

Rob Downs 18 Halves - and it's not in the Pub!

Wednesday 4 April 2018

Rob Cross (S 2008-13) is undertaking a challenge to run 18 half-marathons, one in each first-class cricket-playing county in the UK. He is wearing cricket whites, gloves and carrying a bat for each race as he tries to raise money for 'Chance to Shine' & 'Mind'.



Rob started in Kent in February and will finish in Middlesex with the full London Marathon in April 2019 where he intends to wear cricket pads and a helmet as well.



He tells us: "The rationale behind this challenge is two-fold. On the one hand, I want to try and raise more awareness about mental health and support a charity which provides advice and support to those who experience mental health difficulties. Whilst 2017 was a breakthrough year for mental health awareness, I am keen to continue this progress and support Mind in recognition of close friends who have struggled with mental health issues."

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On the flip-side is my love of cricket, a sport which I have followed avidly for as long as I can remember. Chance To Shine is a national charity on a mission to spread the power of cricket throughout schools and communities. Keeping future generations engaged and harnessing a wider following will allow the county and national sides to flourish for years to come (not just in their search for a 'Test spinner!')

Rob is running with other Old Salopians over the duration of the challenge, with Hunt legends George Mallett (S 2007-12), Ed Mallett (S 2008-13) and Cal Winwood (I 2006-11) all agreeing to take part.

Rob is trying to raise £10,000 for the charities above and is incredibly grateful for any loose change! He has a fundraising page here: <https://bit.ly/2Bm0CXm>



The news this week 100 years ago: 6th - 12th April 1918

Friday 6 April 2018

We remember four Old Salopians whose centenary of death falls this week.

Second Lieutenant Benedict Godfrey Allen Bell, 48th Sqdn. Royal Air Force.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), left in 1908. On failing to get leave from his company in Singapore, he eventually resigned and headed home in March 1917, immediately joining the R.F.C. He went to the Front in January 1918.

Killed in action in France, 6th April 1918, aged 27.

Remembered on Arras Flying Services Memorial, France.

Captain John German Harrison, "X" 32nd Trench Mortar Bty. Royal Field Artillery.

Haydon's (now Rigg's). He was a good all-round sportsman and a fine oar, rowing in the crew, and being Captain of Boats. He left in 1909 intending to pursue a career in music. When war broke out he was in America, but returned at the call of duty and joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. from which he obtained a commission in the R.F.A.

He left for the Western Front in February 1917 and was all through the fighting of that year. Up to the time of his death, he was in command of a heavy trench mortar battery.

He was dangerously wounded while in action on the Western Front and died from gunshot wounds in the head, from which he did not regain consciousness, in France 11th April 1918, aged 27.

Buried at St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France. Grave Officers, B. 8. 17.

His only brother, Lieutenant Brian Harrison, fell while leading his men in the taking of Mametz Wood in the Battle of the Somme on 10th July 1916.

Major Tom Illingworth Mitchell, 13th Bn. Yorkshire Regiment.

School House, left in 1902. He initially joined the 16th (Service) Battn. Duke of Cambridge's own, Middlesex Regt., but, on being wounded, was transferred to a Temporary Captaincy in the 24th Reserve Service Battn on 13th November 1915. When again passed for general service, he was attached to the Line Battn. of the regiment with which he was serving when he fell.

Killed in action in France, 12th April 1918, aged 33.

Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Grave XXVIII. H. 8.

His father, Tom Mitchell JP, died 8th May 1915 and his younger brother, Second Lieutenant George Mitchell, was killed in France, 22nd July 1915.

Lieutenant William Stewart Mitchell Ruxton MC, 1st Bn. Border Regiment.

Rigg's, Captain of School Gymnasium, left in 1915. Entering Sandhurst, he was commissioned in January 1916, proceeding to the Front in July of the same year. Wounded in September, he returned to France in January 1917, received his MC in September 1917 and from January 1918 was Acting Captain.

Killed in action in Belgium, 12th April 1918, aged 21.

Remembered on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Panel 6.



The news this week 100 years ago: 13th - 19th April 1918

Friday 13 April 2018

This week we remember three Old Salopians: Eustace Keatinge, Heaton Foster and Thomas Pryce, who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

Lieutenant Eustace Gabriel Laurence Keatinge, 3rd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers attd. 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry.

Chance's (now Severn Hill) and Dayboys, 1st VIII, left in 1911 for Keble College, Oxford, where he won the High Jump vs. Cambridge. Commissioned soon after the outbreak of war, he was wounded in 1915 at Ypres.

Killed in action in the attack on Zeebrugge and Ostend, Belgium, 13th April 1918, aged 26. Buried at Polygon Wood Cemetery, Belgium. Grave H. 2.



Eustace Keatinge (photos courtesy of Keble College, Oxford)

Captain Thomas Tannatt Pryce VC MC & Bar, 4th Bn. Grenadier Guards.

Chance's, (now Severn Hill), left in 1904 to go on to the Stock Exchange. First joining the Honourable Artillery Company, he was gazetted to the 6th Gloucesters (TF) in October 1915



and later transferred to the Grenadier Guards. In November 1915 he received the MC for conspicuous gallantry at Gommecourt, to which a bar was added later for further courageous acts, having been twice wounded.

He was awarded the VC posthumously "for conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice when in command of a flank of the left of the Grenadier Guards. Having been ordered to attack a village, he personally led forward two platoons, working from house to house, killing some 30 of the enemy, seven of whom he killed himself. The next day he was occupying a position with some 30 to 40 men, the remainder of his company having become casualties. As early as 8.15am his left flank was surrounded and the enemy enfilading him. He was attacked no fewer than four times during the day, and each time beat off the hostile attack, killing many of the enemy. Meanwhile, the enemy brought up three field guns to within 300 yards of his line, and were firing over open sights and knocking his trench in.

"At 6.15pm the enemy had worked to within 60 yards of his trench. He then called on his men, telling them to cheer and charge the enemy and fight to the last. Led by Captain Pryce, they left the trench and drove back the enemy with the bayonet some 100 yards. Half an hour later the enemy had again approached with a stronger force. By this time Captain Pryce had only 17 men left, and every round of ammunition had been fired. Determined that there should be no surrender, he once again led his men forward in a bayonet charge, and was last seen engaged in hand to hand struggle with overwhelming numbers of the enemy. With some 40 men he had held back at least one enemy battalion for over ten hours. His company undoubtedly stopped the advance through the British Line, and thus had great influence on the battle."

Killed in action in Belgium, 13th April 1918, aged 32.

Remembered on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Panel 1.

Second Lieutenant Heaton Foster, 1st Bn. East Yorkshire Regiment.

Oldham's, left in 1916. Gazetted in September 1917 from Sandhurst, he went to France the following month.

Killed in action while holding his platoon in a position that became isolated owing to the withdrawal of its flank, in Belgium, 16th April 1918, aged 19.

Remembered on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Panel 47 to 48 and 163A.

The Salopian Club President's Dinner

Friday 13 April 2018



In the stunning surroundings of Wadham College, Oxford, the President of the Salopian Club, Nicholas Barber (SH 1954-58) hosted a sparkling dinner for Old Salopians of all generations on Friday 13th April 2018.

Prior to the dinner, guests had already had the opportunity to attend a tour of the Ashmolean Museum with Nicholas Barber, or a lecture about the research into a vaccine against bacterial meningitis with Richard Moxon (SH 1955-59). Appropriately armed with renewed knowledge, they began the evening with drinks in the College's Anti-Chapel before being invited through to the dining hall.



It was the largest gathering of Old Salopians, friends and family for many years, with a packed house of 150 refusing to be put off by the superstitious date, and benefitting as a result from the splendours of the magnificent dining hall and a sumptuous three course feast. After dinner speeches from Nicholas himself, the Headmaster, Mark Turner, and Lord Heseltine (M 1947-51) added to the occasion, and provided the keynote speaker an opportunity to explain his stance on the Brexit debate. There was a fabulous musical recital by opera singer Dan Norman (I 1984-88), accompanied by John Moore (Director of Music), which rounded off the evening (for those who chose not to populate the late-night bar).



A truly magical evening which will not be forgotten for many years to come.



Steeplechases 2018

Monday 16 April 2018

The last day of the Lent term saw the final fixture in the Hunt calendar, the historic 'Steeplechases', which was mentioned in a recent book on the history of cross-country running for its roots in the founding of the sport. In more recent times, it has become an inter-house relay event, raced around the School site over a flat course a little over 1.5 miles long. Each house was invited to field as many as four teams of five runners (each team includes a 3rd former, a 4th former, a 5th former, a 6th former and one 'wildcard' runner from any year), and I was delighted to see that so many houses put out their maximum allowance, making over forty teams in total. With the introduction of Moser's, this was also the first time we had four girls' houses taking part, making it all the more competitive and reflecting the upward trajectory of girls' running at Shrewsbury School at present.

