



# Griffin Archers Newsletter



## June/July/August

### Whats Next???

Firstly we will be encouraging anyone who wants to, further distances and outdoor rounds. There will be a club "METRIC" round, just in club, but great practice.

- Our usual sessions, Tuesday from 5pm, Friday from 5pm and Sunday from 2pm!



**Founders Day – 25<sup>th</sup> June, An in-house shoot with trophies**

- **DO YOU HAVE A TROPHY TO RETURN FROM LAST YEARS FOUNDERS DAY? See Robyn to arrange return.**
- **Griffins First Open Competition – 9<sup>th</sup> July – an all day event, we need volunteers but also PLEASE enter yourself and enjoy the home advantage.**
- **July 16<sup>th</sup> – CLUB BBQ at Di and Johns house! Bring and share we will provide basic burgers – EVERYONE WELCOME**



### Family Fun Day....we did it!

During a historic coronation weekend Griffin Archers managed to set up and run a Family and Friends Fun Day, with our "Have-a-go" stall at the heart of everything and helping to get more people interested in "Start Archery Week" (an AGB nationwide promotion of Archery!).

The KuraKura curry truck was a huge and delicious success, filling the air with such exotic aromas. Only to be beaten by the amazing array of cake and sweet treats that the industrious bakers among us had created for sale! The clubhouse rivalled the bake-off tent.

Frantic treasure hunters raced to find all the clues and picnics were eaten amidst the fun and laughs of Tombola and splat the rat! King Bear got a name (King Charlie if you missed it!) and the lemon sherbets were counted. Finally the raffle was drawn and everyone who won was delighted.

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated or came along!

*Shall we do it all again next year???*



### Next Club Occasion is Founders Day Shoot 25<sup>th</sup> June!



### Griffin in Summer

Our outdoor home lends itself to us being able to take full advantage of being outdoors and embrace the British Summer! Rain, shine, wind, archery still happens. In fact the difference in the 1summer months is that the rain and wind are warmer! But, its important you are comfortable, safe and hydrated. So, bring and apply sun screen, have a chair, maybe bring a gazebo or shelter. Sunglasses, sun hats, and cover all rain coats/umbrellas. Bring drinks, have a sherbet lemon or two! Take a break from the weather for a couple of ends ( sun or rain). We are hoping to continue Tuesday, Friday and Sunday sessions. Currently from 5pm with the ability to be there till 8-30pm or later and 2pm on Sundays. But we need bodies there to accommodate this! Then there will be the options to meet up at other times via Wots App group or arrangement. As long as there is a keyholder and min of 3 over 18yr olds, our insurance is covered.

So, communication is key, whether its telling the line captain you're having a break, or speaking to other members about an ad-hoc session or two.



Lets enjoy the summer, safe and together!





### CHAIRMANs VOICE!

So we celebrated the Kings Coronation and our Family Fun Day was great fun! The Griffin family was out in force and really showed how we pull together. I definitely had fun and the atmosphere was really great. Raising £600 was immense, and I have some plans to put this into our "Indoor Venue of our own" fund. *Thanks to everyone who helped or attended.*

Well, we have had a glimpse of warmer weather, Di is chasing me with sun cream rather than my gloves! Please take note of the recommendations to stay safe and well, so we can continue to enjoy archery together!

Di and Robyn are busy with Founders Day! I'm taking bookings and getting things organized for our Open Competition.

I wanted to remind everyone that although the club is bigger and has more members than ever before our overall ethos remains "everyone can do archery, anyone can be an archer!" We remain a club that is run for the members and encourage you to pitch in and be as involved as you want to.

Di and I are always happy to hear suggestions and will always try and find a moment to listen and be there for you if you have an issue or need us. I should also remind you that we have a great support network, our vice-chairman – Scott, plus Robyn and the committee members Pete, Ryan and Kay. So, new members let us know if we can help you settle in, existing members don't put up with anything you're not happy with, let us know. We never judge and always try to accommodate!

I'm hoping to feel up to doing some more shooting with my new flat bow! We have a few new longbow users too so, its all change.

*End of month club shoot will be a May Metric. Then Founders Day in June. A Fun shoot in July will be rounded off with a lovely relaxed indoor shoot.*



See you on the shooting line.

John x

### ROGUES GALLERY!!!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR YOUR PHOTOS, SELFIES AND GENERAL FUN PICS OF YOUR ARCHERY. SO IF THERES AN ACHIEVEMENT, AN EPIC FAIL, A FUN TIME, OR JUST A PB, SEND THE PHOTO AND WE CAN USE IT! MAYBE ON THE WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, OR FB.



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### Griffin Archers Summer BBQ,



85 - 87 Norwood Road  
March PE15 8PX

**No archery today.** An ideal chance to

Socialise and have a burger. Chat about archery!

We provide basic burgers/sausages and some vegetarian options.



Partners and family all welcome.



Bring some food and drink to contribute.



