



# Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Member

Welcome to the latest edition of Shoot, it's another big one this month and 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 always remain closed, 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 still unsure of the correct gate code, please email me or 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.

It has been noticed on several occasions that the gate is being left open by other users, this is being addressed. If you arrive to find the gate open – please close it after you enter the car park and let me know, thank you.

# CUMBRIA COMPETITIONS!

The new season of Cumbria is now underway and all of those who have entered will have cards in their pigeonholes to shoot.

The dates that cards need to be shot are shown below. If you think you may not be able to get your entries shot by the required dates then please get in touch with Brian Fletcher or John Wilding ASAP.

Round 1 = 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Round 6 = 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Round 2 = 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Round 7 = 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Round 3 = 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Round 8 = 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Round 4 = 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Round 9 = 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Round 5 = 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Round 10 = 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## SPOT THE ERROR COMPETITION!

In the previous issue, there was an intentional error, there were several entries from members who correctly identified the error, however the first correct entry was **Phil Shaw**, who wins a tin of Airgun Pellets.... Congratulations Phil.

There is a new "error" in this issue, so have a good read and submit your entry no later than 1<sup>st</sup> January. The first correct entry will, like previous winners, get the chance to pick from a box of .22 ammunition or a tin or airgun pellets. The winner will be announced in the next issue.

Good Luck!

## REMINDER OF CLUB OPENING TIMES!

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
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 guaranteed entrance to the club or an early start. Please be patient and allow the Range Officer time to complete all the steps required to safely open the club.

Fridays continue to remain less busy, but remember that as well as Wednesdays, airguns can also be shot on a Monday or Friday after the .22 has completed. We do however, permit air rifles to be shot at the same time as .22 rimfire as long as it is benchrest and single shot – but air pistols cannot be shot at the same time as the .22 rimfire, these must wait until all .22 rimfire shooting has completed.

Thank you.

# CLUB BEHAVIOUR!

It has been brought to the secretary's attention that certain behaviours have taken place at the club which require a gentle reminder. These include entrance to the range (forward of the firing point) and language used.

Entrance to the range... it has come to my attention that it was mentioned that a range officer was "not doing their job correctly" when an established full member entered the range forward of the firing point when rifles were still present. After speaking with the range officer involved it was clear that they were busy with the computer, booking/selling ammunition, dealing with the lane board and other things. It is reminded that all members are taught from the very start that entrance beyond the firing point is not permitted until all rifles have been cleared and are stored within the rack. Any member entering the range when rifles are still present will be asked to go back into the club room.

Language... it has been noted by quite a few members that language being used within the club is starting to become a little undesirable, especially as we now have more younger members and ladies in attendance. Can I please ask all members to be mindful of language used at all times. It has happened in the past that new members have stopped coming and indicated that this is the reason why. Continued use of undesirable language may result in you being politely reminded and if it continues you may be asked to leave the premises.

Thank you for your understanding.

# CLUB EVENTS!

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

- **Christmas Fun Shoot** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Airguns will shoot from 6pm-7:15pm (prompt). Anyone still shooting at 7:15 will be asked to stop and pack away their equipment. The fun shoot will start at 7:30pm. Usual rules apply, small entrance fee (£2.50) and all participants are required to bring along a wrapped prize to the value of £2. Only club guns will be used – no personal equipment permitted.
- **Club Presentation/Social Evening** – a great evening of awards, presentations, quiz, raffle, light-hearted games and much more. We will even feed you – yes you heard – you get a choice of meals (arranged nearer the time).

Get to meet members who don't attend on the same nights. This has been held now annually for several years and has always received great reviews. A form will be available at the club to indicate your attendance and the number of tickets required, so yes you can bring the family or friends. We are looking to arrange this for the 4<sup>th</sup> March (numbers allowing). After initial costings, it looks like tickets will be £12 each – a slight reduction on previous years.

# **NEW CLUB YEAR – URGENT REMINDER!!**

As you are all aware from the last newsletter, you will have received (by post) a form (dated 16<sup>th</sup> October) which asks for confirmation of membership renewal for 2023 and confirmation that all the data held is correct. It was requested that these forms be returned as soon as possible if you hadn't already done so.

It is also noted that there are still several members who have not yet paid either their annual or quarterly subs.

As we are now in December, any member who has not settled all or part of their 2023 subs by the end of the first quarter (31<sup>st</sup> December) shall be deemed to have resigned their membership. This will then trigger the process of having their membership closed and the police informed. This will also add extra pressure for those who hold a firearms certificate as the police will more than likely question the requirement of that certificate.

Any member who also does not return the confirmation form by the end of the first quarter may also be deemed to have resigned.

All those affected will be contacted over the next few days either by email or text message. In the meantime, for those who do not wish to renew, if you still have the form please tick the NO box at the top of the form and return it to the secretary or drop it in at the club in the envelope supplied as soon as possible. Should you no longer have the form, then please email or text the secretary (details below) indicating your intention.

Thank you.

Email: [wjtaylor5414@gmail.com](mailto:wjtaylor5414@gmail.com)

Txt: 07825 165033

## **MEMBERSHIP CARDS 1**

Most membership cards have now been produced and will be available at the club. Unlike previous years, cards will not be posted to the members address. This removes the chance of cards being sent out to incorrect addresses and potentially ending up in the wrong hands.

## **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.

# AGM!

The club held its 76<sup>th</sup> Annual AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> November. This year, not counting the committee, there were only 3 members in attendance. This meant, sadly, that a standard AGM could not be held as numbers were too low to allow voting to take place.

Members are reminded that the AGM is a key moment when they can speak up and be heard. The minutes, agenda and other details are always sent out at least 14 days in advance. Notices are even placed on the notice board and on Facebook prior to that. This year we even sent out reminders via txt message. If you are unable to make it, please send your apologies, and if you have a topic you'd like brought up then please submit it. Details of how to submit something for inclusion are given in the notice at the club which is pinned to the notice board in the weeks leading up to the meeting.

After the recent membership survey, it is felt that many members want to be heard, they want change and want the club to move forward in various ways, or even wish to volunteer in a certain capacity to help out. But without attending or submitting their details – nothing will happen.

Remember – if you want to see change or make things happen – then please get involved – as we always say - “**the club is run by the members for the members**”.

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS!

Moving slightly away from the AGM and onto the standard regular committee meetings, should any member feel they have something they want addressed which they feel needs to be discussed at committee level, then they can notify the club secretary, ideally in writing, using email address [wjtaylor5414@gmail.com](mailto:wjtaylor5414@gmail.com), so that it can be addressed at the next meeting. The secretary will acknowledge receipt and present the issue at the next meeting. Feedback will then be sent back to the member explaining what decision (if any) was made.



It is recommended that all our members who are on Facebook should find and join our group. It's another way of keeping up to date of all news/events. You can even make your own posts and share information. It's a live forum related to the club and all things shooting, but to be honest anything goes if it's legal.

Simply 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.

**Note:** sales of firearms, airguns & ammunition is not permitted on the group due to Facebook policy. If unsure then please ask.