



# Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Member

Welcome to the December edition of Shoot, Bury Rifle Clubs newsletter, which is packed full of updates, news and more. If there's something you want to know about and it isn't covered in this newsletter, please feel free to ask any member of the committee and they will be all to happy to help.

Happy reading.

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.

## IT'S CHRISTMAS!

On behalf of the Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their continued support over the past year. We hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas and wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS!

The subscriptions for 2024 are now overdue. Emails and messages have been sent out to all members explaining the rise in subscription rates and requesting that outstanding balances be settled. The club would like to remind members that if subscriptions are not settled, either in full or quarterly, by the end of December 2023, then it may be taken as a resignation of membership and their membership may be terminated. This will result in the police being informed and certificate holders may be contacted.

# 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	14:00 – 16:00 .22 rimfire	19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire 19:00 – 21:00* Airguns 21:00 – 22:00*

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

It has been noticed that members are turning up earlier and earlier, and this is forcing range officers to turn up earlier, which in turn creates a longer night and puts extra pressure on the range officers. Can members please note the opening times are listed above which we are asking members to observe. Turning up early does not mean early entry or early shooting.

It was also suggested that members who have key access who turn up early, should act as range officer and ensure all the opening arrangements are made, this would also mean that they are unable to shoot.

Historically, the official opening/start time was 7:30pm, which may be brought back should members continue insisting on arriving early, sometimes up to 45 minutes early before the official opening times. This also includes Wednesdays; we have members arriving at 6pm. Wednesdays were moved from 7pm to 6:30pm to try and combat this problem, but now members insist on arriving even earlier.

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 (not magazine fed – anyone found shooting with a magazine fed rifle may be asked to leave the range)** – 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.

## CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES!

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - CLOSED**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December - OPEN**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - CLOSED**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – OPEN  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – OPEN (subject to Range Officer)  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – OPEN

## SPOT THE ERROR COMPETITION!

As nobody has entered the competition over the last couple of issues, it has been decided that this competition will no longer be run. Thank you to all of those who entered previously and congratulations to those who won.

# AGM AND CHRISTMAS FUN SHOOT!

The AGM was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Christmas Fun Shoot. Sadly the turn out for the AGM was poor, only just meeting the required number to vote. Many members ask for changes and have suggestions, but without submitting the suggestions or attending the AGM, nothing can or will be considered. It's your chance to speak up, so please can all members make every effort to attend the AGMs when scheduled.

Again, the fun shoot was a poorly attended event. These events are put on to encourage members to come down, have fun and socialise with other members. Sadly, with only 4 members attending, a far cry from the dozen or so in the past, the evening was quickly over. Congratulations to Carl Harris who won the evening with a healthy score of 46.

Future fun shoots (Easter and Christmas) may be cancelled if there is not enough interest.

# CUMBRIA COMPETITIONS!

The 2023 Winter season is now in full swing and hopefully everyone has now shot and submitted their first 4 rounds. Further dates are as follows:

Round 5 = 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

Round 8 = 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

Round 6 = 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

Round 9 = 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Round 7 = 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Round 10 = 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

# PRESENTATION/SOCIAL EVENING 2024!

Yes, it's that time of the year when we are collecting names for the next presentation evening. A notice has been placed on the board at the club, thank you to all those who have already put their names down – 24 so far.

Would you believe that the next event will be the 10<sup>th</sup> and we thought it might be an idea to spice things up a little bit. Maybe hire the larger room and have a DJ – get those dancing shoes polished, or Karaoke. For those who like the fun side of the night - we will still have the fun/games – don't panic we won't bring out last years "Humming" game, although it did go down well 😊.

It's not just the content of the evening it's also the catering, do we continue with the choice of hot meals or maybe "up the ante" and have a sit-down plated meal – with it being the 10<sup>th</sup> event.

Do we spice things up with a more formal dress code? – don't know about you guys but I think it's nice to make the extra effort and dress up smart once in a while. Anyone for fancy dress 😊?

Lots of things to think about. This year is passing us by quickly and before we know it, we will be hurtling headfirst into the new year. So, get your thinking caps on and get the ideas rolling in.

All ideas can be emailed to me at [wjtaylor5414@gmail.com](mailto:wjtaylor5414@gmail.com)

## **LEGAL MATTERS!**

I have been made aware that a past member, who does not hold a firearm certificate, has been investigated for either having access to a firearm or holding live ammunition outside of the club. Can I please remind all members that possession of a single live round outside of the club without a valid firearm certificate will result in prosecution and potentially a conviction potentially resulting in a prison sentence. ALL non-certificate holders MUST return unspent rounds back into the possession of the range officer at the end of each night. Anyone wanting to remove a single empty shell casing MUST request the approval of the range officer before removing one from the club.

## **LEASE!**

The renewal of the lease is moving forward and is currently back the council. We have been assured that all amendment requested have been considered, and we have requested a draft copy for approval. Further updates will be made when we have more information.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING!**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, so if there's anything you would like to be discussed, please feel free to pass the details to the club secretary or to your member representative – Howard Temperley, and we will ensure that they are discussed and reported back on.

## **CLUB ROOM!**

It was mentioned in the last newsletter that the club room is starting to resemble what feels like a bit of a depository for unwanted personal items, these include, computers, screens, camera tripods, unused/unwanted gun cases, scope lens covers etc. It was said that any items not shooting related which were not removed by the AGM would be disposed of by means of taking to the local tip. Many, if not all, of these items remain. Can I please politely ask that these are removed or taken home. Anything remaining by the next committee meeting (12<sup>th</sup> January) will definitely be “disposed of”. Lets start 2024 with a cleaner, tidier club room/range.

Thank you.

## **DATA PROTECTION!**

The responsibility of keeping membership data current and correct now belongs to each individual member. Can all members please note that if any data changes, i.e. you move to a new house, change email address or telephone number etc, you are required to immediately inform the club secretary. Not informing the club secretary may invalidate your membership.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

It is recommended that members who have an active Facebook account find and join our group. It's another way of keeping up to date of all news/events and non-urgent notifications. Feel free to make/share posts. It's a live forum related to the club, but to be honest anything shooting related is acceptable as long as 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 check with the groups Admins.