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# GREENWOOD OSTERLEY ARCHERS

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to welcome all our new members who have joined from our beginners Course.

Bryan Thank you for the hard work taking care of our records as records officer. We are currently looking for someone who can handle our records. Email Sailesh on [Sailesh@talktalk.net](mailto:Sailesh@talktalk.net).

We the club are not responsible for any broken arrows or Lost Arrows!

The Xmas Frostbite went really well apart from the wind, which knocked a target over and it was not tied down properly. Hence one of our members lost four arrows, which broke in half.

Down Below is a photo of Kishan's Broken Arrows!



### Reminder to all

- Make sure you don't walk across the First Team Rugby Pitch. (Directly in front of the Grasshoppers Club house)
- There have been a number of arrows found by Eric & Alan who Kindly informed us that people have shot the day before and forgotten to count how many arrows they have. Make sure you check you have 6 arrows in your quiver.
- If you have lost an arrow please make sure you record it in our lost arrows book in the club hut. I really want people to tell us if they are missing an arrow so it can be found before we get in trouble with grasshoppers.

### Save the Date!

**Richmond Pagoda Shoot**

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Email Meera on [meerashah246@gmail.com](mailto:meerashah246@gmail.com) if you would like to shoot.

**GOA's St George's Day Shoot**

**02<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

Please send your entries via [greenwoodosterleyarchery@gmail.com](mailto:greenwoodosterleyarchery@gmail.com)

**Middlesex Outdoor Champs**

**29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Please send your entries via the form to Simeon Keenan.

## Beginners Courses

As you all know that from our second course we have had many new people joining our club as members. I would like to thank all the members who help out in the beginner's course.

### Beginner Course 2

As the course has come to end for most of the beginners you will be delighted to know that we will help you look for the right equipment and get you all set up.

Congratulations to all the new members who have joined us so far! Look forward to meeting you all and shooting with you all!

### Beginner Course 3

The next course is started on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016. I would like our members to continue helping Sailesh run the beginners course by setting the targets and equipment up.

Here are a few photos from the course!

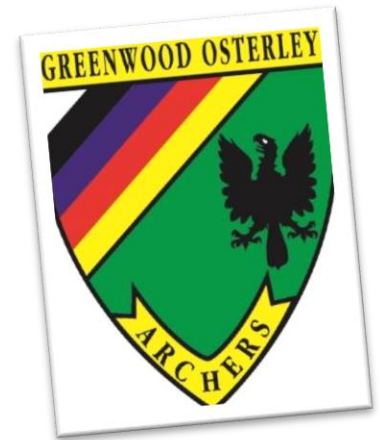


## Club Tournaments

Here are some dates for you all to remember! We have our annual club tournaments held through the year. The dates are:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – St George Day Shoot
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016- Spring Handicap Shoot

To enter these shoots please contact Meera on the club email account ([greenwoodosterleyarchers@gmail.com](mailto:greenwoodosterleyarchers@gmail.com)).



Short Metric League Matches dates are still to be confirmed.

Club Championships date still to be confirmed.

In the meantime we have invitations from other clubs to attend shoots:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Annual Aquarius Albion Shoot

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Richmond Pagoda Shoot (Contact Meera if you want to enter)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Middlesex County Championships & Open UK Record Status Rose

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – SCAS WA1440 Star and Metric Tournament Organised by Middlesex County Archery Association

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - George Potts Memorial Open Shoot hosted by Spelthorne Archers at Meadhurst

All the entry forms are available to view on our website through our calendar, they will be emailed to you and you can view the Middlesex tournaments from Middlesex website. Copy of the entry forms will be inside the club hut.

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## Indoor Shooting

Indoor-Season (October-March): We have organized to shoot indoor with Hillingdon Archery club. They shoot on Sundays from 9:00-12:00 during the winter at Brunel University

Sports Hall on the Main Campus [Click Here](#) for Directions.

