

## OS Saracens (Dubai) take on some Loose Cannons - 29 March

Tuesday 1 April 2014

**Rupert Connor (S 1992-97)**, the new Old Salopian Representative in Dubai, was the brains behind the first Old Salopian Middle East get-together in several years. Great thanks are due to him for tirelessly conceiving and organising a cricket match and barbecue for Old Salopians, parents (current, former and prospective) against a local ex-pat side, 'the Loose Cannons' on Saturday 29 March. Emails have been pouring in to the office from people who were there and it was obviously a highly successful and enjoyable event. A full **match report** is now available [here](#).

Rupert is already thinking of another event later this year (a 7-a-side football?) and he has sent the following comments in advance of the match report:

"Thanks everyone who made yesterdays Old Salopian get together a great occasion! Meeting so many family members made the day extra special too. Thank you to Charlie Barlow for captaining us to a close finish and a special mention to Nikhil and Charlie M for their batting heroics. Also, Iain Jones who hasn't bowled since he was 12. Good luck to Dominic Taylor who starts at the schools in September. Big thanks to all those who turned out to make the Middle East Saracens/Salopian event last weekend a great occasion."



**Charlie Marlow (R 1995-2000) added:** 'It was great fun and thanks again Rupert for conducting a get-together of a famously non-committal alumni! I remember an Old Etonian



once describing the Old Salopian footballers as "An odd bunch. Often poor but occasionally brilliant. Mostly mid-thirties, single and still getting lashed in Crazy Larry's on a Saturday night". Compliment or insult, a 7-a-side football tournament sounds fun.'

Other comments received include:

**Charlie Barlow (O 1990-95):** Huge thanks for organizing such a fun day out. We are so lucky with the weather in this region, and should try to make it a more regular affair. Well done Nick and Charlie for very nearly seeing us over the line, and great to meet you all.

On another note, I have been approached by a representative from Eton and Harrow who would like to start a Dubai based 7-a-side football tournament involving 5/6 public school old-boy teams. I will let you know how this idea progresses.

**Nik (Nikhil) Sampat (M 1996-96):** 'Good fun yesterday and thanks to Rupert for a wonderfully organised event. Charlie you were a great captain and we should sign you on for a few more years!. Wonderful to meet everyone and good to feel the Salopian spirit outside Shrewsbury.

The drive to Oman felt forever but was well worth the trip. You all are welcome to have a cricket game in Oman, we can organise a pitch and opposition.  
Floreat Salopia!

**Ed Bevan (O 1984-89):** Firstly, what a great effort to put out a scratch side and push the hard-nosed veterans of the Loose Cannons very close. Having not really played cricket before, I was surprised at how enjoyable it was! Anyway, many thanks to Rupert for his organising and for Charlie's inspirational captaincy. And for the efforts of all those who don't live in Dubai to make it over for the day / weekend. Do we think there's room in the calendar to make this more than an annual event? Once again, well done all, great to meet you, let's hope we can keep this momentum going!

**Iain Jones (S 1992-97):** I have only just about recovered from the chronic exertion of medium (or thereabouts) pace bowling. Thanks to Rupert for organising a thorough enjoyable game, to Charlie for captaining the side, and to both Charlies and Nik for making it a contest. Very much hope to see you all again in the near future.

**Mark Towers (O 1982-86):** 'Thank you guys for a great day... always good to do something different.. I would have said thanks yesterday but I was so bloody sore from 'bowling' I couldn't even type... Ditto to all the other comments... thank you Rupert for organising.. Hope to see you all 'on the lash' in our equivalent of Crazy Larry's soon.'

**Tom Keep (G 1992-97)** 'I'm glad I'm not the only one who was feeling it a bit in the shoulders yesterday! Thanks again Rupert, well played to everyone and hope to see you at future events!'



## Oldham's: 4 of 5 of 7

Wednesday 2 April 2014

*Four Oldham's Fifth Form boys are pictured below enjoying the Rosslyn Park National Schools Rugby Sevens Tournament in the final week of last term.*



*L to r: Harry Schofield, Bertie Gilliat-Smith, George Lechmere, Ed Stubbs (Ingram's) and Hamish Foden*

On the day they won one of their four matches, but as a side they have huge potential and will be back next year in the U18 Festival Competition.

*MDBJ*

## Upper Sixth Black Tie dinner becomes annual fixture

Wednesday 2 April 2014



Last year after some skilful housemaster lobbying and a nail-bitingly narrow vote, the 2012-13 Upper Sixth opted (7-6) for a Black Tie dinner in the private side, to which they could each invite a guest, instead of a House Dance. This proved so popular that the event was repeated on 22nd March with the current Upper Sixth and now seems set to be an annual Churchill's fixture.

With a gourmet dinner cooked by Housekeeper Mandy Mason, waiter service provided by their Housemaster (quickly dubbed 'Manuel' by the guests) and delightful company from the girls' houses, the event could not fail to be a success.

# Schools Head of the River Race - OS Sabrina reception in the Blue Anchor on 26 March, 2014

Thursday 3 April 2014

Once again the Sabrina Club faithful and several Shrewsbury School parents assembled for lunch at the Blue Anchor in Hammersmith to watch the School crews at the Head of the River Race on the Thames. As always, the Sabrina Club was well represented by the President, Martin Slocock, Secretary Rod Spiby and Treasurer Phil Wood amongst others. Whilst the enthusiasts filtered out to watch the race from Hammersmith Bridge, the Blue Anchor proved a popular refuge from the increasingly hostile elements!



## Actor, Matt Lim (SH 2002-07) is set to be a children's favourite in update of Romeo and Juliet

Tuesday 8 April 2014



Matt Lim - currently appearing in Chinese romantic legend The Butterfly Lovers, aimed at children aged 5 - 9, at the Blue Elephant Theatre, Southwark, in April.

Often compared to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, The Butterfly Lovers is set in the Eastern Jin Dynasty and tells the tragic tale of two lovers.

The Butterfly Lovers runs from Saturday, April 5 to Saturday, April 19, with school matinees on April 1 and 2.

Tickets and more details

at: <http://www.blueelephanttheatre.co.uk/butterfly->

[lovers](http://www.blueelephanttheatre.co.uk/butterfly-lovers) Tickets are £4.50 or £3 to Southwark residents.

