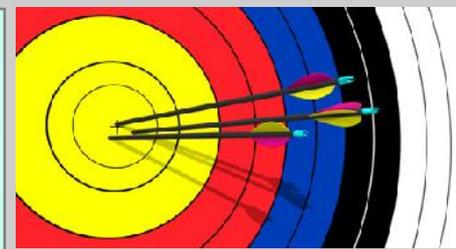




## On Target

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### YAA Longbow Championship

On Saturday 5th August we attended the above shoot along with six other Archers from Chantry, Stewart, Lee, Martin, Trevor, Kay and Kelly.

The shoot was held in the sports field of the lovely village of Hutton Cranswick (near Drifffield).

On arrival the first thing that struck me was the size and also the quality of the field. There was a cricket pitch, at least three football pitches, an enclosed five-a-side area, two state of the art hard-surface tennis courts and two grass tennis courts. The tennis and five-a-side areas were all floodlit. All this in a village the size of Wentworth. There is nothing like it in Rotherham. Just made me wonder why?

The weather was fine with an intermittent breeze along the length of the shoot, the gents were shooting a York (6 dozen at 100 yards, 4 dozen at 80 yards, 2 dozen at 60 yards). The Ladies shooting a double National (4 dozen at 60 yards, 2 dozen at 50 yards.) one round in the morning then another in the afternoon.

As usual with a Longbow shoot the atmosphere was cordial and the day progressed quickly all our archers shot well and at the end of the shoot we had two Champions! Martin was Gentlemen champion (recording a score of 456 which is a GMB) whilst Rosie shot 477 which was a PB and a new Yorkshire record to retain her Junior title.

Trevor secured third place as did Kelly the Jack and Jill went to Martin and Kay and the team prize went to Chantry as well (Martin, Trevor and Rosie). All in all an excellent set of results and a proud day for our club.

**Rob Elliott**



Rosie at the Durham and Northumberland Archery Association (DNAA) Longbow Championships



British Target Championships  
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## British Target Championships

Rosie and Martin attended the above shoot, held annually at Lilleshall, attracting the best of British archers to compete to be the Champion in their particular discipline. The shoot was held over two days with 260 competitors on a total of 70 bosses with a points system to decide the overall winners.

There are three events to compete in, a WA720 which is six dozen arrows at 70m at a 122 cm face, a head to head follows decided by ranking after the WA 720. Those two disciplines are on the Saturday. On the Sunday the day is taken up by WA1440 which is to my mind the most difficult of rounds as it consists of 3 dozen arrows at 70m, 60m, 50m and 30 m for the ladies and 90m 70m, 50m and 30m for the gentlemen,. The first two distances are at a 122cm face but the second two at the much smaller 80cm face. The 80cm face looked very very small at 50m and I had trouble spotting where arrows landed. Glad I wasn't competing! The scoring system was simple. Each archer received a point to match the position they finished ie first place scored 1 point whilst twenty fifth scored 25. The lowest total over the two days would be the winner. Both Rosie and Martin shot very well on the Saturday morning. Despite having to battle the cool strong cross-wind that affected the course, Martin finishing in third position and Rosie finished fourth scoring a new Junior UK record in the process The head to head followed which consisted of three arrow ends at 70m at a 122cm face the winner was the first archer to reach six points. The winner of each end received two points, one point each if the scores were equal. Martin was eliminated in the quarter finals. Rosie won her first round but was then drawn against Sheila Hudson who is without a doubt the best female archer in the country. Sheila won the first two rounds but Rosie fought back and won the next two to draw the scores level. We had our hearts in our mouths hoping Rosie would pull off the unthinkable but sadly it was not to be as Sheila showing a Champion's skill and determination took the next end to win 6 - 4, Rosie did go on though to secure 3rd place a remarkable achievement for a 13 year old. Sunday dawned a beautiful sunny day with thankfully very little wind, again both our archers shot well in the morning. Martin was hovering between 2nd and 3rd place and in doing so set a new Yorkshire record for a long metric which is the total of the scores for the 90m and 70m distances, whilst Rosie set a new Junior UK record at 70m and a new Junior UK record for a long metric. Martin continued in the same form in the afternoon session but Rosie began to show visible signs of tiring. Not surprising after all the physical and mental effort she had put into her shooting. However she battled gamely on and although not setting any more records she scored sufficient to achieve fourth place overall. A remarkable achievement for a 13 year old shooting in a senior tournament. Martin's final total gave him third place overall. A fantastic result which he was delighted with. So in summary Chantry Bowmen have in their club the number three Gentleman Longbow archer in the UK and the number four Lady Longbow archer, something I think we should be proud of.

