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Well we have made it to issue 2. Issue 1 was well received with a lot of positive feedback. Since then we have had a successful AGM with all the places on council now filled and I have been out and about trying to meet people, face to face.

In this issue, we hear about Safeguarding and Fiona Day, the new Safeguarding officer for the association. We say goodbye to the Castle Range. The Robin Hood Rifles invite me up to Sprotbrough with them to meet the team and have a go with a black powder rifle. We have a few pictures from the day including Mike Hunting firing the winning shot from the team comp! There is a write up from the recent NRA/DRA Challenge. We have some of last years write up on the NottsRA black powder open to try and tempt you into joining us at this years (21st-23rd June if your interested). We revisit history with a reprint of Mike Motts article on the Cossall war memorial, and we meet a few of the counties RFDs to find out what they do and how to get in touch with them.

As always, if you want to get in touch with me then please do. feedback@nottsra.co.uk

Dug



Castle Secrets

After 73 years as a shooting range the Castle range sadly closes.

Speak to any seasoned shooter in Nottingham and chances are they will have shot at the castle range at some point in their career.

The history of the range seems to be sketchy at best. There have been various theories and stories. Things we do know are the caves were dug out by hand as the pick marks all over the walls show. Its original purpose is not agreed on. In the past it has supposedly been a wine cellar, a place to stack plague bodies, barracks for the army and stables for horses to name just a few. During the war it was used as an air raid shelter and then ever since 1946 it has been a dedicated firing range.

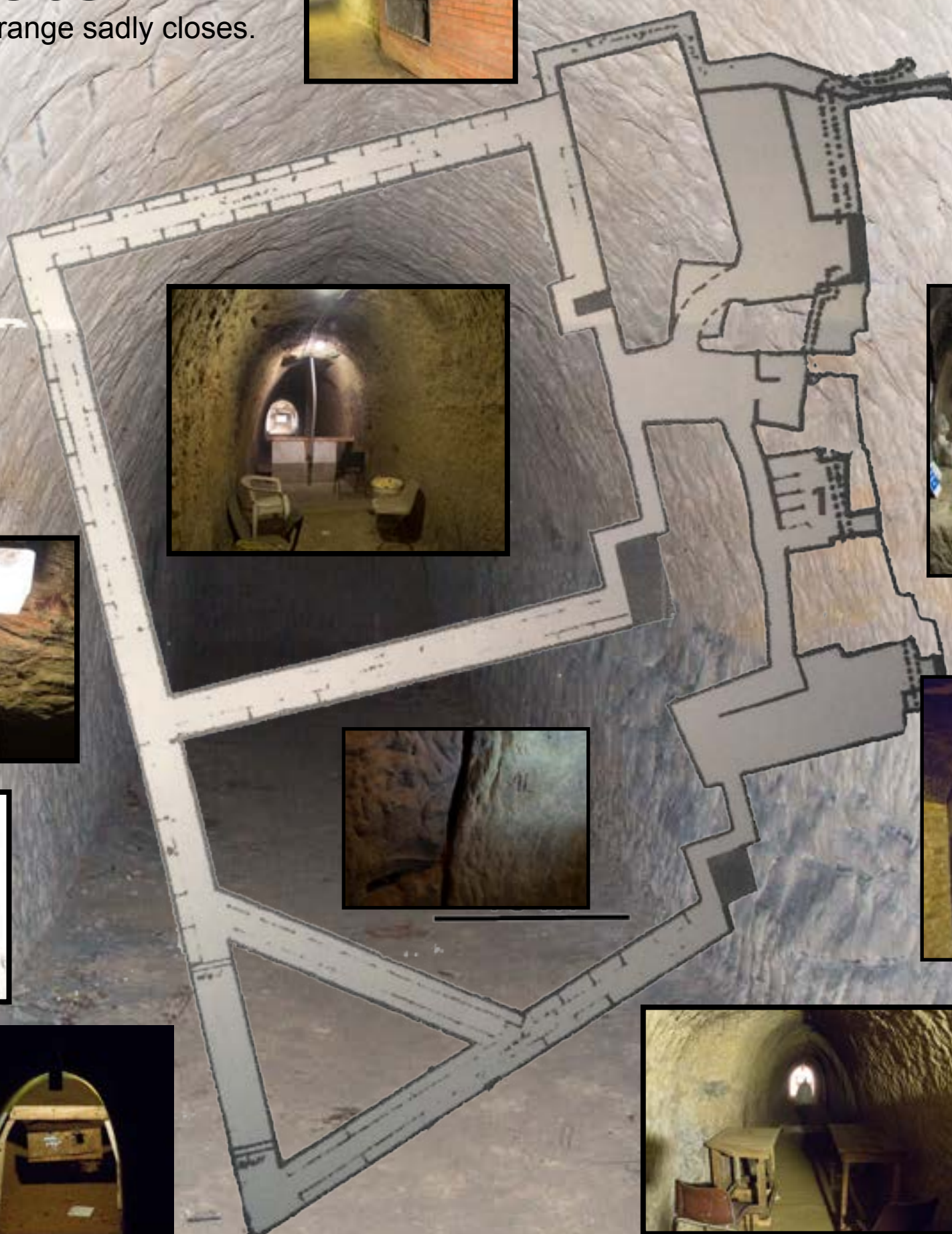
Sadly that finally came to an end on 12th March 2019. The Castle site, including the range and brewhouse yard, have all become the property of the Nottingham Castle Trust. As such the range lease was not renewed and the doors have been closed to shooting, the site now being redeveloped as part of the Castle experience. This is sad for shooting in the county, and particularly Castle Rifle and Pistol Club and East Bridgeford Rifle Club who were both based at the range.

