

# Shooting

The Bedfordshire County Air Weapons Championships followed on February 4. Nine boys entered and braved the very cold conditions of the new County range on the Clapham Road. Tim Gulson was in good form and, shooting on the first detail, put in 198 ex 200 at 6 yards to win pots of money and the premier award of the day, the Dixie Dean Trophy. This was against some really strong opposition, and the score won him the Junior Trophy as well. Other notable scores came from Simon Hall who took 2nd place in the Junior Competition with 188, and it is worth singling out Philip Tam who came 3rd with 187, and Ben Caves who took 182 in his first big competition.

The School team came 2nd overall to Bedford Hartop.

The home match against Hatfield Polytechnic on February 12 saw us entertaining a team led by Paul Leatherdale, the well-known England International; this proved an easy victory by 1634-1529. Leatherdale piped Gulson by 364-358 for top score of the day.

The next match was a double team event against senior County teams at the Clapham range on February 26, and saw some of the best scores from the School, who responded well to the challenge. The 1st team lost narrowly by 1703-1755 (Gulson 367, Stewart 343, Wisdich 334, Hall 332, Hale 327) but the 2nd team had a convincing win by 1575-1338 (Tam 345, Darby 327, Crawford 307, Teasdel 298, Caves 298).

The term was rounded up by the House Matches, again shot in two stages both at the 10 metre range. St Peter's and St Cuthbert's surprisingly failed to field full teams and were eliminated, and Bromham were beaten into 4th place, despite the highest score of the round by Tim Gulson with 184 ex 200. The second stage saw Paulo Pontine shooting well in depth and they emerged strongly eventually winning by a comfortable margin. The demands of a 40 shot course at 10 metres over 90 minutes are high, and there were lessons learned here which will pay off in future competitions. Full scores:

*1st - Paulo Pontine*

Tam 333, Hale 331, Bailey 325, Armstrong 319, Total 1308;

*2nd - Ashburnham*

Hall 349, Caves 316, Crawford 305, Darby 304, Total 1274;

*3rd - Crescent*

Stewart 339, Wisdich 313, Kendall 311, Caldwell 297, Total 1260.

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among the groups to discuss possible solutions to show the interrelating factors bearing upon the decision to dismiss an employee. A talk on the qualities of leadership preceded a leadership exercise in which groups were asked to elect a



leader and four workers, design an anti-smoking advertisement completing the task within a specified period. Practical exercises were supported by talks, filmstrips, printed sheets and general assemblies in the Great Hall where group secretaries reported the groups' decisions.

The Sixth Form was addressed by Mr Geoffrey Dobson, Managing Director of Smiths' Industries Precision Fan Company, and Mr David Stopp, Assistant Divisional Organiser of the A.U.E.W., who talked on their respective roles in management and in the trade union, and formed a panel to answer questions.

Group reports on the conference suggest it was enjoyed by the majority of those attending and that similar projects would be desirable in the future. The School is grateful to the contribution of group advisers, the speakers and the conference organisers.

Andrew J. O'Shaughnessy

## Charities Committee

Last term the Staff put on another of their very popular Cheese and Wine Concerts. They succeeded in raising the masterly sum of £50.

The standard of performance was, as always, incredibly high and it is remarkable to consider that, of all those participating, only one was a member of the Music School staff. We offer our thanks and congratulations to those who took part, and of course to those who came.

Sanderson's, keeping up their laudable tradition of staging a charity event every term, organised a sponsored walk which raised £50. The gratifying response to the appeal for Green Shield stamps has produced enough books to supply two cassette tape-recorders for the Unit for the Temporarily Blind at Bedford Hospital.

This term, at the time of writing, we have helped in the Save the Children Fund, Miss World event. We have our customary riverside Band Concert arranged, and at least two Houses have planned something. Our target is £500.

Niall Creed (*Secretary*)