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A short History of the GRAND WESTERN ARCHERY SOCIETY

on the occasion of
the 100th Championship Meeting
DUNSTER 1973

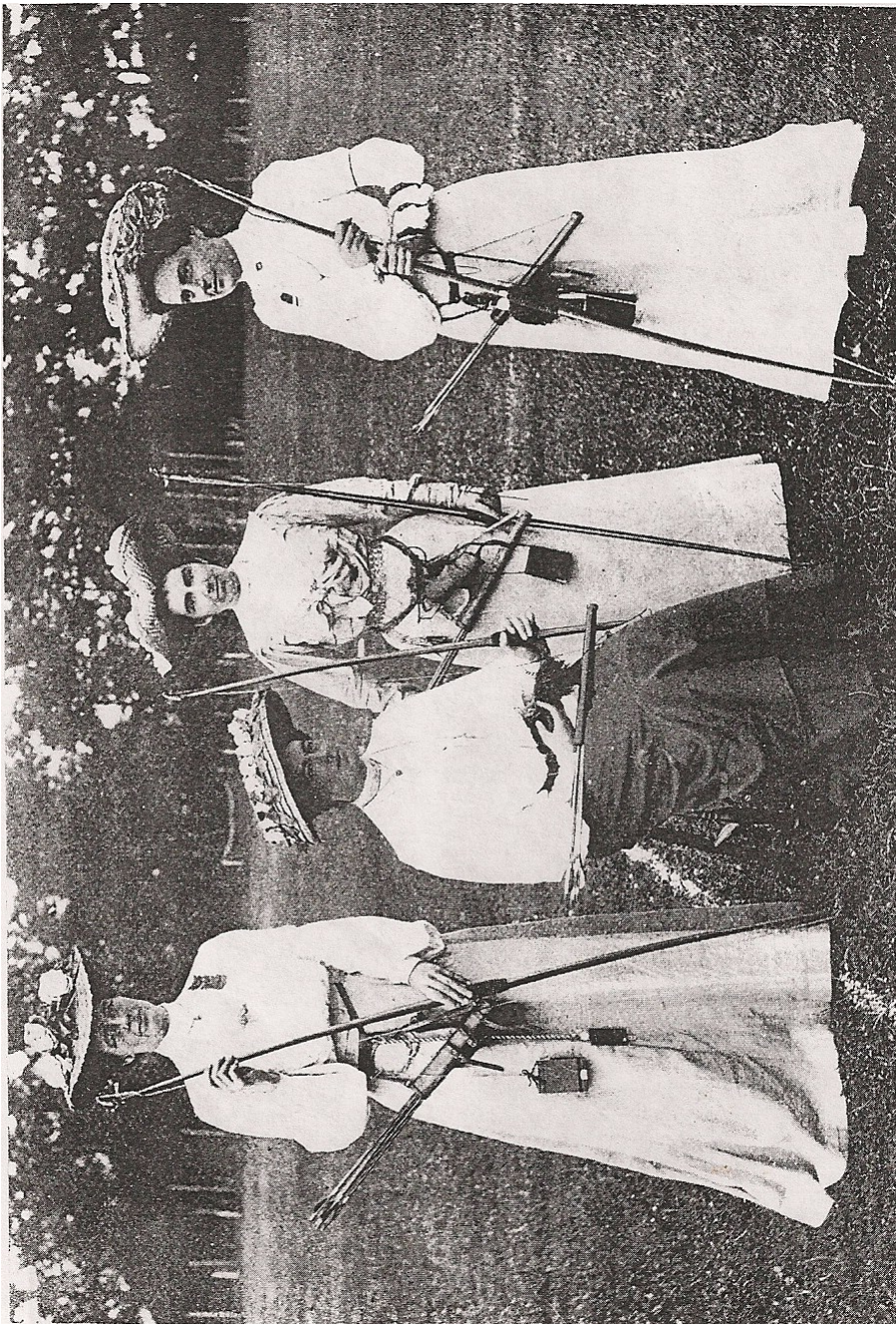


This copy of the 1973 booklet has been produced 'electronically' (with some judicious 'freestyle' typing!) and I have tried to make it as close to the original as possible. There are quite a few 'typos' (spaces missed out, etc.) in the original which I have left in with no comment against them and some of the photos at the end do not come out quite as well as the original. Also, in the original this page was blank and there were no page numbers, I have added these to make it easier to follow the points below and have indicated with a '*' at the side of the text that there is a note regarding something in that particular line of text.

Chris Hassall (G.W.A.S. Archivist & Librarian) January 2010
(Revised 2014)

NOTES, CORRECTIONS, ETC.

- Page 1 L. G. Graham - Captain Graham's initials were L. J. (as on page 22)
Page 1 GNAM first held in 1884 - should be 1844
Page 1 Walionol - Walrond
Page 2 from £10 to £1 .. 10. - from £10 to £1 10s (from the 'Rules and Shooting Regulations of the G.W.A.S.' - 1883, held in the Society's Archives).
Page 2 Toxophilete - Toxophilite
Page 3 up to 1928 - 'Archery News' gives the results up to 1947 (when it ceased production) as being on points, 'The British Archer' didn't start until 1949 (when the results were on handicap) and I have not found any results for 1948 (since first writing this I have found a copy of the results for the 1948 Championships and Lucy Awdry and Ralph Jebb both won 'on all points' so this should read '1948')
Page 3 Rule 14 - this was a 'residential' qualification, to be eligible an archer had to be a member of GWAS and to have resided in the Region for a minimum of six months in the preceding year
Page 3 Score at 40 yards - should be 50 yards
Page 6 the '{' linking Miss Radford and Mr. Metcalfe should be linking Mrs. Kane and Miss Radford who drew on points even after redistribution
Page 7 this trophy has been missing for a number of years
Page 8 1914 NOT KNOWN - Paignton (Archer's Register 1915, GWAS Archives)
Page 8 1921 NOT KNOWN - Sidmouth (the Awdry Trophy has all except the last one (1948) of Lucy Awdry's Championship Medals on and the one for 1921 states 'Sidmouth')
Page 9 Miss Lucy Awdry was not the winner, a study of the results ('Archery News', Vol. 3. No. 5 - September, 1923, GWAS Archives) shows the winner as being Miss Awdry (Lucy's eldest sister)
Page 9 Macdonald - MacDonald in other publications (such as 'Archery News' and 'British Archer')
Page 10 In the original it appears as **MissE.M.BrooksKing** (no spaces).
Page 11 £2.18.9 - £2.94p in today's money
Page 13 In view of the above, Lucy Awdry's total number of wins was actually 11
Page 14 Nettletone - Nettleton
Page 15 It seems odd that South Wilts should have been celebrating their centenary in 1957 as they were formed in 1859 (see end of paragraph 2 on page 2 - and this date is confirmed on their website)
Page 18 Paraplegie - Paraplegic
Page 19 Cloud - Clout
Page 24 LUTTREL - should be LUTTRELL



G.W.A.M. THE WINNING COUNTY TEAM, WILTSHIRE
Miss Pinckney, Mrs. Tyndale Powell, Miss E. Macdonald, Miss L. Awdry.

A short outline History of the
GRAND WESTERN ARCHERY SOCIETY on the occasion of its
100th CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

* By Captain L. G. Graham R.N. President of The Society, 1973.

The earliest record I can find of an Archery Club in the West is that in Archery News Vol. 16. No. 1 of the OLD SARUM ARCHERS, formed in 1791. This states that the Salisbury Museum has a silver gilt badge of the club, engraved "Old Sarum Archers Annual Target - 16th August 1793, W.H. Goldwyer". A press report of the shoot at the time includes - "The Archers afterwards dined together at 4.00 p.m. at the Parade Tavern; several respectable Gentlemen of the City and Close dined with them, and the day was spent in harmony, festivity and loyalty". (It was the birthday of H. R. H. The Duke of York).

