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PETER SMITH  
1939--2007

## SUMMER OF CONTENT

Though we seem to have had more than our fair share of rain, wind and cold this summer, nothing, it seems, stops our members from enjoying their shooting and also promoting the Club.

This season 33 outdoor records have been broken so far. Sue Day, Alex and Reece Greig have all achieved Bowman status at their different levels. Sue Day and Maureen Gibson have been asked to shoot recurve and longbow respectively for the County team, and Reece is now Under-12 Compound County Champion title as well as Under-12 Recurve champion.

We have held 2 Taster

lightened by fun shoots and clout shoots and the rare sunny evenings have been enlivened by the sight of a barn owl gliding over the hedge and terrorizing the rabbits at the far end of the field.

Congratulations to all those who took part in competitions this summer, and to those who will be representing us in County events. And let's hope the forthcoming Indoor Season will bring us

## PETER SMITH

*Keith Harris writes:*

Most of you will know by now that after fighting cancer for nine months the battle was finally lost on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Peter died in St Julia's Hospice, Hayle. The funeral was at St Keverne on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Eleven archers attended the service and burial. The Club asked Peter's wife Jenny if we could bury an arrow as a mark of respect. She agreed, and was delighted at the gesture.

this year.

Peter was a very capable person and when he suggested that members build a Pavilion we jumped at the idea and work started in December 2001. It was at this time that I became aware of Peter's amazing qualities. I shall never forget the many difficult meetings we had with Kerrier Planners and

## PETER SMITH - continued

but Peter was always calm. This was Peter: even-tempered, unflappable. When we started building work I found out that Peter was stronger and fitter than most of the younger members. He also liked things to be correct and carried out properly.

He was one of the busiest people I have known, always with a renovation project on the go at his farmhouse, but he always had time to help other people, especially the Club. Whenever we had jobs to do at the field you could always rely on Peter. He would be the first to arrive and waiting for you with a cigarette in his hand. Peter donated the Pednavounder Cup, an

## Summer season's Results within the club



THE CHAIRMAN SHOOTS  
A 6-GOLD END

### LPB Clout Shoot:

Ladies: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sue Day

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Carol Raines

Gents: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Phil Guffogg

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Dennis Gibson

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Adrian Leach

Juniors: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Mark Leach

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jonathan Coutourier

3<sup>rd</sup> place and wooden spoon: Nicole Challacombe

President's Volley: Dennis Gibson

### LPB Club Fun Clout Shoot:

Ladies: Virginia Quick (guest)

Gents: Dennis Gibson

Juniors: Jonathan Coutourier

## LPB END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT

**Lady Vyvyan Cup (Novice):** Phil Guffogg

**Peninsula Vase (Mixed Compound):** Mark Worrall  
**Silver Medal:** Judith Ball

**Best Longbow:** Dennis Gibson  
**Silver Medal:** Maureen Gibson

**Founder's Shield (Ladies' Recurve):** Sue Day

**Best Barebow:** Nicole Challacombe

**Chairman's Tankard (Gents' Recurve):** Hugh Rowe

**Gibson Trophy (Juniors):** Jonathan Coutourier  
**Silver Medal:** Adam Hemsley-Harding  
**Bronze Medal:** Jake Hemsley-Harding



*Lady Vyvyan Cup  
 winner  
 Phil Guffogg .*



Jake Hemsley-Harding receives his Bronze Medal from Jackie Harris, while Gibson Trophy winner Jonathan Coutourier examines his prize.

## WHY SHOOT OUTSIDE THE CLUB? by SUE DAY

For new members, or those who haven't really noticed, there are several tournaments in the Devon & Cornwall area (or further afield if you are really adventurous). The entry forms can be found in a green folder at the Club. Going to tournaments is a good way of meeting people and learning about technique or equipment from other archers, so we would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. Common concerns that put people off are:

- **I'm not good enough.** Not true! You will find archers ranging from complete novices to Bowmen and you will be pleasantly surprised how friendly everyone is, particularly if they know you are new to tournaments, so don't worry that you will feel out of place. Some tournaments give classification and novice awards, so you might even win something.
- **It's very formal and I don't know the rules.** The rules at most tournaments are very similar to day-to-day shooting at the Club (whistle blowing, score keeping etc) so that shouldn't put you off, and you will be surprised how relaxed the atmosphere can be. There are some tournaments (e.g. Fita) where the rules are stricter, such as timed shooting, but again experienced archers will help the newer ones. You could also ask members of our Club who will be more than happy to explain.
- **What shall I wear?** This is where the rules are stricter than at the Club. However, you don't need a shirt with the Club's logo provided you wear all dark green, all white, a combination of dark green and white, or the Club shirt and black trousers.



