

## Salopian mixed pair win National Fives title and make EFA history

Thursday 2 April 2015

*In the National Schools' Championships at the end of the Lent term, Third Formers Daniel Humes (I) and Nina Lange (G) became the first ever mixed pair to win the Beginners Tournament in the 26 years of the competition.*



*Nina Lange and Daniel Humes*

Shrewsbury entered 22 pairs in the Beginners Tournament, including four girl pairings. Nina and Daniel played at 1st pair and battled their way through three days of challenging play. At midday on 21st March they eventually defeated Eton 1st pair by 3 sets to 1 in the final of the competition, to claim the title and make Eton Fives Association history.

This is the 14th time Shrewsbury has won the Beginners' Trophy since the competition began in 1990.

Nina was part of another historic first for Shrewsbury Fives earlier in the same week when she and her partner Tilly Reynolds became National U15 Girls Champions - see report: [Shrewsbury School win their first ever U15 Girls National Fives Trophy.](#)

Tilly Reynolds and her partner Sophia Breese also won the Ladies Festival Tournament, beating Shrewsbury's 2nd pair and fellow Third Formers Phoebe Wasdell and Lizzie Ware in the close and hotly contested final.



*L-R: Phoebe Wasdell, Tilly Reynolds, Sophia Breese, Lizzie Ware*

Shrewsbury's 1st senior boys' pair George Lewis and George Panayi reached the final of the Men's Open Tournament.



# Harry Al-Adwani to star in National Youth Music Theatre summer production

Monday 13 April 2015

*Many congratulations to Harry Al-Adwani (SH UVI), who has been cast as the male lead in the National Youth Music Theatre (NYMT) summer production at the St James Theatre in London. This is a very impressive achievement.*



The musical is a newly commissioned work called *Prodigy*, written by the team who created *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*. It focuses on a group of finalists in the Young Musician of the Year competition.

An added challenge for Harry is that not only must he act, sing and dance, he must also learn and play the vibraphone!

This is a great achievement for Harry, who also appeared in last year's NYMT summer production of *The Hired Man*. Competition for places in the National Youth Music Theatre is fierce; it is described by Andrew Lloyd Weber as "the best youth music theatre in the world" and boasts alumni including Jude Law, Eddie Redmayne and Sheridan Smith.

Harry has had leading roles in a number of plays during his years at Shrewsbury, including the title role in this year's Senior School Play, *Cyrano de Bergerac*.



## Shrewsbury win English Indoor Rowing Championships

Tuesday 14 April 2015

*On Sunday 29th March, a team of four J16 oarsmen won the English Indoor Rowing Championships held in the velodrome at the National Cycling Centre, Manchester.*



The team consisted of Jacob Rand, Rory McKirdy and Barney Fox from RSSBC and Matt Farrow, who currently rows at Pengwern Boat Club but who is joining Shrewsbury School in September.

They covered the 3000m distance in a time of just 8'44.2", beating Trentham Boat Club into second place by over 12 seconds, and setting a new Championship Record in the process.



## Pre-season cricket festivals

Wednesday 15 April 2015

*Excellent performances from the 1st XI and U15 XI at their respective pre-season cricket festivals last week. Hopes are high for a successful term ahead.*

The 1st XI hosted a pre-season festival against Worksop College, St Edwards Oxford, Worcestershire Academy and Millfield. Highlights included Oli Westbury (S UVI) scoring 106 vs Millfield, George Hargrave (Rb V) scoring 100n.o. vs St Edwards and Charlie Home (Rt V) taking 5 wickets vs Worksop.

The U15s' pre-season festival was hosted at Millfield and also included Oakham and Tonbridge Schools.

The highlights were Lysander Adair (Rt) scoring a century vs Millfield, Jamie Crawley (Rt IV) scoring 95 vs Oakham, Tom Brunskill (S IV) being the leading wicket-taker and Dan Humes (I 3) taking 10 dismissals as wicket-keeper.

There's clearly much potential from this team for the term!



# Pupils, parents and staff join the OS Golfing Society at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club

Friday 17 April 2015



Callaway Junior World Championships in the USA. He is pictured with Captain of Golf Alex Haspel (Rb UVI) in front of the RLGC trophy packed cabinet, which displays golf clubs used by Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy when they won their respective Open titles.

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The OSGC has a number of golf events around the country and offers a warm welcome to new members, current Salopians and/or their parents. If you are interested, the Honorary Secretary Tim Lewis would be delighted to hear from you ([tim.lewis@osgs.net](mailto:tim.lewis@osgs.net)).

*Mark Schofield*

*Master in Charge of Golf*



## Rowing Easter Training Camps

Friday 17 April 2015

*The Boat Club held its annual Senior and J16 rowing camp at the 2000m rowing lake at Lissac-sur-Couze near Brive-la-Gaillarde in France, while the J15s travelled to Pangbourne in Berkshire for a week of training sessions on the Thames.*



*J16B, 2nd and 1st VIIIs on the course*

### **Senior Rowing Camp**

The excited group of oarsmen and oarswomen departed on Easter Monday for the seven-day trip and were pleased to arrive to a beautiful calm lake. The gîtes overlooking the course provided excellent accommodation for the group and all meals were provided for in both quantity and quality for hungry rowers.

The daily training regime saw most crews getting in three water sessions a day with time for revision in the morning and afternoon. Crew selection took place over the first half of the camp, allowing crews to settle into formation during the latter half.





*1st VIII*

The opportunity to get training done on a buoyed course was put to good use with plenty of work done in small boats, which often proves challenging on the bends and stream provided by the Severn. We were treated to calm warm weather throughout the week which made the mill pond conditions ideal. The technical progress made in one week of training camp is the equivalent to that made in two months during term time, as the athletes get detailed feedback between sessions and are able to get out and hone their skills from one session to the next with few distractions.



*Girls' Quad*

The Boat Race was streamed live during dinner on Saturday evening providing great entertainment and motivation for the boys and girls alike.

There is plenty of racing coming up this term and the crews will be eager to show the speed they have gained.

*ATH*

### **J15 Rowing Camp**

Meanwhile, a group of 21 Fourth Form rowers travelled to Pangbourne College Boat Club in Berkshire for their annual training camp. James Snell (Ch) reports:



“We arrived in Streatley at the Youth Hostel, and were excited to have our first row on the Thames to blow away the Easter holiday cobwebs.



On the second day we had morning and afternoon sessions in two eights, one double and a single and by the end of the day our hands began to show signs of blisters!

We had a morning session on the Wednesday and in the afternoon we went punting in Oxford and toured the city. We were privileged to be led on an interesting private tour of Hertford College by Mr Peach, who studied there.

Punting was a rather wet experience for some! One boat crew in particular (to remain nameless!) managed to all either be pushed in, or fall in of their own accord.

On the penultimate day we had a morning and afternoon session, followed by a delicious fish and chips supper sitting in a Sainsbury's car park. It concluded with an enjoyable cinema visit to end a great week on the river.

Seven sessions, two crabs, and a lot of blisters later we'd had an amazing camp in glorious weather throughout.

This trip was exciting, amusing, physically tiring, and very well organised. Our thanks go to Mr Manser, Mr Farr and Mr Peach."



## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 17 April 2015

*This week, the cricket 1st XI.*

It was after I had spent a magnificent day with my family climbing Todd Tor to view Lake Windermere that I became aware of the possibility that the sniff of summer was in the breeze. Upon my return to Shrewsbury I realised that my personal solar panels had been over exposed to the sun as a result of hat avoidance. I have been much more careful since, and not even the most powerful rays will get through my Gunn and Moore wide-brimmed extra large sportswear sunhat!

Having drawn attention to this most useful article of clothing, I would ask you not to look at it too carefully should you see me wearing it in the coming weeks. I have just discovered I am not allowed to hand wash, machine wash or soak it and if it were a small child I would say that it could do with a bath!

There are, of course, other signs of the imminent arrival of the sunny season. Stumps have been sighted all over the beautifully cultivated commons. Tulips are gracefully swaying out of the way of firmly struck cricket balls in their newly prepared beds. Cars near the nets where our top players are practising are beginning to resemble those spotted on TV in areas of conflict. Snippets of conversation around the School at this time of year include phrases such as 'he got one in the face from a nasty bouncer', 'he's bowled another maiden over', 'he's been caught again', and 'she just got back in time', illustrating the obsession with cricket rather than a social life of a dubious nature.



