

Our first BVMedSci graduates!



BVMedSci graduation 2009

We are very pleased to say that all our foundation students gained their BVMedSci degrees and progressed to year 4 of the course. All students gained at least a 2.2 class degree with 17% of students gaining a First class degree, and 68% of students gaining a 2.1 class degree.

All graduating students and their families attended a reception at the Vet School in July, followed by prize giving by Prof Gary England, Dean of School, before formal graduation in the afternoon.

Special mention must go to two of the prize winners: Lorna Roberts won the School Prizes for both the Highest Overall Achievement in Year 3 and the BVMedSci degree overall.

Carolyn Harvey-Myers won the University's Elizabeth and JD Marsden Prize for her work in further developing Vet Soc.



Prof Gary England, Dean of School and
Lorna Roberts (Year 4 Student)

Academic Prizes 2008/9

A large number of students have won prizes during the 2008/9 academic session. We would like to congratulate them all, with a special mention going to:

- David Cain, *School Prize for Overall Achievement in Preliminary Year*
- Ruth Webb, *Decra Prize for Overall Achievement in Year 1*
- Joanne Hinsley, *Decra prize for Highest Overall Achievement in Year 2*
- Sarah Smith, *School Prize for Best Year 1 Postgraduate Research Student Poster*
- Nor Dini Rusli, *School Prize for Best Year 2 Postgraduate Research Student Poster*
- Suresh Kuchipudi, *School Prize for Best Year 3 Postgraduate Research Student Poster*
- Asher Allison (Year 4), *School Prize for Greatest Contribution to the Vet School*



New students 2009

This year we welcomed 99 students into year 1; this included 5 students who successfully completed the Certificate in Veterinary Sciences at the University of Lincoln and 21 students who progressed from the Preliminary Year.

26 students joined the 2009/10 Preliminary Year course, including 6 students who will be able to progress to the MPharm degree.

In September the School also welcomed 9 new PhD students, making a total of 51 postgraduates.



The next admissions round is underway and for 2010 entry we have had over 1,500 applications for the 5 and 6 year courses. Interview invites will be sent out in December and early January for interviews that will be held from the end of January into February.



New Staff 2009

The School welcomes the following staff who joined us during this year:

- Dr Cinzia Allegruchi, *Lecturer in Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology*
- Ceri Allen, *Research Technician*
- Dr Katie Asplin, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Dr Robert Atterbury, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Zoe Belshaw, *Clinical Lecturer in Small Animal Internal Medicine*
- Adam Blanchard, *Research Technician*
- Dr Ruth Blunt, *Lecturer in Applied Entomology and Parasitology*
- Dr Andrew Bradley, *Clinical Reader in Dairy Production Medicine*
- Dr James Breen, *Lecturer in Cattle Health and Production Medicine*
- Dr Marnie Brennan, *Lecturer in Epidemiology/Deputy Director for Centre for Evidence Based Medicine*
- Lesley Caudwell, *Teaching Technician*
- Lyndsey Clay, *Finance and Research Administrator*
- Richard Cooke, *Teaching, Learning and Assessment Administrator*
- Dr Janet Daly, *Lecturer in Comparative Virology*
- Rachel Dean, *Clinical Associate Professor in Feline Medicine / Director for Centre for Evidence Based Medicine*
- Melvin de Boer, *University Teacher*
- Dr Richard Emes, *Associate Professor in Bioinformatics*
- Richard Ewers, *Clinical Associate Professor in Small Animal Practice and Diagnostic Imaging*

- Dr Robin Flynn, *Lecturer in Immunoparasitology*
- Lorraine Hammond, *Year 4/5 Administrator*
- Krystal Hemmings, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Louise Hirst, *Teaching Technician*
- Chris Hudson, *Lecturer in Dairy Health and Production*
- Rachel James, *Clinical Associate Professor in Small Animal Medicine*
- Angelika Karamitri, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Suresh Kuchipudi, *University Teacher*
- Lucy Leicester, *University Teacher*
- Emma Mitchell, *Clinical Lecturer in Equine Medicine*
- Dr Alison Mostyn, *Lecturer in Comparative Cellular Physiology*
- Dr Rodrigo Nova Chavez, *University Teacher*
- Dr Eszter Papp, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Dr Nevi Parameswaran, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Dr Catrin Rutland, *Lecturer in Anatomy and Developmental Genetics*
- Craig Simons, *Support Technician*
- Jen Smith, *University Teacher*
- Dr Adam Spencer, *Postdoctoral Research Assistant*
- Natalie Watson, *Teaching Technician*
- Kate White, *Clinical Associate Professor in Veterinary Anaesthesia*

