



# UPPINGHAM VETERANS

## RIFLE CLUB

2004

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### UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2003/2004)

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C W Brown (1982-84)

C T S Belk (SC) (1985-87) (Trustee)

K C Meldrum CB (1988-90) (Trustee)

Dr R Pizer (1991-93)

S J Pattinson (1994-96)

T R C Adams (1997-99)

J C B Humphrey (2000-2002)

**CAPTAIN:** A D E Grounds

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C P Kelsey

Miss A Scattergood

B E Bullard

**MASTER IN CHARGE:**

RSM P S C Warren

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**HON ACCOUNTANT:** J Mumby

### REVIEW OF 2003

2003 was a particularly successful season for the club in the Veterans match. The A team dropped a single point between the five of them to win the PS Veterans with a score of 249.30, some 3 points ahead of Greshams. The B team also did very well making a score that would have put them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the A team competition (1 V-bull behind Greshams), as it was, they finished some 4 points above their nearest rival. Unfortunately, the C team did not have quite enough for us to win the aggregate match but this was undoubtedly our most successful year for a long time. It was the eighth time the A team has won, (most recently in 1992) and nearly 50 years since our first A team win in 1954. **Walter Brown** has provided a photo of those attending the celebratory lunch at the Buttery which is shown below. Additionally he has submitted an article which is included later in the report.



This was a year where there are no outstanding individual successes to record; club members however have been involved in a number of important team victories. Pride of place must go to those who shot and coached in the Palma Match, captained by **Simon Belither**. More on this match is included at the end of the year's review.

The Schools meeting began in the second week in July. This was the first year for many that the cadets were using target rifles as the long awaited rifles had finally arrived (a month or so before). Despite teething problems this can only be seen as a good thing and the young squad settled into the week of competitions under the supervision of **Peter Warren** and **Andrew 'Freddie' Grounds**. As in previous years, OUs were on hand to assist. **James Watson** and **Aniela Scattergood** helped the cadets get used to the new rifle and scores rose dramatically from the beginning of the week. On the eve of the Ashburton, the team looked like being in with a chance of winning the shield. On the big day, the team did not quite perform to their potential but put in a steady performance, finishing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 41 entries (8 entries up on last year).

VIII	300 yards	500 yards	TOTAL
W Fry *	31.3	32.1	63.4
B Yates *	33.3	30.1	63.4
N Alliston *	31.2	31.3	62.5
F Hinson	31.3	30.1	61.4
J Dixon	32.2	29.1	61.3
J Corry	28.0	31.2	59.2
G Asplin	29.1	29.1	58.3
W Boothroyd	26.1	31.2	57.3
TOTAL	241.15	243.12	484.27

Placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 41

This is very encouraging for next year – the team is young and the squad will remain almost intact as **Will Fry** is the only leaver.

In the other team competitions, Uppingham placed in the middle of the field:

Cadet Four	15 <sup>th</sup>	out of 20
Cadet Pair	18 <sup>th</sup>	out of 28
Cheltenham Cup	9 <sup>th</sup>	out of 16
Devon	8 <sup>th</sup>	out of 27
Garry	7 <sup>th</sup>	out of 14
Green Howards Country Life	11 <sup>th</sup>	out of 30
Kinder	8 <sup>th</sup>	out of 29
Marling	6 <sup>th</sup>	out of 12
Rutland	12 <sup>th</sup>	out of 16
Schools Aggregate	6 <sup>th</sup>	out of 6
Schools Snap shooting	7 <sup>th</sup>	out of 13

In individual events, **W Fry** won the Financial Times. **N Alliston** performed in the Marlborough Cup to finish 4<sup>th</sup> =. **B Yates** was the top Uppinghamian in the Iveagh (12<sup>th</sup>) and the Cadet TR Agg (32<sup>nd</sup>) and came 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Spencer Mellish. Three cadets made it to the Schools Hundred.

Finally, more success in the Schools Staff – **Tom Adams**, won the competition (although not as Master in Charge of Uppingham) for a fourth time.

Following our relative disaster in the Veteran's A team last year, the afternoon following the Ashburton provided success, as mentioned already. The breakdown of the team scores is shown below:

A Team		B Team		C Team	
S Belither	50.7	T Adams	50.5	S A Merton Jones	48.2
J A Watson	50.6	A Scattergood	50.4	A D E Grounds	47.6
T A Ringer	50.6	C T S Belk	49.7	B Bullard	46.3
J G M Webster	50.4	P N Hinchliffe	49.5	A Fyfe	45.1
C J Watson	49.7	D Mathieson	48.4	C Kelsey	44.2
	249.30		246.25		230.14
Placed 1 <sup>st</sup> out of 55		Placed 1 <sup>st</sup> out of 34		Placed 7 <sup>th</sup> out of 20	
OGRE 'A'	246.26	Old Guildfordians	242.25	OGRE 'B'	241.26

D Team		E Team	
R E Clarke	46.4	R Pizer	45.3
J C B Humphrey	45.3	W Fry	43.1
C W Brown	45.1	C C Williams	43.0
J S Wertheimer	43.2		
J A C Royle	41.1		
	220.11		131.4

In the 'Lucas' for the aggregate of the Ashburton and Veterans A Team scores Uppingham was 3rd.

**Simon Belither** won the Tankard for the top score in the Veterans Match. Aniela Scattergood scored her 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 in her 2<sup>nd</sup> Veterans match progressing from the C team in 2002 to shoot in the B team in 2003 – A team next year?

The winner of the Donegall Bronze Badge for 2003 was **Robert Clarke**.

In Match Rifle events on Stickledown, a number of OUs participated – **Nick Hinchliffe**, **Simon Pattinson**, **Robin Pizer** and **James Watson** (shooting TR). **Nick** continues to have success in this discipline and managed a number of top ten placings: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wimbledon MR, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cottesloe, 6<sup>th</sup> in the Councillors Aggregate, 9<sup>th</sup> in the Martin Parr Aggregate and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Any Rifle 1200. **Robin Pizer** 8<sup>th</sup> in the Ranken and **Simon Pattinson** was 10<sup>th</sup> in the Any Rifle 1000.

Sixteen club members were present to shoot in the Imperial meeting matches with a two winning competitions outright. **Antony Ringer** won the Admiral Hutton and the Fulton Pairs (with a non-UVRC partner) and **Simon Belither** won the Northland Aggregate (a favourite of his having won it 5 times previously).

"Top 10" placings outside of the "majors" were up on last year with 34 in total (25 in 2002, 35 in 2001), mainly from **Simon Belither** (19) and **Antony Ringer** (12).

**Simon Belither** was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the LVA Communications Aggregate, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Donaldson Memorial, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Toye Kenning and Spencer Aggregate, 6<sup>th</sup> in the World Individual Championship, the All Comers Aggregate, and the Lord Tedder Aggregate, 7<sup>th</sup> in the Brigadier Aggregate and the Prince of Wales, 8<sup>th</sup> in the Tucker Aggregate, 9<sup>th</sup> in the New Zealand Aggregate and the Weekend Aggregate and 10<sup>th</sup> in the British Open Championship, the Century Range Aggregate, the Fulton Aggregate, the Lovell, the Marjorie Keir Aggregate, the Stickledown Aggregate, and the Stock Exchange Aggregate.

**Antony Ringer** was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the OTF Short Range Aggregate and the Stickledown Aggregate, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Donaldson Aggregate, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Brigadier Aggregate, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Wednesday Aggregate, 6<sup>th</sup> in the British Open Championship and the Marjorie Keir Aggregate, 7<sup>th</sup> in the Toye Kenning and Spencer Aggregate and the World Individual Championship and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Berryman Aggregate, Elkington Aggregate and the OTF Long Range Aggregate.

**John Webster** was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Marjorie Keir Aggregate.

**Gareth Morris** was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Prince of Wales.

**Chris Watson** was 6<sup>th</sup> in the World Individual Under 25 Championship.

The Prince of Wales on Thursday concluded the first of the "majors", the Grand Aggregate. Five of the club managed to finish in the top 200 and earn an NRA class: **Antony Ringer** 7<sup>th</sup>, **Simon Belither** 12<sup>th</sup>, **John Webster** 46<sup>th</sup>, **Chris Watson** 93<sup>rd</sup> and **James Watson** 175<sup>th</sup>.

