

UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB 2009 (50th Anniversary Year)

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UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2008/2009)

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REVIEW OF 2008

Following the success of the dinner in 2007, many of the club got together again in March at the School for a second year. The turnout was good and some photos have been included later in this report.

The Purples match took place in very wet conditions, something that your writer had forgotten, until he went to get the scores off the photocopy of the scorecards. The faintness of the pencil / pen due to the rain made deciphering the scores for the table below somewhat akin to doing a tricky Sudoku puzzle except with the task of trawling through emails to try and work out who had actually shot the match! What the writer can remember is that Gavin has American sights which wind the wrong way, so having done a full correction on a low right inner was rather surprised to see a very low right magpie. Having made the comment that the sights seemed to have done almost the exact opposite to what I would expect, he commented that "oh, these sights wind the other way" – a valuable lesson to learn is that coaches need to check! Overall, UVRC finished 19th out of 24 although we were in a field of county teams. Due to the delay in this report I can report that the performance in the 2009 event was much improved - watch this space...

Purples	300x	500x	600x	Total
JGM Webster	50.7	50.8	50.7	150.22
J Watson	50.6	50.7	50.6	150.19
AA Williams	49.7	50.6	47.5	146.18
SA Merton Jones	48.5	49.4	46.4	143.13
CP Kelsey	47.5	48.6	47.5	142.16
ADE Grounds	47.4	50.6	44.5	141.15
E Cannings	49.7	46.1	46.4	141.12
G Haywood	38.2	48.6	48.5	134.13
	378.43	391.42	379.41	1148.126

For the Veteran's Match, whilst we didn't necessarily get the selection of individuals completely correct (and we never manage to do that perfectly), we did manage to select the teams in the right order this year. Each of the A, B and C team matches were very close; the A team is more often than not won on V bulls these days, but 247 is relatively low total. In the Aggregate we were pipped to the post, coming second with our score of 729.76 by Epsom who scored 734.88. Perhaps in 2009 we should pick our teams before the day rather than the typical scramble it ends up being as people turn up unexpectedly – or not at all! The winner of the Donegall Bronze Badge for 2008 was **Isobel Stevenson**.

A Team

JGM Webster	50.7
JA Watson	50.6
CJ Watson	50.2
TA Ringer	49.6
GE Morris	48.2
	247.23

Placed 3rd out of 50
Old Epsomians 247.29

B Team

AA Williams	50.9
E Cannings	49.6
C Belk	49.5
D Mathieson	47.6
B Bullard	47.4
	242.30

Placed 7th out of 38
Old Malvernians 245.29

C Team

I Stevenson	50.8
H Ives	50.5
F Hinson	49.5
B Yates	46.3
G Haywood	45.2
	240.23

Placed 2nd out of 25
Old Epsomians 243.29

D Team

SJ Pattinson	48.5
JCB Humphrey	47.4
SA Merton Jones	47.2
CW Brown	47.1
J Harris	44.1
	233.13

Placed 8th in the C Team match**E Team**

R Bramwell	46.3
N Griffiths	46.2
J Dorrington Ward	45.3
R Pizer	43.1
P Maine	41.1
	221.10

Placed 18th in the C Team match

UVRC again represented the county in the Astor competition. Following the previous year's washout, there appeared to be reluctance from some members of the club to participate, as opinions were canvassed at the BBQ following the Veterans match. This also could have been something to do with the 8am start on what is for many a very busy day with three other warm up matches taking place after the Astor. As it was we managed to get a good team out (as shown below) and they finished in a quite respectably 4th place behind City of Newcastle Rifle Club on 621.73.

Astor County Championship	300x	500x	600x	Total
JA Watson	35.3	35.5	35.5	105.13
AA Williams	35.2	35.2	35.2	105.06
TA Ringer	34.2	35.4	35.6	104.12
I Stevenson	34.4	35.5	34.4	103.13
H Ives	33.1	34.2	34.3	101.06
E Cannings	34.2	33.2	33.2	100.06
	205.14	207.20	206.22	618.56
Coaches: PN Hinchliffe, JGM Webster				

Following the Astor, the first Friday consists of two warm up matches in the form of the Century (600 yards, then 500 yards) and the Admiral Hutton (900 yards). **James Watson** got off to a good start finishing third on the day with 150.21. James was one of the handful of UVRC members who had been shooting the Match Rifle events on the previous weekend.

During the Match Rifle weekend, **Simon Pattinson, Nick Hinchliffe, Gareth ('Gaz') Morris, Jo Harris, John Webster, Henry Ives** and **James Watson** took part in various competitions, the latter three shooting the RG Aggregate as practice for the main meeting. Whilst the longest distance is not part of that aggregate, it is still quite a challenge shooting at 1200 yards with 155 grain bullets and a target rifle! Over the course of the weekend, **Nick** was 2nd in the Halford, 5th in the Saturday Aggregate, 6th in the Armourers, 9th in the 1200 yards Aggregate, finished 37th in the Hopton and represented England as main coach in the Elcho; also in the Hopton, **Gaz** was 75th, **Simon** was 77th, and **Jo** was 111th. In the RG Aggregate, **James** was 3rd, **John** was 6th.and **Henry** was 18th.

Back to the Target rifle and The Grand Aggregate started with the Daily Telegraph in tricky wind conditions. Not one member of the club made it onto the prize list! 2008 saw twenty-five UVRC members shooting the Grand Aggregate, but not – unfortunately - **Simon Belither** who had to withdraw and have a season off due to a problem with his shoulder. I am happy to say that all now appears to be well and he shot as part of the Purples Match team earlier in the 2009 season.

Over the course of the week there were some steady performances from club members with a few appearing (although in some cases briefly) on the Grand leader board. Overall however, I am sorry to report that no individuals won any of the competitions (**Nick Hinchliffe** being an exception of sorts as he was placed 1st on a number of F class matches). Also worthy of note was **Freddie Grounds**, who has over the past ten years devoted most of his time to coaching school pupils, firstly at Uppingham and more recently at Greshams where his students do very well. As a result of this he has neglected his personal shooting however, a new jacket (and he declines to say how many cows died to make it!) perhaps gave him the impetus and he had his best Grand Aggregate performance ever finishing 104th.

Chris Watson and **James Watson** together won the Families by a point and a V bull in front of Nick and Lucy Mace. Comprised of the Queen's first stage, they scored 209.30.

In the various clubs matches, UVRC were 4th in the Marlingham, 8th in the Rifle Clubs, 10th in the Belgian, 14th in the Steward and 17th in the Bank of England.

Continuing with what has become tradition in these reports, members who achieved top ten placings are listed below:

Nick Hinchliffe topped the F Class lists finishing 1st in the Alexandra, Corporation, Wimbledon TR, Admiral Hutton, and winning the F Class (RG) Grand Aggregate. He was also 3rd in the Daily Mail, Conan Doyle, and Century, 4th in The Duke of Cambridge, 5th in the Daily Telegraph and 6th in the Prince of Wales.

James Watson was 3rd in the Friday Aggregate, the Wednesday Aggregate and the OTF Short Range and 8th in the Tucker Aggregate, the Century and the Short Range Aggregate.

Chris Belk was 6th in the Veterans Aggregate, 7th in the Stickledown Aggregate, and 9th in both the Palma Aggregate and the Donaldson Memorial 1st Stage.

Chris Watson was 4th in the Wimbledon and 9th in the Wednesday Aggregate.

John Webster was 2nd in the Donaldson Memorial Final.

Ant Ringer was 8th in the V-Bull (OTF Aggregate), he was also part of the winning Fulton Pairs team with Glyn Barnett.

Seven UVRC members finished in the top 200 of the Grand; **Ant Ringer** (16th), **John Webster** (41st), **James Watson** (62nd), **Freddie Grounds** (104th), **Chris Belk** (130th), **Gaz Morris** (142nd) and **Chris Watson** (155th).

In the St Georges, seven members qualified for the second stage: **James Watson**, **Ant Ringer**, **Chris Watson**, **John Dorrington Ward**, **Gareth Morris**, **John Webster**, and **Ben Bullard**, with **Ant**, **James**, **John (Dorrington Ward)** and **Chris**, going on to make the final finishing 10th, 14th, 79th and 83rd respectively.