Congratulations go to the following staff who have gained promotions during the year:

- Jane Ackling, *Student Support Officer*
- Yvonne Allen, *Teaching Learning and Assessment Officer*
- Rose Arnold, *Office Administrator*
- Dr David Gardner, *Associate Professor in Developmental Physiology*
- Kay Millward, *Teaching, Learning and Assessment Manager*



Technician gains qualification in Foot Trimming

The School has recently invested in its technical team by sending one of its members on a professional Dutch foot trimmer's course to obtain a National Certificate in Cattle Foot Trimming.

Nikki Bollard, who works as a Teaching Technician in the Clinical Skills area of the school was selected to attend the 4 day residential course hosted by bovine training specialist Embryonics in April 2009.

The course, ran by top Dutch Instructor, Pieter Kloosterman, covers the renowned 5 step Dutch technique and explores areas such as disease recognition and preventative measures. The qualification obtained is recognised by the National Association of Cattle Foot Trimmers (NACFT).

Nikki, who has worked for the vet school for 2 years and holds a National Diploma in Animal Management is now looking to sit her diploma exam in foot trimming and is already putting her new skills and knowledge to good use by assisting clinicians in the delivery of practical sessions across all 5 years of the veterinary course.



Staff gain ILM First Line Manager Award

The Institute of Leadership and Management aims to improve the skills of line managers by offering courses in effective management and leadership.

Two staff, Jane Ackling, Student Support Officer and Scott Hulme, Senior Research Technician undertook the First Line Manager programme, a practical course providing people with the opportunity to

explore management skills, develop new techniques and consider how they can apply these ideas to their own workplace management style. The course focuses on leadership styles, decision making process and motivation of teams and their development.

Scott Hulme, said "the course was interesting as it gave me insights into management possesses within the School. The course reinforced ideas already in practice so has boosted my confidence as a line manager. The most important thing was I met a number of people from differing departments which showed the varying approaches adopted by schools within the university, which was interesting for me not coming from a university back ground."



BBSRC New Investigator Award

Dr Alison Mostyn, Lecturer in Comparative Cellular Physiology at SVMS has been awarded a BBSRC New Investigator Award (£323,449). Alison said "there is evidence to suggest that maternal diet during pregnancy can have a long-lasting impact on the future health of offspring. Many of the genes which regulate fat and glucose metabolism are sensitive to changes in nutrition during fetal development, therefore may be affected by maternal over, or under-nutrition. If these modifications persist into adulthood they may impair the physiological and endocrine systems in the offspring and lead to disease such as type 2 diabetes or obesity. Similarly, low birth weight offspring, who may have experienced sub-optimal conditions in the womb, are also at an increased risk of metabolic diseases and often develop greater fat stores than their normal weight siblings.

The exact timing and type of nutritional imbalance may be crucial in determining the outcome for the offspring.



Protecting humans and animals from diseases in wildlife

Avian influenza (H5N1), rabies, plague, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), and more recently swine flu (H1N1) are all examples of diseases that have made the leap from animals to humans. As the list continues to grow, experts at The University of Nottingham are to lead a project aimed at developing a state-of-the-art pan-European surveillance system to monitor emerging and re-emerging infections in wildlife.

Sixty one per cent of known pathogens are zoonotic – diseases that have crossed over from animals to humans – but our knowledge and understanding of the prevalence of disease in wildlife and the ecology, transmission and evolution of disease in animals is still limited.

"Novel Technologies for surveillance of Emerging and Re-emerging Infections of Wildlife (WildTech)" is a proactive attempt to predict and manage disease threats from wildlife and assess the risk to domestic animals and humans. With EU funding of six million Euros, 13 partners and a network of over 22 wildlife specialists in European and neighbouring countries have joined forces to address what is seen as a very alarming trend. The partners include Twycross Zoo, East Midlands Zoological Society, who is one of the Clinical Associates of the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science (SVMS) at Nottingham.

This mammoth four year project is being led by Dr Richard Lea,

Associate Professor of Reproductive and Developmental Biology, Prof Paul Barrow, Professor of Veterinary Infectious Diseases, Dr Lisa Yon, Lecturer in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine and co-ordinated by Prof Duncan Hannant, Professor of Applied Immunology.