Five had qualified from the Tuesday's first stage of the St Georges (**Antony Ringer**, **John Webster**, **Simon Belither**, **Gareth Morris** and **Chris Belk**). Of them, John, Gareth and Antony, qualified for the final finishing 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Friday saw the second stage of HM the Queen's Prize with six Uppingham Veterans participating: **Antony Ringer** (who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first stage), **Simon Belither**, **John Webster**, **James Watson**, **Chris Belk** and **Gareth Morris**. Only half of them (Antony, John and Simon) qualified for the final, despite the cut-off being 2 points lower than the record of last year! In the Final, Antony's Fulton Pair partner, Glynn Barnet won for the second year running – Antony was our top placed in 9<sup>th</sup> position with John finishing 39<sup>th</sup> and Simon 43<sup>rd</sup>. By chance, Antony and John had been squadded together at 1000 yards.

And so onto the Club Championship – arguably one of the hardest competitions to win (despite winning the Queen's prize in 1997, Antony was beaten in the club championship). There were only two members that qualified for both the St Georges and the Queen's final and so, for the second year running, the battle was between **Antony Ringer** and **John Webster**. Going into the Queen's Final, Antony began five points ahead and extended his lead to ten to win the championship 1277.147 to 1267.132.

Aside from individual successes, there were a number of achievements and successes in team events. This year saw the National Match shot away from Bisley following Ireland's win in 2002. The match was held in Ireland at Ballykinler ranges. **Nick Hinchliffe** was the Main coach for the England team and **Chris Watson** shot in the Wales team. England was successful in regaining the National Trophy after its brief tenure abroad!

**Nick Hinchliffe** was also the main coach for the successful Great Britain team in the Australia match, in which **Antony Ringer** shot scoring a 199 ex 200. In the Mackinnon, **Antony Ringer** shot for the England team (who came second by the smallest of margins), whilst **Chris Watson** and **Gareth Morris** shot for the Welsh. Chris had the third highest score on the range. **John Webster** was reserve for the England team. **Nick Hinchliffe** was the captain of the GB Kolapore team winning by a considerable margin, with the second highest score ever. This team included **Antony Ringer** as a shooter and **Simon Belither** as a reserve.

There was a good representation in the various county teams, of note, **Antony Ringer** represented Norfolk winning both the County Long range and coming second in the Victor Ludorum.

**Aniela Scattergood** was Captain of Cambridge University who won the Chancellors as well as the Universities Long Range match, both for a second successive year.

The club saw more success following the Veterans in other competitions, winning the Marlingham for the second consecutive year and gained some other respectable placings.

#### Marlingham (1<sup>st</sup>)

T A Ringer	693.82
S Belither	691.85
J G M Webster	686.79
J A Watson	678.77
C Belk	668.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3416.382</b>

#### Other team Results:

Bank of England	4 <sup>th</sup>
Belgian	7 <sup>th</sup>
Rifle Clubs	7 <sup>th</sup>
Steward	Not listed

2<sup>nd</sup> Old Johnians 3358.317

The number of highest possible scores, (within the NRA definition) achieved by members of the Club during competitions at the Meeting, fell dramatically on previous years. In the 2003 Meeting members of UVRC or the School achieved 32 (2002: 51, 2001:51, 2000:35). Individually these

were by **Antony Ringer** (7), **John Webster** (6), **Simon Belither** (6), **Gareth Morris** (5), **Chris Belk** (3), **James Watson** (3), and **Chris Watson** (2).

Below, readers can see a table detailing the past records of HPS recorded over the last 10 years.

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total
A Ringer	3	5	5	10	5	8	4	13	8	7	68
S Belither	7	1	6	7	4	4	7	11	7	6	60
J Webster	-	-	2	3	4	6	6	5	10	6	42
J Watson	1	-	2	2	1	2	5	4	5	3	25
N Harvey	-	1	3	8	1	4	3	-	3	-	23
G Morris	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	6	5	18
C Belk	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	5	3	3	18
S Osmond	2	2	4	1	4	1	-	-	1	-	15
A Williams	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	4	1	-	12
N Hinchliffe	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	11
J Lee	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
S Pattinson	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	7
C Watson	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	6
A Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	5
D Mathieson	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
A Scattergood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	4
S Merton-Jones	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
C Kelsey	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
R Pizer	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
C Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>192</b>

Simon Belither continues to lead the table of appearances by those still competing in both the Queen's 100 (24 – having only missed two years since 1978) and the top 50 in the Grand Aggregate now equalling the all time record of 22 held by J Barlow and the Lord Swansea.

After the prize-giving on the Saturday, the Bisley camp normally steadily empties to leave a ghost town by Sunday lunchtime. This year however saw shooting continue for another week, starting with the World Veterans, Under 25 and Under 21 team matches on the Sunday. From Monday to Wednesday, approximately 450 competitors battled it out on Stickledown Range in the World Individual Long Range Championships. On day 2 **Simon Belither** was 5<sup>th</sup> in the 900 yard shoot and on the final day **James Watson** was 4<sup>th</sup>, one X behind the winner of the 800 yard shoot. **John Webster** was 9<sup>th</sup> in the 900 yard aggregate over the three days. The final positions of the seven club members who took part were: **Simon Belither** 16<sup>th</sup>, **John Webster** 28<sup>th</sup>, **James Watson** 59<sup>th</sup>, **Antony Ringer** 89<sup>th</sup>, **Gareth Morris** 130<sup>th</sup>, **Chris Watson** 203<sup>rd</sup> and **Nick Hinchliffe** 404<sup>th</sup>.

With the Individual title out of the way (and actually won by 19 year old American schoolgirl Sherri Gallagher) the focus turned to the team event – the Palma Match. Spread over two days, Great Britain won with a record score under the captaincy of **Simon Belither**. The team included club members **Antony Ringer**, **John Webster** and **Nick Hinchliffe**. Simon has written an account of the match which is included later in this report.

### Ramblings of a Palma Captain – by Simon Belither

Firstly an apology! When James Watson asked me to write a piece on the Palma from my perspective as Captain, I thought it would be relatively straightforward to produce an account of the match. But now, having pondered a while on where I might begin and what to include, I realise that my recollection of the event is actually very sketchy in terms of historical fact. But what I do have are very intense memories of certain events, particularly those that I was closely involved in. So rather than regurgitate a heavily plagiarised version of the match report already published in the NRA Journal, I have gone for what can best be described as a collection of my key memories of the experience.

Going back to the very beginning, the choice of my officers was probably one of the most significant decisions I had to make and made the rest of the task so much easier. Anton Aspin and Tom Rylands (vice-captain and adjutant respectively) and Nick Hinchliffe as main coach formed a core group that was highly experienced, positive, very supportive, and like-minded (to a greater extent) but also, and most importantly, were not afraid to tell the boss what they thought!

Starting with a squad of about 100, the early selection weekends were a revelation and confirmed what I had suspected all along: that Great Britain had a large pool of talented shooters who were capable of shooting very straight, especially when put with top quality coaches and given good quality ammunition. Obviously the shooters were not perfect, so my approach to selection in the early stages was to identify those who would become the best shots if their particular flaws could be eliminated. I tried to break out of what seems to have become a standard approach to training – shooting and then more shooting – as people ultimately start to hone their bad habits rather than cure them. We employed a team of sports scientists from Manchester Metropolitan University to give us some fresh input, encourage and help us to help ourselves.

Their support was very useful indeed, but possibly we did not get the greatest benefit from their services this time round, as both sides were coming together for the first time. But they are continuing their involvement with full-bore shooting, both in support of and doing some research work with the England Commonwealth Games squad.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment for me was that I did not have enough time or resource to spend longer on this aspect with more of the squad, particularly as there were many that I had to discard who would have derived the greatest benefit from the training.