The 1st XI have already played five matches and the under 15As three. There have already been three centurions, as Oli Westbury dominated the XI pre-season match against Millfield which

was ultimately rained off, George Hargrave scored 100 not out against St Edward's, and Lysander Adair also enjoyed the hospitality laid on at Millfield for the under 15s. If we are honest, the Millfield game was not going Shrewsbury's way. But Oli was keen to tell me that as an RS student he did feel that the sudden rain storm was down to his influence with the Almighty. "I have always relied on God, Sir; I had to with your teaching!"



*1st and 2nd team coaches Andy Barnard and Matt Barrett in serious discussion*

Having defeated Worksop, St Edward's Oxford and Myerscough, drawn with Millfield and lost to a very strong Worcestershire Academy side, there is a quiet confidence in the cricketing camp. Head of Cricket Andy Barnard takes his cricket very seriously. "I take my cricket very seriously," he told me. I imagined that our cricket professional Paul Pridgeon must be the one to inject a little levity into proceedings, but when I caught up with him to have a chat about the squad I quickly realised this is probably not the case. "I am a serious cricket coach," he said.

I spotted another important member of the cricketing establishment working on his wickets, Head Groundsman Andy Richards, and went to ask him about the pitches he prepares. "It is a serious business," he told me. It certainly is, as Andy has tried to inject more bounce into the wicket so that it is more like the indoor centre surfaces the team practise on all through the winter months. As a result, the modern Shrewsbury School cricketer tends to be more comfortable on the back foot, and perhaps that is why we have over ten recent OS cricketers who have played First Class cricket, including this year's Cambridge captain Alastair Pollock.

Watching the first team squad practise, it was clear that there are some 'serious cricketers' at Shrewsbury at present. This was drilled home to me when showing an Australian family around. The young man I was trying to impress is a keen cricketer. He instantly recognised the standard was exceptional and wanted to know who the fastest bowler is and the name of the best batsman. It is quite easy to show off when one can say, "That batsman [Oli Westbury] plays for Worcestershire 2nd XI and that bowler [Geroge Panayi] is in the England under-17 squad."



*England U17 player George Panayi*

I was also able to underline Shrewsbury's prowess in the Prince of Sports by pointing out that it was a good day for ex-Shrewsbury school cricketers as James Taylor scored 62 for Nottinghamshire, David Lloyd scored 59 not out for Glamorgan and Steve Leach scored 110 not out for the Oxford MCCU side, although he did not get quite as much press as KP!

Messrs Pridgeon and Barnard are looking forward to working with the present squad. I sensed, despite their grizzled looks, the boyish enthusiasm that has kept them going this long is still there! They work well together; I was going to say a bit like Morse and Lewis but actually more like Morse and Morse. They described the present crop of players as "young and promising".

The squad are also full of eager anticipation for the season ahead. New signing Dan Lloyd has enjoyed the set up at Shrewsbury and on the Tuesday he told me he would be relieved when he had taken his first wicket. I noticed Oli Westbury at prayer and sure enough, on Wednesday against Myerscough his wish was granted. Similarly, Harry Adair who was striking the ball with great confidence in the nets on Tuesday, admitted to me in confidence that he would like to score more runs than he had thus far this season. Oli Westbury was listening in, dropped to his knees, and Harry scored 70 on Wednesday against Myerscough.



*A fluent off-drive from your correspondent sends Oli Westbury running*

The success of this team will be no miracle, although they may make a pilgrimage to Lourdes/Lords? It will be down to an abundance of natural talent, good coaching, confidence and serious enthusiasm for the game. The batting line-up looks strong, with George Hargrave, Oli Westbury, George Lewis, Charlie Home, George Garratt and Harry Adair already confident with runs under the belt. The bowlers consisting of George Panayi, Charlie Cooke, Charlie Adams, Dan Lloyd, Jacob Patrick, Dan Durman and Charlie Home are also already into their wicket-taking strides. The wicket-keeping of Jamie Humes is an added bonus and there are plenty of players pushing for a place in the Twenty20 team, if not the longer version of the game, with players like Freddie Earlam and Henry Newbould itching to take their chance should it come their way.

Fingers crossed, but it looks as if everything in the cricket camp is 'all white'.



# Big Band win National Festival Gold Medal

Friday 17 April 2015

*Shrewsbury Big Band won their fourth Gold Award in this year's National Concert Band Festival Finals at the Royal Northern College of Music.*

On Saturday 11th April, with Director of Music John Moore directing in Maria McKenzie's absence\*, Shrewsbury's Big Band played a great set of four numbers, including one with guest vocalist Ben Higgins, in the Opera Theatre at Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music. (\* Maria went on maternity leave at the end of the Lent Term and we are now delighted to report the safe arrival of Ethan.)

The Band had all come back also the day before to rehearse at the School and can be hugely proud of their achievement in gaining yet another Gold Award and some very positive comments on stage from veteran Big Band leader and Judge, Ian Darrington.

As well as getting the Gold Award, the Band also picked up two awards for outstanding solo contributions: one to Brooke Plumtre for his terrific drumming in the band, and also Henry Newbould for his alto sax playing, particularly in the feature, *Harlem Nocturne*.



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## Owen Mock wins individual gold in WWF Charity Run

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Run for Change 2015

( 28 March 2015, Saturday ,Temperature : 20C ~ 24C, Humidity : 75% ~ 95%)

男子組 ( 15-16歲 ) Male (age 15-16)

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2	17	CHUNG, HEI SHUN DEREK		00:30:35
3	12	WONG, KWUN YAN		00:37:38



## The news 100 years ago: 10th - 17th April 1915

Friday 17 April 2015

*This week we remember:*

**Private Charles Grundy, 51170, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).**

Head of House in Hall's (now Rigg's), he left in 1897. He went to New College Oxford and, after taking his degree in 1900, studied law and eventually became a solicitor. He emigrated to Kootenay, British Columbia, and in October 1914 enlisted in Princess Patricia's Regt.

*Killed in action while on duty in the trenches near St Julien in Belgium, 17th April 1915 aged 36*

*Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 10.*

Of interest is the number of Salopians who, having served in the O.T.C. at school, enlisted as Soldiers rather than taking up a Commission as an Officer. In the early stages of the war when older men were still enlisting, it was not uncommon to find an Oxbridge graduate, now a professional (as in Charles Grundy, remembered today), enlisting as a Private.

As for the effect of teachers on their pupils: "He kept on lecturing us in the PT classes until we marched out under his leadership down to the local office to enlist. I can still see him, his eyes peering at us through his spectacles and his voice trembling with emotion as he asked "You'll all go, won't you, lads?" (*All Quiet on the Western Front*, Erich Maria Remarque.)

# Success in Chemistry Olympiad 2015

Monday 20 April 2015

*Twenty-four Sixth Form students took part in Round 1 of the International Chemistry Olympiad. This year there were 23 students from Lower Sixth and one from the Upper Sixth. The results were outstanding, with three gold, ten silver and five bronze medals being awarded.*

This competition is designed to challenge and stimulate the most talented young chemists in the country, and is open to all post-16 students in the UK. There are three rounds to the competition, at the end of which the UK team is selected to train for, and compete in, the International Chemistry Olympiad.

The paper itself is based on the core of the Chemistry A-level specifications, so that students taking any of the different exam board A-levels can compete fairly. The exam lasts two hours and is composed of a series of structured questions designed to stretch able students by making them apply the principles they have learnt to new and often more complex situations than they would meet in their A-level course. Thus, in order to score marks, it is essential to have a very sound base of knowledge and understanding, but also have the ability to think and reason - often "outside the box" - at a high level.

The students concerned worked at this, attending a weekly session since last June, initially taking the on-line LVI Chemistry Olympiad, and then beginning intensive preparation for the more demanding Olympiad itself, which they sat in February.