Postgrad student wins fellowship

Clint Gray, Year 3 Postgraduate was awarded a £1,000 travel fellowship by the Fundacion Ramon Areces to attend the International Symposium on Perinatal Biology and Development in Madrid, July 2009.



Undergrad student wins student prize at British Veterinary Zoological Society Autumn Meeting

The School sponsored the attendance of Hannah Rowland, Year 4 student at the British Veterinary Zoological Society (BVZS) Autumn Meeting. Hannah said "I was given the opportunity to present an interesting case study involving a monkey which is based at Twycross Zoo. The presentation was entitled 'The diagnosis and treatment of Atopic Dermatitis in the Roloway monkey'.

As Twycross Zoo is a clinical associate of Nottingham Vet School, I was able to work closely with Nic Masters (the vet based at Twycross) preparing the presentation. I presented the case study to a collection of professionals in the zoological field which, although nerve wracking was an invaluable experience. Not only was I given the chance to learn more about exotics by meeting leading professionals but I also

was able to develop my public speaking skills. For which, I was lucky to win a prize for the best student presentation! I would recommend this weekend to any student interested in zoological medicine”.



First impressions

Our new Year 1 students have been here for nearly a term, we asked about their first impressions...

David Granby said “ SB accommodation has been like a home away from home, with hot dinners every night, all your friends on your doorstep and help, if needed, is only seconds away. The course is really practical based. If you enjoy getting stuck in and getting lots of hands on experience with dogs, cows, alpaca, sheep and horses this is definitely the place to be.”

Kate Bodley said “the Sports scene on campus is great, in particular rugby is a big sport at SB with both successful men’s and ladies teams. I would recommend joining the ladies rugby team to any new student. As a team we are friendly and enjoy some excellent socials and training is enjoyable and will get you/keep you fit.”

“The atmosphere of SB Campus is so friendly that I have found it very easy to settle in”, said Esme Gray, “There’s loads to do outside of the course, I joined street dance, Music Soc and Rock Soc and theres already a good party on at the bar. I have enjoyed this term more than I thought I would, the course is great fun, and even though there’s a lot of work, I’m enjoying every minute.”



Deans Halloween Cocktail Party, 2009



IVSA Exchanges 2009

This year Nottingham Universities International Veterinary students Association (IVSA) took part in two group exchanges with other vet schools in Europe. The first was with Copenhagen University in Denmark and the second with Madrid University in Spain.

Nottingham – Copenhagen - Exchange 9th – 14th September

After a successful visit from the Danes to Nottingham in May, on the 9th on September 11 Nottingham students embarked on the second leg of our exchange to Copenhagen University. We were reacquainted with our Danish friends at the airport and taken to our luxurious lodgings. We then toured the historical campus, small and large animal hospital and met rest of the exchange students. We dined in traditional Danish style with roast pork and hugo’s potato with copious amounts of Tuborg to wash it all down. After much exchanging of cultural traditions we left for a night out in Norreport!

The next morning we attended clinics on rotation with the older years. We were split according to preference into anaesthesia, surgery, internal medicine and consults. It was very interesting

to see how they teach the practical skills and learn their day 1 competencies. That night we again dined in traditional style with a dish entitled ‘burning love’ consisting of mashed potatoes and bacon. We then demonstrated our musical talents in a karaoke bar!



Copenhagen exchange

We had an early departure the next day to an animal research institute and enjoyed a tour and a talk of how animal research is conducted in Denmark. This was of particular relevance to those about to start their 3rd year research projects. In the afternoon we had a private lecture on dairy farming from an English expat who completed his first degree at Sutton Bonington. We then visited a Danish dairy farm with state of the art robot milkers and typical Danish Red dairy cows. That evening we were introduced to their student bar ‘A-vej’ where their annual music festival was in full in swing.



Copenhagen exchange

The weekend consisted of a canal tour around Copenhagen city centre, a visit to the world

oldest inner city theme park 'Tivali' and tours of Copenhagen Zoo and the world famous Carlsberg factory. After an amazing 5 days of cultural and educational experiences we waved goodbye to Danish friends. We knew that we had formed strong links with Copenhagen vet school and are keep to keep up the link in the future.



Nottingham and Copenhagen exchange students

Nottingham – Madrid - Exchange 15th-20th September

On the 15th of September 10 Nottingham students embarked on the first leg of our exchange with Compulsante University. We were enthusiastically met by our Spanish hosts at Madrid Barajas airport. The entire English contingent was amazed with how easily our hosts could slip back into speaking fluent English, whilst we struggled to even ask for a cerveza!