**Rob Elliott**

## Durham and Northumberland Archery Association (DNAA) Longbow Championships

On Saturday 19th August we accompanied Rosie to shoot in the above competition which was held in the village of Ryton which is on the southern side of the River Tyne near to Gateshead.

On arrival at the shoot ( which was the local secondary school) the location was brilliant. High on a hill overlooking the Tyne Valley. The weather was fine and sunny. Only one problem, the wind ! The wind was exceptionally strong and as we were in such an exposed place its effect was multiplied, immediately we realised how difficult this shoot was going to be.

The host club is called Riverside Archers and it is a rarity being a predominantly Longbow Club they do have a few recurve members but none from the dark side ! Indeed speaking to the Chairman I was impressed by the work they are putting in to sustain Longbow archery in the North East in particular the coaching of juniors and this showed by the number of archers in this shoot. Six juniors and 34 adults. That is more Longbow archers than I have seen at any shoot over the last two years other than the Scorton.

The round to be shot was a Windsor for the Adults. This is three dozen at 60, 50, and 40 yards; for Rosie 30, 20 and 10yds all at a 122cm face.

As the shoot commenced the effect of the wind was a wonder to behold. The first problem was holding the bow steady in the gusts. You could see the bow moving dramatically from the vertical and the arrows being dislodged before being released. Once released the flight of the arrow was erratic and if it did hit the angle of entry was far from the horizontal.

After the first end I walked to view the rear of the bosses and there were that many misses the best way to describe it was like a lawn where a wooden fence had blown over !! The shoot continued in that vein all day but all credit to the competitors everyone of them just got on with it.

At the end of the day we were so proud of Rosie as she had only missed once all day and had a score that was a Yorkshire record and just short of a UK record a terrific effort in such appalling conditions.

To sum up, a great day out at such a friendly club where we were made so welcome. So much so that Rosie was given the honour of presenting a gift to the President of the DNAA after he had given his end of shoot speech.

Hopefully we will be able to attend next year.

**Rob Elliott**

## AMERICAN

LADIES L/B

|                 |                | HITS | SCORE | GOLDS |   |
|-----------------|----------------|------|-------|-------|---|
| JANE MOTSON     | ARROWFLIGHT    | 55   | 221   | 6     | 1 |
| ANGELA HEBDIDGE | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 34   | 140   | 3     | 2 |

LADIES R/C

|                 |                |    |     |   |   |
|-----------------|----------------|----|-----|---|---|
| LAUREN JENNINGS | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 46 | 180 | 3 | 1 |
|-----------------|----------------|----|-----|---|---|

LADIES COMP

No Entries

GENTS L/B

|                  |                |    |     |    |    |
|------------------|----------------|----|-----|----|----|
| TREVOR WEST      | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 88 | 546 | 18 | 1  |
| GED HEBDIDGE     | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 83 | 515 | 17 | 2  |
| DAVID WHITHAM    | WHITE ROSE     | 87 | 505 | 13 | 3  |
| COLIN HOPE       | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 89 | 493 | 16 | 4  |
| STEWART ATKINSON | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 83 | 405 | 19 | 5  |
| LOL GRANT        | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 70 | 316 | 2  | 6  |
| STEVE HICKLING   | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 63 | 281 | 5  | 7  |
| MARTIN MIDDLETON | AARDWOLF       | 53 | 231 | 4  | 8  |
| PETE TITTERTON   | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 45 | 137 | 0  | 9  |
| VIC TINDALL      | KLMC           | 26 | 116 | 1  | 10 |