By October 2002, I had reduced the numbers to about 36 and this group would then work together until the match squad was selected in April. Our final training weekend of the year was crucial in making us realise what we were capable of. We had the ammunition recipe finalised, the weather was kind and the wind was nonexistent, on the Sunday morning the squad members were also hungry to get out on range and put the previous day's classroom work into practice. The end result was probably the most accurate shooting ever seen on Stickledown. From memory only four of the group scored less than 447 ex 450 (442 being the lowest), and the majority scored 448 or above, including one score of 450 – all on Palma targets with a 20" diameter 10-ring. At this point I knew that picking a team to win the match would be easy; my hardest task would be in deciding who to drop.

Sure enough, when April came I had the unenviable task of cutting ten from the squad. I was pleased to be able to keep John Webster and Antony Ringer on board, to ensure that Uppingham was properly represented! It was the hardest job to decide who to leave out as there was so little to choose between them, I know I was emotionally drained when I left Bisley that weekend. I kept three on stand-by as 'travelling reserves' (one coach and two shooters). This latter decision proved to be very sound. Whilst I was at the NRA's reception for the overseas teams, I was given the news that Jeremy Langley, one of my coaches, had ruptured a disc and required immediate surgery. I was very sad for Jeremy, but I had no concerns for the impact on the team – we had planned and trained for just such an event. So Simon Cleveland was slotted in, with only minor adjustments to the target layouts.

After the Imperial Meeting closed, we went into the World Individual Championships. In terms of medals we were not particularly successful, collectively the team members were always fairly well up the order but really needed a wind-coach alongside.

The day of the match dawned cold, wet and grey. As I waited to make the draw for targets I had a very strong feeling of déjà vu, the weather was almost a carbon copy of that in 1985 when the last Palma was held at Bisley. The draw was to be my main job in the match, as I had decided some time before that I would not shoot (despite much pressure from various of my coaches) for two simple reasons: firstly I had no idea what the effect of being captain would have on my shooting, particularly if it was a very close match, and secondly I believed that I had 16 shooters who were just as capable of making the big scores. The initial draw sealed each team's fate as the subsequent target allocations were predetermined by the NRA, and were based on a weighting system to ensure that each team did not get an unfair advantage through a disproportionate amount of 'easy' draws.

I was happy enough with the draw that I picked, low on range 3 at 800 yards which I calculated would mean that we would be over towards the centre or left side of the range for the longer ranges that day. At that stage there was not a great deal of wind, just heavy 'scotch mist'. We had a pretty good start and established a lead, which was most important – if you're ahead and you do everything perfectly from there on in you cannot be beaten.

At 900 yards the rain cleared, the sun came out and the wind with it! For me this range and the 1000 yard shoot that followed were the defining moments of the match. Quite simply, the team put on a stunning performance in an increasing and also finicky wind. The greatest of the credit must without doubt go to Nick Hinchliffe. Throughout he controlled his coaches more like a conductor than a main coach, cajoling, encouraging, and indeed bullying them into keeping shots going down the range at a steady tempo and to accept that we would get caught every now and then. While I was perched on my shooting stick behind a big scope, the wind was moving through so fast that I physically almost felt I was flying! Certainly I was mentally – as a captain there can be no better sight than all four of your targets coming up with central X's time and time again, while the opposition were having trouble staying in the black let alone the bull.

After day one, we had beaten everyone at each distance and had a healthy lead. In spite of this I still did not manage to get a great deal of sleep, I just kept reliving the day over and over, just fantastic! Thus far everything was going to plan.

Sunday was a different day altogether... The wind had swung round and was coming in predominantly over our left shoulders, but also fishtailing through zero. As the day wore on the strength and the extremes of the angle increased considerably. I felt the 800 yard shoot was not as tidy as it could have perhaps been, but we still increased our lead. At 900 yards we made reasonable work of what was to be our best target draw of the day. Again we pulled away further.

We then moved back to 1000 yards after lunch, 89 and 123 points ahead of South Africa and the USA respectively. A big concern was that a storm was forecast for later in the afternoon and the start time was moved forward to help lessen any impact on the match. We were right out in the most exposed part of the range and the worst possible place for the prevailing wind conditions. Most of the other teams were getting some protection from the trees either side. The wind bracket we needed was in the order of 5 minutes left to 2½ minutes right, and it was switching between the two in double quick time. We were having trouble finding our rhythm, a major contributory factor was that all our first shooters finished simultaneously. This meant we had to pause at what turned out to be a fairly critical moment in terms of getting a feel for the wind.

High on the hill at the far right of the range the USA had the perfect draw. For them the wind was bouncing off the trees on the right, with the effect that the changes were pretty much cancelled out. From discussion afterwards their wind bracket was about 1 to 3 minutes left – rather smaller than ours! They shot very fast, finishing when we were only half way through, to produce a phenomenal score with an average of almost 148.5 points & 5 Xs per man. At that point it was apparent that our hopes of having a clean sweep at each distance were gone, so I instructed Nick to crack on and finish it off. At the end we had emerged victors by 65 points and 62 Xs over the USA in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 108 over South Africa in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

During the prize-giving, the weather broke as promised, so it was a very wet but happy Great Britain team that picked up the Palma Trophy and World Champions' medals. A great deal of hard work went in, but the reward was certainly worth it!

Finally I'd like to wish John Webster all the best in his capacity as Vice-Captain of the 2007 Great Britain Palma team.

### **FH Sheppee – comments by Walter Brown**

Any member who watched the Antiques Roadshow on BBC1 on 5 October 2003 might have been interested to see one participant showing an album of envelopes addressed to F H Sheppee, c/o the Rev W Constable, Uppingham (or, in some cases, c/o the Rev A Tuck). The postmark dates were in the late 1880's, and the envelopes were beautifully hand illustrated with various flowers and insects. The expert asked the owner whether he knew anything about Sheppee. He replied that he thought he was a lay preacher in Aysgarth.

Having produced the statistics for the UVRC Report for many years, I realised immediately that Sheppee was one of our earliest Bisley winners, winning the Spencer (now Spencer Mellish) Trophy in 1893. I therefore wrote to the Roadshow with as much information as I could find on Sheppee (from old editions of the School Roll, etc.) and got a reply to say that they would pass my letter to the owner but it was up to him to decide whether he wished to reply.

I was delighted to receive a very enthusiastic reply from the owner (he described himself as "ecstatic" over the information I sent). Based on my information he had made some further enquiries and had established that the artist was Sheppee's mother. I then wrote direct to him and asked if he could possibly let me have a decent copy of one or two of the envelopes which I could table at our next meetings (without revealing his name); he did so and also said he would be delighted to show them to anyone who was interested. I now have a few copies which I will bring to the AGM, but must honour my pledge not to reveal his name without his permission. I have not yet been to see the collection, but have every intention of taking up his invitation to go some time in the summer.

For the record, the Roadshow's expert valued the album at £1500 to £2000, but he admitted it was almost impossible to put a realistic figure on it.

### **Fifty Years Ago – Walter Brown's memories.**

1954 was the year in which Uppingham and Old Uppinghamian shooting first made a real mark. It was also a year which I remember fondly; having left Uppingham the previous summer I was looking forward to my first Bisley meeting - in these days schoolboys competing in the meeting were almost unheard of, so this was my first chance.

Prior to 1954, successes had been few and far between; the school had had a few successes in the Marling and at Kingsbury, and the Old Uppinghamians had won the Veterans C Team Trophy (the Whitgift Cup) in 1948. In all fairness it has to be said that the latter was the result of a quirk in the rules, by which a school entering only one Veterans team could choose which division to enter it in; with a practical sense of opportunism the OU's chose to compete against the C teams. The NRA promptly changed the rule the following year such that a school only entering one team had to enter it for the A team competition. Individually John Slocock was one of the leading international competitors but only Hal Doyme-Ditmas was showing real signs of following in his footsteps.

