



Ryan Jacobs tested his aim with laser clay pigeon shooting.



Visitors could try their hand at a range of skills under supervision, including archery and target shooting, during last week's open day in Bisley.

Home on the range

GUNS were at the ready during National Shooting Week at Bisley Rifle Ranges.

Between May 3 and 11, more than 200 public open days were held across the country to raise awareness of the special week.

Last Saturday the National Shooting Centre in Queens Road, Bisley, welcomed 1,200 visitors, who were able to try their hands at a variety of shooting practices.

Jeremy Staples, managing director, said: "A lot of people who had shot in the past signed

up for re-testing and there were many people who signed up for the first time.

"This is the fourth year we have held events like this — we hold one in May and another in September. We had to get special permission from the Home Office to run the event.

"There was one-to-one tuition so visitors could really get a feel for shooting.

"We had black powder pistol, clay pigeon shooting and 300 yards and 1,000 yards targets, which were very popular.

"Many people enjoyed our National Rifle Association Museum, which has quite a lot of material from the 1908 and 1948 Olympics as the shooting events were held here."

Visitors were also able to look at artefacts on display from the Cobham Bus Museum and gaze at the sky in amazement as a falconer put his bird through its paces.

Mr Staples added: "A large number of people are unaware that the ranges site is no longer owned by the Ministry of

Defence so it is good to let people know."

Woking MP Humfrey Malins spent some time in the shooting range with Olympic hopefuls. He tried his luck at the 10-metre pistol target but missed the target on two attempts.

Mr Malins said: "It was a wonderful morning meeting the Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls, who impressed me with their determination to make it all the way to the Olympics.

"Their commitment to the sport of shooting is absolute."

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John Baines (1890s), Ross Stenner (Boer war) and Steve Jennings (First World War) gave a presentation showing how the Royal Sussex Regiment's uniforms had changed over the years. Photos: Grahame Larter

Property pays off for Park pupils



PC Craig Matthews with year 10 pupils Jack Harrison, Jake Hill, Jason Elliott and Susel Rojas de Paz.

PUPILS welcomed a surprise visitor to their school last week when a police officer handed them a cheque for £235.

PC Craig Matthews, youth affairs officer for Woking, visited The Park School in Onslow Crescent on Friday to present the money from the Surrey Police Prisoners' Property Fund.

He said: "Money in the property fund is intended to benefit local communities

and organisations and I was delighted to present a cheque to the Park School.

"The money will be used to buy cycling equipment and will enable the pupils to learn more about cycle safety."

Property which comes into the possession of Surrey Police in connection with a crime and where the owner cannot be found can be sold and the proceeds paid into the property fund.