A treatise on Archery, published in 1832 shows two clubs in Somerset - Selwood Foresters and Somersetshire Bowmen. One of these may be the Club referred to in "Badminton" as "The Somerset Society who, finding in 1822 that they did not hit much at 80 and 60 yards, put the targets at 20 yards apart, when the results were much more satisfactory"! The Grand National Archery Meeting was first held in

* 1884, the same year as the West Somerset Society was founded. The Devon and Cornwall Society was founded in 1847, and their usual meeting place was at Manadon, Plymouth. The Bath and the Cheltenham Archers were founded in 1857 and the South Wilts Archers in 1859.

* G. W. A. S. HISTORY (1860 - 1870) by H. Walionol.

"From 1852 to 1857 an Annual Meeting of Archers of Devonshire was held at Bitton House, Teignmouth, which belonged to Serjeant Praed, but owing to that gentleman's death in 1858 these meetings ceased. The idea of reviving these meetings was mooted from time to time, and about the time of the Grand National Archery Meeting at Bath on 4th and 5th July 1860, the idea of holding a Grand Annual Archery Meeting in one of the five Western Counties was started, and most warmly taken up by many prominent Archers and Gentlemen interested in Archery in the West".

All Societies in these Counties were sent the following proposal - "That an Annual Meeting of Archers, being members of some Society of Archers in one of the five Counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, be held at some town in one of those counties, situated as centrally as possible with respect to the whole, and having the ability to afford the requisite accommodation. And further that such meeting be called "THE GRAND WESTERN ARCHERY MEETING" and be conducted upon the same principles as the Grand National, and Leamington, and that it be regarded as in aid of the same, and be open to all Archers being bona fide Members of Societies in the United Kingdom".

On 13th May 1861, a Public Meeting was held at Taunton when the finances were guaranteed, the date set for 7th and 8th August, and Mr. T. Dawson elected as the first Hon. Secretary. The notices for the Meeting, and the full press reports of the shooting and the Grand Ball are in the Society's archives. £150 was allocated for prizes, ranging in cash from £10 to £1 .. 10. and the rounds shot were the York and National for Gentlemen and Ladies. Some 53 Ladies and 42 Gentlemen competed from 34 clubs

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1st	1861	TAUNTON	Miss A. Turner Rev. H. B. Hare	South Devon. West Somerset.
2nd	1862	SALISBURY	Mrs. A. A. Mallett Rev. H. B. Hare	West Somerset. West Somerset.
3rd	1863	WEYMOUTH	Miss S. Dawson Rev. H. B. Hare	West Somerset. West Somerset.
4th	1864	EXETER	Miss S. Dawson Rev. H. B. Hare	West Somerset. West Somerset.

1865 No Meeting was held as the Grand National Meeting was held at Clifton According to the Archers Register of that year, there were 184 Clubs in England, Scotland and Wales, and the club with the most members was Bath Archers with 120.

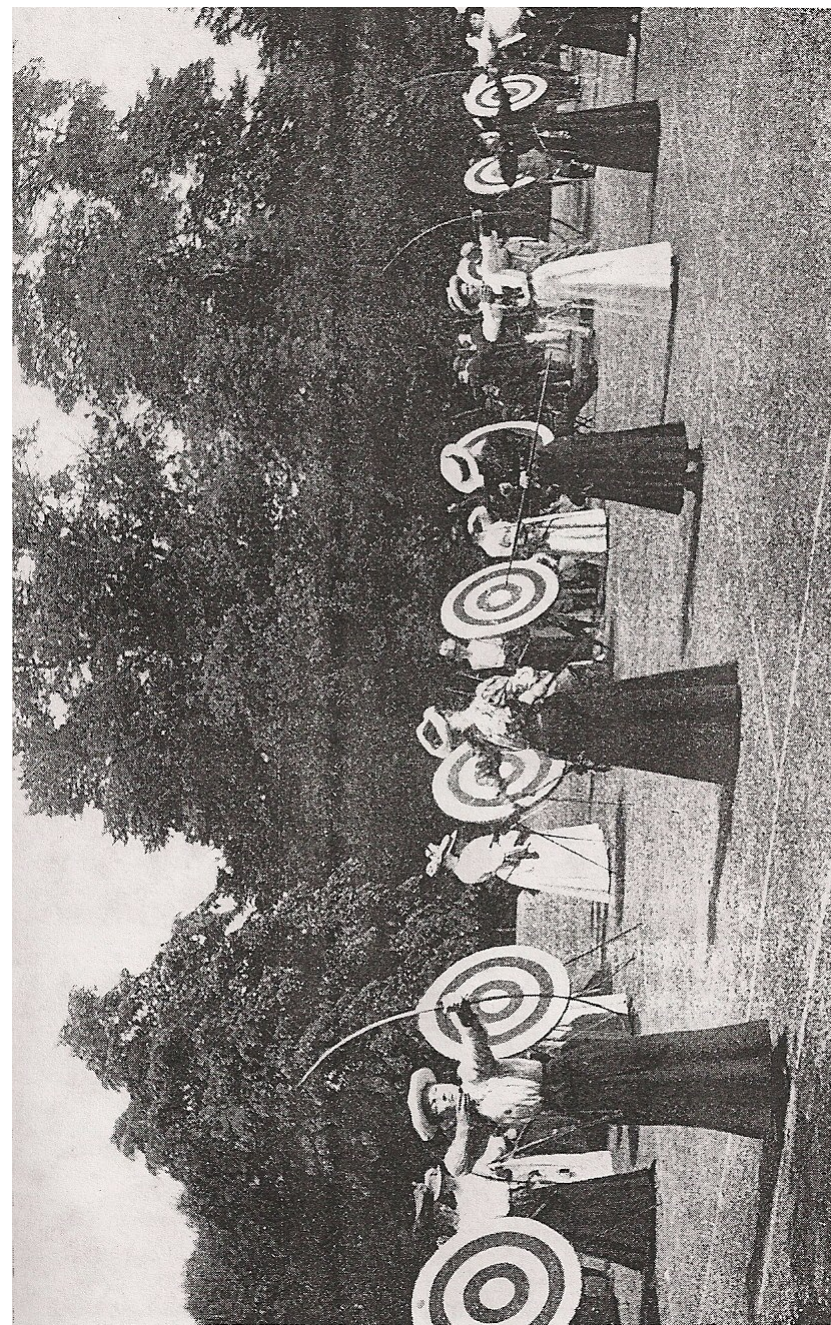
5th	1866	WEYMOUTH	Miss S. Dawson Mr. H. Walrond	West Somerset. Teignmouth.
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Difficulties evidently arose in 1867 as no meeting was held that year, and the Western Meetings ceased to exist, the targets etc. having been sold and the proceeds given to Taunton Hospital. However, at the Prize Day of South Devon Archery Club held at Powderham in July 1868 an attempt was made to re-form and a General Meeting was called by Mr. H. Walrond - who was subsequently appointed Hon. Secretary - at Taunton where the difficulties were resolved, and the G.W.A.M. came into being again, with the Secretaries of the Clubs in the West being added to the Committee.

Colonel H. Walrond continued as Hon. Secretary right up to his death in 1917 - 49 years - and the archers of today owe him a tremendous debt. He was also part author of The Badminton Library - "Archery" as well as Editor of The Archer's Register from 1897 till 1914. He was also Hon. Secretary of the Royal Toxophile Society.

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Mr. Horace Ford's name occurs in the Prize Lists of G.W.A.M.'s for 1861, 1863 1866 and 1868. This great archer, who won the National 12 times, 1849 - 1859 and in 1867, lived in Cheltenham when he founded the Cheltenham Archers and later in Bath.