The loss of a range is never good for the sport but it's always harder for the clubs who have called it home.



The Castle trust has now confirmed that the range will be redeveloped as a visitor attraction and is expected to open to the public in about two years.

Both clubs have decided to carry on and have been looking at the tunnel on Carlton road as a new possible home.



Notts RA Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a term that can cause alarm. Most people have heard of it, or will know of "Child Protection" which is what Safeguarding used to be called. The majority will recognize its importance in keeping young people safe from harm, but may not know what it entails at club level.

This year, council member

Fiona Day stepped up to be the NottsRA Safeguarding officer. "Hurrah, we are saved!" I hear you shout, job done. Well I'm afraid it is not quite that simple. Safeguarding is one of those things which needs to be done at club level and as each club is unique, with its own set of challenges, we can't produce a generic safeguarding policy to

send out to you all.

Fiona has put together an outline of what clubs need to do to fulfill their safeguarding responsibilities without too much pain or confusion.

See below.

- **Choose or elect a club Safeguarding Officer (SO). If you don't currently have any under 18s in your club you will still need an SO.**
- **The SO then needs to put together a club safeguarding policy. There is a website to help with this from the NSPCC, the Child Protection in Sport Unit.**
<https://thecpsu.org.uk>
Once you are on the home page click on the 'help and advice' link. Next click on 'putting safeguards in place'. This page will help you cover all the areas which need to be in your safeguarding policy.
- **With the policy written the SO will need to make everyone in the club aware of who the club SO is and how they can access the safeguarding policy so they can read through it and know what to do if they have concerns.**

From next year, NottsRA will be asking clubs to tell us who their nominated club SO is as part of the club renewal.

If you do have junior members in your club you may simply decide to state that a parent or carer must always be with the child to act as a chaperone. Alternatively we can now arrange DBS checks (disclosure and barring service checks) through the NottsRA to confirm the suitability of a club member/s to be responsible for a child or young person while at your club.

An initial DBS check costs £10.40 for a volunteer or £54.40 for a paid instructor. We then recommend that on receipt of a clear DBS the individual registers for the update service at a cost of £13 per annum, to keep the check current. This must be done within 14 days of receipt.

If you would like a DBS check done, or you have any questions about safeguarding then please contact Fiona on safeguardingnottsra@gmail.com

The Results for the NRA / DRA Challenge 2019

On Sunday 28th April the NRA/DRA Challenge was held at Thorpe Cloud. The Event was run by Derbyshire Rifle Associations Honorary Secretary and Range warden Simon Favell.



The Challenge took place on Sunday the 28th of April at Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range, with a turnout of 17 shooters. 13 of which shot TR and 4 - F Class. Unfortunately, our shoot clashed with another shoot for F Class, which prevented several of our regular shooters from being able to attend.

We would like once again

to thank The NRA for sponsoring the prizes for this event, with gold and silver medals and the top score for each discipline, being entry into the Imperial Meeting Grand Aggregate at Bisley for 2019.

On to the day; the morning started cold but bright and sunny. We managed to get everyone sorted and on the

range for the first detail to start shooting at 09.00 on the 300 yards firing point. This then proved that once again, Thorpe weather is its only micro climate, with the wind blowing straight down the range towards you one minute and then across the target faces the next. This did not pose too great a problem to the

experienced shooters, who throughout the day obtained some fantastic scores. It was great to also see some new faces to competition shooting today and with some very impressive scores – well done to all.

For the morning detail, we had 9 TR competitors, with some having travelled from as far away as Surrey and Wales to take part.

Even though we had quite a challenge with the gusting wind, the weather was good to us and stayed dry and fresh all day. We shot the 300, 400 and then 500 yards TR in the morning and then after a brief break for change over and lunch, the remainder for the TR shooters, shot shoulder to shoulder with the F Class competitors.

The weather did cloud over during the day, and while the changes in sunlight and wind direction did have an effect, everyone coped very well as can be seen by some of the fantastic scores recorded.

