to naturally align yourself with the correct target.

c/. Some weekend shooting sessions to be on a Saturday

Starting in May, the weekend shooting sessions will alternate each month between being on a Saturday and a Sunday ie:- May is on a Saturday, June on a Sunday, July on a Saturday, etc. See <https://www.tyndalearchers.co.uk/calendar/>

d/. Hold a BBQ shoot one weekend

The club will be holding a shooting day with a BBQ on Saturday 19th September. This is the same date as the fun club competition with a pause between the 2 stages of shooting to eat. Details to be finalised but we expect the BBQ to be open to family members as well.

e/. Hold a fun closed tournament (Tyndale only) that all club members can compete equally in

Hold the date. On Saturday 19th September a BBQ and fun club shoot will be held for all club members

This will be a handicap competition which means that everyone regardless of bow type, age and experience will be able to compete equally against one another. It will be National rounds (6 dozen over 2 distances) with a choice of distances to shoot to match your ability, Whilst it's just for fun, there will be medals and prizes.

The event organiser is Gareth Cook, who will provide further details on the competition and how to get and record a handicap to everyone soon.

Another change that needs to be noted that came from the AGM is that there will now be netting put behind the 100 metre target when it is in use. This is to stop arrows that miss landing on the school playground.



Dates for your Diaries

And finally! Here are the dates for competitions that are happening in the surrounding area.

Cleve Archers Spring Tournament - Double WA rounds. 26th April.

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/cleve-archers-tournaments/>

Cleve Archers Rose shoot - National rounds. 9th May.

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/cleve-archers-tournaments/>

Black and Gold Archers Spring tournament (Cheltenham, by the Gallagher and Kingsditch retail parks) - Imperial rounds. 17th May.

<https://blackandgoldarchers.co.uk/tournaments>

Llantarnam WA weekend (by Newport, Wales). 30th and 31st May. The Saturday will be a single WA 720 round followed head to heads, while the Sunday is a double WA 720 round. More information here:

<https://www.llantarnamarcheryclub.com/competitions>

Bowmen of Minchinhampton Annual tournament - Imperial rounds. 31st May.

<https://www.bowmenofminchinhampton.co.uk/tournaments/bom-annual-tournament-2026/>

Bath Archers Novices tournament (for archers who have been shooting for two years or less) - National rounds. 20th June.

<https://batharchers.org/events.php>

Tockington Archers BBQ shoot - National rounds. 5th July.

<https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2026/26521/BBQ%20Shoot%202026%20prospectus.pdf?time=2026-01-30+21%3A48%3A10>

Dunster week (On the grounds of Dunster castle, by Minehead, Somerset). Mixed rounds including target, field and clout. 13th-19th July.

<https://gwas.org.uk/gwas-tournaments/dunster-archery-week/>

Cleve Archers WA weekend 25th -26th July. WA 720 rounds. Similar format to the Llantarnam comp mentioned above - the Saturday will be a single WA720 round followed by heads to heads while the Sunday will be a double WA720 round.

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/cleve-archers-tournaments/>