THE LEAMINGTON ARCHERY MEETING



COL. WALROND
Hon. Secretary of the Royal Toxophilite Society

The Archer's Register was first issued in 1864, as a "year book of facts, giving scores at Annual Meetings of National and Regional Societies, Public Meetings, Averages of scores and percentages, and Notes of Clubs in the United Kingdom". This tremendous work of sorting and recording scores at all major meetings and reports from clubs was maintained by three Editors - J. Sharpe from 1864 - 67, and 1877 - 1888, F. T. Follett, 1888 - 1896 and H. Walrond, 1897 - 1914. Publication lapsed, however, between 1867 and 1877, but the 1877 edition went back as far as possible to details from 1872. The details were partly necessary for the handicapping system then in force, whereby scores of the top archers were reduced by stated percentages (up to 25%) for previous performances at major meetings - i.e. Grand National, Leamington & Midland, Grand Western, Grand Northern, and Crystal Palace.

- * The Western Championships - right up to 1928 - were awarded on a points system (in force also with National and other big meetings). The G.W.A.S. Rules of Shooting contains the following - "The Challenge Prizes shall be awarded to the
- * Archer gaining the greatest number of points, and duly qualified under Rule 14 - The Points are -

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Gross Hits	2	Gross Hits	2
Gross Score	2	Gross Score	2
Hits at 60 yards	1	Hits at 100 yards	1
Score at 60 yards	1	Score at 100 yards	1
Hits at 50 yards	1	Hits at 80 yards	1
* Score at 40 yards	1	Score at 80 yards	1
		Hits at 60 yards	1
		Score at 60 yards	1
TOTAL	8	TOTAL	10

Should there be a tie it shall be decided as follows:

- (a) By a redistribution of all the eight or ten points among those tying.
- (b) Should the points then be found equally divided the ties shall be bracketed and each receive a badge, the Challenge Prizes being kept by the Committee for the year; the names of such ties to be inscribed on the Challenge Prizes".

Added to this the reductions for previous performances - 25% for First, 20% for second, 15% for 3rd or 4th, 10% for 5th or 6th and 5% for any other Gross score prizes, and most Tournament Secretaries of today must be thankful that these rules were eventually changed.

Another Rule to which attention was frequently being called was - "Any Lady or Gentleman, having won the Society's Championship Badges and failing to wear such badge so that it is clearly visible at a subsequent meeting, shall be fined 10/6 for each day of such Grand Meeting upon which it is not worn".

6th	1868	TEIGNMOUTH Bittton House	Miss Ripley Col. Ward	Wiltshire Archers South Wilts.
7th	1869	TEIGNMOUTH Bittton House	Miss Ripley Rev. R. Price	Wiltshire Archers Stour Vale
8th	1870	TEIGNMOUTH Bittton House	Miss M. Lockyer Col. H. Walrond	Teignmouth Teignmouth
9th	1871	TEIGNMOUTH Bittton House	Miss Ripley Col. H. Walrond	Wiltshire Archers Teignmouth
10th	1872	SHERBORNE Castle	Mrs. P. Pinckney Rev. R. Price	South Wilts. Anglesea (Dorset)

At this meeting, it was decided to form the Grand Western Archers into a SOCIETY, which took place officially in January 1873.

11th	1873	TEIGNMOUTH Bittton House	Mrs. P. Pinckney Rev. O. K. Prescott	South Wilts Wiltshire Archers
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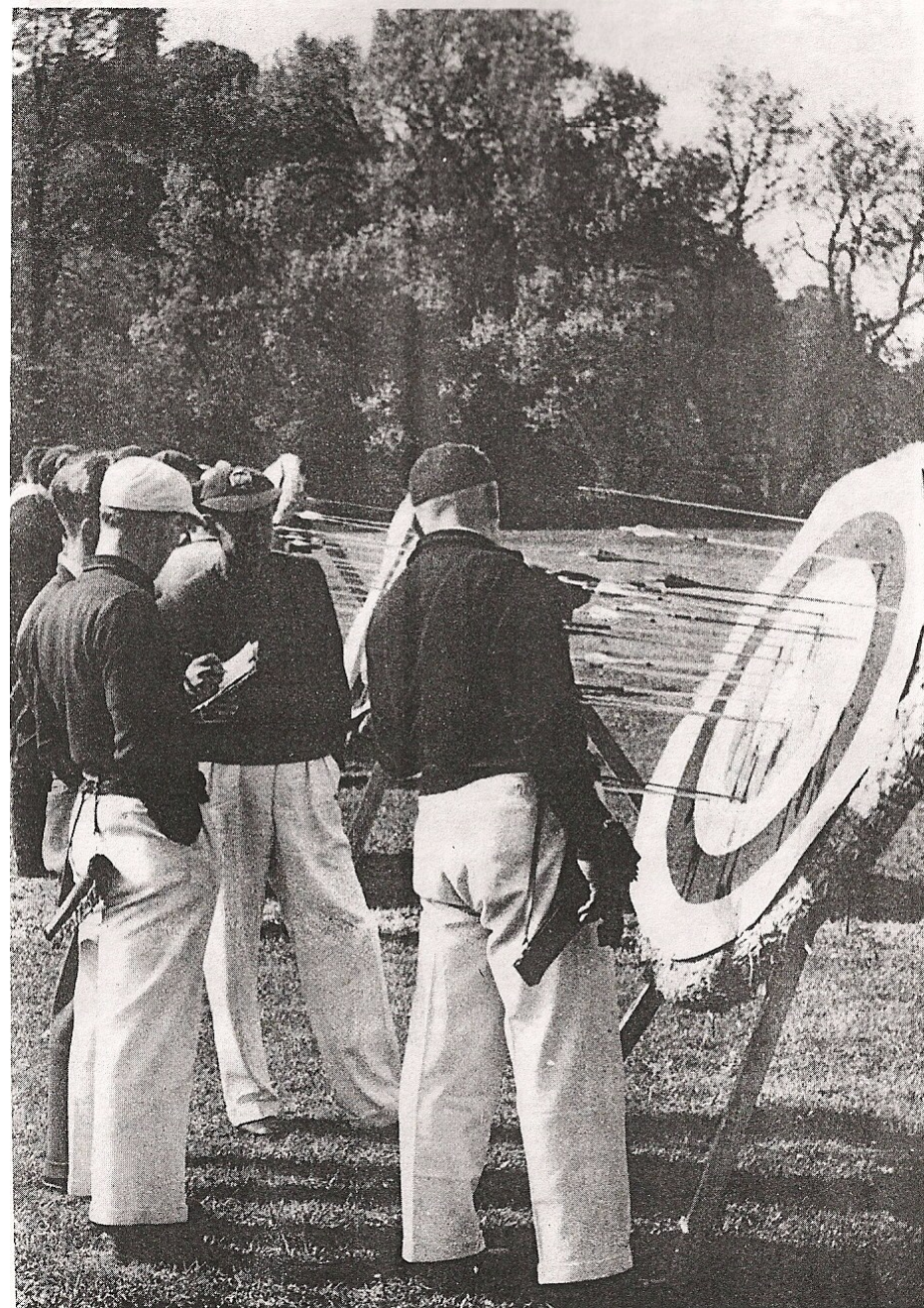
The following Clubs and Societies are shown in the Archer's Register in the West when the G. W. A. S. was formed into a Society.

Cornwall	Devon	Somerset
Mounts Bay Archers	Avon Vale A. S. Brampford Speke A. C. Budleigh Salterton A. C. Culm Vale Archers	Bath Archers. Somerset (West) Archers.
Dorset	Devon & Cornwall A. S. Devon & Exeter A. S. Devon (South) Archers.	
Anglesea Archers Blackmoor Vale A. C. Dorset (West) A. S. Sadborow Archers Stour Vale A. S. Weymouth and Wyke Regis A. S.	Newton Abbot A. C. Paignton A. S. Sidmouth A. S. Tamar A. S. Teignmouth A. S. Torbay A. S.	Wiltshire Severnake Forest A. S. Vale of the White Horse Archers Wiltshire Archers Wilts (South) Archers.

