



Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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Welcome, to this latest edition of Shoot. I would like to start this issue by saying I hope you are all safe and well.

Just before we move on to the main news in this edition, just a few words from myself as to how things have been over the past few weeks since the last edition was published.

To start this edition I thought I'd just say a few personal words about how I'm spending my time and keeping myself safe and well. As most of you are probably aware, since the start of the lockdown, I have been working from home. Working in the IT sector has allowed me to continue working uninterrupted. I would say though that whilst many think that working from home is (as they say) the best thing since sliced bread, I don't tend to agree. It has its advantages when you have an appointment or just want to have the odd day here or there away from the office. Both my wife and I (both of us at home) have said that we miss the simple office things - the people, the banter and especially the routine. Personally my routine is completely destroyed. I am even missing the rush hour drive to work. Sadly tension builds and being at home 24/7 without that time apart does also have its disadvantages. But thankfully, we have found our own ways of relaxing, my wife will read and go for long walks. I personally, will have the odd walk and have recently purchased a new 3D printer, so I'm getting to grips with that. We are also about to undergo a large building project at home. We live in a bungalow and are having 2 offices and a large bedroom constructed in the loft space - all exciting stuff to look forward to. I must admit, and so will my wife, the one email we are both longing for is the one which gives a return to work date. Until then, we shall carry on as we are.

To move on, from a Club perspective, not a lot has been happening. There have been several ZOOM sessions, with several members taking part. We originally started running them on a Saturday but found that some people had other plans, the last session to be held was on a Friday and this seemed to be welcomed by those joining in. Taking part in these sessions is simple. Just simply download the ZOOM app, available on Android or iOS from the app stores or simply by going to the ZOOM website. An email is sent out prior to each session with details of how to join and what passwords etc are required. It's free and doesn't cost anything; you don't even have to create any account to join in.

I'd also like to thank those members who have provided articles for the last few editions of the newsletter. If you have a story you'd like to share with other members, whether it's shooting related or just how you have been adapting to the lockdown times, then email it over to me and I'll put a special edition together and send it out.

Many members have been asking “what’s the situation with the club?”, “when are we opening?” There are lots of questions and sadly we don’t have all of the answers. The committee held a meeting at the start of this week, we met at the club, sitting outside on folding garden chairs keep socially distanced, which I must say was very pleasant, the sun came out and it was quite warm.

The current situation with the club is that sadly we remain closed. Not only does the government currently state that clubs of all kind must remain closed, the NSRA and even our insurance company have now also issued a set of regulations which contain almost 30 individual recommendations to be considered/implemented. The first point they make is quite strong and clear – “ALL INDOOR CLUBS MUST REMAIN CLOSED”. Sadly not what we want but I’m afraid we must follow current guidelines.

Please rest assured that we are working to put together ideas and thoughts of how to move forward when the time is right, but until then, we thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Finally – a gentle reminder, for those who pay their subs quarterly, the next instalment will be due on 1st July. Again, questions have been raised with regards to the payment of membership subs. It has been agreed at committee level that subs should be paid as normal and the situation will be addressed as and when we are back open.

Best wishes
Wayne
Hon. Secretary