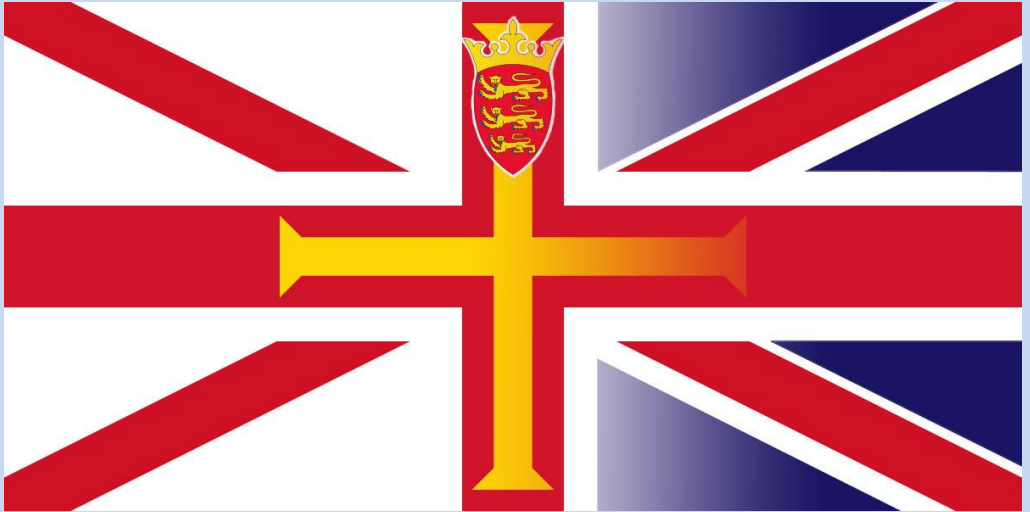


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Robin Hallows Cornwall

Brendan Heatley Ireland, Ulster

Adam Leech UK Police, Hampshire

Kimberley Pope Suffolk

Alice Southall GB U21, GB U19, Athelings

Itinerary

Tuesday 19 May	pm – Team match vs London & Middlesex RA at Bisley eve – Formal dinner with LMRA
Wednesday 20 May	am – Final pre-travel checks pm – Travel to Guernsey
Thursday 21 May	Acclimatisation & sightseeing in Guernsey
Friday 22 May	day - Individual competition in Guernsey eve – Formal dinner with Guernsey RC
Saturday 23 May	am – Team match vs Guernsey RC pm – Individual competition in Guernsey & travel to Jersey
Sunday 24 May	day – Individual competition in Jersey
Monday 25 May	am – Individual competition in Jersey pm – Team match vs Jersey RA eve – Formal dinner with Jersey RA
Tuesday 26 May	Rest & sightseeing in Jersey
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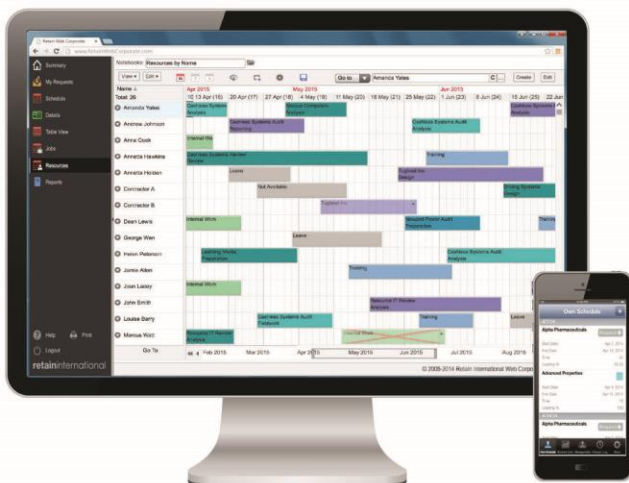
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The NRA team to the Channel Islands provide us with the opportunity to test ourselves against accomplished adversaries and to develop friendships amongst the shooting fraternity, friendships which are renewed annually at the Imperial Meeting at Bisley. Hopefully you will all enjoy your brief visit to our Island home and take away many pleasant memories of your exploits on what is commonly regarded as the most scenic rifle range in Europe, if not in the world.

Pete Sirett
President
Guernsey Rifle Club



On behalf of the Executive, Council and Members of the Jersey Rifle Association I should like to extend a very warm welcome to the Captain of the 2015 National Rifle Association Team to the Channel Islands and to all of her team's members who are taking part on our Spring Meeting Championships.

