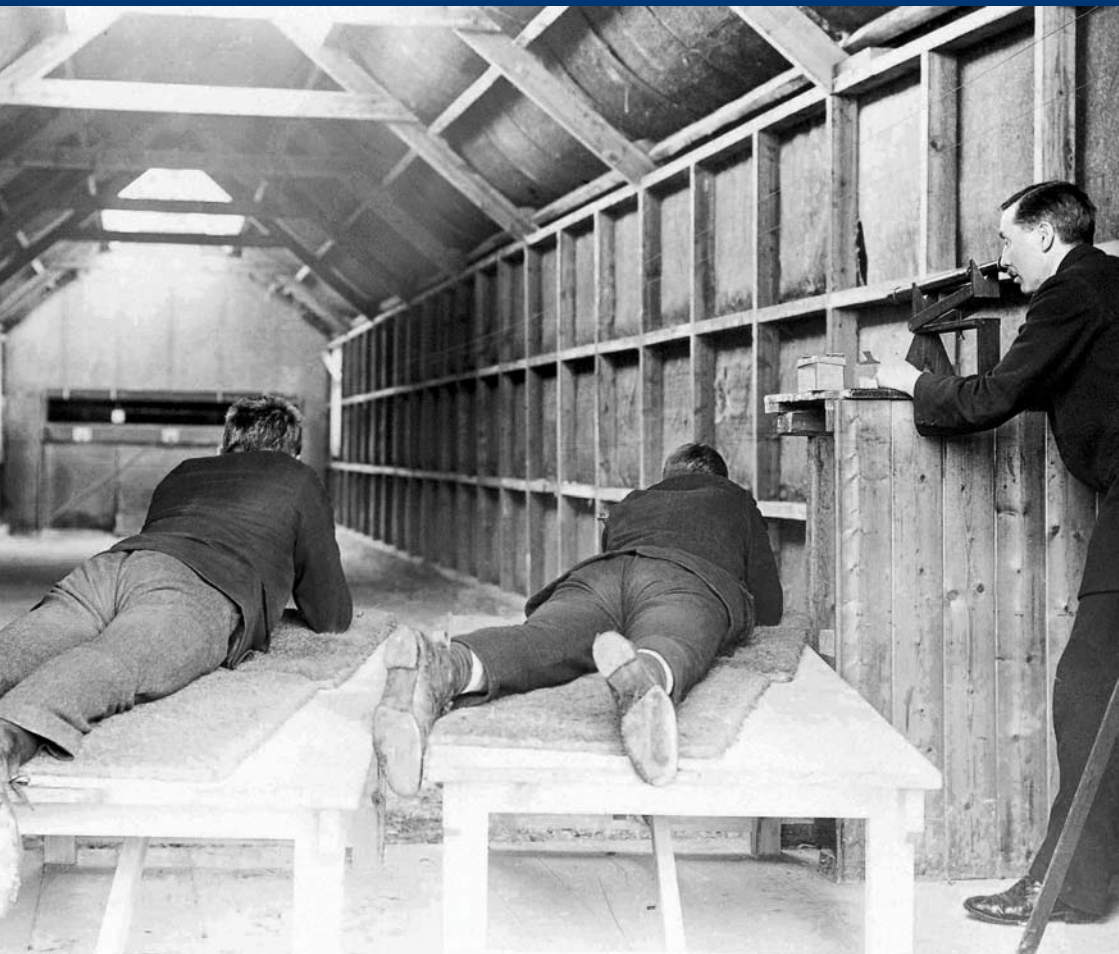


Celebrating **ACHIEVEMENT**

AT EPSOM COLLEGE



The Sport of **SHOOTING**

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FIRST ASHBURTON SHIELD VICTORY

COVER: *Indoor Range
at Epsom College, 1910*
BELOW: *Clare Jeens,
Michael Nash,
Rex Goddard and
James Postle*



A greeting from the Headmaster

Forty years since our first Ashburton Shield victory is an opportune time to celebrate, and indeed reflect on, the significance of great achievement at Epsom College. The generations of shooters who came before the historic win of 1973, as well as those who followed and current members of the team, can be proud to have contributed to one of the most distinguished areas of our history. We are honoured that Lord Ashburton is taking part in this celebration.

The Ashburton Shield competition was established in 1861 by the 3rd Lord Ashburton, Francis Baring, when Epsom College, or the Royal Medical Benevolent College as it was then known, was less than a decade old. In 1880 the Rifle Corps was established with 40 members, a band and a shooting team but it was not until 1908 when its first indoor range had been built that the College would enter the Ashburton. After World War II, with the completion of the miniature range in 1929 and an outdoor range in 1939, the College began to come of age as a shooting school. In 1950 Epsom won the Country Life, Schools' Aggregate and the Cadet Pair, and were runners-up in the Ashburton.

Today, the CCF has more than 400 members with a shooting team that holds the record for the highest number of Ashburton wins by a single school. What is perhaps even more remarkable are the successes that Old Epsomians have gone on to achieve nationally and internationally and the expertise and knowledge they have so willingly shared with students for generations. It is through experiences such as these that we raise the aspirations and abilities of our students, which gives us ample cause for celebration.



MR JAY PIGGOT, HEADMASTER



The *Early* Years

PETER DODD
(ROSEBERY 1943-47)

with contributions from: D Richardson (Cr 1946-51), C Halnan (Cr 1944-50), G Halnan (Cr 1936-39)

My memories of shooting at the College begin in 1946 when 'Sammy' Weare commanded the JTC (as the CCF was then known) and instruction was handled by RSM Langridge, ex Grenadier Guards. Training was conducted on strictly military lines: Pokey Drill to strengthen our wrists (no slings in those days), which meant swinging the rifle in alternate hands; and dry firing at each other; lying on the ground with one looking through a hole in a small metal replica target and the other firing at it.