Melissa Massy's full report is

at: [http://www.ealingtimes.co.uk/leisure/theatre/11094798.Ealing\\_actor\\_to\\_ap...](http://www.ealingtimes.co.uk/leisure/theatre/11094798.Ealing_actor_to_ap...)



## Rowers turned Writers - gripping reports of recent Atlantic adventures

Tuesday 8 April 2014

Continuing in a noble tradition of Old Salopian adventurers turned writers, there are two excellent recent websites including reports by recently successful Old Salopian Atlantic Rowers to read online.



Alex Bland and Harry Martin-Dreyer (both Rt 2000-05) say, 'It has been two months since our safe arrival into Barbados. Our hands and bums have for the most part recovered and having now had some time to readjust to normal life back in England we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredible year and to say a big final thank you to everyone that has been involved in our campaign.'

Read more at:

<http://us7.campaign->



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At roughly the same time, Team Atlantic Row 2013, aka Dan Howie (Ch 1998-03) and his partner, Will North, won the pairs class in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, completing the 3,000 mile row in 53 days 9 hours and 30 minutes.

Dan said:

“We are ecstatic to have won our class in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. Nothing could have prepared us for the treacherous conditions at sea and it feels phenomenal to have overcome the challenges and won our class. Thank you to all who have supported us along the way.” Dan Howie.

Their website is at: <http://www.jellyfish.co.uk/atlanticrow2013/>



## Latest news from Oliver Greenall Racing

Tuesday 8 April 2014



Read the latest news from Oliver Greenall's (Rt 2000-05) racehorse training stable [here](#). Oliver's father, Peter Greenall (the 4th Lord Daresbury) has just completed 25 years as the Chairman of the Grand National. Read more

at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/horseracing/grand-national/10743136/Grand-National-2014-Lord-Daresbury-leaves-after-25-years-as-chairman-with-one-final-dream.-To-win-it.html> Oliver's brother, Jake, rode in last Saturday's Grand National.





# Ingram's success in House Hockey and Rugby Tournaments

Thursday 10 April 2014

*On the final day of the Lent term, Ingram's hockey team reached the semi-final of the House Hockey Tournament and the final of the Senior Rugby Tournament – both fantastic achievements. Earlier in the week, we also played in the Junior Rugby Tournament.*



*Ingram's Hockey Team*



*Ingram's Senior Rugby Team*



*Ingram's Junior Rugby Team*



## Film of the KX Kayakers' Epic Trip across the Caribbean now available to view online

Friday 11 April 2014



The KX Kayakers - aka Michael Houston (R 2004-09), Tom McAlpine (R 2004-09), Edmund Magnus (Rt 2004-09) and Woody Dewar have released an online film of their epic kayak trip across the Caribbean in 2013. They say, 'We have Edmund Magnus to thank for recently making a film of our trip. The film is 80 minutes long, but you'll be pleased to hear that there is a 2 minute trailer for those who do not wish to sit through all 80 minutes!

The trailer can be found here

- <https://vimeo.com/90173055>

And the film here:

Part 1- <https://vimeo.com/88905561>

Part 2 - <https://vimeo.com/89869819>

Part 3 - <https://vimeo.com/90112256>

We hope you enjoy it. (Apologies for occasional bad language!)

Finally many thanks to all of you who supported us with our expedition, we feel hugely privileged to have raised over £60,000 for our two chosen charities. Needless to say we have been nowhere near a kayak since our ordeal!

Their website is at: <http://www.thekxkayakers.co.uk>



# Booking now open for the Salopian visit to the Priory Edgbaston on 14 June to watch the Aegon Classic Women's Tennis Tournament

Monday 14 April 2014

Old Salopians, Shrewsbury School parents and their family/friends are warmly invited to join the Birmingham and West Midlands Branch on Saturday 14 June at Edgbaston Priory to watch



the Aegon Classic Women's Tennis.

**The Tournament:** Attracts many of the top players (e.g. 2013 Wimbledon finalist and German Number 2, Sabine Lisicki, pictured, has confirmed that she will take place this year).

**Venue:** Edgbaston Priory Club, Sir Harrys

Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2UZ



## OSGS - Champion Trophy 2013 Winner - Report by the President, Anthony Smith

Wednesday 16 April 2014

*The Champion Trophy Final 2013 was played in March, 2014, having been postponed due to bad weather last year. Anthony Smith (I 1954-59), the President, reports:*



'Winning through several rounds of match play golf, John Parker (SH 1952-57) and the holder, Mark Ferguson (Rt 1992-97) played the Final at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. On a day when the weather was initially cloudy with showers, but turned to bright and very breezy, the course was unrelenting. As one of the great 'Open' Championship courses, there are few holes that do not require golf of a high order. In the conditions of the day the course took no prisoners.

John Parker, conceding over 40 years to his opponent, started slightly better, and for much of the first nine holes was 1 up. However three holes around the turn went Mark's way, and although John was only 1 hole down with four to play, both the 15th and 16th were into a strong wind, and youth was allowed to prevail 3 + 2. A couple of holes were halved in splendid threes, but there were others that had to be conceded.

John and Mark are to be congratulated on reaching the final from a field of well over 70 entrants. John came through the Southern section of the draw, while Mark prevailed from the Midlands and North most notably beating previous two time winner Will Painter in the semi-final.

Mark Ferguson has now won the Champion Trophy for the last two years. As Bradley Walsh might say on 'The Chase', "Can nobody beat Mark Ferguson?"

*Pictured, above are Sue Parker, John Parker, Anthony Smith, Mark Ferguson (winner) and Mike Haddon*



# Old Salopian Fergus Macleod to take up a conducting post at English National Opera

Wednesday 23 April 2014

*Former Music Scholar Fergus Macleod (Rt 2001-06) has been appointed as Mackerras Conducting Fellow at English National Opera. In a feature article published in The Scotsman, he describes his excitement at being given such a wonderful opportunity to develop his experience and skills as a conductor. He also talks about the inspiration he gained from the Music Department at Shrewsbury School.*



*Fergus Macleod during his time at Shrewsbury*

"There was a really strong music department at Shrewsbury, run by John Moore, who grew up in Edinburgh, and saw no reason why the school orchestra couldn't play Shostakovich 5 or Dvorák 9," Fergus is quoted as recalling.

After leaving school, during which time he had regularly played with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, he went to Cambridge University as a Choral Scholar and found himself conducting within a week of arriving. "It was one of these odd quirks of fate. My director of music at Shrewsbury had been very keen to help me conduct, and I had put on concerts there conducting friends from NYO, so I came to Cambridge having done quite a lot.



