



Catalogging

Ladies and Gentlemen, if you're still reading this entire brilliant load of old flannel the question is why? I mean I gave it up a long time ago and I write this stuff. Are you mad? You are? Excellent! Just what we need, please carry on.

Before we start, the answer to the question sent in by Mr R Boreetum: How does one aerate an Archery field? Was of course, hold a longbow tournament and not as someone suggested hire a busload of rabbits with garden forks. That's just plain daft and terribly expensive. Now read on. I was driving along the M something the other day. Feeling a bit peckish I decided to pull off and find a country pub. Unfortunately all I could find was this modern 21st century watering hole for young executives. The Whistling Laptop & Badger.

The menu was in French, well sort of. I'll give you some examples. This is the bit where my spell checker could implode!

LE MENU

Soup de Jour

Le Poulet dans le Basket

Le Grill Mixed

Le Cod et Chips avec le Petit Pois Mushy.

Le Sausage avec le Pomme de Terre smushed.

Les salade from le bar salade

Le All Day Petit Dejeuner English served until 11 am.

Les choice de sweets from le trolley sweet.

And finally:le Café avec les Kit Kats. What no spit? Tsk! Tsk!

Having ordered and paid for the meal I made my way with a half pint of cider to a quiet table near the window. While I was waiting for the food to arrive I saw a pile of magazines on a smaller table in the corner and decided to have a quick browse.

There was: Hello, ello, ello, Echo monthly.

Heat magazine, Plumbing for beginners.

Top Gear magazine. That's T- Shirts, sweatshirts & Pullovers for people who drive fast cars.

OK Yah Shooting! For seriously rich and posh Archers who have no idea how to whatsoever.

OK Arching. For those who roughly do.



No prizes for guessing which one I picked up. There was a letter inside which read: Dear OK, having purchased the two-way bow and other items from the BCoA catalogue, (See Christmas Catalogue) I was wondering when the next updates were due? Well right now as it happens. (Takes Deep Breath).

There's the latest longbow from the Old and Wizeded Longbow Co designer A Sage. Apparently it's a 10ft bent knotted plank with string and peep sight. (Optional Extra.)

There's Cross, livid and slightly miffed bows, and If you've nothing better to do, why not knit your own bow and stand and tell us how you did it. We won't be interested honest.

Compound Bow presses for ironing wrinkled limbs.

Training aids include pitchforks, walking sticks and arrow lube. Why not try Archery GBs expensive course on scope spotting, details inside.

For the Judges, the very latest in tournament control. There's Fog Horns for Coastal shoots. Dog whistles for blind archers guide dogs and pokey sticks with telescopic handles for Archers who are hard of hearing.

New books include:

Archery for Dummies, how to make your ailing tournaments bigger by using Mannequins.

How to shoot compound dressed as a panto-horse, By Ms Hillary Screaming-Brickworks, the well-unknown author. Other books by her include:

Tattooing your longrod, A History of Clout shooting in the English Channel, Barebow potholing for beginners, and the new one out soon, Flight shooting- How to hit a fly from a mile away. (Fly-t shooting geddit)? Ahem! Writes groan.

See the latest Archery creations by our fashion designer Fiona Podbury-Landfill. There are sleeveless, topless T-shirts with your own club logo, available in green or white. Wind turbine powered green flared trousers with your own club logo (extra) and 24 volt lorry battery belt in white.



Sensational buy one leg get one free offer on Archery hot pants. Green or white, extra large only.

As for the rest, there's: Beer goggles, makes your crap scores look good. Concrete quivers, hard wearing. Bracing height gauges for measuring height of bracers. Wibble Weight for increasing size of drawing arm.

Warning excessive use could make you go blind.

Lino or Felt fletchings. Flint shafts for archeryologists. Magnetic strings. Unarmed guards. Newspaper Tackle box, rolls up neatly when you've finished shooting. Wooden clickers for longbows. No finger fingertabs, designed for the person with no fingers.

Finally (Yay!) The new BCoA blank Archery DVD with outtakes and deleted scenes.

Well that's it , they're taking me back to the home. Just because I can believe it's not butter, well somebody had to.

Good Shooting.

Nigel.