We had SMLEs (Short Model Lee Enfields), which had a blade foresight and an U back-sight situated just forward of the breech. This was a short metal bar hinged at the muzzle end and raised and lowered by a slide which when pushed forward would raise the rear end – no adjustment for wind, one aimed off.

Our first No4s had the slightly longer barrel and a 'peep' aperture rearsight, mounted over the bolt. It could be laid flat when not in use and flipped up when needed. It was graduated in 100 yard intervals and was raised or lowered by a slide with a clip at the side. Later on we had flip sights with a vertical screw adjustment, which we used for the Ashburton in 1949. Not having a wind gauge adjustment meant we had to aim off for wind.

Until 1946, we used the open 30 yard



TOP: Sydney Weare
ABOVE: Sydney Weare in pre-war
bell tent OPPOSITE PAGE: Epsom
College Shooting Squad 1947



range where the Armoury is today. Following the War, shooting recommenced at Bisley, travelling down in hired buses with wooden slatted seats. The rifles were stacked on the floor at the rear of the bus and every time we went over a bump they jumped in the air and crashed down – good for accuracy!

For the Schools' Meeting, we slept in circular army bell tents, which took eight to ten cadets lying on ground sheets with feet pointing towards the centre pole. The tent opened with a vertical slit from the top, which could be laced shut. The rule was to NEVER

SLEEP UNDER THE SLIT as you were guaranteed a soaking if it rained!

The ablutions were basic military – no doors or privacy anywhere, although I do remember unsuccessful attempts to hang hessian on the front of the WC cubicles.

When we finished our shoot, the rifle had to be cleaned by pouring six pints of boiling water down the barrel held over a bucket on a gas ring in the Surrey Armoury. The barrel was then dried and oiled using a 'pull through' with a brass weight at one end and flannelette tucked into a loop at the other.



Rex Goddard presenting the Ashburton Shield in 1990



Keith Pilcher, 1963 Queen's Prize Winner

The First Ashburton Victory

**REX GODDARD
MASTER IN CHARGE OF
SHOOTING 1950-73**

My first visits to Bisley were during 1949 with Sydney Weare, from whom I then took over as Master i/c Shooting. In 1950 Epsom came second in the Ashburton and won the Country Life, Schools' Aggregate, and the Cadet Pair. Though clearly not responsible, this success reinforced my commitment. Still more so in 1952 when we were one point away from Ashburton victory and

again winning the Country Life at 500 yards.

For more than 20 years, when sometimes 100 schools filled Century Range, Epsom competed with success in many events, just short of the Ashburton itself but six times in the top five, and showing our strength in the Schools' Aggregate, won six times between 1950 and 1962.

1973 was our first Ashburton win. Seven members of the VIII had shot in the 1972 team, from which only the Captain had left. In those days there were no supporters from the College – or perhaps a few OEs on their

way to the Veterans. But in 1973 there was one notable exception – Brigadier Glyn Hughes, Member of Council and Treasurer, most distinguished OE, former Head of School and Captain of Shooting, sat alone on his shooting stick throughout the afternoon. How could he have known this was the year to attend? Delighted with the result, he hosted a champagne celebration with the team in the Middlesex – so I was told, being involved fighting the Bisley phones, passing the news back to the College. Some days later came Keith Pilcher's second win in the Queen's Prize – placing him firmly in the NRA's history books.

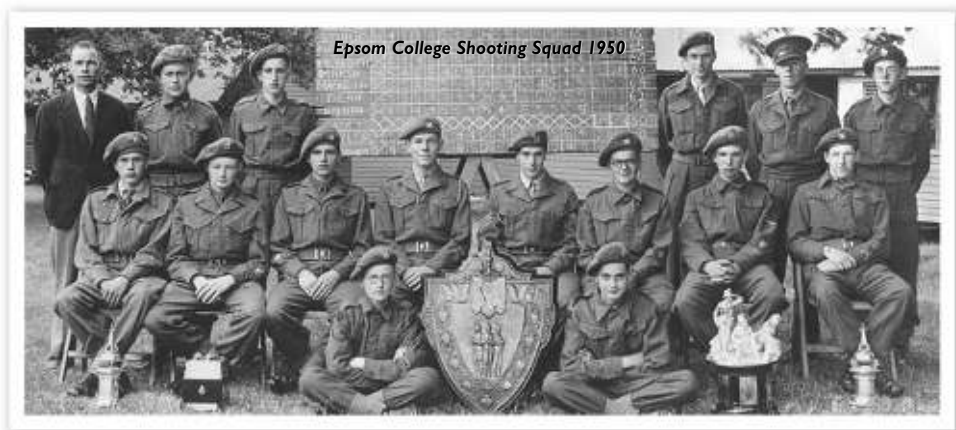
Undoubtedly, Epsom's successes before and after 1973 resulted largely from the coaching talents of HJ 'Tommy' Thomas, Clerk of Works at the College from 1948 to 1977. Tommy, a highly ranked NRA team coach at national level, accompanied and advised practices and matches at Bisley, continuing after his retirement. Credit is also due to Harvey Raker who from 1953 was SSI of Epsom CCF. No mean shot himself, Harvey was deeply involved in the many practical

details of team shooting, which allowed Tommy to focus on coaching.

The growing strength of the OERC was evident from 1973. From the 1950s onwards its members, coached and encouraged at school by Tommy and Harvey, have gone on to produce outstanding results at Bisley and as members of national teams. Many in their turn have given much back to Epsom in time spent coaching their successors. I believe the continuing success of Epsom today owes much to this commitment from members of the OERC.