In the **girls' race**, Emma Darwin Hall took an early lead with Livy Elliott in the first leg, ahead of Nell Ware (MSH) and Flora Kanan (EDH 'B'). Livy then handed over to Chessie Harris, fresh from her 12th-placed performance in the English Schools the previous weekend, so the lead looked certain to grow. By the time Chessie had finished, EDH were over a minute and a half ahead, though a quick lap from Charlotte Russell (G) had limited the damage and brought them up into second place, ahead of MSH in 3rd and EDH 'B' in 4th.

Emma Darwin's lead grew again in the third lap, with 5th former Lillian Wilcox taking up the baton. The gap was over three minutes as she handed over to Felicity Hayward for leg four. Sophia Dixon (MSH) closed the gap a little, and built up a solid lead over The Grove ahead of the last leg.

Emma Darwin's last-leg runner was Hattie Bramwell, who had a comfortable lead over second-placed MSH, and The Grove were around thirty seconds further back. Huntswoman Immie Evans (G) managed to leapfrog MSH in her effort, which was the second-fastest senior time of the day, but it wasn't enough to catch Hattie, who crossed the line about two minutes ahead and claimed the trophy for Emma Darwin.

In the **boys' race**, Rigg's were strong favourites, seemingly without a weak link. (All five of their runners had been selected to run at the English Schools final in Leeds the previous weekend.) Harrison Cutler (R) set off strongly, but after half a lap was still being tracked by Ed Forde-Johnston (O) and the hugely improved Huw Hackett Pain (SH). By the end of the lap though Harrison had stretched out and built up a gap of 14 seconds ahead of Ed, with Johnny Price (I) coming through well in third, just ahead of Huw in 4th.

In the second leg, Oscar Hamilton-Russell (R) stormed off, with Tim Clarkson Webb (O) giving chase. Orlando Williams (Rt) also ran very well, though he was some way behind at the beginning of his lap and had a lot of ground to make up.

By the beginning of the third leg, Rigg's had built up a lead of 50 seconds ahead of Oldham's. Tom Jackson looked to extend this, setting off in typical style with what appeared to be a flat-out sprint. He settled into his rhythm well though, ending up with one of the fastest times of the day in 8:08. Churchill's were coming through the field well after a slow start, with an excellent lap by Sam Watts.



The fourth leg saw Rigg's extend their lead further to two minutes, with Ali Harris in fine form. Oldham's slipped back a little behind Churchill's, led by Tom Hughes. School House were also going strong with a good lap from Mark Pangin, having taken over from Artur Sarsenov.

In the final lap, Niklas Amthor was out on his own for Rigg's, but the race for second was looking very tight indeed. Harry Remnant (Ch) set off with a lead of about eight seconds ahead of Charlie Ockleston for Oldham's, and Charlie set off extremely quickly to give chase. Harry showed that he's kept up his fitness well this term though, and was able to hold Charlie off - just - to claim second for Churchill's. Severn Hill came through well in the final stages, with Cameron Anwyl claiming fourth, ahead of School House in 5th.

The fastest girls' leg time was run by Chessie Harris, in an impressive 8:44, claiming the junior trophy in the process. The fastest senior girls' leg went to 5th former Lillian Wilcox with 9:44. In the boys' race, Oscar Hamilton-Russell again ran the fastest junior leg in 8:12, while Charlie Ockleston managed the fastest senior boys' time in 7:53.

This was a lovely way to end a great season for the Hunt, and the House spirit on show was a credit to everyone involved. Among some excellent individual performances, the sense of team work and collective energy was some of the best we've witnessed at this event for a number of years. Well done to everyone who competed, and in particular to the House winners Emma Darwin Hall and Rigg's Hall.



National Fives Championships 2018

Wednesday 18 April 2018

Report by Mr Cooley and Mr Barnard.

This year's competition was held at Eton, so the usual fleet of minibuses was lined up at Kingsland Hall on Saturday 17th March, largely unaware of what was about to hit them.

The **U15s** were the first to travel, their competition being on Sunday 18th March. The U15 girls set off the following morning for an afternoon start; when they arrived, the boys were already in full flow. It had snowed, of course, overnight and though both the roads and the courts were perfectly clear, the run-off needed to be gritted in the morning and temperatures stayed at levels which, though comfortable for playing in, demanded serious gloves and hats of the spectators.

The great majority of our pairs proceeded untroubled out of the pools; the obvious entry into the top slot for match of the day was from Rohan McCourt and Ed Bayliss, who do love winning a close match (as the most avid readers will remember from their 3-2 epic against Eton last year in the beginners). This year it was against St Olave's and was a best of three, so Ed and Rohan won 7-12, 13-11, 15-14 to make the last 16.

Guy Gowar and Finn Sansom made good progress through Saturday, winning 3-0 in a close quarter-final against Highgate 1 in the evening (14-11, 12-4, 14-12) to confirm their place in Monday's semis.

Our second pair, Ted Davis and Jack Fraser Andrews, beat Harrow 3 in the third round to reach the quarters but then drew the second seeds St Olave's 1, who were too strong. The five Shrewsbury pairs in the last 16 included pair 3 Dan Schofield and Laurence Goddard: they drew Eton 3 and, though they won the second game 15-14, they eventually lost 2-1.

Guy and Finn started strongly in their semi-final against Harrow, winning the first game to 3. The Harrow pair were shocked into action by this and came back much more strongly. In the end inconsistency at the front court, making mistakes when not under particular pressure, probably made the difference as we lost 1-3.

The U15 girls arrived for a 2.30pm start in their competition. Like the boys, they got five pairs into the last 16 but three got through to quarter-finals and our top two pairs both reached the semis.

The Third Form pairing of Lisette Barden & Issy Morris replicated their performance in the National U14s competition (held in February) by getting to the semi-final. They eventually lost to the favourites, Berkhamsted 1.

Georgia Nicholas and Adelaide Sillar beat Highgate 1 in their semi-final playing some of their most impressive fives to date but could not contain the very talented Berkhamsted 1 pair who went on to claim their second U15 title. Lisette Barden & Issy Morris will hope to prevent them from achieving their hat trick next March when the Championships are held at Shrewsbury.

U16 competition

Arthur Garrett and Peter Clark were our top pair in this, seeded 6th after some good results and a number of close matches through the season. They met a good Eton pair in the last 16 and, although they won the first game, they lost 3-1 in a game of long, attritional rallies.



Next door, Tom Castling and Marcus van Wyk were taking on 3rd seeds Highgate 1. Here, the scoring was reversed: though they lost a close first game, Tom and Marcus showed themselves to be big tournament players and won 3-1 to reach the quarter-finals. They played Eton the following day and, though not successful there, they have again shown themselves capable of beating some of the very best pairs. If they gain consistency in attack through the coming seasons, they will be a formidable senior pair.

Open competition

Five of our pairs went through at the top of their groups, including Fourth Formers Guy and Finn, whose U15 semi-final had finished too late to catch the bus to Shrewsbury.

The week was getting warmer, and some of our players were really getting going too – Antoine Legeais and Joe Kynaston nudging out an U16 Eton pair 12-11.

The highlight of the morning for me was seeing Dan Humes, irritated by a let he felt shouldn't have been taken, charging the next cut and volleying it for a clean winner off the back, the opposition having barely had time to notice what was happening!

The highlight of the morning for many others, though, was Rev Aldous' failure to locate one of the biggest Tesco stores in the country and, as a result, picking up a load of pizzas for lunch.



The captain holds aloft the first trophy of the week

Tom Bromley-Davenport and Will Sissons were pair 1. Unseeded despite some good results in the short season, they drew 6th seeds St Olave's 2 in the last 16. Although they lost a close first game and conceded a sizeable lead in the second game, they battled back and won 3-1, with the Olavians running out of fight in the 3rd and 4th.

Second pair Dan Humes and Tom Brunskill met Harrow 1 in the last 32. They took the first game 15-13 and continued playing well to take the match and a place in the last 16. Here, they drew Eton 2 who we knew were strong. Eton played consistently and took advantage of any



errors or loose shots; as they lost momentum, Tom and Dan's set piece percentages, usually a strength, began to suffer and they could not work out how to make headway. Though Shrewsbury battled, confidence was with Eton throughout the third game and they won.

In the same round, Peter Clark and Arthur Garrett made a real impression against Eton 3, last year's U16 winners and 8th seeds. Although they lost, they left with heads held high knowing that they are competitive in a faster, higher level game.

So we had one pair – Tom and Will – in the quarter finals. They had taken the 6th seed slot so played 3rd seeds Mill Hill. The North Londoners have a good deal of experience in adult league fives so are not easily unsettled. Shrewsbury started strongly and won the first game, but then tried to cut Mill Hill's stronger player out of the game, leading to some wrong shot selections and to a 2-1 lead to Mill Hill. A lift in accuracy from both Will and Tom followed in the 4th, setting up a decider. As against St Olave's, Shrewsbury conceded early points in the 5th and went 2-10 down: many pairs might give up, but a strong set piece denied Mill Hill chances to score. so 2-8 became 6-8, then 7-10, then 10-10 and the match was, of course, set to 15.

