



UPPINGHAM VETERANS

RIFLE CLUB

2005

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UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2004/2005)

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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: Miss A Scattergood

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REVIEW OF 2004

As I was finishing off this report, I was interrupted by a phone call informing me of the death of **Nick Crawshaw**. Nick was only 41 and lost his fight against cancer. A full obituary appears immediately after this review.

Following the success of the Veterans A team last year, the club won the Lucas for the first time since 1995! The A team had very consistent scores (all 49's) and came second, 5 points behind the winners in what must be one of the biggest margins in the competition for years. The club was also successful in a number of other competitions, more on that later. The picture below shows a few pieces of the silverware we won together with some of the team members responsible.



Left to right: Simon Belither, Antony Ringer, Chris Watson, Henry Ives, Freya Hinson, James Watson, Gareth Morris, Andrew 'Freddie' Grounds

Other highlights of the year included **John Webster's** Captaincy of the Great Britain team to Canada and the USA. **Gareth Morris** was selected as one of the pair for the Welsh team in the Commonwealth Games and **Antony Ringer** is currently the reserve for the Team England Pair.

In the second year of returning to the cadet target rifle, the school took a seasoned team to shoot the meeting at Bisley. Almost all of the team had been involved in the previous year's team. Once again, **Aniela Scattergood** and **James Watson** joined **Andrew 'Freddie' Grounds** and **Peter Warren** to coach the team. As the week went on, scores improved consistently across the team, **Leonie Schuller**, a German exchange student was top of the team with a 34.3 in the Wellington and 35.3 in the Iveagh to come 12th in the Cadet Aggregate. **Alex Fahie** had the best of the 35's in the Iveagh with 4 V's and was 11th. On Ashburton day, the team pulled out their best performance

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of not only the week, but also the season. After the 300 yard shoot, Uppingham were lying in 2nd place, 11 points behind Epsom. The 500 yards distance was very competitive; Uppingham gained 5 points on Epsom and making the second highest score on the range, however Marlborough made 3 more points than Uppingham. With all the scores in, Epsom had clung on to their lead albeit shaved to a mere 3 points from Marlborough with Uppingham a further 3 behind them. It is worth noting that this team, with almost the same members as last year had improved by 21 points from their 2003 score.

School teams are now adopting many of the practices adopted by senior representative teams – some had the team members plotting for their coaches! For Uppingham's part, **Claire Johnson** took on the role of match adjutant ensuring the firing point procedure ran smoothly. Unfortunately, next season, only the cadet pair and four remain at the school so there is a challenge ahead to train up the school team.

VIII	300 yards	500 yards	TOTAL
N Alliston *	33.4	33.3	66.7
A Fahie *	31.1	35.5	66.6
L Schueller *	32.1	33.4	65.5
F Hinson *	33.3	31.2	64.3
H Smeeden *	32.3	32.1	64.1
J Dixon	29.0	32.3	61.3
B Yates	31.3	29.0	60.3
MC Reffell	28.1	31.2	59.3
TOTAL	249.15	256.26	505.36

Placed 3rd out of 47

* denotes winner of school's Hundred badge.

In the other team competitions, Uppingham had a range of good results:

Cadet Four	8 th	out of 19
Cadet Pair	16 th	out of 32
Cheltenham Cup	3 rd	out of 16
Devon	9 th	out of 36
Garry	3 rd	out of 12
Green Howards Country Life	2 nd	out of 31
Kinder	2 nd	out of 33
Marling	6 th	out of 11
Rutland	2 nd	out of 17
Schools Aggregate	4 th	out of 6
Schools Snap shooting	4 th	out of 11

Aside from the individual performances mentioned earlier, **Ben Yates** was 7th= in the Malborough Cup, and 8th= in the Financial Times (both competitions shot with the Cadet GP rifle). **Nathan Alliston** was 14th in the Spencer Mellish.

Tom Adams, won the School's Staff competition for a consecutive year to bring his tally to five.

In 2005 the format of the Ashburton is changing. The teams will shoot three ranges, although not in the conventional order – 300 and 600 yards will be shot in the morning and 500 yards in the afternoon.

The Veterans match later in the afternoon provided some success. We had another good turnout this year and were able to enter 5 teams. The first team were consistent in a generally low-scoring year. One team, the Old Bradfordian's managed a perfect score of 250 to beat Uppingham into second place. In most years, the Veterans match makes little difference in the Lucas as the Ashburton winner is too far out in front to be caught. With the closeness of the Ashburton result, the

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Lucas was up for grabs. The Old Epsomians and the Old Marlburians had relative disasters in leaving Uppingham to take the Lucas by a clear 7 points.

The breakdown of the team scores is shown below:

A Team		B Team		C Team	
J A Watson	49.7	R E Clarke	48.5	P N Hinchliffe	49.3
C J Watson	49.7	A Scattergood	48.5	S J Pattinson	47.3
S Belither	49.6	C T S Belk	48.4	A D E Grounds	46.6
T A Ringer	49.6	N Crawshaw	48.3	D Mathieson	46.4
G E Morris	49.4	T Adams	47.4	B Bullard	42.3
	245.30		239.21		230.19
Placed 2 nd out of 53		Placed 4 th out of 33		Placed 7 th out of 20	
Old Bradfieldians 250.25		OGRE 'B' 241.20		OGRE 'C' 238.20	

D Team		E Team	
D I Symington	48.4	W Fry	45.3
C W Brown	47.4	J Dorrington-Ward	43.1
S A Merton-Jones	45.3	G Catchpole	43.0
J C B Humphrey	43.1	C C Williams	42.0
O G Saxby	41.0	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	41.2
	224.12		217.08

Uppingham were 3rd in the Veterans Aggregate.

