



Hello and welcome to the 35<sup>th</sup> edition of your newsletter. As in indoor season beckons us and England is living up to its reputation of foul weather, I hope you can all say that you have enjoyed the outdoor season and you are raring to shoot some good 590's indoors this winter! I am still looking for articles for the next newsletter, which will be going out at the AGM, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 2pm. It would be great if you could come and support your county for a couple hours and help make some decisions that affect the way the county's archery is conducted. The committee is not set in stone, and we welcome new people to join the committee and bring fresh ideas to the table.

Hope to hear from you soon,  
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**BOB'S BOOK CORNER**



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## **The Warlord Chronicals by Bernard Cornwell, reviewed by Bob G-Bird**

Derfel Cadarn, born a Saxon, ward of Merlin and one of Arthur's warriors, is recording the life of Arthur for his Queen, Igraine, he is an old man now living out his days in a monastery, once again the Saxon invader draws near .....

**\*One of the wizards, only thirty paces away chanted and cursed us, there was an abrupt twang beside my ear, he was silenced by an arrow, it was clean through his neck, the feathers stuck out beneath his chin. He stared up at Guinevere, he gurgled and then still staring at her he shuddered and suddenly collapsed. "It's considered bad luck to kill an enemy's magician," I said in gentle reproof. She took another arrow from her quiver and fitted it to her string, the other five wizards ran away.**

### **Book 1 – The Winter King**

Uther, the High King of Britain, has died, leaving the infant Mordred as his only heir. His Uncle, the loyal and gifted warlord Arthur, now rules as caretaker for a country which has fallen into chaos – threats emerge from within the British Kingdoms while vicious Saxon armies stand ready to invade. As he struggles to unite Britain and hold back the enemy at the gates, Arthur is embroiled in a doomed romance with beautiful Guinevere. Will the old world magic of Merlin be enough to turn the tide of war in his favour?

### **Book 2 – Enemy of God**

Following a hard fought victory, Arthur appears to have at last won the unity of the British Kingdoms. He turns his attention towards the invading Saxons, while Merlin begins a quest to uncover the sacred Treasures of Britain, believing they will bring the might of the old Gods behind Arthur for one last decisive battle. The quest soon unravels the fragile peace, as bitter rivalries come to the fore and threaten to undo Arthur's successes, while those closest to him move to betrayal.

### **Book 3 - Excalibur**

Arthur has crushed Lancelot's rebellion but at a cost, Guinevere's betrayal has left him reeling and his Saxon enemies seek to destroy him while he is weak. Chaos threatens to engulf Britain. Yet Arthur is a military genius and noble leader. As the battle draws close, he prepares to fight his way to victory at Mount Badon \* and also win back the woman he lost. In this final journey of the warlord, the intrigues of Mordred, now the adult heir to the throne of Britain and the magics of the priestess Nimue could prove to be Arthur's downfall.

These 3 books are priced at about £7.99 and are published by Harper Collins.

## **What makes a Team?**

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With the outdoor season coming to a close and the Inter-Counties tournament almost here, I thought that a few words about the County Team would not be out of place.

For a few of the Archers of Devon and Cornwall, to gain a place in the County team would be their highlight of the season, possibly the highlight of their archery career. It is one of the goals that, with a little bit of work and sometimes some luck, many of us can reach. This year is a good example when we expect that there will be several new faces representing DCAS.

As Records Officer, I have monitored and collated everybody's scores over the season in order to allow the team to be selected. It's not an easy task and I must rely on archers to let me know their scores from out of county. What has been more apparent this year is the interest and enthusiasm in people wanting to know how the teams are shaping up. I like to believe that this has given people more incentive to try that bit harder, to put in that little extra effort. It also puts more pressure on the experienced team members when they see that some new faces are getting very close to their own average handicap.

The system is not infallible and unfortunately the weather can play a big part in the final selection. Some people will be disappointed but the system is as fair as we can make it at the moment. Basically everyone is in with a chance at the beginning of the season.

It is noticeable how different archers treat the thought of representing DCAS. I have spoken to many of the old and potential new members of the team and there are many views on this. We have the established team members for many years who still treat it as a real honour to shoot at the Inter Counties. We have some of the newer faces who can't quite accept they have made it and may need a bit of support on the day. Other archers will be happy to be selected but feel that perhaps someone else deserves their place for being in better form at the time. We also have those who would easily have made selection but for various reasons couldn't quite make the required amount of shoots. These are perhaps the most unfortunate, especially if circumstances were out of their control. Finally there are those who try to make out that it doesn't mean anything to them, but would be bitterly disappointed if they didn't make it.

