



## Sabrina Golfers undaunted by Dismal weather at Huntercombe (26 June)

Wednesday 1 August 2012



The Hon. Sec. of the OSGS has sent a report of the annual Sabrina Golf meeting at Huntercombe which this year took place on 26 June. *Pictured left: John Parker turns to console John Godby, looking hooded but well protected if a tad disconsolate with the weather, if not his game.*

Dismal weather did not daunt the Sabrina members on the eve of Henley Royal Regatta. Not only did Nick Bevan (O 55-60), former President, but also his successor Martin Slocock (Rt 48-53).

John Parker (SH 52-57), Stephen Shaw (M 56-61) and John Godby (I 56-61) winners of the Princess Elizabeth Cup in Gladstone's (Rowing Master's) days, also turned out to play.

The winner was the former Captain of Cricket, Rob Hillman (M 94-99) (37 points), despite two crabs caught at the 3rd and 18th holes. Rod Spiby (Ph 69-74) was runner-up with 34 points.



The players enjoyed a delicious buffet supper and were also joined by the First Lady, Shirley Slocock, William Bennett (Rt 57-62), Malcolm and Annie Davies (R 51-56), Humphry and Hilary Ward (SH 51-56), Nick Randall (O 72-76), Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Salopian Club and many guests. *Pictured, right, Robert Hillman, in striped shirt, holding umbrella with Stephen Shaw.*

Sabrina members may like to note that next year's meeting of Golf & Supper on the eve of Henley Royal Regatta will take place at Huntercombe GC on Tuesday afternoon **2nd July 2013**, when Peter Worth (M 65-70) will be the Club Captain.

All are welcome. A full report is available [here](#).

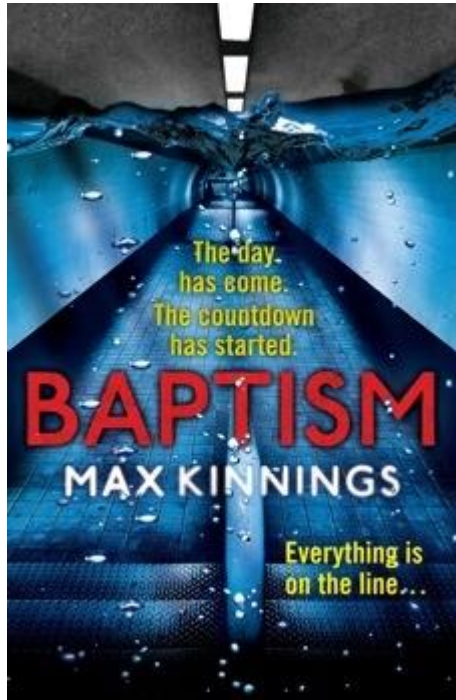


*Pictured: Tim Lewis (OSGS Hon Sec), studying his line-up.*



## Old Salopian's new Crime Novel - 'Baptism' - now available

Wednesday 1 August 2012



Novelist and screenwriter, Max Kinnings (DB 1979 - 84) has recently been appointed Head of Creative Writing at Brunel University working alongside novelists such as Fay Weldon and Will Self. Max's new novel, *Baptism*, is published by Quercus and tells the story of a terrorist hijack on a London Underground train. This is the first of a series of crime novels featuring blind hostage negotiator, Ed Mallory. Further details of Max's work can be found at [www.maxkinnings.com](http://www.maxkinnings.com). More details [here](#).



# U12s Cricket Festival: Day 3 Results & Scorecards

Wednesday 1 August 2012

## After 2 Rounds...

### *Group A*

<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>53</b>
Lincolnshire	38
Derbyshire	32
Northants	28

### *Group B*

<b>Cheshire</b>	<b>59</b>
Huntingdonshire	32
Shropshire	31
Herefordshire	13

### *Scorecards:*

- [Cheshire v Huntingdonshire](#)
- [Herefordshire v Shropshire](#)
- [Northamptonshire v Derbyshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Lincolnshire](#)



# U12s Cricket Festival: Day 4 Results & Scorecards

Thursday 2 August 2012

**After 3 rounds:**

*Group A*

**Staffordshire** 63

Derbyshire 61

Northants 55

Lincolnshire 40

*Group B*

**Cheshire** 87

Shropshire 57

Huntingdonshire 37

Herefordshire 15

*Scorecards:*

- [Derbyshire v Lincolnshire](#)
- [Herefordshire v Cheshire](#)
- [Northamptonshire v Staffordshire](#)
- [Shropshire v Huntingdonshire](#)



# Jimmy Taylor playing for England in Test Match at Headingley

Thursday 2 August 2012



James (Jimmy) Taylor (R2003-08) has been selected to play against South Africa in the Test Match at Headingley, beginning on Thursday 2nd August. England won the toss and elected to field on Day 1.