The winner of the Donegall Bronze Badge for 2004 was **Will Fry**.

It was also good to see **Nick Crawshaw** returning to the club after a number of years of absence.

As usual, the Match Rifle competitions were being shot over the hill, four OUs took part– **Nick Hinchliffe**, **Simon Pattinson**, **Robin Pizer** and **James Watson** (shooting TR). **Nick's** Match Rifle successes continue and he managed a number of top ten placings: 2nd in the Any Rifle Extras 1100 yards, 2nd in the Any Rifle Extras Aggregate, 5th in the Any Rifle Extras 1000 yards, 7th in the Wimbledon MR and 9th in the Tribe Memorial. **Simon** was 10th in the Any Rifle Extras 1200 yards. **James** was 7th in the RG Aggregate.

Sixteen club members were present to shoot in the Imperial meeting matches complemented by 4 of the Ashburton Team who stayed on. Three members won competitions outright. **Chris Belk** won the Century, **Simon Belither** won the Duke of Cambridge and **James Watson** won the St Georges Stage I after a 5-way tie-shoot (scoring 25.5).

"Top 10" placings outside of the "majors" were considerably down on last year with only 11 in total (34 in 2003, 25 in 2002, 35 in 2001), **James Watson** (9) and **Simon Belither**, and **Chris Belk** with one each. **John Webster** was, at the beginning of the Grand Aggregate having medical treatment on his back, an old sporting injury, despite this he appeared at the beginning of the second week and shot in a number of the competitions.

James Watson was 5th in the Gurkha Appeal after a tie shoot, 5th in the second stage of the Queen's Prize, 6th in the LVA Communications Aggregate, 8th in the Fulton Aggregate and the Howcroft Newspapers Aggregate, 9th in the Monday Aggregate and the Stock Exchange Aggregate and 10th in the Saturday Aggregate.

In the Grand Aggregate, six people finished in the top 200 earning NRA classes. **James Watson** was 40th, **Simon Belither** 67th, **Gareth Morris** 76th, **Antony Ringer** 77th, **Steve Merton-Jones** 147th and **Chris Watson** 175th.

Seven of the club finished in the top three hundred of the first stage of the St Georges (**James Watson**, **Simon Belither**, **Chris Watson**, **Steve Merton-Jones**, **Gareth Morris**, **Antony Ringer**, **John Webster**, of which, three qualified for the final. **Gareth Morris's** 75.9 in the final was enough to place him second. **Simon Belither** finished 14th and **James Watson** was 56th.

John Webster had defied doctor's orders on Tuesday to shoot in the St. Georges – he had been almost bed-ridden the week before due to a back problem, this was originally caused by a rugby injury years ago but had returned to trouble him. Following treatment, he flew across 'the pond' in time to take part in the St Georges and Queens competitions. Following a successful first stage of the St. Georges, he was also qualified to shoot the second stage of the Queens along with several others (**Antony Ringer**, **Simon Belither**, **Gareth Morris**, **James Watson** and **Chris Watson**).

On the Friday, four of the six club members progressed through the second stage, qualifying to shoot in Saturday's final. **James Watson** was 5th, **Antony Ringer** 29th, **Chris Watson** 47th and **Simon Belither** 55th. In the final, **James** scored 75 at 900 yards and was leading a point ahead going back to 1000 yards. Shooting on the same range as the eventual winner, he was less successful in reading the wind and finished 16th. **Antony** was 19th, **Chris** 33rd and **Simon** 82nd.

In the Club Championship, only **Simon Belither** and **James Watson** qualified for both the St Georges and the Queen's final. Going into the final, James was leading by six points, after 900 yards, James had scored a 75 and Simon a 73 to edge another 2 points ahead. At 1000 yards, both James and Simon suffered from the strong variable wind, scoring 63 and 59 respectively to leave James the winner by 12 points, the 7th winner in 28 years.

In team events, the National Match was shot back in England after a year away in Ireland, **Steve Merton-Jones** won his first National Cap, having risen from Uppingham D team to England in 7 days! (A feat last achieved by **John Webster** in 1984). **James Watson** was selected for his second cap, shooting for successful England team under the watchful eye (except when he's driving his Land Rover over a team mate's bicycle) of **Simon Belither** who was a coach. Competing against them were **Chris Watson** and **Gareth Morris** in the Welsh team.

In the Kolapore, **Simon Belither** shot for Great Britain, **Nick Hinchliffe** was the main coach and **James Watson** was a Reserve. In the Mackinnon, once again, **Antony Ringer** shot for the winning England team, whilst **Chris Watson** and **Gareth Morris** shot for the Welsh.

The counties matches saw a good number of OU's shooting, Norfolk, helped by Antony Ringer, managed 3rd in the long Range and 3rd overall.

Aniela Scattergood shot in the Cambridge University team, winning the Universities Long Range match for a third successive year.

Antony Ringer had been part of the wining team in the Opening Shot. In the Parting Shot, an Uppingham team, consisting primarily of this year's school leavers, achieved second place, **Freya Hinson's** 98.8 was the top individual score and second on the range.

The editor is happy to report that once again (third year running), the club won the Marlingham trophy! The club was also successful in the Rifle Clubs, piping Epsom to the post by a mere 3 V-bulls. We also managed 4th place in the Bank of England and the Belgian. UVRC was 13th in the Astor.

