

# Company of Sixty

## Field Archers

# Newsletter

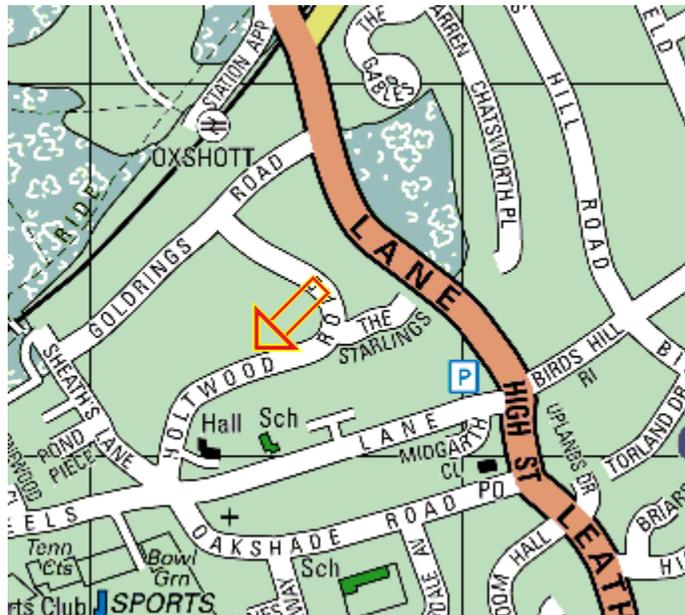
## March 2011

### AGM 2011

#### Notice of the Company of Sixty Annual General Meeting, March 22nd 2011

##### AGM Date and Venue

The Annual General Meeting of the Company of Sixty FA and Company of Sixty Field Archers Limited will take place at Oxshott Village Hall, Oxshott, Surrey, on the evening of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. The actual location can be seen as the object marked “Hall”, at the junction of Steels Lane and Holtwood Road (please ignore the arrow on the diagram).



##### Time

The meeting will commence at 19:30.

##### Catering

Tea and coffee available.

##### Meeting notes

Note that only fully paid up members of the club will be able to vote on any proposals that will be presented during the AGM. Club membership falls due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. All committee positions are open for election, but any

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members wishing to stand for committee positions must propose themselves, or have themselves proposed by another member; and also be seconded by a further member.

In order for proposals to be discussed and voted upon, the proposer, seconder or both need to be present at the AGM.

### AGM Agenda

- 1, Agreement of minutes of AGM 2010 (see below)
2. Reports from Committee members, including Treasurer's Report
3. Current committee stands down
4. Election of new committee/Ltd Company Officers
5. Discussion and voting of formal proposals
6. Any Other Business

1. The minutes of last year's AGM to be approved are attached.

3. The current Club Officers are:

Secretary	Nick Cox	07950049526
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Treasurer	Paul Chenery	07931521504
Target Face Officer	Mike Hobbs	01483 429272
Membership	Carol Edwards	01932 865181
3D Officer	Barry Newman	01932 222769
Newsletter and Publicity	Bob Dysart	01483 305182
Events Officer	Linda Bennett	0208 874 6538

#### Limited Company Officers:

Company Director: Michael Hobbs 01483 429272  
Company Secretary: Carol Edwards 01932 865181

At the meeting we will be voting to choose committee members for the forthcoming year – if you are able and willing to help either as a member of the committee, or less formally with the administration, we wouldn't half like to hear from you and see you at the AGM.

5. There is only one formal proposal for consideration from the Club Treasurer, Paul Chenery:

Review of membership fee minimum increase of £5. That club members only pay a shoot levy at open shoots - increased to £3. No charge at all other shoots at club. Membership should be increased by £10 for New members Full year i.e: to £65 including joining fee + key deposit New members Half year or less £35 including joining fee + key deposit.

This is all quite dull, but needs to be done. The AGM is also an opportunity to make suggestions about how the club should be run next year, what improvements we might make etc, planning for laying out shoots etc. So please come along.

## March Open Shoot

Shoot report and scores to follow soon.

