



# Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Member

Welcome to the latest edition of Shoot, it's a big one this month, at 5 pages long it's probably the biggest to date. It's still packed full of updates, news and more.

So, happy reading, good luck with the competition and enjoy, the winner of "spot the error" will be announced in the next issue.

With best wishes from not only myself but the rest of the committee

*Wayne*

Ps: If you do not wish to receive this or have any comments/suggestions or would like something included in the next issue, then please let me know.

### **\*\*\* ENTRANCE GATE! \*\*\***

Just a reminder about the use of the entrance gate whilst visiting the club. The offices who control the access code for the entrance gate have requested that the gates must remain closed at all times, this is regardless of being either day or night.

It has been noticed that on a several occasions the gates have been left open when members are either entering or leaving the club premises.

If you are unsure of the correct gate code, please ask at the club and it will be supplied.

Failure to observe this request could see the entrance code being changed and access to the parking areas removed from the club. Should this happen we would have no choice but to park on the main street and walk with our equipment round to the club entrance.

# CUMBRIA COMPETITION!

The club version of Cumbria is now at an end. All results have now been displayed on the notice board at the club.

The entries for the winter season have been submitted and Cumbria have confirmed receipt. We are now just awaiting confirmation of the start dates and the stickers for the cards. Good luck to all those who have entered.

## SPOT THE ERROR COMPETITION!

In the previous issue, there was an intentional error, there were several entries from members who correctly identified the error, which was contained in the section headed "New Club Year":

Also, towards the end of September, just like the past few years gone by, a form will be sent to all members asking them to confirm their data held on records. It will also contain a box to indicate whether membership will be renewed for **2022-2022**. This will need to be checked, appropriately signed and sent back for your details to be held.

Out of those who entered, the first correct entry to arrive was from Malcolm Hunt, who wins a box of



There is a new "error" in this issue (it's an easy one), so have a good read and submit your entry no later than 1<sup>st</sup> November. The first correct entry will, like Malcolm, get the chance to pick from a box of .22 ammunition or a tin or airgun pellets.

## REMINDER OF CLUB OPENING TIMES!

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire 19:00 – 21:00* Airguns 21:00 – 22:00*	18:30 – 20:30 Airguns only (times under review)	14:00 – 16:00 .22 rimfire	19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire 19:00 – 21:00* Airguns 21:00 – 22:00*

\*These times are dependent on the number of members shooting.

Members are reminded that arriving early does not necessarily mean an early start. Please be patient and allow the Range Officer time to complete all the steps required to safely open the club. Thank you.

# NEW MEMBERS!

We've recently had several people visit the club to have a look around, either by coming with a friend or by recommendation by the local sport shop in Bury. Can I please ask that any member who is approached by a visitor to inform them that visits are by appointment only and that they can make enquiries about joining the club by using the contact details on the website. We are currently running with a small waiting list, however once an appointment becomes available the secretary will send out an invite for them to visit and collect the relevant joining pack. If, as a current member, you would like to introduce a friend/colleague to the club then please pass their details to the club secretary who will enter them onto the waiting list. Thank you.

# CLUB COMMUNICATIONS!

The recent test of the newly set up text messaging group seems to have been a success. As mentioned in the previous email, it was not intended to be used as a two way means of communication, however it has been found that a member can reply to the text and not disclose any personal information, i.e. phone number, to anyone else. It is only received by the original message sender. Therefore, if anyone wishes to reply to one of the text messages, they can do so.



As a reminder, these messages will only be sent if important information needs to be shared quickly. All members who have a mobile number registered will receive these messages, however if you wish not to receive them please let the secretary know and it will be arranged for your number to be removed. Please note that not being included will risk important or urgent messages not being received.

# CLUB EVENTS!

The end of 2022 is quickly approaching and that means that there are several events due to take place:

- **Club AGM - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November @ 7:30am**
- **Christmas Fun Shoot – Date TBC but expected to be around mid-December. Usual rules apply, small entrance fee and all participants are required to bring along a wrapped prize from the pound shop.**
- **Club Presentation/Social Evening – a great evening of awards, presentations, quiz, raffle, light-hearted games and much more. We will even feed you. Get to meet members who don't attend on the same nights. This has been running now for several years and has always been praised as a great night. There's a form on the Range Officers desk where you can mark your name and indicate how many tickets you need. Usually held end of February – exact date will be advised when known.**

# **NEW CLUB YEAR!**

As you are all aware, the new club year for 2023 has now started. You should have all received a letter through the post asking for confirmation of renewing your membership and asking you to confirm all your personal details held on club record. Please try to get these back to the secretary by the end of October at the latest if you haven't already done so.

Emails have now been sent out with details of membership categories and subscription rates, again please try to settle as soon as possible. We appreciate some may wait a little longer towards payday, this is fine.

# **MEMBERSHIP CARDS!**

Please allow up to 14 days for your membership card to be produced and made available after your membership fees are settled. Unlike previous years, cards will not be posted, they will only be available to collect from the club. This removes the chance of cards being sent out to incorrect addresses and potentially ending up in the wrong hands.

Changes to the membership card have been considered, designs are currently being investigated and worked on. One major difference would be the inclusion of a photo. Having done some research, many clubs are now including photos as a means of security and identification. The photo can also be used as a form of identification on the club computer system. This is something which has been raised with myself.

For those who are wondering "how would the photos be managed" and "I don't want my passport photo left lying around".. etc. The photos would be taken at the club and held on a digital device by the secretary. The photo itself would be covered under the GDPR Data Protection rules currently in place and would not be used for advertising, marketing etc. If a member were to leave the club the photo would be deleted from the club records.

As stated, this is just something which is being considered, however, I'd like to hear your thoughts on this subject, I imagine there are a few out there.

# **NEW SIGNING-IN FORMS!**

Members now have a new signing-in form in the folder(s). As always all members should sign-in as soon as they enter the building. This is not only a club requirement but a legal requirement.

Part of these forms is also a log of all the serial numbers of rifles held by members, if you haven't already supplied these details, as previously requested, then please make sure you complete them on your next visit. When signing in, please indicate the corresponding number of the serial number in the OWN GUN column. For example, if the serial number of the rifle being used is shown as number "2" in the list, then enter number "2" in the column – DO NOT tick the box. This, again, is a legal requirement which we are now enforcing.

As already asked by several members – the provision of serial numbers does not apply to air-rifles or air-pistols.

If you have any questions on this matter, then please get in touch with myself and I'll be more than happy to help. Thank you.

# CLUB MERCHANDISE!

Several members have expressed an interest in purchasing club sweatshirts or polo shirts. This is something we are currently looking into. If you would be interested in purchasing any of these items or have ideas on other items you would like to see made available then please let me know and I will arrange for it to be looked into.

## ...AND FINALLY



Find us on Facebook.

Another great way to keep in touch with all the other members is by joining the Facebook Group. It's a live forum related to the club and all things shooting, but to be honest anything goes as long as it's legal.

Find the group BURY RIFLE CLUB and hit the join button. A great place to catch up with what's going on and keep in touch.