I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend and good shooting to all.

Cliff Mallett

President

Jersey Rifle Association

A Foreword From The Team Captain



I was greatly honoured to be elected captain of the 2015 NRA Team to the Channel Islands. An NRA Team has been sent to the Channel Islands annually since 1935 apart from a break during WWII and the first lady captain was Miss Marjorie Forster, GM in 1954. The tour has always aimed to aid talented individual shooters to take their shooting to the next level by gaining experience in touring and team shooting. The teams have found the matches competitive but friendly and touring to these islands enormous fun.

This year's NRA Team follows in their footsteps with a broad spread of experience and covering every decade from teenager to septuagenarian. Each member will take part in the individual competitions but the climaxes of the tour will be the competitive team matches against Guernsey and Jersey. We aim to provide close competition and hopefully to win but whatever the results we will all gain in experience.

My sincere thanks go to Vice Captain, Nigel Cole-Hawkins and particularly Adjutant, David Crispin who organized all the logistics and also, team members who have committed time and energy, not just to training but also, to fund raising, the brochure, website and other jobs essential to a successful touring team. We are all extremely grateful to our major sponsors; Shard Capital and the NRA Overseas Team Fund, for their generous support of the team and others who have supported us by donation or advertising in the brochure and website. Finally, a special thanks to our Channel Islands hosts who continue to welcome the team on an annual basis.

I wish all team members every success and much enjoyment. Having been to the Channel Islands as a shooter, I am sure everyone will enjoy the experience and come back with a sense of achievement.

Sarah Cheslyn-Curtis
Captain
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Sarah Cheslyn-Curtis (*Captain*)



Sarah started shooting at University of London, mainly smallbore with occasional visits to Bisley for fullbore. There was then an almost 20 year break due to concentrating on career and overcoming all the obstacles to become a consultant HPB surgeon. Conversations over the operating table with her anaesthetist (another NLRC member) rekindled Sarah's interest in shooting although another 6 years of coercion passed by before she finally returned to Bisley in 2005. Sarah has shot regularly since and has

just completed a 3 year term as Captain of the North London Rifle Club, including touring with the NLRC to Jersey's 150th meeting 2011 and the Spirit of America meeting, New Mexico 2014. She was delighted to be invited to shoot for England in the European Long Range Championships 2014.

Away from fullbore Target Rifle, Sarah's other interests are gardening, occasional skiing and learning golf but also smallbore and game shooting.

Sarah is looking forward to the experience of touring the Channel Islands with the NRA team and, inevitably, is hoping for success in the team events.

Nigel Cole-Hawkins (*Vice-Captain*)



Nigel first visited the Channel Islands in 1984 accompanying his wife Ginney Measures, who was a member of Col. Gilbertson's NRA Team. Nigel's role was to look after their new born daughter Holly while her mother was shooting. Nigel then returned with Ginney in 1992 both as members of Peter Medhurst's NRA Team; with Nigel undertaking the role of adjutant. During a period of 30 years Nigel has visited the Islands on over 20 occasions both as a member of club teams and as an individual,

culminating in being selected as this year's Vice Captain. During these visits he has been lucky to make many good friends and acquaintances.

It takes a lot to drag Nigel away from Bisley but a chance to support Sarah in her captaincy and enjoy the hospitality and competition that Guernsey and Jersey offer could not be missed.

When not shooting or coaching Nigel is a workaholic and a very mediocre autodidact polymath [His words, not mine! - Ed].



David Crispin (*Adjutant*)

David has shot for Great Britain and is a member of the Palma Team going to the USA this year for the world long range championships. He spends a lot of time at Bisley as Chairman of the Surrey Rifle Association.

Outside shooting, David works in his own engineering company building rifles and accessories. His very first team tour was to the Channel Islands in 1994 and he returns as Adjutant for this year's team. His other hobby is flying small single-engined aircraft.

David's stated aim for the tour is "to contribute to the economy of the Channel Islands through cream tea consumption". (The rest of the team hopes he concentrates more on his role as wind coach than pastry critic).



Henry Awin

Henry attended Epsom College between 2007 – 2012, where he first started shooting in 2007 and did 2 cadet tours, the first being the UK Cadets to Jersey in 2011 followed by The Athelings a year later. Whilst at Epsom he was part of the national winning squad, becoming captain in 2011.