The Queens Prize had nine making the second stage: **James Watson**, **John Webster**, **Chris Watson**, **Ant Ringer**, **Freya Hinson**, **Ben Bullard**, **Alex Williams**, **Rob Bramwell** and **Simon Pattinson**. Of those, only three - **Chris**, **Ant** and **John** made it to the final with **Chris** finishing 10th only 6 V bulls behind the winner in an incredibly close final, in which the top eleven were separated by only 7 V bulls! **Ant** was 26th and **John** 44th.

The Club Championship has over the last few years been won by **Chris Watson** as the only member of the club to make both Georges and Queens Finals. 2008 saw a return to form for **Ant Ringer** and the battle for the Championship was between two of them. Going into the final, **Chris** was 24 points behind Ant - this gap was too much for Chris to close and despite him gaining two points, Ant retook the championship for the first time in 5 years. The table below shows the top five in the championship.

	Vets	Donegall	Lovell	Grand	Georges	Queens	Total
TA Ringer	49.6	49.3	40.2	681.77	148.18	292.29	1259.135
CJ Watson	50.2	46.2	40.2	665.75	143.13	294.30	1238.124
JGM Webster	50.7	48.3	44.2	676.66	73.10	289.29	1180.117
JA Watson	50.6	50.4	43.1	673.73	148.15	144.15	1108.114
F Hinson	49.5	45.2	35.0	644.45	-	146.16	985.70

In the counties and national matches, members made a significant contribution. The Northants Leicester and Rutland team which was made up of 50% Uppinghamians (**Chris Watson**, **Emma Cannings** and **James Watson**) were third 3 points behind the winners.

James Watson won his first Kolapore cap shooting for the successful GB team. **Ant Ringer** shot, **Nick Hinchliffe** main coached and **Freddie Grounds** was a reserve for the victorious English team in the National Match, while **Chris Watson** and **Gareth Morris** shot in the Welsh team. Two days later in the Mackinnon, **Simon Belither** captained the English team including **Nick Hinchliffe** as Main Coach and **Ant Ringer** as a target coach with **James Watson** shooting. **Chris Watson** shot and **Gareth Morris** coached in the Welsh team.

Gareth Morris made an appearance for the English Universities as a result of his MBA course at Cambridge who beat Scottish Universities. He also represented Cambridge in the Chancellors beating Oxford.

Following the Imperial Meeting in August, **John Webster** led the England team to the USA with **James Watson** as his Vice-Captain, **Nick Hinchliffe** as Main Coach and **Alex Williams** as a team member.

Earlier in the year, **Chris Watson** shot as a member of the GB team in the Protea Match which beat South Africa for the first time in nearly ten years on their home turf. A number of UVRC members returned to South Africa in 2009 as members of various Home Countries teams – details will appear in the 2009 review.

Already we can report that there are a number of UVRC members due to tour with national teams in future years. **John Webster** has been appointed Captain of the next GB Palma team (2011) and has selected **James Watson** as his Adjutant. At this stage we can report that there is significant Uppingham representation in the squad.

Ant Ringer, **Chris Watson** and **James Watson** are due to tour New Zealand in January 2010 as part of the GB team.

Isobel Stevenson and **Henry Ives** were both selected to tour to the Channel Islands with the NRA team in 2009. Given that both were leavers in only 2007, this shows the talent that Uppingham is still producing and how quickly it is possible to become involved in touring teams!

The School Team

Following a number of difficult years at the school, 2008 showed many signs of a turnaround. The mini range was reopened which will now allow pupils to try out shooting and bring them into the fullbore side of things in the summer terms. **Kevin Gladding** was appointed master in charge of shooting. Kevin comes from a .22 background and has been at the school for a number of years. What he lacks in fullbore experience however he more than makes up for in enthusiasm. Unfortunately the position of RSM was short lived and **Ian Cowan** left the school during 2008. We are happy to be able to report that a new RSM, **Graham Scott** has taken on the post and is a shooting supporter. Both Kevin and Graham attended the UVRC 50th anniversary event earlier this year (2009) along with a number of pupils.

At the end of the year, club members donated £5,000 in addition to the £1,000 the club agreed to donate to the school for the purchase of new .22 rifles that were to replace the aging relics. The Uppingham Foundation topped this up to approximately £10,000 and the rifles have been purchased and are being used by the pupils now.

As usual, OUs were on hand to assist the School during the July Meeting. This year, **Freya Hinson** led a team of **Henry Ives** and **Isobel Stevenson** both leavers from 2007. In the Ashburton they finished in 24th place out of 42 – the effects of not having the mini range showing despite the concentrated few days of learning and practice immediately before the Ashburton.

Uppingham's detailed scores are listed below:

<i>VIII</i>	<i>300x</i>	<i>500x</i>	<i>600x</i>	<i>Total</i>
A Lakhani	32.3	32.2	33.2	97.7
J Rowley	32.1	32.2	33.3	97.6
R Austin	29.2	30.1	35.3	94.6
K Lee	31.1	30.1	32.1	93.3
T Allthorpe-Mullis	31.2	29.1	26.0	86.3
H Hudson	28.0	33.1	25.0	86.1
H Treble	25.0	24.0	25.0	73.0
P Elcombe	10.0	18.0	15.0	43.0
	218.9	227.8	224.9	669.26
<i>Reserve</i>				
Miss F Barker	25	(18 th out of 24)		

Army District Shield (North)	3 rd out of 6
Cadet Four	Did not enter
Cadet Pair	Did not enter
Cheltenham Cup	Did not enter
Devon	17 th out of 31
The "Epsom" Trophy	17 th out of 22
Garry	13 th out of 70
Green Howards Country Life	20 th out of 25
Kinder	14 th out of 26
Lucas	9 th out of 12
Marling	Did not enter
Rutland	Did not enter
Schools Aggregate	Did not enter
Schools Snap shooting	Did not enter

Four members of the school (**Josh Rowley**, **Adam Lakhani**, **Theo Allthorpe-Mullins** and **George Jones**) took part in the Imperial meeting.

A SHORT HISTORY OF UPPINGHAM AND UVRC SHOOTING

Walter Brown

The National Rifle Association held its first Prize Meeting in 1860, and so will celebrate its 150th Anniversary one year after the UVRC celebrates its 50th. Uppingham has competed in NRA competitions almost since the beginning, but it has to be said immediately that the successes of the School and its Old Boys were somewhat limited until after the Second World War. Looking through the early results, up to 1945, individual successes by boys at the School appear to have been limited to three in the Spencer Mellish (then known as the Spencer Cup), one in the Sunday Time Gold Medal, one in the Gale & Polden and one in the Fry. The sole team success seems to have been in the Cadets in 1898. Old Boys fared rather better, with four individuals making a total of five appearances in the Final Stage of the King's Prize and three individuals making a total of seven appearances in international matches. No Old Boys' teams appear to have had any success.

This list has deliberately been kept impersonal, since most of the names would mean little to present members of UVRC. However one specifically should be mentioned – Ian (later Sir Ian) Wallace represented Cambridge University and shot in the King's Final in 1935 whilst still an undergraduate. Had he not pursued a very high powered business and political career it is almost certainly true to say that he would have become one of the top marksmen in the Country after WW2. Sadly Sir Ian died aged 93, just before the publication of this history but he retained his interest in all aspects of Uppingham and Old Uppinghamian shooting right to the end.

To divert for a moment from shooting, one of the winners of the Spencer Cup was F H Sheppee in 1893. Anyone who watched the Antiques Roadshow on BBC Television on 5 October 2003 would have seen a member of the public show a set of superbly illustrated envelopes addressed to F H Sheppee, c/o the Rev W Constable, Uppingham and postmarked 1889. The expert enthused over these but could shed no light on Sheppee, so I wrote to the BBC and they put the owner in touch with me – I could enlighten him a little on Sheppee's prowess with the rifle, and described his subsequent career (courtesy of the School Roll) in which he was very interested. I gather the School Archivist has also been in touch with him.

