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Club Regalia - 25% Discount - Christmas Gift Ideas



The Clubs regalia supplier Knights Sportswear can supply various items of regalia for our club. There is absolutely no obligation for any club member to purchase any of it - it's a personal choice.
If you are interested there is a 25% discount on orders placed before midnight on 30th November and if you order soon you should receive in time for Christmas.
Gipping Valley Archers - Club Regalia - Knight Sportswear
Gipping Valley Archers - Full Zip Hoodie – Knight Sportswear



Xmas Shoot – will be on the 13th December – 10:30 set-up and first arrows 11:00am sharp. There will be prises for bowstyle, gender and age group. This time it's the best decorated bow that will be judged. There will be food / snacks during the halfway break so if you're feeling generous donations greatly received.

Christmas Club Meal - The Club arranges a Christmas Meal at a nearby venue for anyone who would like to attend. This year we are proposing the Four Horseshoes at Thornham Magna up the A140 on Saturday the 19th December. Pre-dinner drinks at 7:30pm and sit down to eat at 8:00pm. The club will purchase the first drink after which you pay for your food and drinks. The cost is £27 for 2 courses and £34 for 3 courses. If you wish to attend just message on WhatsApp poll or email address below – but please be quick we need to confirm numbers.

Halloween Fun Shoot 2026
Another great event with 32 participants – well done to the Winners – Under 18 Russell, Abi, Ella and Harry - Adults Longbow Nigel, Barebow Mellisa & Robert, Recurve Marie and Martin, Compound Jackie & Andres. With fancy dress winners Russell (again) and Conner.



Thanks for the home-made pumpkin cake and stilton biscuits Marie, Garlic Sour dough bread Stuart and Martins wife's biscuit. Plus, all the other food donations to replenish energy levels at the break.



Winter Indoor Rounds

Now the clocks have changed we move to shooting indoor rounds – outdoors! Shorter distances, smaller target faces and three arrow ends). November will be imperial distances - yards more information at Indoor Rounds

Club Calendar – has been updated to reflect the winter programme of activities the club will be running for your enjoyment. Available at Club Calendar

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First Competition – A rough guide
There is a useful guide prepared by Southern Counties Judges on preparing for your first competition and its worth understanding what to expect and how to prepare for one.
Also talk to club coaches who can assist in your preparations. First Tournaments

GVA Coaching Clinics - Free

24 January 2027 - 2pm Others to follow.

County Coaching - The Essex & Suffolk County Archery Association (ECAA) are hosting monthly winter indoor coaching sessions on Saturday mornings from 10am-1pm at Gosfield School. A great opportunity to meet other clubs' archers from Essex and Suffolk along with a wide experience of Coaches happy to help you improve your archery - £5 per session.

21 November https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGL
30 January https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGN
27 February https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GXGP

In Case of Emergency - ICE - With the safety measures and rules in place at our range, we can be confident that overall, it is a safe sports environment. Despite this, rare accidents and injuries can happen or people become unwell and need urgent medical attention.

We would ask you to consider using the emergency contact information on your mobile phone to help others to help you if and when you need it. This information can be accessed by a third party even from your locked mobile phone. The emergency contact information can also include your medical status, medication etc. This of course will have a wider application than just when you are at the archery range. Here are the instructions for setting up your smart phone for the three main phone platforms.

Android - Navigate to and open Settings, then tap Safety and Emergency, and then tap Emergency contacts. Tap Add emergency contact, and then select from your available contacts or search for someone. Then, tap Done.

Apple IOS - Open the Health app, tap your profile picture, go to "Medical ID," and tap "Edit" to add or remove contacts, medical information etc.

Windows - Unfortunately, Windows phones don't support ICE contacts in the same way. But you can still provide ICE information by including it in your lock screen image along with any medical conditions.

