

# GVA Newsletter January 2026



## Christmas Fun Shoot 2025



24 soggy archers, 9 targets, 50 mince pies. Well done to all who participated, contributed and made it happen. Despite the weather its was still great fun. The winners were: -

### **Barebow**

Male Adult Conner (98) U16 Jefferson (89) U12 Nikolai (67)

Female Adult Shannon (58),

### **Longbow**

Male Adult Gavin (50)

### **Recurve**

Male Adult Ian (122)

Female Adult Aster (122)

### **Compound**

Male Adult Micky (189)

Female U 16 Kaitlyn (59) U14 (63)

More pictures are on the club website at [Christmas Fun Shoot 2025](#)

The club plans to run a few more themed fun shoots at warmer times of the year! Current suggestions include Summer Solstice in June and a BBQ shoot in August. Themes could be based on board games, Stonehenge and Hawaii. Other suggestions always welcomed. And if you would like to help design and create fun target faces just let us know.

**Club Coaching Clinics** – There are three further one's scheduled at present others will be added once dates are agreed. The January one has one place left. To book as spaces are limited go to [Club Event](#)

## **Worcester Sandwich (WA18, Worcester & WA18) 1st February 2026**

The club would like to field a team to attend a local-ish competition hosted by Braintree Bowmen. Rounds:

Session A: 8.45 Sighters 9.00 - 60 Arrows @ 18M on 40cm in 3 arrow ends

Session B: 12.15pm; Sighters 12.30pm - 60 Arrows @ 20Y 16" face in 5 arrow ends

Session C: 3.30pm; Sighters 3.45pm - 60 Arrows @ 18M on 40cm in 3 arrow ends

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All archers will use foam bosses. Compound archers will shoot on triple spot or five spot targets. Other classes three spots available on request  
 Fees: Adults £10.00 Juniors: £8.00.

If you do book up to participate do let the club know.

[WA18, Worcester & WA18 - 1st February 2026 - Braintree Bowmen](#)



The Club Activity Calendar is up to date and available at [Club Calendar](#)

**Club Regalia – Hoodies** - Several club members have enquired about the club hoodies which are not shown on the Knights Sportswear site. These are available but have a minimum order of five. The club is happy to collate and place an order for members who would like one. Last year these were £47.94 inc. VAT but with the 25% discount would bring price down to £35.96 - but will need to confirm.

Recommends one size up than polo shirt



Reference Size	6XS	5XS	4XS	3XS	2XS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Chest (Inches) <b>A</b>	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	44	46	48	50	52	54	56
Body Length from shoulder (Inches) <b>B</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	30	31	31	32	32	33

If you are interested, we can arrange an order once we have a least five requests, then will place a bulk order when the discount is next offered. If you would like to order one and are happy to wait for the next discount, then please email the club at [gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com](mailto:gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com) with your required size.

We will check back with you before ordering, to confirm price and check you still wish to order one and will ask for payment prior to ordering.

**Safeguarding Video** – The committee has agreed that it would be good practice if all volunteers helping on Beginners and Have a Go events watched the free safeguarding in sport video. In fact, it's useful for all members to watch should they wish. [Safeguarding In Sport](#)

**Club Coaches** – The club is fortunate to have several AGB licenced coaches in the club and now have other's undergoing training.

**Session Coach (Level 1)** – is aimed at training new archers by running our Beginners Courses to bring in new members – vital to maintaining the club.

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These are Chris P, Robert C and Trevor B and we now have Martin and Chris W in training.

Development Coach (Level 2) – is aimed at developing archers who have completed a beginner's course and are looking to develop and perfect their archery technique – vital to keep archers interested and improving in the sport.

AGB statistics show that without such coaching archers may plateau and not improve and lose interest in a year or two. Which is why the club is committed to run regular free Coaching Clinics. The Development Coaches are Caroline and Chris M with Trevor B now in training.

If you're interested in taking this coaching journey yourself – it's very rewarding, great to developing a new skill and helps give something back to the club and archery in general - then talk to one of the coaches.

Club Coaches also support the Country Coaching events that are held during the year at various locations. They provide archers across Essex and Suffolk the opportunity to develop their archery technique with input from a range of coaches from the county. See last month's newsletter for dates and links to book.

**Membership Privacy, Data Protection and Consent** – Over the past 27 years that the club has been in existence the information held, and consents provided have changed over time. Resulting in the club no longer holding the same, up-to date current data and consent for all club members. To bring everyone's consent to data held the club will create pre-populated membership forms with the current info the club holds on each member.

You will be asked to check that the information is correct and provide a new consent for your data held by the club on the systems it uses to manage the club. Which we will ask all members to sign and date their membership forms. Thus, ensuring that all data is current and correct and the club has a consistent level of consent from all club members.

Regards

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