## **Gold Medals were awarded to:**

Chloe Chen (MSH LVI)  
Tom Dodd (Rb LVI)  
Merrick Wong (SH UVI)

## **Silver Medals were awarded to:**

James Chen (I LVI)  
Nat Chumbala (SH LVI)  
Gladys Lam (MSH LVI)  
Loren Kell (EDH LVI)  
Keith Lee (M LVI)  
Matthew Pang (R LVI)  
Yuyang Shang (S LVI)  
William Sun (I LVI)  
Catheline Wang (MSH LVI)  
Sherry Xu (EDH LVI)

## **Bronze Medals were awarded to:**

Benson Chang (O LVI)  
Tom Cheung (SH LVI)  
Eric Ma (SH LVI)  
Henry Newbould (Ch LVI)  
Benjamin Remnant (Ch LVI)



# Headmaster's Commendations

Tuesday 21 April 2015

*The aim of the Headmaster's Commendations is to recognise and reward outstanding academic achievement and intellectual curiosity. The following pupils were awarded Headmaster's Commendations at the end of last term:*

## **Upper Sixth**

Ed Carroll (Ch)

Millie Dean (MSH)

Sylvia Yeo (EDH)

## **Lower Sixth**

Chloe Chen (MSH)

Alfie Grocott (PH)

Ben Sansom (PH)

## **Fifth Form**

Sam Russell (Ch)

## **Fourth Form**

Eleanor Fox (G)

Henry Graham (O)

Will Sawyer (PH)

## **Third Form**

Sophia Breese (EDH)

Kiwi (Ching Yan) Chan (EDH)

Otto Rothwell-Hurley (Ch)



## The President's Dinner at Emmanuel College.

Wednesday 22 April 2015

*The President of the Salopian Club, Sir Eldryd Parry, hosted a Salopian Club dinner in the magical setting of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he is a fellow.*



On Thursday 16th April a gathering of OS from across the country enjoyed a wonderful formal dinner in the beautiful setting of the Old Library at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

The reception and drinks were held in the Upper Hall, where Sir Eldryd gave his welcome speech, before the assembled guests moved to the Old Library via the cloisters of New Court. The Old Library was originally the College Chapel and the open timber screen is from the original medieval building. After the completion of the Wren chapel, the room was used from 1680 to 1930 as the College library. The room is hung with portraits which include a full-length picture of the Founder, Sir Walter Mildmay, painted for the College in 1588. A unique venue for a special dinner.

Dinner itself was a very convivial occasion, with OS from across the age range sharing stories and enjoying the delicious food and good company. It was lovely to see some familiar faces but also a number of members who have not attended such events before. It was particularly notable

that we were joined by a number of recent leavers who contributed greatly to the pleasant conversation and positive atmosphere.

After dinner Professor Michael Proctor, Provost of Kings College, (O 63-67) gave his speech, which included a celebration of the historical links between the School and the University. The Headmaster then spoke about some of the recent developments at the School, including the very successful move to co-education and the new buildings on the site.



And finally guests were treated to a medley of song by a small group of very talented OS singers, Henry Southern (G 03-08), Chris Cox (M 04-09), Chris Jamieson (G 04-09) and Sam Grainger (SH 04-09). This was so enjoyable that there were calls for an encore



resulting in a splendid acapella version of 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' which had guests clapping along.

It was a very special and unique occasion, which will prove memorable in years to come.



## Shewsy Visit to Shrewsbury School

Wednesday 22 April 2015

*The sun shone in a blue sky for the annual visit of twenty youngsters, aged 13 -16, from Shrewsbury House, our youth club in Everton, affectionately known as 'The Shewsy'. Twelve 'Shewsy School' Third Form Ambassadors hosted and joined all the activities, and sunburned noses were shared out equally.*



The weekend began, in casuals, on the KH lawn, with mixed teams attempting to shout out the right name and catch nine tennis balls coming in opposite directions, simultaneously. These 'ice-breakers' were led by the Shewsy Youth Workers, and any remaining ice was soon broken by sharing horse-riding, mountain biking, Fives, drumming and climbing the Stiperstones. It was great to see Shrewsbury's 'Fourteenth House' represented at lunch, in the centre of KH.



*Ice-breakers*

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As Dave Brereton, Senior Youth Leader, reminded us in Chapel, we can usually find we've more similarities than differences, whatever our background. Reverend Henry Corbett gave us satisfyingly cogent answers to the questions 'Are you religious?' and 'Is politics important?'

Sunday included a keenly-fought football match, a chance to jump in the pool or to mooch a little in Shrewsbury town.

Thanks to all those staff, past and present, the Chairman of the Salopian Club, Sir Eldryd Parry, and the Shewsy School Governor, Lyndsey O'Loughlin, who joined us over either a meal, a football or a saddle.

Particular thanks to the twelve 'Ambassadors', led by Jackie Matthews, and to Jenny Burge for her organisational wizardry and endless patience.

*LJD*





## School Essay Competitions

Wednesday 22 April 2015

*In the past three years, we have introduced two new essay competitions, designed to provide pupils with the challenge of responding under time pressure to an unseen title.*



*Loren Kell*

The Richard Hillary Essay competition provides an opportunity for Sixth Formers to spend two hours pitting their wits against a one-word essay title. The event was modelled on the historic competition undertaken to select fellows of All Souls College, Oxford. Thirty-four pupils volunteered to take part last term, and each competitor opened an envelope on their exam desk to reveal this year's one-word title, "Power".

The competition was judged by Dr Mark Wormald, Old Salopian and Senior Tutor of Pembroke College, Cambridge. The winner was Loren Kell (EDH LVI), with Olivia Bradley (EDH UVI), Dan Edwards (S UVI) and Jonathan Trenchard (S UVI) all highly commended.

Last week then saw the Junior Essay Prize take place, with 70 pupils from the Third and Fourth Forms taking part. They had to choose one title from a range of over 20, covering all subjects. The choice included 'Should we believe in life after death?', 'What makes Great Art?', 'Are renewable fuels worth the investment?' and 'What makes a great hero in literature?'

The name of the winner will emerge later in the term, and the prize will be awarded on Speech Day alongside the Richard Hillary Essay Medal.



## Mayor's Award for OS Committee Member

Thursday 23 April 2015

*C. R. Birch recognised for their long service to the town of Shrewsbury.*



The Mayor's Awards Ceremony took place on 22 April at the Guildhall and, along with the seven major awards, Mayor Councillor Beverley Barker also presented nine personal awards to individuals and organisations, met throughout her mayoral year, whom she felt had made significant contribution to the town. Recipient of one of these was Peter Birch on behalf of C. R. Birch & Son.

Peter (DB 66-71), Chairman of the OS Hunt and also the OS Sports Committee, said that the award was given in recognition of 106 years of helping people. In contrast to the large DIY chains C. R. Birch provides a personal service, with help and advice. When the business was first in operation it was somewhat more agricultural, with the cattle market being directly opposite. They also used to deliver candles and paraffin out to surrounding villages. Although the business has changed and become more domestic, the focus on customer service and a flexible, helpful attitude remains. From his Grandfather, to his Father and himself Peter thinks that this has come naturally to them.

Sadly C. R. Birch and Son will close later this year - the end of an era. The business will no doubt be sorely missed, but it is very good to see them rewarded for the part they have played in serving Shrewsbury for more than a century.

## Shrewsbury Entrepreneurs

Thursday 23 April 2015

*Five entrepreneurial Shrewsbury students took advantage of the business expertise of a group of parent and OS entrepreneurs this week, through the Entrepreneurs Activity run by Careers Fellow, Dr Kate Daubney.*



After five weeks of coming up with ideas, exploring, planning, evaluating and reviewing, the student entrepreneurs discussed their business propositions this week with Anthony Walters (PH, 96), Robin Mitchell (Rb parent), David Schofield (SH/O parent) and Graham Moss (R, 73).

With ideas as diverse as a restaurant review site (Pip Moulson, Rt), bespoke jewellery (Leo Sartain, SH), specialist ice lollies (Charlie Tait-Harris, S), an internet coding service (Alex Penman, Rb), and vintage clothing (Travis Ho, Rt), the businessmen were able to draw on a huge range of experiences and expertise to help our students evolve their ideas, and given the considerable nodding from the students afterwards, clearly much inspirational wisdom was shared.

Next week, the students practise pitching their ideas to an investor when Chris Hyde from Shrewsbury's Handelsbanken branch comes to School.

## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 23 April 2015

*This week, the U14C cricket team.*

I am in training for the Shrewsbury Half Marathon at the moment. Incidentally, I have reduced my 'Inn' training as a result; a piece of information I have included inspired by a 'hilarious' typo! I will return to the theme of my half marathon training at a later date, but for now I just want you to concentrate on the fact that I am nearing peak physical fitness and therefore I have forgotten what it is like to be out of condition. This is bad news for any team that I am involved with, as I expect them to match my high performance levels.