*Pictured (left) James Taylor in action at Shrewsbury in the 2nd round of the Cricketer Cup against Whitgift Mitres.*



## Fixed Seat Rowing News - Great River Race in mid-September

Friday 3 August 2012

Roger Pitts-Tucker (SH 1959-64) reports that the next race is the Great River Race taking place in mid September, from Hampton Court to the Tower of London, approx 3 hours of steady rowing.

There is a flourishing series of regattas for traditional fixed seat rowing on the Thames throughout the year, and any OS who would like to participate could contact Roger - [rptATfarringdonc.co.uk](mailto:rptATfarringdonc.co.uk) (use @ and not AT) or contact the office [oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk) for his postal address.





## U12s Cricket Festival: Final Results

Saturday 4 August 2012

English Schools Cricket Association  
U12 Cricket Festival 2012 at Shrewsbury School

### *League Table*

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>Cheshire</b>
2nd Place	Staffordshire
3rd Place	Derbyshire
4th Place	Shropshire
5th Place	Northamptonshire
6th Place	Huntingdonshire
7th Place	Lincolnshire
8th Place	Herefordshire

### *Awards*

Year	Award	Under 12
2012	Festival Winners	Cheshire
	Twenty20 Winners Group A	Staffordshire
	Twenty20 Winners Group B	Derbyshire
	Spirit Of Cricket Award	Derbyshire + Cheshire
	Batting Award	Ed Fluck (Cheshire) – 204 runs
	Bowling Award	Will Dobbie (Staffordshire) 17 Wickets
	Fielding Award	Diggory Lynch (Northamptonshire)
Wicket Keeping Award	Nathan Snookes (Derbyshire) + Ben Jones (Cheshire)	

### *Scorecards from Day 5*

- [Cheshire v Staffordshire](#)
- [Shropshire v Derbyshire](#)
- [Northamptonshire v Huntingdonshire](#)
- [Lincolnshire v Herefordshire](#)

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## Shrewsbury School to host the 2014 IYPT

Saturday 4 August 2012

*During the finals of the 25th International Young Physicists' Tournament in Germany, at which the Shrewsbury School team were representing the UK, our bid to host the 2014 IYPT in Britain was accepted by the International Executive Committee.*

We expect there to be about 30 countries represented at the 2014 International Final.

Our Head of Science, Steve Adams, said "Think London 2012 - well, maybe on not quite such a large scale, but we hope it will have the same 'feel good' factor!"





## Oxford awards a second OS undergraduate a German prize

Tuesday 7 August 2012

We were delighted to learn that Will Hedley (Rt 2003-2008) was awarded the David McLintock prize in Germanic Philology. Will read German at St Hilda's College, Oxford.

This prize is awarded, if there is a candidate of sufficient merit, to the candidate whose final papers in Old High German they judge to be the best. Chris Minns, Head of Modern Languages, commented *"Will was an impressive Germanist, who excelled in both the language and the literature."*



Only a few months ago, we also learned that Alex Beaumont (SH 2005-2010) was awarded a College Exhibition in German from St Hilda's College, at the end of his first year there.



Alex was a Foundation Scholar at Shrewsbury, who was always extremely focused and organised. Despite attending every possible Oxbridge seminar and talk while he was here, Alex wasn't confident that Oxford was the right university for him. His housemaster, Giles Bell, thought otherwise, and eventually persuaded Alex to try for Oxbridge. Giles then had to apply even more pressure to get Alex to his interview, all the while promising to keep his application quiet, but he was confident that Alex would fall in love with Oxford once he'd been for his interview and seen it for himself. Giles is unlikely ever to forget the phone call that he later made to Alex's family, which started with the suggestion that they should sit down before he told them some good news.

Chris Minns said *"As one of our best Germanists in recent years, with a particular flair for literature, Alex is clearly continuing to impress."*

# John Peter Williams (O 1941-43): Funeral arrangements

Wednesday 8 August 2012

The Salopian Club regrets to announce the death of John Peter Williams (O 1941- 43). He was living in Cheltenham.

His funeral will take place on 17 August at Cheltenham Crematorium (South Chapel) at 1.45pm and if anyone wishes to attend, please contact contact the office.

An address for letters of condolence can also be obtained from the Salopian Office - [oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk) or 01743 280 892



## OS James Taylor's Test debut at Headingley: 2nd - 6th August

Friday 10 August 2012

Old Salopian James ('Jimmy') Taylor (R 2003-2008) made a very good start to his Test career in the 2nd Investec Test match against South Africa at Headingley on 2 - 6 August, scoring 34 runs against fierce South African bowling in a strong partnership with Kevin Peterson and contributing well to the England fielding. Read Jimmy's comments at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/news/england/investec-tests/eng-sa,319097,EN.html>. He is hoping to be selected again for the England team when they play at Lords in the 3rd Test Match beginning on Thursday 16 August.

