Another year and Dunster came and went.

It has become a tradition that Bath Archers members attend the GWAS Archery Week held at Dunster Castle for both serious shooting and for fun. It was no different this year with a good attendance at the Somerset Archery Championships at which we were successful with five Champions being crowned on the day, second places and many personal bests being set.

This was an auspicious start to the week quickly followed by a fun element on the Monday where Compound was the name of the day. A heavily debated handicap system setting strategic scores for pros and novices alike led to the purchase of ice creams for the two winners.

Tuesday saw parallel events for Field and the Albion. In the Field shoot members excelled by winning the Ladies and Gents Longbow elements, and also at the Albion members won the Ladies and Gents Longbow with good scores supporting these.

The middle of the week, Wednesday, hosts the Longbow two way Western where members were highly placed amongst the 173 participants.

In the Double two way Clout on the Thursday members shoot the longest distance of 140 yds (Ladies) and 180yds (Gents). Of the 4 members taking part the ladies scored better that the gentlemen. More practice required here then.

Following a rather splendid Hog Roast on Thursday Night the Friday Western is traditionally used as the warm up to the Weekend Regional Championships and high scores were set with two first places and two 3rd places.

Saturday came with the prospect of high winds and feared rain and indeed they both came in force. Dogged determination and some rather spectacular feats of strength saw Bath Archers each shoot 288 arrows in competition in these testing conditions. By Sunday evening energy level and concentration levels had been reduced to our lowest in recent months. The Award Ceremony later that evening raised spirits, and beer glasses, with many members receiving spectacular awards.

Well done everyone that attended and Yes once again Bath Archers has put it’s mark on the Somerset Archery Scene.

Link to results Sheet can be found here: [Dunster Results](http://www.gwas.org.uk/dunster.htm)

Summary:

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| **16th June Somerset Championships** | |  |  |
| Hereford | Ladies Compound | 1st – Champion | Sue Smith |
| Hereford | Ladies Longbow | 1st – Champion | Gerry Gilmour |
| York | Gents Compound | 2nd | Robin Jarvis |
| York | Gents Recurve | 1st – Champion | Mark smith |
| York |  | 2nd | Duncan Garner |
| York | Gents Longbow | 1st – Champion | Nick Bullus |
| York | Gents BareBow | 1st – Champion | Jon West |

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| 17th June |  |  |  |
| Gents FITA | Gents Longbow | 1st | Nick Bullus |
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| 18th June |  |  |  |
| Field | Ladies Longbow | 1st | Lindsay Head |
| Field | Gents Longbow | 1st | Richard Head |
| Albion | Ladies Longbow | 1st | Gerry Gilmour |
| Albion | Gents Longbow | 1st | Nick Bullus |
| Albion | Gents Barebow | 2nd | Jon West |
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| 20th June |  |  |  |
| Clout | Ladies Longbow | 3rd | Gerry Gilmour |
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| 21st June |  |  |  |
| Western | Ladies Longbow | 3rd | Kathy Hammond |
| Western | Ladies Compound | 3rd | Sue Smith |
| Western | Gents Longbow | 1st | Nick Bullus |
| Western | Gents Compound | 1st | Robin Jarvis |
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| **22/23 June Grand Western Championships** | | |  |
| Double Hereford | Ladies Longbow | 3rd | Gerry Gilmour |
| Double Hereford | Ladies Compound | 2nd | Sue Smith |
| Double York | Gents Recurve | 1st – GWAS Champion | Mark Smith |
| Double York | Gents Longbow | 2nd | Nick Bullus |
|  | Nominated Pairs | 1st | Sue Smith Robin Jarvis |
|  | Compound Team | 1st | Sue Smith Robin Jarvis Dominic Latham |
| Double Hereford | Gents Longbow | 1st | Alex Gilmour |
| Double Hereford | Gents Barebow | 1st | Jon West |