After a frankly unimpressive turn out on 5<sup>th</sup> March set up day (thank you Brian Fairburn for the muscle and Debbie Downer for the cakes – yes that's the full list) there was a much improved turnout for the work party on 12th March. Allied to some impressive pre-prep by Mike Hobbs and Ron Armond in the week, a group of 11 turned out helping Mike Hobbs and John Pryke set out targets and 3Ds and risk assess the course: so on behalf of all the members and visitors on the day many thanks to Dennis Streeter, Chris Bissell, Brian Penfold and his 'barrow (!!), Brian Fairburn, Simon Willard (and his Land Rover (!!)), Ron A and Rob Traynor (the new Ant & Dec ? surely not), John Pettett and Dave Highfield and apprentice. This number of helpers is about right. We'll try to encourage some new faces along for future work parties, maybe even some more of Debbie D's cakes. There are always non-manual jobs to do such as painting pegs, making up targets, repairing 3D's, bin bag rambles - so if you're worried you're not up to carrying a life-size grizzly bear, that's no reason not to join the party.



Men, real men .....



Tea drinkers. Real tea drinkers.....

Thanks also to Carol and Paul for catering for our temporal needs on the big day. We had plenty of volunteers for marshalling again ably directed by Dave Winter: thanks all, as you know No Marshals No shoot.

## **Forthcoming Shoot and work party dates**

*Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> April*

*Club champs*

Made your spine matched and weighted arrows yet ? Best get a wriggle on....

If we have some helpers we might be able to get some of the 3Ds out for this event. The hope was to get a barbie or some cakes etc , but were all a bit 'evented' out at the moment – any offers of help gratefully received and maybe we can do something a bit more enjoyable.

*Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April      Easter Friendly*

A good chance to invite friends along for a go. Again, if we have volunteers to help before and after the shooting, we might see some live rubber stalking the woods

*Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June              Workparty for open shoot*  
*Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June             Workparty for open shoot*  
*Sun 12<sup>th</sup> June            Open*

## **Work Parties**

We are improving the organisation of work parties a lot.

They now have a fixed start time of 10 am. The Shoot Organiser or Mike Hobbs will be around the hut/container for the first 30 mins or so to allocate work/jobs.

If you miss the start, take a look at the white board for ideas of where you can help, and details of how to contact the work party organiser on site.

If you are pro-active and can let Mike or the relevant organiser know you are coming, that helps a lot and helps us manage things better. Dont be afraid to call. Its a telephone, it's not stealing your soul, that's just old fashioned superstition.

The plan for future work party days is to have one half of the course open while work is done on the other. That means you can pitch up, help out and then get a bit of arrowing in.

Volunteers are also encouraged to come forward to learn (with experienced help) how to design courses, make targets up, and lay target butts and pegs.

Typical tasks include

Lay out the target butts and pegs for the new course in half of the woods:-

- (i) Place butts at the sites marked with a white pole and hazard tape.
- (ii) Place pegs at the locations marked with plain white markers.
- (iii) locate waymarkers as appropriate.
- (iv) Place pegs on the lower half of the course
- (v) Walk the top and bottom half with bin bags to clear up rubbish/debris
- (vi) Fill up and return water containers to the hut for use in the urn on the shoot day following.

Good things to bring if you have any of them them: Mallet/work gloves/knife/secateurs/handsaw/bin bags/permanent marker pen/stapler/wheelbarrow.

We have some new target butt material coming in the next couple of weeks so will need some help to make up the butts - want to learn the dark art ? More info soon....

We also have several jobs to do which don't require you to be able to manhandle a life-sized grizzly bear – e.g. painting pegs, bin bag rambles, making up target faces, bringing cakes (☺) .

Why not save the cost of gym membership and come and help at a work party - you get a good work out in the fresh air, its sociable and you feel you've put something back.

## **Marshals**

As ever, we must properly marshal our opens as well as our friendlies or we can't hold them, and we must properly cater or people will stop coming.

We have a system that means you can Marshall and shoot (though we need a couple of non-shooters and ideally someone to organise parking). Please contact Dave Winter and let him know if you are coming. Marshals shoot free. Yes that said "free".

