



Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

Dear Member

Welcome to the 21st edition of Shoot, Bury Rifle Clubs newsletter.

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

The committee also feel that a brief reminder of range etiquette needs to be made, so we've included a small section on that in this issue.

As usual if there's anything you want to know 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.

REMINDER OF CLUB OPENING TIMES!

Monday 19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire & Airguns	Wednesday 18:30 – 20:30 Airguns only	Thursday 14:00 – 16:00 .22 rimfire	Friday 19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire & Airguns
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It has been noticed that members are turning up earlier and earlier, in some instances nearly an hour 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 necessarily mean early entry or early shooting – this is at the discretion of the range officer if and when present.

Thank you.

LEASE!

The renewal of the lease is moving forward and is currently back with the council. We have been assured that all amendments requested have been considered and are currently being integrated. Further updates will be made when we have more information.

CUMBRIA COMPETITIONS!

The summer 2024 season is now well underway, shooting dates for each round are shown below:

Round 4 = 24th June
Round 5 = 8th July
Round 6 = 22nd July

Round 10 = 16th September

Round 7 = 5th August
Round 8 = 19th August
Round 9 = 2nd September

Good luck to all who have entered.

PRESENTATION/SOCIAL EVENING 2025!

Next years social/presentation evening will also be used to celebrate 80 years of the club. To mark this occasion it has been suggested that we do something a little different. Current ideas are, hire the upstairs room and have a DJ/music, karaoke, sit down meal, dress code. Or maybe hire a different venue, i.e. small hotel function room with more formal meal etc.

We are asking all members to have a think and drop me your ideas. The event is put on for the benefit of the club and it's members, so lets get as many ideas and suggestions as possible. All you need to do is email me, and I'll do the everything else, but please be aware You may be asked to help out 😊

To submit your ideas simply email me at wjtaylor5414@gmail.com or text/WhatsApp me on 07825 165033

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024!

For those who pay their subscriptions quarterly, they are due on 1st July. This will be the final payment for 2024. Due to a number of issues with previous quarterly payments, it is requested that all outstanding payments for 2024 be settled no later than Wednesday 31st July. Details will be sent out via email to those who currently pay quarterly.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025!

Starting from October 2024 (the new club year), all quarterly payments must be made within 1 month of being due. As always, reminders will be sent out with details of what is due and when. Please **DO NOT** make your October payment until requested as the end of year books will still be in the process of being audited etc.

Moving into the 2025 club year (October 2024 - September 2025), we will still accept quarterly payments, but a cut-off period for making the payments will now be imposed, as detailed below:

Quarter 1: October – December

Do not pay until requested, this is to ensure the final audit of the 2024 accounts can be finalised. Details will be sent out.

Quarter 2: January – March

Payment must be made by 31st January 2025.

Quarter 3: April – June

Payment must be made by 30th April 2025.

Quarter 4: July – September

Payment must be made by 31st July 2025.

Failure to make payments by the dates shown above may result in termination of membership or suspension of membership until payment received (if the member holds a FAC).

The club also reserves the right to request that any outstanding membership fees for the year to be settled in full should payments continue to be missed. Please also note that as the club now incurs bank charges for certain transactions, payments would be preferred via bank transfer, details can be provided where required.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING!

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th August, if there's anything you would like to be discussed, please feel free to pass the details to me no later than 48 hours before the date shown above and I will then include those details in the "any other business" section of the meeting and report back with the findings from the meeting.

CLUB ROOM!

Over the past several months/newsletters, it's been requested that items which are not shooting related or not required at the club be removed. Some of these items have now gone, thank you, but some remain. To be blunt and to the point, the club is now starting to get scruffy and unattractive, I have a few ideas which I would like to begin working on once I return from my jolly holidays in early August. If you have any items at the club, or have left items at the club which do not belong there then please can you remove them if they are not required.

It has also been noticed that some members have struggled to find a suitable area to set up their equipment. Once equipment is set up, please put rifle boxes on a shelf or stand them in a corner, please do not leave them on the bench. Please put all bags under the bench or to one side. Please do not leave bags lying on chairs, we also need to consider safety, items left on the floor are a trip hazard.

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.

Thank you for your understanding.

CLUB ETIQUETTE!

