

Aurora 2-day shoot 29th – 30th March 2014

On a beautiful, if somewhat unexpected spring weekend, team Aurora welcomed 120 archers on each day of our first two day shoot of the year and what a wonderful weekend we all enjoyed. Thank you to all of you who made it such a special occasion, many having travelled significant distances to get there. We really appreciate it.

As ever the course was designed to be a tough, but fair test of archer ability and judging by the feedback both at the time and afterwards we got the balance pretty much spot on. Thanks to all of the course setters and in particular Paul, the torturer-in-chief and Neil his Padawan learner.

Archers were kept well fed and watered throughout thanks to the expert catering team serving up amongst other delights venison burgers and a venison ragout plus a grand array of cakes – thanks to Sue, Steve, Pete and Agnes – great job everyone!

Thanks to the marshals patrolling the course with good humour and a mission to serve (including Ian the one-man quad bike SWAT team) and of course admin in the capable hands of the grumpy bear himself; Ian Malcolm.

Our thoughts and winces go to Roger Grew who, on the second day, contrived to secure a trip to casualty to remove a 2½ inch shard of wooden arrow from his bowhand finger... makes me feel wobbly just writing it! Mind you, being the true archer that he is, he wasn't going anywhere until he'd polished off his lunch, drunk copious amounts of tea had a good old chat to everyone – quality!

Our eternal appreciation goes to Lord Petre for allowing us to shoot in his perfect Parsons Spring woodland and Mick Mitchell for giving us free rein to take over his radical Bikes venue for the weekend – we couldn't do it without you.

If you check out our facebook page you will see a full list of results and lots more great photos of the weekend taken by Teresa – perfect memories thank you!

Finally, huge thanks and hugs are due to Madi Tricker who designed and manufactured our fabulous medals for the weekend – everyone loved them and they made a very special and unique prize for all of our winners. Oh by the way, Madi is taking orders!

We look forward to welcoming you all again for more fun and games at our next two day weekend shoot on 30th and 31st August.

Be well, be safe and shoot straight.

Martin Joy