*Through June and July coaches will have availability to work with members for refresh and performance assessments.*

*25<sup>th</sup> June – Founders Day, a classic Windsor, with trophies, of course with Cake to celebrate, 7 years of Griffin!*

*9<sup>th</sup> July – Griffin hosts its first Open competition. – lots of planning. John will front this, Di will run the admin – we need your HELP! Also, why not consider entering!*

*Through August Johns Chairmans challenge is the Elf Control Challenge - watch this space for details!*

*27<sup>th</sup> August – TRUFC music festival we are running a have-a-go No Archery session due to music festival. But help on the have a go welcomed.*



**Problem with payments? Forgot a payment?**

**Don't worry...we can help!**



As the majority of members pay their membership and target fees by monthly payment or as mandatory bank transfer/ standing order. If you know a payment has been missed just let Di know or send an email , [griffinarchers@gmail.com](mailto:griffinarchers@gmail.com). The world is tough enough, but Griffin needs regular payments to continue to work and grow! We can advise of your personal fee amounts if you are confused. Whether the bank has had a brain fart! Or you've had a change in circumstances. We know that times are tough so if you are struggling we can look at trying to help you for a short period.

*"We want happy archers enjoying archery, not worrying about money!"*



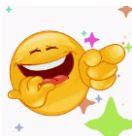
**Griffin Understands...**

That there are so many more of us within the club and so we use more targets and have busy sessions that need double detail shooting and lots of attention and care along the waiting line where there are more and more colourful bow kits set up.

We wanted to remind you that we still need help, set-up, take down. We understand not everyone can do everything, but we would like to think that all our members do as much as they can! There are always bad days! But there will always be a way or a time that you can be part of it all.

DO NOT worry, we all have BAD DAYS, or COMMITMENTS elsewhere, and everyone understands. But, don't think that the ranges sets itself up or takes itself down!

If you can arrive early, great. If you can stay late , fantastic! If you can just check if we have any bows from tasters or arrows and ground quivers that need putting away then that's a job that needs doing. Our big lovely Griffin family continue to enjoy archery and just want everyone to take a part in its continued success!



**Everyone is an Archer,  
in their own right, at Griffin.**



At Griffin our ethos has always been "everyone can do archery, anyone can be an archer!" . We try to be flexible, accessible and accommodating, we respect boundaries and confidentiality. We support and encourage, we validate and accept. We celebrate every achievement and enable individual archery journeys. So, if a form, or a member, asks or tells you a pronoun for their gender identity, they are no less a Griffin Archer and we accept their choice. We are ALL archers, on the shooting line, or catching up. We don't differentiate between age, ability, experience or gender.

*Our constitution and our club policies are available on our website and with Di in written format. Di is available to discuss any questions regarding this or other matters you may need support with – 07938554604 / [Dianne.searle91@gmail.com](mailto:Dianne.searle91@gmail.com)*





## Important Info!

Do you know what to do if you lose or can't find an arrow?



- Look for your arrow during arrow collection
- **Alert fellow archers** on the range, they will help!
- If not found on first search make **Line Captain** aware
- Search again at following arrow collection, Line Captain will **encourage volunteers to assist.**
- Make it known the colours and details of your missing arrow, **try to establish a general direction of its flight.**

**If an arrow remains unfound, despite everyone's best efforts, then as range is dismantled as many as possible should methodically look for the missing arrow. Keep Committee/coaching members aware of situation. We are aware that light and weather conditions are a factor. "LINE CAPTAIN HAS A RECORD OF LOST ARROW SHEET!" THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ARCHERS LEAVE SITE**

1. There should be a flag or two placed to locate the target that was missed, to give direction.
2. A KEYHOLDER will make the Rugby club aware of the potential hazard.
3. As the arrows owner, you should endeavour to make every effort to find your arrow.
4. This could mean turning up and searching again as soon as possible the next day.
5. Metal detector and rakes are available
6. Keep the Committee/Di and John aware of what is happening
7. "Kebab of rugby player" will lose us our venue, so finding a lost arrow or at least ensuring the Rugby club are aware, will ensure we maintain good relations with our landlords

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### We need more Storage – ideally another container!

So, we are looking for funding sources, grant opportunities or sponsorship that could help or provide this essential need for the club!

As we continue to expand as a club, we have the need to store and have more equipment available.

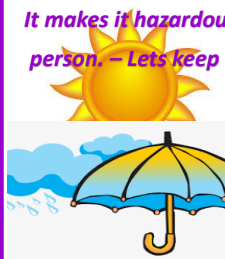
ANY IDEAS???  
ANY LOCAL CONTACTS?!



Let us know – Di, John, Scott, Robyn.

## Safety First!

*We like the help we get setting up  
And taking down the range. Remember  
Targets are a 2 person lift!  
Even moving them should be 2 person.  
Also, as the container gets full, we need  
To store these heavy items correctly.  
Piled high or needing to juggle items  
It makes it hazardous for the next  
person. – Lets keep each other safe !*



Standard Archery Target



### We need more committee members!

*Its not difficult, we are a managed committee, so minimal effort needed. But new ideas and opinions are always welcomed and with our continued expansion of membership we need you! Talk to Di/John/Scott/Robyn – usual crowd!*