Immediately after WW2 things took a dramatic turn for the better. There were several reasons for this – first, the appointment of a headmaster (Martin Lloyd) who had himself shot in the Ashburton as a boy and who was an active supporter of School Shooting, even to the extent of appearing personally in the annual match between the School and the Headmaster's VIII; second, an influx of pupils of unusual ability with the rifle; third, the ability of Bill and Ernie Dalby as armourers; and fourth and most important, the arrival of Peter Godfrey on the Music Staff. David Hodgkinson as Commanding Officer of the CCF was officially in charge of shooting, but was delighted to have Peter as coach – having shot for England in the National Match in 1948 Peter immediately created a feeling of real enthusiasm for the sport. One of my very happy memories was in July 2006 when three senior members of UVRC (who had been in teams in Peter's days) together with their wives entertained Peter to lunch during one of his visits from New Zealand where he had gone (to pursue a most eminent career in music). Sadly he only stayed at Uppingham for two years, but his legacy lived on and his place was then taken by Paul Griffin, again an excellent and most enthusiastic shot in his own right. Subsequently Michael Pitt replaced David Hodgkinson and, although initially somewhat sceptical about shooting, soon became a real enthusiast. In due course Ian Bridges (OU) took over from Paul Griffin and continued his legacy. Mention should also be made of the RSMs in the CCF who were instrumental in keeping the teams "on the straight and narrow", and of Guy Messenger who was an excellent coach of small bore, sowing the first seeds of interest in many boys. Jumping ahead some years, shooting was given great support by Nicholas Bomford as Headmaster (a top class marksman himself) and Richard Boston as Commanding Officer of the CCF.

The School now began to win team events – the Marling in 1948 and again in 1952 and 1954, with high places in the Ashburton in 1948 and 1949. In 1953 there were nine pupils at Uppingham who in later years were to shoot in the Final of the Queen's Prize, six of whom appeared in that year's Ashburton VIII. Whilst it might be expected that this VIII (captained by the author of this history) would be all-conquering, it can only be reported that it was one of the most lowly placed since WW2! Perhaps there was some excuse in that the School rifles were becoming old and unreliable and almost beyond the ability even of the Dalby's to keep in good shooting order. The following year (by then with 'only' five future Queen's Finalists but with brand new rifles) the VIII was placed second – by far the highest position so far.

Old Boys also recorded significant individual successes, led by John Slocock who was one of the top marksmen in the country in the late 1940's/early 1950's, shooting in all the important international matches, winning the Grand Aggregate plus other major competitions in 1954 and only missing the King's/Queen's Final once in the period from 1948 to 1952. Hal Doyné-Ditmas, as a Cambridge undergraduate in the early 1950's (and Captain of the University team in 1954) shot in international matches and King's/Queen's Finals during this period. In team events, the Old Boys had their first significant success, winning the Whitgift Challenge Cup in 1948, although it has to be said that the team took advantage (quite legitimately) of an unusual clause in the rules. This allowed a school who only entered one team to nominate which of the three Veterans' trophies it competed for – John Slocock, as Captain, nominated his one and only team to shoot for the Whitgift Cup (theoretically for third teams). This was quite legal in 1948, but the rules were hastily changed for 1949! In 1954, by when pupils from the early post war years were beginning to qualify to shoot in the Veterans, the Old Boys recorded their first really successful year. They won the 'A' team and 'C' team competitions, plus the Veterans Aggregate (for the total of the 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams), plus the Lucas for the aggregate of the 'A' Team and the Ashburton. It might interest present competitors in the Veterans to know that the winning score for the 'A' Team in 1954 was 239, thus dropping 11 points – nowadays to win it is not uncommon to have to score a full 250 with a lot of V bulls. Whilst the successful 'A' team contained three post war Old Boys, it is interesting that the top scores were still made by the senior members, both John Slocock and Ian Wallace scoring 50.

As can be seen from the above 1954 probably marks the year in which Uppingham (both past and present) became a real force in shooting. With the benefit of the new rifles Uppingham at last won the Ashburton in 1957 (but by now with only one future Queen's Finalist in the team). John Szemerey achieved the hitherto unapproachable feat of scoring a "double possible" of 70 and thus won the Schools' Hundred Competition.

The Old Boys continued to benefit from excellent leavers and most years featured in at least one of the Veterans' team lists. However, this wealth of talent began to present some problems in team selection for the various Veterans' team competitions. After the OU's triumph on 1948 the rules for the Veterans' match were changed to say that if only one team was entered it must enter the 'A' team competition; if more than one team was entered the 'A' team had to be pre-nominated and subsequent teams had to be pre-selected but the highest scoring would automatically be the 'B' team, the next highest the 'C' team, and so on. John Slocock had captained the Old Boys admirably for many years, but was beginning to find it difficult to select teams since he had little knowledge of the ability of recent leavers. He also had a somewhat idiosyncratic approach to team selection, saying that his main target was to win the Aggregate competition ('A', 'B' and 'C' teams together) rather than the individual teams; hence he tended to pick the individual teams almost "at random". When we only produced fifteen competitors this had some logic, particularly when the form of the younger ones was not well known, although it minimised the probability of winning the individual team events. The problem came to a head in 1958 when over twenty OU's turned up to shoot in the Veterans. As a result of John's philosophy these were distributed over all teams (including a 'D' team) and nothing was won.

After the 1958 meeting several of those taking part realised that John would have to be given assistance in selection, and this could only come from recent leavers. Accordingly it was proposed that a selection committee comprising John plus two recent leavers should operate the following year, and from this relatively modest beginning the idea was born that a full scale formal Club for the Old Boys should be formed. It is difficult at this time to remember exactly how this began, but there is little doubt that two OU's (one very senior, and one a leaver from ten years previously) took the lead and carried out an enormous amount of work to ensure the formal and successful birth of the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club. These two members were "Perks" Allen, who had been in the School VIII at the end of the First World War and Steve Knox, who had captained the successful School VIII in 1949. Between them they successfully completed the formalities and at the newly formed UVRC's first AGM in 1960 were unanimously elected President and Hon Secretary respectively – functions they had carried out unofficially for some time. John Slocock was elected Captain, Christopher Belk Hon Treasurer and the Executive Committee was completed with the election of three members on an annual basis. From the beginning it was decided that the President and Captain should only hold office for a limited period – the President for three years and the Captain for two (subsequently increased to three). The Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer had to go on indefinitely until they found someone else willing to take over! It was also decided that Presidents, on their retirement from office, would continue to be members of the Executive Committee ex-officio for life. Some doubts were expressed about this, but most Past

Presidents voluntarily bow out if and when they feel they can contribute little more; others have continued to contribute into their eighties and are most welcome.

So the UVRC was off to a splendid start – many members had played important parts in its formation and apart from those mentioned above the Club would not have been the splendid institution it is without the help of, for instance, Ian Wallace and Pat Shea-Simonds (not least in leading the festivities at the bar after a successful shoot!).

Two other decisions were taken right at the beginning. The first was that of electing Honorary Members (who were not OU's, but who had contributed greatly to Uppingham Shooting). This Custom continues today, and those elected at the beginning were Martin Lloyd, Peter Godfrey, Paul Griffin, Michael Pitt, Bill and Ernie Dalby, and the past and present RSM's at the time – Messrs McKean and Wright. The second decision was to elect Temporary Honorary Members from the School leavers, on the recommendation of the Master i/c Shooting, and to help them with the expenses of continuing to shoot after leaving. Originally this temporary honorary membership had been for two years, subsequently increased in stages to four and now renamed (to comply with NRA Rules) "4 Year Honorary Membership".

The first report was published in 1960, and it lists a total of 43 ordinary members, of whom 12 are still on the Roll, 50 years later. With two exceptions the report has been produced annually ever since. The statistics make interesting reading; it is not the place here to go into these in great detail, but a few highlights are worth pointing out.

