

The Amicable Archer

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Socials



Jimm wins at life

Since the last edition of this venerable publication there has been a plethora of social events, including the end-of-year bash in June, two Harborne Runs, and the annual Agincourt Meal in October (pictured) which was held at Bluu and had a record-breaking turnout of 54 people including members, ex-members, and coaches. We've also had loads of people coming along to our post-shoot pub gatherings throughout the Autumn term.

Look forward to many more social shenanigans over the year, with the trip to the Isle of Man in the Easter holiday expected to be a highlight.

You know you're an archer if you...

...have dental floss for your bow, not your teeth.
...spend your loan on arrows, not textbooks.
...care about your Portsmouth PB more than your degree classification.

Dates for your diary...

7th February:	Cambridge BUTTS Leg
21st February:	BUTTS Indoor Champs, University of Warwick
25th February:	AGM, Guild Council Chambers, 8 p.m.
28th February:	BUTC, Swansea University
7th March:	BUCS Indoor Champs, Loughborough University
2nd-6th April:	Isle of Man Festival of Sport

For the latest competition dates, go to
www.ubarchery.co.uk/competitions/calendar/

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Competition Review

We attended three of the four BUTTS League competitions in the Autumn term. Our novice team performed particularly well, winning our home leg on 23rd November and improving on their score—but finishing a close third behind Nottingham and Oxford—a week later. Our experienced team meanwhile have shown steady improvement throughout the term, achieving their best score in over a year at Nottingham on 30th November.

Individual archers have picked up an impressive clutch of medals, including four of the six novice recurve medals at Birmingham BUTTS. Also at our home leg, for the first time in recorded history, we won the all-important Boat Race with Harry Mills completing two of the four pints.



Harry leads Birmingham to Boat Race victory

Captain's Report



Captain Andy shooting at Warwick

This has been a really exciting start to the new year, the club has achieved a lot in a short period of time. We have smashed our membership target for this year and are now as popular as the Football Club which has three teams! This is great news, and it's all down to you guys. The club is going through a bit of a change this year and there have been a few problems to iron out, but hopefully we will come out stronger than before.

This year should continue to be a very successful one for the club; the changes we are making are allowing the club to be more competitive with the other teams in our league. We made a great start with the competitions last term, and look forward to further achievements.

Andrew Walker, Club Captain