

Reflections on the 2020 'season'

In view of continuing restrictions on shooting throughout the U.K., and the uncertain environment particularly for older members, there has been little Magpie activity during 2020, and it begins to seem likely that the situation may persist beyond the end of the year. However - the club's honour has been saved by the ladies, who until the lockdown in the spring continued to perform at intervals in the School's mini-range. Please see below pictures of four lady Magpies who clearly enjoy their trips to the range, and are looking forward to getting back there when the law allows.

Despite the cancellation of most of the usual annual events, the 'Elders' of the Magpies (being Hugo Brooke, President, and others whose names are listed above) would like to take this opportunity to **send their warmest wishes to all club members and their families for the next few months, and to hope that everyone is able to enjoy the coming festive season within inevitable limitations**. As soon as it becomes feasible to draw up any plans for next year, these will be made known by direct email and through this site.

In the meantime, the Magpies would like to record their congratulations to Barry on his well-earned promotion to Major, as Officer Commanding the Blundell's CCF contingent (even if it means one or two of the OBs may have to smarten themselves up a little from now on). OBs will be pleased to learn that cadet shooting on the mini-range continued until lockdown, by which time some good results had been registered (including three Prince of Wales winners and one in the Thorne Challenge) and that it has resumed more recently with 24 air rifles and 12 smallbore (see in due course in the Blundell's Diary).

With very best wishes to everybody, and **with acknowledgement and thanks for the sterling efforts being made by all at Blundell's to 'keep the show on the road' during these most difficult times**.



'Down, test and adjust!' – the Magpie detail settles down prior to the firing sequence...



'Let's see the cards, then!' L to R: Janet Wooff, nee Frankpitt (OB Club Secretary, GH 1980-82), Jessica Lampard (GH 1981-83), Morwenna Morrison, nee Pugsley (NC 1995-97) and Alex Brook, nee Brownlow (GH 1981-83). These Magpies turned out regularly during last winter, 2019/20, encouraged and coached by Barry Dawe, OC of the CCF and Manager of School Shooting.