My college found out about this, and when, in my second week there, someone pulled out of an orchestral concert because they couldn't conduct Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*, I was asked to do it."

Besides taking up every opportunity to conduct during his time in Cambridge, including making his professional conducting debut in 2009 with the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, Fergus also set up his own contemporary music ensemble. He then went on to study in Zurich with Johannes Schlaefli before moving to Glasgow to take up the position of Leverhulme Conducting Fellow at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS). He has recently conducted one of the performances in the RCS's production run of Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito*.

Fergus' Fellowship at English National Opera - a two-year post - will mean assisting the Music Director (currently Edward Garden but soon to be Mark Wigglesworth) in anything up to 13 productions in his first year before being let loose to direct a production of his own.

Fergus conducts Red Note Ensemble in the opening event of the RCS contemporary music festival, Plug, on 30th April [www.boxoffice.rcs.ac.uk](http://www.boxoffice.rcs.ac.uk)

Please see the full article published in *The Scotsman*: [Fergus Macleod ready for the big time](#)



## Lacrosse: Abby Attenborough represents Wales in the U18 Women's Home Internationals

Wednesday 23 April 2014

*Abby Attenborough (MSH LVI) represented Wales in the U18 Women's Lacrosse Home Internationals, held in Newport, Gwent over the weekend of 29th – 30th March.*



*Abby Attenborough (No. 5) bursting out of the Wales goal area with the ball, hotly pursued by two England attackers*

Abby led the defence for the Wales A team. They won two of their matches and lost one, beating an Ireland senior women's team, 14 goals to 8, and the Scotland U18 A team by 18 goals to 13. They lost to the overall winners – the England U18 A team – 7 goals to 24.

Abby's next challenge is to win a place in the Wales Women's U19 team for the World Cup to be held in Edinburgh in 2015.



## RSSBC: Senior and J16 Training Camp in France

Wednesday 23 April 2014

*On Saturday 12th April the Boat Club took 45 pupils to its annual training camp in southern France at Temple-sur-Lot. The warm calm days made for an excellent week of training with all the athletes making excellent progress in the lead up to what will be a busy summer term of racing. Director of Rowing Athol Hundermark reports; photos by Dr Paul Pattenden.*



The average day saw crews rising for a pre-breakfast outing by 7.30 am and making the most of having no other crews on the water. The crews would then have a late breakfast before getting back out on the water or into the classroom to get some study time. In the relatively warm afternoons the pupils would have more revision time before an afternoon paddle for those who didn't have one after breakfast. Post-dinner the crews would get out on the water for a sunset outing in the cooler air.

At the end of the week all the crews got the opportunity to try their hand at canoe polo, beach volleyball and/or cycling around the French countryside to add a bit of variation to the training and allow blistered hands to recover.



On the final morning of the camp all crews took to the water to put their race plans together in some side by side racing with staggered starts. The J16 B and 2nd VIIIs produced the best performances of the morning, from which they can take great confidence.

Many thanks to the coaching staff who gave up their time to make it a very successful and enjoyable trip for all involved.

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## Fives: Shrewsbury retain the National U16s title

Wednesday 23 April 2014

*Tom Breese has successfully defended the National Schools U16s Fives title he won last year – this time with George Panayi, one half of the U15s winning pair in 2013.*

Six Shrewsbury pairs battled it out in the qualifying rounds of the National Schools' U16s Fives Tournament at Eton on the final Monday of the Lent Term.

Jack Fox and Luke Lloyd-Jones cruised through their group of five, winning all of their matches comfortably apart from dropping a game to Highgate 5. Asked to describe their performance in three words, Jack replied "better than usual". Shrewsbury 3, the mighty Matt White & Stéphane Cotty, despatched all of their group without dropping a game but felt there was "room for improvement". Shrewsbury 4, James Harris & Tom Flowers, missed out on instant qualification; Shrewsbury 5, Rory Champion & Alex Bennett, won 2 and lost 3 so suffered the pain of heading into plate A along with Shrewsbury 6 (Leighton Webber & Tom Hart) and Shrewsbury 7 (David Clark and Ben King).

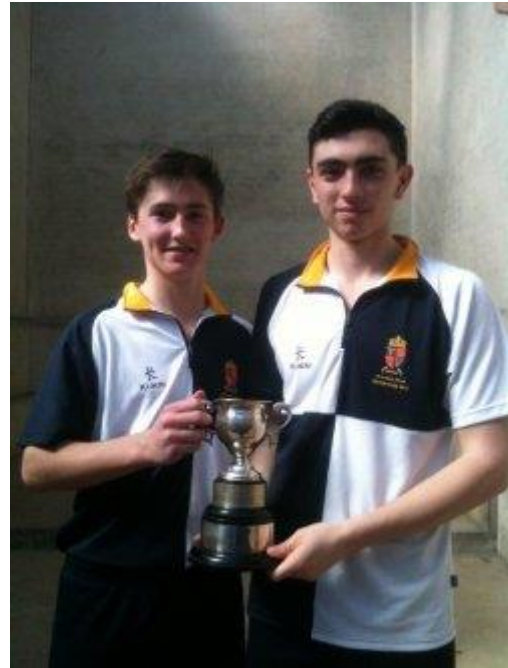
Those knocked out competed well in plates A-F, subsections, C, D and E; while at the business end of things, Fox and Lloyd-Jones - improving with every shot played - had a great win, putting them through to the next round.

But the fun was really beginning with Matt White and Stéphane Cotty. Having taken a very comfortable 2-0 lead with Cotty volleying with aplomb, the Shrewsbury pair decided it would be far more sporting if they allowed their opposition a chance to regroup and get back in the game, which they duly did. We all know that we teach everyone at Shrewsbury to play the game in the right spirit, but this pair was taking it to a new level. As the game levelled at 2-2, Matt White seized up with cramp. The sight of White lying on his back with legs in the air being manipulated and massaged whilst bananas and water were being forced down at the other end was a picture to behold. Surely the opposition must have tasted victory... But, wait a minute... new plan! Cotty was told to get out there and win it on his own, volley them off court! This he duly did. White, barely able to move, returned some critical cuts and they ran out winners 12-5, 12-7, 8-12, 9-12, 12-10 in the fifth game, showing tremendous guts and determination, ably supported by the rest of their year group. We were all exhausted just watching! Note to all players: please finish it off when you have the chance.