With a keen interest in baking and patisserie he has recently completed a Patisserie Diploma at Le Cordon Bleu in London and is keen to start his own business. Apart from shooting Henry also enjoys swimming,

which he took to a national level. Outside of the sporting world he is a keen traveller, vintage space hopper collector and cinema enthusiast.

Henry is looking forward to shooting with his new teammates and his first ever trip to Guernsey. He also hopes to remain on the steep learning curve, which he has been on in training so far! To win would be nice...

Ian Brown



Ian Started rifle shooting with the world-famous Wandsworth fullbore club, and progressed to Surrey, England and Great Britain teams, visiting Norway, Switzerland, The Channel Islands, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, France and USA. He has won a Imperial Meeting trophies in both target and match rifle. Ian shoots vintage and long-range smallbore, Target & Match rifle, .50BMG where feasible, black powder and game. His biggest buzz is team shooting, combining shooter, wind coach & plotter;

three sets of brains & experience harnessed to hit one small target. Ian's best shooting moment was collecting the Canadian 'Families' trophy with son Alastair (and his second best winning the Governor General's tie-shoot in near-darkness straight after!) Ian is, theoretically, retired and restricts his activities to running a property company, four cars (one under restoration) around 25 ancient & modern guns (plus pistols residing in Switzerland), a grand player piano and a Scottish deerhound. He also fits in some gunsmithing and gardening.

Ian's plans for the tour include renewing some (very) old friendships and keeping up with the phenomenal performance of our youngsters, but mainly involve beating Guernsey and Jersey.

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Brendan Creane

Brendan is originally from Zimbabwe and followed in the footsteps of his father and elder brother by taking up fullbore target shooting at Cleveland Rifle Ranges in Harare. A long break in shooting occurred after leaving Uni until he attended an NRA Open Day at Bisley in 2010 and the familiar smell of cordite lured him back to the sport. He won the Chairman's Prize for Tyros in his first Imperial Meeting in 2013 and is keen to continue building on this in an effort to become a better marksman.

Brendan is a Chartered Accountant and Project Manager and works as a Director within a software development company at Canary Wharf, London. His bean-counting background ensured that he was swiftly 'volunteered' to act as Treasurer for the tour, and is also the Treasurer of the Surrey Rifle Association.

Brendan is looking forward to gaining touring experience and to meeting more shooters and locals of the Channel Islands. He is already enjoying the great team spirit within this year's NRA squad and hopes to be able to contribute positively towards possible team success, and learn from coaches and team-mates. With limited experience of shooting in different locations he is keen to see what it's like to shoot on the Islands.



Niall Duncan

Niall first began shooting in 2006 at the Oratory school where he shot .22, Cadet GP, Cadet Target Rifle and shotgun. He has represented West of Scotland and the Scottish RA, plus GB U25 and the UK cadet long range team, though he is yet to receive a Scotland or full GB Cap. He is also an originating member of the Oratory Cardinals RC. Niall has been the adjutant for the Scottish U25s for the U25 national and Scotland during the Lawrence match against England.

Niall loves the outdoors, including fishing, sailing, rugby, hiking, climbing, kayaking, skiing ... and not forgetting shooting. On leaving school he took a gap year to work on a cattle ranch & conservation reserve in Kenya. After too many close encounters with wild animals he decided to visit a colder climate and took to apres-ski (or rather ski-instructing) in Austria. He is considering a career in the military whilst undertaking a two year "Game & Wildlife Management" course at Sparsholt College in Winchester and on starting was delighted to find a section on "firearms and their usage" - bliss! Niall plans to add to existing team experience and is hoping that this tour will help provide him with further knowledge that will get him well on his way to shooting for Scotland and more in the near future.

Scott Glanville

Scott started shooting as a cadet at 14 and after a short break he returned to the ranges with the RAF squad. With them he's been fortunate enough to tour to South Africa twice and the Channel Islands three times with the promise of California coming up in 2016. He also shoots for Cornwall when he gets the chance.

Scott is 27 and originally from Plymouth, but being in the Royal Air Force has meant moving around quite a lot! However, he has just moved to Basingstoke to

work at RAF Odiham on Chinook helicopters. This means that his long-suffering partner, Lucie, is likely to see even less of him now he's so close to Bisley! Off the ranges his other hobbies include skiing, cycling, watching Plymouth Argyle fight for survival and working on the in-laws' farm.

On this tour he's hoping to develop his team drills and learn from those selected to lead and coach the team. He's also looking forward to making new friendships and renewing those made on previous trips to the islands.



