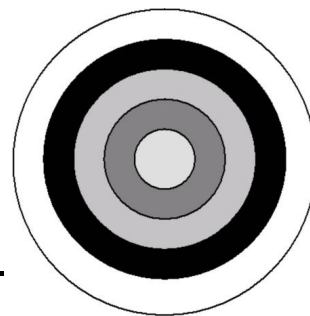




Malvern Archers

Target Times



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Dates for your Diary:

9th June

Manor Park Concert
and Picnic

17th June

Simon de Montfort
match vs Evesham

7-8th July

Junior National
Championships

14th July

Summer Fun Shoot

22nd July

Open Tournament

The Editor's Bit

I have been late in getting this issue out, as I intended to do it at the beginning of April, but I have been busy earning money (unfortunately a necessity). There are a lot of special events this year, starting with the Manor Park Centenary on 20th May. I attended for most of the day, had two very good helpings from the pig roast and watched some of the bowls match. How do they control where the woods go? It looks even more difficult than hitting that tiny gold circle 100 yards away.

We did fairly well with the Have-a-Go we put on for the other Manor Park Members. The Club's Treasurer, Pat Davis, was one of the first to try, and Chairman of the Trustees, Norman Rosser, came along to have a look as well. Tennis Chairman Jane Poynder took some photographs, though I

don't yet know where these might be published. A few of those who tried their hand at archery expressed an interest in a beginners course, so we may even get some new members from it. The next Manor Park event, which I hope many archers will attend, is the Concert on Saturday 9th June.

Grounds Officer Carlo has been looking into the possibility of building an indoor range at the bottom of the paddock. It looks as if it would fit in the space available, but would have to be used for several activities if it is to be financially viable, so let's have ideas about other sports or activities that could share a suitable building with us. This will be a long term project, but for a club that has existed for 102 years, let's look forward too.

Captain of the Horn

This unusual shoot was again held in two separate events, for Juniors and Seniors on 24th April. First Junior to hit the gold was Jason Relf, and Harrison Wilce later hit the first red to become Junior Lieutenant. There was still time left, so the competition continued to find the (unofficial) Sergeant of the Horn (blue), Corporal of the Horn (black) and even Private of the Horn (white). By this time the range was down to a few yards, but

Hannah still only managed to be Corporal.

The senior event was very short, as Dave Martel hit the gold with his first arrow (spoilsport!), surely an unprecedented occurrence (and world record luck). Then Mike Marsh hit the red on the second end, so the event was officially over in record time. However, it started to rain soon after that so some of us retired to the Nag's Head.

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Chairman's Column

Hello once again. Well we are back outside in the sunshine and very pleasant it is after the doldrums of winter. Having said that, it was good to see the field at Manor Park supported at weekends throughout the cold winter months by a number of us mad people!

However, I think the Dome was an excellent venue for indoor shooting, we now just need to change the night from a Friday to a more family and/or social life friendly week-night. Allan is on the case! I know I didn't manage to make it too often but thank you to those that did come down and support the club.

Anyway, back at Manor Park, there are a couple of events that are coming up to celebrate the centenary, which you may or may not be aware of. Firstly on Sunday 20 May there is the Centenary Day with a whole host of activities going on, including a free pig roast and an archery have-a-go in the afternoon. (*The Chairman at least, wrote his bit on time—Ed*) Secondly there is a concert on Saturday 9 June with a live band from 7:00pm. Both events promise to be good fun and it would also be good to support Manor Park as they are our lifeblood, providing us with almost unlimited access to our outdoor facilities.

Sticking to the social side of things, discussions have been had as to what to do for the fun shoot this year. We have decided that rather than just having it on a normal club night, we would make it a bit of a social gathering on a Saturday after-

noon/evening. This will involve the fun shoot in the afternoon, followed by a barbeque down the field. We are also looking to run a have-a-go session for partners, friends and family to join in the fun and you never know we might even recruit a few more members! This would be an excellent opportunity for old and new members to get to know each other and it would be great to see some of the members that are not regulars on club nights as well.

Another area where ideas and thoughts would be appreciated is for the website. Steve Short has been beavering away on the new site and is doing an excellent job of revamping it. We now therefore need some quality items to go on it, so if anyone has any ideas or even better can provide an article, feature, or just information, we would love to hear from you.

And finally, a club such as ours always benefits from new members, so if anyone has any ideas or useful contacts for promoting the club and its achievements, do let us know so that we can spread the word.

As you can see, we have a number of things coming up, including the tournament in July, so please get involved wherever and whenever you can, and have some fun whilst doing so.

See you soon,

Ashley

New Members

Welcome to:

David Williams

Elizabeth (Libby) Clarkson

Sally Telford

New members are the lifeblood of any Club. Whether you want to be the World Champion or just to shoot a few arrows at the Club now and again, we hope you will enjoy your shooting and participation in other Club activities.

David is an established archer, previously with the Bowmen of Warfield in Berkshire, a near neighbour of my old club, the Bowmen of Burleigh.