Sadly on Tuesday White and Cotty came unstuck, unable to repeat their death-defying performance of the previous day. Nevertheless they showed great promise for the 2015 season, taking a game from second seeds Highgate 1. Fox and Lloyd-Jones continued on their way, beating a good Eton 2nd pair.

*Tom Breese and George Panayi with the coveted U16 trophy*

George Panayi arrived on the swift wheels of a minibus otherwise full of Third Formers, he and his 1st pair partner Tom Breese having been excused the drudgery of qualification for the last 16 and George having had a saxophone exam on Tuesday morning. On Wednesday, Tom and George demolished Eton 4, 12-4, 12-3, 12-7: clinical as ever. On the other side of the draw, Jack Fox and Luke Lloyd-Jones, who had been showing tremendous form and were continuing to improve out of sight, met Highgate 1 but were unable to recreate the form that had brought them this far, being knocked out 10-12, 9-12, 8-12. They were both very disappointed but are looking good for next season, a vastly improved pair who benefitted enormously from their time playing at Eton.



Friday saw Breese and Panayi back on court after a day off, playing their semi-final against Eton. These two were by now beginning to enjoy themselves: George was making his trademark charging runs up the court from the back. By the semi-finals, though, the opposition are not necessarily so easily intimidated: Eton waited for the charge then looked for passing shots and managed to negate the tactic. Tom similarly was standing well up the court on top step and was looking a little hurried. While not their finest display of the tournament, they were nevertheless good enough to see off Eton in straight games and it served as a useful wake-up call before the final. It also showed they were fully deserving of their number one seeding, having not dropped a game all season.

Saturday was finals day: Tom and George were up against the surprise pair of St Olave's 1, who beat Highgate 1 in the semi final. St Olave's gave it their best shot, but there are times when you are mismatched and on this occasion they were unfortunate enough to come up against one of the best U16 pairs to have made the final in the tournament's 34 year history. Tom and George were far more focused, like lions circling antelopes in the Savannah. They found all of the discipline and tactical nous they had put into storage before their semi. The score of 12-2, 12-2, 12-3 is the widest margin ever in a National Fives U16s final. Tom has successfully defended his title.

Their progression to senior level bodes well for Shrewsbury School, improving our chances of bringing the Williams Team Cup back, as we have relinquished control of it for the last couple of years.

*Grant Williams and Seb Cooley*



## RSSH: Inter-House Steeplechases 2014

Friday 25 April 2014

*Matching last year's impressive 22 squads entered for the annual Inter-House Steeplechases, this year's event was equally exciting and competitive with almost every House entering an 'A' and a 'B' team for the relays. Teacher in Charge of the Hunt Peter Middleton reports.*

The modern version of this historic event is a six-man relay of 1.5mile legs (4 legs for the girls) with the first leg runner being a Third Former, second leg runner a Fourth Former, third leg runner a Fifth Former, fourth leg runner a Sixth Former, and the final leg coming from any year group. In recent years, Severn Hill have proved dominant in the event, with the 2013 event seeing them take the 'A' and 'B' team trophies and also the trophy for the fastest leg (Huntsman Ed Mallett). In the girls' race, the past two events had been won by Emma Darwin Hall who this year were looking to maintain their dominance over the event.

The girls' race in fact proved to be a much closer race than perhaps anticipated, certainly in the opening stages. Indeed, it was Mary Sidney Hall who took the early lead with their tactic of going out hard, placing Captain of Girl's Running Lucie Cornwell-Lee in the first leg, opening up a gap of nearly two minutes between them and Emma Darwin Hall. In fact, it was MSH 'B' who were in 2nd place at the end of the first leg following an excellent run from speedster Jasmine Douglas. By the end of the second leg, EDH had clawed back a position, moving past MSH 'B', but the lead was still comfortably over a minute. The damage was done, however, in leg three when Tory Mobley got going. Her fastest lap of the day was considerably faster than any of the other runners, and as such the positions were reversed by the end of the penultimate leg, with EDH now controlling the race. With Tatty Hunt in the anchor leg – the second fastest runner in the Hunt this year – the result was never in doubt, and EDH came home to clinch their third consecutive win, with a margin of nearly three minutes. The quartet of Tatty Hunt, Tory Mobley, Cecy Price and Eliza Thompson continued the strong tradition of running in the House, and they were deserved winners of this race. Next year, of course, will see the debut of The Grove in the girls' competition which will add further flavour to this race!



*Next year's Girls' Captain of Running Tory Mobley collects her winning medal as EDH take the girls' title for the third year in a row*



After the dominance of Severn Hill in recent years in the boys' event, there was a sense this year that now their stalwart seniors had left Shrewsbury there was an opportunity for new challengers to emerge. There were a number of houses that looked to be capable of running quick times, with Rigg's tipped as favourites (according to their Housemaster!). The nature of this race with a runner from each year group perhaps suited Rigg's particularly well, given that the last three winners of the New Boys' race have come from Rigg's. Indeed, following the opening leg, New Boys' Race winner Owen Mock had established a 24-second lead for Rigg's over Radbrook's Sam Elliot, with Rigg's 'B' in third following a strong run from ever-improving Niklas Amthor. Sadly, Churchill's top Third Former George Garrett was unable to run as he was competing in the Fives Nationals, so the eagerly-awaited duel between Garrett and Mock was not to be, and Churchill's were severely disadvantaged in their bid to go one better than their silver medals last year; at the end of the first lap their squad were trailing in 16th position. What they would later achieve by moving into a podium spot was an astonishing achievement given their initial starting point from right at the back of the pack.

The second leg saw Rigg's further assert their lead, extending it to over a minute after an excellent run of 8.15 from Will Hayward (the 8th fastest of the day – a superb effort from a Fourth former). Ridgemount pushed through into the silver medal position following another quick time from a Fourth Former (8.28 from Charlie Home). Severn Hill began their challenge with Charlie Tait-Harris dipping under 8 minutes to put the house in 4th just a matter of seconds behind Rigg's 'B'. By the mid stage of the race, Rigg's looked to have secured the victory with an extremely quick time of 7.45 for Oscar Dickins (the joint second fastest time of the afternoon). Exactly the same time was run by Churchill's Ben Remnant, an astonishing coincidence, particularly as they had run exactly the same time at the Shrewsbury Relays a few weeks earlier. (The pair have developed something of an Ovett/Coe rivalry over the past few years!) Particular mention must go to Remnant who simply tore through the field to take Churchill's from 14th place to 7th place over the course of his lap. Churchill's were back in it!