GENTS R/C

|                |                |    |     |    |   |
|----------------|----------------|----|-----|----|---|
| HOWARD BARNETT | DEARNE VALLEY  | 90 | 690 | 42 | 1 |
| PAUL RUSHTON   | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 90 | 642 | 33 | 2 |
| PETE WALL      | DEARNE VALLEY  | 89 | 597 | 23 | 3 |
| SIMON JENKINS  | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 88 | 478 | 9  | 4 |
| PAUL JOHNSON   | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 70 | 300 | 7  | 5 |

GENTS R/C DIS

|           |                |    |     |   |   |
|-----------|----------------|----|-----|---|---|
| JOE DENBY | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 84 | 430 | 9 | 1 |
|-----------|----------------|----|-----|---|---|

GENTS COMP

No Entries

GENTS R/C VI

|              |                |    |     |    |   |
|--------------|----------------|----|-----|----|---|
| PHIL TRANTER | CHANTRY BOWMEN | 78 | 494 | 24 | 1 |
|--------------|----------------|----|-----|----|---|

GENTS BAREBOW

|                |  |    |     |    |   |
|----------------|--|----|-----|----|---|
| BARRIE PEARSON |  | 90 | 628 | 28 | 1 |
| CHRIS NOBLE    |  | 88 | 562 | 24 | 2 |

JUN GIRLS U18

Shooting the American Round 2½ doz @ 60-50-40yds

|                    |               |    |     |    |   |
|--------------------|---------------|----|-----|----|---|
| ALESHA BARRACLOUGH | DEARNE VALLEY | 90 | 670 | 32 | 1 |
|--------------------|---------------|----|-----|----|---|

JUN BOYS U18

No Entries

JUN GIRLS U14

Shooting the Rotherham Round 2½ doz @ 50-40-30yds

|                   |               |    |     |    |   |
|-------------------|---------------|----|-----|----|---|
| EMMA-ROSE CULSHAW | DEARNE VALLEY | 87 | 601 | 26 | 1 |
|-------------------|---------------|----|-----|----|---|



|                      |                           |     |     |    |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Kelly Marsh          | Chantry Bowmen            | 401 | 83  | 8  |
| Rosie Elliott        | Chantry Bowmen            | 399 | 97  | 7  |
| Gillian Brown        | LAOFAC                    | 328 | 82  | 7  |
| Louise Thomas        | Hingham Bowmen            | 323 | 79  | 5  |
| Lorraine Slater      | Nova Bowmen               | 278 | 72  | 4  |
| Alison Williams      | The Longbow Club          | 273 | 73  | 3  |
| Kathryn Lester       | Saints & Sinners          | 263 | 67  | 2  |
| Lyn Anderson         | Croesoswallt Archers      | 229 | 59  | 3  |
| Kay Jordan           | Chantry Bowmen            | 227 | 55  | 2  |
| Bernadette Stubbings | Wherry Archers            | 197 | 51  | 3  |
| <b>York</b>          |                           |     |     |    |
| Alex Newnes          | Aber Archers              | 568 | 116 | 14 |
| Cliff Gadd           | AGB                       | 560 | 110 | 17 |
| Patrick Revell       | All Abilities Archery     | 478 | 102 | 9  |
| Brian Rosenberg      | Stalybridge Archers       | 477 | 101 | 10 |
| Richard Allan        | York Archers              | 409 | 95  | 6  |
| Trevor West          | Chantry Bowmen            | 390 | 84  | 8  |
| Martin Jordan        | Chantry Bowmen            | 386 | 92  | 9  |
| Alun Morgan Pugh     | Whiteleaf Bowmen          | 383 | 83  | 12 |
| Simon Thomas         | Hingham Bowmen            | 364 | 78  | 10 |
| Lee Bartrop          | Chantry Bowmen            | 324 | 82  | 5  |
| Stephen Williams     | The Longbow Club          | 291 | 75  | 2  |
| Paul Garner          | Pastures Co of Archers    | 289 | 63  | 8  |
| Steve Lester         | Saints & Sinners          | 271 | 61  | 2  |
| Neil Allen           | Whiteleaf Bowmen          | 247 | 61  | 2  |
| Colin Hind           | West Kent Archery Society | 226 | 70  | 4  |
| David Anderson       | Croesoswallt Archers      | 222 | 64  | 2  |
| David Whitham        | White Rose Archers        | 217 | 59  | 3  |
| Ian Swift            | City & Sherwood Archers   | 208 | 54  | 5  |
| Stewart Atkinson     | Chantry Bowmen            | 199 | 59  | 3  |
| Ted Bloxham          | Bulwell Foresters Archers | 179 | 53  | 2  |
| Paul Nelms           | Audco Archers             | 177 | 39  | 1  |
| Ian Horwood          | Whiteleaf Bowmen          | 108 | 32  | 1  |
| Sharon Revell        | All Abilities Archery     | 98  | 30  | 1  |
| Derek Shaw           | City & Sherwood Archers   | 95  | 21  | 2  |
| George Brown         | Sherwood Archers          | DNS |     |    |
| Marc Grady           | AGB                       | DNS |     |    |
| Martin Bale          | Rivernook Archery Club    | DNS |     |    |