In 1973, I handed over to Michael Nash, and in 1990 came Epsom's second Ashburton win. In 1978 I had become Chairman of CCRS, based at Bisley, which occupied me in retirement until 1990, when the NRA asked me to present the prizes after the Ashburton Meeting. Thus, out of the blue, I had the delightful duty of presenting the Ashburton Shield to the Epsom team – I cherish that photograph.

I have watched every Epsom team in the Ashburton from 1949 until 2010 – every one was worth it.





1994 ASHBURTON WINNERS BACK ROW: *M Nash, M Beckerson, W Steward, A Coakes, S Brink, A Advani, C-K Park, R Gill* FRONT ROW: *A Jackman, J Holmes, A Acharya, T Raincock, P Patel, J Mills*

Building a Record of *Success*

MICHAEL NASH MASTER IN CHARGE OF SHOOTING 1973-95

As a cadet at The Mercers' School, I first learnt the ropes of shooting in a draughty roof-range atop the Prudential Building in High Holborn. A decade or so later, and taken on board by Epsom College in 1964, I initially helped more with CCF activities, camps and adventurous training, than on the range. Shooting was securely in the hands of Rex Goddard, and I recall Harvey Raker's support and the prominence of the OEs.

I was delighted that Rex was duly rewarded for his work with that first Ashburton win on his retirement in 1973, and I assumed responsibility for the sport from then on, assisted by Tommy Thomas. Those were the days of Easter camps at Bisley, staying at the Middlesex R.C., of 'Pokey Drill' with No 4

rifles, and copious help provided by OEs including Jeremy Hakim, John Bellringer and the ever-present Peter Dodd.

An early highlight in the Ashburton was in 1977, and our near-miss of a second victory under the captaincy of Tim Wombwell. A feeling remained that we hadn't got the method quite right. Cue George Arnold, stepping in as a coach and especially as guru for our all-important junior shooters. With his calm manner and advice, George was an important building block towards our future success. The 'Epsom Method' should not perhaps be committed to paper, but let us consider: the importance of the resurrected Lee Trophy competition, which involved everyone; the use of Initials to enhance kudos; the long hours spent in the small-bore range by staff and pupils – always directing our effort towards one specific competition goal or another.

Transport to Bisley was by a variety of

means, including a coach, which usually had an intact windscreen, and there we were regularly welcomed by OEs and others to help out. Here is my chance to record my indebtedness to Roger Gill, who arrived in 1986 as a fellow Head of Department, keen to provide whatever support he could. We remember George in charge of the Pairs and Dom Harvey keeping a close eye on the VIII. These were also years when, in addition to Athelings successes, we began staying on for the Main Meeting. And so, under Tom Erskine in 1990, we were to achieve that second Ashburton victory, leading to a further four consecutive wins, five in total from 1990 to 1994, an all-time record. I regretted not being able to

attend the event generously hosted by Lord Ashburton to celebrate the 1993 victory.

I remain enormously grateful to all who taught me what I know about shooting, at what seemed to be just the right time. A source of some satisfaction is that my final year marked the beginning of a trend for members of the VIII, who, like James Lothian, went on to become teacher i/c shooting in other distinguished schools. I would finally like to acknowledge the wisdom of Tony Beadles in making the bold decision to advertise specifically for a Master i/c Shooting, as my successor played an important part in continuing the tradition of success.



To celebrate the fourth consecutive victory in the Ashburton Shield competition in 1993, the 1st VIII had the privilege of meeting Lord Ashburton at Britannic House, Finsbury Circus in March 1994. Lord Ashburton proved an excellent host, not only through his own distinction as a Knight of the Garter, and Chairman of The British Petroleum Co plc, but also because of his personal interest in the sport of shooting. In his days at Eton, he had captained the Rifle Shooting team and competed in the Schools' Meeting.

This photograph records the presence of several notable supporters who helped Epsom College achieve distinction in shooting, including: Headmaster, Tony Beadles (Forest 1954-59), Col. Bob MacKeith (Carr 1946-51), who was Chairman of CCRS, and Peter Dodd (Rosebery 1943-47). Also present was Denys 'Tiny' Milne (Proper 1937-44), who served as Chairman of Governors of Epsom College and had been Chief Executive of BP Oil.

ROGER GILL

Recalling the weekly routine – and some notable wins

**JAMES POSTLE
MASTER IN CHARGE OF
SHOOTING 1995-2008**

‘500 words’ was the instruction for my ‘reflection’. My first submission disregarded this of course and so I was whipped into line by Peter M Dodd. It’s not much space I bleated, how do you fit 100+ people and 13 years into one page? Well here goes...

It all started in the .22 range...hours in the range – that is where the foundation is laid. Hundreds of M4s flock down every September; I set a string of Captains the task of finding future talent based as much on temperament as ability. My refrain was, “We spend too much time together to take in people we don’t get on with!” Scores go in the book, Initials eventually achieved, the cranky snap

mechanism squeals, the ear defender hanging up which has Sevenoaks on one side and Wellington on another. R Gill, the stalwart, running the range (what OEs owe Roger is immeasurable!) MO arrives and quietly grows to become another so, so reliable help. Older team members stay late and coach young mud-covered M4s who arrive shivering from rugby: the gauge is generous at the start. The range has a refurb and gets a very civilised clubroom. The end of term fun shoots. OE vs College Christmas matches. Hours and hours of practice in the range...

Bisley Thursdays. The team pile in the bus at College, collect packed lunches and munch en route. We spill out, get to the point and out comes the Green Groundsheet. Later additions are the Harley Tent and apprentice Samir becomes master of the ‘pop up’.