Gloucestershire did not become part of the G.W.A.S. until after the second War, although negotiations were commenced in 1939.

Their clubs in 1872/73 were:

Archers of the Channel Cheltenham Archers.	Cotswold A. C. Gloucestershire (West) A. S.
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H. A. ORAM - Bowmen of Hatch - Champion of the West.
with MR. GEOFFREY LUTTREL

12th 1874	WEYMOUTH	Miss K. Lowe Col. H. Walrond	Devon and Cornwall South Devon.
13th 1875	TEIGNMOUTH Bitton House	Mrs. Hosken Col. H. Walrond	Devon and Cornwall South Devon.
14th 1876	SALISBURY The Butts	Miss E. F. Pinckney Mrs. H. H. Palaret	South Wilts South Devon.
15th 1877	TEIGNMOUTH Bitton House	Miss E. F. Pinckney Mr. P. J. Pinckney	South Wilts. South Wilts.

Advertisements in the Archer's Register of this year show comparative prices.

Grand Dinner Sherry	18/- per Dozen.
Prime Champagne	26/- per Dozen.
Lemonwood Bows - Gentlemen	13/6 Ladies 11/-
Backed, Yew Bows - Gentlemen	£1/ 6/- Ladies £1/1/-
Lime or deal Arrows	14/- Ladies 13/- per dozen.
Footed Arrows	18/- Ladies 18/- per dozen.

16th 1878	WEYMOUTH	Miss E. Matthews Mr. H. H. Palaret	Devon & Cornwall. South Devon.
17th 1879	TEIGNMOUTH Bitton House	Miss I. Carter. Col. H. Waldron.	Vale of White Horse. South Devon.
18th 1880	SHERBORNE	Miss I. Carter. Mr. H. H. Palaret	Vale of White Horse. West Dorset.
19th 1881	BATH	Miss I. Carter. Mr. H. H. Palaret	Vale of White Horse. West Dorset.
20th 1882	EXETER	Miss I. Carter. Mr. H. H. Palaret	Vale of White Horse. West Dorset.
21st 1883	SALISBURY The Butts.	Miss I. Carter. Mr. H. H. Palaret	Vale of White Horse. West Dorset.

Miss Carter won for five consecutive years and Mr. H. H. Palaret for five years out of six in spite of those percentage Handicaps!

22nd 1884	TAUNTON Taunton School	Mrs. Eyre Hussey Rev. Eyre Hussey	Wiltshire. Wiltshire.
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A Husband and Wife Championship.

23rd 1885	WEYMOUTH	Mrs. Eyre Hussey Rev. Eyre Hussey	Wiltshire. Wiltshire.
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Again a Husband and Wife Championship. There must have been much practice at the Rectory.

24th 1886 BATH Mrs. Eyre Hussev Wiltshire.
Rev.C.J.Perry Keene Devon and Cornwall.

This Meeting was in conjunction with the Grand National Archery Society's Championships.

25th 1887 EXMOUTH MissM.A. Winwood Bath Archers.
Col. H. Walrond. Culme Vale.

26th 1888 TAUNTON Miss C. Radford Sidmouth A. S.
Col. H. Walrond. Culme Vale.

27th 1889 SALISBURY MissM. A. Winwood Bath Archers.
Rev.C.J.Perry Keene Avon Vale

28th 1890 EXETER Mrs. Gilling. Wiltshire.
Rev.C.J.Perry Keene Avon Vale.

29th 1891 SEATON MissM. A. Winwood Bath Archers.
Mr. A. Newall. South Wilts.

The numbers attending the Championships averaged over the previous 10 years were 50 Ladies and 30 Gentlemen - always more ladies- but the numbers fell badly for 1891 - only 33 Ladies and 18 Gentlemen. No reasons are stated.

30th 1892 BATH Mrs. Kane. South Wilts.
Mr. A. Newall. South Wilts.

The proposal to abolish Money Prizes was first raised.

31st 1893 SHERBORNE Mrs. Kane South Wilts.
* { Miss C. Radford. Sidmouth.
Mr. T. T. Metcalfe Royal Tox.

32nd 1894 PLYMOUTH Miss E. Winwood Bath Archers.
Manadon Park. Rev.C.J.Perry Keene Devon and Cornwall.

33rd 1895 WEYMOUTH Miss E. Winwood Bath Archers.
Rev.C.J.Perry Keene Devon and Cornwall.

34th 1896 EXMOUTH Miss A.M. Pinckney South Wilts.
Rev.C.J.Perry Keene Devon and Cornwall.

The Ladies Great Silver Quiver was won by Mrs. P. Pinckney in 1872 and 1873 by Miss E. Pinckney in 1876 and was brought back into the family again twenty years later by Miss A. M. Pinckney.



BADMINTON 1954
DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT - Lady Paramount
R. JEBB (Back to camera), MRS. A. FELIX, T. C. MORGAN, C. W. WESTON-MARTYR, DR. S. SLADE.



BADMINTON 1954
R. JEBB Starting the Shoot, President G.W.A.S.

35th 1897	BATH	Miss S. E. Morres Rev.C.J.Perry Keene	Bath Archers. Devon and Cornwall.
36th 1898	SALISBURY Victoria Park.	Miss S. E. Morres Rev.C.J.Perry Keene	South Wilts. Devon and Cornwall.

The Rev. C. J. Perry Keene won the Armada Jug for five consecutive years and on three other occasions. He was Vicar of Dean Prior, and was a devoted sportsman - hurdling, rowing, boxing, horseman and archer. He shot again in the Western up to 1907, and died in 1927 at the age of 80 .

37th 1899	PLYMOUTH	Miss A.M. Pinckney Mr. R. BrooksKing.	South Wilts. Wiltshire.
38th 1900	BOURNEMOUTH	Miss S. E. Morres Mr. R. BrooksKing.	South Wilts. Wiltshire.

The Controversy over Prize Money still continued.

39th 1901	WESTON-SUPER- MARE.	Miss S. E. Morres Mr. R. BrooksKing.	South Wilts. Wiltshire.
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The numbers competing had recovered again over the past ten years to an average of 65 Ladies and 36 Gentlemen.

40th 1902	PAIGNTON	Mrs. Stopford Mr. R. BrooksKing	Devon and Cornwall. Wiltshire.
41st 1903	BATH	{ Mrs. E. Leonard Miss L. Awdry. Mr. R. BrooksKing	Backwell. South Wilts. Wiltshire.
42nd 1904	EXETER	Miss K. G. Mudge Mr. R. BrooksKing	Devon and Cornwall. Wiltshire.
43rd 1905	SALISBURY	Miss K. G. Mudge Mr. R. BrooksKing	Devon and Cornwall. Wiltshire.
44th 1906	WESTON-SUPER- MARE.	Mrs. E. Leonard Mr. R. BrooksKing	Backwell A. Wiltshire.
45th 1907	PAIGNTON	Miss K. G. Mudge. Mr. R. BrooksKing	Devon and Cornwall. Wiltshire.
46th 1908	SHERBORNE	Miss K. G. Mudge Mr. R. BrooksKing	Devon and Cornwall. Wiltshire.
47th 1909	TAUNTON	Miss Cicely Foster Mr. R. BrooksKing	Devon and Cornwall. Wiltshire.

* Miss Cicely Foster was tragically killed in an avalanche in Austrian Tyrol in 1927. Her Championship Badge is one of the Junior Awards for the Girls Championships today.

48th 1910	EXMOUTH	Miss L. Awdry Rev. J. Penrose	South Wilts. Wiltshire.
49th 1911	BATH	Mrs. E. Leonard Mr. R. BrooksKing	Backwell Wiltshire.
50th 1912	WESTON-SUPER -MARE	Miss A.M. Pinckney Mr. R. BrooksKing	South Wilts. Wiltshire.