The final two legs saw Rigg's further extend their lead with a solid captain's run from Toby Harvey-Scholes and a blistering final leg from Fourth Former Freddie Huxley-Fielding, with his time of 7.55 making it onto the top 5 times of the day and bringing home the team trophy and winning the fastest junior lap trophy in so doing.



*Freddie Huxley-Fielding in the anchor leg bringing Rigg's home to take the title*



Rigg's won by a decisive three minutes over Severn Hill, with next year's Huntsman Theo Clarke bringing his team home for the silver medals. He was just able to hold off the challenge of his predecessor, this year's Huntsman Rory Fraser, who had begun his leg in 6th place and had charged through the field to get past Port Hill, Radbrook and Ridgemount. He very nearly caught Clarke, but in the end, a six-second margin separated the two rival Houses. It was an extremely exciting end to the race to see Churchill's push up into the medals having gone into the second leg in 16th position, and Rory Fraser's time of 7.42 was unsurprisingly the fastest of the day, with Rory concluding a glittering Hunt career by taking home the trophy for the fastest senior, fittingly presented by OS Hunt chairman Peter Birch who had himself won the trophy as a schoolboy in the 1970s. In many senses, it was an emotional moment as Rory came up to collect the trophy, officially marking the end to his Hunt career, one that has been extremely successful, including multiple national team medals and individual titles at the County Championships and at the Midlands & Northern's Championships. Rory has been a superb Huntsman, leading the club in a highly successful season, encouraging and inspiring others, and ensuring that The Hunt remains a very special and unique club, and one that seeks not only to achieve at a high level but also to maintain its traditions and heritage.



*Above left - Huntsman Rory Fraser (Ch) collects the trophy for the fastest lap, presented by Chairman of the OS Hunt Peter Birch, who had won the trophy himself as a boy; left - Rory with Peter Middleton and proud Housemaster Richard Hudson*



## Thousands of eels released into the River Severn by Shrewsbury's Conservation Group

Friday 25 April 2014

*A group of Fourth Form boys, who have been spending their Thursday afternoons engaged in a range of different conservation activities in Ridgemount Wood, yesterday helped with the release of some 50,000 glass eels into the River Severn – and were featured on BBC Midlands Today doing so.*



Head of Biology Andrew Allott, who leads the Conservation Group, was contacted by Mike Morris of the Severn Rivers Trust during the Easter holiday, asking for the group's help: "We are about to catch over a million glass eels at the bottom end of the Severn in order to relocate them further up the system as they are unable to cross impassable barriers in their migration, namely weirs."

"Eels are an amazing species," explained Andrew, "They migrate to the Sargasso Sea to breed and then young ones (glass eels) return to rivers such as the Severn to grow to adulthood. There used to be large numbers but, like most wildlife, populations are far smaller than they were. One problem is weirs on the river, which form an obstruction to upstream migration. Another is water quality, though the Severn isn't bad. A third problem is excessive catches of glass eels as they move from estuaries up into rivers. They are considered a delicacy in some parts of the world. The aim of the relocation was therefore to get much larger numbers of glass eels up into the Upper Severn than would otherwise reach it."

The group are also planning to rear some glass eels in Mr Allott's biology lab for a few weeks and then release them. They will gain weight and so have a better chance of survival.



*Josh Himsworth and Michael Schützer-Weissman being interviewed by BBC Midlands Today*

The Conservation Group have been working in Ridgemount Wood with Mr Allott and Dr Torin Morgan on several other projects:

- making steps to improve access into the wood
- making a path through the wood to serve as a nature trail
- treating Japanese Knotweed with herbicide to try to eliminate it
- clearing large amounts of trash, including discarded bottles that can prove a hazard to some species
- constructing two ponds to increase biodiversity
- building and putting up bird boxes
- stacking dead wood to form refugia for invertebrates
- making seats at points where there is a view or interesting wildlife to watch.



## French Study Visit to Montpellier, 29th March - 3rd April 2014

Friday 25 April 2014

*Eighteen boys from the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms, accompanied by Mr Warburg and Miss Weatherstone from the French Faculty, spent just under a week in Montpellier at the start of the Easter holidays. Staying with local families and attending language classes in the morning, they also enjoyed a fun mix of visits and excursions, high ropes and giant zip slides, a cookery course, skating and even (for a few) a dip in the sea. Some of their diary entries and photos are included here, together with a short video of a few of the highlights.*



### Samedi

Nous nous sommes levés très tôt samedi matin et puis on a pris l'avion à Montpellier. Ensuite sommes allés à un match de handball. C'était Montpellier contre Lisbonne. Le match était fantastique et Montpellier a gagné, l'ambiance dans le stade était incroyable. Après avoir regardé le match, nous sommes allés dans les maisons de nos familles d'accueil. On a mangé le dîner et ensuite je suis allé au lit car j'étais tellement fatigué.

*Thomas Brennan (13)*

### Dimanche

Aujourd'hui on a fait la grasse matinée et on s'est levé vers midi. On a mangé le déjeuner et puis on est allé à la gare routière. On a pris le bus pour faire de l'accrobranche. On s'est bien amusé et il y avait plusieurs choses à faire, par exemple on a fait la tyrolienne géante qui était 200 mètres de long. Aussi on a fait la turbo-tyro, c'était un toboggan qui était vraiment rapide et très amusant. Il faisait beau donc après avoir fait de l'accrobranche, on a décidé d'aller à la plage. Quelques garçons ont nagé dans la mer mais à mon avis il faisait trop froid. Finalement on est retourné chez nos familles pour passer la soirée avec eux.

*Thomas Brennan*



### **Lundi**

Lundi était le premier jour de cours dans l'école de langues au centre de Montpellier. Nous avons eu environ une heure et demie de cours avant une pause. Pendant la pause nous avons tous mangé les crêpes, qui étaient délicieuses.