The idea of momentum disappeared, though, as each point or rally became a little match in itself. Points were traded for 11-11, then 12-12, then 13-13, but it was Shrewsbury who reached match point at 14 first and they needed no second invitation, closing it out for a semi-final place.

The following day they played second seeds Eton 1. The Eton pair were confident, having played and beaten Tom and Will at Shrewsbury in straight games. That, however, was the first time the Salopians had played together for the School: now they were more settled as a pair.

Eton picked up the first two games quickly, so Shrewsbury left themselves the mountain to climb. They had done so in each of their previous three matches and lifted their game to the occasion; and this they did again, coming from behind to level the game at 11-11. All players recognised a crucial spell in the match and despite a number of returned cuts and some lengthy rallies, the score remained 11-11 for an agonisingly long time.

It was Eton, though, who broke the deadlock, scoring three quick points to close out the match 14-11. It could have been a great match had we won this third: to see how Eton responded with a knock to their confidence would have been very interesting indeed.

Tom B-D finishes his Shrewsbury career a worthy national semi-finalist. Will has proved he can play at the highest level and will look to go two steps further next year.

U14 Beginners

Our top two pairs were looking very strong going into the beginners' competition. Indeed comments had been made during the U14 main competition that few had seen beginner pairs as good as these.

We managed in theory to get four pairs through into Friday's quarter-finals (though in practice Henry McGowan and Henry Lees had to concede on match point in the last 16, as the latter could not play on Friday).

Harry Cooke and Dom Zaza had to wait until Friday morning to finish their last 16 match: their opponent hit a blood sugar low and, although the last two pieces of Nick Argyle's birthday cake were administered to him to help bring his levels back up, it was considered safer that he should play the following morning.

Nick Argyle and Jago Ainslie drew Harrow 1 in quarters. Though they played well, their positions and slight inaccuracies were exposed by Harrow, who won 3-0.

Pair 1 Rory and Digby, meanwhile saw off Charterhouse and, having completed the previous day's match, Harry and Dom beat Eton 2 to give us two pairs in the semi-finals.



Harry and Dom played Harrow 1 in the semis; Rory and Digby were up against Eton 1. Harry and Dom lost two close games before the Harrow pair ran away with the third. Shrewsbury cut very well throughout, but Dom was struggling with a knee niggle that reduced his mobility and ability to retrieve as much as Harry did around the front court.

Rory and Digby saw off Eton 1 in straight games in a commanding performance in which the ability of both to retrieve around the top step and make Eton work hard for every point was impressive, as was the fact that they thought about the game and adapted.

In the final, Rory and Digby started strongly and won the first game. Harrow had got to grips with their cutting, though, and as the second game went on they were returning well. The cut is a great strength of our pairs; Digby's ability in particular to deliver rockets to the toes had undone most oppositions. Faced with too many returns, though, we pushed the wrong lever and increased the power rather than the accuracy. This swung the balance towards Harrow and, although the rallies were good, we struggled to find the killer length in the butters. In the end this combination ended in a 3-1 win to Harrow.



Ladies' Open

On Friday our senior girls started their campaign. We had won the Ladies' Open last year and one of that winning pair, Sophia Breese, was defending her title, playing with Lizzie Ware. Again, we had three pairs in the quarter-finals of this competition, with Emma Graham & Katie Oswald and Phoebe Wasdell & Laura Elliott the second and third.

The top two pairs both won their quarter-finals to give us representation in both semi-finals. Indeed, both pairs won through, meaning the hard work was done for the coaches and Shrewsbury 1 played Shrewsbury 2 in the final.

Emma & Katie won the first game, as has often happened before when these pairs played each other. But Sophia & Lizzie responded to take the second. In the third game, Emma's volleying and ability to hold position in the buttness started to be telling and Katie brought a level of consistency at the back court better than she had displayed all season. So it was pair 2 who took the third and fourth games and the title. All four girls are Lower Sixth Formers, so Sophia and Lizzie will be vying for revenge next year!



Mixed Competition

Saturday's finals were run alongside the mixed tournament, with large entries from Shrewsbury and Zuoz. Again we managed to get large numbers of pairs through to the latter stages, with three pairs in semi-finals and Westminster playing well in a close game to deprive Phoebe Wasdell and Jordan Zaza of the fourth spot.

Having been made to battle in their quarter, Westminster were seen off by Sophia Breese and Will Sissons in the semi while. On the other side of the draw, Emma Graham and Dan Humes had taken advantage of a faster progressed half of the draw to reach the final, knocking out Lizzie Ware and Tom Bromley Davenport.

Sophia got her revenge on Emma for the earlier Ladies' final: she and Will won 2-0 to finish the day and close out the week.



The final minibuses set off on their final run back up the M40 almost exactly a week after they had set off from Shrewsbury with the U15 boys. Over the course of that week, 110 Salopians competed in one or other competition (many in more than one). Hundreds of pizzas, pasta pots and sandwiches were seen off, as were at least as many opponents.

My thanks must go to the many school staff who coached, helped, supported, consoled, congratulated and drove around 2,400 accumulated miles to allow the boys and girls to compete.

Seb Cooley, Teacher in Charge of Fives

Summary

Open Girls	Winners (all-Shrewsbury final)
Open Boys	Semi-finalists
U16 Boys	Quarter-finalists
U15 Girls	
U15 Boys	Semi-finalists
U14 Beginners	Finalists
Mixed	Winners (all-Shrewsbury final)

We also won the Girls' Festival and were semi-finalists in the New Boys' Festival Tournament.



School Firsts

Thursday 19 April 2018

Each term a committee of Sixth Form pupils meets to award the School's highest form of 'colours' – a 'School First'.

The committee members take their work seriously, for two main reasons: firstly, this is a good example of pupil power – while teachers may make nominations, it is only those ten or so Upper Sixth pupils sitting on the committee who have the power to vote; secondly, to retain the value of the 'School First', precious few are handed out.

Nowadays School Firsts have been split into two types: sporting and non-sporting. Below is a list of those pupils who were given the coveted award during the final School Assembly of the Lent Term for their exceptional contributions to School life in non-sporting activities.

For their exceptional contributions to the academic life of the School:

Jenn Westerman and Nifemi Runsewe.

For their exceptional commitment to, leadership of and success in MUN (Model United Nations):

Oliver Bureau and Mill Luangamornlert

For their outstanding service and commitment to the CCF:

Max Craik, Harry Wasdell, Bryce Rutter, Tom Brennan and Chad Usher

For their richly varied and outstanding contributions to school life:

Sam Bayliss and Felix Mason-Hornby

For their exceptional contributions to school Drama:

Jessie Inglis-Jones and Eve Hartley

For their unstinting and exceptional contributions to the musical life of the School:

Harry Lawrence and Matthew Poon

For his exceptional commitment to and management of school Beagling:

Ollie Hall

For her outstanding achievements and leadership in Shooting:

Hattie Bramwell



The news this week 100 years ago: 20th - 26th April 1918

Friday 20 April 2018

This week we remember Harold Winton and Horace Macaulay, who were killed 100 years ago.

Lieutenant Harold Barkley Winton, 1st Sqdn. Royal Air Force.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), Captain of Fives, left in 1912 as a Classics Exhibitioner to Magdalen College, Cambridge, taking his degree by proxy in 1915. He enlisted in 1914 in the 16 Middlesex Regt. (Public Schools) and went to France in November 1915 and was wounded. In August 1917 he transferred to the RFC, obtaining his wings in February. He went to the Front as a pilot on 6th April 1918. He was killed 15 days later whilst flying in France, 21st April 1918, aged 24.

Buried at Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France. Grave V. A. 67.

Lieutenant Horace Macaulay, 7th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders.

Ingram's, left in 1912. Killed in action at Wytschaete in Belgium, 25th April 1918, aged 22.

Remembered on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Panel 132 to 135 and 162A.

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Running through history - the RSSH Steeplechases

Friday 20 April 2018

The Royal Shrewsbury School Hunt annual Steeplechases are among the oldest cross-country races in the world. Film Fellow Dave Clifford has put together a wonderful film that not only captures the excitement and inter-House rivalry of this year's races, held on the final afternoon of the Lent Term, but also uses photos from the School Archive to tell some of the story of this historic event.

Physics and Astrophysics Olympiad Success

Friday 20 April 2018

The annual British Physics and Astrophysics Olympiad competitions are designed to stretch and challenge the most able young physicists in the country beyond the syllabus of their GCSE and A level exams.

The Shrewsbury School pupils who have taken part in this year's competitions have achieved significant success.