The membership has now increased to 94 Ordinary Members (Life or Annual), 16 Honorary Members and 8 "4 Year Honorary Members". In the 1960 report the list of "Principal Competitions won by Uppingham and Old Uppinghamians" took up half a page; in 2009 it takes up four full pages. In 1960 the list of "Old Uppinghamians who have shot in International Matches" took up half a page; in 2009 it takes up two full pages. In 1960, the list of Old Uppinghamians who have shot in King's or Queen's Finals contained 11 names with a total of 22 appearances; in 2009 it contains 32 names with a total of 172 appearances.

One question which is occasionally asked is "who is, or was, the greatest marksman ever?". It is an impossible question to answer, but I would think Arthur Fulton (not, of course, an OU) must be a strong contender. However I must put a personal view that UVRC has arguably produced the greatest marksmen of three separate decades – the 1970's, the 1980's and the 1990's.

In the 1970's Jimmy Spaight managed the unprecedented (and unlikely ever to be equalled) feat of winning the Bisley Grand Aggregate four times (1973, 75, 76 and 78), having previously won the St Georges Challenge Vase in 1965. He only missed the Final of the Queen's Prize once between 1971 and 1976, with a highest placing of second.

In the 1980's Simon Belither showed incredible consistency (and, indeed, still does) – winning the Grand Aggregate twice (1988 and 1989) and only missing out in the Queen's Final once (and indeed only once in the period from 1978 to 1994). He also won the St Georges Challenge Vase in 1982. Simon is well up in the total number of appearances in the Final (26 by 2008, only 2 behind the all time record of Arthur Fulton) and in the number of appearances in the top 50 of the Grand Aggregate (23 by 2008, jointly leading the highest ever count).

In the 1990's (if we can stretch a minor point to include 2001) Antony Ringer equalled the all-time record of winning the Queen's Prize three times (1992, 97 and 2001), with a second place and two third's as well and also won the St Georges Challenge Vase twice (1990 and 91).

In addition all the above won many other competitions and were virtually permanent members of all England and Great Britain National Teams during their decade (and frequently before and after). They also shot for England in the Commonwealth Games, winning a number of medals.

Another candidate for this "hall of fame" would have been Nick Crawshaw (Grand Aggregate in 1987) who sadly died in 2005 at the very early age of 41.

I would also suggest that Christopher Belk has proved to one of the most consistent marksmen ever over a long period, exemplified by 14 appearances in the Queen's Final over a period of 47 years (1958 to 2005). He is still, in his early seventies, easily good enough to become one of a very elite group of, I think, three who have managed to appear in King's/Queen's Finals over a period of 50 or more years.

He would no doubt have had many more appearances if he had not worked abroad for several years in his prime.

Coming to the 2000's, there have been so many new competitors of the highest standard coming into the sport that it is difficult to single out any one; suffice it to say that UVRC now has many contenders right up there with the best.

In recent years several members of UVRC have been honoured by the Captaincy of National teams – Simon Belither, John Webster, Nicholas Hinchliffe, Simon Pattinson and Robin Pizer have all captained teams in major International matches. When Nicholas is not captaining or shooting in teams he is in great demand as a coach. Perhaps Robin Pizer's record is the most remarkable; whilst a top Match Rifle shot (particularly through the 1980's when he won the Hopton Aggregate in 1980 and regularly shot for England in the Elcho), I hope he will forgive me in saying that his record in Target Rifle shooting is by comparison relatively modest; however he has not only captained England in both the main Target Rifle matches (the National and Mackinnon) but is due to complete a hat trick in 2009 by captaining Great Britain in the Kolapore. He will also have to combine this with his latest appointment as Chairman of the NRA!

Mention should be made of a team event which began in 1959 – Marlborough, rather fancying themselves, issued a challenge to any other School to a match on the members' scores in the Bisley Grand Aggregate. Only UVRC took them up – and won! Thus was born the Marlingham Trophy which for many years was run by the previous year's winners; only the founder members – Marlborough and Uppingham – could modify the rules, but the competition became so popular, with many other schools entering, that the NRA has now taken it over. In other team events, UVRC appeared many times in the prize lists of the Veterans' trophies, although it took the Club 22 years – until 1976 – to win the 'A' Team competition a second time. However, success then came more often – the 'A' Team won again in 1980, 83, and 88 after which there was another lull until 2003. The other teams also won a number of times; not infrequently the selected 'C' team beat the selected 'B' team and thus was promoted by the rules of the competition to 'B' – and actually won the 'B' team competition in 2005. The demoted 'B' team also won the 'C' team competition in the same year. Not surprisingly, the three teams together won the Aggregate. UVRC teams often enter competitions during the Bisley Meeting which are open to all clubs, and have a good number of successes.

Enough of the Club – what of the School? Success continued under Ian Bridges, and then, in 1968, Simon Pattinson, who had shot in the winning 1957 Ashburton VIII, joined the Staff. Consistent and substantial success followed, with further Ashburton wins in 1969, 76, 78, 81, 82 and 95. The steady flow of leavers who attained the highest standards in international events was due entirely to Simon, who of course was – and still is – a marksman of the very highest calibre. As well as this the School and Club combined to win the Lucas, for the aggregate of Ashburton and Veterans 'A' Team, on many occasions. Since Simon retired in 1999 his legacy lives on, but the School finds it increasingly difficult to finance anyone approaching his class to take on a permanent role of Shooting Master, although members of UVRC have managed this from time to time on a limited basis. The Club has recently, largely as a result of a magnificently generous gift from Simon Wall, been able to help in a significant way, and it is to be hoped that we can continue to do so in the future.

The School and UVRC have also been fortunate in generous donations of trophies for competitions amongst members. Since UVRC was formed, the President presents a medal annually for competition by present members of School Teams, awarded in the recommendation of the Master i/c Shooting, and in 2000 the Watson Family presented a Cup to be awarded to the most improved performer in the School. Since 1977 a Club Championship, open to both School and Club, has been instituted; suffice it to say that in the 1980's and 90's this almost became a private competition between Simon Belither and Antony Ringer, although in the 2000's it has become rather more "open".

So – What have been the major changes in the fifty years of the Club's existence? Probably the most notable is the incredible rise in standards and scores. To highlight two instances – when John Slocock won the Grand Aggregate in 1954 he scored 554 (out of a possible total in these days of 605). Now it is necessary to get close to 700 (out of 705) to have a hope. In the Queen's Final in the 1950's, scores of 280 (out of 300) were rare; now 280 would frequently be near to the bottom score in the Final, and to win it is usually necessary to score in the high 290's – and totally impossible score fifty years ago. When Antony Ringer won the Queen's for the second time, in 1997, he scored 299, a previously unheard of score but which was overtaken in the next year with one competitor making a full 300; this has since

been achieved again. So, what is the reason for this? Undoubtedly the enormous improvement in equipment (rifles and ammunition) is the main one, but so also is the more serious attitude taken by competitors, including improvements in coaching, much of which is due to organised Clubs such as UVRC.

UVRC's 50th Anniversary thus finds us in the best of health and fulfilling one of the roles we had always seen for ourselves – helping the School in a substantial way. Floreat UVRC!

All previous reports are available as a single indexed PDF file. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy should contact James Watson (07787 154 671 or james@watsonhome.co.uk)

Uppingham School CCF 1978 Shooting Teams Photograph



Back row left to right: RSM H Colton, Cdt NC Crawshaw, Cpl MI Ellison, CSM AW Monteith, Cpl MV Knauf, CSM SD Oliver, Miss JE Martin, CSM AJ Lee, 2Lt SJ Pattinson

Middle row left to right seated: Cpl SJ Noble, Cpl MV Doyne-Ditmas, Sgt JN Thorp, Cpl J Dorrington-Ward, U/O D Mathieson, U/O IN Whitehead, Cpl JB Hull

Front row wings: Cdt RJS Curtis, Sgt WH Clayton

Trophies: Ashburton Shield

Snap Unlimited, Cadets Pistol, The Kinder, Allhallows Salver, Spencer Mellish, The Rutland

OBITUARY – Sir Ian J Wallace CBE

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Sir Ian Wallace on 14 May 2009. As can be seen from reading the brief history of School and Club Shooting, he had been a stalwart supporter all his life, despite pursuing a most successful business career and being very active in politics in the West Midlands over many years.