What is noticeable, especially over the past few years, is that we now seem to work together more and help each other more as a team, even before that team is known. All through the season we have become more of a County and, in most cases, less a bunch of individuals.

I believe that the atmosphere has not been friendlier for many years, or at least until we are standing on the shooting line!

It is unfortunate that everyone's efforts result in only a single days event as a team.

A series of events over the season against the other counties would make it even more worthwhile. Fixture clashes, availability and travelling costs may make this impractical.

Can you imagine the Premier League being decided on just one single match!

So, there we are. We have a team, We have some willing archers, We have the capability, We have the will to do well.

**Let's go win the Intercounties!!**  
**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR TEAM AT EXETER ON 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER.**

P.S. In the next newsletter , I hope to have compiled a list of all archers scores based on the 5 county tournaments run this year, (Grand Day, Redruth and Exmouth single FITAs, County Champs and Autumn Gold). A simple total of points scored will give a ranking list.

Could be interesting!!

Bob Young, AOTW

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**Exmouth Archers / DCAS / GWAS Field  
Championships 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**There is still PLENTLY of spaces – help support your  
county!!**

Everyone is welcome, even novices! Find the entry form at [www.dcas.org.uk](http://www.dcas.org.uk) and  
[www.exmouth-archers.org.uk](http://www.exmouth-archers.org.uk)  
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**Caption Competition**



**Think you have a good  
caption for this funny  
picture? Send your  
entries into Sami  
Glover,  
[toptoxgal@hotmail.co.  
uk](mailto:toptoxgal@hotmail.co.uk)**

**The winner will be  
announced in the next  
edition of the  
newsletter!**

**Deadline: Mid November ☺**

Congratulations to the mysterious winner of the last caption competition who suggested the caption should be:

**“Sami has a different outlook on shooting after 2 WKD’s”.....**

Ed: Hahaha....you guys are so funny....(not!!!)

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### **DCAS Junior Squad Manager**

Hello all, as most of you know, it has been a busy year with our juniors, with many successes and a few representing Great Britain. I am extremely proud of all the juniors in Devon and Cornwall, and look forward to watching them all progress next year too. However, due to personal circumstances, I, regrettably, will not be able to run Junior squad, and so will be looking for a Junior Squad Manager to help me out if I get re-elected as Junior Representative at the AGM this year. I hope that someone has the drive and time to be able to put themselves forward for this role, as our juniors are going from strength to strength, and many of them feel that this is because of the Junior Squad Training Sessions. I would like to thank you all for your kind words to me through the past few years, and I hope that between us, we can maintain the superior standards of our Juniors. Please feel free to speak to me if you are willing to think about the position.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Hardy, DCAS Junior Rep.

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### **Question Corner – DCAS Tournament Organisers**

#### **Can the TO's display all the County and National records at each tournament?**

Unfortunately we do not keep up-to date copies of all the records and so we cannot bring them to each tournament. If an archer is specifically after a record then they should check before the tournament with the DCAS/GNAS/GWAS records officer or use the online facility

#### **Can the TO's read out whether an archer has gained a County/National record subject to ratification at presentation?**

As said above, we do not keep all of the records, but if an archer believes that they have achieved a record then we are more than happy to tell everyone as presentation of their award, however it is up to the archer to initiate this

#### **What are the coloured/white score -sheets for?**

At DCAS shoots, we double board in order to make score checking at the end of the competition easier. As DCAS TO's we have to sign to say that we have checked every single score sheet before we issue the results (this is why the results can take a long time to come out after the event). In order to make this easier, we have introduced a coloured and a white system. The coloured score sheets are the sheets used to produce the results ON THE DAY. The white score sheets are NOT touched on the day, and are only used for checking scores on the days after the competition. If there are any amendments to the final results after using the white score sheets then this will be changed on the final result sheet, and trophies/medals will be redistributed as needs be. Please can we remind you that YOU sign for the final scores, and if they do not match then there is nothing we can do about it on the day. We try to get the results out as quickly as possible!

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Sami and Gillian Glover

***If anyone has any questions or topics that they would like discussion on, then please tell me (Ed) and I will include it in the next newsletter!***

## **Word search**

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**FOR ALL THOSE BRIGHT SPARKS WHO NOTICED –  
APOLOGIES FOR THE LAST WORDSEARCH!!!**

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