1999 WINNING TEAM BACK ROW: J Postle, J Kent, J Park, C Beddoe, J Hodge, S Kent, M Read, R Bhargava, P Efthymiou, R Gill FRONT ROW: M Tibaldi, C Huxter, D Amin, D Rose, M Hohenberg, C Mattey, S Rose

2004 ASHBURTON WINNERS BACK ROW:
*J Postle, M Tibaldi,
 D Nuthall, W Stewart,
 J Lothian, T Wharram,
 Z Amran, S Hunter,
 S Harley, P Dodd,*
 FRONT ROW:
*A Lothian, C Briscoe, J Morris, J Lee,
 T Hunter, F Beadle,
 A Athkravisoonthorn,
 A Kent, M Millar, W Vaz*



*Sam Harley,
 Tom Wharram,
 Sam Hunter and
 Harry Ball*



Remember the Iceberg and prepare! Stanley arrives circa 2002 as does Andrew Lothian – at last someone to keep Peter Dodd under control! Main memory of these OE legends? The two of them sitting on the ferry on ‘That Journey’ to Guernsey eating a cooked brunch and having a beer... whilst RG finds God and DEN and I study the horizon on deck...

Bisley Saturdays. Much as Thursdays but with medals and cups. Ah, cups. Usually left in the armoury and I end up telling the team we’d better win the match to save embarrassment. Seems to work...

Ashburton Week. Col. Bob MacKeith joins us and his wisdom and advice is indispensable. Ibis team talks, selection of the VIII on

Wednesday evening. Thursday: I can’t eat breakfast and hide behind sunnies all day. Relief at the end one way or other. Team photo, ties and goodbyes in the Ibis garden.

Ashburton Dinner, speeches, laughter and a late night – no port for youngsters please. ABC lines ‘palatial’ – honest; hear every noise through the walls... never shoot on Friday – go and get some sleep. I shoot the meeting – they all want to beat me so give them a head start! And no, Millar, you can’t drive the minibus or my car round camp if you do...!

These are the things I have memories of; too many people to name all, but hopefully all will identify with something from above... they were great times. 500 words are not enough.

2011 ASHBURTON WINNERS BACK ROW: S Amin, M Faulkner, B Stoichescu, S Owen, Z Cheung, T Brankin-Frisby, B Ross, J Scott, W Broad, J Griffin, J Lewsey, M Barker, C Smith FRONT ROW: L Taylor, H Awin, L Harland



Looking Back, Looking Ahead

CLARE JEENS née HUXTER
(WHITE HOUSE 1997-99)
TEACHER IN CHARGE OF
SHOOTING SINCE 2010

Reflections... well, I blame Postle for most of it. I feel I have a somewhat unique perspective on things, having seen the Ashburton experience as a pupil, an OE supporter, now as Teacher, and it's thanks to his careful guidance over the years.

JRWV provided a beautifully succinct review of an average year. Except for my determination to provide more opportunities for cake, little has changed in the routine. I hold firmly to the adage, 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' and arriving on the back of a daunting run of high-level achievements meant that I

severely doubted anything required fixing. It also made my first Ashburton day as 'Teacher i/c' one of the most challenging moments I have yet faced. Carrying the weight of others' expectations can be tricky. I have encouraged the squad to set their own goals. The only demand placed on them is that they do their best, enjoy it, and remember that *what will be, will be*. So far, this approach seems to be working amongst increasingly stiff competition. A true team, such as the Epsom squad, has faith, trust and mutual respect for one another. What emerges at the end of an U6th year are individuals with fantastic experiences, maybe with a medal or two, but most importantly strong friendships. Many continue with the sport at university and beyond and in this way we have a growing OERC family.

Four years in, I already have many favourite memories, which predominantly involve people. The pupils of course feature strongly, but I am especially grateful to the unsung heroes of the sport: members of the OERC. The ability to call upon phenomenal senior talent is our greatest strength. The willingness of OEs to offer their time and expertise helps make us what we are. Everyone can recall that light-bulb moment when an OE pointed out something that seemed oh-so-simple to fix, yet transformed their performance. I do not have the space to recognise everyone as I would like, but they know who they are and how much they are esteemed. Their coaching, whether refining an awkward position or translating the mystery of the wind for a U4, is magic.



One final thought is for my colleagues: Roger Gill, Maureen Odendaal, Bob Bonner, Mike Hampshire, Roy Burgess and more recently, Eric Huxter, all of whom are deeply committed to developing the skills our pupils never knew they had. They will carry these experiences with them throughout their lives.

But for one colleague, this is a particularly poignant year to be having this anniversary as it is the year that the squad must, sadly, finally bid him farewell. His commitment and enthusiasm as '2 i/c' spans over 25 years – he is our true lucky charm! Roger, on behalf of Mike, James and myself, thank you. And as I am sure you will agree, that special silver shield really does look better in our trophy cabinet than anywhere else...



2012 TEAM STANDING: A Abdulsalam, S Sander, J Lam, W Murdock, C Dawes, J Thompson, H Alexis, R Ganguly, M Barker, B Cheung, T Brankin-Frisby, M Faulkner, E Kasyan, T Hudspeth, R Lee, B Stoichescu, J Griffin, C Smith, S Owen **SEATED:** R Burgess, R Gill, H Awin, B Ross, Z Cheung, C Jeens, M Odendaal

“ It is the ambition of every school to instil enthusiasm in its pupils that lasts a lifetime. Surely there could be no better tribute to the dedication of staff, pupils and Old Epsomians towards this aim than the following lists of achievements. ”