It is only in the report of this Jubilee meeting of the G.W.A.S. that one first reads of the "difficulties" which arose in 1866-7. "A good deal of jealousy had been manifested against the Western Meeting by the Committee of the G.N.A.S. The cause of complaint was that the meeting was too successful and was injuring the Grand National, the badges given by the Western being a special bone of contention! This led to the Western meetings ceasing, a further matter for discontent, only remedied when Mr. H. Walrond took over the Secretaryship, the badges discontinued, and peace again reigned between G.N.A.S. and GW.A.S! However, at the Jubilee Meeting, special badges were again made available, a procedure being followed for the centenary meeting.

51st 1913	SALISBURY	Mrs. F. W. Tennant Mr. R. BrooksKing	Bath Archers Wiltshire.
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The War intervened, and although several clubs tried to continue, the larger meetings had to be abandoned. The Archer's Register ceased with the 1914 edition, and Colonel H. Waldron died in 1917. Two members undertook the business of the Society for the period of the war, and in 1920, the Rev. Langford-Sainsbury was elected Hon. Secretary. The old D.C.A.S., established in 1847 came to an end, and the pavilion at Manadon, built in 1848 was pulled down. This Society was revived in 1952.

* 52nd 1914	NOT KNOWN	Miss A.M. Pinckney Mr. R. BrooksKing	South Wilts. Wiltshire.
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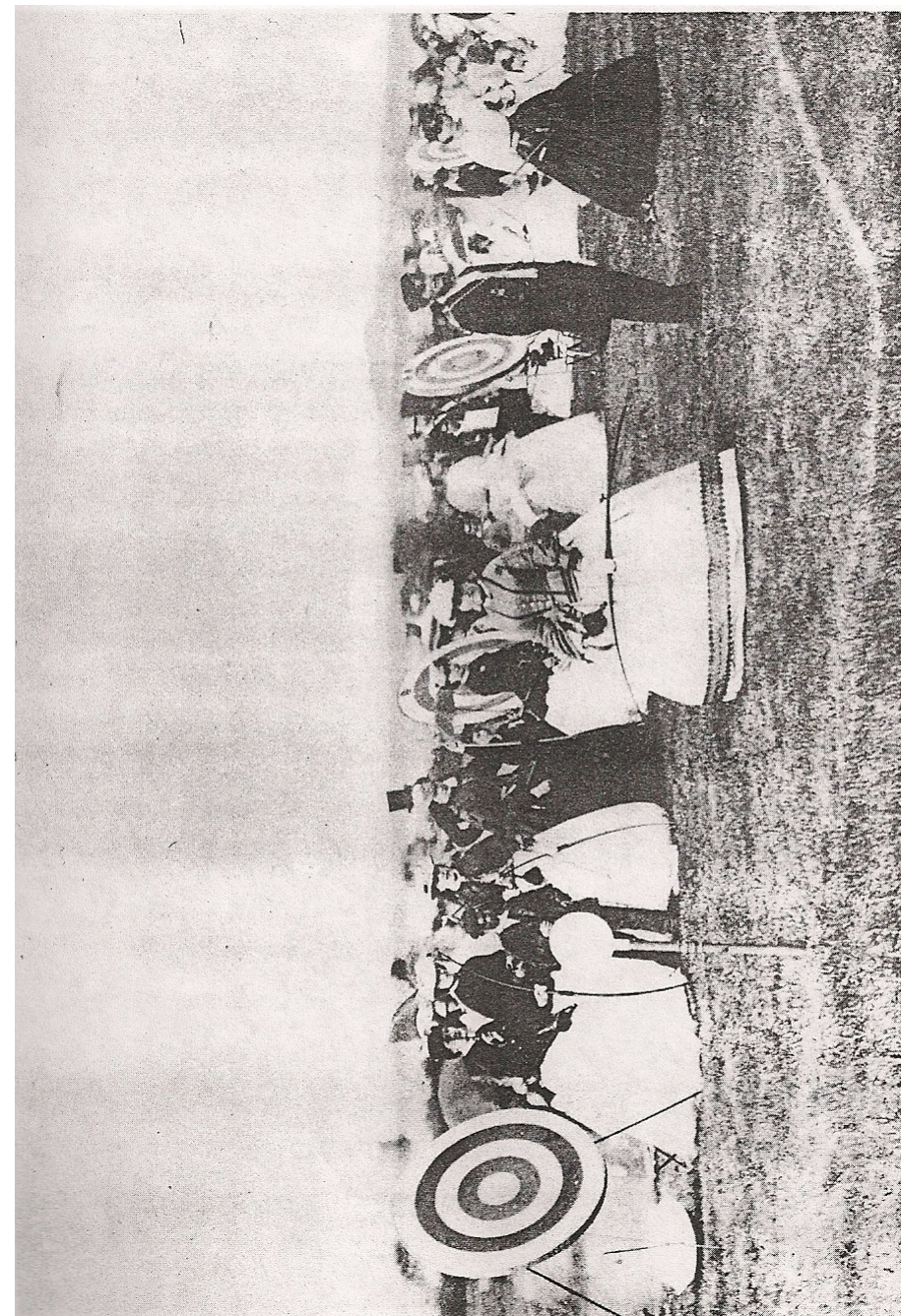
53rd 1920	BATH	Miss L. Awdry Mr. R. BrooksKing	South Wilts. Wiltshire.
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This meeting was in conjunction with the G.N.A.S. Championships.

* 54th 1921	NOT KNOWN	Miss N. E. Wallace Miss L. Awdry Mr. R. BrooksKing	Sidmouth. South Wilts. Wiltshire
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At the Committee Meeting in September the Secretary reported that he could find no trace of the 1861 Armada Jug, The Gentlemen's Challenge Trophy.

There was apparently confusion over the sequence of these meetings, as they are not recorded owing to the suspension of the Archer's Record. Winners names for 1921 are taken from the engraving on the Trophies.



The original of this photograph is in the possession of Colonel Newton, of Corfe, Taunton, a descendant of a founder member of GWAS

Totalling some 750 adults, 200 juniors as well as 15 Schools and Junior Clubs - approximately 1,000 Archers.

The standard of Shooting - admittedly with different types of equipment has improved from

1861	The Rev. H. B. Hare	665 for Double York Round.
to 1972	Mr. B. A. Pullen	1861 for Double York Round.

Similarly for Ladies but actual scores cannot be compared as the Double National is no longer a Championship Round.

The administration is available, and we are exceptionally fortunate to have for our Championship Meetings the most attractive ground in the whole Country - thanks to our Lady Paramount - Mrs. Geoffrey Luttrell and her son Colonel Walter Luttrell.

But let us not forget all that we owe to those Ladies and Gentlemen who throughout the past 112 years have made our 100th Meeting possible.

L. J. G.

*"Stout arm, strong bow, and steady eye,
Union, true heart and courtesie".*

55th 1922	SALISBURY	Miss N. E. Wallace. Rev.T.H.Langford- Sainsbury.	Sidmouth Wiltshire.
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In August 1922 Vol. 1. No. 1 of ARCHERY NEWS was produced, published and edited by Miss C. Phillips of Hereford. She continued for 26 years single handed in this work.

* 56th 1923	TAUNTON Taunton School	Miss L. Awdry Mr. T. Robinson.	South Wilts Backwell A.
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Archery News reported "Unfortunately very wet for the Handicap day. Even beds and mattresses were provided for the Ladies' - pillows also if you wished! The Hospital of the School was turned into the Ladies' Tent".

57th 1924	WELLS Wookey Hole	Miss L. Awdry Capt.R.Raby R.N.	South Wilts. Bath Archers.
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The Secretary asked the winner to take a Cup in place of the Armada Jug. A very badly attended meeting, only 29 Ladies and 12 Gentlemen.