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Robin Hallows

Following in his father's footsteps, Robin started smallbore shooting when he was 12 and fullbore a few years later. Since then he has regularly shot for Cornwall and NatWest Bank in both disciplines at home and at Bisley. His most memorable achievements to date are having his name on the leader-board outside the NRA offices and making the St George's final. Living in Cornwall means he is not able to make the trip to Bisley as often as perhaps he would wish but can regularly be seen at the Inter

Counties, Imperial and various other weekends during the year.

Robin lives in Cornwall and is married to Wendy. He is currently a Business Manager for NatWest Bank where he has worked for the last 32 years. When not shooting they enjoy walking the South West coastal path as well as sampling the food and drink along the way.

This will be Robin's first visit to the Channel Islands as well as his first shooting tour with the NRA. He is greatly looking forward to the experience which he hopes will improve his shooting as well as make new friends.



Brendan Heatley

Brendan is a relative newcomer to full-bore target rifle shooting. He started by joining Comber Rifle club in 2007, but it was not until 2012 when he relocated to Surrey, England, that he began really focusing and dedicating time to the sport. He currently shoots for the Irish Rifle Club and the LMRA and can be found at a range in Bisley Camp most weekends, either in competition or just getting in some practice. He was a reserve for Ireland for the 2014 National Match and subsequently won his first cap with the second

highest Irish score in the 2014 European Long Range Championships.

Brendan hails from Belfast, Northern Ireland and away from the range is a freelance design manager, currently involved with the new Rolls Royce facility in Bognor Regis. His main interests in addition to shooting are rugby, being an avid Ireland and London Irish fan, and he also collects vintage chronograph watches.

This will be Brendan's first tour, so he is looking forward to travelling with the team and gaining some further team competition experience.



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Adam Leech

Adam first shot as an Army Cadet with the GP rifle, starting Target Rifle at the University of Nottingham in 1997. He progressed as a club shot, was Rifle Captain in 2000-01 and now shoots with Pumas RC, North London RC, Hampshire RA and Police Sport UK. His first tour was in 2014 with the NLRC team to the Spirit Of America match in Raton, NM. Shooting moments of note include being on Hampshire's winning team in the 2014 King George V final and five victories in the NRA 100 (3P with a Target Rifle).



Adam graduated in Electronic Engineering in 2001 and started work with AMS, part of the British Aerospace group. In 2005 he left supporting uniformed services to work in one, joining Hampshire Constabulary where he is a Roads Policing officer. Outside shooting, Adam is often...shooting, namely smallbore rifle, clay pigeon and rough shooting to his repertoire. He enjoys carpentry and fixing/tinkering with most things mechanical & electrical, plus DIY and DIFEE (Doing It For Everyone Else). He lives in Hampshire with his (very shooting-tolerant) partner Susie and a collection of belligerent cats & dogs!

Adam hopes to get his touring 'fix' for 2015 and to build experience towards national and GB representation, making new friends (both team & opposition) along the way.

Kimberley Pope

After being given the option to try shooting over playing hockey in the rain, Kimberley first picked up a rifle when she was 13 while at Framingham College, continuing at University, where she was Secretary, Fullbore Captain and then President of the Edinburgh University RC. She earned her Blue at University and in 2014 won the Musketeers Universities short range trophy for the first time in recent memory. She is currently Vice-Captain of Suffolk and toured last year with the North London



Rifle Club to Raton, New Mexico. It was then that she contracted the touring bug, which led her to apply for the upcoming Channel Islands Tour.

Kimberley is a recent Graduate from the University of Edinburgh where she has been studying Architectural History for the last 4 years. She has just moved to Norfolk, where she is pleased that she is now within commuting distance of Bisley. Other than shooting Kimberley enjoys walks, kayaking, horse riding, painting and travelling, where she is currently in the middle of planning her next adventure.

Kimberley is hoping to build experience working with different teams and is looking forward to shooting on new ranges. Having never been to the Channel Islands before so is rather excited to tick another few places off her "To Travel To" list!



Alice Southall

Alice is 19 years old and started shooting at the age of 12 at her local rifle and pistol club, where she still shoots smallbore every Tuesday evening. After joining 126 (City of Derby) Squadron as an Air Cadet aged 13, she continued shooting and competed in many cadet competitions. In 2012, she was selected for the UK Cadet Rifle team tour to Jersey where she came fifth in the Grand Aggregate and was top placed in the Tyro Class. A year later she was fortunate to be selected for the British Cadet Rifle

team "Athelings" tour to Canada. She was the only cadet to make it to the Governor General's final and won the Open Cadet/Junior Target Rifle Championships. In 2014, she was fortunate again to be selected for another tour, this time to South Africa with the Great Britain Under 19's Rifle Team. After shooting in very tricky conditions, she managed to achieve 1st in the Junior Under 19 Aggregate, Overall Winner of the Short Range Aggregate (B Class) and 3rd in the Grand Aggregate for B class.