I have been asked to include a section in this newsletter regarding the simple etiquette rules of the club, these are simple things which we ask members to observe so that all members can enjoy the club with no distractions or issues.

- We ask that all mobile phones are either switched to silent or left in the club room when in the firing range. Members do not really want to hear constant beeping, buzzing or ringing whilst trying to concentrate.
- Please do not hold conversations when you are in the firing range, members are in there to shoot and some are trying to concentrate on their competitions, therefore they would appreciate complete silence. I appreciate that some of the people shooting may be new to the club and are having 1-2-1 tuition, in that case, you could use hearing protection to reduce the noise or wait until another detail. But if you have completed your shooting, please remain in the position, either sat at your bench or prone and remain silent. Do not start standing up or shuffling around.
- Please do not start grappling round trying to pick up your empty shells when others are still shooting, this is a big distraction. Please wait until all other shooters have confirmed finished.
- If shooting benchrest, please do not be harsh with your movements, it's been noted that all movements can be felt through vibrations in the main support beam. And when finished, please ensure all empty shells are picked up and placed in-front of the firing point to be swept up later on. Rapid firing can also be a large distraction, slow and steady is appreciated – there's no rush.
- Please DO NOT throw empty shells halfway down the range, be considerate. People sweeping up at the end of the night do not want to be walking up and down the 25 yards collecting empty shells. Please place them just in front of the firing point.
- Please do not leave mats and scopes on lanes, please remove them, help keep the firing point tidy for the next member. They may have their own equipment.
- If you have finished with a benchrest, put it away, the next member might want to shoot prone.

CLUB ETIQUETTE!... CONT'D

- On a Wednesday, if members are shooting, please **DO NOT** enter or leave the range, please refrain from talking on the range until all members have completed their shooting. Please observe the same rules from Monday/Friday on a Wednesday. Also, if there are more than 5 people in attendance, please do not (to use the term) hog a lane, be mindful, would you like to be kept waiting. 15/20 minutes per details is plenty. If you have 4 pistol cards, then why not shoot them over two details – just a thought.
- Rifles/pistols on a Wednesday should be removed from the range when changing targets, the same rules apply – safety first, never assume a gun is safe/clear. We cannot have one rule for .22 and one for airguns. Stands/benches etc can remain in place, just remove the gun.
- Some nights, nobody volunteers to sweep up and tidy the range, and it's then left up to the range officer and whoever else is left behind. This is not fair. As the notice on the door requests, please can two people who have shot on the night sweep and tidy up. The range officer on duty will **NOT** be responsible for any part of cleaning up as he or she has their final checks to perform and will be securing ammunition and rifle bolts etc. It is expected that the range be left in the condition which allows members on the next open night to start shooting without having to tidy up from the previous night. Please leave the range as you would expect to find it on the next night.

It might sound like these are petty things but put together they will all help to make our experience at the club a more enjoyable one. It's the little things which make a massive difference. If you have any other thoughts on this subject, I'd love to hear them. After my holidays I will be putting together an "etiquette leaflet" to include in the document pack which is sent to new members when they join up. .

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Now to something more positive. Our club Air Gun captain – John Wilding recently visited Appleton Rifle Club where he took part in his first open shoot. We are extremely pleased to say that not only did John enjoy the experience, he also walked away with two 1st place trophies. Congratulations John.



TARGETS!

Having recently sorted through the waste target box in the corner of the club room, it was noticed that several targets had been thrown away which were perfectly reusable. There were many cards which had not been completely used, therefore the unused parts were able to be turned into sighters or practice two-spots.. There were half used sighters, these have been put back into the sighter box. There were pistol cards with only a couple of shots on them, perfectly reusable as practice cards if you highlight the pre-shot holes before reusing them. This is also the same for rifle cards.

For reference targets currently cost:

Pistol = 4.6p per target. Minimum purchase is 3000. £138.80 per 3000.

25yrd prone = 11p per target. Minimum purchase is 1000. £110 per 1000

25yd benchrest = 11.9p per target. Minimum purchase is 1000. £119 per 1000.

The club currently tries to balance the membership fees against running costs. However, if targets continue to be misused, then the committee may be forced into revisiting the discussions around introducing charges for targets.