

## Castle Bowmen slightly incomplete but still interesting History

### 1970 - 2020

**1970 - An Archery Club was formed in Cardiff with some financial help from Cardiff City Council.**

**This club was later to be named Castle Bowmen, after being given permission to practice inside the walls of Cardiff Castle on the Castle Green. Due to the fact that a number of the original members were employed at City hall.**

**... (records incomplete)...**

**1984 - Castle Bowmen Archer Denise Davis wins the British Championships**

**1985 - Castle Bowmen teams entered for the South Glamorgan Postal League**

**1986 - Arrow Straightener purchased for the club members to use**

**1987 - Enamelled club badges introduced for Club Members**

**1991 - Fund raising by the club for the British Olympic Team**

**1991- A talk was given to Castle Bowmen members about Field Archery - "*The Club Members did not respond well to this talk*" extract from Castle Bowmen official AGM minutes 1991**

**1993 - Despite still having permission to use Cardiff Castle Green Sunday Mornings 10-12 if they wish. Castle Bowmen officially cease links with Cardiff Castle due to no storage space for equipment and difficulties in parking and peacocks whilst shooting. Letter sent to Cardiff City Council thanking them for its use over the years.**

**1993 - Arthur Knighton donates Shield trophy to club to be awarded annually to any member that makes an Outstanding contribution to the club in coaching or shooting**

**1995 - Castle Bowmen win Team Trophy at Gwent Outdoor County Championships**

**1995 - 25 year Anniversary. Club members have a celebratory meal.**

**1995 - Castle Bowmen win Team Trophy at Glamorgan Outdoor County Championships**

**1996 - Fire at Heath Park Hall destroys 20 Castle Bowmen Bosses and stands**

**1998 - Enamelled Medals introduced for awarding at Castle Bowmen Tournaments**

- 1998 - Former Chairman Doug Woodley dies.**
- 1999- Castle Bowmen Mid-Summer tournament renamed the Doug Woodley Shoot in his Honour**
- 2000 - Glamorgan Junior Indoor Championships hosted by Castle Bowmen**
- 2002 - Three new bosses purchased for club costing £288.60 in total**
- 2003 - Glamorgan Junior Indoor Championships hosted by Castle Bowmen**
- 2003 - Castle Bowmen member Mike Woodfield becomes the last archer to hold the title of South Wales Champion, as the South Wales Archery Society is finally disbanded after being merged with North Wales Archery Society forming the Welsh Archery Association a few years earlier**
- 2005 - Heath Park Hall closed down and demolished - Club Indoor Shooting relocated to St Davids College, Pen y Lan**
- 2005 - Glamorgan Junior Indoor Championships hosted by Castle Bowmen**
- 2005 - Castle Bowmen win Team Trophy at Gwent County Championships**
- 2006 - Archery GB (formally GNAS) change tournament dress regulations to allow clubs to have their own club colours. Castle Bowmen club colours officially registered as Dark Blue and Club Apparel is now available to members.**
- 2006 - Arthur Knighton gives approval for The Arthur Knighton Award criteria to be amended to include Outstanding contributions to the running of the club.**
- 2006 - Castle Bowmen Member Andy Ellis qualifies as a GNAS Judge**
- 2007 - Castle Bowmen host the Glamorgan County Senior Indoor Championships for the first time (and have done every year since)**
- 2007 - Castle Bowmen donate trophy for the Recurve team prize at the Glamorgan indoor Championships - which they then win back**
- 2008 - Council builds new footpath on Castle Bowmen field and causes havoc with Easter Shoot competitor numbers**
- 2008 - Extra evening of indoor shooting Castle Bowmen members started at Llandaff City Bowmen's indoor range**
- 2009 - Castle Bowmen run the first Olympic style Head to Head tournament in Wales**
- 2009- Castle Bowmen member Glenn Bell #1 in Welsh Rankings for Gent Recurve**

- 2010 - Commonwealth team members compete at Castle Bowmen's Easter Shoot**
- 2010- Castle Bowmen member Wendy Woodfield #1 in Welsh Rankings for Lady Barebow**
- 2011 - Started Bow hire scheme to help new members until they get their own**
- 2011 - Castle Bowmen archers are in the winning Glamorgan County team at the Welsh Archery Association Inter-County Tournament**
- 2011 - Glamorgan Junior Indoor Championships hosted by Castle Bowmen**
- 2011 - Castle Bowmen has 5 qualified coaches**
- 2011- Castle Bowmen member Matt Gray #1 in Welsh Rankings for Gent Recurve**
- 2012 - Castle Bowmen Member Val Goodman was voted in as Glamorgan County Chairman**
- 2012- Castle Bowmen member Chris Mearns is #1 in Welsh Rankings for Gent Barebow**
- 2012 - Castle Bowmen Junior Club officially established**
- 2012 - Introduced the first annual club Team Head-to-Head handicap tournament in Wales**
- 2013 - Introduced the Only Annual (12 Dozen round) Junior Only tournament in Wales**
- 2013 - Castle Bowmen archers are in the winning Glamorgan County team at the Welsh Archery Association Inter-County Tournament - Team Manager for that year was Glenn Bell from Castle Bowmen**
- 2013 - New larger design tournament medals were introduced for the club**
- 2013 - Indoor Classification badges introduced for club members**
- 2014 - Castle Bowmen archers are in the winning Glamorgan County team at the Welsh Archery Association Inter-County Tournament - Team Manager for that year was Chris Means from Castle Bowmen**
- 2014 - Olympic Archer Larry Godfrey shoots at Castle Bowmen's Winter Tournament**
- 2014 - Complimentary Club member badges introduced for new members**
- 2014- Castle Bowmen member Michelle Wood #1 in Welsh Rankings for Lady Barebow**
- 2015 - Unique Castle Bowmen Classification badges commissioned**
- 2015- Castle Bowmen member Michelle Wood #1 in Welsh Rankings for Lady Barebow**
- 2015 - Castle Bowmen's 45th year anniversary - Extra Large tournament Medals commissioned to celebrate**

**2016 - More Castle Bowmen archers in the Welsh Rankings than ever before.**

**2016 - Former member Arthur Knighton dies. Arthur donated the Special Achievement shield the Club awards to outstanding club archers each year.**

**2017 - Top 3 Lady Barebows in Wales**

**2017 - Moved one Indoor shooting venue from LCB to St Teilos**

**2018 - 9 Castle Bowmen in the County team for the WAA inter-county shoot.**

**2018 - New Castle Bowmen flags designed and ordered for the club**

**2019 - #1 Lady (Kathy Counsell) AND #1 Gent (Mike Woodfield) Barebow in Wales**

**2019 - Castle Bowmen Member Mike Woodfield voted in as Glamorgan County Chairman and Steve Chamberlain as Glamorgan County Secretary.**

**2019 - Castle Bowmen Barebow Team Ranked #1 in the UK**

**2020 - Castle Bowmen hold the Indoor County Championships for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.**

**2020 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Castle Bowmen. Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary enamelled Club badges presented to ALL club members. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tournament held.**

**Castle Bowmen has the largest club in South Wales based on member numbers.**

**Members have shot for the Welsh team and Glamorgan County team on multiple occasions.**

**Castle Bowmen members held numerous Welsh and County records.**