That evening we became acquainted with picturesque downtown Madrid, via the city's clean and shiny Metro. We were treated to our first tapas meal, where dish after dish of delicious food was steadily brought to the table. Our sangria initiation began here, with many jugs brought to the table, and countless cries of "salud!" . It soon became apparent that it was the norm to eat dinner late, and that a night out which ends before 4 am is considered a "vuelta" (a casual stroll around the block). The scene was set for an amazing five days.

The next morning we met bright and early for a bus trip to beautiful yellow-stoned Segovia, with its impressive cathedral, towering Alcazar and the famous Segovia aqueduct – stacked together by the Romans like Jenga pieces without the aid of mortar. A night out to a club in the Argüelles part of Madrid that night saw several members of the Anglo-Hispanic group representing us well in the dancing competitions.

The rest of our experiences over the next few days entailed a trip to Madrid Zoo and its veterinary facilities. We were met by the Dean of the Facultad de Veterinaria, who gave us a talk about the setup of the vet school in Madrid, giving interesting comparisons to our own. We were also treated to a tour of ONCE Guide Dog Foundation, complete with Labrador puppies which could provide a cure for any sore head. At the final meal at La Casa de las Tortillas, humorous awards were given out by the Spanish and speeches were made – a wonderful finishing touch before the last night on the town.



ONCE guidedog foundation

The flight back to the UK the next day was a sad one, and ended a week of fantastic experiences and very little sleep.

It is amazing how like-minded two different groups of people can be, and how we all seemed to click despite our different nationalities. I very much look

forward to welcoming the Spanish back to Nottingham, and towards many more experiences with the IVSA.



Nottingham and Madrid exchange students

*Alasdair Gallie
Year 4 Student and IVSA Rep*



Year 3 Research Projects, New Zealand 2009

At the start of Year 3, our undergraduate students have to opportunity to experience veterinary research. During 3 months they are involved in a wide range of research opportunities ranging from high profile vaccine technology research to behavioural studies in the Twycross Zoo. It also gives the opportunity to travel abroad and perform (part of) their research while experiencing different environments and cultures. Students are examined on their research report, undertake a viva voce and produce a conference poster.

Kitty Bray, Liz Davies and George Giles took the opportunity to participate in large scale dairy research trials in New Zealand.



Kitty Bray, Year 3 student

Previous work experience in New Zealand provided Dr Wendela Wapenaar with the contacts for their projects, and together with the research group in New Zealand three projects were developed to fulfil university requirements and provide the students with an invaluable experience abroad.

Kitty said "when given the opportunity to travel to the other side of the world for our research projects we jumped at the chance and before we knew it we were on a 26 hr flight down under to the most intensively farmed grassland in the world- the Waikato, New Zealand.



George Giles, Year 3 student

Giving up the English summer, lie-ins and our privacy we got up at 5am 6 days a week after a pleasant sleep in a one-room garage. We were based at the Animal Health Centre, a dairy practice in Morrinsville with its own research group, Cognosco, who took us under their wing and showed us the kiwi way. In our 14 weeks based at the practice we did milk sampling, blood sampling and a fair share of beer sampling. With 8 vets

working in Morrinsville we also got to see a fair bit of practice, including calving season the highlight of a NZ dairy vets year."



Kitty Bray, Liz Davies and George Giles, Year 3 students

Liz said "we all gained a bit of a reputation for ourselves- so we're pretty sure they won't be having students next year! Seriously we've had the best time, made some great friends and got to see farming in New Zealand as it really is.

Liz Davies, Kitty Bray and George Giles, Year 3 students



Presentation at Trinity Catholic School, Nottingham

In July, Debs Coutts, Admissions Officer and Asher Allison, Year 4 student, were invited to attend a Science and Engineering event at Trinity Catholic School designed to encourage year 11 students to consider a career in science or engineering. Various activities were arranged in which students could participate, which were designed to make them aware of the kinds of professions that were available to them after A'Levels and university study.

Debs and Asher provided a brief talk on applying to vet school and the A Level requirements. An interactive demonstration using lambing simulators, was given to offer the students a "realistic" experience of

lambing, allowing them to assist the "ewe" with a difficult birth, of a toy lamb. The students were quite stunned when they realised what the simulators were for and were fairly taken back at the thought of having to roll up their sleeves and adorn arm-length gloves smothered in lubricant! After a few giggles and refusals to put their limbs in such places, a few of the braver lads stepped up and got thoroughly 'stuck in'!

Students were also given a short demonstration on bandaging and an opportunity to have a go themselves.