*Dynamic duo Danila Polyntsov and Xander Nuijten*

Having already looked at how the 1st XI are shaping up for the season, I thought I would turn the spotlight on the other end of the spectrum. The under 14Cs are not packed full of county players, but their coach is full of enthusiasm for the season. "I am full of enthusiasm for the season", I said; for it is I who has the privilege of working with this fine body of men and women.

And although we do not have any county players, we do have some international players in our squad. Danila Polyntsov is a fast developing all-rounder from Russia, Xander Nuijten is a hard-hitting right-handed batsman from Kenya, and Keita Nakamura is one of Japan's most promising bowlers.

I caught up with myself and the squad as they prepared for their first match of the season; they welcome Millfield to Team GB's arena this Saturday. Millfield are always a tough proposition



when it comes to sport and so our training had to be rigorous, tough, uncompromising and intellectually stimulating. We had to prepare ourselves for everything that the opposition might throw at us; there will be no eventuality that occurs on Saturday that we have not foreseen; for this is Under 14 C cricket.

Unless you work in a dark, dank, dingy, dreary dungeon, you will have noticed, if you are based in the UK, that the weather has been particularly fine of late. I am certainly a great believer in fair weather cricket. I see no point in playing cricket in cold or damp conditions. Cricket is a game to be enjoyed in the sun or postponed until the next sunny day. I like to train in the heat, as it heightens performance levels.



*Harvey Hancock storming in with another wicket-taking delivery*

And so it was that on a hot day the under 14Cs endured an intensive outdoor net session. The under 14As and Bs were sheltering in the indoor centre, as their coaches have not managed to train them to the fitness and endurance levels that the Cs are at. This is not a criticism, just an observation. I just hope that if it is a sunny day on Saturday those teams are able to deal with it!

Before the net session, I had a word with the squad and explained that it was important that the batsmen received every conceivable type of delivery. The lads were typically positive about this instruction and I can have no complaints. Harvey Hancock, a hard-hitting predominantly leg-sided player, told me he sometimes kept wicket as he cannot bowl. This was, as is so often the case, merely false modesty. He bowled some excellent deliveries and his variations were a joy to behold.

Elwood Rainey and Lucas Jones both admitted to having concerns over their bowling but continually served up challenging deliveries. Some bowlers do like to utilise the width of the nets and at times get some extra spin from the netting, be it side or roof. This of course is all part of the plan to ensure that our batters are prepared for anything. That said, we are not expecting there to be a net on the square on Saturday – but you never know!

I am very happy with our bowling attack. We have the fearsome pace of George Faulkner, George Twelves, Fred Williams, Toby Patterson and Ned Moreau, and after they have unsettled the opposition there will be the cunningly crafted spinners sent down by Matthew Thevathasan and Joe Scott.



*Bowled! Spinner Matthew Thevathasan strikes again*

The batsmen are also looking in good shape; none more so than wicketkeeper Toby Cope, who was testing the integrity and strength of the nets with his firmly struck shots all round the wicket.



*Fab Four - Moreau, Cope, Rainey and Williams*



Zander Nuijten, Harvey Hancock and George Faulkner all look likely to trouble the scorers, and Emma Graham and Lizzie Ware are adding girl power to the batting line-up after they impressed in a recent match against the girls' team.

It was clear that most of the squad had given their all at our high-intensity net session. The team had suffered, but they knew it was all part of becoming highly tuned athletes.



*Recovering after an intensive training session*

I think sometimes a team can be inspired by the conditioning and athleticism of their coach, but I would not like to take too much credit at what is a comparatively early stage of my busy training schedule. Whatever their motivation, there is a sense of belief and growing confidence in this ever-growing squad and I am expecting a highly invigorating performance from my elite athletes on Saturday.

Talking of elite athleticism. If you wish to find out more about my half marathon attempt please see:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/teamgbell>



## RSSBC: King's Chester Match

Thursday 23 April 2015

*On Sunday the Boat Club took two coach loads of pupils and two fully laden trailers to Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham to give the rowers their first side-by-side race experience of the year.*

The venue will play host to the National Schools' Regatta at the end of May and provided a great opportunity for our novice oarsmen to get acquainted with the venue and the logistics of getting attached onto stake boats and racing six abreast.



We were joined by seven crews from King's Chester to add some competition and incentive to the racing, which took the form of a time trial over 1750m followed by seeded 2000m side by side finals. To finish off, the crews raced six abreast in two 500m races, which produced some exciting finishes.



There some close racing and tight margins between the King's and Shrewsbury crews, with some results changing between the different distances.

The trip proved extremely useful and special mention must go the J14s who showed excellent boatmanship skills on the day.

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# General Election Hustings at Shrewsbury School

Friday 24 April 2015

*Shrewsbury School was proud to host Election Hustings for the Prospective Parliamentary Candidates of the main five political parties for the Shrewsbury & Atcham Constituency last Thursday.*



*L-R: Daniel Kawczynski, Laura Davies, Dan Edwards and Esmé O'Keefe (co-chairs), Matthew Clarke (Shrewsbury School staff), Christine Tinker and Suzanne Evans*

Before a packed audience of Salopians in the Ashton Theatre each candidate was first invited to lay out his or her party's key policies. We heard from Daniel Kawczynski for the Conservatives, Emma Bullard for the Greens, Laura Davies for Labour, Christine Tinker for the Liberal Democrats and Suzanne Evans for UKIP - all clearly conviction politicians with strong links to their local constituency.



Over the next hour our co-chairs Dan Edwards (S UVI) and Esmé O'Keeffe (EDH UVI) invited representative questions from the audience covering the economy, the NHS, education issues, the UK, Europe and wider immigration, defence and the threat of radicalisation and terrorism on our shores.



With the co-chairs adroitly facilitating fair opportunity to all the candidates, we were treated to a serious and high quality debate. Clear political divides could be seen in many of the candidates' responses, and thus all present learned a great deal about the range of ideas now to be found in the political arena. It was clear that all parties had a plan for government, and that the country would take different directions according to any result giving an outright majority. The thought of coalition came up here and there, along with the potential consequences of such an outcome on 7th May.

To conclude the evening the candidates were offered the chance to sum up their positions and to make final appeals for votes. After the formal hustings the candidates graciously accepted our invitation to meet students over refreshments and the political discussion continued for some time.



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I should like to thank all five candidates for their willingness to come to the School to engage with our students. Although many votes were clearly sought and gained by each candidate, the wider highly principled and shared objective of raising political awareness and interest was clearly achieved and will have a lasting effect. It was a very memorable and thought-provoking evening - few of those present will ever doubt that politics and politicians really do matter!

The School is now gearing up for its own mock election next week.

*SHC*



## French study visit to Montpellier

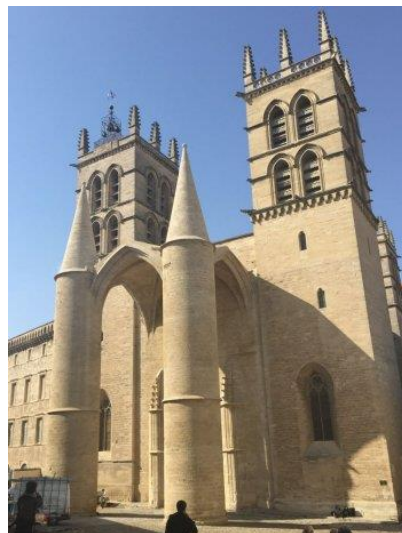
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*Twenty-one Third, Fourth and Fifth Formers, accompanied by Mr Warburg and Miss Weatherstone from the French Faculty, spent just under a week in Montpellier at the start of the Easter holidays. Some of their diary entries are included here (with English translations) with photos by Petr Rostokin (M 3).*



### Samedi

Tout le monde a dû arriver à neuf heures et quart et puis nous avons conduit à l'aéroport de Luton. Quand nous sommes arrivés à Montpellier, les familles d'accueil nous ont accueillis. Je suis resté dans une maison avec James. Nous étions heureux parce que la maison était très grande et d'ailleurs la famille était très gentille.