SELECTED FOR THE  
COUNTY TEAM:  
DENNIS AND MAUREEN  
GIBSON,  
SUE DAY,

If you came to our Open shoot in June, where you will have met archers from other clubs, you will have seen how tournaments operate and how much fun they can be. Watch out for the entry forms in the folder.

For those who don't want to travel too far, a good starting point is St Austell Archers who are holding a Double Portsmouth on 18 November (Carnmoggis, near St Austell), or Archers of the West who are holding a Fita on 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Pool, Camborne). The Fita is particularly interesting because the top ranking scorers finish the day with a Head 2 Head shoot. I will be honest and say that I tried this for the first time last year and went to pieces with nerves, but I'm up for trying again this year!

## CLUB SUCCESSES AT TOURNAMENTS by Sue

### Day

While it's not all about winning, our Club members have been particularly successful in their tournament entries during 2007. At the beginning of the year we had four members who regularly shoot outside the Club, and this has risen to six now that Dennis and Maureen have joined as full members. Since the beginning of the year these members entered 12 tournaments and came away with 22 gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze medals. I will own up and say that a large number of these were won by our junior members, Reece Greig and

We are now heading into the indoor season, and hopefully our success will continue with LPB Bowmen becoming a common name on tournament results sheets.

### OUTDOOR 'FROSTBITE' LEAGUE

The round (3 doz. arrows at 30 metres on 80cm face) will be shot at the field, 11 am for 11.15 sighters.

10<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Open to all ages and bow styles, so the more the merrier. Best four scores each month will be used. Full details on the Club website, [www.lpb-archery.co.uk](http://www.lpb-archery.co.uk), which goes toward medals.

### Individual Virtual Leagues

If you are interested in competing against other archers without having to travel to tournaments, there are two 'leagues' you can enter on the Internet:

[www.archery-interchange.co.uk](http://www.archery-interchange.co.uk) - Different rounds shot each month and continues both outdoors and indoors. Free to enter.

[www.virtualarchery.org.uk/](http://www.virtualarchery.org.uk/) - Indoors only. Portsmouth

Significant achievements through the year have been:

**Reece Greig:** Indoor U12 Recurve County Champion

**Reece Greig:** Outdoor U12 Compound County Champion

**Reece Greig:** County and National Records for Canadian round.

**Nicole Challacombe:** County and Regional Records for Windsor round

**Alex Greig:** Won his first gold medal outside the Club

**Sue Day, Maureen Gibson and Dennis Gibson**

selected to shoot for the Devon & Cornwall County Team (which came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall)



Reece Greig  
County Champion.



Sue Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall  
at DCAS Autumn Gold

## Forgotten Battle - Patay, 1429

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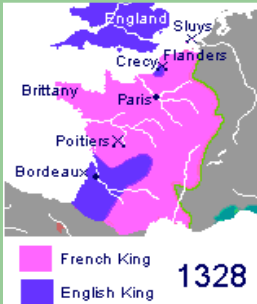
What do Joan of Arc, Shakespeare's Falstaff, and a frightened stag have in common? They were all present at the battle of Patay. Books are still written about Agincourt and the great deeds of English archers, but not much mention is made of Patay. It was a small battle which the English lost, and it taught the French that longbowmen could be defeated,

In 1429 the French had still not recovered from their defeat at Agincourt. Weak and disunited, they were saved by Joan of Arc, the astonishing peasant girl who rode at the head of their army in white armour with a holy banner and a sword miraculously found in a church just where Joan said it would be. Guided by her angelic voices, Joan's mission was simple: to drive the English back across the Channel and see the Dauphin Charles crowned King of France.