Congratulations go to Miss Emma Nuttall, an old DRA Team member, who is now shooting for the Army Target Rifle Club, who scored 222.26 EX 225.45 for TR, and to Mr Gordon Smeeton of

Target Rifle	300 Yards	400 Yards	500 Yards	Total
Emma Nuttall	72.5	75.13	75.8	222.26
Robert Oxford	75.10	73.10	73.8	221.28
Alice Southall	73.11	73.12	74.11	220.34
Mike Wright	74.7	72.9	73.7	219.23
Paul Wright	71.8	74.9	73.10	218.27
Ramage Radford	72.5	72.5	73.5	217.15
Phil Townsend	71.6	70.6	75.10	216.22
Lewis Reid	74.7	72.8	70.5	216.20
Mark Parkes	71.9	73.8	71.6	215.23
Steve Maris	72.5	69.3	71.6	212.14
Robin Carter	74.4	71.5	70.5	212.14
Dug Robson	66.3	67.4	67.3	200.10
Ben Hirst	68.3	63.3	66.3	197.9

F Class	300 Yards	400 Yards	500 Yards	Total
Gordon Smeeton	72.10	74.7	72.8	218.25
Matthew Blake	72.5	73.1	73.6	218.12
Shaun Baker	72.10	71.6	73.7	216.23
DS	67.3	59.	54.1	180.4

Staveley Rifle and Pistol Club (DRA) who scored 218.25 for the F Class

I would like once again to thank everyone for attending and to the National Rifle Association for the prizes for this year's event, and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Mr Simon Favell – Range Warden – Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range



2nd place Mr Robert Oxford

1st place Miss Emma Nuttall



2nd place Mr Matt Blake

1st place Mr Gordon Smeeton



The Notts RA BP Open Championship Meeting 2019

The Notts RA BP Open Championship Meeting is our annual black powder weekend up at Thorpe Cloud. This year it is happening from 21st-23rd June. The event is arranged by Andrew Russell, the NottsRA Black Powder secretary. To give you a bit of a feel for what goes on, here is some of Andrews write up of last years event.

The Patched Ball Competition

As usual our first competition was the 'patched ball' at 200yards with ten shots fired off hand and then again from a tripod rest at the now familiar target comprising of a representation of a mid 19th century Russian Grenadier within a 36" circle, in the centre of which is an 8" aiming mark. The object is to get all one's shots within the circle and preferably into the aiming mark (the soldier has no bearing on the score), hits outside the circle but still on the target board are recorded as a 'miss on target' to be used if

necessary in count backs. This competition is quite a demanding one as not only do you fire twenty shots but the change from firing off hand to resting on a tripod can result in a different point of impact for the two strings of shots.

Any muzzle loading rifle firing a patched ball may be used with several flintlocks usually to be seen taking part and naturally percussion lock 'park rifles'. However, over the years there has been a growing realisation that the venerable pattern 1853 Enfield can also

produce excellent results despite never having been designed for a patched ball – in fact specifically designed not to fire a ball at all – but it does mean that those who do not have the theoretically correct rifle can also take part with every possibility of victory.

This year the field had grown somewhat over the numbers taking part in the recent past with twelve people recording a score. After the smoke had cleared and score cards collated it was interesting to reflect that this year the winning scores were not as high as usual. In 1st place with 12 hits including one bull was Jerry Womble.

As a point of interest the first two places went to people using the pattern 1853 rifle with a patched ball while third place went to a flint rifle. There were various 'park' rifles evident on the firing point but their use tends to be infrequent



outside of our competition at Thorpe.

have proven time and again capable of producing very good scores.

The Free Rifle Competition

Saturday was completely occupied by the 'Free Rifle' competition shot in reverse order of 400, 300 and 200 yards at the usual round bull target. Several people elected to practice with their Enfield rifles and did not enter a score card, which is a shame as although a military rifle should not be competitive against a target rifle they

The weather was overcast with the threat of rain, which manifested itself as occasional drizzle with a chill wind. This did not unduly trouble David Minshall leading the field with a score of 42.1, Jerry Womble 37.2 narrowly ahead of David Craven on 37.1,

300 yards proved to be no obstacle for D. Minshall on 40.1.

At 200 yards D. Minshall



The Notts RA BP Open Championship Meeting 2018

Once again muzzle loading black powder enthusiasts gathered together from around the country at Thorpe Pastures in the Derbyshire Peak District to partake of our black powder extravaganza of rifle shooting taking place from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th of June. Last year we faced some very unpleasantly hot weather which took its toll on a number of competitors, at least on this occasion the conditions were more temperate.



once again lead the field with a 42.1.

The day had been interrupted quite often by sheep wandering over to see the excitement and the cows too stopped by to chew the cud. This meant the inevitable delay in competition while the livestock were guided clear of potential harm; but with the good offices of the butts party and those on the firing point the competition moved forward to its successful conclusion.