So to 1954. The first intimation that something was about to happen was Uppingham's success at Kingsbury. This was followed by the School's most successful Bisley Meeting to date, with wins in the Marling, The Montague Jones and the Public Schools Aggregate, and a second place in the Ashburton. Great credit is due to the Captain, Philip Smith, who went on to achieve the Queen's Final the next year after leaving school, but sadly did not continue with the sport. Also the keenness and skill of the coaches since the war, Peter Godfrey, David Hodgkinson, Paul Griffin and Michael Pitt, must be noted. One further and very important change in 1954 was the arrival of a full complement of brand new rifles - those used up to this year had been somewhat variable in quality despite the best attempts of Bill and Ernie Dalby to keep them in tune!

The Veterans, therefore, had to do something special to avoid being eclipsed. This they did in style, entering three teams for (probably) the first time ever, with the A Team (John Slocock (captain), Ian Wallace, Hal Doyme-Ditmas, Steve Knox and Walter Brown) winning the competition for the first time ever, and together with the School's Ashburton score winning the Lucas. In addition, the three Veteran's teams together won the Veterans Aggregate.

Individually, John Slocock had an "annus mirabilis", becoming the first OU to win a major competition (the Grand Aggregate), and also winning the Elkington Aggregate and the Wednesday Aggregate and shooting for the Mother Country in the Kolapore and England in the National and Mackinnon. Hal Doyme-Ditmas won the Saturday Aggregate and shot for England in the National and captained Cambridge University in the Chancellors Trophy.

To celebrate the successes a small informal lunch was held at the Buttery at Uppingham after the Meeting was over, and many of those who had taken part at Bisley attended. A photograph of the gathering was taken (and is included at the beginning of the club report) - in deference to those still around, names are not given but it is interesting to note that nearly all were founder members of UVRC in 1959 and it is probably safe to say that the successes of 1954 were the real trigger for founding the Club. The main driving forces in this, Steve Knox and the late "Perks" Allen are both in the picture, as are two others who still regularly compete at the Meeting and several more who usually turn up on Veterans Day at Bisley.

## ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

## Income and Expenditure Account

Income	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Subscriptions		482	760
Donations		158	136
Match fees		120	-
NRA refund on affiliation fee	1	69	-
Club BBQ		252	288
Profit on ties		5	11
Club celebratory shoot		-	1,814
National Savings interest		326	367
Bank interest received		1	1
		<b>1,413</b>	<b>3,377</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Bisley entrance fees		419	202
Refund of eligible members Bisley entry fees		47	47
Club BBQ & room hire		200	200
NRA Affiliation fee		251	245
Insurance		222	158
Printing of club report	2	-	-
Unsold club sweaters written off		4	
President's medals (lost)		5	1
Postage and stationery		47	105
Postage and stationery (from 2000 & 2001)			14
Room hire for executive committee			56
Home Office approval		14	14
Club celebratory shoot			2,094
		<b>1,209</b>	<b>3,136</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>204</b>	<b>241</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2003

Assets		2003 £	2002 £
Rifles (4 at cost)	823		823
Less: Depreciation	(819)	4	(819)
Stock of 14 club ties at cost		66	71
Stock of 5 club sweaters	20		20
Less: Provision for unsold sweaters	(20)	-	(16)
Stock of President's medals at cost		-	5
Club trophy		12	12
Sundry debtors	3	74	68
Cash at bank		447	847
National Savings Investment Account		12,936	12,611
		<b>13,539</b>	<b>13,622</b>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Sundry creditors	4	(47)	(334)
		<b>13,492</b>	<b>13,288</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Accumulated Reserve</b>			
Balance as at 1st January 2003		13,288	13,047
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		204	241
Balance as at 31st December 2003		<b>13,492</b>	<b>13,288</b>

I approve the above accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information necessary for their preparation

James Watson (Hon. Treasurer)

Approved on: 28<sup>th</sup> February

## Accountant's Report

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the balance sheet and foregoing statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2003 from the accounting records maintained by the Treasurer and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

J A D Mumby FCA  
Chartered Accountant

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2003

- The NRA refund arose because club had paid for inactive members in 2002.
- The school again paid for the report printing (line kept in since this might not always be the case).

	2003 £	2002 £
3. <u>Sundry Debtors</u>		
Prepayment of the first quarter's insurance	60	40
Home Office approval	14	28
	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>
4. <u>Sundry Creditors</u>		
Stationery and postage	47	31
Room hire for Executive Committee (2000 & 2001)		56
Club BBQ (July 2002)	-	200
Refund of Bisley entry fees for eligible members	-	47
	<b>47</b>	<b>334</b>

## THE 2004 BISLEY MEETING

The 2004 meeting will be held during the more usual weeks in July. Members should note that the Veterans match will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

## PAST UVRC REPORTS

There are some copies of previous reports available, if any member would like any from the list below, please contact James Watson. (1981-3, 1984, 1985/6, 1986/7, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002)

The editor has just finished scanning all the club reports from previous years onto a CD in pdf format. If there are any photos or other memorabilia that members think would be good to include, you can send them to the James Watson. The CD will be available in the autumn if you would like a copy please contact James. The CD will include a copy of individual scores from all the Veterans matches, there are some detailed results missing from certain years. If anyone has results for 1981, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989 or the C team results from 1975 please could they make them available to the editor for inclusion.

## MISCELLANY

Four-year honorary members, and members still in full-time education, should note that, if they wish to shoot in the Bisley Meeting, the Club will help by paying half their entry fees to all competitions in the Club Championship.

The Club has a number of excellent 7.62mm rifles available for members to borrow. It is suggested that those who do so, and who can afford it, make an appropriate donation to Club funds. The rifles are normally kept in the NRA Armoury at Bisley, and members wishing to borrow them will need to obtain a permit from the Hon Secretary to produce at the Armoury.

Club ties are available from the Hon Treasurer. The ties are in the OU colours, with 6mm red and green stripes on 30mm pale blue stripes and cost £10.00. There are a number of small Club sweaters which have been written off the club assets as they have not sold for a number of years. If anyone is interested in having one, please contact the club Treasurer. Sweaters are in navy blue, embroidered with the school badge available in size small only.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2003**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club, held at the HAC Clubhouse, Bisley, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2003. The President, S Belither, took the Chair.**

**Present:**

S Belither (President), ADE Grounds (Captain), D Mathieson (Honorary Secretary), P Warren (Master-in-charge of Shooting), B Bullard (Elected Member), CP Kelsey (Elected Member), JA Watson (Oncoming Treasurer), JS Knox, CW Brown, Dr R Pizer, JCB Humphrey and approximately 20 members.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from TRC Adams, EGC Allanby, Sir Ian J Wallace, SJ Pattinson

**1. Minutes of the AGM of 4 July 2003**

The minutes of the AGM of 4 July 2002 are published in the Club Report and were accepted as a reasonable record of that meeting. There were no objections. They were proposed by J Humphrey and seconded by J Watson.

Carried

**2. Matters arising from the last AGM.**

4 Year Honorary Membership. The introduction of the 4-year Honorary Membership for school leavers was discussed and approved.

Carried

**3. Club Report**

School. Uppingham School had attained 484 in the Ashburton and attained 6th in the Schools Aggregate and the Marling. They were 7<sup>th</sup> in the snap. W Fry had won the Snap Individual. The School VIII had also won the District Match earlier in the year. The School Teams were congratulated on their successes. Peter Warren and Freddie Grounds were praised again for their efforts over the year.

Club Report. The Veterans had won the Veterans Match with 249 from the A Team, and the Dulwich cup with 246 from the B Team. The C team were 7<sup>th</sup> with 230. The Club joined the President in wishing N Hinchliffe the best of luck with his captaincy of the Kolapore Match. It was noted that four Uppingham Veterans were selected for the Palma Match.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The audited Club Accounts were presented by JA Watson who had stood in for EJ Cannings at very short notice as an acting Treasurer. The Club was up seven members from last year and although approximately £600 had been received from membership, the accounts showed that £300 was overdue from late or unpaid subscriptions. It was noted that the NRA had put up Affiliation fees and that Club insurance had gone up too. This prompted discussion on raising the annual subscription. If the annual subscription was to be increased, the Constitution would need amending and it was decided to defer further discussion to the next ECM. In the meantime it was decided that the Club would make a donation to sub those shooting in the Astor. The President thanked JA Watson for stepping in at short notice and for his work. S Belither proposed the accounts as correct and this was seconded by J Webster.