Marlingham (1st)

J A Watson	685.78
S Belither	683.81
G E Morris	683.65
T A Ringer	683.63
C J Watson	676.82
TOTAL	3410.369

2nd Glasgow Academicals 3355.320

Rifle Clubs (1st):

T A Ringer	105.10
S Belither	104.14
J A Watson	103.11
C J Watson	102.14
Total	414.49

2nd Old Epsomian A 414.46

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 and even further than 2003. There were issues with the ammunition due to a fire at the manufacturer's plant but we are promised better ammo this year. In the 2004 Meeting members of UVRC or the School achieved only 24 (2003: 32, 2002: 51, 2001:51, 2000:35). Individually these were by **Antony Ringer** (5), **James Watson** (4), **Gareth Morris** (4), **Chris Watson** (3), **Simon Belither** (3), **Chris Belk** (2), **Nick Hinchliffe** (1), **Steve Merton-Jones** (1) and **Angus Fyfe** (1).

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

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
A Ringer	5	5	10	5	8	4	13	8	7	5	70
S Belither	1	6	7	4	4	7	11	7	6	3	56
J Webster	-	2	3	4	6	6	5	10	6	-	42
J Watson	-	2	2	1	2	5	4	5	3	4	28
N Harvey	1	3	8	1	4	3	-	3	-	-	23
G Morris	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	6	5	4	22
C Belk	-	-	-	3	1	3	5	3	3	2	20
S Osmond	2	4	1	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	13
A Williams	-	1	-	-	3	3	4	1	-	-	12
N Hinchliffe	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	11
C Watson	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	3	9
S Pattinson	-	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	6
J Lee	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
A Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	5
D Mathieson	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
A Scattergood	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	4
S Merton-Jones	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
C Kelsey	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
R Pizer	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
A Fyfe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	13	34	37	29	32	35	51	51	32	32	338

Simon Belither continues to lead the table of appearances by those still competing in both the Queen's 100 (25 – having only missed two years since 1978) and the top 50 in the Grand Aggregate missing the top 50 this year for only the sixth time since 1977. Simon is also now jointly at the top of those who have finished in the top 25 of the St Georges with a total of 11 appearances.

Finally we should congratulate **Gareth Morris** on his selection as one of the Welsh pair for the Commonwealth Games in Australia in 2006. **Antony Ringer** is currently the reserve for the English pair. We wish them the best of luck!

The Veterans Match

Following conversations with club members about how successful we are at picking our veterans teams, I thought it would be interesting to compare scores over the years. I have gone through all the club reports (although there are a few years results missing) and put them into a spreadsheet. This is far too big to publish in the report so I have taken the last seven years (which coincides with the change in target dimensions) and included all those who have shot on more than one occasion in that time.

	Shading denotes A team							
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Avg. Score
Ringer TA	50 7	50 9	49 7	49 8	50 6	50 6	49 6	49.57
Watson JA	50 9	49 9	50 7	50 6	49 8	50 6	49 7	49.57
Webster JGM	50 5	49 5	49 5	49 5	49 8	50 4		49.33
Morris GE		49 8			50 4		49 4	49.33
Scattergood A					50 8	50 4	48 5	49.33
Belither S	49 6	50 4	49 7	49 5	49 5	50 7	49 6	49.29
Watson CJ	48 4	50 7	49 7	49 6	48 4	49 7	49 7	48.86
Belk CTS		49 6	46 4		50 5	49 7	48 4	48.40
Williams AA	49 4	48 5	50 8	47 3	48 5			48.40
Pattinson SJ	50 6	48 6	48 5	47 3	50 4		47 3	48.33
Adams TRC	50 6	48 6	49 5	46 3		50 5	47 4	48.33
Hinchliffe PN	49 5	48 5		40 3	50 4	49 5	49 3	47.50
Grounds ADE	44 2	49 4	49 6	47 5	50 6	47 6	46 6	47.43
Mathieson D	50 6	48 6		47 5	44 2	48 4	46 4	47.17
Clark ASJ	46 3	47	48 5					47.00
Fyfe A					49 4	45 1		47.00
Clarke RE						46 4	48 5	47.00
Symington DI				45 3			48 4	46.50
Kelsey CP	46 7	49 6	46 4	45 2	48 4	44 2		46.33
Merton Jones SA	48 3	46 2		44 0		48 2	45 3	46.20
Brown CW	45 1		48 3	46 3	46 3	45 1	47 4	46.17
Humphrey JCB	43 2	48 3	47 3	48 3	47 3	45 3	43 1	45.86
Pizer R	45 3	48 6	45 3	45 2	45 3	45 3		45.50
Cannings EJ	48 4	44 1			44 3			45.33
Bullard B					48 5	46 3	42 3	45.33
Fry W						43 1	46 4	44.50
Clarke LMH		42			47 2			44.50
Wertheimer JS		43 2				43 2		43.00
Royle JAC			44 2			41 1		42.50
Williams CC		39 2	43 2		45 4	43 0	42 0	42.40
Doyne-Ditmas HGTP		40 1			45 1		41 2	42.00

One omission from this list is Nick Harvey who has made only one appearance in the last seven years and scored 50.7 (in 1998) hopefully he will be able to make it again soon!

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Nick Crawshaw MBE (6th November 1963 - 13th April 2005)

A talented team player in business, sport and the army

1963-2005 Soldier and Businessman



Nick Crawshaw, chief financial officer of the Financial Times, died on Wednesday at the age of 41.

Most people would find it sufficient to excel in one career; Nick managed to reach the peak in three separate fields in his short life, as soldier, businessman and sportsman representing his country.

His enthusiasm, bravery and disarmingly straight style were never more in evidence than over the past year. After a diagnosis of cancer, he talked openly with colleagues, without a hint of anger or self-pity, about the likely outcome of his illness. He

worked to the last possible moment, helping the FT back into financial health after several tough years. He took up kite surfing for the first time last summer and revived plans for a gliding expedition to the Carpathians.

Marjorie Scardino, chief executive of Pearson, owner of the FT, said: "We will remember Nick for his talent and energy, his decency and loyalty, and as a colleague, mentor and friend we could all count on. Nick was the kind of person we all wish we could be and I know I'm not alone in being proud to have known him."

