



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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I'm very pleased to report that our group of "LADS" (Lady Archers' Dining Society) won the March Quiz Night at the Huntsman and Hounds so well done them!

The next "GADS" (Gentlemen Archers Dining Society) is likely to take place sometime towards the end of April, most likely at the usual place, Passage to India at Upminster Bridge.

We're taking a bit of a break with our Beginners' Introductory Sessions, probably until some time in May. This is to enable the people who've joined us to settle in. We do intend running more and we have quite a lot of enquiries for when we run the next series. When we do set the dates, any help members can give will be much appreciated. These sessions will possibly be outdoors but it may be that we arrange them for indoors in the barn before shooting starts on the field in the afternoon.

We've also had quite a number of people join us who already had experience in shooting and our membership at the moment may be up to 87 by now! This is due in no small part to the effort members have put in to help people new to Archery feel comfortable with us. We're very fortunate to have them!.

There are also a number of members we've seen little of and I have asked people generally if there's a reason for so we can try to do something about it but, as yet, I've had no replies so I have to assume there isn't. Perhaps people are enthusiastic to begin with but don't have the time to spare to take a more active role.

These are the results of our March 2022 Spoon Shoot

Archer	H/C	All.	Score	Total	
1 Tom Nolan	52	967	489	1456	Spoon & PB (New Handicap Rating 51)
2 Chris Pollard	38	902	533	1435	
3 Dave Cook	39	906	510	1416	
4 Sam Mortimer	34	889	513	1402	
5 Mia Phillips	54	980	417	1397	
6 Chris Phillips (BB)	42	917	477	1394	
7 Sophie Pollard	58	100	312	1320	

The results of our two March Bray 1 League Matches in Divisions 1 and 2 are yet to be announced so "watch this space!"

Chris Phillips is organising a 24 hour Archery "Marathon" to commence next weekend at 6.00pm on Saturday 9th April and run to 6.00pm on Sunday 10th April. The Manor House will be open throughout and it's intended that shooting will be continuous. All members may shoot at any time during this event but shooting will be as usual on Sunday Afternoon. This will be in aid of two charities, The Baby Bank and Mentatlity, both of which have associations with Bretons and any donations will be gratefully received.

We recommenced shooting outdoors yesterday (Sunday 3rd April) so hopefully there'll be more to report on in the next newsletter. A good number of members were shooting, even though it was somewhat cold. We've entered a Windsor League this year and there will be matches at home and away with West Essex Bowmen. The Windsor Round is 36 arrows at 60 yards, 36 at 50 yards and 36 at 40 yards so all distances are reasonably civilized!