It was clear early on that Ian was a marksman of unusual ability – he represented Cambridge University against Oxford, and shot in the Final Stage of the King's Prize in 1935 as an undergraduate. Unfortunately for shooting, his active participation was much reduced by his business career and, of course, from 1939 by the war, in which he served with distinction. He had been commissioned in the RNVF before the war and trained as a fighter pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. During the height of the Battle of Britain, he was one of fifty-five trained pilots transferred from the Fleet Air Arm to the hard-pressed RAF at Churchill's request and he found himself flying Spitfires with 74 Squadron. As the situation improved, he was summoned to the Admiralty and told he must decide whether he wished to continue his career with the RAF or return to the Royal Navy. He chose the latter and ended the war as Lieutenant-Commander OBE.

After the war he returned to his business career, but managed to find time in most years to shoot for the Old Uppinghamians in the Veterans Match, almost invariably making a very high score; the best moment came in 1954 when he made 50 (in those days quite a rare achievement) to help Uppingham to its first ever win in the main competition for 'A' teams.

This led to a degree of folklore about his performance in the Veterans' Match, most of which is absolutely true. It is worth mentioning one regular occurrence during the Veterans match in the 1960's and 70's. He continued in much the same vein as in 1954 – seldom dropping below 49 despite the fact that business commitments meant that it was frequently his only shoot of the year. The wiser captains continued to place him in the 'A' team, although one year one said "surely he can't go on doing this" and dropped him to 'B'. Sure enough Ian produced his usual score whilst the "young tiger" in the 'A' team replacing him scored 46! Ian's arrival was usually spectacular – with shooting due to begin at 5.15, at around 4.30 someone would rush out from the North London Rifle Club to say "I have received a message from Mr Wallace's Secretary to say that he has just left his office in Coventry but he'll be with you in time to shoot". Sure enough, in these pre-70mph limit days, at around 5.15 a very hot E-Type Jaguar would draw up behind the 600 yard firing point, Ian would get out, still in his business suit, and score his usual 49 or 50. Hence the statement in the history that "had he not pursued a very high powered business and political career it is almost certainly true to say that he would have become one of the top marksmen in the Country after WW2". Ian continued to score bulls well into the 1980's but unfortunately they would occasionally be on his next door neighbour's target – one of the first problems with gradually declining eyesight.

He was always a very keen and generous supporter of UVRC, serving as President from 1967 to 1969 and even after giving up active participation he always sent his best wishes before every Bisley Meeting and wanted to know how we had fared.

His successful business and political careers will have been described elsewhere; suffice it to say that they earned him a CBE and, in 1982, a knighthood. In celebrating his life, we send our sincere sympathy to his family on their loss.

There will be a Memorial Service at St Eadburghar, Broadway at 3 p.m. on Friday 9th October 2009, followed by a reception nearby. All enquiries should be addressed to Alexander Burn, Evesham Tel 01386 49903.

Hall of Fame

The table below details the past records of HPS recorded by Club members in the Imperial Meeting over the last 12 years. From next year, this table will only show HPSs from 1998 when the 155 grain bullet was introduced.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
A Ringer	10	5	8	4	13	8	7	5	3	5	4	1	73
S Belither	7	4	4	7	11	7	6	3	7	3	3		62
J Webster	3	4	6	6	5	10	6	-	2	3	3	3	51
J Watson	2	1	2	5	4	5	3	4	2	3	3	9	43
G Morris	1	-	-	1	3	6	5	4	1	2	5		28
C Watson	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	3	3	6	4	5	27
C Belk	-	3	1	3	5	3	3	2	3	-	2		25
N Harvey	8	1	4	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-		19
A Williams	-	-	3	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	13
N Hinchliffe	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	1	-		10
S Pattinson	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	9
S Osmond	1	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		7
B Bullard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4		6
A Grounds	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-		5
RE Clarke	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	5
S Merton-Jones	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1		4
A Scattergood	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-		4
J Lee	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2
D Mathieson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2
F Hinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
A Fyfe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		1
C Kelsey	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
I Stevenson												1	1
J Dorrington Ward												1	1
R Pizer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
Total	36	29	32	35	51	51	32	24	24	27	33	25	402

In the NRA Hall of Fame, **Simon Belither** has now been passed by Paul Kent in the appearances in the Queen's Final (1 behind with 26). He has also been caught by Paul and Glyn Barnett in those who have finished in the top 25 of the St Georges with a total of 12 appearances. He also still holds the top slot in the all-time top 50 of the Grand aggregate with 23 appearances, matched by Danny Coleman.

Apology and Thanks

The Editor would like to apologise for the late publication of the report this year. This has been due to lack of time caused by too many other (mainly shooting) commitments. For the next report he is looking for a volunteer to write the review of the year. Following various requests, a number of members have come forward (or been gently persuaded) with material for the report this year for which he is very grateful. He is also grateful to **Walter Brown** and **John Webster** for proof reading this publication.

The Veterans Match

Those who have shot in the Veterans Match for Uppingham since 1998. Shading denotes A Team.

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Avg
Stevenson I											50 8	50.00
Ives H											50 5	50.00
Ringer TA	50 7	50 9	49 7	49 8	50 6	50 6	49 6	50 6	50 8	50 8	49 6	49.64
Watson JA	50 9	49 9	50 7	50 6	49 8	50 6	49 7	49 4	50 9	50 8	50 6	49.64
Webster JGM	50 5	49 5	49 5	49 5	49 8	50 4		49 6	50 6	48 4	50 7	49.30
Morris GE		49 8			50 4		49 4	49 4	50 5	50 5	48 2	49.29
Belither S	49 6	50 4	49 7	49 5	49 5	50 7	49 6	49 6		47 4		49.00
Scattergood A					50 8	50 4	48 5		49 8	47 4		48.80
Belk CTS		49 6	46 4		50 5	49 7	48 4	49 6		50 8	49 5	48.75
Watson CJ	48 4	50 7	49 7	49 6	48 4	49 7	49 7	46 2	48 3	49 7	50 2	48.64
Williams AA	49 4	48 5	50 8	47 3	48 5			47 4	49 5	49 8	50 9	48.56
Harvey NE	50 7							47 4				48.50
Adams TRC	50 6	48 6	49 5	46 3		50 5	47 4					48.33
Mathieson D	50 6	48 6		47 5	44 2	48 4	46 4	50 6	50 3	48 5	47 6	47.80
Hinchliffe PN	49 5	48 5		40 3	50 4	49 5	49 3	49 9	48 4	48 5		47.78
Yates B								48 6	49 7	48 3	46 3	47.75
Pattinson SJ	50 6	48 6	48 5	47 3	50 4		47 3	46 2	46 3	46 3	48 5	47.60
Clarke RE						46 4	48 5	49 4	47 4			47.50
Grounds ADE	44 2	49 4	49 6	47 5	50 6	47 6	46 6					47.43
Hinson F								47 4	46 5	47 5	49 5	47.25
Bullard B					48 5	46 3	42 3	48 3	49 7	49 6	47 4	47.00
Clark ASJ	46 3	47 0	48 5									47.00
Fyfe A					49 4	45 1			47 4			47.00
Kelsey CP	46 7	49 6	46 4	45 2	48 4	44 2			47 3	50 6		46.88
Cannings EJ	48 4	44 1			44 3					49 9	49 6	46.80
Dorrington-Ward J							44 1	48 5	49 7		45 3	46.50
Symington DI				45 3			48 4					46.50
Merton Jones SA	48 3	46 2		44 0		48 2	45 3	47 5	49 6	44 3	47 2	46.44
Brown CW	45 1		48 3	46 3	46 3	45 1	47 4	47 4		46 1	47 1	46.33
Bramwell R											46 3	46.00
Griffiths N											46 2	46.00
Humphrey JCB	43 2	48 3	47 3	48 3	47 3	45 3	43 1	42 0	46 1	49 5	47 4	45.91
Harris J										47 4	44 1	45.50
Pizer R	45 3	48 6	45 3	45 2	45 3	45 3		45 1	45 1	46 4	43 1	45.20
Haywood G											45 2	45.00
Clarke LMH		42 0			47 2							44.50
Fry W						43 1	46 4					44.50
Wertheimer JS		43 2				43 2						43.00
Callingham W										43 2		43.00
Royle JAC			44 2			41 1						42.50
Doyne-Ditmas HG		40 1			45 1		41 2					42.00
Alliston N								42 2				42.00
Williams CC		39 2	43 2		45 4	43 0	42 0	40 2	40 1			41.71
Hinson B					44 2			38 1	40 0	44 1		41.50
Maine P											41 1	41.00
Prideau A					36 0			33 0				34.50
Count of shooters	19	23	17	17	25	23	22	25	22	24	25	