1861 pattern targets

Sunday morning was all set to be busy with the firing points on both details being completely occupied. Unfortunately several people did not take part after all but it was still probably the largest entry we have ever had for this competition with 21 actual participants. The weather was brighter today and everyone was eager to shoot at the 1861 type target with its square black aiming mark.

The scoring of this target

is simple with 3 being scored for a strike in the 8" square bull, 2 for the rest of the 24" black and 1 for a strike in the white. This is the system at 200 and 300 yards but at 400 yards the black only scores 2 and 1 for anywhere in the white. No slings are allowed and with 1 warmer only at the initial distance of 200 yards followed by 1 non-convertible sighter and 5 shots to count at each distance of 200, 300 and 400 yards with wiping out allowed between shots this course of fire is a challenge but also far less onerous than the more usual 3/10 shots at each distance.

With a potential maximum score of 15 at the first distance of 200 yards, Bill Parnham came the closest with a score of 14.

300 yards and D. Craven mastered the conditions best with a score of 12.

400 yards and the scoring changes to 1 in the white and a simple 2 for anywhere in the black. It was D. Minshall who tamed this distance with a score of 9 points out of a

possible 10.

With the shooting for this event now concluded, the score cards had to be collated and checked to discover the overall winner of the three distances and also who would be the holder of the all important Volunteer Cup which is awarded to the highest scoring competitor from a Nottinghamshire Rifle Association affiliated club.

Fortunately the top scores were clear cut and thanks to a consistently high score across all three distances the overall winner proved to be David Minshall by the slender margin of one point with a combined score of 29, 2nd was Bill Parnham on 28.

Bill Parham of the Robin Hood Rifles (a club only recently affiliated to the Notts Rifle Association) headed the local contingent and so is once again in proud possession of the Nottinghamshire Rifle Association Volunteer Cup.



Smallbore League Results Winter 2018-19

Teams of 4		Winners	Highest Average	
Div	1	Mansfield A	C Marriott	Royal Ordinance
	2	Stanton	T Chapman	Stanton
Pairs		Winners		
Div	1	Awsorth & Kimberley A	B Jeffery	MJ Poole
	2	Nottingham City B	C Christensen	JRJ Kennedy
	3	Langar D	J Davey	N Midgley
	4	Nottingham City D	D Thorpe	W Thorpe
Veterans		Winners		
Div	1	G Collins	Stanton	
	2	SL Smith	Langar	
	3	JRJ Kennedy	NottinghamCity	
	4	K Lee	Stanton	
	5	R Brown	Langar	
Bench Rest		Winners		
Div	1	P Mann	Langar	
	2	E Glover	EMRR	
	3	J Davey	Langar	

For many of our black powder shooters it is as much about the history as it is about the rifles. Mike Mott has written a number of articles on the history of some of the people who used black powder rifles as their issued service weapon. The following article was originally published in black powder magazine in the summer of 2010. Mike has kindly let us republish his article.

Silent History

“Await alike the inevitable hour
the paths of glory lead but to the grave”

The country graveyard can be a starting point to fire the imagination of any muzzleloader with ½ a dram of curiosity, a grain of imagination and some sentiment. The simple gravestone or memorial reminds us of battles lost and won. It is a short step to consider what were the contemporary weapons, in what conditions did the combatants exist, where are those who did not return and what became of those who did come back?

Nottinghamshire has its fair share of “Blackpowder Period” heroes and the following may be of interest to some readers and may also instigate some local research in their particular area.

The village of Cossall is just inside Nottinghamshire on its western boundary with Derbyshire. The Church dates back to the 13th century. One of its claims to fame is that it featured in the D.H. Lawrence novel “The Rainbow”. Its other claim and of more importance to us is to be found just inside the churchyard adjacent to the lychgate and is the “Waterloo Memorial” erected “to the memory of John Shaw and Richard Waplington of the Life Guards and Thomas Wheatley of the Light Dragoon Guards who left this their native home in defence of their country. The two former gloriously fell at Waterloo the latter returned and is buried in this churchyard-valor”. The base

of the memorial depicts in relief, the breastplate, helmet and crossed swords of the Life Guards.



John Shaw - “a place of honour in history for unparalleled bravery known throughout the land” who on the 15th October 1807 at the age of 18 years enlisted in the Life Guards. Corporal Shaw was a celebrity in the British Army as a result of his activities as a prizefighter. In The Waterloo Companion



(Mark Adkin) reference to “Life Guard Incidents” records “Corporal Shaw of the 2nd Life Guards was a huge man and a well known prize-fighter”. Shaw took part in the charge of the Union and Household Brigades against D’Erlon’s Corps and also the counter attacks against French cavalry in mid afternoon. It is well recorded that fired-up by gin he cut down at least 10 opponents until his sword broke which he hurled at the enemy and then engaged them using his helmet as a club. He was cut down, shot and died the next day. He is buried at La Haye Saint.