In spite of his action man credentials, Nick was very centred on the people around him and, in particular, his home and family. He and Alison were married in 1990 and he was extremely proud of his daughters Thea, aged 12, and Lydia, 11. Nick and his family received many letters over recent days from those whom Nick had mentored, encouraged and supported.

Nick was born in Nuneaton on November 6, 1963 and attended Uppingham School, followed by Sandhurst. He studied philosophy at Essex University on an army scholarship and took great delight in shocking his left-wing fellow students by introducing himself as a serving officer in the British army. He was also a business graduate of Cranfield University.

Nick was initially commissioned into the 1st Royal Anglian Regiment and later joined the Army Air Corps. He ended his distinguished 10-year military career in 1999 as a major and flew in Northern Ireland. He was awarded an MBE in 2000, particularly for his work in leading the army's career development programme.

After a year at PeopleBank.com, an online recruitment business, Nick joined FT Business, the Financial Times' magazine publishing business, and soon became managing director. He became the FT's finance director early last year, immediately making an impact with his decisive style and clear thinking.

By the age of 19, Nick was representing England and Great Britain in international target rifle shooting championships. In 1986, he competed in the Commonwealth Games. He was a glider pilot and instructor.

Nick was extremely modest about his considerable achievements and unstuffy in both his professional and personal life. John, his father, says he drove the "oldest and most decrepit car in the country", and he was never known to brush his hair, apart from when he went to Buckingham Palace to receive his MBE.

Andrew Gowers, editor of the FT, said: "We'll miss him enormously as a colleague and a friend. In his short time here, he made a great and enduring contribution to the development of the Financial Times. Everyone here is thinking about his family at this difficult time."

I will miss Nick very much and was proud to have had him as a colleague. He was a real team player and a great support to his team as a peer, manager and mentor.

Olivier Fleurot, chief executive, Financial Times

Nick, the Shooter.

Nick met with success at his very first Schools' Bisley; he won the 1978 Cadet Pistol competition. Being able to fire a weapon that was actually smaller than he was at the time must have suited him. Thus began an astonishingly successful shooting career. In 1979, he won a place in the Schools' Hundred and helped the Uppingham School VIII to second place in the Ashburton Shield. The team was second again in 1980. Nick was justifiably proud of his first Bisley "possible" in the Iveagh.

He then went on to compete in the NRA Open Meeting for the first time: he scored his second possible in the Daily Mail, which gained him second place after 25, 24 tie shoots. This contributed to his winning of the Young Rifleman's Aggregate.

In fact, Nick's father, John, has just phoned and told me his side of the story. A friend contacted him in Germany: "You had better come and see what is going on at Bisley." was the summons.

John arrived to find sixteen year old Nick winning so many "tyro class" (novice) prizes that he was immediately promoted to "X class" (expert!). In the team matches, Nick represented his country for the first time in the AG Bell match and made top score against the Canadian cadets.

1981 was declared an "Annus Mirabilissimus" by the powers that be at Uppingham, because the team won the Ashburton and seven other trophies. Nick scored another clutch of possibles in the Open Meeting and re-"X"ed himself. He contributed to the defeat of the Canadians both in the UK and at Ottawa, where he toured for the first time with the Athelings. (The UK under 19 team.)

The following year was Nick's turn to be captain of the school team, so they set about eclipsing the previous "Annus Mirabilissimus" by winning the Ashburton again, the Cadet Pair (including TA Ringer!) and a selection of other trophies. No Uppinghamian has a better record than two seconds and two firsts in the Ashburton. Nick went on to lead his country to victory in the AG Bell Match and won senior honours as the youngest member of the NRA Channel Island Team.

Nick started 1983 as he had left off, with first place in the "Grand" at the Easter Meeting. He then began his career in the Army by winning their Target Rifle Championships. He earned his place in the GB Under 25 Team and won the Canadian Grand while with the GB Senior Team. England recognised his talents by selecting him for their teams in the '84 National (short range) and McKinnon (long range) matches.

He had to wait until 1985 before gaining a place in the Final of the Queen's Prize (The Queen's 100) but still won three meetings (Easter, Jersey and the North London) and came second in Canada. This gave the selectors the opportunity to pick him for the '86 England Commonwealth Games Team in Edinburgh. He and his partner were one point behind the winners in the Full-Bore Pairs.

NC Crawshaw GC (Gold Cross) was proclaimed in 1987 as the winner of the Grand Aggregate at Bisley. This is, to many, the highest accolade that can be reached, but it would be churlish not to mention that he was also the Club Champion of the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club that year! These achievements made him a certain choice for the Great Britain Palma Match Team that went to Australia in 1988. Nick won the North Queensland "Grand" and "Queens" as a warm up to the main event. His unbroken run in the Queens 100 at Bisley continued until 1990. His last appearance in the event was in 1992.

Career pressures were building and so Nick was lost from the shooting fraternity. It was very poignant to hear from John Crawshaw that Nick and his family had made plans to re-ignite his shooting in 2005. The caravan site had been booked at Bisley and, no doubt, his shooting hat resurrected from the dressing up box. Sadly, very very sadly, this was not to be.

Nick will be greatly missed by his family and all his many friends. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Alison and his daughters Thea and Lydia.