Alice is currently employed at a secondary school in Derby, working with special needs students. Outside of the shooting world she enjoys spending time with her friends and her black Labrador, Eddie.

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A Visitor's History Of Channel Island Shooting (In Three Pages Or Less)

The history of the Channel Islands and marksmanship thereupon follow neatly in parallel. As part of the Duchy of Normandy, they came under English auspices in 1066



through William "The Conqueror" of Normandy and though claims to the territory were later lost by Henry III some 200 years later, the islands avoided repatriation by the French. In order to prevent the islands subsequently falling, landowners were required to arm themselves and practice their marksmanship with bow & arrow, similarly echoed in the UK by the archer on the NRA's own emblem. To this end each

parish maintained "Les Butes" (which should, to any shooters, resemble a certain part of the modern rifle range...?) where targets were placed for such practice.

In 1248 this was formalised with a decree from Henry that Guernsey maintain a militia as a condition of their right to self-government, a right that exists to this day as their own Bailiwicks. Henry's other ongoing legacy, as "Henry of Winchester", is the islands' close association with Hampshire. This is borne out through both the islands' local infantry (previously the Royal Hampshires, now amalgamated into the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment) and the involvement of many island shooters with the Hampshire Rifle Association.

Marksmanship continued and grew across both islands and, with the mainstream development of gunpowder, not to mention firearms capable of accurately and safely employing it, the bow gave way to the rifle. In the 19th century the comparison between island and mainland continued and following



Grouville (Gorey Common), 1912
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the formation of the NRA in 1859 for the “promotion of marksmanship”, the Jersey Rifle Association was formed in 1861 in order to “promote emulation in the use of the rifle”. Guernsey was quick to follow suit with the island’s rifle club forming in 1872 and wasted little time before making their mark by winning the Kolopore in 1898, knocking the team from a certain much larger island north of them into 3rd place. They consolidated this the following year with a Guernseyman, Pte Priaux of the island’s militia, taking home HM The Queen’s Prize.



Pte Priaux
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Target shooting in the islands was, like much of the world, curtailed during both world wars. The islands’ sport suffered particularly heavily between 1940-45 with the loss of rifles, being as they were, the



Six decades of tradition – the 2013 tour at Crabbe
Credits: NRA CI Team 2013

only commonwealth territory to be invaded by Germany. Undeterred by this setback, the sport returned in 1946, a number of rifles had been ‘evacuated’ to the mainland prior to occupation and with the gift of a re-barrelled SMLE from Mr JL Milne, who gave this as a competition prize with various conditions, including “*that the winner must use it to shoot for the King’s Prize at Bisley in 1946*”. The

recipients were happy to oblige, with a 16 strong Jersey team competing in the Imperial Meeting. Come the early 50’s, competition was back in full swing, our predecessors resurrecting the tradition of the annual NRA touring team.

Modern shooting has brought many changes to the sport and any individual, or team, looking to succeed has no time for resting on their laurels. Once again, the islands have not



“I see no ships”. Danger Area look-out at Le Marchant
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disappointed, remaining very much on top of their (and for that matter, everyone else's) game. Jersey have followed Guernsey's Kolopore history with wins in 1984 & 1995. Further, competitors from both islands (naming no names, so as to avoid offending those that we omit!) make regular appearances on the much-coveted Grand Aggregate leader-board, not to mention on several trophies. The 2014 Commonwealth Games saw both islands make the top 10 in the results tables for full bore rifle, continuing a 32 year run of doing so since 1982. No mean feat for a combined population of less than your mid-sized town.



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The future also bodes well, with both Guernsey's Elizabeth College and their Jersey counterparts at Victoria College actively promoting the sport amongst their students. This includes, since 2010, having hosted visiting teams from the UK Cadet Forces in the same spirit as the national bodies do with this very tour. A strong fight can be expected from each island on their home soil, with team match victories by visitors being hard to achieve and

“doing the double” a rare event. That said, the current incumbent tourists are assured that the Jersey tactic of fielding a “drinking team” on the evening preceding competition has been suspended, at least for the time being...



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