All indoor shooting details can be found on the link below:

Website: <http://www.hillingdonarchery.co.uk/page3.htm>. Indoors dates Sunday's 9-12 not Every Sunday so you must check website before going. It costs £4 per session NO compounds.

If members want to shoot then just contact Meera on [meerashah246@gmail.com](mailto:meerashah246@gmail.com) then she will forward the names to Simeon Keenan.



## Frostbite

The next frostbite is 5<sup>th</sup> March and this is the last one until November 2016. Hope you all have had fun so far. Lets hope the weather is good for the day!

Please come and join the frostbite that is organised by Joe Tapley.

The 2015/2016 GOA Frostbite Handicap Tournament involves shooting 26 arrows at 30 meters and this is open to everybody. Our new members are welcome to join in!

Details of the tournament and results are posted via the following link:

<http://www.tap46home.plus.com/goarecords/frostbite%202012.htm> and is also available to view on our club website.



## Website

Keep looking at the club website for updates on tournaments and other things on the website. I would recommend that all our members register to the website in order to view their records and access the members area in order to find out what else is happening within the club.

Website: <http://www.goarchers.org.uk>. Website is still in progress. If you have any problems then feel free to email Meera on [m\\_highness\\_246@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m_highness_246@hotmail.co.uk) or email [meerashah246@gmail.com](mailto:meerashah246@gmail.com).

## Next Meeting

Next Meeting is on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016. From 12:30pm in the Small Bar Area. This is a Meeting for everybody. This will be a quick discussion on the issues that need solving. New Members can meet the committee.

## Short Metric Meeting

Short Metric League Meeting on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 @ 8.00pm and the Address is Tithe Farm Social Club, 151 Rayners Lane, Pinner. HA2 OXH.

This will give us some information about the matches and then we can see the dates.

The short metric league officer or a club representative can attend the meeting.

## Obituary

### The Passing of an Era

Lena Chandler of Greenwood Osterley Archers and Middlesex County Archery Association sadly passed away on 7th November 2015 aged 91.

Lena Along with her late Husband Stan Chandler (Passed away April 2014) were members of the greenwood Court Branch of the independent order of foresters and in the late 1950s were the two founder members of Greenwood Archery club which later became Greenwood Osterley Archers in 1985.

Lena dedicated her life to the sport of archery both as an archer developing new and upcoming archers of all ages and as a competitor achieving many awards including with her husband Stan a total of 27 Laleham Archery Club Albion Medals Between them, Covering the 38 Years of their attendance at the annual tournament. As well as being a successful archer, Lena was an award winning oars woman competing at national level.

Her Continuous work within the Middlesex County set a standard of shooting which is maintained by GOA Club members today.

Lena was a member of the Royal Toxophilite Society.

Apart from Shooting Lena used to encourage new members and help them feel welcome to the club. She would always make sure people had tea and biscuits during the morning when people were having a quick break from shooting. She always welcomed people with a smile.

Past and present members of Greenwood Osterley Archers will fondly remember Lena.

The Passing of Lena and her beloved Husband Stan is the End of an Era in the sport of archery, which only occurs one in a generation.

Family and friends of Lena and Stan will miss both of them for their kind and gentle natures. Lena and Stan have been apart of Meera and Kishan's lives since they were born. The Loss of Lena came to them as a shock. They were like her grandchildren.

We are thankful to have been a part of their lives. We will always remember her smile and her brilliant tips for good shooting!

Apart from being a true archer Lena was a humble soul that touched the lives of many.

**Photograph by kind permission of photographer: Eva Zielinska-Millan.**



Lena Chatting with Her Majesty the Queen during the Queen's Visit to the Royal Toxophilite Society Shoot at Windsor Home Park in Summer 2007.

## Bowling Evening

Sailesh and Meera are organising a bowling evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March for the archery and badminton club. Please let Meera know on [m\\_highness\\_246@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m_highness_246@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested in joining them. Families are all welcome.



## A Famous Quote for all



**“An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it’s going to launch you into something great. So just Focus, and Keep Aiming.”**