*Everybody had to arrive at 9.15 and then we drove to Luton airport. When we arrived at Montpellier the host families welcomed us. I stayed in a house with James. We were happy because the house was very big and moreover the family was very nice.*

(Jamie Channon)



## Dimanche

Dimanche nous avons fait la grasse matinée et après s'être levés, on a mangé le petit déjeuner avec notre famille d'accueil. L'après-midi on est allé aux Rochers de Maguelone et on a fait de l'accrobranche. Nous nous sommes beaucoup amusés. Après avoir fait de l'accrobranche on est allés à la plage. Il faisait du soleil. La plupart des garçons ont joué au foot et les filles jouaient au badminton. Après ça on a dû rentrer dans nos familles d'accueil.

*On Sunday we had a lie-in and after getting up, we ate breakfast with our host family. In the afternoon we went to Rochers de Maguelone and we did high-wiring. We really enjoyed ourselves. After the high-wiring we went to the beach. It was sunny. Most of the boys played football and the girls played badminton. After that we had to return to our host families.*

(Mark Panguin)

## Lundi

Je me suis réveillé à huit heures moins le quart et les cours à l'école de langues ont commencé à neuf heures. C'était très amusant et les profs à l'école étaient très gentils. L'après-midi, nous avons fait un tour guidé de Montpellier. C'était intéressant et divertissant. Après ça, nous avons eu une dégustation de produits régionaux. On a mangé du miel, du vinaigre et du jus de la figue - c'était délicieux.

*I woke up at 7.45 and the language lessons started at 9. It was good fun and the teachers at the school were nice. In the afternoon, we did a guided tour of Montpellier. It was interesting and entertaining. After that, we had a tasting of regional products. We ate honey, vinegar and fig juice – it was delicious!*

(Jamie Channon)



*La dégustation de produits régionaux*





## Mardi

Encore une fois les cours ont commencé à neuf heures et ont fini à midi et demi. Après les cours nous avons visité les grottes des demoiselles. Dans les grottes il fait 14 degrés tout le temps. Quelques roches ressemblaient aux chameaux et aux jambes de Claudia Schiffer! Après ça nous avons joué au golf miniature. C'était très amusant! Finalement on a mangé un bon repas ensemble dans le restaurant Deedee Jacqueline. Comme dessert j'ai mangé du 'pain perdu', c'était du pain avec de la sucre.

*Again the lessons started at 9 o'clock and finished at 12.30. After the lessons we visited the 'grottes des demoiselles'. In the caves it is always 14°. Some of the rocks looked like camels and others were like Claudia Schiffer's legs! After that we played mini golf. It was good fun! Finally we ate a nice meal together at Deedee Jacqueline. For dessert I ate 'pain perdu', it was bread with sugar.*

(Otto Rothwell-Hurley)



*Les grottes des demoiselles*

## Mercredi

Mercredi après-midi on a fait une activité intéressante qui s'appelle "photomania". On a dû prendre plusieurs photos au centre-ville. Après ça on a goûté les produits régionaux et ils étaient délicieux, surtout la confiture, qui était magnifique. J'ai acheté de la confiture et du pâté pour ma mère.



*On Wednesday afternoon we did an interesting activity called 'photomania'. We had to take several photos in the centre of town. After that we tasted regional products and they were delicious, especially the jam, which was magnificent. I bought jam and pâté for my mother.*

(Mark Panguin)

## **Jeudi**

Aujourd'hui a dû rentrer en Angleterre. Je pense tout le monde étaient tristes de partir. Je retournerai à Montpellier parce qu'il faisait tellement beau et je me suis beaucoup amusé.

*Today we had to return to England. I think that everyone was sad to leave. I will return to Montpellier because the weather was so lovely and I had great fun.*

(Jamie Channon)



# Duke of Edinburgh Gold Sea-Kayaking Practice Expedition

Friday 24 April 2015

*The final week of the Easter break was an interesting adventure for an intrepid gathering of Lower Sixth students undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Practice expedition.*



A team of eight students travelled to Anglesey for a sea-kayaking trip. It was a fantastic week, with amazing weather and favourable tides. The team undertook scenario training, rescue work, theory in the evenings. During a two-day camping exercise they lived entirely off the contents stored in their boats.



The highlight of the expedition was the wild camp at the 'Old Brick Works' on the north of the Island. This picturesque spot can only be accessed by boat. The team were keen to have a fire, but the vegetation is pretty thin; so in addition to the normal camping equipment, each person was required to carry in two logs and a handful of kindling.



It was a beautiful evening cooking a multitude of delicacies from limpets, smores (marshmallows sandwiched between two rich tea biscuits), popcorn with butter and sugar coating, grilled salami – to name but a few delicious food stuffs on the menu.

The team have now efficiently planned their assessment journey in Scotland for later in the Summer Term. Good luck to them all!

*Maj Jo Billington*





## The news 100 years ago: 18th - 24th April 1915

Friday 24 April 2015

*This week 100 years ago was a sad week for School House – it lost both a Housemaster (the second Member of Staff to die in the war) and two old boys. Of those who died, some were involved in the early stages at Gallipoli, and others in the stalemate of trench warfare.*

*We remember:*

**Private Fothergill William Swinfen Cottrell, 288, 11th Bn. Australian Infantry, A.I.F.**

School House, left in 1909 and emigrated to Australia. Killed in the charge up Anzac Hill, Gallipoli on 25th April 1915.

*Remembered on Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey. 33*

**Lieutenant Charles Stockley French, 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.**

Churchill's, left in 1910 and completed his degree at Trinity College Dublin in 1914. "Cheerful, unselfish, simple, true, Charlie was one of the best and most loyal of Old Salopians." – The Salopian. Gazetted on 26th August from the Dublin University O.T.C., 2nd Lieut. in the 2nd Bn. of the Dublins, he was wounded in December 1914, and left again for the front on 23rd March 1915, to meet his death in action near Ypres on 25th April 1915 aged 22. Younger brother of Capt. CA French (Ch), died 1st June 1915.

*Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 44 and 46.*



*John Pound marrying Miss Pendlebury (photo from the school archives)*

**Captain John Russell Pound, 3rd Bn. attd. 2nd Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.**

Maths Master, acted as Housemaster of School House, under the Headmaster. Educated at Merchant Taylor's School, Scholar of St John's College, Oxford, graduated with a First Class Honours. He was shot through the head by a sniper and died without regaining consciousness. The Salopian comments, "We are proud of him... and know that we have lost one of the most loyal and single-hearted of men".

Killed in action in Belgium 27 April 1915.



## **Lieutenant William Miller Major Gilliland, 2nd Bn. attd. 1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.**

School House, Head of House, Preaposter, left in 1912 for Sandhurst. He went to France at the very beginning, was wounded and back in England within a week. As soon as he was recovered he was specially elected to go to Egypt.

Killed in action in Gallipoli 28 April 1915 aged 21.

*Buried at Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles, Turkey. Grave IV. C. 2.*

## **We also remember Anzac Day, 25th April.**

*6 Victoria Crosses won before breakfast in the Dardanelles*



*The Anzac Landings, 25th April 1915 - The Australian and New Zealand landing forces being towed ashore in ships long boats by Naval steam pinnaces*

Gallipoli: The peninsula that was part of the Ottoman Empire, infamous for the death of many between 25th April 1915 and 9th January 1916 (now Gelibolou in modern Turkey).

In order to secure the sea route to the Russian Empire via the Black Sea, the passage from the Mediterranean via the Dardanelles strait was important to the Allies, who launched a naval bombardment followed by an amphibious landing with the intent of securing the Ottoman capital, Constantinople (now Istanbul). As well as gunboats and cruisers, there was much submarine activity, including transit of the shallow straits largely underwater.

25th April was the day of a major landing and intense fighting; no fewer than six Victoria Crosses were won before breakfast in what became known as Anzac Day.

However, after eight months and with no lasting success to show, the Allies abandoned the plan, Asquith was forced into a Liberal-Conservative coalition, Churchill was demoted from First Lord of the Admiralty and the remains of the invasion force were withdrawn to Egypt.

The remarkable Ottoman success in the face of its own crumbling empire formed the basis of the later Turkish War of Independence under Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a prominent commander at Gallipoli who later nurtured the fledgling independent country.

The attrition on both sides is poignantly remembered annually on Anzac Day, 25th April, in the Antipodes (ANZAC: Australia and New Zealand Army Corps), being the equivalent of Remembrance Day in the UK.