Shooting Programme

	Date	Event	Venue	Rounds	Status
Sun	June 3		Wyre Forest	Western	ST
Tue	June 12	League Shoot	Club	Long Western/Western	
Sun	June 17	Simon de Montfort	Evesham	Western	
Sun	June 24		Droitwich	Albion/Windsors	ST
Sun	July 1		Cheltenham	York/Hereford/Bristols	Rose
Sat/	July 7	} Junior Nationals	Lilleshall	Metrics	Rec
Sun/	July 8			Bristols	Rose
Sun	July 8	Rat's Ashes	Stourbridge	American./St Nicholas	ST
Tue	July 10	League shoot	Club	Long Metric	
Sat	July 14	Summer Fun shoot and Barbecue at the Club			
Sun	July 15	WMAS Champs	Redditch	York/Hereford/Bristols	Rose
Sun	July 22	Malvern Archers Open Tournament at Dyson Perrins			
Sun	July 29	Aubrey Ison memorial	Bromyard	FITA 70m/Short Metrics	
Sun	Aug 5th	County Champs	Wyre Forest	York/Hereford/Bristols	Rose/ST
Sat/	Aug 11	} British Target Championships	Lilleshall	York/Hereford/Bristols	Rose
Sun	Aug 12				
Sun	Aug 19	Glos Championships	Eatscombe	York/Hereford	Rose
			Redditch	Windsor	ST
Sat	Sept 1??	CWAA Jun Champs	Redhill	Metrics	
Sun	Sept 2		Meriden	FITA 720 & H2H	Rec
Sun	Sept 9	WMAS Jun. I/county	Staffs	70m/60m FITA & H2H	Rec
Tue	Sept 11	League shoot	Club	Nationals	
Sun	Oct 7	Rosebowl	Meriden	Windsors	Rec

Key: ST - Worcestershire Summer Trophy tournament

Rec - Record Status.

Rose - Rose award status

Star - FITA Star Status

Summer Fun Shoot—Volunteers Needed

Most of you will be familiar by now with the fun shoots that the club has held in the past few years. Special targets, usually on a theme, and special scoring designed to ensure that chance plays a large part in the proceedings. As Ashley has described opposite, the Committee has decided to make this more of a social occasion by holding it on a Saturday afternoon, so that all club members can shoot together, and including a barbecue. Other family members will be welcome and will be able to try their hand at shooting as well. We will make a small charge to

cover the cost of the food.

Volunteers are needed to produce the special targets—I still have plenty of paint left over from my previous efforts. You can be as creative as you like and you don't have to be any good at painting (you couldn't be worse than me, anyway). There is no need to follow the pattern of previous fun shoots—if you can come up with new ideas, that is all to the good. There may even be ideas on the web that you can borrow.

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SAFETY REMINDERS

- Always put up the warning signs at the entrances when shooting at the field.
- Make sure that targets are securely roped down.
- Don't leave bows or personal belongings unattended at the bottom of the field when you collect your arrows.
- Manor Park occasionally suffers from vandalism. If you see any incidents or discover the results, please report them to me or the Club Manager, Andy Nichols, who should be in the office (01684 574010) between 10am and 2:30pm.

Club Business

Open Tournament

The club will be running an Open Tournament on Sunday, 22nd July at Dyson Perrins School, as last year. Club members will be able to shoot, but we need many helpers too, so even if you don't intend to shoot, please put the date in your diary now, and come along to help run the event. There are jobs to suit all, from serving teas to running the leader board.

Club Evenings

During the week, Club evenings will be Tuesday and Thursday as normal, from about 6:00 pm until it gets dark. The Junior session will be from 4:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday, the same as last year. Juniors can of course shoot after 6.00 pm if they wish. There are quite a few members who like to shoot at the weekends as well.

Manor Park Concert

After last year's successful Brass Band Concert and picnic, the event is being repeated this year, somewhat earlier on the 9th June, with a different (not Brass) band. Again, details in the Manor Park newsletter. A stage will be set up on the archery field, so we will not be able to shoot on the field from Friday 8th June until Monday 11th.

Litter

No doubt you can't wait to tear the wrapping off the latest widget you have bought in the hope of increasing your scores, but please take care not to leave the wrapper on the field. Either take it away with you or put it in the bin in the shed. And having mentioned the bin in the shed, if it should get full to overflowing, feel free to take the bag up to the rubbish containers next to the Indoor Bowls entrance. I won't be offended.

The Last End

I came across this description of an archery contest in China c 650 BC. A junzi is a gentleman.

"The archery contest revealed a junzi's quality. This was not simply a test of skill and military efficiency, but a musical ceremony designed to promote peace and concord. Any barbarian could hit the target, but the junzi was aiming for nobility. He did not really want to win, because it was more honourable to lose. He had to pretend that he wanted to win, but that in itself was an act of humility, since naked ambition was vulgar, the sign of an inferior person. The presentation of the cup to the losing contestant was, therefore, really an act of homage. Before he picked up his bow, each competitor must have a sincere attitude of mind, as

well as an upright bodily posture, or he would besmirch the power of his prince. They both had to shoot their arrows at exactly the same moment, in time with the music. As it flew, whirring, from the bow, each arrow must sing out the correct note. Instead of hitting the target, the arrows were supposed to meet in mid-air: violence and confrontation had been deflected into concord and harmony. At the end of the contest, both archers wept: the winner out of pity for the defeated competitor, and the vanquished out of compassion for the victor, who, of course, was the real loser. The two warriors would kneel and promise to live henceforth as father and son."

Karen Armstrong, "The Great Transformation"