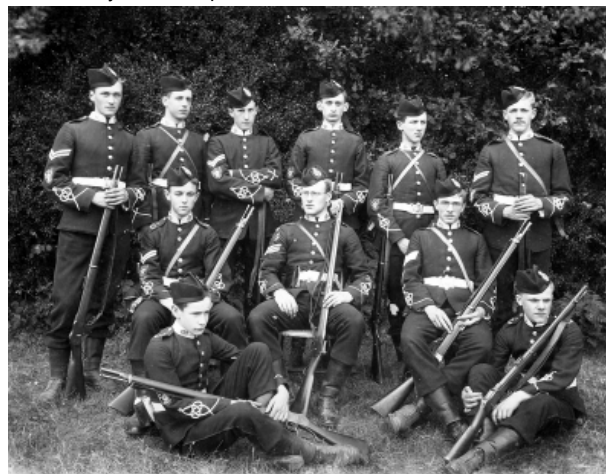
Simon Pattinson

Club History

As most members will be aware, the club was founded in 1959 so we are approaching our 50th anniversary. A celebratory shoot has already been proposed, and although the event is still a few years away, ideas for the celebration would be welcome.

This section of the report is one I intend to include in the years running up to the event with photographs and articles on the history of the club. If anyone has anything of interest that they would like to have published, please can they send them to James Watson for inclusion.

On a side note, if there is anyone who has the time and is interested in compiling a history of the club, I have all the club reports available on a CD in pdf format. Additionally, some records of shooting have been put into a spreadsheet and others are available in photocopy form. Please get in touch if you can help!



The photo on the left shows the school team in 1896.

Below: Uppingham School Rifle Range before it was forced to close. The photos come from the school library and were found by Rick Spurway. Does anyone know anything more about the range? The first was apparently taken from the 200 yard firing point.





The picture below right was taken at the school outdoor range in 1965. Can anyone identify the shooters?



The team photo shows the 1965 team at Bisley in the summer. Note the right-hand side where you can see the Ashburton shield being carried off. Uppingham were 6th in the Ashburton out of 103 – numbers have dwindled considerably since, in 2004 there were only 47 in comparison.

Some earlier photos supplied by Steve Knox show the team at Bisley, soon after the Second World War. There had been no shooting taking place on Bisley Camp during the war as it was used for training recruits and so 1946 was the first time for six years that the Ashburton took place. In that year, Uppingham's did not enter the Cadet shoots at Bisley. 1947 was therefore the first time the school returned to Bisley following the War.



Above: (from left to right) HM Neal, JS Knox, PH Garland, JC Bird, IAF Sharples and MR Noble. Members of the team discussing scores (perhaps 'the one that got away' – the list of excuses these days is probably very similar to those in use nearly 60 years ago!)

The 1947 team came 46th with a score of 458.

In 1948, the team were 4th in the Ashburton (5 points behind Cheltenham) with a score of 495, which, combined with the Veterans' score of 234, was enough to win the Lucas for the first time.



Above: (from left to right) CJ Lewthwaite, R.J.L Carter (captain), JS Knox, RSM McKean, RA Schall, HGTP Doyn-Ditmas



Above: The team in front of what was Short Siberia range at Bisley, this is where the 2002 Commonwealth Games shotgun complex has been built.

The team members shown are (left to right): PAC Peters, CW Brown, JR Hill, DE Abbott (sitting), PDH Godfrey (coach), TS Baker (sitting), JMD Mott, CSM Dolby, JS Knox, CJ Lewthwaite and HM Neal.

The team finished 12th in the Ashburton with a score of 502, 10 points behind Glenalmond.



This photo was taken by the Daily Telegraph and show some of the 1949 school team in action at Bisley. The photo was supplied by JS Knox.

From right to left: DE Abbott, PDH Godfrey (coach) JS Knox

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004 Income and Expenditure Account

		2004	2003
Income	Notes	£	£
Subscriptions	1	819	482
Donations	2	241	158
Match fees		125	120
NRA refund on affiliation fee		-	69
Club BBQ		306	252
Profit on ties		70	5
Presidents Medals found		5	-
National Savings interest		409	326
Bank interest received		1	1
		<u>1,976</u>	<u>1,413</u>
Expenditure			
Bisley entrance fees		278	419
Refund of eligible members Bisley entry fees		58	47
Club BBQ & room hire		252	200
NRA Affiliation fee		136	251
Insurance		239	222
Printing of club report	3	-	-
Cost of ties sold in year		42	-
Unsold club sweaters written-off		-	4
President's medals presented		2	-
President's medals mislaid in 2003		-	5
Postage and stationery		75	47
Refurbishment of club trophy	2	95	-
Home Office approval		14	14
		<u>1,191</u>	<u>1,209</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u><u>785</u></u>	<u><u>204</u></u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2004

		2004	2003
Assets		£	£
Rifles (4 at cost)	823	-	823
Less: Depreciation	(819)	4	4
Stock of 5 club ties at cost		24	66
Stock of President's medals at cost		3	-
Club trophy		12	12
Sundry debtors (prepaid insurance)		60	74
Cash at bank		829	447
National Savings Investment Account		13,345	12,936
		<u>14,277</u>	<u>13,539</u>
Creditors			
Sundry creditors (2003: postage)		-	47
Net Assets		<u><u>14,277</u></u>	<u><u>13,586</u></u>
Accumulated Reserve			
Balance as at 1st January 2004		13,492	13,288
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		785	204
Balance as at 31st December 2004		<u><u>14,277</u></u>	<u><u>13,492</u></u>

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

Simon Belither (President), James Watson (Hon Treasurer)

Approved on:

Accountant's Report

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have reviewed, without carrying out an audit, the balance sheet and foregoing statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2004 prepared 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 accounts:

1. Subscriptions include £15 for advance subscriptions for 2005.
2. Donations include the cost of repair and engraving to the Championship trophy paid by John Webster.
3. The school again paid for the report printing (line kept in since this might not always be the case).