UVRC Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008

Income and Expenditure Account

Income	Notes	2008	2007
		£	£
Subscriptions		809	1,017
Donations		306	160
Club BBQ		324	496
Club ties		80	60
Loan	1	200	-
Donation of rifle	2	1	-
Match fees		265	-
National Savings interest		472	561
		<u>2,457</u>	<u>2,294</u>
Expenditure			
Bisley entry fees		504	435
Refund of Bisley entry fees to eligible members		80	107
NRA Affiliation fee (includes insurance)		260	242
Printing of club report	3	-	-
Club BBQ & room hire		406	496
Cost of ties sold in year		45	34
Donation to Uppingham Foundation		1,000	-
Match fees		308	-
Disposal of two rifles	4	2	-
President's medals presented		-	1
Repayment of loan	1	200	-
Club equipment	5	861	-
Home Office approval		14	14
Bank charges		-	8
		<u>3,680</u>	<u>1,337</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>(1,223)</u>	<u>957</u>

Notes

1. The Treasurer made a free loan to the club whilst awaiting a transfer from the savings account.
2. Aniela Scattergood donated a rifle to the club. Whilst this is shown at £1 to avoid the unnecessary depreciation calculation, its insurance value is approximately £1,000.
3. The school again paid for the report printing (line kept in since this might not always be the case).
4. Two rifles were disposed of over 10 years ago but not reflected in the assets. They had no value..
5. The club rifles were serviced and one had a new barrel fitted.
6. NRA Affiliation includes insurance and spans April to April.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

Assets		2008	2007
		£	£
Rifles (3 at £1 nominal value)		3	4
Stock of club ties at cost (37)		206	251
Stock of President's medals at cost		-	-
Club trophy		12	12
Prepaid Home Office approval		28	42
Prepaid NRA affiliation and insurance	6	66	61
Cash at bank		644	684
National Savings Investment Account		13,190	14,318
		<u>14,149</u>	<u>15,372</u>
Creditors			
Sundry creditors		-	-
		<u>14,149</u>	<u>15,372</u>
Net Assets		<u>14,149</u>	<u>15,372</u>
Accumulated Reserve			
Balance as at 1st January 2008		15,372	14,415
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		(1,223)	957
Balance as at 31st December 2008		<u>14,149</u>	<u>15,372</u>

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

SA Metron Jones (President), JA Watson (Treasurer)

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 2008 prepared from the accounting records maintained by the Treasurer and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

J A D Mumby FCA
2 February 2009

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2008

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting Of The Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club Held At The HAC, Bisley Camp On 17th July 2008.

Present:

N Hinchliffe (President), JA Watson (Hon. Treasurer), CP Kelsey (Hon Secretary), C Watson (Captain), D Mathieson (Firearms Officer), BE Bullard (Elected Member), AA Williams (Elected Member), JS Knox, CW Brown, C Belk, KC Meldrum, Dr R Pizer, SJ Pattinson, JCB Humphrey, S Belither and approximately 20 members

Apologies:

GE Morris (Elected Member), HGTP Doyne-Ditmas, TRC Adams, ADE Grounds, C Williams, N Griffiths

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes of the AGM of 19th July 2007 were published in the Club Report. One adjustment was necessary, in item 5 of the AGM 2007 minutes the shooting coach was referred to as 'Rick Shoulder', whereas the name of the coach should have read 'Rick Shouler'. The rest of the minutes were accepted as a reasonable record of that meeting. There were no other objections and the minutes were proposed by S Belither and seconded by S Merton-Jones.

Carried

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM AND ECM

An update on the shooting staff at Uppingham School was given. Kevin Gladding was presented as the new master in charge of shooting and Ian Cowan as the new RSM. Both were welcomed to the AGM by the president.

3. CLUB REPORT

James Watson presented the club report and The President thanked James for writing it. One error was noted from page 26 of the 2008 report in that the year of 2004 was incorrectly used in the paragraph on the Donegall Badge, where the correct year was 2007.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts, printed in the Club Report, have been inspected by a qualified accountant and were presented by the Honorary Treasurer. The accounts show a profit for the year due largely to the collection of unpaid subscriptions and the increase in the interest rate, increasing the interest earned on the club savings account. There was also a correction required to the club inventory as the club currently owns 2 rifles and not 4.

Donations and gifts for this year had been received from W St G Cazalet, J Dorrington Ward, RE Kenward, SJ Pattinson, PN Hinchliffe, JGM Webster and D Mathieson. The club thanked them for their contributions. The Treasurer's report was proposed by C Watson and seconded by D Mathieson.

Carried

5. CLUB 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

UVRC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009. The club will be organising a weekend at Bisley in April or May 2009, consisting of at least a shoot and a dinner. A Scattergood will liaise with the school for dates that the school team will be able to attend and will send details out as soon as they are confirmed. The Headmaster and the Director of Games should also be invited.

Action: A Scattergood

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008/2009

N Hinchliffe retired as club president and proposed S Merton-Jones as the new president. S Merton-Jones agreed and the proposal was seconded by J Watson and carried. N Hinchliffe will remain on the executive committee of the club as a past president. N Hinchliffe proposed the remaining members of the committee and this was seconded by J Webster.

<u>President:</u>	Stephen Merton-Jones
<u>Captain:</u>	Chris Watson
<u>Honorary Secretary:</u>	Chris Kelsey
<u>Honorary Treasurer:</u>	James Watson
<u>Firearms Secretary:</u>	David Mathieson
<u>Elected Members of the Committee:</u>	Ben Bullard, Gareth Morris and Alex Williams
<u>All Elections of Officers Carried</u>	

10. AWARDS

Awards. This year's awards were presented by the President, the Watson Cup was presented by Chris Watson:

<u>President's Tankard.</u>	Josh Rowley.
<u>Donegall Badge.</u>	Isobel Stevenson.
<u>Club Championship Trophy (2007).</u>	Chris Watson.
<u>The Watson Cup.</u>	Theo Allthorpe Mullis.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Honorary Membership for Jeannie Pattinson. In recognition of her long service to the club and its members the president proposed that Jeannie Pattinson should be given honorary membership of the club. There was great approval from the members and the proposal was seconded by JS Knox.
Carried

Presidents Medals. The last of Presidents Medals was presented in 2007. It was proposed that the award should now take the form of a tankard. Hon Sec was to look into the various options.
Action: Honorary Secretary

Small Bore Rifles. The small bore rifles at the school need replacing in order for shooting to remain safe and for the school team to remain competitive. Anschütz rifles cost in the region of £900 without sights or £1250 in total. There are 8 lanes in the school range and so the school is looking for 8 new rifles. The Uppingham Foundation had stated that it will match any donations made by the club. It was generally agreed that the club should write to members to ask for specific donations towards new rifles. There was a general view that the club should guarantee funds for 4 rifles and if individual donations did not cover the necessary amount that the club would subsidise the amount from the savings fund.

