

To all members

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### Indoor Centre

We have now (a week ago) received up to date quotations for the building. Because of the recent very sharp rise in the cost of steel on the international market the lowest quote is now more than 30% higher than the estimate used to make up the budget. Of even greater concern, there is no fixed validity to that quotation - the price will be adjusted at the time that the contractor orders materials.

This puts the current estimate about £18,000 higher than the estimate presented to the SGM in June (on which the loan requirement was based) with a real possibility of it going higher still. The Committee doesn't think we can take a larger loan and, although grants are still being explored, this will take some time.

We still have the option of proceeding with the design for building regulations, and starting construction (excavation and foundations) this year. This would be an expenditure commitment of around £10,000 to reach building regulations approval and around £30,000 to get as far as constructing foundations. We could do this with our own money, without drawing on our loan offers, and it would secure our right to build, before the expiry of our planning permission in February. We could then build when we've found more money. It raises the spectre, however, of having spent a lot of money on foundations that may lie idle for years! Not making that investment, on the other hand, means that we rely totally on obtaining an extension to our planning consent which we may not get.

The Committee will decide at a meeting on Thursday 19th August whether to appoint a contractor and proceed with design. The decision has to be taken then, so that we actually have time to start work by the end of the year.

We would like the views of as many members as possible before taking this decision. You are therefore invited to attend the Committee Meeting on Thursday 19th August at the Clubhouse at 7.30pm.

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### National Series Head-to-Head Tournament

The next Tournament is the big one - the National Series Head-to-Head weekend on August 21st/22nd. I know that some 'regular' team members will be unavailable that weekend so I would particularly ask that if you are around then that you put some of the weekend aside to come up and help out. It would be good to have a few more of our Juniors giving some time, too - and for the Head-to-Head weekend we'll be needing score runners, which is a good job for Juniors!

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### Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of Exmouth Archers will be held on Tuesday 28th September at 8.00pm in the Clubhouse. Please put that date in your diary and try to come - this is your opportunity to decide the direction of your Club for the next year.

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### Club Outdoor Championships

Another date for your diary - the Club Outdoor Championships will be held on

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Sunday 12th September (date now confirmed). The Championships will take place on Sunday morning and will be followed by a barbeque lunch. 'western' rounds will be shot, on a handicap basis for archers who have submitted scores to gain a handicap. New archers who do not yet have a handicap will shoot as a separate division, so that everybody has a fair chance to shine! (If you don't understand handicaps ask any Committee Member.)

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John Russell  
Secretary