Approaching 57,000 Allied soldiers met their death in this campaign; a further 130,000 were wounded or taken prisoner. Around 11,400 of the dead were from Australia and New Zealand.

## Major Award for Toby Thomas at the annual Sports Award Lunch

Monday 27 April 2015



*Sarah Spencer, daughter of David Spencer (SH 1948-54) with Toby Thomas*

Sunday 25th April. Forty of the school's most talented and committed sportsmen and women were honoured at the Sports Award Lunch for Upper Sixth students, hosted by the Salopian Club. The celebratory lunch was attended by Sixth Form students, parents, staff and representatives of OS sports clubs.

From School House, Toby Thomas (UVI) received one of the top awards for the year, winning the David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Sport.

This is a well-deserved honour and a fitting accolade for Toby, who has been a committed member of the Boat Club throughout his time at the School. He has made a huge contribution to some excellent results in all the crews he has been part of. In 2013 he was selected to represent Great Britain in the VIII at the annual J16 GB France match and they went on to win their race. In 2014 he narrowly missed out on selection for the GB Junior team but did represent Wales in the Home International Regatta, helping to lead the coxless four to a significant victory.



## Sports Awards 2015

Tuesday 28 April 2015

*Forty of the School's most talented and committed sportsmen and women were honoured at the Sports Award Lunch for Upper Sixth students on Sunday 25th April, hosted by the Salopian Club.*

The celebratory lunch was attended by Sixth Form students, parents, staff and representatives of OS sports clubs, who enjoyed a fascinating and inspiring speech by guest-of-honour Tony Barker (Db 1968-73). Tony was an outstanding sportsman at Shrewsbury and has continued to play sport - particularly football and tennis - at an elite level. He has also combined his passion for sport with his business knowledge as a chartered accountant to set up a sports management company, with four other Old Salopians, which has been fundamental in the establishment and development of world class cricket in Dubai.

During the presentation ceremony, Head of Girls' Sport Nicola Bradburne paid tribute to each of the Sports Award winners for their achievements and contributions to school sport during their years at Shrewsbury.

**Winner of The David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Sport:  
TOBY THOMAS**

Toby has been a committed member of the Boat Club throughout his time at the School. He has made a huge contribution to some excellent results in all the crews he has been part of. In 2013 he was selected to represent Great Britain in the VIII at the annual J16 GB France match and they went on to win their race. In 2014 he narrowly missed out on selection for the GB Junior team but did represent Wales in the Home International Regatta, helping to lead the coxless four to a significant victory.

**Winner of the Eleanor Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Sport:  
ABBY ATTENBOROUGH**

Abby has been School Lacrosse Captain for the last two years and is an international lacrosse player, representing Wales U19 for the past few years. She has recently competed in the Home Countries Tournament and will be part of the U19 World Championship squad this July. Abby has been involved in other school sports such as netball, tennis and most recently has been an integral part of the Hunt, competing in national events. Her desire to be the best at everything she does has resulted in Abby using her free time to complete extra training sessions and this demonstrates her high level of motivation and determination.





*Sarah Spencer, daughter of David Spencer (SH 1948-54), Toby Thomas, Tony Barker, Abby Attenborough, Eleanor Gurden (MSH 2008-10)*

### **Sportsman of the Year: JAMIE HUMES**

Jamie has had an outstanding season as a 1st XI footballer, scoring goals regularly whilst playing in a difficult role as the lone striker. He was a real handful for all opposition. In cricket, Jamie is a very talented wicketkeeper and middle order batsman. He scores runs at an attractive rate, hitting the ball very hard. Jamie has also represented the School at Fives and recently competed in the Williams Team Cup and at the National Open Championships, after reaching the U15 final three years ago.

### **Sportswoman of the Year: LETTIE TAY**

Lettie has made an important contribution to girls' rowing at Shrewsbury. Her most impressive result to date was a place in the final in the sculls at last year's Henley Women's Regatta. She was selected to represent Wales in the Junior Single and the Senior Women's Four at the Home Countries Regatta in July. She is taking part in GB trials this year and is working towards gaining selection to represent Great Britain at the Junior World Championships. (Lettie was not present at the lunch, as she was competing in the Birmingham Regatta. Her parents accepted the trophy on her behalf.)



*Jamie Humes and Lettie Tay, Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year*

### **Barker Triple First Award: George Lewis**

This is a new award, generously donated by guest-of-honour Tony Barker, and presented for the first time this year. It recognises those who have achieved sporting firsts in at least three sports.

George Lewis is the only member of this year's Upper Sixth to have achieved this feat - which demonstrates how difficult it is. George is a central midfield player for the 1st XI football team; he is the current 1st XI cricket captain, leading from the front as an opening batsman; and he is also Captain of Fives and part of the 1st Pair.



*Tony Barker presents the inaugural Barker Triple First Award to George Lewis*

**The following pupils were also nominated for Sportsman of the Year and the David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport**

**Charlie Adams**

**Roan Kirkby**



George Lewis  
George Patterson  
James Plaut

The following pupils were also nominated for Sportswoman of the Year and the Eleanor Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Sport

Immy Hill  
Cecy Price  
Claudia Kimpton-Smith

### Service to Sports Awards

Service to Sports Awards were given to the following pupils, who have all made special contributions to one or more sports in their time at Shrewsbury.

Alex Bird	Katie Elcock	Mary Parrott
George Birt	Charlie Godman	Nick Pearce
Nick Cabot	Sam Hill	James Pollard
Ulrik Cappelen	Tatty Hunt	Elliott Robinson-Bolton
Theo Clarke	Charlie Johnston	Jake Samuel
Laura Cooke	Sam Kandi	Hannah Sanderson
Charlie Davis	Tory Mobley	Alex Shaw
Millie Dean	Hugo Morgan	Ross Viljoen
Dan Durman	Ciara Murphy	Edie Whittingham
Fred Earlam	Esmé O'Keeffe	

Special mention was also given to the two Sixth Form Sports Scholars, **Max McClure** (Alex Wilson Scholar) and **Oliver Westbury** (Cassidy Scholar), whose achievements and commitments to Shrewsbury School Sport over the last two years have been tremendous and who have both proved themselves to be very deserving of their scholarships.



## OS Super Cycling Man

Wednesday 29 April 2015

*An update on OS adventurer Will Hodson, who has begun his epic journey across seven continents.*



The pursuit of adventuring has been the subject of some discussion in the media recently and Shrewsbury School has certainly produced its fair share of dauntless characters. Will Hodson (Rt 1990-95) is about to undertake the latest world challenge and it's an epic. He is attempting to become the first person ever to cycle across all seven continents and, just to emphasise the point, he will do it dressed as a superhero!

He aims to educate and inspire people, particularly children (Will is a primary school teacher) and to raise money for several charities: Parkinsons UK, World Cancer Research Fund, World Bicycle Relief, Sustrans and WWF.

Will has now set off on his 'warm up' ride of a two month long, 200 mile tour of Britain and Ireland and is keeping his facebook page regularly updated with his progress. We are hoping to welcome him to Shrewsbury School later in May and will be putting more information on our website very shortly.

In the meantime you can keep up to date with his progress and give him your support by following him on facebook [here](#) and you can watch his video, which explains what his challenge is all about, [here](#).



## OS Doctor is a Contestant on Bear Grylls' 'The Island'.

Wednesday 29 April 2015

*Follow Piers Dixey as the second series of the Channel 4 survival show airs twice weekly.*



In the second run of Bear Grylls' show, 14 men and 14 women spent six weeks living in isolation on uninhabited pacific islands. There weren't even any camera crews following them, with all the footage filmed by the contestants themselves.

The men and women lived completely separately as part of the ultimate reality show, living off whatever their island provided. Bear said that not all made it to the end but – fortunately for those that put themselves forward (and the show's legal department) – they did all survive. We are particularly pleased to hear this, as one of their number is OS Piers Dixey (O 99-04). Piers is a doctor from West London, loves the outdoors and is a big fan of watersports, tennis, kite-surfing, and hitting the gym. He believed he would take a leadership role as that is what he does in his career.

The Island 2015 will air twice a week, starting on Wednesday April 8, with separate consecutive episodes following the men and women's respective journeys.

