

To all members

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Car Boot Sale

The first of our four annual car boot sales took place on Easter Monday on a lovely Spring morning! There was a very good turnout of members to help run the Sale, and to clear up afterwards and restore the field to an archery range. Thank you very much to all who came!! The takings on the gate, together with sale of refreshments, made an income for the Club of a little over £2,200 - which is very welcome income, keeping your membership subscription low and building up reserves towards construction of our indoor centre. So a very good job well done - thanks again!

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Help for Heroes

The car boot sale came almost directly after our 24-hour shoot in aid of charity, which ran from the evening of Good Friday through to the evening of Holy Saturday. It was not as well attended as we had hoped, but a good contingent of archers from Cornwall ensured that a cheerful gang of around 20 shot through sharp frost overnight into a warm day. Some of us less hardy came along only for the warm day! When the final whistle blew at 8pm on Saturday evening, Paul Phillips from Archers of the West was only 13 arrows short of a thousand arrows in the 24 hours! Ben Glover also kept going until the bitter end, sustained by large quantities of sherbet! All money raised will go to Help for Heroes, which supports servicemen injured in recent conflicts.

Thanks are due to lots of people for making this very worthwhile event happen, most of all to Phill Carder whose idea it was and who organised it, his daughter Stella who kept refreshments flowing overnight, and Row who provided cakes! Phill would like to thank the following club members who helped with setting up and running the event: Allan Johns, Tim, Brian, Paul, Ant, Liz, Carole, Rob, Di, Barbara, Tony, Ian, me, and Sarah. And the following club members who entered and shot: Steve, Ben, Gerry, Jerome, me, Glen and James. The sponsorship of the following archery shops, who provided target faces, is also gratefully acknowledged: Aardvark Archery, Clickers Archery, Archery Link, Quicks, Wales Archery and Bowsports.

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Work on the Grounds and Clubhouse

The Grounds and Clubhouse were looking really smart over the Easter weekend and, in addition to those members mentioned in the last newsletter, the following members also deserve particular mention and thanks: Brian Harrison and his wife, who laboured with Carole over the winter to save the hedge, and David Morrish and Jane for the dado rail that adds the finishing touch to the Clubhouse commonroom, and who has also made a set of new distance markers for the field. Thanks guys!

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Grant for Junior Archery

At a ceremony at the Club on Sunday 5 April a few of our juniors accepted, on behalf of the Club, a cheque for £1,000 from Councillor Brenda Taylor as a grant to be used to support junior archery.

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John Russell
Secretary