The afternoon proved to be a success as feedback from the students indicated that 59% of them thought the veterinary activity was their favourite compared to others that they experienced and it was the second most popular activity overall for the afternoon event.

Debbie Coutts, Admissions Officer



Vet Soc news:  **Autumn Term**

Vet Soc have been very busy this term! The social calendar kicked off with the Vet Soc barbecue on the 22nd of September which lasted only two hours as supplies were stripped by a swarm of staff and students at lunchtime.

The Ceilidh and Barn Dance followed on the 24th of September and was in full swing into the early hours of Friday morning. The band 'Jiggabit' kept the dance floor busy until the end of their set; queues of people waiting to get their hoedowns could be seen spilling out of the Charnwood room!



Vet Soc Ceilidh and Barn Dance

In true Trimble and Storey style the Vet Soc Welcome Party on the 3rd of October was very thorough in inducting our new intake of vet school students. Not a face went un-baked beaned and no hair was left unmolassed!! Later that evening everyone appeared fresh and clean in the bar ready for more eating of cottage cheese and leeks. To make up for the day's less than gourmet menu the night was rounded up with Mama Jane's pizza and some memorable displays on the karaoke machine!



Vet Soc students during Welly Week

Welly Week started on the 12th of October on SB; Vet Soc kicked off the week of events designed to raise money for the charity RABI with a quiz. The question round based on the wellington boot (or gum boot in Australia [1 POINT]!) was particularly challenging.

The end scores resulted in a tie between two tables and I was given the responsibility of dobbing in one of the team's members unlucky enough to be cheating on the phone when I was passing by ("who was the actor from the film *Chitty Chitty*

Bang Bang?" – Dick Van Dyke [1 POINT]!). Luckily for me, in the face of an angry backlash, a miraculously well-timed phone call allowed me to adopt the 'dob-and-run' technique, and a quick escape was made. Congratulations to the Froghole Team who won!

Since the beginning of term Vet Soc's Clinical Club has had a number of different people giving evening presentations on a wide range of subjects.

The Clinical Club Secretary Bobby Hyde has organised talks on elbow dysplasia, swine flu and dyslexia within the veterinary profession, to name a few. Next term promises to be just as busy on the Clinical Club front with scheduled visits from the likes of cattle vet Roger Blowey and John Lewis, a world-renowned specialist in exotics anaesthesia.

The takings for the night came to £75 which will be donated to the World Rabies Day charity – not too bad for a few hours of work!

As the term draws to a close the Vet Soc committee would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Alex Bowes,
Year 3 student and Vet Soc President*



Congratulations

Well done to Ruth Webb (Year 2 undergraduate student) who obtained her PhD and also to Kat Ross (Year 4 student) who passed her Padi Divemaster Qualification this summer



Student gains MBTI Assessor Qualification

In my first year at Vet School I found completing the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) questionnaire an enjoyable experience and as a result I was particularly interested when a third year research project arose to investigate the distribution of MBTI personality types in the UK veterinary profession.

Before being able to administer and interpret the MBTI questionnaire, a two-part Qualifying Programme had to be completed and passed to ensure full understanding of the theory underlying the MBTI and surrounding ethical issues.

The first part of my training course took place in June. It was a brilliant experience – I met lots of lovely people (although I was noticeably the youngest in the group!) who were all interested to know about the research I was planning to conduct. In taking

part in entertaining group activities, I not only learnt a lot about myself and how to appreciate my strengths and weaknesses, but also how to help other people make constructive use of their differences.

During the second part of the course, in August, there was an assessed feedback session and a multiple choice written exam which had to be completed.

After passing both of these assessments, I became a qualified MBTI practitioner, so am now permitted to administer the MBTI and provide feedback to participants. The qualification allowed me to collect MBTI information from over 300 vets as part of my research project, therefore giving me the chance to meet and gain experience from veterinary surgeons in different areas of the profession.

*Johanna Large,
Year 3 Vet Student*



John O' Groats to Land's End Walk - Summer 2009

Dr Jon Huxley, Associate Professor in Farm Animal Medicine said "This summer I walked the length of the country, from John O' Groats to Land's End to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The walk was in memory of my mum Gill, who died from Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a type of early leukaemia, in January 2007. Starting on Saturday the 27th of June, I planned to walk the 926 mile route over five weeks. I aimed an average of 29 miles per day; six days per week and in total this would be 69,000 feet (twice the height of Everest) and about 1.6 million steps.