MR JAY PIGGOT, HEADMASTER

ASHBURTON SHIELD

	1st	2nd	3rd
1950	The Leys	Epsom	KCS Wimbledon
1952	Glenalmond	Epsom	Exeter
1958	Repton	Blundells	Epsom
1961	Victoria	Epsom	Glenalmond
1967	Cranleigh	KS Canterbury	Epsom
1973	Epsom	Bradfield	Clifton
1977	Allhallows	Epsom	Clifton
1983	Malvern	Uppingham	Epsom
1990	Epsom	Oundle	Marlborough
1991	Epsom	Wellington	Bradfield
1992	Epsom	Marlborough	Bradfield
1993	Epsom	RGS Guildford	Elizabeth
1994	Epsom	Wellington	Cheltenham
1996	Sedbergh	Epsom	Oakham
1998	Epsom	Sedbergh	Campbell
1999	Epsom	Campbell	Oratory
2000	Stamford	Epsom	Harrow
2001	Uppingham	Epsom	Sedbergh
2002	Epsom	Uppingham	Oratory
2003	Stamford	Epsom	Marlborough
2004	Epsom	Marlborough	Uppingham
2005	Dollar	Epsom	Stamford
2006	Epsom	Marlborough	Oratory
2007	Epsom	Marlborough	Oratory
2008	Epsom	Dollar	Oratory
2009	Gresham's	Dollar	Elizabeth
2010	Epsom	Gresham's	Cheltenham
2011	Epsom	Cheltenham	Wellington
2012	Wellington	RGS Guildford	Epsom

ATHELINGS

Ian Burr (Forest 1951-56)	1955	Shane Pope (Granville 1995-00)	2000
Christopher Gordon (Crawfurd 1954-61)	1961	Marco Tibaldi (Holman 1995-00)	2000
Alan Pryor (Wilson 1956-62)	1961	Ricky Bhargava (Proper 1997-02)	2001
Peter Skolar (Wilson 1957-62)	1962	James Hodge (Carr 1996-01)	2001
Ian Matthews (Crawfurd 1961-66)	1966	Matthew Read (Robinson 1997-02)	2002
Richard Gray (Fayrer 1962-67)	1967	Jonathan Kent (Crawfurd 1998-03)	2003
Iain Clark (Forest 1963-68)	1968	John Park (Proper 1998-03)	2003
Stephen Lyons (H-S/Forest 1964-69)	1969	Frederick Beadle (Carr 1999-04)	2004
Nick Yeo (Proper 1965-71)	1970	Tom Hunter (Fayrer 2002-04)	2004
Martin Kent (Crawfurd 1968-73)	1973	Alex Kent (White House 2003-05)	2005
Andrew Lothian (Forest 1969-74)	1973	James Lothian (Proper 2001-06)	2006
Geoffrey Fisher (Robinson 1969-74)	1974	Matthew Millar (Robinson 2001-06)	2006
Paul Kent (Crawfurd 1974-78)	1977	William Vaz (Rosebery 2001-06)	2006
Jeremy Dodd (Crawfurd 1973-78)	1978	Harry Ball (Fayrer 2005-07)	2007
Malcolm MacKeith (Carr 1973-78)	1978	David Nuthall (Fayrer 2002-07)	2007
John Cotterell (Robinson 1974-79)	1979	Thomas Wharram (Robinson 2002-07)	2007
Jonathan Rodda (Holman 1977-81)	1980	Sam Harley (Carr 2003-08)	2008
Simon Jackson (Holman 1976-81)	1981	Sam Hunter (Fayrer 2003-08)	2008
Phillip Bennison (Fayrer 1978-83)	1983	William Stewart (Rosebery 2004-08)	2008
Ian MacKeith (Carr 1978-83)	1983	Nicholas Beesley (Fayrer 2007-09)	2009
Timothy Goodger (Robinson 1979-84)	1984	Charles Rivett-Carnac (Granville 2004-09)	2009
Peter Smart (Robinson 1979-84)	1984	Peter Slater (Fayrer 2004-09)	2009
Simon Man (Robinson 1980-85)	1985	Alex Dowle (Carr 2005-10)	2010
Stewart Scott (Carr 1982-86)	1986	Jack Ball (Fayrer 2005-10)	2010
Dominic Harvey (Crawfurd 1983-88)	1988	William Broad (Carr 2006-11)	2011
Peter O'Brien (Forest 1984-89)	1989	Henry Awin (Holman 2007-12)	2012
Anil Bhargava (Granville 1985-90)	1990		
Robert Burch (Crawfurd 1985-90)	1990		
Tom Erskine (Forest 1985-90)	1990		
Tarquin Clark (Wilson 1986-91)	1991		
Simon Cleveland (Crawfurd 1986-91)	1991		
Julian Bird (Carr 1987-92)	1992		
Kelvin Ramsey (Crawfurd 1987-92)	1992		
Toby Raincock (Crawfurd 1989-94)	1993		
Parag Patel (Holman 1989-94)	1994		
Andrew Jackman (Robinson 1991-96)	1996		
Mark Beckerson (Holman 1992-97)	1997		
David Rose (Fayrer 1994-99)	1999		
Susan Luckman, née Kent (Crawfurd 1998-00)	2000		





1998 OERC
BACK ROW: M Kent, R Burch, M Merry, I Shaw, P Dodd, P Kent, A Lothian, S Cleveland
SECOND ROW: K Ramsey, D Harvey
THIRD ROW: T Raincock, S Kent (née Prowse), J Bellringer, A Jobling, J Ouston, J Hillman, C Jobling, R Wiltshire (née Woodhouse)
FRONT ROW: P O'Brien, B Hyam, P Bennison in the victor's chair, P Patel, W Stewart, A Hill

Reflections on the Old Epsomian Rifle Club

JEREMY HAKIM
 (CRAWFURD 1963-67)
 OERC CHAIRMAN 1969-80

On leaving the College in 1967 and having enjoyed shooting at Bisley, I wanted to continue as an OE the following summer. The Club was not very active and struggled to put even a small team together.