Carried

**5. Election of Officers for 2003/2004**

President. S Belither was proposed as the President by J Humphrey and seconded by J Webster.

Captain. ADE Grounds was proposed as the Captain by S Belither and seconded by S Merton Jones.

Honorary Secretary. D Mathieson was proposed as the Honorary Secretary by J Watson and seconded by P Warren.

Honorary Treasurer. J Watson was proposed as the new Treasurer by N Hinchliffe and seconded by J Webster.

Elected Members of the Committee. C Kelsey, Miss A Scattergood and B Bullard were proposed by J Webster and seconded by J Humphrey.

All Elections of Officers Carried

**6. Proposal for E Allanby as Honorary Life Member**

In light of E Allanby's outstanding contribution of services to the Club, it was proposed that he should be elected as an Honorary Life Member. Edward had been the longest serving Club Official, he had been the Treasurer since 1987 and he was the Club Secretary from 1990 to 1999. The vote was carried unanimously.

Carried

**7. Old club papers and correspondence**

The Secretary stated that the Club had acquired an inordinate amount of impeccable paperwork from E Allanby on recent handovers as Secretary and latterly as Treasurer. The Secretary asked if the volume could be lightened by throwing out irrelevant and out-of-date correspondence. It was decided that the Secretary should use his discretion in throwing away old papers and that all financial correspondence and documentation ought to be held for a period of seven years.

Carried

Action: Honorary Secretary

**8. Donations**

Donations for this year had been received from J Dorrington Ward, L Stevens, JGM Webster, F Medlycott, N Hinchliffe, G Morris, N Harvey, D Symington, A Williams, CC Williams, S Belither, C Watson and SA Merton-Jones.

**9. Awards**

The following awards were presented by the President:

<u>President's Medal</u> .	W Fry.
<u>Donegall Badge</u> .	RE Clarke.
<u>Club Championship Trophy</u> .	J Webster.
<u>The Watson Cup</u> .	G Asplin.

**10. Any other business**

S Merton Jones enquired as to whether a 'Golden Jubilee Celebration' of the School's first Veterans Match win was planned for next year. The Executive Committee were looking at a weekend next year that would involve the School, but no date had been decided.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**DATES FOR 2004**

The Purples Match (25<sup>th</sup> April), the Malvern Cup (26<sup>th</sup> June), and Founder's Day. Where possible, teams will be entered (invited by the Captain).

Ashburton and Veterans Match. Thursday 15th July at Bisley. Note that in 2004 the Ashburton will once again be completed (both ranges) entirely in the morning, and the Veterans will not begin until the usual time of around 5 pm.

AGM. To be held after the Veterans match at Bisley, probably at the HAC Clubhouse.

Club Barbecue. The AGM will be followed by a Club Barbecue/Dinner.

**COMPETITIONS DURING THE IMPERIAL MEETING**

UVRC teams are entered in the following competitions during the NRA Imperial Meeting at Bisley each year:

The **Public School Veterans** - open to any number of teams of five former pupils. One team must be nominated as the A team; the team making the highest score of the remainder shall be the B team and eligible to win the **Dulwich** Challenge Cup for the best second team; the next shall be the C team and eligible to win the **Whitgift** Challenge Cup for the best third team. Two convertible sighting shots and ten to count at 500 yards. Five or more UVRC teams will be entered.

The **Public Schools Veterans Aggregate** - awarded to the School whose A, B and C teams together make the highest aggregate.

The **Public Schools Veterans Individual Tankard** - open to any number of representatives from each school and awarded to the person who makes the highest score in the Veterans. Entries to be made by individuals on the range.

The **Lucas** - awarded to the School whose Veterans A team and Ashburton team together make the highest aggregate score.

The **Marlingham Trophy** - open to any number of teams of five former or present pupils shooting the NRA Grand Aggregate of the current year.

The **Belgian, Steward, Rifle Clubs** and the **Bank of England** - open to teams from clubs affiliated to the NRA, and shot concurrently with individual events in the Imperial meeting.

**CLUB REPORT**

Please notify the editor of any errors or omissions as well as any changes of details so that they can be corrected for the next publication. As the information held is used only for production of the Annual Report, the Club is not required to register under the Data Protection Act. The report is now also published in pdf format on the OU section of the school website – the member list, addresses and contact details of members are not included in that version.

**PRINCIPAL COMPETITIONS AT BISLEY WON BY UPPINGHAM AND OLD UPPINGHAMIAN**

Competition	Year(s)	Winner
Her Majesty the Queen's Prize	1992,97,2001	TA Ringer
The 'Grand Aggregate'	1954 1973,75,76,78 1987 1988,89	JA Sloccock JS Spaight NC Crawshaw S Belither
The 'St George's Challenge Vase'	1965 1967 1974 1982 1990,91	JS Spaight SJ Pattinson CTS Belk S Belither TA Ringer
The 'Admiral Hutton'	1994 2003	S Belither A Ringer
The 'Alexandra'	1978 1985	JS Spaight S Belither
The 'All Comers Aggregate'	1973 1983 1985	JS Spaight S Belither NC Crawshaw
The 'Anglo-American Small Arms Aggregate'	2000	JGM Webster
The 'Anstey'	1996	Uppingham
The 'Ashburton'	1957,69,76,78,81,82,95, 2001	Uppingham
The 'Ashburton Supporters'	1959	UVRC
The 'Bank of England'	1997	UVRC
The 'Barker Shoes Aggregate'	1985,88	S Belither
The 'Belgian'	1995,97,99	UVRC
The 'Bisley Centenary Aggregate'	1997	TA Ringer
The 'British Open Target Rifle Championship'	2001	TA Ringer
The 'BUSF Championship'	1985	NC Crawshaw
The 'Cadets'	1898	Uppingham
The 'Cadet Pairs'	1972,75,82	Uppingham
The 'Cadet Fours'	1982,2002	Uppingham
The 'Cadets Pistol'	1978	NC Crawshaw
The 'Cadet's Rifle Aggregate'	1983 1986	TA Ringer JD Lee
The 'Century'	1989	S Belither
The 'Champion of Champions'	2001	TA Ringer
The 'Cheltenham Cup'	2001,02	Uppingham
The 'Clementi Smith Aggregate'	1976 1985,2001	JS Spaight S Belither
The 'Conan Doyle'	1976	CTS Belk
The Conway Fenton Memorial Cup'	1980	NC Crawshaw
The 'Corporation'	1983	RJS Curtis
The 'Cottesloe'	1962 1979	S J Pattinson R Pizer
The 'Country Life'	1956,57,76,81,95,2001	Uppingham
The 'Daily Mail'	1987	TA Ringer
The 'Daily Telegraph'	1982 2001	SJ Pattinson S Belither
The 'Devon'	1968,75,77,81,86,97	Uppingham