Après ça nous avons eu encore une heure de cours avant le déjeuner et un peu de temps libre. Nous avons ensuite fait une visite guidée de Montpellier. Nous avons vu beaucoup de vieux bâtiments et c'était vraiment intéressant. En plus nous avons vu plusieurs grandes églises et cathédrales et également l'école de



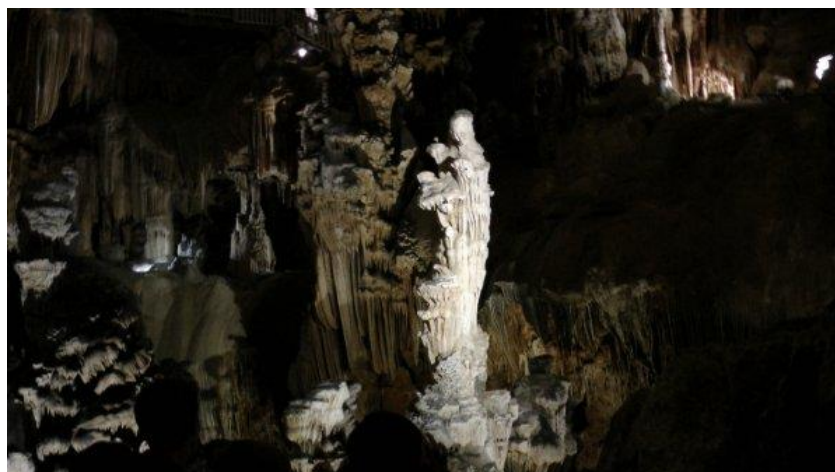
médecine qui est très important pour la ville. Après avoir découvert la ville on est allé dans un restaurant pour faire un cours de cuisine. On a préparé un tajine de poulet et on a beaucoup appris. L'autre groupe a préparé du porc au caramel. Après avoir préparé les repas on les a mangés ensemble et ils étaient délicieux. Après cela, on a dû retourner à la maison de nos familles d'accueil.

*Daniel Powell (Cb IV)*

### **Mardi**

Nous avons quitté la maison de notre famille à 8 heures, après avoir mangé un bon petit-déjeuner. Les cours ont commencé à 9 heures, comme d'habitude. Après les cours nous avons visité la Grotte des Demoiselles. On a pris le funiculaire et nous sommes descendus dans les grottes. C'était très pittoresque et on a pris beaucoup de photos. Notre guide nous a expliqué l'histoire des grottes et c'était très intéressant. Après avoir visité les grottes, on est allé à la plage, même s'il faisait assez froid on a nagé dans la mer et on a joué au foot et au tennis à la plage. Nous nous sommes bien amusés. Nous avons passé la soirée chez nos familles. On s'est couché tôt car on était fatigué.

*Fintan Simmons (Cb IV)*



### **Mercredi**

Comme d'habitude on a eu les cours jusqu'à midi. Pendant les cours on est allé en ville et on a dû poser des questions aux gens pour trouver des réponses. Le groupe qui a trouvé les meilleures réponses a gagné des chocolats. L'après-midi on a été divisés en trois équipes pour faire une activité qui s'appelle « Photomania ». On a pris beaucoup de photos, par exemple on était obligé de prendre une photo avec « une canon » (c'est une fille qui est très belle). Puis nous sommes allés à un grand centre commercial et à la patinoire pour faire du patinage. C'était fantastique et tout le monde a acheté beaucoup de cadeaux pour leur famille.

*Will Bedson (Rb IV)*



# Ingram's senior rowers get off to a flying start

Friday 25 April 2014

We won all our races yesterday in the first Senior IV rowing competition of the term. The team is managed by Peter Evans and we have high hopes for Ingram's rowers this term.





## House blog by Ed Acton – Week beginning 20/4/14

Monday 28 April 2014

*In the first of series of blogs which he is writing as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze service, Third Former Ed Acton, an academic and music scholar, writes about his first week back for the summer term.*



After a great rest during the Easter holidays, I returned to school with somewhat mixed emotions. On arrival, I found out who my roommates were and piled my kit away into my wardrobe. Having already been fed at home, we all went down for call over. After a few announcements, it was time for a shower and bed. Unfortunately, the water wasn't exactly warm, and that's putting it nicely.

The following day, we were straight back into the scheme of things – lots to do, little time to do it in. After a 7 o'clock start, we headed down to breakfast for croissants, porridge and bacon. Then it was immediately off to a whole school assembly in the Alington Hall, which fortunately Churchill's is very close to. After the first three lessons it was break, when I headed upstairs to my dorm for crisps and fizz (not champagne). In the afternoon, a rowing session took place, and we de-rigged the boats, ready for the Saturday race.

The Thursday ran smoothly, with no afternoon lessons. In the afternoon, we went to collect our Duke of Edinburgh Kit, which we are taking with us this term. We also had a third form assembly on Combined Cadet Force (C.C.F.) choices. I have decided (I think) on the Royal Marines, although I sure need to up my fitness beforehand!



Friday, what a day! Due to upper school exams, and the missing of Monday's lessons, Friday was changed to a Monday! So, after partaking in lessons, and P.E., which was my least favourite sport -swimming, we headed to K.H. for fish and chips. Fortunately, the only thing that hadn't changed about Friday was the menu!

The next morning, we were allowed a lie in, while Mr. Hudson cooked us a killer (in a good sense) breakfast. It was the full works: bacon, egg, sausage, beans and even hash browns! After this, it was a frantic changing session, before heading off to the Birmingham Regatta. I was in the B boat, along with friends Karist and Henry. At times, the weather created an almost 'Titanic' like experience, but fortunately, none of us capsized. We came a heroic second (out of two boats), not winning us any medals. However, the experience was great, and I would definitely do it again.

Sunday, the last day of the week, or the first for some traditional Christians. After a rather long confirmation service at 11.00, we headed back to the dorm to watch some TV (I'm a bit of a Casualty fan!). Then it was onto the lawn, for a good old game of footie!



# Old Ingramite is Languages Undergraduate of the Year 2014

Tuesday 29 April 2014

*Old Ingramite and former Deputy Head of House James Ellis (2004-09), who is now in his final year at Newcastle University studying French, German and Spanish, has won a national competition and been named 'Language Undergraduate of the Year'.*

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We look forward to welcoming James back to Shrewsbury on 17th June, when he returns to adjudicate the Modern Languages Speaking Competition.

## David Harrison Prize for Mathematics: second successive win for Aue Angpanitcharoen (Ch V)

Monday 29 April 2013

The 2013 David Harrison Prize for Mathematics was won by last year's winner Aue Angpanitcharoen (Ch V), with an assured and entertaining talk entitled "Hotel Infinity". He spoke about the mathematician David Hilbert and his method for considering a hotel with infinitely many rooms, which are all full but can still accommodate between one and infinitely many new guests.