## **Catering**

We are looking to organise the catering a bit better to ease the burden on Carol/Paul Chenery and look after your digestive health (joke). Any of you ladies got a husband who can bake a cake or make a chilli. Thought not - could you do it then? Please call Paul Chenery if you can help.

## **3-Clubs Challenge**

Excellent turnout for this event - 56 archers in total from all three clubs. A good time was had by all on a day which started (at least) in fine weather and bluish skies. Possibly the best time was had by Havering NALGO who, with a team self-evidently packed with ringers, edged to a narrow victory with an average score of 370. Cloth of Gold, now with some woods to practice in came a close second with an average of 360. The good news for Co60 is (i) we came third (avg 345) (ii) in the Olympics this would have earned a medal (iii) we don't need to spend limited club funds on a new trophy cabinet. How good is that! Thanks to Paul Chenery who sorted out the catering at the last minute so we and our visitors could all have a bacon sarnie and a cup of char. Jamie Oliver eat your heart out (fry it in place it between 2 bits of bread - £1).

Thanks to Brian Penfold (who drove up from Kent), Richard Stafford and Simon Willard who turned out help Mike, Barry and John lay 40 faces/3Ds for the day.

That's it

See you at the AGM ...well at the woods anyway.

**The Committee**

Minutes of last year's AGM to be approved:

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010  
OXSHOTT VILLAGE HALL**

**AGENDA**

**Agreement of minutes of previous AGM Thursday 22nd Jan 2009.**

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

SECRETARY

JOHN PRYKE.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

CAROL EDWARDS.

EVENTS OFFICER

LINDA BENNETT.

TREASURER

PAUL CHENERY.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

ROBERT DYSART.

Committee stand down.

Committee re-election

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Received 08/03/2010**

**Nicholas Cox.**

Can I propose :

(i) that the Club Rules be amended in accordance with the attached draft to deal with Temporary Membership. [NB the above is very slightly different from the draft I circulated in December - but changes are not substantive]

Also

(ii) that the Club Website be amended so that (a) the wording accommodates the changes arising from the new class of Temporary Membership and (b) provision is made to allow Temporary Membership fees to be remitted to the club electronically.

(NB as to (ii) I would be happy to volunteer to be mandated to review the wording but I would not be able to undertake the technical stuff. I did speak with Philip Cave, who indicated he would be happy to tackle the changes, but we need to be clear about what we want him to achieve. My own view is that we should get electronic event booking sorted out at the same time, but this will need to be discussed with Linda - although I don't think that her lack of enthusiasm for matters electronic needs to be a problem, she can just be sent the details that come in via the website to sort out along with postal applications.)

## Company of Sixty ShootDates 2010

Sun	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Open 3D+Faces
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Friendly (Easter Monday)
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> April	SPTA St Georges Day ????????
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Friendly
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Open 3D+Faces
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Friendly
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Open
Fri	22 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Night Racoon Shoot
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friendly
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SPTA Venison Shoot ????????
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ron Pavitt Memorial 3D+Faces
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mince Pie Shoot (Friendly)

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Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Friendly New years Day
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Friendly

We are hoping to make it a bit more of a fun event this year, perhaps with a Barbie weather permitting. Keep an eye on the website for more news. We hope also to be able to let people know a bit more about how they can join in and help run the club.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2011

Subs are due from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2011**. Anyone not renewing by **31<sup>st</sup> March 2011** will no longer be deemed a member, and will no longer be covered by the insurance or receive any updates. PLEASE NOTE: Your NFAS is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March as well....no pay, no longer a member, no up-to-date card, no insurance, no shoot! Simple !

Please read the back and fill in the complete form, even if you have done so in the past. Please note: all life members must also fill in a form! Return to the Mem Sec signed with your cheque (Cheque not cash, if pos.). If you want Carol to send off your application to renew your NFAS membership too, you need to send a completed NFAS form and a SEPARATE cheque made out to the NFAS – Carol does this as a favour, so try not to make her life more difficult.

There is a new form this year – please read the bits on the back too. The main change is asking you to indicate what sorts of things it would suit you to help with if needed. Its not a commitment, but any club needs to call on its members to help sometimes and we'd like to know what would suit you best if we have to ask for help. We reckon you might be get asked to help with something once or maybe twice a year at most, many members do a lot more because its good to feel involved. We think this is an important way to help the club function well.