Richard Waplington- known with his friend Shaw as “the Cossall Giants” was last seen holding a French Eagle surrounded by cuirasses and was never seen again.

Thomas Wheatley of the 23rd Light Dragoons, the youngest of the three fought with great distinction at both Genappes and

Waterloo. The 23rd was the smallest British light dragoon regiment, with only 341 all ranks present. It was involved in supporting infantry squares, particularly the 33rd Foot during the massive French cavalry assaults of the late afternoon. The Regiment was commanded by Major Cutcliffe. Wheatley survived and returned to his native heath becoming a blacksmith at a local colliery. In 1831 as a member of the Wollaton Yeomanry he distinguished himself in the defence of Wollaton Hall against the Reform Law Rioters who had just burnt down Nottingham Castle. He died in Cossall Almshouses and is buried in the churchyard.

As to the memorial itself it is made of marble and was

erected in 1877. The crossed swords are almost certainly intended to replicate the Troopers 1796 pattern heavy cavalry sword. Though not depicted, Shaw and his companions would have carried a carbine, bayonet and pistols in front of the saddle. There was a choice of carbines but the preference would have been the Paget Light Cavalry model with a light cavalry pistol of the same bore as the carbine. There is an anomaly in that the breastplate (cuirass) on the memorial, whilst correct when it was erected, were not issued at the time. In 1815 scarlet jackets were the order, grey trousers with a red stripe and a “Roman” style helmet topped with black wool crest and a tall, white over red plume. Records show casualties were heavy for the Life Guards particularly in the 2nd Guards. The 23rd Light Dragoons suffered 80 losses, 23% of its compliment.

Mike Mott



NottsRA AGM 2019

This years AGM was a relatively successful affair. We had about 40 people attend with 17 voting delegates. More people applied to join council than there were places so a ballot was held. Reports were given by the

Chairman and discipline secretaries and the accounts were signed off. Finally Dug handed out the smallbore winners medals. These were given to the relevent clubs delegates in the absence of the

winners themselves.

Minutes have been emailed out to club secretaries.

Below are photos of Dug handing out medals.



The Robin Hood Rifles



On 30 March, the Robin Hood Rifles ran 2 matches for muzzle loading Enfields at Sprotbrough Range in South Yorks. In the morning it was deliberate practice from the prone position at 100 yds. Three teams of 4 shooters each took part and it was a hotly contested match. In the afternoon it was teams of 3, snap shooting in a knock out event where reactive targets were placed at 50 yds and pairs of teams competed in a 'shoulder to shoulder fashion,' with the first team to hit all 3 targets being the winner of that heat. The emphasis was on quick loading, slick and safe handling and accurate marksmanship under pressure. The winning team comprising Michael Hunting, Andy McBain and Andy Cotter are shown in the accompanying picture, having just been presented with a bottle of wine by Bill Parnham, who designed and built the very innovative targets.

The RHR look forward to a full season's shooting at a variety of ranges around the country, where the aim is to recreate the spirit of competitive rifle practice as enjoyed by our forebears in the 1860's. Just like our mid Victorian counterparts we create matches which reflect the type of shooting expected of volunteer soldiers of the day. The arms we use are the .577 calibre Enfield rifle (both short and long versions). Some are reproductions

made by Parker Hale in the 1970's whilst others are originals from the 1850's/60's.

If you would like to learn more about the Robin Hood Rifles and the shooting we do then please get in touch with us at rrh.enquiries@gmail.com