Particular congratulations to the following, who were awarded gold and silver medals:

Liza Alekseeva (EDH V) – Silver, Physics Challenge

*Isaac Dai (S UVI) – Gold, Astronomy and Astrophysics Challenge; Gold, British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad; Top 50 Gold, British Physics Olympiad Round 1; Silver, British Physics Olympiad Round 2

Boris Kwok (Ch UVI) – Gold, British Physics Olympiad Round 1

Jack Li (Rt LVI) – Silver, Astronomy and Astrophysics Challenge

Mark Pangin (SH LVI) – Silver, AS Physics Challenge

Adam Pattenden (S LVI) – Silver, Astronomy and Astrophysics Challenge; Gold, AS Physics Challenge

Kelvin Tam (O UVI) – Gold, Astronomy and Astrophysics Challenge; Silver, British Physics Olympiad Round 1

Tony Wan (I LVI) – Silver, Astronomy and Astrophysics Challenge

Chris Wong (SH LVI) – Silver, Astronomy and Astrophysics Challenge; Silver, AS Physics Challenge Olympiad

Benson Zhou (SH V) – Gold, Physics Challenge

** Last November, Isaac Dai also won an International Olympiad Bronze medal as a member of the UK team who competed in the 11th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, held in Phuket, Thailand.*



*L-R: Tony Wan, Liza Alekseeva, Chris Wong, Isaac Dai, Adam Pattenden, Kelvin Tam, Benson Zhou, Boris Kwok
(Not pictured: Jack Li and Mark Pangin)*

Peer teaching good mental health

Friday 20 April 2018

This week saw the launch of a pupil-led mental health project for local schools.



A group of Lower Sixth Form pupils have been developing a devised drama presentation as part of their Global Social Leaders project, which focuses on developing positive mental health and supporting those who may be struggling, whilst hoping to raise awareness of the various sources of help.

The first session at Mary Webb School was delivered to 250 Year 7 and 8 pupils by Sophia Breese, Elliot Crossley, Libby Hedges and Toby Pattinson, who had put the play together with assistance from the School's Drama and PSD Faculties.

Deputy Head (Pastoral) Anna Peak, who accompanied them, reported that the young audience were gripped from the start, being absorbed into the characters' lives. The question and answers after their performance showed that the message had really hit home.

The project has been completely initiated, driven and led by the Salopians and we very much look forward to the next four school visits in the coming weeks.



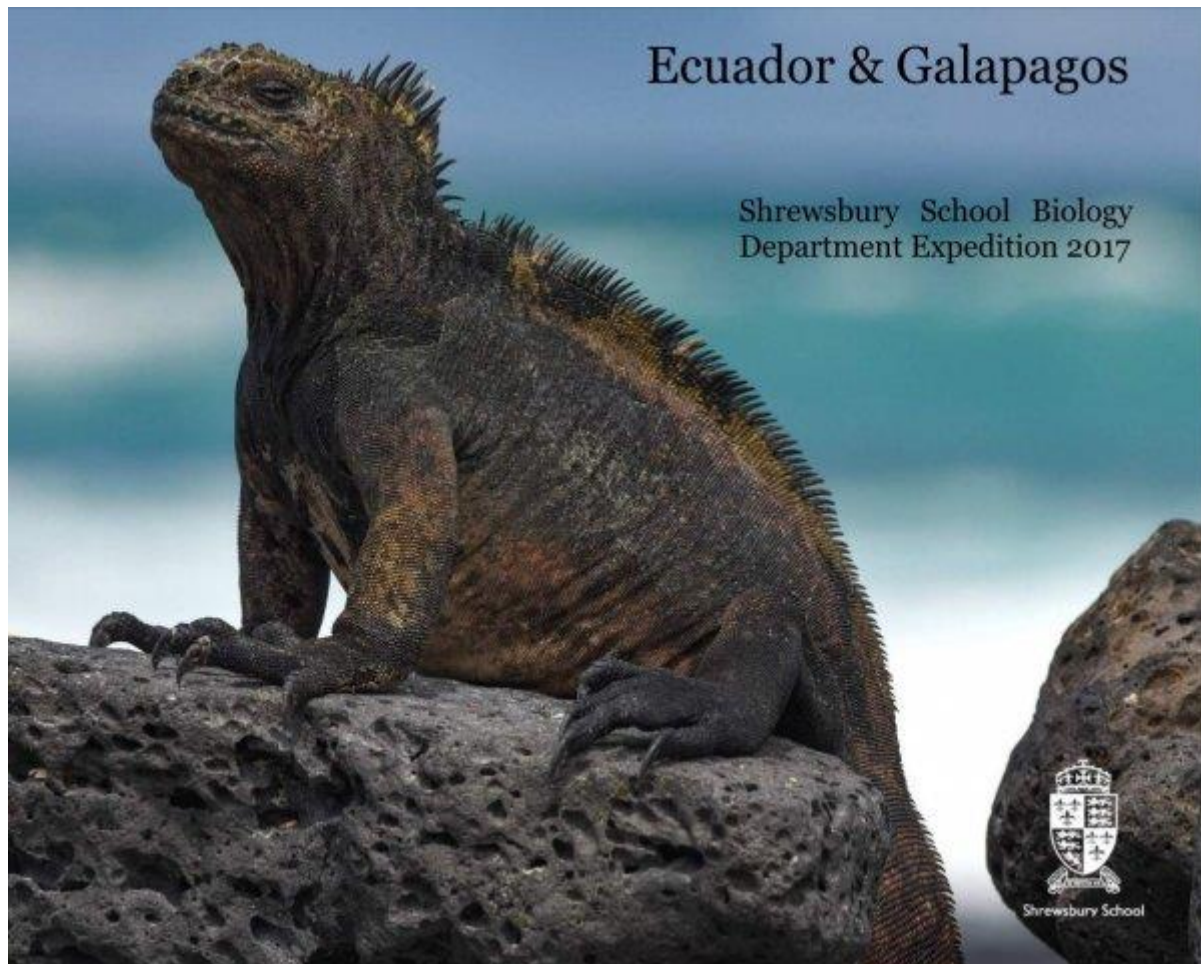
Ecuador and Galapagos Expedition 2017 - Photobook

Friday 20 April 2018

Dr Case has put together a photobook of the Biology Department's Summer 2017 Expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos, which is worthy of a National Geographic award for the quality and detail of the images of the extraordinary array of wildlife and landscape the expedition encountered.

It is available to view as a pdf [here](#). (Please note that this is a large file.)

If you are interested in purchasing the book in hard copy format, please contact Dr Richard Case rajc@shrewsbury.org.uk.



For any Shrewsbury School pupils who may be interested in joining the next Biology Department Expedition to Guyana in 2019 expedition but have not already expressed their interest, it is not too late to sign up! The letter from Dr Case giving full details about the expedition can be found [here](#).



OSGS Triumph in Triangular Match at Tandrige Golf Club

Friday 20 April 2018

As a member of Peter Gladstone's winning crew of the Princess Elizabeth Cup in 1961, alongside John Godby (I 1956-61), OSGS member, and as a member of the Barber/Shaw family clan, Stephen Shaw (M 1956-61) has captained OSGS for 6 long years into third place in this Triangular versus Old Alleynians and Old Tonbrigians

This sorry record of years in the wilderness is contrary to all expectations.

On a glorious afternoon with hardly a cloud in the sky and a zephyr of wind, OSGS chalked up victory at last with 151 pts (OT's 149pts and OAs 147pts). Wow! Worthy of the setting as many regard Tandrige as one of Harry Colt's finest designs and the catering is superb.

Our heroes were: Malcolm McMullan (I 1958-62) & Frank Higham (O 1968-72) 40 pts: Peter Renshaw (Ch 1959-64) & Peter Thwaites (R 1960-64) 39 pts: Bob Lister (SH 1966-70) & John Parker (SH 1952-57) 38 pts and David Umpleby (SH 1990-95) & Stephen Shaw (M 1956-61) 34 pts.

Attached is a photograph of John Parker (SH 1952-57), immaculate with OSGS tie, like a cat with a saucer of cream, never mind his joy and surprise at Shrewsbury's sensational win.





'Huit jours' in Bordeaux

Friday 20 April 2018

Thank you to Tessa Scott Bell (MSH LVI) for her entertaining account of the Sixth Form French Study Visit - a linguistically and culturally rewarding experience - which took place in the first week of the Easter holiday.

A group of nine Sixth Formers departed from Gatwick on Friday 23rd April for a week (*huit jours*) in the picturesque city of Bordeaux.

Upon arrival we were met by our host families and taken home to experience the true French way of life. The first day consisted of a visit to Dune du Pilat, the biggest sand dune in Europe!



After working up an appetite, we were soon replenished by an oyster-tasting session in Arcachon.

The late afternoon was spent exploring this beautiful seaside town. Unfortunately with the rain, wind, the lack of tourists and closed cafés, it was described as “a glorified Aberystwyth”.



Sunday was spent with our host families and trips included a submarine museum and a full tour of the shops in the city centre.

Lessons commenced on Monday morning, and with the small group of nine there was a great work ethic. Utterances of English were forbidden if the classroom door was closed. The full immersion in the language was amazing, and we could notice a change in confidence and fluency within the first few days.

Lunching in 'Nom d'une Crêpe' was a perfect way to continue to a guided tour of Bordeaux with our own personal French guide! The day ended with a trip to the Tramway depot. Dressed in high-vis jackets, we explored the tram station and management centre and were very fortunate to get a chance to sit in the driver's seat of a tram.



