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## About This Newsletter

Welcome to the first Archery GB monthly newsletter which will be e-mailed at the beginning of every month to contacts at clubs, counties, regions, staff and to chairmen of committees. Our aim is to give you relevant information and update you on Archery news which affects our members. We always welcome feedback and encourage you to e-mail us your feedback. As the email addresses are generated from the membership system, please ensure that your contact details are correct by using the contact details at the foot of this page.

## Membership System Update

After creating a scope document, with input from the reference group, stakeholders throughout the Archery community and other NGB's a group of 12 solution providers were invited to tender.

After a robust 5 stage tender process the group unanimously selected one solution. Our findings were presented to the Board on the 23 January 2010, and preferred supplier status has been granted to IRIS and its product Integra.

We are now in close dialogue with the team from IRIS, agreeing financial and service level agreements with them. Once these agreements are in place the initial project plans and scheduling will be agreed and confirmed.

We are planning to communicate our plans and progress over the coming months via the newsletter and web.

## Development News

### National Skills Academy's Coaching Investment Programme

Archery GB is pleased to announce that £29,335 of funding has been secured to help support the development of archery. The funding, awarded by the National Skills Academy's Coaching Investment Programme (approved by Sport England), will be allocated to support the training of level 2 coaches, the coach education workforce and to investigate a sport apprenticeship scheme for up and coming elite archers on Archery GB's Development Programme.

Ollie Holt, Archery GB's Coaching Development Project Manager, said 'This grant is a great boost for coach education in England. It will give coaches wanting to gain their level 2 qualification an open and accessible chance to subsidise their training with a bursary. The funds will also help improve the quality of coaching courses, with improved training of the coach education workforce which includes tutors, assessors and verifiers'.

Total availability of funding:

£3,960 to support 40 coaches wanting to undertake the level 2 coaching qualification

£12,375 to support the training of the coach education workforce

£13,000 to investigate a sport apprenticeship scheme for archers on the Development Programme

Coaches in England interested in applying for a bursary to support their level 2 training will be able to access an on-line portal. This is due to be announced on the Archery GB website shortly, along with full application and eligibility details. The deadline for applications is March 31st 2010. Archers on the Development Programme will be provided with further information once an evaluation process has been completed.

## 150th Anniversary News – Let's Celebrate!

GNAS will be 150 years old in 2011, the year before the Olympics. We need your thoughts on how we can celebrate this momentous occasion. Ideas are already starting to come in but we want your views on how we can celebrate! Suggestions so far are:

- Having an Archery Week
- Have a birthday 'bash', perhaps at Liverpool where it all began or at Lilleshall
- Guinness World Record Attempt
- Having a Celebrity to 'Have a Go'
- History of Archery – a book or an on-line archive
- Inviting the 'Hairy Bikers' to cook at an event such as the GNAM or National Series
- Entering a small show Garden at Chelsea, or at another RHS venue
- Tour Museums with an exhibition
- Exhibit at shows, like the Ordnance Survey one
- Get Juniors to interview archery celebs for internet radio programme

Please keep your suggestions coming in! – [150@archerygb.org](mailto:150@archerygb.org)

A round up of the ideas will featured in the March issue of this newsletter and updates will be also be posted on the Society's website.

## Fee Structure Consultation & Governance Consultation

Feedback on the fee consultation is now on the [homepage](#) of the Archery GB website, please also see the governance consultation. Reminder AGM to be held at Lilleshall on the 17th April

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