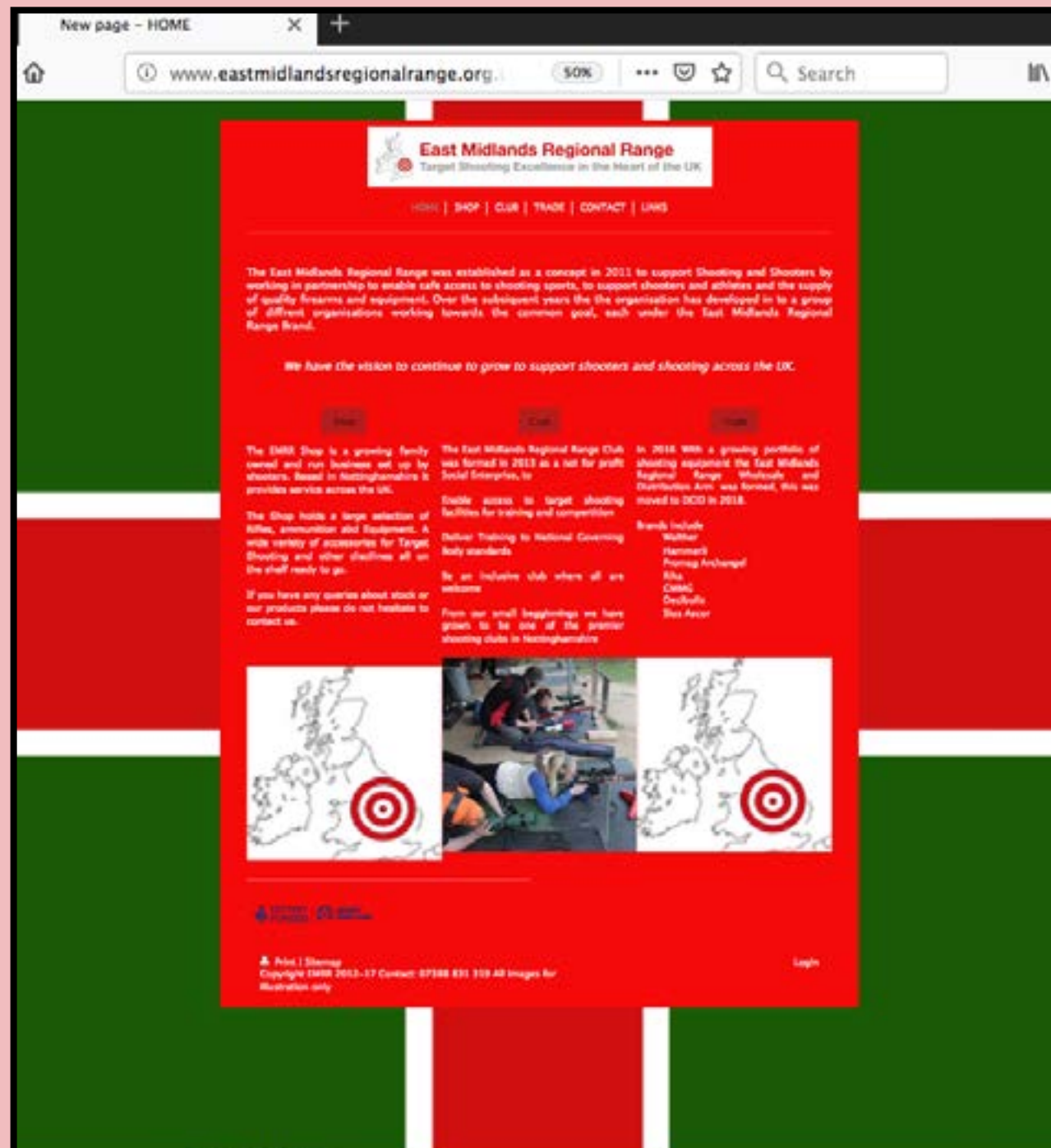
Michael Hunting
Chairman RHR





OFF TO THE SHOPS

Every sport needs its specialist equipment. Ours is a little more specialised than most. We spoke to four of the counties registered firearms dealers, all of whom are members of clubs in the county. Andy Cooney from EMRR, Wilf from Mansfield Gun Centre, Amy Pannell from Wentworth and Queens prize winner and commonwealth medal holder, John Bloomfield.



EMRR is an online gunshop run by Andrew Cooney and his team. Andrew is also the chairman of EMRR club, one of the newest clubs in the county.

WHAT CLUBS ARE YOU A MEMBER OF?

East Midland Regional Range Club & National Smallbore Rifle Association

WHAT DISCIPLINES DO YOU SHOOT?

I mainly shoot Smallbore Target Rifle competitively, and also enjoy Galley, Service Rifle, F Class, Fullbore Target Rifle & Vintage arms



WHAT GOT YOU INTO SHOOTING?

I started shooting when I joined the army whilst at university and really enjoyed it. I found I was quite good. After graduation I continued shooting both in the army and once moving home at local rifle club.

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN RFD?

Set up the RFD in direct response to requests from local

shooters (mainly new to the sport) where do we get equipment from?, initially we were supplying ammunition and over the last 8 years we have grown into a very large supplier

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER AS AN RFD?

With 3 Full time & 2 Part time members of staff we are a very busy supplier of firearms and ammunition accessories, across all areas of shooting, We also have two service engineers trained at Walther to do servicing on firearms, match air rifles and pistols

HOW CAN PEOPLE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU/FIND YOU?

Website WWW.EMRR.org.uk

Phone 07388 831 319

Email:

shop@eastmidlandsregionalrange.org.uk

DO YOU SPECIALISE IN ANYTHING?

We specialise in target shooting and in the UK distributor for Carl Walther,

Sius Ascor and Decibullz hearing protection, we work with suppliers from around the world to enable shooters to get the correct equipment and support.

Mansfield Gun Centre is a gunshop on Chesterfield Road North in Mansfield

It is owned by Wilf Harrold and John Turner. On the day I went to visit, Wilf was running the shop as John was away Deer Stalking.



John was also a big pistol man but he preferred the more practical pistol competitions. He also dabbled in shotguns and is still heavily into Deer Stalking.”

WHAT GOT YOU INTO SHOOTING.