Tom Dodd (Rb IV) was a very close second with his highly original talk which tried to answer the question "Will we ever run out of new music?".



The Mathematics Faculty judge the competition and commented that the final this year was the best that they have ever seen. Huge congratulations must also go to the other finalists: Daniel Hart (Rt L6), Helen Ho (MSH L6) and Edward Chapman (Rb 3).

This annual competition is open to all year groups and takes the form of a presentation on any mathematical topic, which is given to an audience of Third and Fourth Form mathematicians.

This prize is endowed by Mr and Mrs Peter Harrison in memory of their son David, who was Head of Mathematics from 1995 to 1996, and who tragically died in the mountains of Alaska in the Summer holidays of 1996.



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*James Ellis with Sir Trevor McDonald and David Bearfield, Director of the European Personnel Selection Office, who sponsored the award*

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"I am extremely grateful to all the staff in the Languages Faculty at Shrewsbury School for aiding me and inspiring me in my language-learning. Without the excellent support, encouragement and quality of teaching offered to me at Shrewsbury, I doubt I would be in this position now, and I am immensely grateful for all they did for me during the excellent five years I spent there."

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## Ten awards at the Oxford MUN

Wednesday 30 April 2014

*Representing China, Egypt, North Sudan and Canada, 23 Salopians travelled to Magdalen College School, Oxford at the end of last term to take part in the Oxford Model United Nations Conference.*

The standard of the debates was very high, and the boys and girls acquitted themselves very well indeed, picking up a very good haul of ten individual awards.

Rory Fraser (Ch UVI) was named Best Delegate in his committee.

Sasha Arridge (Rb 5) and Ed Plaut (S IV) won Best Junior Delegate awards.

Steve Chandler (Rb UVI), Joe Lafferty (PH LVI) and Esme O'Keeffe (MSH LVI) were Highly Commended.

And Amelia Woodruff (MSH UVI), Dan Edwards (S LVI) , Theo Simmons (Ch LVI) and Jamie Nugent (SH LVI) were Commended.



# Alex Walker (UVI) has letter published in The Times

Wednesday 30 April 2014

*Many thousands of people write letters to The Times each year; relatively few have them published. Still fewer achieve that distinction while they are still at school. A letter written by Sixth Former Alex Walker (O) was published on Saturday 26th April. Times journalist Oliver Moody tweeted later "Alexander Walker, 17, of Shrewsbury School, puts a whole national newspaper in its place."*

Last year Alex won the School's inaugural Richard Hillary Essay Prize, an entirely voluntary competition for Sixth Formers which is modelled on the historic competition undertaken to select Fellows of All Souls College, Oxford. It gives Sixth Formers the opportunity to spend two hours writing an essay on a one-word title - which last year was 'Luck'. His winning essay was published in the Summer 2013 edition of The Salopian magazine: [Richard Hillary Prize 2013 - Winning Essay by Alex Walker](#)

Alex has recently been offered a place to read History at Jesus College, Oxford.

His letter to The Times is reproduced below:

### ***Sic transit...***

*Sir, Apropos "Generation Zero" (Apr 24) I was annoyed by the self-assured individuals of my generation. Their claims to abstinence and hard work left me worried about their mental well-being. Such a focus on "economic pressure" and "reality" sounded like the cliches [sic] older generations would like us to be but were not themselves. Where is their youthful vitality, their yearning for freedom and pleasure at any irresponsible cost? Generation Zero will produce nothing of memorable value, artistic or otherwise, if this is how they think.*

*Fortunately I still see people who are, in the words of Hesse's *Narziss und Goldmund*, "sadly watching flowers fade again and again, knowing in our hearts how soon we shall be as withered as they" and continue to delight in occasional excess, knowing the transience of youth.*



*Alex Walker with Air Vice-Marshal Sir Michael Simmons (DB 1950-55), one of the architects of the Richard Hillary Essay Medal Competition*



## Cricket: U15 XI Pre-Season Festival at Millfield

Wednesday 30 April 2014

Just before the beginning of term, the Under 15A XI travelled to Somerset to take part in the Millfield School Pre-Season U15A Cricket Festival.



*George Garrett bowling*

Shrewsbury lost their first game of the season against a strong Millfield side by 70 runs. After reaching 118-2 in pursuit of the host's total of 223, a mid innings collapse ended hopes of what would have been a superb victory. Earlier, fine bowling from George Garrett (9-2-23-0) and Harry Gregson (9-0-45-4) had helped to restrict a strong Millfield side to 223 from 45 overs, when at 178-1 on an excellent batting pitch, a much larger total seemed inevitable. Charlie Home (37) and George Hargrave (53) got the reply off to a fantastic start, but despite a battling 21 from Garrett, the rest of the batsmen struggled against the accurate spin attack, and Shrewsbury finished well adrift on 153-9.

Shrewsbury recorded their first win of the season on the second day of the festival, after defeating Oakham by 20 runs. Batting first, Shrewsbury posted 216 from their 45 overs, with classy half centuries from Lysander Adair (61) and Charlie Home (58) providing the backbone to the innings. Another healthy contribution from George Garrett (23) enabled a competitive score to be posted on another good batting track.

In reply, Oakham were left reeling by a dazzling new ball burst from Garrett, who single-handedly reduced them to 34-4. Despite several contributions from the lower order, Oakham finished 20 runs short on 196-9, with all of the bowlers performing admirably. Garrett finished with figures of 4-35, and Pat Jacob 2-34. Shrewsbury will look to finish the tournament on a high tomorrow when they meet Tonbridge.

Shrewsbury completed a comfortable victory over Tonbridge on the final day, to round off what was an extremely pleasing pre-season festival. After opting to bat first, Tonbridge were in disarray after exemplary new ball spells from both George Garrett and Harry Gregson. Gregson

picked up 3 wickets, two of which were to excellent Ollie Dixon catches, and a sharp run out meant that after 9 overs, Tonbridge found themselves 14-4.

Despite a recovery that saw them post 152-9, Gregson's 5 wickets (5-28), along with support from all of the other bowlers, meant that this was a target well within reach. Charlie Home and George Hargrave shared a century opening stand, but even though both fell just short of their individual half centuries (48 and 41 respectively), an impressive 21 n.o from Dixon saw Shrewsbury home with almost 10 overs and 7 wickets remaining.

