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ACTIVE ADVENTURERS ON THE LAWN

Bath Croquet Club held a series of taster sessions throughout May at The Rec. Our own very Active Adventurers Hester and Mike, members and qualified coaches in the dark arts of this amazing game, arranged several sessions for our group to try it out. Essentially this game is a combination of snooker without pockets, bowls without jacks and golf without bunkers. The few scut marks on our lawn were due to squirrels fondness for grass. Golf Croquet takes 40 to 45 minutes a game whereas games of Association Croquet, we were told, take a bit longer to complete, about 3hrs. Hester led us through the rudiments of the golf game explaining hoops and wires, how to hold and adjust the swing of a mallet gauging the length of swing and follow through to hit the ball accurately. A game of Golf Croquet completed the afternoons activities. Wendy's Stalking technique, not a criminal offence in this case but an essential part of the game, was adjudged to be the most effective. Coaches and players did have to remind her to do it before taking up her striking position. Mike bravely offered himself as a target and discussed tactics to prevent the opposition scoring or where to stop your ball giving you or your team mate the best chance of hooping. A very sociable sport, no doubt addictive and competitive. A memorable adventure thanks to our coaches whose good humour and patience turned us into croquet golfers to play the best of 14 hoops. If you haven't played this game you should give it a try.





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SEGWAY 4 Oct 2021

The Active Adventurers visited Kings Weston House in Bristol to test their two wheeled riding skills on the amazing Segway machines. Some should perhaps have done the navigation adventure beforehand to avoid getting lost on the way to the venue. However all was well and the 18 who turned out for this one found it a test of nerve, balance, control and speed. Donning the cycle helmet or storm trooper headgear for the team photo competition it was out on to the makeshift track racing circuit and obstacle course. This ensured everybody got the hang of getting on, starting, stopping just to get off safely, doughnut spins, left or right turns, steering with your knees, crossing hands and riding with no hands. Just like big kids out on a bike ride without having to pedal! The woodland trail finished off our Segway Thrill adventure. It's a good job we've got the photo's and there's a movie to prove there's nothing this group can't do.

A [report of a previous segway adventure](#) in 2016 includes a video of the ride.





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NAVIGATION AND HILL SKILLS 11 Oct 2021

The first group of six to brave the Navigation and Hill Skills course gathered at Churchill, up a rough track and opposite a house that was actually a pub. We were greeted by Ian, our instructor for the day, who distributed maps and compasses and started to explain the basics of map reading. We were soon able to tell our Eastings from our Northings and the basics of "reading" contour lines – and then it was time to set off. It was a beautiful day, the sun shone and the temperature rose as we progressed upwards towards an ancient hill fort. Ian stopped to guide us through the technical mysteries of using the map and compass at regular intervals; we learnt how to take a bearing from a physical vantage point and how to select ones direction of travel from points on the map. We paused on the top of the hill, with fabulous views all around, to practise our skills and learn more about the various clues that can help with direction finding. Ian was very patient with our errors, checking that we had all understood the information before moving on. But we did move onwards, physically and mentally. We walked a circular route and added "aiming off" and "handrails" to our knowledge before returning to the pub courtyard for a well deserved drink, with soup or a fabulously full and tasty sandwich. Ian kindly gave us aide memoire handouts, so most of us are now resolved to try to improve our abilities at home.





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SHOOTING SIMULATOR 20 Oct 2021

Eleven Adventurers went simulated shooting at Wadswick Farm, Nr Corsham. Whilst explaining the different techniques needed for different types of game Will, our instructor, suggested how we could improve. The team's favoured response was that the game should be slowed down - which he could do! Rabbits at their natural speed were difficult to follow with a naked eye let alone shoot. Grouse travelling at 70 mph were almost as bad. That said, there are now very few Mallards left on our simulated lake! A bonus was that Will was able to provide lighter guns for tiring arms. Whist competition for the title of master shooter was intense, the clever manipulation of the targets and their speed meant that all were able to prove themselves outstanding shots. If the Grouse (the slower ones) on the Scottish moors ever need culling, we have 11 marksmen/women able to do the job! Lunch in the café brought a most enjoyable morning, in the excellent facilities at Wadswick Farm, to a close.