In 1969 I took over the running of the OERC from Alan Pryor (Wilson 1956-62), who had tried to grow the Club in the previous five years. Towards the end of my eleven year tenure, we were fielding seven teams of five in the PS Vets and the NRA capped the entries to five teams only.

In that time we won, at various stages, every county competition there was and some many times. Our members provided the College with one-to-one coaching in their

practice shoots and this without doubt helped them start their run of wins in the Ashburton.

We had OEs coming back to shooting after many years and we could always rely upon the College to provide a steady stream of young OEs of the highest standard, many of whom have become shooters of national and international standing.

For my part, I later took over the British Commonwealth Rifle Club as Secretary and then worked as the National Instructor for 10 years with the Athelings. In 1999 I was appointed Commandant of the touring Athelings team, which included David Rose (Fayrer 1994-99). I also served as Commandant of the GB Under 19 Team to SA and Manager of the England Team Under 21, winning the Under 21 World Championship in 2003.

The OERC today

DAVID ROSE
(FAYRER 1994-99)
OERC CAPTAIN 2009 TO PRESENT

It is with pride that I reflect on the state of the Club today and how over the years the careful stewardship of successive Captains and committees has brought us to where we are, in short one of the most successful full-bore rifle clubs in the country. We owe a great deal to all former Masters and Teacher i/c shooting as well as the stalwart assistants at Epsom for their dedication and enthusiasm which has led to many of us carrying on our passion long after leaving the College.

As you can see from our roll of honour many of our members have gone on to achieve great things in their shooting careers gaining recognition at the highest level. I am sure (as has often been remarked) that the best OE VIII would certainly give a GB team a run for their money, perhaps one day we may get that chance. It is great that those who

compete at such a level never lose sight of their roots and continue to assist with coaching and mentoring throughout the year and dispensing sage advice during the Imperial Meeting.

It is perhaps apt that in this auspicious year the OERC won the National Club Championship 'The Astor', a handicapped competition (I can't field 6 'X' class), this represents the depth of Club shooting that goes on throughout the year. In addition to all the high level achievement, it is vital that we never forget the others who make up the Club, who turn up whatever the weather (I am reminded of the 2012 veterans' shoot) and enjoy each other's company and the healthy competition provided by the other clubs at the Surrey Rifle Association. I always look forward to our Club shoots and seeing everyone striving to improve their shooting, or coming along to enjoy a weekend at Bisley.

With a healthy flow of new members coming from the College each year, the future of our Club is assured. I sincerely hope it continues to go from strength to strength and offers the College team every support possible in the years to come.

OLD EPSOMIAN RIFLE CLUB HONOURS AND GB CAPS

HM QUEEN'S PRIZE AT THE IMPERIAL MEETING

Keith Pilcher (Carr 1951-56)	1963, 1973
Phillip Bennison (Fayrer 1978-83)	1998

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

ENGLAND

Parag Patel (Holman 1989-94)	Gold Pairs 2006, Silver Individual 2006, Gold Individual 2010, Bronze Pairs 2010
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SCOTLAND

Ian Shaw (Carr 1981-87)	Silver Pairs 2010
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Countries: Can (Canada) Aus (Australia) WI (West Indies) Zim (Zimbabwe) SA (South Africa) NZ (New Zealand)

Designation: (C) Captain, (VC) Vice Captain, (A) Adjutant, (Ch) Coach, (R) Reserve

OLD EPSOMIAN RIFLE CLUB HONOURS AND GB CAPS

GRAND AGGREGATE AT IMPERIAL MEETING

Parag Patel	2001, 2003
Paul Kent (Crawfurd 1974-78)	1999
John Bellringer (Crawfurd 1970-74)	1991
Keith Pilcher	1979

OTHER MAJOR COMPETITION WINS

David Kent (Crawfurd 1965-70)	F-Class Queens Prize 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, F-Class Grand Aggregate 2007,2008, 2009, 2010
Parag Patel	DCRA Grand Agg (Can) 1994
Toby Raincock (Crawfurd 1989-94)	DCRA Grand Agg (Can) 2007
Ian Shaw	Ballinger Belt (NZ) 2003

GREAT BRITAIN RIFLE TEAMS: INTERNATIONAL CAPS

John Bellringer	1978 Can, 1984 Can, 1988 Aus, 1991 WI/USA, 1992 Can/USA, 1995 NZ
Phillip Bennison	1990 Can, 1996 Can, 1998 Zim/SA
Anil Bhargava (Granville 1985-90)	1991 Can
Simon Cleveland (Crawfurd 1986-91)	2002 Can
Jeremy Hakim (Crawfurd 1963-67)	1978 Can
Dominic Harvey (Crawfurd 1983-88)	1990 Can, 1991 Can, 1992 NZ, 1994 Can, 2010 Can
Barry Hyam (Crawfurd 1967-72)	1983 Can, 1992 NZ
David Kent	1979 Can, 2005 SA (F)
Jonathan Kent (Crawfurd 1998-2003)	2011 Can
Martin Kent (Crawfurd 1968-73)	1983 Can
Paul Kent (Crawfurd 1974-78)	1980 Can, 1982 Can, 1988 Aus, 1991 WI/USA, 1992 Can/USA, 1993 Can, 1994 NZ/Aus, 1995 NZ
Sarah Kent (White House 1978-80)	1993 Can, 1994 NZ/Aus, 1995 NZ
Andrew Lothian (Forest 1969-74)	1992 NZ, 1994 NZ/Aus, 1995 NZ, 2011 Can
Col Robert MacKeith (Carr 1946-51)	1967 Can, 1971 Can/USA, 1978 (C) Can
Julie Ouston (White House 1980-82)	1996 Can, 2012 SA
Parag Patel	1996 Can, 1998 Zim/SA, 1999 SA, 2001 Aus, 2002 Can, 2004 Can/USA, 2007 Can, 2008 SA, 2011 Aus, 2012 USA/Can
Keith Pilcher	1963 Afr, 1968 Aus/NZ, 1969 Can, 1971 Can/USA, 1973 WI, 1974 Aus/NZ, 1997 Aus (MR)
Toby Raincock	2004 Can/USA, 2006 Can, 2007 Can, 2008 SA, 2011 Aus
Kelvin Ramsey (Crawfurd 1987-92)	2002 WI, 2011 Can, 2011 Aus, 2012 USA/Can
David Rose (Fayrer 1994-99)	2010 NZ, 2010 Can, 2011 Can
Ian Shaw	1998 Zim/SA, 1999 SA, 2003 NZ, 2004 Ken/Nam, 2011 (A) Can