The 'Donaldson Aggregate'	1990,2000	S Belither
	2002	TA Ringer
The 'Donegall'	1962	S J Pattinson
	1985	S Belither
The 'Duke of Cambridge'	1975, 2002	C T S Belk
	1976	JS Spaight
	1990	TA Ringer
The 'Dulwich Challenge Cup'	1956,60,72,74,78,84,92, 2003	UVRC B Team
The 'Edge'	1962	SJ Pattinson
The 'Elkington Aggregate'	1954	JA Slocock
	1975,76	JS Spaight
	1988	S Belither
The 'English XX Club Championship'	1973	JS Spaight
	1984	S Belither
	1985	NC Crawshaw
The 'Families'	1976	Mr and Mrs* T Kelsey
The 'Financial Times'	2003	W Fry
The 'Foster'	1987,88	NC Crawshaw
The 'Fry'	1906	D Featherstone
The 'Fulton' Aggregate	1996	S Belither
The 'Fulton Pairs' Class X	1986-90	S Belither & ANO
	1994	TA Ringer & ANO
	2002	TA Ringer & ANO
	2003	TA Ringer & ANO
The 'Fulton Pairs' Class A	2000	JA Watson & ANO
The 'Gale and Polden'	1912	L Horne
The 'Garry'	2001	Uppingham
The 'Gary Jones'	1981	Uppingham
The 'Halford'	1984	R Pizer
The 'Hopton' (MR Championship)	1980	R Pizer
The 'Howcroft Newspaper Aggregate'	1997	NE Harvey
The 'Iveagh'	1970	CJD Jewitt
	1975	SG Scott
The 'Kinder'	1969,70,76,78,79,2001,02	Uppingham
The 'Lord Tedder Aggregate'	1975,76	JS Spaight
	1983,84	S Belither
	1987	NC Crawshaw
The 'Lovell'	1999	TA Ringer
The 'Lucas'	1948,54,59,69-71,75,76,7 8-80,82,83,95	Uppingham and UVRC
The 'McQueen A'	1992	NE Harvey
The 'Marlborough Cup'	1982	RJH Fiske
	1996	CJ Watson
	2003	W Fry
The 'Marling'	1948,52,54,81,2001	Uppingham
The 'Marlingham'	1959,68,69,72,74- 76,78,79,81,97, 2002, 03	UVRC
The 'Martin Parr Aggregate'	1990	KC Meldrum
The 'Monday Aggregate'	1973	JS Spaight
	1987	NC Crawshaw
The 'Montague Jones Trophy'	1954,64,79,80,83	Uppingham
The 'New Zealand Aggregate'	1976	JS Spaight
	1985	S Belither
	1999	TA Ringer

The 'Ninth Man' or 'Reserve'	1969	JVW Hough
	1973	IK Southall
	1981	RJH Fiske
	1987	CJW Boston
	1996	LHM Clarke
The 'NLRC Championship'	1966,83	KC Meldrum
	1979	JS Spaight
	1985	NC Crawshaw
The 'Northland'	1984,86,87,89,2000,03	S Belither
The 'NRA Bronze Medal' (Queen's I)	1974	S Belither
	1993,94	TA Ringer
The 'NRA Silver Cross' (Grand Agg)	1962	CTS Belk
	1997	TA Ringer
The 'NRA Silver Medal' (Queen's II)	1985	S Belither
	1999	TA Ringer
The 'Ogden'	1979	R Pizer
The 'OTF Short Range'	1976	C T S Belk
	1993,94	TA Ringer
The 'OTF Long Range'	1988	S Belither
The 'Palma Aggregate'	1975	JS Spaight
	1988	S Belither
The 'Prince of Wales's Prize'	1987	S Belither
The 'Public Schools Aggregate'	1948,54,68,74,80,2001	Uppingham
The 'Public Schools Snap Shooting'	1968,69,80,94,96	Uppingham
The 'Public Schools Veterans'	1954,76,80,83,88, 2003	UVRC A Team
The 'Public Schools Vets Aggregate'	1954,56,60,66,70,75,76, 78,84-86	UVRC
	1981	R Pizer
The 'Ranken'	1965	J Szemerey
The 'P W Richardson'	1982,96-98	UVRC
The 'Rifle Clubs'	1969,71,76,78,80,82, 2001, 02	Uppingham
The 'Rutland'	1984	TA Ringer
The 'St Georges' (1 <sup>st</sup> Stage)	1988	S Belither
	2000	NE Harvey
The 'St Georges' (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage)	1988	S Belither
The 'Saturday Aggregate'	1954	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas
	1976	CTS Belk
	1985	S Belither
	1999,2001	TA Ringer
The 'Schools Hundred'	1957	J Szemerey
	1995	CP Kelsey (tied)
	2002	W Fry
The 'Schools Staff'	1982,97,2000, 03	TRC Adams
	1983	TC Swinfen*
The 'Schools Veterans Individual Tankard'	2002	A Scattergood
	2003	S Belither
The 'Short Range Aggregate'	1976	C T S Belk
	1978	PN Hinchliffe
	1985,88,98	S Belither
The 'Snap Unlimited'	1978	D Mathieson
The 'Special Tyros Challenge Trophy'	1980	NC Crawshaw

## OLD UPPINGHAMIANs WHO HAVE SHOT IN INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

			Match	Name	Country	Year(s)
The 'Spencer Mellish'	1892	SP Bell				
	1893	FH Sheppee				
	1906	D Featherstone				
	1965	TW Forsyth	ELCHO	AR Ballantine	Scotland	1937,48
	1977	WB Doyle	MATCH	CTS Belk	England	1959
	1978	D Mathieson		PN Hinchliffe	England	2002
The 'Steward'	1987	UVRC		KC Meldrum	Scotland	1962,63,66,88,91,94
	2002	UVRC		R Pizer	England	1980-82,85,87,88
The 'Stickledown'	2002	CTS Belk		SD Whitehead	England	1914
The 'Stock Exchange Aggregate'	1967,73	JS Spaight	PALMA	S Belither	Gt Britain	1982,85,92, 03 (Captain)
	1981	SJ Pattinson	MATCH	CTS Belk	Gt Britain	1976
	1984	NE Harvey		NC Crawshaw	Gt Britain	1988
	1985,87	NC Crawshaw		PN Hinchliffe	Gt Britain	1985,88
	1990	S Belither		KC Meldrum	Gt Britain	1971
The 'Sunday Aggregate'	1975,76	JS Spaight		TA Ringer	Gt Britain	1992,95,99, 03
	1996	GE Morris		JA Slocock	Gt Britain	1970
The 'Sunday Times Gold Medal'	1923	TH Kelsey		JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1970,71
	1969	R Carr		JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1999, 03
	1973	PA Whittington				
	1974	JGM Webster	EMPIRE or	S Belither	Gt Britain	1982,84,85,96
The 'Surrey Open Championship'	1982	S Belither	AUSTRALIA	CTS Belk	Gt Britain	1976
The 'Times'	1970	JS Spaight	MATCH	NC Crawshaw	Gt Britain	1984,87
	1983	PN Hinchliffe		HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	Gt Britain	1958
	1985	S Belither		PN Hinchliffe	Gt Britain	1997 (Captain)
	2001	JA Watson		TA Ringer	Gt Britain	1992,94,95,96,97,99,03
	2002	NE Harvey		JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1964,74(2),76,78
The '1200 Yards Aggregate'	1980,81	R Pizer		JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1987,2001
The 'Wednesday Aggregate'	1954	J A Slocock				
	1958	CTS Belk	AMERICA	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	2002
The 'Weekend Aggregate'	1999,2001	TA Ringer	MATCH			
The 'Wellington'	1980	NMV Doyne-Ditmas				
	1997	AA Williams				
The 'Whitehead'	1980	PN Hinchliffe	NATIONAL	S Belither	England	1978,80-94,97,2001
The 'Whitgift Challenge Cup'	1948,56,62,70,72,74,75,	UVRC C Team	MATCH	CTS Belk	England	1960,62,64,66,74,76,80
	78,84-86			NC Crawshaw	England	1984-88
The 'Wimbledon SR/TR'	1952	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas		HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	England	1951,54
	1958	KC Meldrum		NE Harvey	England	1997
	1967,73	JS Spaight		PN Hinchliffe	England	1978,79
	1984	S Belither		T Kelsey	England	1974
	1993	TA Ringer		JD Lee	England	1996
The 'Young Rifleman's'	1971	TRC Adams		KC Meldrum	Scotland	1958,60,63-74,76,77,79,80,1985
	1974	JFR Ballantine		GE Morris	Wales	2000-02
	1980	NC Crawshaw		SJ Pattinson	England	1961,67,82
				R Pizer	England	1990 (Captain)
				TA Ringer	England	1993,95,97,98,2001,02
				JA Slocock	England	1951,54,55,59,64
				JS Spaight	England	1961,64,66,69,72-78,84
				CJ Watson	Wales	2001-03
				JA Watson	England	1996
				JGM Webster	England	1989,2000,02
				HD Welch	Ireland	1937-39