Our culinary skills were put to the test in a chef's workshop, where we were taught to cook duck with carrots and spring onions.



This was followed by an enlightening session at Luminopolis, an interactive science centre, where our French was truly tested with 42 puzzles to complete in two hours; it was won by a team of Dan, Oscar and Mr Whitehead.



We had a very cultural end to the day at the *Musée des Beaux-Arts*, where we attended a big arty student event, *Bacchanight*. It included a fashion show, amateur artists' exhibition with art talks, wine for over-18s (none of us!) some drama and music and a dance performance to finish. French university students seem strongly intellectual.



Thursday lessons started earlier and after a great lunch at 'Eatsalad' we were ready to explore the old gate house called Porte Cailhou. With a bit of free time to explore some hidden cafés with non-tourist prices, we were re-fuelled for a session at the bowling alley!

The evening trip to the theatre was really well spent at a hilarious comedy, which was performed by a group of young actors in an improv style.

Despite the slightly later night before, morale was high in the last set of lessons as we were all keen to make the most of the last full day in Bordeaux. Yet another interesting lunch experience at 'Paus'K'. The main trip of the day was to '*L'éco quartier Darwin*', a rejuvenation project in an area across the river from the town centre where the focus is on sustainable living, business start-

ups, local produce and low-cost active entertainment. Equipped with Europe's biggest indoor skate park, CrossFit and a boxing ring, there was so much to look at.

We were then free to make the most of the charity shops and street art. With the first full day of sun, it was lovely walking along the banks of Garonne.

We met for the last evening entertainment, which was a one-man stand-up show. It wasn't everyone's cup of tea, although we were able to understand much more than what we would have at the beginning of the trip. Thank you, Mr Whitehead and Mlle Fournis. Up early the next day and at the airport for 8am, we headed home after an exhausting though thoroughly enjoyable and enriching trip to Bordeaux.



A Shock Defeat at Huntercombe! (For the Golfers)

Sunday 22 April 2018

Footballers vs Golfers.....

OSGS members have long enjoyed golf with the Saracens on their North Devon Tours, at Royal West Devon, Westward Ho! and Saunton. Sadly abandoned in 2018 through lack of support. “Aucto splendore resurgo!”

More recently, OSGS has welcomed Sabrina Club members to Huntercombe Golf Club on the eve of Henley Royal Regatta for a combined meeting for golf and a sumptuous supper at the Club.

Following an inspired suggestion at last year’s Sabrina supper at Huntercombe by Miles Preston (DB 1963-68), President of Sabrina, members of OSGS played a team of OS Footballers, assembled by Richard McGarry (Ch 2001-06), former Chairman of OS Football Club on Sunday 22nd April, at Huntercombe.

Understandably, in the true spirit of Sir Philip Sidney at the Battle of Zutphen, there were certain OSGS pairings who wanted to contrive a close victory for OSGS, perhaps.

Miscalculations abounded, partly unforeseen by the gracious decision of the non-playing OSGS Captain (Hon Sec) to offer Ben Chesters (Rt 1992-97) (6) on free transfer to OSFC. Ben has after all played in two winning Arthur Dunn Cup finals.

Then there was a monster putt from Oliver Heywood (S 2001-06) off the 18th green to clinch half a point from the fancied ‘banker’ pairing of David Umpleby (SH 1990-95) & Peter Worth (M 1965-70).



The result of this inaugural match was a shock defeat for OSGS. For the gory details, read on, OSFC players first:

Richard McGarry (18) & Harry Fildes (Rt 1998-03) (21) lost to Alexander Stewart (O 2006-09) & Nicky Renton (O 2004-09) 5x3

Oliver Heywood & Oliver Harrison (SH 2001-06) halved with David Umpleby (6) & Peter Worth (5)

Will Briggs (O 2005-10) (18) & Ben Chesters (6) beat Charles Hill (SH 1980-84) & Stephen Osborne (O 1984-89) 4x2

Will Foster (S 1998-03) (10) & Sam Robertson (M 1998-03) (18) beat James Butler (S 1960-65) (14) & Harry Boutflower (S 2008-13) (14) 4x2.

Match Result: OS Footballers beat OS Golfers 2½to 1½

'ShrewsMUN 2' - Shrewsbury School's Model United Nations Conference

Friday 23 March 2018

Huge credit is due to the extremely hard-working and committed team of pupils led by Oliver Bureau (Ch UVI), who devised, organised and ran an extremely successful Model United Nations Conference held at Shrewsbury School on 10th and 11th March. It was attended by some 250 delegates representing 37 UN member states.



Report by Grace O'Mara (M LVI) and films by Dave Clifford (Film Fellow) and Angus Warburg (PH UVI):

ShrewsMUN 2 was a whirlwind two-day conference, where schools from across the country came to represent their nation and engage in debate.

On the morning of the conference, the executive team, Oliver Bureau (Ch UVI), the Secretary General, and his deputies Mill Luangamornlert (SH UVI) and Chad Usher (S LVI) stood waiting anxiously for the first minibus to arrive. There needn't have been any worry, and soon Alington Hall brimmed with eager delegates.





The opening ceremony focussed on the conference theme of “Trust and Dialogue” and a speech from Lord Carlile of Berriew. Lord Carlile encouraged us to be forward-thinking and even said that if there were any “young, pretentious left-wing radicals” in the room, they were just like him when he was younger. He impressed upon us that the value of the UN came not in the fiery speeches made on stage, but rather in the back-room talks that allowed nations to find common ground. This point complemented the theme of the conference by emphasising the need for genuine dialogue, rather than bluster, to engender trust.



Soon the conference was well underway and as the Head Chair of the Special Committee on the Sustainable Development Goals, I can say that the standard of debate was high and that delegates managed to find compromises much better than in the real UN.



Other chairs, like Tamara Fox (MSH UVI) and Nina Churchill (M UVI) in the Security Council, found that while debate was fierce, very little was agreed upon. However, it was not just the chairing nor the delegates that made the debate. ShrewsMUN was very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers acting as secretaries to help with the administrative part of the conference.



Moreover, we had an excellent Press Team of Tom Hughes (CH UVI) and Sam Bayliss (Rt UVI), who managed to put together the second edition of “The Salopian Weekender”, with only a few tongue-in-cheek jokes, in just two days. We were also very fortunate to be catered by the ever-efficient staff at KH.

After a full day of debate, delegates were given the chance to have even more fun at the MUN Social that was hosted in Quod. It was a great chance to cement friendships made throughout the day and finished promptly at 10:20pm, in deference to the following day of debate.

On Sunday, after a morning of debating resolutions, the delegates moved into General Assembly, which is where all the delegates assembled in one room to debate a resolution, proposed by China. It was chaotic and challenging, but the General Assembly was one of the highlights of the conference.



The conference finished with a speech from the Secretary General Oliver Bureau; and as quickly as it started, ShrewsMUN 2 was over. After months of preparation, all the hard work had come to fruition in a well organised, educational and most importantly fun conference.

After this conference, we are all more excited than ever for ShrewsMUN 3!



Please have a look at the video put together during the final morning of the Conference by Angus Warburg, which was shown during the Closing Ceremony:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=1tBII_YB-a8

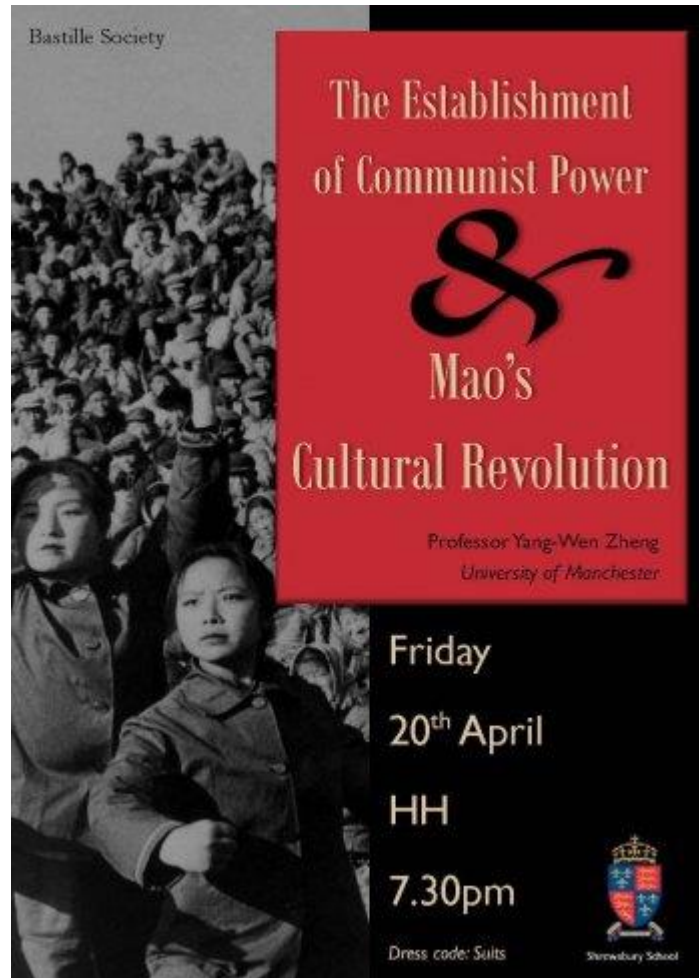
And please follow the link to see a video put together by Dave Clifford: [ShrewsMUN 2](#). Both videos capture well the atmosphere of the conference:

Bastille Society Lecture - Mao's Cultural Revolution

Tuesday 24 April 2018

The Bastille Society's final lecture for this year was given by Professor Yang-Wen Zheng, a leading historian on Chinese history, and explored the complex political, social and economic issues in Communist China and Mao's Cultural Revolution.