BIG 5 MATCHES: THOSE WHO HAVE COMPETED IN ALL FIVE

(including: Kolapore, National, Mackinnon, Australia, Palma)

John Bellringer, Paul Kent, Col Robert MacKeith, Parag Patel, Keith Pilcher

Countries: Can (Canada) Aus (Australia) WI (West Indies) Zim (Zimbabwe) SA (South Africa) NZ (New Zealand)

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PALMA MATCH: THE WORLD LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Bellringer	1988 (Ch), 1992 (Ch), 1995
Simon Cleveland	2003 (Ch)
Paul Kent	1982, 1985, 1988, 1992, 1995 (Ch), 2003 (Ch)
Sarah Kent	1995
Col Robert MacKeith	1967, 1971
Parag Patel	1999, 2003, 2007, 2011
Keith Pilcher	1969*(Ch), 1970*(Ch), 1971*(Ch), 1985
Toby Raincock	2007, 2011
Kelvin Ramsey	2011(A)
Ian Shaw	1999, 2003

AUSTRALIA MATCH: (former Empire Match)

John Bellringer	1985, 1988,1992 (Ch, Can) 1996
Jeremy Hakim	1982 (R), 1996 (A)
Barry Hyam	1982 (R), 1992 (R)
Paul Kent	1982, 1985,1988, 1992 (Can),1994, 1995, 1996 (Ch), 2010
Sarah Kent	1994 (R)
Andrew Lothian (Forest 1969-74)	1992 (NZ), 1994
Col Robert MacKeith	1968 (UK), 1978
Parag Patel	1999, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2011
Keith Pilcher	1964, 1968 (Aus), 1968 (UK & Aus),1974 (UK), 1976, 1978,1982, 1996 (C)
Kelvin Ramsey	2011 (R)

KOLAPORE: THE ANNUAL 'HOME' GB MATCH AT BISLEY

John Bellringer	1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989 (Ch), 1990, 1991, 1992 (Ch), 1993, 1996, 2002
Jeremy Hakim	1990 (A)
Barry Hyam	1983 (R)
Paul Kent	1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987 (R), 1989, 1991, 1992 (Ch), 1993 (Ch), 1994 (Ch), 1996 (Ch), 1997, 1998 (Ch), 1999, 2000, 2002 (R), 2005 (A), 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (Record holder for individual score 150.29)
Col Robert MacKeith	1975 (R), 1978, 1980 (R), 1990 (Ch)
Parag Patel	2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (R), 2011, 2012
Keith Pilcher	1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972 (R), 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 (Ch), 1978, 1979, 1984 (Ch), 1986 (Ch), 1987 (Ch), 1990 (Ch)
Toby Raincock	2006, 2007, 2008
Ian Shaw	2002, 2012

Designation: (C) Captain, (VC) Vice Captain, (A) Adjutant, (Ch) Coach, (R) Reserve

OLD EPSOMIAN RIFLE CLUB HONOURS AND GB CAPS

NATIONAL MATCH: THE ANNUAL HOME NATIONS MATCH

ENGLAND

John Bellringer	1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 (Ch), 1996
Phillip Bennison	1988, 1989, 1999
William Broad (Carr 2006-11)	2012
Robert Burch (Crawfurd 1985-90)	1994 Res
Simon Cleveland	1996 (Ch), 1997 (Ch), 2003 (Ch), 2009 (Ch)
Jeremy Hakim	1982 (R), 1984, 1992, 1994 (A)
Dominic Harvey	2001 (Ch)
Barry Hyam	1982, 1983, 1994
Jonathan Kent	2008 (R), 2009, 2010
Martin Kent	1981, 1983, 1984, 1985
Paul Kent	1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991 (Ch), 1992 (Ch), 1994 (Ch), 1995 (Ch), 1996 (Ch), 1997, 1998, 1999 (Ch), 2004 (Ch), 2005 (Ch), 2007, 2008 (Ch), 2009, 2010 (Ch), 2012
Sarah Kent	1990 (R), 1992, 1994
Susie Luckman (White House 1998-2000)	2004 (R), 2005
Andrew Lothian	1986, 2000
James Lothian (Propert 2001-06)	2009 (R)
David Nuthall (Fayrer 2002-07)	2012
Julie Ouston	1995
Parag Patel	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
Keith Pilcher	1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1986 (Ch), 1987 (Ch), 1989 (Ch), 1990 (Ch), 1991 (Ch), 1994 (C)
Toby Raincock	1995 (R), 1998, 2006, 2007, 2011
Kelvin Ramsey	2002, 2005
Dudley Rees (Granville 1987-92)	2007
David Rose	2006 (R), 2007

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Sam Hunter (Fayrer 2003-08)	2010, 2011, 2012
Tom Hunter (Fayrer 2002-04)	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012
Malcolm MacKeith (Carr 1973-78)	1980, 1982 (Ch), 1983, 1984, 1986, 1994, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2010 (R),
Col Robert MacKeith	1961, 1965, 1966, 1967 (Ch), 1968, 1969 (Ch), 1971, 1972*(A), 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 (Ch), 1988 (Ch), 1989 (Ch)
Ian Shaw	1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006*(Ch), 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Countries: Can (Canada) Aus (Australia) WI (West Indies) Zim (Zimbabwe) SA (South Africa) NZ (New Zealand)