Also, if you have a mobile and an email address please put it down as it makes communicating easier, quicker and cheaper.

Attached is a copy of the back of the form, in a larger format, for you to keep with your club constitution, which you should already have a copy of. If you don't have a copy of the constitution, send the mem sec an email or an SAE for a copy.

Happy Days, subs are the same as last year, thanks to a record number of new members. Invite your mates down for a lesson with Carol and a session in the woods and get them hooked.

## **COURSE LAYING/MAINTENANCE**

**Course Laying** We are hoping to get more of you involved and learning course laying skills, and more organised help for those of you who would like to give it a try. We have four indications of interest/ volunteers already. The idea is that for the events we have planned we will get groups of mates who fancy learning how to lay a course out working with the help of one or more of our experienced course layers – maybe two groups do a part of a course each under supervision and make the job easier still. It's a great way to enjoy and see the woods differently and will give you a new perspective on any courses you shoot in the future. It also means that the club can secure its future ability to put on events.

It takes about 4/5 days to design and way mark a course ready for the workparty, just to give you some idea what time is involved. Carol and our course layers will try to get out a sort of 'how to' list for designing a course to give some pointers. But DON'T WORRY, you'll have experienced help, and all courses are shot by three or four experienced archers and/or committee members and risk assessed by others before we put on the shoot. So if you fancy having a go, either as a designer or helping out at a work party with your mates, give Nick Cox, John or Carol a ring and let us know – ideally before the AGM.

**Course Maintenance** There is a new system for keeping our target faces in good nick on the course. If you see a face that needs changing, just make a note of the target number and size on the whiteboard on the front of the hut when you get back (pens are inside – don't use permanents please). Next archer should check the board before he/she goes out. If there's a note of a face to change, take one with you from the hut, put it up, shoot it and rub out the note when you get back. Do this and everyone should be shooting at decent, clean targets all the time. It's up to us to make it work.

## **WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS**

The club is now using the website at [www.co60.co.uk](http://www.co60.co.uk) more actively, it's not yet looking as we want, but it's on its way. We will be posting news, reminders, notices etc behind the Newsletter tab.

This will be the main way we will send out info. Short bits of News/reminders will be emailed (where possible) or posted periodically.

## **SHOOT MARSHALS**

It is important that our opens and friendlies are properly and adequately marshalled. It makes them safe, and gives a good impression to our visitors which helps to keep them coming back and generating funds for the club.

Our Woods Marshal Dave Winter, who is a qualified Health and Safety officer has helped us develop a great system for marshalling that makes it dead easy to do. Most Marshals can even still shoot. And if you act as a Marshall you shoot that day for free.

There are tabards/quiver tabs in the hut. The Marshall organiser will brief you on the day. There is a crib sheet which you will be given which tells you exactly what to do if (God forbid) there is any incident. Co-ordination is by mobile phone with a central person who will organise the appropriate response emergency services or any other help – again there are guidelines for this too.

David Winter would love to hear from you if you are willing to help, or fill in the box on your membership application form. We need at least 4 marshals for every shoot. If more are prepared to help we can provide parking marshals etc which make the club look good. Please expect to be asked maybe one or twice a year to do this – it doesn't hurt. Several members have already had a go – ask them how it went.

## **HOW CAN I HELP ?**

We need lots of helpers to do things like:

- 1) Replace worn out target faces at any time. These are stored in the club hut ready to use.
- 2) Putting new target faces out for the friendly's/club shoots. (phone/email Mike Hobbs if you can help do this).
- 3) Keep ditches along main track clear of debris. (there are tools in the club hut, so if it looks like it needs doing then.....)
- 4) Keep club hut and area tidy. Take rubbish away every time you go to the woods. If there is a full bin bag when you're shooting do us a favour, pop it in the boot and take it home when you're finished. If you do it, the next person will too and we all get to play in nice clean woods.
- 5) Help at work parties for open shoots.
- 6) Replace stakes that have broken or hammer back in if fallen over.
- 7) Put 'kicked-out' pegs back
- 8) Fill water bottles for shoot days to be used in the urns. (They will be left at hut ready for you to take and fill. They need to be on site before the shoot day or by 8.30am latest.).
- 9) Extra help needed for catering. Carol can't do all the shoots any more and neither can Paul. So more people to cook and clean up are needed.
- 10) Enough members to stay behind after the shoots to collect 3ds and put away, help with washing up and packing the trailer. Someone has to do it – it shouldn't be the same people every time. Just offer to do it once, and you'll get a nice warm feeling that you've done your bit to help the club this year. If enough of you have a go then it won't be much each time!!!.....