\*Honorary member

## OLD UPPINGHAMIANs WHO HAVE WON MAJOR OVERSEAS COMPETITIONS

The Governor-General's Prize (Canada)	1958	C T S Belk
	1993	T A Ringer
The Commonwealth Games Full Bore Rifle (European Section)	1980	C T S Belk
	1987	S Belither
The Grand Aggregate (Canada)	1983	N C Crawshaw
	1992	T A Ringer
The World Long Range Championship	1992,95	T A Ringer

MACKINNON MATCH	S Belither	England	1979,86-90,95,97
	CTS Belk	England	1960,62,63,76,80,82
	NC Crawshaw	England	1984,87
	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	England	1961
	PN Hinchliffe	England	1983-85,2000 (Captain)
	KC Meldrum	Scotland	1963,65,66,68-74,76-78,81,84
	GE Morris	Wales	2000-03
	R Pizer	England	1991 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1992-97,99,2000,01,03
	JA Slocock	England	1954,55,58-60,70
	JS Spaight	England	1968-80,82-84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-03
	JGM Webster	England	1984,88,89,98,99
	HD Welch	Ireland	1938,39
KOLAPORE MATCH	S Belither	Great Britain	1982-92,94,97,98, 2000 (Captain), 01
	CTS Belk	Mother Country	1960,62,76,80
	NC Crawshaw	Great Britain	1985,87
	PN Hinchliffe	Great Britain	2003 (Captain)
	KC Meldrum	Mother Country	1966,69,70
	SJ Pattinson	Great Britain	1982
	TA Ringer	Great Britain	1993,95-97,2000,01,03
	JA Slocock	Mother Country	1954
	JS Spaight	Mother Country	1964,66,68,73-79
	JGM Webster	Great Britain	2000
UNDER 25 TEAM MATCH	NC Crawshaw	Great Britain	1983,84 (Captain)
	NE Harvey	Great Britain	1984,85,87
	TA Ringer	Great Britain	1986,87,90,91
	JA Watson	Great Britain	1996,98 (Captain)
UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL MATCH	PN Hinchliffe	England	1977,78,79
	TA Ringer	England	1996
	GE Morris	England	1996,99
	JA Watson	England	1997, 98 (Captain)
	JGM Webster	England	1981,82 (Captain)
	AA Williams	England	1999
CADETS NATIONAL MATCH	C Carter Shaw	England	1988
	JA Watson	England	1991,93 (Captain)
	AA Williams	England	1996
JUNIOR KOLAPORE	DW King	Nyasaland	1959
	C Carter Shaw	Belgium	1991
JUNIOR OVERSEAS AND MACKINNON	CTS Belk	East Africa	1973
	JGM Webster	USA	1992
	WL Whyte	F Malay States	1932
	WL Whyte	Uganda	1939
	WL Whyte	Singapore	1949
EMPIRE GAMES	JS Spaight	England	1974 (Bronze Medal)
COMMONWEALTH GAMES	JS Spaight	England	1978 (Silver Medal)
	NC Crawshaw	England	1986
	S Belither	England	1990 (Gold Medal in Pairs)
	TA Ringer	England	1994 (Silver Medal in Pairs),1998

**OLD UPPINGHAMIANS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO SHOOT IN THE FINAL STAGE OF HM  
THE KING'S PRIZE (1901-1951) AND HM THE QUEEN'S PRIZE (1952-2003)**

Name	No. of Times	Year(s) in Final
JG Bannister	1	1955
S Belither	24	1978-88,90-94,96-2003
CTS Belk	13	1958-62,66,74,80,91,92,98,2000,01
CW Brown	3	1958,60,73
NC Crawshaw	6	1985,87-90,92
RJS Curtis	4	1983,87,89,97
HGT P Doyne-Ditmas	4	1951,52,55,57
BDA Etches	2	1937,47
AS Everett	1	1963
NE Harvey	10	1984,87,90,91,93,95-97,99,2002
PN Hinchliffe	7	1980,83,86,87,90,93,96
JCB Humphrey	1	1978
T Kelsey	2	1975,76
JD Lee	2	1996,98
Joanne Martin	1	1979
KC Meldrum	8	1963-66,68,69,71,76
SA Merton Jones	1	1972
K Nicholson	2	1922,23
SJV Osmond	3	1994,96,98
SJ Pattinson	11	1958,62,67,71,76,81,82,86,87,93,95
RL Pilling	1	1957
TA Ringer	13	1988,91-99,2001,02,03
TMH Satterthwaite	1	1949
A Scattergood	1	2002
JA Slocock	7	1948,49,51,52,58,63,70
PJM Smith	1	1955
JS Spaight	11	1960,62,64-66,68,71,73-76
Sir Ian J Wallace	1	1935
JA Watson	4	1999-2002
CJ Watson	2	2000,01
JGM Webster	8	1979,87-89,97,99,2002,03
WL Whyte	1	1924

**CLUB INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS**

There are four individual competitions open as follows:

**THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (UVRC and School)**

This competition, instituted in 1977, is designed to try to discover the best and most consistent shot in the Club or School in each year. The Championship is decided on the aggregate of scores in:

The Grand Aggregate  
The Donegall and Lovell  
St Georges Stages II and III  
HM the Queen's Prize Stages II and III or the Queen's Consolation  
The Veterans Match or the Ashburton

This gives the pupils a marginal advantage, since their HPS is 20 points more than that for a past pupil. The winner will receive the Keith Leighton Trophy for that year. Previous winners are:

1977	CTS Belk	1986	S Belither	1995	TA Ringer
1978	S Belither	1987	NC Crawshaw	1996	TA Ringer
1979	S Belither	1988	S Belither	1997	S Belither
1980	CTS Belk	1989	JGM Webster	1998	TA Ringer
1981	S Belither	1990	S Belither	1999	S Belither
1982	S Belither	1991	TA Ringer	2000	S Belither
1983	S Belither	1992	TA Ringer	2001	TA Ringer
1984	S Belither	1993	SJ Pattinson	2002	JGM Webster
1985	S Belither	1994	TA Ringer	2003	TA Ringer

**THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL (School only)**

Awarded annually by the President, on the recommendation of the Master in Charge of Shooting, to the member of the School Team who has produced the most meritorious performance during the year. Past winners are:

1961	WFN Harpham	1976	S Belither	1991	WND Clifton
1962	WDG Handyside	1977	D Mathieson	1992	JA Watson
1963	AR Welply	1978	J Dorrington-Ward	1993	ADE Grounds
1964	PJ Taylor	1979	NMV Doyne-Ditmas	1994	GE Morris
1965	TW Forsyth	1980	NC Crawshaw	1995	AM Wilkinson
1966	GS Wright	1981	R Curtis	1996	CP Kelsey
1967	PJ Hotson	1982	NC Crawshaw	1997	AA Williams
1968	EDM Dowden	1983	NE Harvey	1998	JS Wertheimer
1969	PA Bellamy	1984	TA Ringer	1999	F Medlycott
1970	JD Middleton-Walker	1985	CL Dunlop	2000	A Scattergood
1971	SA Merton Jones	1986	JD Lee	2001	B Bullard
1972	AP Ashworth	1987	NJM Royle	2002	N Jenkins
1973	PA Whittington	1988	RFJ Brown	2003	W Fry
1974	JFR Ballantine	1989	C Carter Shaw		
1975	PN Hinchliffe	1990	SJV Osmond		

**THE DONEGALL BRONZE BADGE (UVRC only)**

Being affiliated to the NRA entitles the Club to a Donegall Bronze Badge, to be competed for by its members. As usual, in 2004 the badge will be awarded to the member who has not previously won a Badge, and who makes the highest score in the Veterans Match. The names of those who are recorded as already having won a Badge are marked with an asterisk in the list of members. The winner in 2003 was Robert Clarke.

