



Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

Dear Member

Welcome to the March edition of Shoot, Bury Rifle Clubs newsletter, which is packed full of updates, news and more.

In this issue we will be discussing the Lease, Cumbria Competition, Membership Subscriptions and many other every day topics.

We also ask all members, particularly those who attend on a Wednesday night to pay particular attention to the section discussing Wednesday nights, it contains important information which all members need to be aware of.

As usual if there's anything 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. Also, if there's anything you wish to be included, then please let me know either by sending me an email or having a word with me next time you are at the club.

In the meantime, 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

It has been brought to the committees' attention that Wednesday nights have become so relaxed that it is now starting to raise concerns. It has been mentioned that the range etiquette, compared to Mondays and Fridays is so relaxed that it now seems to be more of a "free for all & anything goes".

I would like to remind members who regularly attend on a Wednesday about the following and also point out some new procedures:

- 1) As well as practice cards, we have members shooting competition cards. Therefore, members should refrain from talking on the range whilst others are still shooting. If you feel the need to talk, then please wait until you are back in the club room.
- 2) Standing at the door and talking over to somebody on a firing point is not permitted, this disturbs those shooting.
- 3) Once targets have been placed and members are shooting, under no circumstance is anyone to enter or leave the range. This, again is disturbing those who are currently shooting. Like a Monday or Friday, the range door is to remain closed whilst shooting takes place.
- 4) Mobiles phones are to be put onto silent mode or left in the club room. Please do not answer your phone on the range whilst others are shooting.
- 5) Please do not start to set up equipment on a firing point if others are shooting, again this is disturbing to them.
- 6) With immediate effect (as of Wednesday 13th March) , the range booking system, just like on a Monday or Friday is to be used. Members must book their lane, place their targets, shoot them and then vacate. 1 rifle target may be placed, or 2 pistol targets. If you have more than 2 pistol targets to shoot then you must do so over 2 details.
- 7) Just like a Monday or Friday, you should not pre-book lanes – this is not fair to others who may be waiting.
- 8) All airguns should be removed from the range once you have completed your detail. Other equipment may remain on the range, but placed against the back wall so that the lanes are free for other members.
- 9) Again, like Mondays and Friday, unless already pre-arranged with another range officer, the range officer of the night should not be shooting, they are solely responsible for the conduct of those using the club room and the range.

Also, I've been asked to make a polite reminder about a post/email from not long back, we now have two smoke alarms in place, one in the club room and one in the range above the firing points, therefore, like many other establishments, as well as smoking, vaping is now no longer permitted on the premises.

We ask that all members who attend on a Wednesday observe the above with immediate effect, but should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you.

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.

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 members are still insisting on arriving earlier and earlier.

It is also requested that should a member, who have key access, turn up early, they should act as range officer until the rota'd person arrives. This includes setting up the club and facilities ready for others to arrive.

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.

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.

CUMBRIA COMPETITIONS!

The final round of the 2023 Winter season is due on Monday 11th March. This brings the Winter 2023 season to an end. Good luck to all those who have entered.

Entries for the new season have been submitted.
Watch this space for further details.

PRESENTATION/SOCIAL EVENING 2024!

The notice on the board indicates that the closing date for tickets is Friday – 8th March. However, I've managed to stretch this to Wednesday 13th. If you require a ticket please ensure they are purchased and paid for no later than this date. Please note that a ticket must be purchased in order to attend and tickets are not available on the night due to specific catering requirements.

It's the 10th event, so it would be nice to see as many as possible.

If you want tickets please get in touch, my email address is wjtaylor5414@gmail.com or ring me 07825 165033

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS!

For those who pay their subscriptions quarterly, they will soon be due. Please watch out for an email later this month detailing what's due and how it can be paid.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING!

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April, 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 Timperley, and we will ensure that they are discussed and reported back on.

CLUB ROOM!

It was requested that items which are not shooting related or not required at the club be moved asap. Some items have been removed – thank you - but there is still room for improvement. Do we need several full-sized camera tripods under the bench, if you brought them, please take them home if not required. Magazines, books, scopes covers, bags, boxes etc. We are not the biggest club and space is at a premium. Let's work together to get a smarter, cleaner and more tidier club room.

Space is also becoming an issue when setting up equipment (there's a short note on the next page), with rifle boxes left on benches and bags being left in the middle of the floor. Having a cleaner and tidier club room would also help relieve this situation.

Thank you.

EQUIPMENT PREPARATION!

It has been raised that some people sometimes struggle to find enough bench space to set up their equipment. Once equipment is set up, please put rifle boxes on a shelf or stand them in a corner. Please put all bags under the bench or to one side. Please do not leave bags lying on chairs.

Please don't start to set up equipment and then walk away socialising, please be mindful that other members may well be waiting for that space so that they can set up their own equipment.

Also see the article labelled "CLUB ROOM" on the previous page, by keeping a clean and tidy room, we will be able to maximise the space available.



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.