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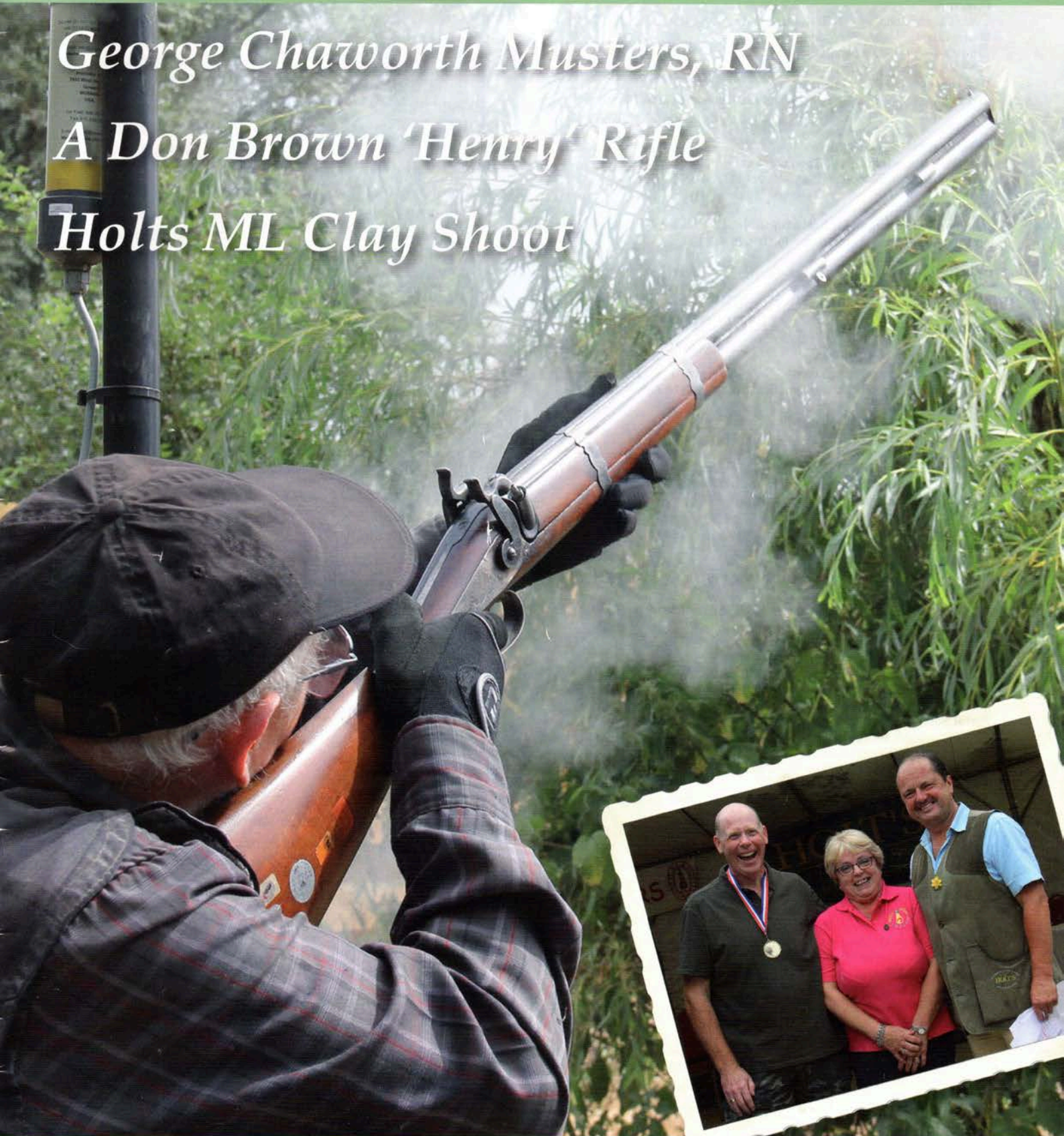