“Bob Baker. I had owned air rifles as a kid, like most people, and then in my late 20’s I was invited to a range with a friend of Bobs to have a go with a pistol and that was it, I was hooked. I met Bob and he got me into allsorts. That is how I met John, on a range with Bob. Shooting was Bobs life. He was into any form of shooting and he sort of got you involved with him.”

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN RFD?



WHAT CLUBS ARE YOU MEMBERS OF?

“Well I am only a member of Thorneywood Centrefire Gun Club. I have been in others in the past but I’m just down to the one now. John is the same but he still does a lot of Deer Stalking as well.”

WHAT DISCIPLINES DO YOU SHOOT?

“These days I only do a bit of LWSR. Back in the day my big thing was target pistol shooting. I shot full-bore and small-bore pistols with the majority of my time being spent with the .22 target pistol, but the pistol ban put pay to all that. I used to do a bit of shotgun shooting as well.



“It was John that started it back towards the end of the 70’s. I think he became an RFD so he could buy bits for himself at trade and then ended up opening a little shop in Sutton. After about a year he asked me to come on board as a partner and we moved to our first shop in Mansfield on Ratcliffe gate. We were there for a few years and then in the early to mid 80’s we moved to our current premises on Chesterfield Road North.”

WHAT DO YOU OFFER AS AN RFD.

“Rifles, Shotguns, Air rifles, ammunition and general shooting paraphernalia. We just aim to give good deals really. We also have Richard who comes in once a week who can do air rifle repairs but we don’t really touch rifles and shotguns past the basics. On balance we are more field shooting based rather than target shooting based but we get all sorts through. “

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT.

“Well we are open 9-6 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. We are always happy

to give honest advice when needed and you never know when something interesting will appear in the shop. We sold an elephant gun last year!”

HOW CAN PEOPLE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU/FIND YOU?

The shop is at the junction of Chesterfield Road North and Abbott Road (A6075), opposite the petrol station.

Email : mansfieldguncentre@yahoo.co.uk

Phone: 01623 653126

Fax: 01623 640773





This article will be the closest to advertising that John Bloomfield has ever done. He is a gunsmith who gains all his work through reputation alone. He is also a Queens prize winner and Commonwealth medal winner so its quite a reputation.

WHAT CLUBS ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ?

Life Member of Old Nottinghamians Rifle Club, Hon Member of CURA, member of English XX, London Middlesex, CULRRC, English VIII

WHAT DISCIPLINES DO YOU SHOOT?

Currently I only shoot TR, although I'm considering a return to MR, I last shot .22 in 1991 although I'm getting tempted to take it back up again - we shall see!

WHAT GOT YOU INTO SHOOTING?

I started shooting via the cadet force at Nottingham High, I, amongst others, was described by the late Chalky White, Head of Games, as being "built for comfort not for speed", therefore a sport conducted lying down was the best option. I really enjoyed small bore and enjoyed early success winning the British Schools Small Bore Championship 3 years running.

I took part in my first Imperial in 1973, in 1974 I was in the Queen's final finishing 24th at the age of just 17!

I was an Atheling in 1975 and then took part in the GB tour to Canada in 1978 winning the Governor General's Prize, the equivalent to the Queens.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A GUNSMITH

I had an interest in Engineering from an early age following my father. I read Engineering at Imperial following an apprentice at RSAF Enfield. Engineering and gun making fit together rather nicely and combining with personal interest in "Boys toys"

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER AS A GUNSMITH/RFD?.

Anything and everything except air weapons, all manner of gunsmithing. I can build and assemble a custom sporting, target or Match rifle from scratch and I'm skilled at adjusting the rifle to match with the shooter.

HOW CAN PEOPLE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU?

The best form of contact is by email. See members directory on the NottsRA Team App.





Wentworth sporting is a gunshop and range based in Arnold. It is also the home of the Robin Hood Gun Club. They opened their doors about 4 years ago, having been an online business before finding their premises. The business is owned and run by Amy Pannell.

WHAT CLUBS ARE YOU A MEMBER OF?

- Robin Hood Gun Club
- BASC
- Gun Trade Association
- NSRA



WHAT DISCIPLINES DO YOU SHOOT?

Gallery Rifle Mainly, - Multi Target, Mc Queen, T&P Etc, 1500, Advancing Man, Long Range Target Rifle, I spend a few days every year shooting at Orion.

WHAT GOT YOU INTO SHOOTING?

My Father Bought me an Air Pistol when I was 10, Which I still have. My Father was a huge shooter, manly pistol, we would go to Bisley regularly for the Pistol Shooting comps.

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN RFD?

We started as RFDs when I was a member of Derby Rifle and Pistol club, supplying members of the club. I took on the business full time when I was on Maternity leave with my youngest Lizzie. It meant I could have a bit more flexibility. It was originally run from home and then we got the opportunity to take on our current shop and range facility.

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER AS AN RFD?