# Victory for School House candidate in the Shrewsbury School Mock General Election

Wednesday 29 April 2015



*The panel at the hustings (Leo is sitting third from the right)*



*Leo working his magic on the Shrewsbury School constituency*

As election fever grabbed the nation in the run-up to the General Election, nine candidates from Shrewsbury School battled it out in hustings for our own election. Amongst the candidates was Leo Sartain (LVI) of School House, representing Plaid Cymru.

Leo's proudest moment was his ability to reveal his true Welsh accent, something he admitted in an interview afterwards had been suppressed for years. It must have done the trick because, along

with his quick wit and serious policies, it was the nationalist rhetoric of Plaid that prevailed, pipping the Conservatives to victory.

A large number of pupils and staff turned out to listen to the hustings and vote; Leo secured his victory with an impressive 90 votes. Here is a link to the full review of the event: [Shrewsbury's Mock Election](#)

# James Taylor to captain England in ODI against Ireland

Thursday 30 April 2015

*James Taylor will captain England for the first time in their one-day international match against Ireland on 8th May.*



Taylor (R 03-08), stands in for regular captain Eoin Morgan, who is playing for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League.

The one-off game is England's first limited-overs match since being eliminated at the group stage of the World Cup in New Zealand and Australia last month.

"It is a new era," Taylor said. "Hopefully it is the start of good times ahead for English cricket."

Taylor, who made his debut in the same fixture four years ago, was recalled to the England team on their tour of Sri Lanka in December and has played in all of their ODIs since.

In 17 matches, he has made 492 runs at an average of 35.14, with a highest score of 98 not out, made against Australia in England's opening match of the World Cup.

"To be given the opportunity to lead your country is a huge honour," said Taylor, who has captained Nottinghamshire's limited-overs teams and the England Lions. "It's going to be brilliant leading an England team in a one-day international."

Initial England squad to play Ireland: James Taylor (capt), Zafar Ansari, Jonny Bairstow (wkt), Sam Billings (wkt), Tim Bresnan, Steven Finn, Lewis Gregory, Alex Hales, Jason Roy, James Vince, David Willey.



## Shrewsbury student wins place at top Architecture School

Thursday 30 April 2015

*Congratulations to Theo Clarke (S UVI) who has won a place at the top architectural school in the UK.*



UCL's Bartlett School of Architecture is one of the trio of internationally renowned architecture schools in the UK, regularly winning top place in the league tables over Cambridge and Bath.

Theo, who takes Art, Maths and Business Studies at A Level, says his interest in architecture began with Lego as a young boy. Since then he has never looked back.

His role as Huntsman of the RSSH, provides a welcome distraction from the confines of the studio.

## Mock Election

Thursday 30 April 2015

*Following in the footsteps of the Shrewsbury and Atcham hustings held last week, nine candidates this week put themselves forward for election in the lesser-known seat of Shrewsbury School.*



The DUP, Plaid Cymru and Scottish National Party all took a vested interest in the diverse nature of the student body, alongside the six standing in the town; the Monster Raving Loonies saw an equally strong opportunity to tap the individuality ticket on which the school prides itself.



At a packed hustings, the candidates were subjected to a barrage of serious questions, covering tax, immigration, devolution and justice. The Conservatives' Charlie Duckworth, research folder in hand, offered on-message responses that certainly kept Lynton Crosby happy, though he seemed to irk the chairs with the length of his answers.



Sasha Arridge (Labour) exuded a calm and incisive air, up to the point where the weight of his argument caused the table in front of him to collapse. Betwixt the two was the DUP's Ed Plaut, who had abandoned his Welsh roots and took up the Irish mantle in an attack on the establishment. Rhys Trevor (Liberal Democrats) offered a heart to the Conservatives, declaring that he would prefer to be stuck on a desert island with the Tories than any of the other parties.



Chetan Popat (Green) and Chad Usher (SNP) both impressed their audience with a clear, consistent and researched message that avoided cliché and soundbite.



The major turn-up for the books was the unlikely alliance of UKIP's Pip Moulson and Plaid Cymru's Leo Sartain, who having sparred in the hustings announced their partnership in their closing remarks. Leo's proudest moment, however, was his ability to reveal his true Welsh accent, something he admitted in an interview afterwards had been suppressed for years.



Best policy of the evening went to James Ollerhead's Monster Raving Loonies, who announced that he would create growth by abolishing tax on stamps.

In the election itself, it was the nationalist rhetoric of Plaid that prevailed, pipping the Conservatives to victory. Mr Sartain will take up his seat in the chamber (well, his bedsit) imminently.



*Newly elected MP for Shrewsbury School, Leo Sartain (Plaid Cymru)*

Our thanks go to Mr Peach and Mrs Drew for their organisation and to Returning Officer W.J. Allott for overseeing the election process.

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## RSSBC: Junior Inter-Regional and Birmingham Regattas

Thursday 30 April 2015

*On Saturday the Boat Club had crews competing at both the national Junior Inter Regional Regatta and the Birmingham Regatta. Highlights included a medal-winning performance by the J14 boys' quad and the first-ever win for the J14 girls.*

### Junior Inter Regional Regatta

The School had four crews representing the West Midlands Region at the Regatta. The pick of the results came from the J14 Quad who won their semi-final with relative ease. In the final they exchanged the lead down the course with the eventual winners but were just pipped at the post. The silver medal is a fantastic result in a competition that saw crews competing from all around the country.



Eleanor Fox raced in a composite J15 Double with a girl from Pengwern Boat Club. The girls did well to secure a place in the final where they finished 5th.

The J15 Four did exceptionally well to earn a place in the six lane final after an extremely hard (and long) 1500 metre race into the strong headwind conditions. In the final, they tried valiantly, but their sixth place was probably a fair result in the situation.

Following some technical problems in the semi-final the J16 8+ raced in the B final. They won the B final by a healthy 17 second margin, in a time which would have placed them 3rd in the A final.

### **Birmingham Regatta**

The J15B VIII raced as two fours in the J15B4+ event, with one of the crews winning all three of their races convincingly. The other RSSBC four lost only to our RSSBC crew four and held on well to deny St Edward's by 2 feet.

A mixed J15B/C crew won the J15B Eight event in a straight final against Pangbourne College.

A four consisting of those members of the J15A VIII who were not at JIRR raced in the J15A4+ event. They beat St Edward's B crew and Pangbourne, but lost to the St Edwards A Crew. (MSE)



Our J14 Girls recorded their first ever win with a win in the WJ14B Quad event with a two length win over St Edward's. The WJ14A 4X raced well in their race but lost out to a strong Monmouth crew.

The J14 Boys competed in two octuples and three quads. The J14 Primary quad won two out of their three races but just missed out on the overall event win to Monmouth Comp School who managed to win three out of three in their round robin.

The J14B quad recorded a win over Great Marlow but lost to Hampton in the final. A quad fully composed of boys from Moser's Hall also raced, though the tough competition in the J14A event proved to be too strong for the scratch crew who just missed out in their head-to-head race with Hampton.

The J14A octuple recorded similar results with a win against St Edward's but came in second overall when they lost to Hampton. The J14B octuple had two good races that unfortunately both finished with narrow margin wins to their opposition from Pangbourne and Hampton.



## Rigg's are crowned Senior House IV champions after exciting showdown with rivals Churchill's

Thursday 30 April 2015

*The Senior House IV's competition is a closely fought battle between the major rowing Houses at Shrewsbury School and with not only the competition itself to fight for but valuable Leadbitter Cup points on offer (the overall House rowing trophy), this is the first major rowing event of the Summer Term that will culminate in the historic Bumps races during Speech Week.*

Rigg's are current holders of the Leadbitter Cup and go into this year's Bumps races to defend their Head of the River crown that they have secured for a record six years in a row.

Over the course of the last three weeks, the Houses have slugged it out on the Severn and going into the final day, it looked set for a showdown between Rigg's and Churchill's with both Houses undefeated and on maximum points. In the first of the three races, both Houses made light work of defeating their opponents, with Rigg's comfortably winning with 'clear water' over Ridgemount, and Churchill's looking strong against Radbrook, likewise with a 'clear water' margin.

Next up for Rigg's were Radbrook, and they, too were defeated, though as Churchill's and School House battled it out passing under the Toll Bridge, it looked to be close between the two boats. Churchill's pushed through with a final surge and were able to earn a hard-fought victory, though they weren't able to achieve clear water, thus dropping their first point of the competition. To win the competition they would need to defeat Rigg's in the final race and ideally with clear water.