* 58th 1925	BATH	Miss E. Macdonald Major J. J. Farley.	South Wilts. Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.
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A "Duplicate" Armada Jug comes into the Trophy List. Inscribed on two panels on the Jug is "Presented by the Culm Valley Archery Club in place of the Challenge Jug lost in the War ", "The Grand Western Archery Society Champion Challenge Jug 1925".

59th 1926	SIDMOUTH	Miss L. Awdry Maj. J. J. Farley.	South Wilts. Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.
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Miss E. Macdonald of South Wilts Archers was elected Hon. Secretary of GWAS in succession to the Rev. T. Langford-Sainsbury.

60th 1927	SALISBURY	Mrs. J. H. Moore Maj. J. J. Farley	Sidmouth. Royal Tox and G.W.A.S.
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61st 1928	SIDMOUTH	Miss A. Browning Maj. J. J. Farley	Sidmouth. Royal Tox and G.W.A.S.
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62nd 1929	SIDMOUTH	Mrs. J. H. Moore Maj. J. J. Farley.	Sidmouth. Royal Tox and G.W.A.S.
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63rd 1930	SIDMOUTH	Miss A. Browning Mr. E. Meade King	Sidmouth. Backwell A.
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64th 1931 SALISBURY **Miss L. Awdry** **South Wilts.**
Capt. A. P. James **Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.**

In 1931 the Polish Archery Association first organised in Poland an international Archery Match, and put forward the proposal to form an International "World Society of Archers". Mr. W. Melville Foster who was then Hon. Secretary of Royal Tox (well known to many of the older archers in the West - he last shot with us at Badminton in 1954) replied on behalf of Great Britain welcoming the idea. The first match took place in Warsaw in August 1931 (Return fare with meals on train £14 per person.

At the GWAS AGM in 1931, the Hon. Secretary again reported that she could find no trace of the Armada Jug of 1861 - the Gentlemen's Championship Challenge Trophy.

65th 1932 WESTON-SUPER-MARE. **Mrs. Everett** **South Devon.**
Capt. A. P. James. **Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.**

A general Council of Archers was formed to represent Great Britain "to deal with all international questions relating to Archery", and GWAS nominated one member to the Council.

66th 1933 SHERBORNE **Miss L. Awdry** **South Wilts.**
Mr. T. Robinson **Backwell A.**

* **67th 1934 SIDMOUTH** **Miss E. M. BrooksKing** **Sidmouth.**
Mr. R. BrooksKing **Sidmouth.**

This was the last time Mr. R. Brooks King won the Championship of the West - altogether 18 times and the National a further 9 times. He must have been proud that his daughter should have won the Ladies' title on this occasion. He died in 1938.

68th 1935 SALISBURY **Mrs. R. Raby.** **Bath Archers.**
Col. J. Conran. **Sidmouth.**

At the Annual General Meeting a recommendation was made that Gloucestershire be taken into the G.W.A.S. The clubs concerned were Cheltenham, and the Vale of the White Horse. The G.W.A.S. voted that they would willingly receive Gloucestershire if formally asked. At the same meeting the resignation of Miss E.M. Macdonald was announced after 10 years in office. Captain and Mrs. James of Backwell and Royal Tax took over temporarily.

About this time the first advertisements for Steel Bows appear in the Archery News - particularly Seefabs.

69th 1936 SIDMOUTH **Miss L. Awdry** **South Wilts.**
Capt.A.P.James R.N. **Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.**

Mr. E. Fisher of Budleigh Salterton took over as Hon. Secretary.

In the meantime, Mr. R. F. Newton was elected Hon. Secretary, Captain L. J. Graham remained as Hon. Treasurer and became Vice-President, and Mr. J. Green became Chairman.

96th 1969 DUNSTER **Miss C. Britton.** **Palladwr B'men.**
Mr. W. W. Felstead. **B'men of Lytchett.**

Mr. Ralph Jebb retired as President after serving the Society in an official capacity since 1946. The West owes a very great deal to him. Captain L. J. Graham was elected to relieve him as President.

97th 1970 DUNSTER **Mr. L. Maslin.** **Chantry B'men.**
Mr. P. G. Holloway **Yelverton.**

* The new Secretary took steps to strengthen the various Committees, and subdivide the work of administration through them - Shooting, Field Archery, Flight & Cloud, Junior with their similar National Committees, and County representatives. The Coaching organisation was similarly linked to National and County.

Mr. C. E. G. Wenyon was elected Chairman and Mr. J. Howlett - Tournament Secretary.

98th 1971 DUNSTER. **Mrs. B. Williams.** **Chantry B'men.**
Mr. M. Willis. **South Wilts A.**

The World Championships came to England - a magnificent setting at York, in conjunction with that City's 1900th anniversary. G.W.A.S. provided a pair of silver Candelabra as one of the trophies, and this was won by Mrs. D. Wilbur of U.S.A. as Second Lady of the World. Many archers from the Region helped with the organisation.

99th 1972 DUNSTER **Mrs. B. Williams.** **Chantry B'men.**
Mr. B. A. Pullen. **Bath Archers.**

The year that Archery returns to the Olympic Games, and all that that involves! The Hon. Secretary of the West becomes President of the National - and so again we are without an Hon. Secretary, - he having been awarded the Hartwell Trophy for the Archer of the Year for his administrative work.

100th 1973 DUNSTER

But let us consider how we stand at the moment - We have the four County Associations - within the Society:

- Gloucestershire Archery Society (and North Avon).
- Somerset County Archery Association (and South Avon).
- Dorset and Wilts Archery Association.
- Devon and Cornwall Archery Society.

The International Trials were held at Bath, in conjunction with the Bath Festival. The Field work and scoring was undertaken by volunteers from Somerset and Gloucester, and our Lady Paramount - Mrs. Geoffrey Luttrell presented the awards.

* Mr. John Ewens, of Yeo Bowmen, was selected as one of the wheel chair Archers to represent Britain to compete in the Paraplegie Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Clickers and stabilisers start appearing on the lines.

92nd 1965 DUNSTER Miss C. Britton. Palladwr B'men.
Mr. J. W. Birch. Ad Astra B'men.

Miss Britton also won the National in 1965, and in shooting in the 23rd World Championships took 5th place, and top of the British Ladies Team - who came 3rd.

93rd 1966 DUNSTER Miss C. Britton Palladwr B'men.
Mr. D. R. Dobinson Black & Gold A.

Very bad winds and rain marred the first half of Dunster Week, and made the Popinjay Shooting extremely difficult. We were grateful for the loan of the mast & equipment from the Southern Region (West Herts Bowmen), and the opportunity to try this ancient form of shooting.

94th 1967 DUNSTER Mrs. B. Williams Bristol B'men.
Mr. D. E. Pinnell Pheonix B'men.

The Junior Regional Championships were separated from Dunster Week as an experiment, and it was arranged that they would be incorporated in turn with each of the four Counties' Junior Championships. This however did not prove entirely satisfactory and in 1970 they again became part of the Dunster Week.

The other important event of 1967 was the return of the Game Fair to the West - at Bowood, the home of The Marquess of Lansdown, The British Long Bow Society staged demonstrations of the old styles and there were continuous demonstrations of modern Target and Field Archery. In addition Instructors and Coaches gave the opportunity to over 1,000 members of the general public to handle and shoot in the bow.

95th 1968 DUNSTER Mrs. B. Williams Bristol B'men.
Mr. D. R. Dobinson Black & Gold A.

At this meeting we had visitors from New Zealand, Poland and Jordan.

Throughout 1966 and 1967, the G.W.A.S. Council had been busy on re-writing the Constitution of the Society - to bring it into line with the great expansion which had taken place.

Unfortunately, in 1967 and 1968 there were differences of opinion over the proposals, and G.A.S. and D.W.A.A. applied to the G.N.A.S. to form a separate Region outside the G.W.A.S. After much discussion, and further amendments to the Constitution, the four County Associations came together again in harmony at the A.G.M. in 1969.

70th 1937 SIDMOUTH Miss Anstice Sparkwell.
Capt. A.P. James RN Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.

