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*EDITOR'S NOTE. In the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter I wrote about growing in a new venue. As this process continues we need to broaden our horizons. If you have a moment take a look at the web site of the 1<sup>st</sup> fencing club in England to obtain 'Clubmark' <http://www.foiledagain.co.uk/>. It contains much useful information and in the absence of anything better the club provides a model for other clubs. Congratulations to them.*

**The AGM 2008 will be held at the National Fencing Museum (see below).** We are fortunate that at Hanley Swan, Nr Malvern is one of the finest collections of fencing related items including:

- ◆ The largest and smallest fencing books ever made;
- ◆ 17<sup>th</sup> century fencing music;
- ◆ Chevalier D'Eon (man or woman?) fencing before the Prince of Wales;
- ◆ French prisoner-of-war fencing diploma;
- ◆ Georgian foils, decorative Victorian weapons;
- ◆ Duelling epees and sabres;
- ◆ Masks:18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century;
- ◆ British Fencing Hall of Fame

We are even more fortunate that this year Malcolm Fare has invited members of Worcester Fencing Club and their partners/parents to view the Museum for free after our AGM which will be held there.

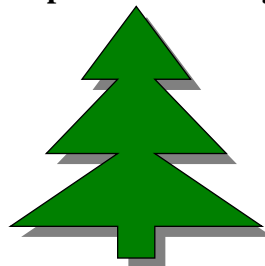
Come along and share your ideas with other members about how we improve our club, offer your talents if you wish and enjoy seeing some of the remarkable history of our sport. I'm told that you will even get a cup of tea or coffee.

#### **NOTICE OF THE AGM**

The AGM of Worcester Fencing Club will be held at 3.00 pm  
on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
at  
Pyndar Lodge, Hanley Swan, Nr Malvern,  
WR8 0DN.

Nominations are invited for the positions of Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and four committee members. Anyone wishing to submit nominations or appoint a proxy should do so by informing Malcolm Fare at the above address, at least 3 days before the meeting. BFA and BAF members, who have attended the club, and Social members of the club are entitled to attend and vote.

**The Club will not be open on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> December but will re-open 2nd January 2008**



**Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2008 to all our members**

#### **The Hereford & Worcester Open**

On 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December the County's six weapon open tournament was held in Brierley Hill, when around 500 fencers took part. Each event starts with poules of 6 or 7 competitors fencing each other in bouts where the winner is the first to reach 5 hits or is ahead after 3 minutes of fencing time.



*Marc Burkhalter avoids a fleche attack by Alibek Yerubayev (KAZ) in H&W 2007 Men's Epee final.*

The results are then used to rank the direct elimination tableau for the knock out phase, in which the first to 15 hits or the leader after 3 periods of 3 minutes of fencing time progresses to a new opponent and the loser is eliminated. Results and photos are on the website at: <http://www.one4all.plus.com/hwo-results.html>

## Club kit

It's good to see that apart from improving technical skills some of us are slowly improving our fitness. Keep up the good work but beware all that activity can make kit damp. Please put out for washing any kit that is damp or at least make sure that it is stored in such a way that it can dry out before it becomes a smelly mouldering mass. We owe thanks to Carrie Ann, who has kindly taken batches of club kit home for washing.

## Achievement Awards

British Fencing Achievement Awards are available for each weapon and progress from levels 1 to 9. They have been around for some time and need a little updating but they still provide a good basis for developing fencing skills and theory. Details can be found on the British Fencing website at:

[http://www.britishfencing.com/British\\_Fencing.asp?PageID=226](http://www.britishfencing.com/British_Fencing.asp?PageID=226)

## England fencing

About three years ago there was a modernisation of British Fencing resulting in the creation of England Fencing to look after the development of fencing and fencing coaches in England and amongst other things to provide teams for home countries international matches and for the Commonwealth Fencing Championships. Meanwhile British Fencing continues to be the governing body responsible for GBR international fencing and such matters as referees, rules, discipline, membership renewals and insurance. See the England fencing website at:

<http://www.englishfencing.co.uk>

## Refereeing

The Cadet and Junior international season is already well underway and in January the Senior season starts. This is an active time for our international referees. This month John Haynes went to Lignano Sabbiadoro near Venice for the Junior Women's Epee and the Junior Men's

Epee events. There was no time to see Venice except from the air. Instead it was a busy time for John who refereed the final of both events. His next outing is to Prague with the Senior Women's squad. Refereeing at international events is an opportunity to see at close quarters some of the best fencers in action. Also when not refereeing, the ability anticipate the timing of an attack is a useful skill for capturing some good action shots. Three of John's photos made it into the BFA 2008 Calendar (£8 each from BFA HQ).



*Women's Epee World champion Flessel-Colovic (FRA) touches Stroganova (RUS) in the final of the Luxembourg World Cup event 2007*

**HAVE FUN GET FIT GO FENCING**



### **MALVERN HILLS SWORD FENCING**

for Musketeers (8 to 13 years)

and

### **WORCESTER FENCING CLUB**

for Cadets/Juniors/Adults/Veterans ~ Men/Women  
~ Foil/Epee/Sabre ~ experienced fencers and beginners

Both these Sections of Worcester Fencing meet each

Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. in the new Sports Hall at Dyson Perrins School, Yates Hay Road, Malvern, WR14 1WD ~ Tel. 01684 572645

Come along for a FREE induction evening

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