*RHM*



*Training*



# Athletics: Bromsgrove, Saturday 26th April 2014

Wednesday 30 April 2014

Coming only four days into the Athletics season, the Bromsgrove fixture was a huge test of the strength of this year's squad, and a great opportunity to put down a marker for the rest of the term. Having had only two training sessions, fitness levels were some way off what they might have been and technique was certainly a bit rusty in some of the field events, but enthusiasm was high as we made our way down the M5 on a Saturday afternoon that promised typical April weather: glorious sunshine interspersed with brutal but mercifully short downpours of rain coupled with some pretty bracing winds. (As a matter of fact, in each of the four years I've been to this event, the Bromsgrove sky has treated us to exactly the same performance, so we'd have felt short-changed with anything less.)

After an hour of warm-ups and practice (not to say 'initiation' in some disciplines), the events got underway. The first highlight of the day was to see Lower Sixth entrant Tom Knight (Rb) win the Senior Boys **110m hurdles** in a time of 16.1 seconds, over a second quicker than 2nd place - a great achievement in what was actually a pretty strong field.

After the hurdles were cleared, the **100m** races began, where Charlie Tait-Harris (S) proved what a versatile athlete he is with a fantastic 5th place in 12.2 seconds in the Inters race (astonishingly quick for someone so proficient in cross-country and middle-distance events). The juniors found themselves up against a field considerably taller than them, and struggled to keep pace with the strapping six-footers from the likes of Rugby and the hosts. Nevertheless, Eldon Kwok's (M) time of 13.7 secs in 11th place showed some early promise here. In the seniors, James Plaut (S) picked up from where he left off last year with a cracking second 50m, only just being pipped into 3rd place in 11.5 secs, one-tenth of a second behind the leading two athletes who were tied. In the **800m**, Oscar Dickins (R) showed what fine form he's in after a great cross-country season, taking the Inters gold in a fantastic time of 2:10.0, while Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R) placed a very strong 4th in 2:19.2 – a great time for the first event of the season. In the seniors, Roman Faithfull (O) worked his way through the field to take 6th place in a time of 2:15.7, just ahead of Alex Shaw (Ch) in 7th. In the juniors, Monty Hardcastle (I) had a terrific run coming back from injury to take the bronze in 2:26.8.

Monty continued a fine afternoon for him with a strong run in the **300m**, placing 9th, before going on to take another third spot in the **Javelin** with a fantastic throw of 28.93m. In the **400m**, Oscar had another impressive performance, placing 6th in a time of 57.4, with Charlie Tait-Harris just behind in 7th.

Tom Knight continued his excellent afternoon to take 4th in the **senior 200m** (though winning his heat) in a time of 23.6 seconds. James Plaut ran even faster, taking the gold in 22.9 seconds, showing that he's lost none of his pace from last year. James is a central figure in this squad, and his performances today were a real inspiration to the younger sprinters in the team.

In the **1500m**, Freddie Huxley-Fielding led the Inters race from the front to take first position in 4:36.2. He'll be hoping to break 4:30 over the next few weeks, but this was a fantastic early marker. Charlie Rogers (Rb) wasn't far behind in third, crossing the line in 4:43.5. It was during



this race that the heavens opened, so both these two crossed the line more closely resembling drowned rats than athletes. Bearing this in mind, their times are all the more impressive. In the senior event, Roman again ran strongly to place 7th in 4:57.9, ahead of Charlie Godman (M) in 10th in 5:06.6.

The track events finished, as is customary, with the **4x100m** – surely everyone’s favourite athletics event from a spectator’s point of view. Considering that none of the juniors had tried this before, their time of 58 seconds flat, with three very smooth baton changes, was encouraging, placing them 7th. The inters had much more experience in this event, and it as no surprise to see them post a really good time of 50.3 seconds, finishing 6th. Ladi Okusanya (SH) ran particularly well in the first leg, as did Tim Robinson-Boulton (R) in leg three. It was in the senior event that we had placed our highest hopes though. A fantastically strong field saw us just pipped on the line by Rugby by one-tenth of a second, posting 47.1 secs. All four runners – Alex Shaw, Max McClure (Rb), Tom Knight and James Plaut – ran exceedingly well. This was a really good confidence boost going in to the Achilles Relays in Oxford on Wednesday, where we hope to be extremely competitive on the national stage.

We have tended to do rather less well in the field than on the track in the last few years, but there was on Saturday a real sense that Shrewsbury is beginning to make its mark in certain disciplines. George Day (R) winning the **Long Jump** in 5.42m was the highlight of the afternoon in the field – especially impressive given that he considers his main event the Javelin (which sadly he didn’t get to compete in this time due to a shoulder injury). Elsewhere, Ladi Okusanya threw very well in both the **Shot** and the **Discus** to place 7th in both.

Though we didn’t manage to take a girls’ team to this event (something we hope to manage next year as girls’ athletics continues to grow), Tory Mobley (EDH) took her excellent cross-country form – where she has been simply outstanding this year – on to the (less-favoured) track, to run in the **senior girls’ 800m and 1500m**. Having taken silver in the 800m in a very encouraging time of 2:30.1, Tory engaged in a fantastic battle in the 1500m, remaining in second position until the final lap where she made her move on the back straight. Her strong finishing time of 5:12.8 was less significant than her tactics in this race, which she got spot-on.

The individual performances in this very competitive event were really pleasing to watch, but what I felt even more proud of as we embarked back onto the coach for the journey home was the really positive team spirit that emerged over the course of the afternoon, as our athletes watched, applauded and encouraged each other as they competed in their respective events. They were a real credit to the School, and I’m looking forward to our next event in Oxford and to witnessing more of the same. Well done to all.

*IPH*



## Cricket: Third Former selected for Warwickshire U14 Squad

Wednesday 30 April 2014

*Third Former George Garrett (Cb) has been selected for the Warwickshire U14 cricket squad.*

George, a sports scholar from the same school (Locker's Park) as his Fifth Form namesake and housemate George Panayi (who plays for the Warwickshire U17s), is also trialling for the Midlands U15 squad.

George, who captains the School's U14A team, seemed unfazed by the heavy fixture list he will face this term. "It's exciting," he says, "but I need to manage it all well so as to balance things out". George achieved the School's top Common Entrance marks last year and takes his academic commitments very seriously.  
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