THE 2005 BISLEY MEETING

The 2005 meeting will be held in the middle weeks of July. The Match Rifle weekend commences 9th July and members should note that the Veterans match will be on Thursday 14th July 2004. This year, the NRA is promoting a package to encourage people to stay after the Veterans Match and shoot the first weekend. Anyone interested in doing so should contact the NRA directly and talk to Karen Robertson (01483 797777 ext. 146). There is also a new competition that has been introduced for O and T classes which will ensure there are events they can shoot in if they are not successful in qualifying for final stages.

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 scanned 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 James Watson. The CD is available now. 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 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.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

As we are all aware, the club will only continue to exist if we are successful in encouraging the school leavers to join and continue shooting. The committee has taken the decision to pursue this with the introduction of training weekends where those who are still honorary 4 year members are subsidised. The generous donation by Simon Wall a few years ago has enabled this as we are able to spend the interest earned on the capital sum without reducing the capital itself. These weekends are a good opportunity to come out and shoot with the club as well as passing on experience to the younger members. If you are interested and are not on email, please let the Club Secretary know so you can be informed of upcoming dates.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2004

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club, held at the HAC Clubhouse, Bisley, on Thursday 15th July 2004. The President, S Belither, took the Chair.

Present:

S Belither (President), D Mathieson (Honorary Secretary), P Warren (Master-in-charge of Shooting), B Bullard (Elected Member), CP Kelsey (Elected Member), JA Watson (Honorary Treasurer), JS Knox, CW Brown, Dr R Pizer, JCB Humphrey and approximately 14 members.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from TRC Adams, JCB Humphrey, Sir Ian J Wallace, ADE Grounds (Captain), JGM Webster

1. Minutes of the AGM of 10 July 2003

The minutes of the AGM of 10th July 2003 are published in the Club Report and were accepted as a reasonable record of that meeting. There were no objections.

Carried

2. Matters Arising from the Last AGM

An increase in subscriptions was discussed at the last AGM. The item is brought to your attention in the item 5 below.

Club Shoot At the last AGM, most had expressed interest in Steve Merton Jones' suggestion to hold a shoot later this year, possibly October, as a training shoot for recent School leavers and a match for the Club. Hon Treasurer and the Captain would follow up the initial planning after the Bisley meeting.

Action: Captain and Hon Treasurer

3. Club Report

School. Uppingham School had come 3rd in the Ashburton and, notably, the School VIII had come 1st in the Army District Match earlier in the year. More detail is in the Club Report. The School Teams had done better this year overall and were congratulated on their successes. Peter Warren and Freddie Grounds were again commended for their efforts over the year.

Uppingham Veterans. The Veterans A Team were 2nd in the Veterans Match with the B Team 4th and the C Team 5th. James Watson's computer analysis of individuals past performances for team selection had obviously been useful today.

Other Club Business. James Watson had completed the Club database and that it had already proved very useful in the recovery of outstanding subscriptions. Simon Pattinson would be handing over the Club Firearms Certificate to David Mathieson next year. Simon Wall had written to the Club to enquire whether there should be an increase in membership subscription as without the interest from his previous donation, the club would be running at a loss and he had hoped his donation would be used to encourage younger shooters. The Honorary Secretary had replied in a letter dated 6 June outlining those proposals being raised at this AGM including the increase in subscription and a corresponding change to the Constitution.

4. Treasurer's Report

The accounts, published in the Club Report, had been inspected by a qualified accountant and were presented by the Hon Treasurer. There are currently 67 full paying memberships bringing in an income of £804 and unpaid subscriptions were reckoned to be £496. The cost of the NRA affiliation and the Insurance had dropped by £117 this year because only active shooters were included in their assessments. Only one Honorary Member had claimed for entry fee subsidy for the Bisley Meeting last year. The Hon Treasurer had pointed out at the ECM that due to new legislation, the term audit and auditor had taken on a new significance. As a result, the Honorary 'Auditor' should be called the Honorary 'Accountant', and that 'audited accounts' should be changed to the phrase 'accounts inspected by a qualified accountant'. The Hon Treasurer recommended these word changes should be reflected in the Constitution. P Hinchliffe proposed the word amendment to the Constitution and the accounts as correct and this was seconded by H Doyne-Ditmas.

Carried

5. Subscriptions

A raise in subscription of £3 from £12 had been discussed at the ECM following a discussion at last year's AGM. It was agreed to raise the membership subscription to £15 and the Constitution would be amended accordingly. This was proposed by P Hinchliffe and seconded by D Mathieson.

Carried

Action: Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer

6. Donations

Donations and gifts for this year had been received from J Webster, N Hinchliffe, T Kelsey, C Christopherson, J Wertheimer, A Ringer, B Bullard, J Watson, O Saxby, G Morris, S Merton Jones, K Meldrum, C Belk, S Belither, and T Adams. The Club thanks them for their contributions large and small.

7. Election of Officers for 2004/2005

President. S Belither was proposed by N Hinchliffe and seconded by J Watson.

Captain. A Scattergood was proposed by J Watson and seconded by A Ringer.

Honorary Secretary. D Mathieson was proposed by S Belither and seconded by J Dorrington-Ward.

Honorary Treasurer. J Watson was proposed by S Merton-Jones and seconded by C Watson.

Elected Members of the Committee. C Kelsey, B Bullard and G Morris were proposed by S Belither and seconded by D Mathieson.

All Elections of Officers Carried

8. Awards

Awards. W Fry was presented with last year's Presidents Medal. This year's awards were presented by the President:

<u>President's Medal.</u>	N Alliston.
<u>Donegall Badge.</u>	W Fry.
<u>Club Championship Trophy.</u>	A Ringer.
<u>The Watson Cup.</u>	H Ives and L Schueller.

