

# New rifle range for West London

Deer stalkers living in the London area will warmly welcome the opening of a comfortable and well-appointed new range facility



Situated just south of Northolt aerodrome in the western suburbs of London, West London Shooting School has had a rifle range since 1931. However, the need for new landscaping and noise bunding works recently offered the opportunity to completely update the range area in order to meet the growing demand from rifle shooters in general and lowland deer stalkers in particular. West London's director, Roddy Richmond-Watson, therefore decided to subdivide the old 100 yard range and to create a new 100 metre range with five lanes and covered firing points, plus a brand new 200 metre 2 lane range, again with covered firing points.

In addition, a running boar range has been installed for those keen to hone their

skills at moving targets.

The entire rifle range complex has been designed by Frank Haxton and incorporates high bunding and a massive new stop-butt which enables safe use of the largest calibre big game hunting rifles. Naturally, West London Shooting School has teamed up with Rigby, who will be using the new range as a base from which to demonstrate its products. "Rigby have been regulating rifles here for many decades, and we are delighted to be building on a long-term relationship with them, whilst also welcoming well-known precision optics brand Leica, which is sponsoring the Running Boar range," said Roddy Richmond-Watson.

"We are just 13 miles from the centre of London and until now, there has been no

facility close by where rifle shooters can use and test their firearms," he added.

Along with the range facility, which will be known as the John Rigby & Co Rifle Range, there is a new Rigby room in the Shooting School's reception area, where guests can meet to discuss their shooting or view and inspect rifles and optics.

The range facilities are available by appointment to rifle shooters for zeroing and practice. Shooters can shoot on a one-to-one supervised basis in the company of one of the Shooting School's instructors. In due course, it is anticipated that the range will be bookable for up to five shooters operating under a qualified RCO. Contact West London Shooting School on 020 8845 1377 or visit [www.shootingschool.co.uk](http://www.shootingschool.co.uk)



## Book REVIEW

### Sharpshooter

By Alasdair Mitchell

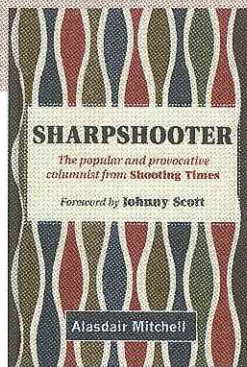
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Regular readers of *Shooting Times* will be familiar with Alasdair Mitchell, alias Sharpshooter, whose witty, entertaining and usually acerbic column signs off our favourite weekly magazine. Now Mitchell has bundled together a selection of said columns, drawn from more than

20 years of contributions.

Ex-soldier, hill farmer, stalker, wildfowler and all-round good egg, his essays address all manner of sporting, countryside and environmental topics, usually in a pretty direct, full frontal manner. From rewinding to animal rights hypocrisy, from veganism to bureaucratic incompetence, Mitchell usually goes for the jugular. Whether it be that of an interfering National Park authority, a bumbling Defra official, The Guardian, the BBC, RSPB or what he refers to as the 'environmental Taliban,'



blood is let, though in the nicest possible and most amusing way.

Read between the lines, though, and you quickly see that Mitchell is no oafish redneck. His love and understanding of Britain's wild places, of the creatures and people who inhabit them and of the management practices that have made them the special places they are, is there to see on every page, as is his respect for the quarry he pursues.

With an introduction by Sir Johnny Scott, here are 120 short – and a few not so short – essays on country life that will make you chuckle, and make you think.

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