Due to the relatively contemporary nature of the period, along with limited archival access provided by the Chinese government, the situation of China under Mao's leadership was still ambiguous and perplexing. However, drawing from a wide range of sources, from exclusive photographs to recently conducted interviews, Professor Zheng provided a detailed analysis on the dynamics within Communist China.




Bastille Society

The Establishment
of Communist Power
&
Mao's
Cultural Revolution

Professor Yang-Wen Zheng
University of Manchester

Friday
20th April
HH
7.30pm

Dress code: Suits



Shrewsbury School

Adopting a bottom-up approach, Professor Zheng argued that peasants were crucial in forming the final push that led to Communist victory in the Chinese Civil War. By literally “pushing” resources across the countryside and soldiers to the front line, their use of guerrilla tactics triumphed over the conventional warfare of the Nationalists.

Yet Professor Zheng maintained that the stability after the Civil War was short-lived, as demonstrated by the failures of the Great Leap Forward in 1958-62, and the Cultural Revolution in 1966-76. This was largely due to Mao's ideologically-bound leadership. His obstinacy in insisting on political correctness and the complete removal of the "Four Olds" resulted in widespread destruction and chaos, which ironically can be seen as a "great leap backwards". Interestingly, in the midst of social deterioration, Professor Zheng suggested that perhaps there were improvements in women's rights, evidenced through the abolishment of foot-binding practices and their increased political involvement through joining the Red Guards.

By depicting the diverse and complicated nature of Mao's China, Professor Zheng's compelling lecture was hugely popular, attracting not only Shrewsbury School historians, but also scientists and economists alike. We would therefore like to thank Professor Zheng once again for her fascinating lecture, providing a memorable conclusion to the series of Historical lectures this year.

Glory Chan (MSH UVI)





Salopian Club Careers Initiative

Wednesday 25 April 2018



My name is Oliver O'Callaghan-Brown (R 1981-86); I am the Chair of the careers section of the Salopian Club. The role of the Club, with particular reference to the Careers section, is to help Salopians make the transition into their working lives and support the development of their careers.

One initiative we are working on is to develop a database of Old Salopians who might be interested in giving some of their time and experience to helping those leaving school and starting out on new careers. Some of the areas that would be useful to have help from the OS community are as follows:

- Advice for applications
- Interpretation of changing regulations in particular areas
- Soft intelligence on lifestyle
- Direct mentoring in specialist fields
- Seminars and/or lectures at the school



Maurice Walters, Deputy Head (Academic) at the School, clarifies below the current status of the Careers department:

'The definition of success is changing and the nature of the modern workplace is very different from a decade ago. At Shrewsbury we feel it is vital not only to secure an adequate careers advice package for our current and former pupils, but to ensure that 'future' education is embedded fully in the curriculum.

Following the departure of Catriona Dry in the Summer of 2017 we opted not to appoint a traditional 'careers advisor' but to pause and take stock and make sure that this important appointment fits the bill.

In the interim period, we continue to benefit from the drive and experience of Dympna Nightingale to continue to move us forward with a range of different initiatives and programmes (including the recalibration of our Careers Fair and the progression of our Careers Film initiative).'

Any OS who might be interested in being of help can follow this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/salopian-club>. We will be posting more information very shortly.



The Halford Hewitt 2018

Wednesday 25 April 2018

The Halford Hewitt has been described by the golf writer Nick Tremayne as 'the greatest of all truly amateur tournaments'.

Founded in 1924, it is competed for today by the old boys of 64 English and Scottish public schools which each field five foursomes pairs, making 640 competitors in all. The sheer size of the "field" - plus the hundreds of supporters who routinely turn up - is part of what makes the "Hewitt" a unique sporting event. The tournament has a rich history, frequently pits average golfers against famous internationals, and produces moments of golfing pressure simply not experienced by amateur players elsewhere. It is a scratch competition.



Regular readers will know that Shrewsbury has a good record in the competition with a purple patch in the 1980's and 90's including competing in six finals, winning three of them. Two years ago we reached the semifinal but last year drew the previous year's winners, Tonbridge, in the first round. Tonbridge have played in fourteen finals in the last thirty years! The handicaps of their team ranged from plus three to two, a very powerful side.

At the draw in January, we had hoped for a slightly easier ride to enable us to get up some momentum and were very unimpressed when the golfing gods decided to give us another go at Tonbridge, this time at Royal St George's at Sandwich!

The dreadful weather in the late winter and early spring meant everyone did not have as much golf as they would have liked and our practice day at Woburn in mid-March was snowed off! A couple of injuries, a wedding and a set of golf clubs failing to join the same flight as their owner meant we were not going to be at full strength. Having said that we have built up a good solid squad over the last few years and have plenty of experience so we arrived at Sandwich with some optimism.

We had two very good practice rounds before commencing battle once again with Tonbridge on Thursday afternoon. Playing up top, Jon Howse (R 1998-03) and Laurie Briggs (G 1996-01) came up against a former England International and one of the best amateur players in the country. One to Tonbridge.

The Champion brothers Will (M 1980-84) and Jonty (M 1981-84) with one hundred and fifty eight matches between them found themselves up against two golfers with over two hundred appearances! It was a close match but a couple of bunkered tee shots were crucial. Two to Tonbridge.

James Mainwaring (R 2005-10), who had come down as a reserve last year and played well in the plate, made his debut playing alongside Will Painter (R 1967-71), with a hundred and sixteen



appearances, but again the experienced Tonbridge pair were just too good and the match was over. At pair four Angus (I 1975-80) and James Pollock (I 1995-00) lost at the same time.

The original plan was that fifth pair James Skelton (O 1980-85) and Andy Pollock (I 1971-74) would win the concluding point but sadly the script did not work out that way! However, they were in a very close match and only one down with Tonbridge in trouble on the fifteenth when they were called in with half a point.

So for the second year on the trot we were off to play in the plate at Princes Golf Club. Our opponents were Kings School Canterbury, runners up in the Hewitt in 2015, so it was going to be another tough match. Top pair Jon Howse and James Mainwaring set off at a canter eventually winning four and three.

Second pair Laurie Briggs and James Pollock were two up early but got hauled back and found themselves one down with one to play. They had a chance to win the hole but unfortunately the putt just slid by and they lost one down.

The final pair, James Skelton and Andy Pollock, were two up early but back to all square after six. The match was neck and neck the whole way with never more than one in it. Also one down on the eighteenth tee, James's birdie putt just shaved the hole but Kings were unable to hole their putt to half so it was down the nineteenth, then the twentieth, then the twenty first and so on until the seventh extra hole when James got over excited trying to hole a twenty foot putt for the match and the captain failed to hole the four footer back.

Not a great Hewitt for Shrewsbury this year but some good golf was played and more experience gained for the younger players. A very good debut from James Mainwaring who played well in both matches and some great golf from Jon Howse.

The good news is there are some younger players appearing in their twenties and early thirties and the search goes on for scratch or low single figure golfers who we do not know about. Salopians have traditionally been reticent to put themselves forward for events they are not invited to. But if we don't know you are out there we can't invite you!

The Halford Hewitt is one of the top amateur golfing events of the year with many top amateur golfers and some professionals who have returned to amateur status taking part. Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St Georges are two magnificent golf courses. When Shrewsbury were at their most successful we had seven county golfers playing in the team. If you are a low handicap golfer this is an event you must play in and which you will definitely enjoy. We do make a contribution to people's expenses to help with travel and accommodation. Please get in touch with Andy Pollock on andypollock@btinternet.com if you would like to find out more.

Floreat Salopia!



School House at the top of the table in the Senior IVs rowing competition

Thursday 26 April 2018

After two weeks of races, School House have notched up an imposing five out of five wins in their head-to-head races against the other houses.

In all but one race, they have managed an impressive margin of victory, leaving "clear water" between them and their opposition. With such dominance on the river so far this season, we have put down a clear marker for the rest - well done lads - bring on Bumpers!

The photo shows one of many School House victories, this time against Ingram's.