The Western Round of 4 dozen arrows at 60 and 4 dozen at 50 yards was instituted for Ladies as the Championship Round.

71st 1938 SIDMOUTH Miss Anstice Sparkwell.
Capt.A.P.James RN Royal Tox & G.W.A.S.

* The price of Targets at this time was £2.18.9 carriage paid!

72nd 1939 SIDMOUTH Miss L. Awdry South Wilts.
Major J. J. Farley. Budleigh Salterton.

At the A. G. M., a letter from Mrs. Brooks King was read describing the recovery of the Armada Jug of 1861 which had been deposited with Lloyds Bank, Taunton and lost sight of since 1914.

The members agreed to keep the 1861 Armada Jug as the Gentlemens Challenge Trophy for the GWAS, and the replacement Jug (1925) to be awarded - Open to all corners - for the Best Gold of the meeting. This was altered in 1946 to most hits in Double York, and in 1952 for the Highest Open Score.

It was also decided to write to the Leamington and Midlands A. S. to ask if they would raise any objection to the inclusion of the City and County of Bristol in the GWAS Region. However, the war intervened, and there is no recorded answer.

Over the War years nearly all archery stopped. In 1940 an Archery Museum was instituted in Ivy Lodge, Hereford, the home of Miss C. Phillips, the Editor of Archery News. Amongst other deposits there, the Bath Archers sent their Club Register dating from 1857. It was just as well as their Pavilion and Grounds were badly damaged in the Air Raid of 26th April 1942, and so were most of the homes of the members. Their grounds were bought by Bath City Council.

73rd 1946 SIDMOUTH Mrs. Fraser Devon.
Major J. J. Farley. Budleigh Salterton.

Mr. Ralph Jebb was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

74th 1947 SALISBURY Mrs. Cobbold Taunton.
Mr. R. Jebb. South Wilts.

Bath Archers re-opened at new grounds at Lansdown, with Dr. S. M. Marle as Hon. Secretary. The South Wilts Archers re-opened with new ground at Bemerton with Miss L. Awdry as Hon. Secretary.

1947 also saw the last issue of Archery News - after 26 years. The British Archer - under Mr. Pat Clover, made its first appearance in June 1949.

75th 1948 BATH **Miss L. Awdry** **South Wilts.**
 Mr. R. Jebb. **South Wilts.**

76th 1949 SALISBURY **Mrs. McCormack Smith.** **Weymouth.**
 Mr. R. Jebb. **South Wilts.**

The National Handicap Scheme was introduced, and about the same time one way shooting vide the rules for National Championships 1949. Bows by now were nearly all steel (Seefab, Apollo Flacon, Kestral Merlin, Swallow and Swift) but their early replacement by "Modern copies of Asiatic composite reflexed bows" was foretold by Mr. Weston Martyr of Budleigh Salterton Club. The Long Bow was passing into history.

77th 1950 SALISBURY **Mrs. H. Grenfell** **South Wilts.**
 Mr. A. Ball. **South Wilts.**

The GWAS organised a National Archery Log Cabin Camp in the New Forest and later at Cranborne Chase for young people, including Archery Instruction. These Camps under the direction of Mr. R. Jebb, Miss Penny Vinter and Mrs. V. Clarence, with the help also of Mr. Jack Flinton, were continued until 1955.

Mr. Ralph Jebb also had the idea of raising money for the benefit of Archery generally by organising Balls at large Country Houses with an exhibition of archery, and shooting for prizes of value. These were held at Breamore House, Longleat and Tidworth Mess. The monies they produced were used to make grants and loans to clubs and to help provide the basic capital of the Society.

1950 saw the formation of the Somerset County Archery Association, with Mrs. Marion Felix as the first Hon. Secretary. A meeting was held at Dillington House, Ilminster, with Mrs A. P. James of the old Backwell Archers (then defunct) acting as Lady Paramount for a longbow match against the Irish Company of the Woodmen of Arden - Won by Somerset.

A new National Constitution was introduced making the GNAS the National body for Rules and International matters, and leaving the Regions responsible for details and promotion of archery within their respective areas, with representatives on the National body.

78th 1951 TAUNTON **Mrs. M. Felix.** **Yeovil A. C.**
 Mr. C. C. James. **South Wilts.**

Mrs. Marion Felix also won the National.

This meeting was staged in Taunton as part of the Festival of Britain. We have had the use of the Police Sports Ground, (later the Wessex Sports Ground) for Inter-County Matches in September ever since.

89th 1962 DUNSTER **Mrs. L. Kimball.** **South Wilts A.**
 Mr. G. Grant. **Black & Gold A.**

This year also saw the visit of the Game Fair to the West of England. The Society concentrated on both Target and Field Archery, with emphasis on participation by general public in shooting under instruction and supervision. This publicity at Longleat was successful, although direct results could not be immediately seen. However by the end of the year our numbers had gone up to over 500 adults and 140 Juniors.

The Club at Sidmouth was revived, thanks to Mrs. Ingo Simon - another name so well known to Longbow Archers.

90th 1963 DUNSTER **Mrs. W. E. Sessions** **Exmoor Archers.**
 Mr. G. B. Clark. **Backwell Archers.**

At this Championship Meeting we were fortunate in having a most interesting lecture by Professor Graham Clarke on the prehistoric longbows (B.C. 3000) which had been unearthed on Sedgemoor, Somerset. These two bows had been preserved in the peat, and replicas of them had been constructed at Cambridge. The larger - nearly 7ft with draw weight of nearly 70 lbs - was shot on the ranges at Dunster by Mr. H. A. Oram, the then Longbow Champion of England.

The Postal shoot against Natal was instituted this year, and has been continued as a yearly event.

G. A. S. lost a very keen administrator and archer in the sudden death of Mr. Vic Williams of Bristol Bowmen. He had been chairman of G. A. S. since 1954, and was closely connected with the G.W.A.S. Championships at Badminton, and the Game Fair at Longleat. He was also P.R.O. for the Society, and his excellent reports in the British Archer have helped considerably in preparation of this record.

91st 1964 DUNSTER **Mrs. L. Kimball** **South Wilts A.**
 Mr. W. J. Plowman **Black & Gold A.**

Work by now on Regional Tournaments had so increased that it was decided to have an Hon. Tournament Secretary, and this was ably taken over by Mrs. J. Green of N. S. C. Bowmen for the next six years. Similarly work at National level necessitated a full time paid Secretary.

Four new Trophies were presented for Dunster Week - two from our visitors - The Lyne Trophy and the Favel Trophy, and two from members - The Greenless Trophy and the Jack and Jill Trophy (Grants). In addition we purchased the Dunster Challenge Trophy for Ladies (Inter-County Teams) and the Jebb and Little Trophies for Juniors. These replaced the Cups kindly loaned by Bath Archers for many years, but now again required by them in view of their own growth.

Mr. Roy Matthews broke the British National Records for a single York - under the difficult wind conditions of Dunster - with a 144/1032/48.

a separate body. Anyway, four days of Field Archery were incorporated in Dunster Week of 1959 and the B.F.A.A. was formed from G.N.A.S. members with Mr. Norman Bennett of Sutton Coldfield as Hon. Secretary - but not directly within the G.N.A.S. Organisation. It has taken a further 13 years for Field Archery to become an integral part of the G.N.A.S. A great supporter of Field Archery at the time was the President of G.w.A.S. - Mr. Ralph Jebb. The winner of the field events was Master Sergeant Charles Yankauscas, of U. S. Air Force then stationed in Britain.

Archery was first included in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for Juniors, in 1959

Mr. K. Douglas succeeded Colonel Wemyss as Chairman, G.W.A.S.

**87th 1960 DUNSTER Mrs. L. Kimball South Wilts A.
Mr. D. J. Potter. Dunheved Archers.**

A FITA Round was added to the Dunster Programme, and Juniors were added to the Inter-County Teams for the September Meeting. Special sub-committees were set up to deal with Coaching, Shooting and the Camp. Membership was approximately 500 - 400 adults and 100 Juniors.