9. Any Other Business

Rule 10 of the Constitution. The present system, of the Club meeting in July for the AGM and the Executive Committee in March, has shown that it can take too long to conclude some matters requiring agreement to change the Constitution; for example, the process of raising the membership subscription started at the 2003 AGM, will not become effective until July 2005. The Executive Committee was trusted with running the Club and the members agreed that it could amend the Constitution consistent with its management. This was proposed by S Merton Jones and seconded by G Morris.

Carried

Action: The Executive Committee

Nine new Honorary Members join the Club from this year. The Club wished J Webster a speedy recovery and that he would be fit to shoot again very soon.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

DATES FOR 2005

Ashburton and Veterans Match. Thursday 14th July at Bisley. Note that in 2005 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.

PRINCIPAL COMPETITIONS AT BISLEY WON BY UPPINGHAM AND OLD UPPINGHAMIANs

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 Slocock 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 2004	S Belither C Belk
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 2002	S Belither TA Ringer
The 'Donegall'	1962 1985	S J Pattinson S Belither
The 'Duke of Cambridge'	1975, 2002 1976 1990 2004	C T S Belk JS Spaight TA Ringer S Belither
The 'Dulwich Challenge Cup'	1956,60,72,74,78,84,92, 2003	UVRC B Team
The 'Edge'	1962	SJ Pattinson
The 'Elkington Aggregate'	1954 1975,76 1988	JA Slocock JS Spaight S Belither
The 'English XX Club Championship'	1973 1984 1985 1976 2003 1987,88 1906 1996	JS Spaight S Belither NC Crawshaw Mr and Mrs* T Kelsey W Fry NC Crawshaw D Featherstone S Belither
The 'Families'	1986-90	S Belither & ANO
The 'Financial Times'	1994	TA Ringer & ANO
The 'Foster'	2002	TA Ringer & ANO
The 'Fry'	2003	TA Ringer & ANO
The 'Fulton' Aggregate	2000	JA Watson & ANO
The 'Fulton Pairs' Class X	1912 2001 1981 1984 1980 1997 1970 1975	L Horne Uppingham Uppingham R Pizer R Pizer NE Harvey CJD Jewitt SG Scott
The 'Fulton Pairs' Class A	1969,70,76,78,79,2001,02	Uppingham
The 'Gale and Polden'	1975,76 1983,84 1987	JS Spaight S Belither NC Crawshaw
The 'Garry'	1999	TA Ringer
The 'Gary Jones'	1948,54,59,69-71,75,76,7 8-80,82,83,95, 2004	Uppingham and UVRC
The 'Halford'	1992	NE Harvey
The 'Hopton' (MR Championship)	1982	RJH Fiske
The 'Howcroft Newspaper Aggregate'	1996 2003	CJ Watson W Fry
The 'Iveagh'	1948,52,54,81,2001 1959,68,69,72,74-76,78, 79,81,97, 2002-4	Uppingham UVRC
The 'Kinder'	1990	KC Meldrum
The 'Lord Tedder Aggregate'	1973 1987	JS Spaight NC Crawshaw
The 'Lovell'	1954,64,79,80,83 1976 1985 1999	Uppingham JS Spaight S Belither TA Ringer
The 'Lucas'		
The 'McQueen A'		
The 'Marlborough Cup'		
The 'Marling'		
The 'Marlingham'		
The 'Martin Parr Aggregate'		
The 'Monday Aggregate'		
The 'Montague Jones Trophy'		
The 'New Zealand Aggregate'		

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
	1987	S Belither
The 'Prince of Wales's Prize'	1948,54,68,74,80,2001	Uppingham
The 'Public Schools Aggregate'	1968,69,80,94,96	Uppingham
The 'Public Schools Snap Shooting'	1954,76,80,83,88, 2003	UVRC A Team
The 'Public Schools Veterans'	1954,56,60,66,70,75,76,	UVRC
	78,84-86	
The 'Ranken'	1981	R Pizer
The 'P W Richardson'	1965	J Szemerey
The 'Rifle Clubs'	1982,96-98, 2004	UVRC
The 'Rutland'	1969,71,76,78,80,82,	Uppingham
	2001, 02	
The 'St Georges' (1 st Stage)	1984	TA Ringer
	1988	S Belither
	2000	NE Harvey
	2004	JA Watson
The 'St Georges' (2 nd 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, 03,04	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

The 'Spencer Mellish'	1892	SP Bell
	1893	FH Sheppee
	1906	D Featherstone
	1965	TW Forsyth
	1977	WB Doyle
	1978	D Mathieson
The 'Steward'	1987	UVRC
	2002	UVRC
The 'Stickledown'	2002	CTS Belk
The 'Stock Exchange Aggregate'	1967,73	JS Spaight
	1981	SJ Pattinson
	1984	NE Harvey
	1985,87	NC Crawshaw
	1990	S Belither
The 'Sunday Aggregate'	1975,76	JS Spaight
	1996	GE Morris
The 'Sunday Times Gold Medal'	1923	TH Kelsey
	1969	R Carr
	1973	PA Whittington
	1974	JGM Webster
The 'Surrey Open Championship'	1982	S Belither
The 'Times'	1970	JS Spaight
	1983	PN Hinchliffe
	1985	S Belither
	2001	JA Watson
	2002	NE Harvey
The '1200 Yards Aggregate'	1980,81	R Pizer
The 'Wednesday Aggregate'	1954	J A Slocock
	1958	CTS Belk
The 'Weekend Aggregate'	1999,2001	TA Ringer
The 'Wellington'	1980	NMV Doyne-Ditmas
	1997	AA Williams
The 'Whitehead'	1980	PN Hinchliffe
The 'Whitgift Challenge Cup'	1948,56,62,70,72,74,75,	UVRC C Team
	78,84-86	
The 'Wimbledon SR/TR'	1952	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas
	1958	KC Meldrum
	1967,73	JS Spaight
	1984	S Belither
	1993	TA Ringer
The 'Young Rifleman's'	1971	TRC Adams
	1974	JFR Ballantine
	1980	NC Crawshaw