We buy and sell firearms, ammunition and explosives, Plus the transfer of firearms and air guns from one dealer to another.



We have also just started working with a company called UK Airsoft. They have taken over half of the shop, selling airsoft paraphernalia, so there is even more to come and see here. Oh yes, and we have a cafe and flushing toilets :)



HOW CAN PEOPLE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU/FIND YOU?

- Website - wentworth-sporting.com
- Landline - 0115 9569492
- Mobile - 07879 891744
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- Facebook Messenger

DO YOU SPECIALISE IN ANYTHING?

We stock huge quantities of reloading consumables and kit, and have an extensive range of new and second hand firearms.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT?

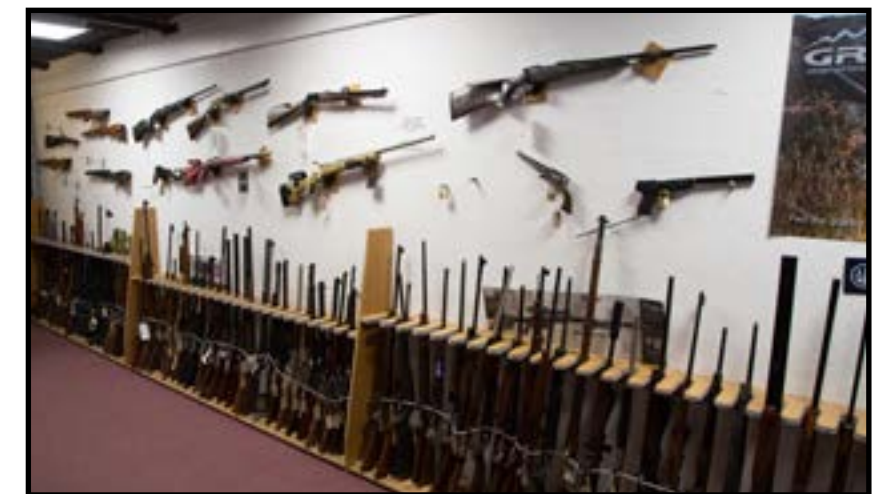
I grew up on Exmoor National Park and then moved to Plymouth where I

when to university,

When I left I joined the TA in Taunton. I was apart of Logistics attached to the Rifles Myself and a large quantity of my regiment were then transferred to join the 9/12 Lancers in Germany. We spent 6 months training to go to Iraq. I was apart of the Optelic 7 deployment the Desert Rats. As you can imagine the tour was challenging and had some really tough moments. I was on the patrol that hit a road side bomb and one of our group unfortunately died.

When I finished my tour and returned to the UK I joined Avon and Somerset Constabulary, After two years I moved to Notts and Joined Notts Police, I had two children and at the same time project managed and built a house extension whilst running the business from my house.

When the house was completed I concentrated on moving the business from the house to the shop I now stand in.



THIS QUARTER

May-July

- May 4-5th - Army Target Shooting Club open Meeting - Bisley - FB
- May 18th - Final date for entries to the Birmingham Bisley - FB
- May 19th - Range Wardens Shield - Thorpe Cloud - FB
- May 24-26th - Pheonix Meeting - TR, GR&P
- May 31st - Closing date for entries to Notts RA Black Powder Open Meeting - BP
- June 1-2nd - Birmingham Bisley - Kingsbury - FB, F
- June 9th - Mercia Match 2019 - SB
- June 15-16th - Intercounties - Bisley - FB
- June 21-23rd - Notts RA Black Powder Open Meeting- Thorpe Cloud - BP
- June 22-23rd - Langar Practice - Bisley - FB
- June 21-23rd - Derby Open - Gallery
- June 29-July 5th - NSRA Scottish 100th Championship - Lauder - SB
- July - NottsRA LWSR summer leagues due mid July
- July 6-7th - Langar Practice - Bisley - FB
- July 11th - Match Rifle Imperial - Bisley - MR
- July 13th - Imperial Historic Arms Meeting - Bisley - BP
- July 19th - Astor - Bisley - FB
- July 17-27th - 150th Imperial Meeting - Bisley - FB
- July 17th - King George V competition final - Bisley - FB
- July 18-22nd - 150th Imperial Meeting F Class Rifle Events - Bisley - F
- Jul 22nd - NRA County short & Long Matches - Bisley FB

Aug-Oct

NEXT QUARTER

- Aug 10-17th - NSRA National Meeting - Bisley - SB
- Aug - NottsRA LWSR Sumer league starts mid August
- Sept - NottsRA SB League entries for winter season due mid september
- Sept 7-8th - Langar Practice - Bisley - FB
- Sept 13-15th - EMRR Fullbore Shooting Weekend - Bisley - BP FB
- Oct 5-6th - Langar Practice Weekend - Bisley - FB
- Oct 19-20th - Trafalgar Meeting - Bisley - BP FB GR&P

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