(L-R): Mill Luangamornlert (UVI, cox), James Joseph (UVI), David Wright (UVI), Arron Lewis (LVI) and Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill (UVI)



Shrewsbury Cadets strike gold in Cambrian Patrol

Thursday 26 April 2018

A joint group of Army and Marine cadets won gold last weekend in the Cadet Cambrian Patrol - the toughest and most challenging of all Cadet competitions - consolidating Shrewsbury CCF's reputation as one of the premier contingents in the country.



The team comprised CSjt Chad Usher, Sgt Arthur Gell, Sgt Tim Lovick, LCpl Oliver Taylor and LCpl Ed Craik from the Army section, with CSgt Harry Remnant, Cpl Tom Plaut and Cpl Freddie Williams accompanying from the Royal Marine section.

Cambrian Patrol is an army competition located at the Sennybridge training area in Wales. It is notorious for pushing regulars and cadets alike to their physical limits, while testing their military knowledge and practical skills. It is a selective competition and both schools and ACFs have to bid to their regional brigade for the honour of representing the region. After army success in the Military Skills Competition over the previous two years and in the Cadet Leadership Battle

Camp, we were given the privilege to compete. The team set about training for the competition every Thursday from January, with regular additional sessions outside of usual CCF hours.

The team set off on Friday afternoon, excited at the prospect of a challenging weekend, supposedly accompanied by the Welsh sun, a rare sight on the bleak backdrop of Brecon. On arrival we underwent a series of assessments including 'Battle Prep', Weapons Checks, Order Issues and a Complete Kit Check with points deducted for missing items. However, the most demanding challenge of the first night proved to be getting some vitally needed sleep through the jarring din of 200+ cadets and their cooking pots clattering around the barn.

Reveille at 0400 started the day off with an army container meal and the start of the patrol at 0630. Throughout the day, the team had to 'tab' across the rugged terrain of Sennybridge for 25km, avoiding all roads and carrying every item required for battle. It was a day of 'baby heads', bogs and blisters, with Sgt Gell succumbing to a groin injury, a war wound which he liked to inform everyone of at every opportunity.

However, to everyone's surprise the weather was in fact the most challenging aspect, with the normally bitter, soggy Sennybridge at a sweltering 23 degrees. This heat, intensified by the weight of the kit and the challenging terrain, pushed the team to their limits. Even the Marines, Harry Remnant, Tom Plaut and Freddie Williams, hardened by the challenges of the Pringle Trophy endurance course, admitted a struggle.

Along the route there were nine checkpoints at which there were military stances to complete, including military knowledge, observation and section attacks. Finally, after clearing a woodblock of enemy forces, the patrol was finished. The team could now be evacuated to a harbour area to receive orders for the next day.

Once orders were passed down the chain of command and 'bashas' erected, the team cooked their military rations and rested. The night was punctuated with the sound of live artillery and mortar shells being fired by the Belgium Paratroopers less than three miles away, with Sgt Lovick experiencing the unique challenge of sleeping exposed to the elements after the wind robbed him of his shelter!

As dawn broke, the mist had settled and the final phase of the competition began. A speed march across more challenging terrain to the 100m shooting range soon followed, this time accompanied by the regular icy showers of Brecon. A 15-round snap shoot ensued, testing our skills in prone, kneeling and sitting positions; although challenging, by all accounts this went well. At this point, the tactical competition phase was over.

After a tense three-hour waiting, it was announced that our efforts had paid off and we had been awarded one of three gold medals.

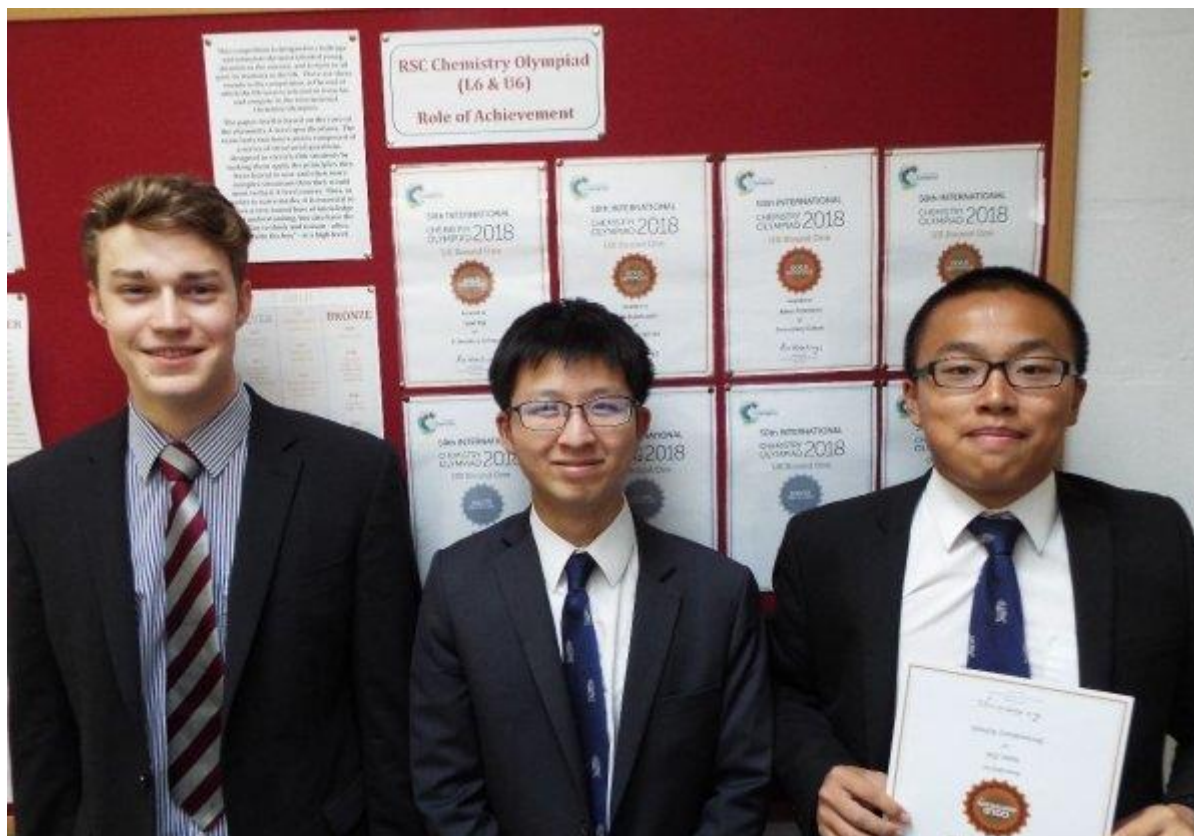
We would like to thank all the staff involved: Captains Simper and Farmer for accompanying the team to Wales; WO1 Byrne for organising the kit; Major Billington for escorting the team; Lt Col David for his efforts to secure the team the place and the cadet training team; and Sergeant Welsh and Sergeant Bates for the training they have given us.

Tom Plaut and Chad Usher

Success in Chemistry Olympiad 2018

Thursday 26 April 2018

Four gold, six silver and six bronze medals from the first round of the 2018 Chemistry Olympiad.



Gold medallists Adam Pattenden, Both Ruecheseth and Kelvin Tam

Twenty-two Shrewsbury School pupils took part in Round 1 of this year's RSC Chemistry Olympiad, a competition that is designed to challenge and stimulate the most talented Sixth Form chemists in the country.

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.

Further information is available on the RSC website: www.rsc.org/Education/events-and-competitions/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 had worked at this with a weekly session throughout the year.

Gold Medals were awarded to:

Isaac Dai, Adam Pattenden, Both Ruecheseth and Kelvin Tam

Silver Medals were awarded to:

Karen Li, Jenny Xu, Tony Wan, Selina Tang, Chris Wong and Oliver Bureau

Bronze Medals were awarded to:

Koby Ferdinand-Okpala, Karist Ng, Yuhan Zhang, Emily Lo, Fiona Lim and Tommy Tong
Mr Corbett, Head of Chemistry



RSSBC: Junior Inter-Regional Regatta

Thursday 26 April 2018

Four RSSBC crews representing the West Midlands region raced at the Junior Inter Regional Regatta held in Nottingham on Saturday.

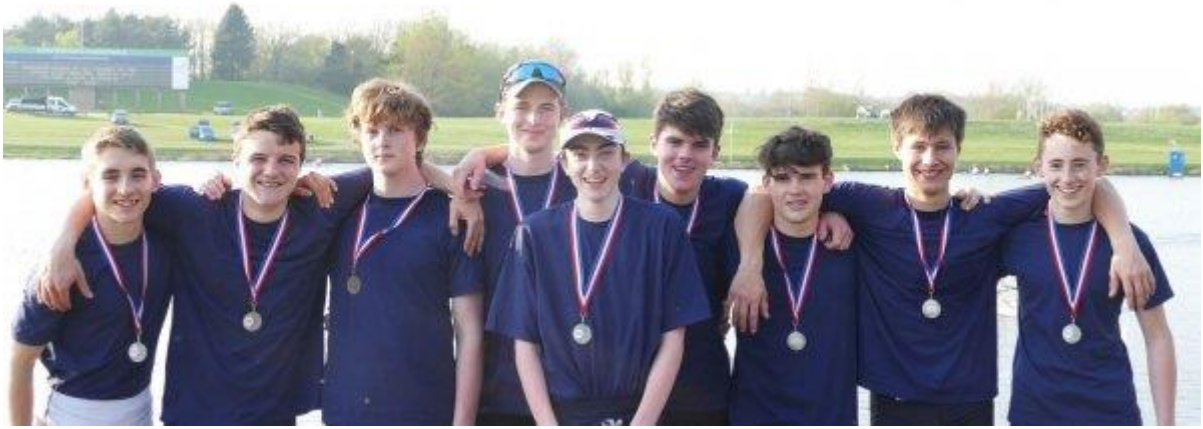
There were strong performances by all the crews, and it was great to see a Shrewsbury crew racing in the J16 girls' eights event for the first time. They came fifth out of 11 boats.