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A Don Brown 'Henry' Rifle

Holts ML Clay Shoot

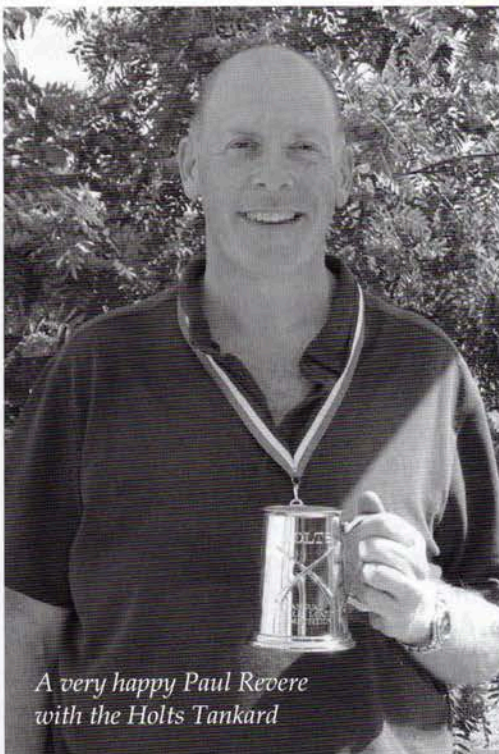




Barney Kilpatrick



Nick Holt in action with his newly acquired muzzle loading shotgun



A very happy Paul Revere with the Holts Tankard



A queue of customers for Robbie Morgan at the valuation table



A rose between two thorns! Sandra Ralph with silver medal winner Graham Bush and Nick Holt



Allan Wellings receiving his bronze medal and muzzle loading book from Nick Holt

Holts Annual Muzzle Loading Clay Shoot Cambridge Gun Club, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire - 22nd July 2018

At last year's Muzzle Loading Skeet Shoot at Eriswell we were approached by Tony Walsh of **Holts Auctioneers** who came to watch and sound out an idea of Nick Holt's to hold an annual muzzle loading clay shooting competition for a trophy sponsored by Holts. The idea found favour all round and developed into a 30 bird singles muzzle loading sporting clay shoot to be held at Cambridge Gun Club.

Sunday 22nd of July was chosen, and with the help of our Anglian Muzzle Loader Tosh (aka Fulton McIntosh) a superb poster was produced in the Holts livery and advertised through the MLAGB media. 34 guns turned out on the day to enjoy the superb facilities that Cambridge Gun Club has to offer. The Club house provided excellent breakfasts and, later on Lauren stoked up the barbeque. Part of the clubs complex is a large marquee and this was used for taking entries and providing a base for Holts' Robbie Morgan to carry out a free valuation for each of the competitors. The whole affair went really well with the courtyard outside the marquee becoming the focal point for those not shooting.

Ground Manager, Jono, set a tricky course over 5 stands with 2 different targets on each. A wide variety of target were shown including loopers, rabbits, teal, crows, all manner of crossers and slow droppers. Members of the Anglian Branch and Steve Thorp from Yorkshire were the scorers at each stand on a morning and afternoon basis which allowed everyone to have a shot. We were blessed with a very warm sunny day. It was good to see some stalwart muzzle loaders we had not seen for a while turn out on the day. The day turned out to be a very social one which we hoped it would be with all sorts of unusual and fine muzzle loading guns being paraded under the expert eye of Robbie Morgan.

Some excellent shooting was in evidence and scores at the top were close. The winner was local lad, Paul Revere, who shot his socks off to score 27, hotly pursued by Graham Bush on 26. The third place went to Allan Wellings who has recently found some real form with a score of 24. Another notable performance was from Graham Simpson, who, after his win in the helice competition at Rugby, seems to have found new confidence and returned a score of 23.

Nick Holt, addressed the assembled crowd at the prize giving in his humorous, friendly manner and presented the prizes. Thanks were given to all the Cambridge Gun Club Staff, owners Mick and Karen Hodson and Sandra Ralph for taking the entries.

Finally, my thanks go to Holts for sponsoring the prizes and coming up with the idea and all those shooters who came and supported the event. The feedback all those who attended has been fantastic and I'm glad you all enjoyed the day as much as I did. We are minded to make the shoot a 40 bird event for next year and put an extra stand on to make it even more worthwhile for those travelling long distances. See you next year!

Results

1st	Paul Revere	27 ex 30
2nd	Graham Bush	26
3rd	Allan Wellings	24

Holts would like to thank Mick and Karen Hodson for allowing the Anglian Muzzle Loading Club to organize and run Holts Auctioneers first annual muzzle loading 30 bird sporting clay shoot at their Cambridge Gun Club, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.

What a fabulous day it was too. The winner and the first name to be engraved on the Purdey Trophy was Paul Revere, Paul also received his winning medal and a book on muzzle loading.

Second to Paul was Graham Bush who received a medal and a book on muzzle loading and third prize went to Alan Wellings, who also received a medal and a book on muzzle loading.

To all of the other entrants there that day Holts wish to say thank you for participating and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Our final thanks goes to Holts valuer on the day, Robert Morgan, he looked at many of the muzzle loading guns offered for appraisal and was impressed with the quality presented.

Nick Holt would like to add his thanks to the members of the Anglian Muzzle Loaders, in particular Martin Crix the club secretary and his very able assistant Clare, who pushed Tony and Alex at Holts into getting things ready for the shoot and Graham Bush for his considerable assistance, especially in advising Nick Holt on his muzzle loading competition debut.

View a slideshow of images of the day:

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Paul Revere (Winner), Sandra Ralph, Nick Holt