If none of the above gets help then the club is going to struggle to keep going, as those who have been stepping in to do it have been doing it unaided for too long.

## **PICTURES/TARGET FACES**

Are there any artists out there who fancy painting some target faces for us ?

We already have two talented artists who are making a start on some fantastic ideas for hessian faces. You've seen the fantastic ones we have had out this year.

We are hoping to run a SPTA style shoot, as we have done in the past, but we really need our own targets. Anyone prepared to have a go at some French Knights ?

The club will give you some canvas/hessian for painting. So get those brushes out and have a go. It will save the Club

Send JP an email or letter if you can help. Not only will it save the club a lot on target costs but we'll have something unique which will be an attraction for visitors.

### **DAY VISITOR FORMS FOR ALL VISITORS AND NON NFAS MEMBERS**

Full members have to join the NFAS as it is a stipulation in our license from the Crown Estates. All visitors on friendlies must be NFAS Members and to open shoots must be FULL NFAS members.

The NFAS insurance does not allow you take anyone around at all unless they are at least provisional members of the NFAS and even then they are not allowed to shoot around the woods, only at the butts.

Co of 60 has solved this problem for you. Members can bring visitors to club days and you can simply take someone round the woods with you under the Temporary Membership scheme. This allows you to take the same visitor for up to three visits. After that they would be expected to join the club.

Complete beginners should have a lesson with a coach first, but those (eg GNAS archers) who are able to handle a bow safely and can satisfy you (if you are an experienced NFAS archer) that they are safe at the butts, you can take up to four round with you, and they can shoot at the targets provided they only shoot under your one-to-one supervision. You must accompany them at all times and you are responsible for their safety and behaviour.

For our insurance to cover your visitors and you, you MUST fill in a form for each visitor and they must carry it with them whilst shooting. Both it, and a £5 cheque made out to Co of 60, must then be sent to the mem sec or the treasurer. These forms are then required by law to be kept for 6 years.

Forms can be found hanging on the notice board in the hut. Fill in BEFORE you start shooting, carry with you whilst you are in the woods, and post to relevant person as soon as you can.

Being in possession of a form is a legal requirement. It is a condition of our licence with the Crown Estate and a condition of our insurance. The matter is taken sufficiently seriously by the Crown Estate as well as the Club that we have jointly appointed a Warden with the Crown Estate whose job it is to verify that those he finds in the woods are lawfully present. Please co-operate with him if you are approached. He will identify himself with a laminated card.

At least one member has been found to be taking non-NFAS members around the woods without bothering to fill in the form. It is a serious breach of our licence and,

frankly, common sense. Please just fill in the bit of paper, its not a lot to ask for a scheme that allows you to take your friends down to the woods for a try out.

**From the 'club pack' issued by the NFAS:**

**Can NFAS insurance be extended to non-NFAS archers?**

*The simple answer is no.*

*At shoots organised by an NFAS affiliated club to NFAS rules, GNAS, EFAA archers or archers from any other archery bodies are NOT covered to shoot under our insurance and so should not be allowed to shoot **unless the organising club has arranged its own insurance to cover non-NFAS members.***

**Can I bring along a friend?**

*Some people have asked about the insurance arrangements if they bring along a friend to their shooting ground and give them an informal induction into field archery. **If you do then neither you or your friend will be covered by NFAS insurance if there is an accident.***

Sorry to harp on, but some members of Co of 60 think they are exempt. You're no.

Happy shooting all, exciting year ahead, see you at the woods.

The Committee

## **The Committee:**

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