

~~~~~ Review of the year just gone - ~~~~~

2015 was the 45th year Anniversary for Castle Bowmen and was another very successful one for us.

Castle Bowmen once again finish the year as one of the biggest clubs in Wales, with numbers holding reasonably steady around the 100 member mark

Michelle Wood (GMB Lady Barebow) and Mike Woodfield (MB Gent Recurve) were invited to shoot at the Summer Masters tournament. This Tournament hosted annually by ArcheryGB brings together all the MB and GMB archers in the UK to compete against each other, approximately the top 5% of Archers in the land.

Mike ended up 10th overall and Michelle 2nd in her Category due to some excellent shooting from both.

In the Welsh Rankings we have :-

Michelle Wood once again finished the year at #1 for the Lady Barebows despite changing to Recurve.

With Kathy Counsell at #3 also for Lady Barebows.

Mike Woodfield finishes the year at #6 for the Gent Recurves, not bad considering he changed to Barebow halfway through the year and also finishes 8th in the Gent Barebow rankings.

Also for the Gent Recurves Rick Seal finishes the year at #12 and Steve Chamberlain at #37

Paul Newman finishes his first competitive year at #7 in the Gent Longbow category

We also had plenty of County successes :-

Mike Woodfield - Current Glamorgan Gent Recurve Champion

Michelle Wood - Current Glamorgan Lady Barebow Champion

Paul Newman - Current Glamorgan Gent Longbow Champion

Glenn Bell - Current Glamorgan Indoor Gent Recurve Champion

Sarah Idziaszczyk - Current Glamorgan Jnr Lady U16 Indoor Barebow Champion

Many Welsh and County Records were once again claimed by Castle Bowmen archers this year :-

Wendy Woodfield now holds the Welsh AND County record for a Lady Recurve in the St George Round.

Rick Seal claims the new Gent Recurve veterans Welsh AND County Records for the Albion Round, as well County record for the veterans York round.

Michelle Wood beat her own Hereford County Record to set a new higher score.

Peter Waring now holds the County Barebow record for the Windsor round and the Indoor WA18m Welsh records for Barebo, set at the Welsh indoor Championships in which he came 3rd.

Mike Willcocks gained another County Longbow record for the FITA 900 round.

Kathy Counsell gains TWO more County Barebow records this year, one for the FITA 70m (WA70) and one for the Double FITA 70.

Mike Woodfield claims TWO County Barebow records at the start of 2016, one for the WA70m and one for the Double WA70m, along with the Welsh record for the WA70m.

In the Summer Postal shoot this year we also had our Team D winning their division and claiming the winners badges.

In the new 2015/2016 Winter postal league we introduced a Junior team into the league and we have high hopes for the rest of the winter as they have started excellently by winning their first match of the season.

For the senior teams Kathy Counsell was the highest scoring female archer in the UK for the January Postal league in her division.

The Castle Bowmen Junior club is still going strong with some good new prospects for the future. Sarah I', shooting in only her second tournament, becoming the Glamorgan Under 16 lady Barebow Indoor Champion.

This year we held our usual array of awesome tournaments, from our New year Handicap shoot to determine the club champion, to the always popular Easter Sunday shoot with Easter eggs as prizes, Our unique in Wales Junior ONLY tournament and our Mid year Doug Woodley shoot. Another shoot unique to us is the Team H2H in October and our Awesome WA18m Indoor tournament in November, once again attended by Olympic, Paralympic, former World, UK, Welsh and County champion archers.

Our Coaches have been hard at work throughout the year providing their usual excellent tuition to well over 100 beginners. This year we added 3 new official ArcheryGB level 1 coaches to the coaching staff (Rick S', Tim F' & Michelle W').

Many congratulations go to Nick and Rachel on the birth of their son Owen this year.

Many more medals were won throughout the year, but above all the archers of Castle Bowmen enjoyed their Archery. Which is the main point of why we do it.

2015 was again a good year for Castle as a whole, and hopefully for many individually - here's hoping 2016 is just as good.