**THE WATSON CUP (School only)**

This Cup, presented in 2000 by the Watson Family, is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Master-in-Charge of Shooting to the most improved shooter in the School. Past winners are:

2000	J Corry	2002	N Alliston	2003	G Asplin
2001	J Dixon				

**NRA 'X' and 'A' CLASS, 2004**

The NRA operates a handicapping system for most competitions in the Imperial Meeting. Despite its disadvantages in reducing the likelihood of appearing in a prize list, the top class of 'X' is eagerly sought and only 222 competitors worldwide qualify for it in 2003. The second class 'A' accounts for another 230. Beginners are class 'T' and all others class 'O'.

The NRA 'X' class is earned by any competitor who, in any of the previous three years, has been placed in the top 50 in HM the Queen's Prize, the St George's Challenge Vase, or the NRA Grand Aggregate. The NRA 'A' class is earned by any competitor who, in any of the previous three years, has been placed in the second 50 in HM the Queen's Prize or the St George's Challenge Vase, or placed between 51st and 200th in the NRA Grand Aggregate. The members of UVRC who are qualified to shoot in Class 'X' or Class 'A' in 2004 are listed below, together with the number of competitions in which they qualified:

	<b>Name:</b>	<b>2001:</b>	<b>2002:</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>X:</b>	S Belither	X2, A1	X1, A1	X2
	GE Morris	A1		X1
	TA Ringer	X3	X2, A1	X3
	JGM Webster	A1	X2, A1	X3
<b>A:</b>	CTS Belk	A1		
	NE Harvey		A1	
	A Scattergood		A1	
	JA Watson	A2	A2	A1
	CJ Watson	A1		A1

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB**

Key

# Life Member,

b Annual Members who pay by Banker's Order,

\* Members who have won a Donegall Badge

Please remember to inform the Honorary Secretary of any change of address

**Members Names and addresses are not included in the web version of this report.****UVRC OFFICIALS**

(The Club was founded in 1959, and the first AGM held in 1960 to elect officials for 1961)

Year(s)	President	Captain	Secretary	Treasurer
1961-62	P R Allen	J A Slocock	J S Knox	C T S Belk
1963	P R Allen	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	J S Knox	C T S Belk
1964	C B Brown	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	J S Knox	C T S Belk
1965	C B Brown	K C Meldrum	J S Knox	S J Pattinson
1966	C B Brown	K C Meldrum	C W Brown	S J Pattinson
1967-69	Sir Ian J Wallace	J S Knox	C W Brown	S J Pattinson
1970-71	G P La T Shea-Simonds	A S Everett	C W Brown	S J Pattinson
1972	G P La T Shea-Simonds	A S Everett	Dr R Pizer	S J Pattinson
1973	M P Henderson	K C Meldrum	Dr R Pizer	P R Allen
1974-75	M P Henderson	C W Brown	Dr R Pizer	P R Allen
1976	J S Knox	C W Brown	Dr R Pizer	J C B Humphrey
1977-78	J S Knox	Dr R Pizer	T R C Adams	J C B Humphrey
1979	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	Dr R Pizer	T R C Adams	J C B Humphrey
1980	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	J S Spaight	T R C Adams	J C B Humphrey
1981	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	S Belither	T R C Adams	J G M Webster
1982-83	C W Brown	S Belither	P N Hinchliffe	J G M Webster
1984	C W Brown	S Belither	J S Knox	J G M Webster
1985	C T S Belk	J C B Humphrey	J S Knox	J G M Webster
1986	C T S Belk	J C B Humphrey	J S Knox	J G M Webster
1987	C T S Belk	J C B Humphrey	S Belither	E G C Allanby
1988	K C Meldrum	J G M Webster	S Belither	E G C Allanby
1989	K C Meldrum	S A Merton Jones	S Belither	E G C Allanby
1990	K C Meldrum	S A Merton Jones	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1991	Dr R Pizer	S A Merton Jones	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1992	Dr R Pizer	(C W Brown)	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1993	Dr R Pizer	P N Hinchliffe	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1994-95	S J Pattinson	P N Hinchliffe	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1996	S J Pattinson	J A Watson	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1997-98	T R C Adams	J A Watson	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1999	T R C Adams	T A Ringer	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
2000-01	J C B Humphrey	T A Ringer	D Mathieson	E G C Allanby
2002	J C B Humphrey	A D E Grounds	D Mathieson	E G C Allanby
2003	S Belither	A D E Grounds	D Mathieson	E J Cannings
2004	S Belither	A D E Grounds	D Mathieson	J A Watson

## **RULES OF THE UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB**

1. THE CLUB shall be called the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club.
2. THE OBJECTS of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of target shooting with rifles, and the training of Old Uppinghamians and pupils of Uppingham School in marksmanship and the use of rifles, in the interest of the better defence of the United Kingdom.
3. MEMBERSHIP. Any Uppinghamian, being a member of the Uppingham Association, shall be eligible for election as a member:
  - (A) Probationary Member: Before attaining full membership members must undergo a probationary period of six months and satisfy the Executive Committee as to their suitability with particular regard to safety and security in the handling of firearms and ammunition. Applicants shall be proposed by a current ordinary member and by one other person who knows the applicant personally. Usually this will be the master in charge of shooting during the time they were at school and who gave them proper instruction on safety of firearms. Probationary members may not vote at the Annual General Meeting. A probationary member will not pay a subscription until he or she becomes an ordinary member.
  - (B) Ordinary Member: A person who has satisfactorily completed a period of probationary membership may become an ordinary member. So too may a person who is already a member of a Home Office Approved Club or holds a Firearm Certificate authorising possession of a rifle, subject to satisfactory references from a current club member and one other person who knows the applicant personally. Usually this will be an official of the applicant's previous rifle club. All ordinary members will be approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - (C) Honorary Member: Any person who has rendered service to shooting either at Uppingham or among Uppinghamians may be proposed to the Annual General meeting as an honorary member by the Executive Committee. Such persons may only participate in the Club's shooting events if they fulfil the requirement for ordinary membership in (B) above. The Executive Committee may also elect to 4-year honorary membership pupils who have recently left Uppingham School and have satisfactorily completed six months' probationary membership.Any person who has ever been refused the grant of a firearm certificate shall be ineligible for election to any class of membership of the Club.
4. SUBSCRIPTIONS. Ordinary members shall pay £12 a year, which shall be due on March 1st in each year, or in the case of a new member after the date of his or her election. Any member whose subscription is still unpaid by December 1st of the current year shall be sent a reminder to his or her last known address; if payment is still not made by March 1st following, the person concerned shall cease to be a member of the club, whether or not he or she had received this reminder. The Honorary Secretary shall report to the next Annual General Meeting which members have been removed from the Roll under this clause. A member so removed from the Roll may rejoin on payment of one years' back subscription. A member who resigns may rejoin subsequently without back payment provided his or her subscription is paid up at the time of his or her resignation. Life members shall pay a single payment of fifty times the current annual subscription rate (i.e. £600).
5. THE INCOME and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the aforesaid objects of the Club and if on a winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some charitable association or object, such association or object to be determined by the members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution.
6. PROPER BOOKS of account with respect to the affairs of the Club shall be kept. Audited accounts shall be published annually before the Annual General Meeting for agreement of the members.
7. THE OFFICERS of the Club shall consist of a President, Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer with three elected members, the Master in charge of shooting at the School, and any Past Presidents still living shall collectively form the Executive Committee, by whom the Club and its property shall be managed. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt from the full members of the Club not more than two such members to serve on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall have unrestricted power of investment of any financial surplus for the Club's benefit. The Executive Committee has power to deal with anything not provided for in these rules.

There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club after the Veterans Match at Bisley each year, at which the officers and members of the above Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. At the same meeting the year's accounts of the Club shall be submitted, and also any report which the Executive Committee may desire to present to the Meeting.
8. THE PRESIDENT of the Club shall be elected for a period not exceeding three years after which time he or she shall be ineligible to hold that office for the next three years. The President shall be elected in recognition of long and outstanding service to the Club.
9. MEMBERS will be entitled to wear the Club's colours.
10. THE RULES of the Club may be added to, altered or amended by a clear majority of those voting at any Annual or other General Meeting of members of the Club.