*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

OLD UPPINGHAMIANs WHO HAVE SHOT IN INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Match	Name	Country	Year(s)
ELCHO MATCH	AR Ballantine	Scotland	1937,48
	CTS Belk	England	1959
	PN Hinchliffe	England	2002
	KC Meldrum	Scotland	1962,63,66,88,91,94
	R Pizer	England	1980-82,85,87,88
	SD Whitehead	England	1914
PALMA MATCH	S Belither	Gt Britain	1982,85,92,03 (Captain)
	CTS Belk	Gt Britain	1976
	NC Crawshaw	Gt Britain	1988
	PN Hinchliffe	Gt Britain	1985,88
	KC Meldrum	Gt Britain	1971
	TA Ringer	Gt Britain	1992,95,99,03
	JA Sloccock	Gt Britain	1970
	JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1970,71
	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1999,03
EMPIRE or AUSTRALIA MATCH	S Belither	Gt Britain	1982,84,85,96
	CTS Belk	Gt Britain	1976
	NC Crawshaw	Gt Britain	1984,87
	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	Gt Britain	1958
	PN Hinchliffe	Gt Britain	1997 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	Gt Britain	1992,94,95,96,97,99,03
	JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1964,74(2),76,78
	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1987,2001
AMERICA MATCH	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	2002,04 (Captain)
	JA Watson	Gt Britain	2004
NATIONAL MATCH	S Belither	England	1978,80-94,97,2001
	CTS Belk	England	1960,62,64,66,74,76,80
	NC Crawshaw	England	1984-88
	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	England	1951,54
	NE Harvey	England	1997
	PN Hinchliffe	England	1978,79
	T Kelsey	England	1974
	JD Lee	England	1996
	KC Meldrum	Scotland	1958,60,63-74,76,77,79,80,85
	SA Merton-Jones	England	2004
	GE Morris	Wales	2000-02,2004
	SJ Pattinson	England	1961,67,82
	R Pizer	England	1990 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1993,95,97,98,2001,02
	JA Sloccock	England	1951,54,55,59,64
	JS Spaight	England	1961,64,66,69,72-78,84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-04
	JA Watson	England	1996,2004
	JGM Webster	England	1989,2000,02
	HD Welch	Ireland	1937-39

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	2000-04
	R Pizer	England	1991 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1992-97,99,2000,01,03,04
	JA Sloccock	England	1954,55,58-60,70
KOLAPORE MATCH	JS Spaight	England	1968-80,82-84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-04
	JGM Webster	England	1984,88,89,98,99
	HD Welch	Ireland	1938,39
	S Belither	Great Britain	1982-92,94,97,98,2000 (Captain),01,04
	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
UNDER 25 TEAM MATCH	TA Ringer	Great Britain	1993,95-97,2000,01,03
	JA Sloccock	Mother Country	1954
	JS Spaight	Mother Country	1964,66,68,73-79
	JGM Webster	Great Britain	2000
	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)
	PN Hinchliffe	England	1977,78,79
	TA Ringer	England	1996
UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL MATCH	GE Morris	England	1996,99
	JA Watson	England	1997,98 (Captain)
	JGM Webster	England	1981,82 (Captain)
	AA Williams	England	1999
	C Carter Shaw	England	1988
	JA Watson	England	1991,93 (Captain)
	AA Williams	England	1996
	DW King	Nyasaland	1959
	C Carter Shaw	Belgium	1991
	CTS Belk	East Africa	1973
JUNIOR KOLAPORE	JGM Webster	USA	1992
	WL Whyte	F Malay States	1932
	WL Whyte	Uganda	1939
	WL Whyte	Singapore	1949
	JS Spaight	England	1974 (Bronze Medal)
	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
	JS Spaight	England	1974 (Bronze Medal)

**OLD UPPINGHAMIAN 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	25	1978-88,90-94,96-2004
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	14	1988,91-99,2001-04
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	5	1999-2002,04
CJ Watson	3	2000,01,04
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	1987	NC Crawshaw	1997	S Belither
1978	S Belither	1988	S Belither	1998	TA Ringer
1979	S Belither	1989	JGM Webster	1999	S Belither
1980	CTS Belk	1990	S Belither	2000	S Belither
1981	S Belither	1991	TA Ringer	2001	TA Ringer
1982	S Belither	1992	TA Ringer	2002	JGM Webster
1983	S Belither	1993	SJ Pattinson	2003	TA Ringer
1984	S Belither	1994	TA Ringer	2004	JA Watson
1985	S Belither	1995	TA Ringer		
1986	S Belither	1996	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	2004	N Alliston
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 2004 was Will Fry.

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	2004	L Schuller and H Ives
2001	J Dixon	2003	G Asplin		

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:

	Name:	2002:	2003	2004:
X:	S Belither	X1, A1	X2	X1,A2
	GE Morris		X1	X1,A1
	TA Ringer	X2, A1	X3	X1,A1
	JA Watson	A2	A1	X2, A1
	JGM Webster	X2, A1	X3	
	CJ Watson		A1	X1,A1
A:	CTS Belk			
	NE Harvey	A1		
	A Scattergood	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

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

We encourage all members to join the NRA as it reduces the club's affiliation fee. Please let the secretary know if you are a member of the NRA and what your membership number is.

For ease of administration, we would prefer members set up standing orders (payable during the second half of the month of January). The current membership rate is £15.

CLUB REPORT

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

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.

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
2005	S Belither	Miss A Scattergood	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 £15 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. £750).
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. Accounts inspected by a qualified independent accountant 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 be responsible for the running of the club and 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.