OLD EPSOMIAN RIFLE CLUB HONOURS AND GB CAPS

WALES

Clare Jeens (White House 1997-99)	2006 (R), 2008, 2009 (A), 2010 (A), 2011 (A)
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MACKINNON: THE ANNUAL HOME NATIONS LONG RANGE MATCH

ENGLAND

John Bellringer	1983, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990 (Ch), 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997 (R), 2002
Phillip Bennisson	1992 (R)
Simon Cleveland	1998 (Ch), 2003 (Ch)
Jeremy Hakim	1992 (A)
Dominic Harvey	2001 (Ch)
Jonathan Kent	2010, 2011 (R)
Martin Kent	1993 (R)
Paul Kent	1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993 (Ch), 1994 (Ch), 1995 (Ch), 1996 (Ch), 1997, 1999 (Ch), 2000, 2001, 2002 (R), 2003, 2005 (Ch), 2006 (Ch), 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Sarah Kent	1994 (R)
Andrew Lothian	2001 (R), 2008 (A)
Parag Patel	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012
Keith Pilcher	1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1987 (Ch), 1988 (Ch), 1991 (Ch), 1992 (C), 1993 (Ch), 1998 (Ch)
Toby Raincock	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012
Kelvin Ramsey	2002 (R)
David Rose	2008 (R), 2012 (R)

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Sam Hunter	2011, 2012
Tom Hunter	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012
Malcolm MacKeith	1980, 1982, 1986, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2005
Col Robert MacKeith	1965, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984 (Ch), 1985 (Ch), 1986 (Ch), 1987 (Ch), 1988, 1989 (Ch)
Ian Shaw	1991 (R), 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

WALES

Clare Jeens	2008, 2009 (A), 2010 (A), 2011 (A), 2012 (A)
Harry Ball (Fayrer 2005-07)	2009, 2010

THE ELCHO ANNUAL MATCH RIFLE MATCH:

ENGLAND

Clive Halnan (Crawfurd 1944-50)	1972, 1973, 1974
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Designation: (C) Captain, (VC) Vice Captain, (A) Adjutant, (Ch) Coach, (R) Reserve

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MILLENNIUM MATCH: (a special match in 2000 involving all overseas teams)

ENGLAND

Keith Pilcher (Capt)

Jeremy Hakim (Adjutant)

Paul Kent

John Bellringer

Parag Patel

David Rose (u25s)

SCOTLAND

Ian Shaw

HOME NATIONS TOURING CAPS

ENGLAND

David Rose 2009 SA (VC)

Andrew Lothian 2009 SA

James Lothian 2009 SA

Kelvin Ramsey 2008 USA

Parag Patel 2009 SA

Jonathan Kent 2004 SA

Susie Luckman 2004 SA

Dominic Harvey 2004 SA

WALES

Clare Jeens 2009 SA

SCOTLAND

Ian Shaw 1995 Can, 2000 Aus, 2005 Can, 2009 SA

GB U25 CAPS: (GB under 25 tours started in 1997)

David Rose 2001 CI, 2004 SA (R), 2005 Aus (VC)

James Lothian 2011 Aus (C)

Matt Millar 2011 Aus

David Nuthall 2011 Aus

Harry Ball 2011 Aus

Simon Cleveland 1997 Jer

Kelvin Ramsey 1997 Jer

Parag Patel 1997 Jer, 1998 Can, 1999 CI (C)

Will Steward 2000 SA

Jonathan Kent 2005 Aus, 2007 Can

Susie Luckman 2002 Can, 2005 Aus (Adj), 2007 Can

Countries: Can (Canada) Aus (Australia) WI (West Indies) Zim (Zimbabwe) SA (South Africa) NZ (New Zealand)

Designation: (C) Captain, (VC) Vice Captain, (A) Adjutant, (Ch) Coach, (R) Reserve

Special thanks to David Rose for his efforts in compiling this extensive list of achievements.

In Conclusion...



**Phillip Bennison,
1998 Queen's
Prize Winner**

PHILLIP BENNISON (FAYRER 1978-83)

This evening we celebrate the 40th year since our first Ashburton win, the principal public schools shooting event at Bisley that we all aspired to compete in whilst at Epsom College. Since our first win, Epsom College has claimed the Ashburton Shield fourteen times, a remarkable and unsurpassed record.

To the untrained eye, such victories might

appear to have come to us easily. However, we know they do not. Such success has been earned as a result of the enormous dedication of past Masters and the current Teacher in Charge of Shooting at Epsom, as well as a bit of help from some Old Epsomians along the way and over many years.

Given such a record of achievement by the College, the Old Epsomian Rifle Club has and continues to benefit from steady influx of competitive talent. As a result, the OERC enjoys many successes such as, three Commonwealth Games medals (including a gold), three Queen's Prizes, five Grand Aggregates, produced twenty-one Great Britain internationals and over three hundred National caps in competitions on the ranges at Bisley.

Our formative years at Epsom College have also enabled us to enjoy great friendships within the OERC. The healthy and competitive rivalries have rewarded us with a wealth of colourful domestic and international OE anecdotes that have enriched our shooting experiences. All these factors will undoubtedly inspire further generations to promote our tradition of friendship, competitive spirit and success for many years to come.

It is indeed a privilege to be part of such a successful Epsomian association. It is also a great pleasure to have this opportunity to express gratitude to the College and those OEs having the necessary vision, drive and competitive excellence to continue to nurture and support it.

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