Position of Under 25 Club Captain Freya Hinson raised the idea of promoting under 25 shooting at the club by establishing the position of an Under 25 Captain. J Watson proposed a new position of Under 25 Club Captain, and seconded by N Hinchliffe.
Carried

Proposal of new Under 25 Captain E Cannings proposed Freya Hinson to fill the new position of Under 25 Captain and was seconded by D Mathieson.
Carried

OU London Dinner N Hinchliffe will be the speaker at the 2009 London OU dinner and club members were urged to attend.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

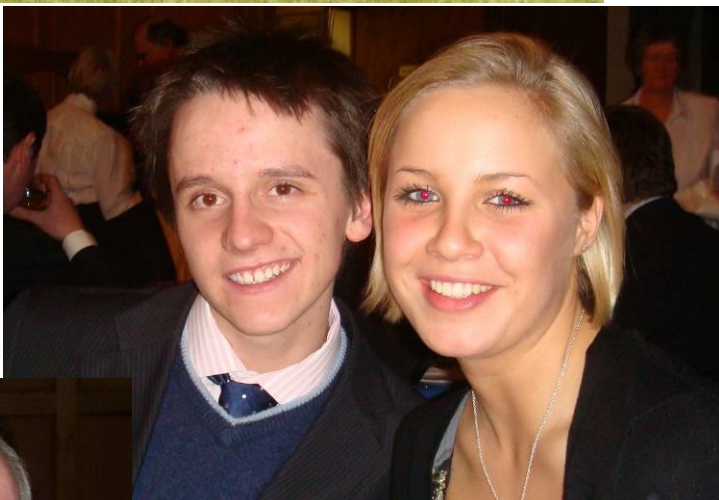
(Below): Cadet shooting as it is now – cadet uniform appears less of a requirement!



Josh Rowley and
Isobel Stevenson at
the March Dinner

(below left) Stephen
Merton Jones, our new
President

(below right) Alex
Williams and his guest
Mia Pearson





(Above) Robin Pizer awaiting the start of the Counties Short.



(Right) John Webster on his buggy

(Below) Nick Hinchliffe on his way towards another victory.



THE 2009 BISLEY MEETING

The 2009 meeting will be held in the middle two weeks of July. The Match Rifle weekend commences 11th July and members should note that the Veterans match will be on Thursday 16th July 2009 and the Queen's Final on the 25th July.

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.

PRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT

Members of the club may be aware that in the past this report has been copied by the school and then sent out by the Secretary and / or report editor. This year the editor would like to note that **Nicola Tyers** in the OU office has taken on the printing and posting of the individual letters and reports that you have received. On behalf of the club, the editor would like to pass on our thanks.

DATES FOR 2009

50th Anniversary event. An event was held at Bisley on 25th / 26th April comprising of a mixture of shooting events followed by dinner. A full report will appear in the 2010 Report.

Purples Match. A team of 8 firers to be shot on the 26th April.

Ashburton and Veterans Match. Thursday 16th July at Bisley. The final range of the Ashburton (500 yards as they shoot it out of order) will be shot in the afternoon so if any veterans want to come along and support, they would be very welcome. The Veterans will 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.

In recent years, the Club has entered teams in the **Opening Shot**, the **Parting Shot** as well as representing the County in the **Astor**. If anyone is interested in shooting any of these competitions, please notify the Club Captain.

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 2008 (F Class RG)	JA Sloccock JS Spaight NC Crawshaw S Belither PN Hinchliffe
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 2008 (F Class RG)	S Belither A Ringer PN Hinchliffe
The 'Alexandra'	1978 1985, 2006 2007, 08 (F Class RG)	JS Spaight S Belither PN Hinchliffe
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 2006	JS Spaight S Belither TA Ringer
The 'Conan Doyle'	1976 2005	CTS Belk JA Watson
The Conway Fenton Memorial Cup'	1980	NC Crawshaw
The 'Corporation'	1983 2007, 08 (F Class RG)	RJS Curtis PN Hinchliffe
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	SJ Pattinson
	2001	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
	2007 (F Class RG)	PN Hinchliffe
The 'Duke of Cambridge'	1975, 2002	C T S Belk
	1976	JS Spaight
	1990	TA Ringer
	2004	S Belither
The 'Dulwich Challenge Cup'	1956,60,72,74,78,84,92,	UVRC B Team
	2003	
	2005	UVRC C 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
	2008	JA and CJ Watson
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, 2002, 03, 08	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 'Howard Wilkinson'	2007	JGM Webster
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,	Uppingham
	78-80,82,83,95, 2004	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,	UVRC
	79,81,97, 2002-4, 07	
The 'Martin Parr Aggregate'	1990	KC Meldrum

The 'Monday Aggregate'	1973	JS Spaight
	1987	NC Crawshaw
	2007	JA Watson
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
	2006	CJ Watson
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, 78,84-86,2005,06	UVRC
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, 2001, 02	Uppingham
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 Doynne-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, 03,04,06	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, 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, 2007	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
	2006, 2007	JA Watson
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, 78,84-86, 2006	UVRC C Team
	2005	UVRC B Team
The 'Wimbledon SR/TR'	1952	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas
	1958	KC Meldrum
	1967,73	JS Spaight
	1984	S Belither
	1993	TA Ringer
	2008 (F Class RG)	PN Hinchliffe
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 Slocock	Gt Britain	1970
	JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1970,71
	JA Watson	Gt Britain	2007
EMPIRE or AUSTRALIA MATCH	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1999,03
	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
AMERICA MATCH	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1987,2001
	GE Morris	Gt Britain	2006
	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	2002,04 (Captain)
		England	2008 (Captain)
	JA Watson	Gt Britain	2004,06
		England	2008
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	2000-02,2005-08
	SJ Pattinson	England	1961,67,82,2007 (Captain)
	R Pizer	England	1990 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1993,95,97,98,2001,02,08
	JA Slocock	England	1951,54,55,59,64
	JS Spaight	England	1961,64,66,69,72-78,84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-08
	JA Watson	England	1996,2004,06
	JGM Webster	England	1989,2000,02
	HD Welch	Ireland	1937-39

MACKINNON MATCH	S Belither	England	1979,86-90,95,97, 2008 (Captain)
	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	2000-07
	R Pizer	England	1991 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1992-97,99,2000,01,03-07
	JA Slocock	England	1954,55,58-60,70
	JS Spaight	England	1968-80,82-84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-08
	JA Watson	England	2007, 08
	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),01,04
	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
	TA Ringer	Great Britain	1993,95-97,2000,01,03
	JA Slocock	Mother Country	1954
	JS Spaight	Mother Country	1964,66,68,73-79
	JA Watson	Great Britain	2008
	JGM Webster	Great Britain	2000, 2006 (Captain)
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	1996,99,2008
	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 COMMONWEALTH GAMES	JS Spaight	England	1974 (Bronze)
	JS Spaight	England	1978 (Silver)
	NC Crawshaw	England	1986
	S Belither	England	1990 (Gold in Pairs)
	TA Ringer	England	1994 (Silver in Pairs),1998
	GE Morris	Wales	2006

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The editor would like to include full international representation including the tours members have been selected for. He would like to hear from anyone who is prepared to take on the task of preparing the lists (or even one of them!). He proposes the following categories: "Uppinghamians who have been selected for overseas touring teams", "Uppinghamians who have been officials of international teams", "Uppinghamians who have coached international teams". This would provide us with a complete list of international representation for our archives.