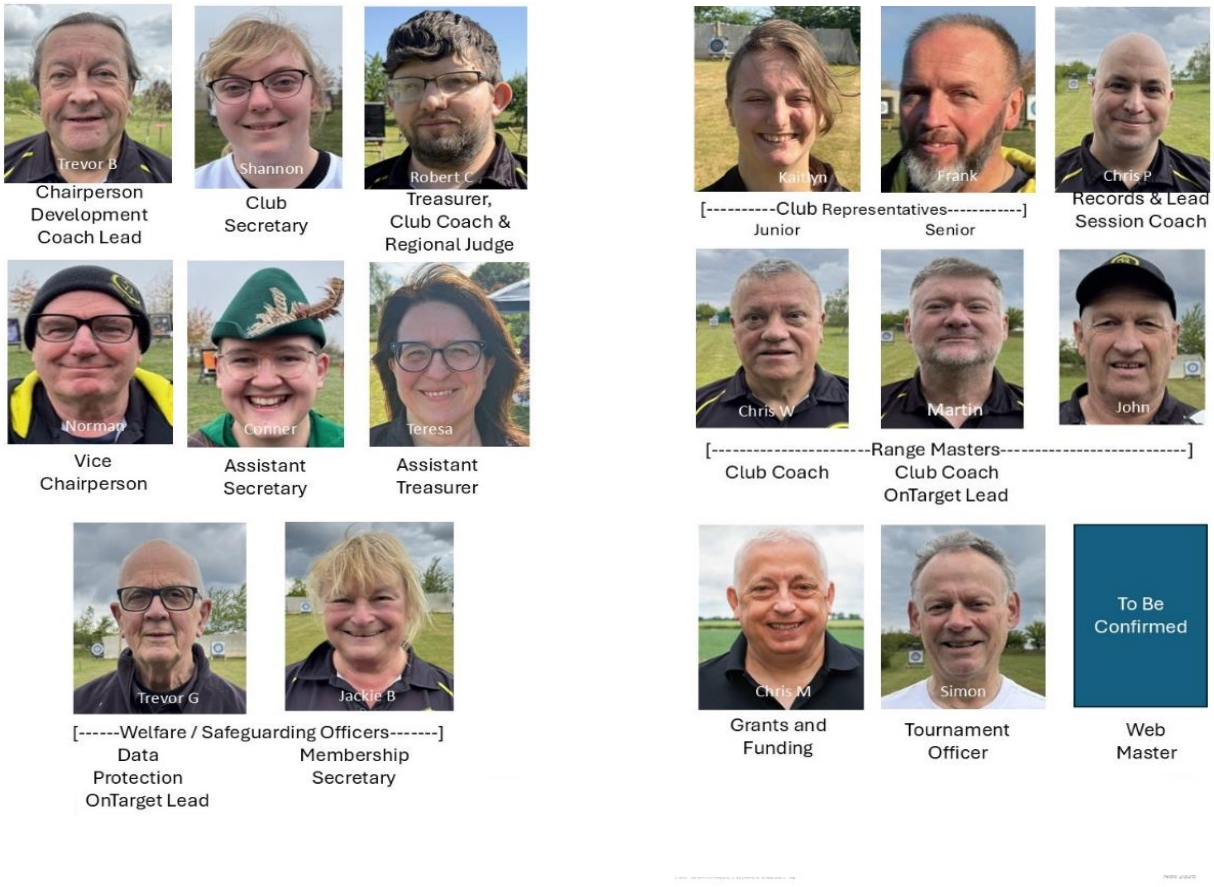
How to access ICE information on someone's phone in an emergency when locked is displayed in the club hut on the club range. But is basically: -

For Emergency Contact and Medical information tap "Emergency" on the lock screen to show keypad. Then select "Medical ID" on iPhones or the siren icon on some Androids to view emergency contacts and medical details.

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GVA Committee 2026/27
Following the Extradentary General Meeting held on the 3rd November the GVA Committee is almost complete for 2026/27 as below.

GVA Committee Role 2026/27	
Club Chairperson	Trevor Benjamin
Vice Club Chairperson	Norman Berrill
Club Secretary	Shannon Roberts
Assistant Secretary	Connor Perkowski
Treasurer	Robert Clark
Assistant Treasurer	Teresa Mitchell
Membership Secretary	Jackie Benjamin
Welfare & Safeguarding Officer(s). X2	Trevor Gibbs, Jackie Benjamin
Data Protection Officer	Trevor Gibbs
Club Representative(s) X2	Kaitlyn Punton, Frank Barrett
Lead Session Coach	Chris Punton
Lead Development Coach	Trevor Benjamin
Web Master / Editor	TBC
Tournament Officer	Simon Dunston
Records and Medals Officer	Chris Punton
Range Masters	Chris Wiseman, Martin Fox, John Dowsing
Grants & Funding Officer	Chris Mannox



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