The weather was calm with occasional showers, warm in the afternoon. Thanks to Sherw Archers for all of their hard work in hosting the tournament.

There were 8 Rose Award Claims and 1 National Record Claim

## Croesoswallt Archers Silver Dollar

On Sunday 3rd September we travelled to the above shoot at Oswestry (apparently Croesoswallt is the Welsh name for Oswestry ). Martin and Kay attended with us this being the first time for them, Rosie was attending to defend the junior title she attained last year.

On arrival at the shoot we were dismayed to find that the weather forecast was correct (for once), heavy rain was falling and a strong cold wind was blowing down the course.

The round was an American which is 30 arrows at 60 , 50 and 40 yards with one round shot in the morning and one in the afternoon making it a double.

Despite the appalling conditions our three archers persevered and at the end of the morning session Rosie had shot a PB resetting the UK record that she achieved last year, Martin was first place Gent, Kay was second Lady. However Kay had had enough and retired - and who could blame her; wet, cold, and a similar battering to come in the afternoon !

In the afternoon session there was no improvement in the weather - indeed the rain got heavier . Rosie battled gamely on but eventually succumbed to the conditions and despite finishing the shoot she could not get near her morning score and therefore could not improve her last years double score. Martin shot strongly to maintain his first place and therefore was the Champion Longbow Archer

What a day I witnessed. 15 dozen arrows shot in the most appalling of conditions is a feat of endurance for any archer and I had the utmost respect for all of the competitors.

**Rob Elliott**

## Gloucester Open and Junior Championship 9th September

Rosie chose to enter this event, held at Deer Park Archers in Cheltenham )as the round she would shoot was a Short Junior Western and because of age limitations this would be her last chance to shoot it. Imagine the disappointment then when because of family commitments we were unable to travel, this is where our good friend Martin Jordan stepped in offering to drive Rosie to Cheltenham!

We were really grateful for this kind gesture but then on reading the entry form we realised that the organisers had made provision for adults to shoot as well and even better was that one of the rounds to be shot was a New Western and this was a round that Martin had never shot, so he was only too pleased to enter the competition. On arrival the weather was dull with little wind, Rosie's round was four dozen at thirty yards and four dozen at twenty yards ,all at a 122 cm face. Rosie's first two dozen arrows were fantastic, scoring a total of 184. She continued in that rich vein all day scoring two six gold ends at the twenty yard target. All this despite the heavy rain showers that developed and persisted all afternoon. Her final total was 780 (average of 97.5 per dozen) setting a new UK record, beating the old one by 233 points. The organiser of the tournament, himself a longbow archer commented, as he presented Rosie with her medal, " Rosie gave the finest example of longbow shooting I have ever seen."

(Rosie now holds 30 Yorkshire records and 28 UK records!) Editor

Martin meanwhile was also shooting exceptionally well. His round was four dozen at 100 yards and four dozen at 80 yards at a 122 cm face. Again despite the weather he shot a score of 317 which was an agonising two points short of a UK record. However it was a new record for Yorkshire beating the old one by 110 points. So from me a massive well done to both our archers and a big thank you to Martin for giving up his time to help us out.

**Rob Elliott**