RMW, who had organised the competition with typical efficiency, had also demonstrated his prophetic powers by ensuring that the final race of the competition would be the showdown between Rigg's and Churchill's, and as the other Houses looked on, the two powerhouses surged through the first few strokes.

Rigg's had enjoyed dominance in previous races through their strong opening stage, but in this race, the technical prowess of the youthful Churchill's crew (all Fifth Form) enabled them to stay neck and neck as they passed the halfway stage. The onlooking crowd were going wild (well, Housemasters PJM and RTH) at what promised to be a hugely exciting finale to match the thrilling finish of Severn Hill, who recorded their first victory of the competition in their final race, resulting in Housemaster DAGN just about jumping into the river in excitement.

PJM and RTH remained dignified, but tensions were rising as the race entered the final push. By a nudge, Rigg's looked to be ahead as they came past the Boat House, and it was a lead they would hold through to the finish line. But Churchill's never gave up and pushed Rigg's all the way, with the victory only by a metre. It was a splendid show of House pride from both, and there was no doubt from the effort put into the racing just how much this mattered to the crews!



*Cox - Rory Crowe (LVI), Stroke - Elliot Robinson-Boulton (UVI), No.3 - Hugo Morgan (UVI), No. 4: Rob Hartwell (V), Bow - Bentley Moss (V)*

A victory for Rigg's saw them crowned 2015 Senior IV champions, with their Leadbitter Cup lead extended over School House.

*PJM*



## Moser's House Play: 'The House of Fog'

Thursday 30 April 2015

*Billed as 'Hamlet meets League of Gentlemen meets Benny Hill', the boys injected The House of Fog, this year's House play, with characteristic Moserite verve, industrial amounts of dry ice, and impeccable comic timing.*



Ollie Murray as the witless Tim, home to visit his ghost-infested rackety country pile, led the cast in a hilarious romp through every implausible plot twist and horror cliché in the book – which was read with increasing distaste by a volcanically irascible narrator, Dom Dootson.





Was Tim's beautiful fiancée (Joe Davies) all that she seemed? Why was his elderly mother (Paddy George) being courted by a mysterious foreigner (Tiger Vechamontien)? Would Tim's man-hungry ex, Charlotte (Henry Craig), unleash some epic Geordie Shore-style vengeance on love-rival Lucy? And why had his father re-appeared with the voice of Dan Norman and the sheet-clad body of Nick Champion?



The prospect, for the packed Ashton theatre, was terrifying... Fortunately supersleuth Fiona Carrington (Aaron Clark in his Third Form debut) saved the day while Hampshire, the dodderly butler (Ross Bennett), delivered the last of many laughs with nothing more than a plate of jittery Jaffa cakes and a medically improbable stutter. Genius.



Rory Dootson and Ed Jones - ably assisted by a polished backstage team of Chris Thomas, Sam Kandi and Petr Rostokin - were the technical Svengalis delivering thrill-a-minute SFX (including a chilling Doc Minns voice-over) that either had the audience pinned to their seats, or rolling in the aisles; the scene in which the inimitable Tim Lovick channelled his inner werewolf was a veritable *coup de théâtre*.

Bravo, chaps.

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# Amy Mobley (EDH LVI) leads Oxford Hockey Club to National 2nd XI Plate victory

Thursday 30 April 2015

*Amy Mobley scored the winning goal in the final of the England Hockey Women's Second XI Plate Competition on Saturday 25th April, securing the first ever victory in the competition for her home club, Oxford Ladies.*



*Amy Mobley (back row, 2nd from left) with the Oxford Ladies 2s team, coached by her father (back row, 4th from right)*

The final was played as part of the Investec England Women's Knock-Out Competition Finals at the state-of-the-art Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, recently built in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Playing in such a prestigious venue was an experience in itself, Amy Mobley said, and she was delighted that among the large and enthusiastic crowd supporting the Oxford team were her grandparents, who had never seen her play before. They in turn were thrilled to see Amy score the only goal of the match.

Amy has been playing hockey since she first joined the Reception class at primary school, encouraged in particular by her father, who coaches the Oxford Ladies 2s. Having previously played with Banbury Hockey Club, where she was part of the U16s team who reached the national finals, she has been with the Oxford Club for the last two years, fitting in training sessions with them during exeat and school holidays. Last year she was part of the England U17 Academy squad.

Amy's sights are set now on winning a place in one of the National League Hockey Teams at university.



## A strong performance on the river for School House in the Senior 4s Rowing Competition

Thursday 30 April 2015



*L-R: Ralph Assheton (V), Dan Lo (UVI), Harry Marshall (V), Brendan Parsons (UVI), Vardan Hambardzumyan (V)*

As holders of the trophy, we were keen to defend our title. However, recent changes to the rules meant that our top two rowers (who row for the School's 1st VIII) were not eligible to represent us this year, making the task significantly more challenging!

It is testament to the House spirit and depth of talent that we had plenty of keen volunteers to fill the gaps in the crew; despite having never rowed together before, they put on a series of excellent performances, winning 6 out of 9 of their races by "clear water".

They finished in a very respectable third place, which leaves School House in a commanding second position in the overall rowing standings for the year so far, challenging for the Leadbitter Cup and Birt Trophy.



*The crew crossing the line with plenty of clear water to spare between them and their rivals*

## 'Built Heritage' Award for Shrewsbury School

Thursday 30 April 2015

*Shrewsbury School has been given a Built Heritage Award by the town's Mayor, Councillor Beverley Baker, at this year's Mayor's Awards ceremony - a tribute to the care that has been taken with recent building projects such as the Yale Boat House and the new Academic Block. An excuse for a sneak preview inside the new building...*

The awards are presented to organisations, groups, individuals and businesses whose achievements have benefitted the town of Shrewsbury.

In introducing the award, the Mayor paid tribute to the School for the way in which its recent building projects have enhanced the town: "It goes without saying that Shrewsbury School has one of the most visually prominent sites in the town and any development on the site has the potential of having a dramatic impact on the vistas of Shrewsbury and the Conservation Area. Over the last few years we have seen a number of high profile building projects; the Shrewsbury School Boat House Extension, the New Teaching Block, Replacement of Stained Glass Windows in the Chapel, a new accommodation block for the girls, to name a few. All have been carried out in a very respectful manner, slotting new next to old whilst maintaining the character of the area."



*Jon Taylor*

Jon Taylor, Shrewsbury School's Head of Estates, has responsibility for the project management of all the School's building projects, overseeing the works from initial design and planning stages, through every phase of the building works, to the time when the doors are finally opened to pupils and staff – and indeed beyond, as he also oversees the work of the School's Estates and Maintenance Teams, who look after the ongoing day-to-day running of all the School's buildings and grounds.

He is very conscious of the fact that the School site is not only historic but also sits in a wider Conservation Area. "We are the custodians of the site for a short period of time, so it's really

important that everything we do to it while it is in our care is an enhancement rather than detrimental. We work closely with the Shropshire Council Planning Committee and there is lots of discussion from the very early stages of our new building projects with all interested parties.”

Great care has been taken with the building of the new 19-classroom Academic Block, for example, to ensure that it not only provides a quality teaching environment but also that it fits and blends well with the other buildings on the site – particularly with Oldham’s Hall, one of the most attractive buildings on the site and immediately adjacent. “It’s a modern building – designed by Old Salopian Adrian James (S 1976-80) – but simple and solid-looking in its design and with a colour palette that ties in as closely as possible to Oldham’s. We’ve been very careful, for example, with details like matching not only the brick colour of Oldham’s but also the colour of the mortar.”



*Bricks and mortar - four different samples to ensure the closest match with Oldham's Hall next door*

With at least three or four site visits a week since building began last July and daily consultations with the building contractors Paveaways, even on details like the length of screws being used, Jon has ensured that the building is on target for completion in July. Decorating work is now going on inside, the boiler plant is being commissioned, lights fixed, doors hung and furniture being ordered, including the all-important new chairs, which have been selected following a pupil and staff vote on five possible samples (which revealed a clear and comfortable winner).



*One of the 19 classrooms*





*Left - the boiler room; right - IT cables*

During the summer holiday, the History, Geography, Philosophy and Theology, Business Studies and Economics Faculties will take up residence in their brand new home and lessons will begin there on the first day of the Michaelmas Term. The official opening will take place on Old Salopian Day, Saturday 3rd October.