By now composite bows were in very general use, and steel was well on the way out.

**88th 1961 DUNSTER Miss V. D. Brain. Bath Archers.
Mr. B. A. Wembridge B'men of Mendip.**

This was CENTENARY YEAR of the First G.W.A.S. Meeting. It was marked by the purchase of The Centenary Armada Jug, allocated to the G.W.A.S. Long Bow Championships, the production of centenary badges for all taking part, and the presentation to the Society by the West Somerset Company of Archers of the Dunster Silver Salver - allocated to the runners up for the Luttrell Cup. Telegrams were sent to H. M. The Queen and Prince Phillip, who graciously replied with their good wishes. "Dunster Week" by now was firmly on the map of National Archery Events, and we were beginning to be known overseas as well. Our numbers this year were 74 Yorks (25 visitors) and 47 Herefords (18 visitors). We remain indebted to many of our early visitors who took their holiday for Dunster Week and supported the event through its early stages and still come. A film in colour, with commentary was made of the 1960 Week for showing at the Centenary Meeting.

Mr Douglas Little, a Wheel Chair Archer from G.A.S. initiated a scheme of Rounds for Juniors of varying ages and sex which were adopted nationally as the Bristol Rounds I - IV.

The Bath Archers suffered serious losses of equipment owing to the floodings of their grounds and club house.

The Bristol Festival of Britain made a grant to the Archers of Bristol, and the Gloucestershire and Bristol Archery Association was launched, with Miss Penny Vinter as the first Hon. Secretary.

With the general replacement of wood by steel and composite, the year saw the birth of the British Long Bow Society, to keep alive the use of the Long Bow.

**79th 1952 SALISBURY Mrs. M. Felix Yeovil A. C.
Mr. R. Jebb. South Wilts.**

Mrs. M. Felix also won the Gold Medal of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers.

* Miss L. Awdry, who had been Championess of the West for 12 times, and had been Hon. Secretary of the South Wilts for 25 years before retiring in 1950, was elected an Hon. Life Member of the G.W.A.S. A similar honour was conferred on Miss E. Macdonald who had served the region as Hon. Secretary for 10 years and President for many years. They had both shot for the South Wilts Club for over 50 years.

1952 also saw the revival of the Devon and Cornwall A. S., and their County Championships were re-instituted.

The G.W.A.S. A.G.M. in November, broadened the administration, and laid down that the basis should be through the four County Societies, as soon as a Dorset and Wilts Association could be formed. Mr. Ralph Jebb became President, Dr. S. M. Marle the Chairman, and Captain L. J. Graham, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Laminated Bows were beginning to become popular in use.

**80th 1953 EXETER Mrs. M. Felix Yeovil,
Mr. R. Jebb. South Wilts.**

The Inter-County Championships were made a separate meeting to take place at the end of the season, with teams of 20 Archers representing each County Society - 10 Men, 6 Ladies and 4 Juniors. The Championship Badges from Miss Awdry, Major J. J. Farley, Mr. Ralph Jebb, Major Conran and Miss Foster have been mounted and kindly returned to the Society to form Individual Challenge Trophies for Ladies, Gentlemen, Disabled Archers, Boys and Girls at the Inter-County.

The first Coaching Course run by the Region took place at Wills Hall, Bristol University .

81st 1954 BADMINTON **Mrs. John Oram** **Unicorn A.**
Mr. H. A. Oram. **B'men of Hatch.**

This was a very successful Championship, with the Duchess of Beaufort acting as Lady Paramount. The ground work was undertaken by Gloucestershire Archery Society, led by Mr. John Oram and Mr. Vic Williams. Mr. Weston Martyr, President of D.C.A.S., and Dr. Slade of Bowmen of Hatch, were judges and Mr. Melville Foster, (Aged 83) then President of G.A.S. shot for the last time in competition. These three had been connected with the Society for over fifty years. A coloured film of this meeting is held by the Society.

Following the A. G. M., the Wilts and Dorset Clubs were asked to form a County Association until such time as each County was sufficiently strong to form separate Societies. Colonel C. Wemyss volunteered to act as Hon. Secretary until the Association elected their own officers. This was done the following year, and Col. Wemyss became the first Chairman.

Colonel C. J. Sheppard was elected Chairman of G.W.A.S. to succeed Dr. S. M. Marle, of Bath Archers.

* **82nd 1955 DUNSTER** **Mrs. E. Nettleton** **Exmoor A.**
Mr. H. A. Oram. **B'men of Hatch.**

Mr. H. A. Oram also won the National.

This was our first introduction to Dunster, as well as being the first "week" 15th - 22nd May. The entry was not large, only some twenty targets all told, but the welcome extended by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Luttrell and the beauty and romance of the grounds made the meeting a memorable one, and we have been fortunate in being invited right up to our 100th Meeting. The Somerset County Championships were incorporated in this "Week" and have remained a part.

At this time there were 35 clubs affiliated to the Society - 14 in G. A. S., 10 in D. W. A. A., 6 in S. C. A. A., and 5 in D. C. A. S. Affiliation fees were then 1/- per adult and 6d per junior to each G. N. A. S., and G. W. A. S. One of these was the newly formed West Somerset C of A who have been so helpful ever since for Dunster Week.

There were practically no wood bows left, except for beginners and composite bows were claiming highest scores.

The Inter-County Championships in September were now a well established annual event, and we are lucky to have photographs of all four County Teams taken in 1955.

83rd 1956 DUNSTER **Mrs. E. Nettleton** **Exmoor A.**
Mr. H. A. Oram. **B'men of Hatch.**

During this week we had a "Veterans" Match - the over 60's shot a Long Western against the over 70's, shooting a Short Western. The Week also included a golf match on the Minehead Course, won by the Archers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Luttrell very kindly presented us with "The Luttrell Challenge Cup" - a trophy for Inter Club teams, open to all comers, two Ladies and two gentlemen. The first winners were Exeter Company of Archers.

Major J. B. Farley V .C., was present at this meeting, and handed over his seven G.W.A.S. Championship Badges for mounting as the Farley Trophy. He died in Kenya four years later.

Colonel C. Wemyss, D.W.A.A. succeeded Colonel Sheppard as Chairman of the G.W.A.S. - Colonel Sheppard becoming Chairman of the G.N.A.S.

Mr. H. A. Oram was still winning the British Long Bow Championships.

84th 1957 TAUNTON **Mrs. E. Nettleton** **Exmoor A.**
Mr. J. Clayton. **Exeter C of A.**

Dunster Week had to be abandoned for the year owing to uncertainties. The Suez Crisis, and petrol rationing made travel difficult. The Society learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Geoffrey Luttrell in September. A two day Championship was shot at Taunton School in the September, with a considerable fall in entries.

* Bath Archers and South Wilts Archers both celebrated their centenaries by special shoots in April and June respectively.

85th 1958 DUNSTER **Miss P. Vinter** **Unicorn Archers.**
Mr. H. T. James **Bath Archers.**

During the years 1956 - 58 there were teething troubles over the affiliations & membership rates for the general expansion of Archery, both Nationally and Regionally. After a postal vote it was agreed that all clubs should affiliate to the G.N.A.S. and that all individuals should be members of the G.W.A.S., and their County Association. The G.W.A.S. made grants of £25 each to the four County Associations.

Gloucestershire staged an exhibition of archery in the Bristol Museum which raised an amount of local interest.

86th 1959 DUNSTER **Mrs. G. E. Norris** **Exmoor Archers.**
Mr. D. J. Potter. **Dunheved Archers.**

A proposal for All England Field Archery Championships to be combined with Dunster Week with a view to forming a British Field Archer Association raised a lot of controversy on the organisation of Field Archery either within the G.N.A.S. or as