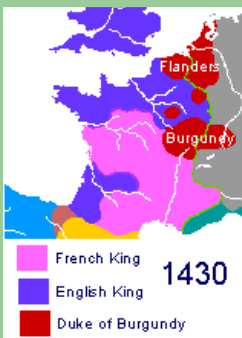
First, the city of Orléans had to be saved. The English had been besieging it since October 1428; it was now April 1429. Joan and her army arrived at the end of April and by May 8<sup>th</sup> the English were retreating northward.

Should the French follow? Joan was in no doubt: "You have spurs! Use them!" The French army, about 8000 men, was soon in pursuit. The English were heavily outnumbered, their army consisting of only 3000 men, of whom about 500 were archers. The French caught up with them near the little town of Patay, a few miles north of Orléans, but didn't know their exact position. Scouts were sent to spy out the land; as they crept forward one of them put up a stag, which bounded across the line of English archers hidden among the small copses and hedges of the landscape. Seeing the stag, the archers cheered it on with hunting cries. Now the French knew exactly where they were.

The archers were preparing for battle as they had always done, hammering stakes into the ground to prevent a head-on cavalry charge, and loosing their volleys from the safe ground behind the stakes. They hadn't finished, however, before the French attacked, the speed of their onslaught taking the English completely by surprise. Instead of charging head-on, the French cavalry attacked the bowmen on their unprotected flanks, where there were no stakes, and quickly cut them off from the rest of the army. Very few archers escaped to join the main battle, led by Sir John Fastolf (on whom Shakespeare's beery knight is based). Fastolf had to retreat, but managed to rally his army and hold off the French till nightfall, after which the English got away, but without their baggage and guns. When he got back to England Fastolf was accused of cowardice and stripped of his Order of the Garter (though it was returned to him



English possessions in France at start of 100 years' war



The height of England's power in France

## Patay - continued

French losses were few, because the longbowmen had had no time for accurate shooting before they were overrun.

Patay was the turning-point; French morale was boosted by success and the English never again won a decisive victory in France. By 1453 England had lost all her lands in France except for Calais, which remained English until the reign of Mary Tudor. The dream of an English king ruling in France never came about, though 'King of France' was retained among the titles of English monarchs until 1801.

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Websites: [www.theotherside.co.uk](http://www.theotherside.co.uk)  
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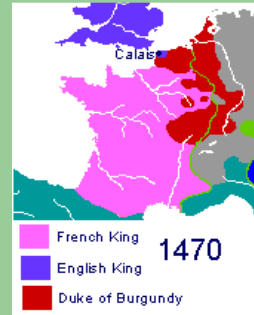
## THE CLUB'S LIBRARY

You may not be aware that the Club has a library with books on all subjects to do with archery. If you want to read about battles, find out how to improve your technique, or make your own equipment, we have books on the subject. Books may be borrowed for one month free of charge. If you are interested, please contact Diane Johnstone on 01326 280308, [dj.clio@virgin.net](mailto:dj.clio@virgin.net) - or see me at the Club.

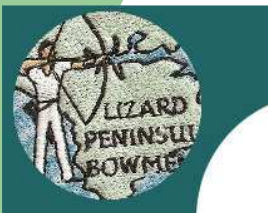
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** Bonfire Shoot at the Field, with hot drinks and barbecue to follow.

**Sunday 9th December:** The Club's Christmas Dinner. Venue and time to be decided -- watch the Club noticeboard.



*None of england's  
French possessions  
left except calais*



## JUNIORS' PAGE

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Nicole and Reece both achieved County records this summer, and Reece has set up a national record for the Canadian round.

Well done!

### November challenge

**The Round:** 3 dozen arrows on a 60cm face at 20 yards.

**The Date:** The month of November

**The Score:** Only one score per bow type per archer

Scores must be in by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see page 26 of *Archery UK*, autumn 2007 issue, for the full details, or talk to Sue at the Club.

### CAN YOU GUESS?



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[www.helstonarchery.co.uk](http://www.helstonarchery.co.uk)

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St John's College Oxford Archery Club, taken in 1975. Who is the young man standing third from the left in the back row? Box of chocolates for the first correct guess (sorry, juniors only!). Answer by December 1, please.