I cycled the route from John O'Groats to Land's End when I

was 16 and have wanted to walk it ever since. Finally, twenty years later, the motivation and the opportunity have coincided. After 18 months planning and 9 months training I finally set off this summer.

5 weeks, 2 hours and 42 minutes after leaving John O' Groats I reached Lands End, on a sunny afternoon on the 1st of August. In total, I walked 913 miles, averaging 29½ miles per day.



Dr Jon Huxley at Lands End

The final total raised was £10,879.94 and I would like to say a huge **Thank you** to everyone who supported and sponsored me. Thanks to everyone's generosity the walk has raised a phenomenal amount for Cancer Research UK".

Dr Jon Huxley



Postgraduate Students take part in Race for Life

On June 21st a team of Postgraduate students (and a post doc) completed the Cancer Research Race for Life in Nottingham.

The 5 kilometre course around the Victoria Embankment was a real achievement for all of us;

particularly those who were new to running and trained from scratch especially for the event. Many thanks to all of our sponsors who helped us raise a grand total of £1001.



Postgrad students after the Race for Life

*Louise Lloyd,
Postgrad student*



School Sports Cup

The Schools Annual Sports Weekend was held on the 4th and 5th July 2009. The hotly contested Sports Cup was decided over 7 events.

The combined staff/postgrad teams won croquet, clay pigeon shooting, squash and 5km run, and for the 3rd time in a row won the Sports Cup.

Students managed to retain some dignity by winning the 5-a-side football and 10km bike ride.

Netball was abandoned early, with the win going to the students as Dr Rachael Tarlinton was carted off to Accident and Emergency with a ruptured Achilles tendon.

After the sports on the Sunday all Vet School staff and students were invited to a BBQ held in the School Garden.



Nottingham vet students say 'Eh-o!'

Notts may be the UK's newest Vet School, but it's certainly not

the quietest, as the 105 students who attended this years Association of Veterinary Students annual Sports weekend attested. With each of our four year groups adorned in the colours of their respective 'Teletubbie' we set off for London amidst a chorus of now traditional vet school songs, including the infamous 'We stole all your lecturers (doo da, doo da)'.

Friday evenings event allowed vet students from all 7 vet schools to integrate, each school identifiable by its fancy dress attire, including the ever predictable Dublin as Leprechaun's and Edinburgh as 'Braveheart'.



Vet School Students en route to AVS

Saturday morning saw the hardiest of the students take to the Sports field to represent their Schools honour. Nottingham fielded teams for netball, mixed hockey, football and ladies rugby, ending the contest safe in the knowledge that it's the taking part that counts.

The day continued with a bar crawl around Camden which gave a chance to chat about life in other vet schools, as well as the odd impromptu singing contest. The day concluded with performances from a number of student bands

including Nottingham's own 'Jimmy Jazzler and the International', who were well supported by the Nottingham hordes.

On Sunday morning weary guests were pointed towards breakfast by their student hosts and new found friends said their goodbyes over bacon rolls and coffee.

The weekend proved to be a great way for students in each of our years to socialise together, and was enjoyed by all (even though we lost at sports).

*KT Fitzgerald,
Year 3 student and AVS Senior Rep*

certainly a force to be reckoned with.

The competent and consistent shots among us seemed to thrive on a 50 bird sporting layout and a 50 bird team flush, including some promising new faces from Year 1 namely, James Turner, Simon Baker and George Matthews. While the scores were counted, the competitors devoured the endless food on offer.

I don't think any of us were prepared for how close the scores were, after a nail-biting count it became evident that the Tutor's team came in at a respectable 3rd place with a score of 158, in second position were my team with a well earned score of 189, but in the lead and just two points ahead, taking the victory for the day were Ed Newton's team with a very impressive 191.

We extend many thanks to all of you who helped with a great day to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. We hope to see many of the faces again and hopefully arrange a similar day somewhere in the not too distant future.

*Matthew Hylands,
Year 1 student and Sutton Bonington
Shooting Club President*

Welly Week Clay Shoot

Sunday 18th November was chosen as the date to hold the big finale; The Welly Week clay pigeon shoot. Arguably SBSC's biggest event to date, a large turnout of eager and keen shots was expected and sure enough 7 teams of 4 individuals arrived at East Midlands Shooting Ground that crisp Sunday morning.

Among the teams were some well known faces including our very own Vet School Tutor team and Ed Newton of Newton's of Sutton Bonington, our main sponsor, and his team who were



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and a Happy New
Year from all at
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