

## OLD BASING ARCHERS

Alan Clayton's picture 1980



This watercolour picture was painted by local artist Alan Clayton, I think about 1980. Alan was highly regarded by his fellow local artists and died in the mid 90's

He created a number of pictorial records of Old Basing and we know for certain that he presented pictures to the Bowls, Cricket and Tennis Clubs who use the Old Basing Recreation Ground. He may have presented one to Old Basing Boys, the football club at the time. Our picture was given to us by the Bowls Club when we used their facilities for a 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday party in 1993.

The picture shows Norman Leavy who was the Chairman at the time and a relatively youthful Terry Cootes shooting his TD4 recurve bow. It is interesting to look at the original picture in detail, first the limbs on Terry's bow are on the wrong side of the riser (probably an artist's error), second the bow string doesn't quite line up around the anchor point. Not to worry about this though, Terry is noted for problem with this!

You can get a PDF or JPEG file of this picture from our website if you wish, the original size is 13½" x 9½". The actual painting is framed and kept as a club archive, though not in our storage hut as it's too damp. Please refer to Debbie.

Geoff Machin. 2007