**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 (1952-2007)**

Name	No. of Times	Year(s) in Final
S Belither	26	1978-88,90-94,96-2005
TA Ringer	16	1988,91-99,2001-04,06,08
CTS Belk	14	1958-62,66,74,80,91,92,98,2000,01,05
NE Harvey	11	1984,87,90,91,93,95-97,99,2002,05
SJ Pattinson	11	1958,62,67,71,76,81,82,86,87,93,95
JS Spaight	11	1960,62,64-66,68,71,73-76
JGM Webster	10	1979,87-89,97,99,2002,03.06,08
KC Meldrum	8	1963-66,68,69,71,76
PN Hinchliffe	7	1980,83,86,87,90,93,96
JA Slocock	7	1948,49,51,52,58,63,70
NC Crawshaw	6	1985,87-90,92
CJ Watson	6	2000,01,04,06-08
JA Watson	5	1999-2002,04
RJS Curtis	4	1983,87,89,97
HGT P Doyne-Ditmas	4	1951,52,55,57
SJV Osmond	3	1994,96,98
CW Brown	3	1958,60,73
JD Lee	2	1996,98
T Kelsey	2	1975,76
BDA Etches	2	1937,47
K Nicholson	2	1922,23
SA Merton Jones	2	1972,2006
A Scattergood	1	2002
Joanne Martin	1	1979
JCB Humphrey	1	1978
AS Everett	1	1963
RL Pilling	1	1957
JG Bannister	1	1955
PJM Smith	1	1955
TMH Satterthwaite	1	1949
Sir Ian J Wallace	1	1935
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 55 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	1988	S Belither	1999	S Belither
1978	S Belither	1989	JGM Webster	2000	S Belither
1979	S Belither	1990	S Belither	2001	TA Ringer
1980	CTS Belk	1991	TA Ringer	2002	JGM Webster
1981	S Belither	1992	TA Ringer	2003	TA Ringer
1982	S Belither	1993	SJ Pattinson	2004	JA Watson
1983	S Belither	1994	TA Ringer	2005	S Belither
1984	S Belither	1995	TA Ringer	2006	CJ Watson
1985	S Belither	1996	TA Ringer	2007	CJ Watson
1986	S Belither	1997	S Belither	2008	TA Ringer
1987	NC Crawshaw	1998	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	1977	D Mathieson	1993	ADE Grounds
1962	WDG Handyside	1978	J Dorrington-Ward	1994	GE Morris
1963	AR Welply	1979	NMV Doyne-Ditmas	1995	AM Wilkinson
1964	PJ Taylor	1980	NC Crawshaw	1996	CP Kelsey
1965	TW Forsyth	1981	R Curtis	1997	AA Williams
1966	GS Wright	1982	NC Crawshaw	1998	JS Wertheimer
1967	PJ Hotson	1983	NE Harvey	1999	F Medlycott
1968	EDM Dowden	1984	TA Ringer	2000	A Scattergood
1969	PA Bellamy	1985	CL Dunlop	2001	B Bullard
1970	JD Middleton-Walker	1986	JD Lee	2002	N Jenkins
1971	SA Merton Jones	1987	NJM Royle	2003	W Fry
1972	AP Ashworth	1988	RFJ Brown	2004	N Alliston
1973	PA Whittington	1989	C Carter Shaw	2005	A Bolton-King
1974	JFR Ballantine	1990	SJV Osmond	2006	H Smeedon
1975	PN Hinchliffe	1991	WND Clifton	2007	I Stevenson
1976	S Belither	1992	JA Watson	2008	J Rowley

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. 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 2008 was Isobel Stevenson.

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	2003	G Asplin	2006	I Stevenson
2001	J Dixon	2004	L Schuller and H Ives	2007	R Austen
2002	N Alliston	2005	J Rowley	2008	T Mullis

NRA 'X' and 'A' CLASS, 2008-9

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, the second is class 'A'. 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' are listed below, together with the number of competitions in which they qualified:

	Name:	2006	2007	2008
X:	S Belither	X1,A1	A1	
	GE Morris	A1	X1	A1
	TA Ringer	A2	X1	X3
	JA Watson	X1,A1	X1	X1,A1
	JGM Webster	X1,A1	A1	X2
	CJ Watson	X1,A2	X1,A2	X1, A1
	ADE Grounds		X1	A1
	BE Bullard	A1	X1,A1	
A:	CTS Belk		A1	A1
	RE Clarke		A1	
	SA Merton Jones	A1		
	J Dorrington-Ward			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*

#* TRC Adams
 NBG Alliston
 Miss EG Asplin
 #* DAR Ballantine
 # JFR Ballantine
 *b S Belither (GC2, SM)
 #* CTS Belk (SC)
 # PA Bellamy
 *b CW Brown
 b BE Bullard
 b GC Burton
 b W Callingham
 * Miss EJ Cannings
 *b C Carter Shaw
 G Catchpole
 *b WStG Cazalet
 b GHC Christopherson
 * RE Clarke
 J Dixon
 *b J Dorrington Ward
 *b HGTP Doyle-Ditmas CB
 * CL Dunlop
 # AS Everett
 b TEF Frankland
 * W Fry
 b AGM Fyfe
 # NR Griffiths
 * ADE Grounds
 # RL Haes
 *b WFN Harpham
 *b NE Harvey
 TCL Harvey
 b G Haywood
 * PN Hinchliffe QC
 b Miss B Hinson
 Miss FM Hinson
 *b JVW Hough
 *b JCB Humphrey
 JAG Hurden
 N Jenkins
 # CJ Jewitt
 Miss CR Johnson
 *b CP Kelsey
 # PA Kelsey
 Dr T Kelsey
 SRE Kemp
 b Prof RE Kenward
 #* JS Knox
 b RAC Laville
 b JD Lee
 *b D Mathieson
 P Mayne
 # Major AMD McKechnie
 *b KC Meldrum CB
 *b SA Merton Jones
 *b GE Morris
 Miss RC Moule

HM Neal CBE
b S Noble
* SJV Osmond
NR Page
#* SJ Pattinson
RL Pilling
*b Dr R Pizer
b C Raeder
Miss MCH Reffell
* TA Ringer (GM3, SM, SC)
b JAC Royle
NJM Royle
TJH Rushworth
* Miss A Scattergood
Miss L Schuller
#* GCP Shea-Simonds
GSE Shea-Simonds
#* RAB Shea-Simonds
LJ Stevens LVO MBE
* DI Symington
#* J Szemerey
b DRJ Taylor
Dr PJ Taylor
Major AM Tippet
H Wade
SM Wall
#* JC Wardale
*b CJ Watson
*b JA Watson
*b JGM Webster
JS Wertheimer
NPL Whipp
*b AA Williams
CC Williams
BM Wilson
b RHB Winter
* BH Yates

Honorary Members

EGC Allanby
NR Bomford
RAS Boston
H Colton
SG Dewhurst
Prof PDH Godfrey CBE
P Griffin MBE
Mrs F Kelsey
Mrs J Pattinson
MW Pitt
Rev JC Royds
Dr JTC Sellick
TC Swinfen
PSC Warren
PJ Willmott
Dr SC Winkley

4 Year Honorary Members

2006-2009 (Inclusive)

A Bolton-King

2007-2010 (Inclusive)

Miss JE Harris

H Smeeden

2008-2011 (inclusive)

R Bramwell

HCG Ives

Miss IRJD Stevenson

2009-2012 (inclusive)

Miss F Barker

J Rowley

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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

Tom Adams

Edward Allanby

Georgie Asplin

David Ballantine

Simon Belither

Chris Belk

Paul Bellamy

Robert Bramwell

Ben Bullard

Clive Burton

Willy Callingham

Emma Cannings

Chris Carter Shaw

Giles Catchpole

William Cazalet

George Christopherson

Robert Clarke

Sam Dewhurst

James Dixon

John Dorrington Ward

Hal Doyne-Ditmas

Tom Frankland

Paul Griffin

Freddie Grounds

Neil Harpham

Jo Harris

Nick Harvey

Toby Harvey

Gavin Haywood

Nick Hinchliffe

Briony Hinson

Freya Hinson

James Hough
John Humphrey
Jim Hurden
Christopher Jewitt
Clare Johnson
Chris Kelsey
Tom Kelsey
Steve Kemp
Robert Kenward
Roger Laville
James Lee
David Mathieson
Peter Mayne
Michael McKechnie
Keith Meldrum
Stephen Merton Jones
Gareth Morris
Becky Moule
Simon Osmond
Simon Pattinson
Robin Pizer
Christopher Raeder
Antony Ringer
Josh Rowley
Julian Royle
Tim Rushworth
Aniela Scattergood
Leonie Schuller
Isobel Stevenson
David Taylor
Harry Wade
Simon Wall
Wardale
Chris Watson
James Watson
John Webster
Alex Williams
Colin Williams
Bruce Wilson
Richard Winter
Ben Yates

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
2006-07	P N Hinchliffe	Miss A Scattergood	C P Kelsey	J A Watson
2008	P N Hinchliffe	C J Watson	C P Kelsey	J A Watson
2009	S A Merton Jones	C J Watson	C P Kelsey	J A Watson

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.

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.
 - (D) Non-Shooting Member: Any Old Uppinghamian who wishes to join the club but does not fulfill the requirement set out in (B).
- 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, Under 25 Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Captain, Under 25 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.