The best results of the day came from the J15 coxed four and the J16 boys' eight. The coxed four won a fantastic silver medal in a tightly fought race, with second to fourth separated by less than 0.8 of a second.



The J16 eight came third in their semi-final but looked to have a tough challenge to pick up a medal in the final. But they came out strongly and firmly established themselves as challengers to the eventual winners from the Thames Upriver region. They won a well-deserved silver medal.

Mr Hundermark, Director of Rowing



J16 VIII (2nd from the top)



Rugby: U15XV are County Champions

Thursday 26 April 2018

The U15 rugby team have finished a tremendous unbeaten season as County Champions.



Writing to staff following the match on 24th April, Coach Mark Roberts was full of praise for the squad: “They played a great final. After extra time there was nothing between us and Adams’ Grammar School, and a 12-12 draw seemed a fair result. Nevertheless, this makes us County Champions.

“They have been a very good team now for two years. They have been unbeaten this year and only lost once last year as U14s. To have had one defeat in two years is outstanding.”



1. Sam Evans
2. Billy Watkinson
3. Charlie Tyler-Westwood
4. Oliver Taylor
5. Shuntaro Chikamori
6. Douglas Kennedy
7. William Stanford-Davis (Capt)
8. Jonty Gould
9. Oscar Glendenning
10. Guy Macey
11. Tobi Braithwaite
12. Fred Jones
13. Fred Stephens
14. Edward Craik
15. George Ludlam
16. Gregor Beardsmore
17. Alexander Whittal
18. Dylan Griffith
19. Louis Graham
20. Timothy Ng
21. Nakarin Wisetphanichkij



Close Encounters of the Friendly Kind

Friday 27 April 2018

The 12 pupils undertaking their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Sea-Kayaking Practice Expeditions during the Easter holiday were delighted to encounter not only calm seas and sunshine, but also some new friends.

Highlights were definitely the arrival of a friendly seal, who thought he would like to come aboard the boats for a ride, and the sighting of three dolphins from our wild campsite on the north of Anglesey.

A truly memorable trip!

The pictures below speak for themselves.

Maj. Jo Billington



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Shrewsbury School SparkPoint - 'Making Fun'

Friday 27 April 2018

This week's edition explores the world of satire.

Please click [here](#) to open Shrewsbury SparkPoint - 'Making Fun' as a pdf.

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ShrewsNews podcast

Friday 27 April 2018

This week's edition of the student round-up of school news and events includes an interview with Deputy Head (Co-Curricular) Peter Middleton.

Please click on the red button below to listen:

The Old Salopian Football Club Dinner

Friday 27 April 2018



The Old Salopian Football Club Dinner is always one of the social highlights of the spring, and this one, attended both by OS footballers and a growing number of OS girls, proved no exception. In the traditional venue of the Warrington Hotel, Maida Vale, (once reputedly notorious for other athletic activities), guests were regaled with the ups and downs of the season by OJ Heywood (S 2001-06 - 1st XI), George Blakemore (Rt 2001-06 - 2nd XI), and Simon Goodman (R 1978-83 - the Veterans). Past Salopian disasters were recounted by Guest Speaker, Matthew Clark (Sixth Form Admissions Tutor), who related the not-to-be-forgotten catastrophe of one away match at Repton (we won't mention the referee!).



Player of the Year awards were made to Alex Blofield (PH 2005-10 - 1st XI) and Tom Hargreaves (G 2005-10 - 2nd XI), and the Craig Buchanan Award for outstanding service to the Old Salopian Football Club was given to Will Speer (G 1990-92). A memorable night for which many thanks are due to James Tucker (I 2004-09 - Hon Secretary) for presiding over the AGM and to Will Briggs (O 2005-10 - Social Secretary) for organising the dinner.



Girls' U15 team win through to National Indoor Cricket Finals

Friday 27 April 2018

Many congratulations to the Girls' U15 cricket team, who have been crowned Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Regional Champions for the second year running. They now look forward to the National Finals at Lord's next month.



Their proud coach, Gwenan Davies, describes their journey to reach this final stage of the Tournament:

Yet more success for this talented group of girls! After having to wait until after the Easter holidays to play the County Finals because of their commitments in the National Fives Tournament (and yet another national trophy for the girls), it was time to get our indoor cricket campaign underway.

In our County Finals on Friday 20th April, we secured victories over Charlton School, Newport Girls' High School and Burton Borough, before facing Charlton School once again in the final.

The girls defended another low total of 61, proving once more how ruthless they can be with the ball.

So, it was on to Edgebaston for the Regional Finals a week later.

We faced Abbotsholme in our first match. With tensions running high, we posted a total of 71, and we were even more determined to put in our best ever bowling and fielding performance.

Huge credit has to go to Ellie Kynaston and Alice Hughes for being absolutely phenomenal under pressure in the last over of this game. Abbotsholme required 7 to win from 6 balls, with only one wicket remaining. The ball was handed to Hughes... Never in doubt. In just her second ball of the over, she secured the win with a caught and bowled.

On our way to the Final, we followed up our victory over Abbotsholme with a nervous win over Ashfield School, defending what we thought had been a high total of 83. The girls experienced their first wobble of the campaign with their bowling, conceding 40 runs in extras! However, the job was done and it was time to look ahead to the Final.

After waiting for the other group to finish their group matches, we discovered we would be facing King's School, Gloucester in our final.

Ellie lost the toss and we were bowling first. Gloucester batted well and posted a total of 88, requiring the girls to get 89 runs to win. They knew they had their work cut out.

To our delight, all but one batter who entered the crease retired on a total of 15, securing our win in just 6 overs. Talk about a ruthless display!

Leading from the front, both Ellie Kynaston and Izzy Morris retired on 15, followed by Harriet Shuker. Alice Hughes and Lisette Barden added a total of 20 between them, with Lisette unfortunately run out on 10. Georgie Nicholas and Alice Hughes saw the game home, with Alice finishing on 16 not out.

We now look forward to yet another National Indoor Final at Lord's on 16th May. The girls are poised and raring to go!

Squad

Ellie Kynaston (MSH IV)
Georgie Nicholas (MSH IV)
Alice Hughes (MSH IV)
Elizabeth Edwards (EDH IV)
Adelaide Sillar (G IV)
Lisette Barden (G III)
Harriet Shuker (EDH III)
Izzy Morris (MSH III)
Ellie Corbett (M III)



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This week's edition focuses on Mozart - his life, his music and his impact on the world of culture.

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Mozart Festival

The week just gone has seen some truly stunning performances from our musicians as they produced three concerts on as many evenings. The semi-staged version of The Magic Flute rendered opera light and accessible for all tastes and the soaring grandeur of the Gals event last night was capped off by Mozart's extraordinary requiem, performed with traditional Solopist skill and panache.

Mozart is, of course, synonymous with genius. Even if they have never heard a note of his music, vast swathes of the global population will have heard his name and associate with it the concept of talent discovered and nurtured from a young age, groundbreaking and exquisite music and, of course his tragically early death.

But while Mozart has become a byword in musical history, how much do we really understand about his life, his music and his impact on the world of culture. This issue of SparkPoint sets out to look at this in a little more depth.

K1761 Requiem

A work perhaps shrouded in controversy, the story of the way Mozart's requiem came into being sounds like a Dan Brown novel. Click [here](#) to listen to this phenomenally emotive work and [here](#) to read the account of the circumstances surrounding its composition.

K1762 The Mozart Effect

Published in 1991, this study appeared to show that listening to Mozart's music could make you more intelligent. As a result a series of schools around the country started piping his music through their halls and corridors. Click [here](#) to find out more.

K1763 Les Petits Riens

Mozart wrote music for this one ballet (although other ballets have been created from his music down the centuries). This one was an out and out flop - to the extent that he even refused to have his name attached to it. Click [here](#) to watch an extract of Mozart on an off-day...

DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE
Mozart
METROPOLITAN OPERA

DON GIOVANNI

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

It was wonderful indeed, in a meeting with a pupil, that commercial art is often overlooked or considered inferior - in the case of opera posters, however, we see the passionate worlds of music and drama combining with the visual in a deeply expressive manner as in these examples above.