Nottingham player Jimmy made his One Day international debut last August when he played against Ireland, and is also Captain of the England Lions team. Links to other interviews with James Taylor can be found at: <http://www.ecbtv.co.uk/page/Video/TestsArticles/0,,11617~2869245,00.html> and <http://www.ecb.co.uk/news/england/investec-tests/eng-sa,319097,EN.html>

We were delighted that Jimmy found the time to return to his old school earlier in July to to play for the Saracens (Old Salopian cricket team) in the Third Round of the Cricketer Cup, and to help them on their way to the Final. Jimmy has also been working hard to raise support and funds for a new Sixth Form scholarship award, in memory of his great friend Alex Wilson (Rb 2003-2008), who died in a tragic accident three years ago, aged just 19.



## OS Cricket: Saracens through to final of The Cricketer Cup

Friday 10 August 2012



The final of the Cricketer Cup will be held at the [London Shenley Club](#), Hertfordshire on Sunday 19th August. Map [here](#). The Saracens will be playing Harrow Wanderers in an attempt to win the Cup for the first time since 1987. The match begins at 11.am. More information at <http://www.thecricketercup.org.uk/>.

Please contact the Saracens Secretary, Paul Nichols in the event of poor weather: 07710 132 770

On Sunday 29th July, the Shrewsbury Saracens beat Bradfield in the semi-final of The Cricketer Cup, chasing 271 in 49.3 overs. Supporters were kept in suspense until the last over when Tom Cox (Captain) hit the winning 4, taking the Saracens to 275 for 7 and through to the final against old foes, Harrow Wanderers.

A report of the match can be downloaded [here](#) and any 'anoraks' or those unfortunate enough to miss this exciting match can find the score-card [here](#).



*Pictured l. Ben Chapman (Rt 1995-00) and r. Ben Williams (Rt 2008-10)*

## Old Salopian novelist has first book - The Tank Room - published

Friday 10 August 2012

Martin Downer (DB 1944-49) has just had his first novel, *The Tank Room*, published and it is available on Amazon Kindle. Brief synopsis:

'Matt, an undergraduate in 1950s Liverpool, moonlights in jazz bands for beer money and to meet girls. He becomes intimately involved with Yvette, sexy young city girl, and Harry, wayward daughter of landed gentry. The girls, Matt and their friends enter tangled relationships. Yvette or Harry? Eventually Matt must decide.'



Martin has also contributed to and co-edited an anthology of short stories, scheduled for publication this month.

Martin says his second novel is 'work in progress'.

Pictured, Martin with Admiral Nimitz's telephone on the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor,

*The Tank Room* by Martin Craig-Downer

Published by Mardi Books (2012)

Distributed by Amazon Kindle

ISBN 978-0-9571316-4-4

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Tank-Room-ebook/dp/B008A3JV3G/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1344614308&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Tank-Room-ebook/dp/B008A3JV3G/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1344614308&sr=1-1)



# Jack Travers' Charity Cycle Ride and Marathon in aid of the Alex Wilson Appeal

Monday 13 August 2012

Between 23-30 September 2012, **Jack Travers (I 2000-5)** will cycle the 500+ miles from Amsterdam to Berlin then run the Berlin Marathon in aid of the Alex Wilson Appeal.

This is the scholarship fund set up in memory of Alex Wilson his family in 2010. It is a wonderful cause which will see one multi-talented Shropshire lad be given the opportunity to attend the school on a full scholarship. It is the chance of a lifetime for someone who otherwise would not be able to attend. Jack asks that people donate as generously as possible more details can be found at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=JackTravers&faId=231170&isTeam=false>

Jack says: *"Thank you so much in advance for your generosity. It means so much and will really help me eat up those miles! Please forward this on to any Old or current Salopians who might be interested in donating."*



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# OS Golf and Supper on Friday 21st September - Worfield Golf Club (Bridgnorth)

Monday 13 August 2012

Old Salopian golfers are warmly invited to play golf and enjoy supper on Friday 21st September 2012 - the eve of Old Salopian Day - at:



## **Worfield Golf Club**

Worfield, Bridgnorth, WV15 5HE  
01746 716541

[www.worfieldgolf.co.uk](http://www.worfieldgolf.co.uk)

12:15 - Light lunch in the Bistro at the Club

Dress code: casual

13:30 - Stableford four balls off full handicap

19:30 - Supper & prize giving

Dress code: jacket with or without tie

Limited to 24 players—first come first served.

*Pictured the Hon Sec. of the OSGS in*

*earnest).*

Cost: £35

Pay Tim Lewis on the day by cheque payable to OSGS or by bank transfer - details available from the OS Office [oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk) 01743 280 892 or from Tim Lewis.

Please reply by e-mail with your handicap to Tim Lewis (Hon Sec): [tim.lewis@osgs.net](mailto:tim.lewis@osgs.net) 01491 64165

## A silver gilt for the School's show garden at the Shrewsbury Flower Show

Monday 13 August 2012

This year, for the first time, Shrewsbury School built a show garden at the Shrewsbury Flower Show in August. Built in association with the Institute of Groundskeepers, the garden's design theme was '*The Origin of Bedding - a Victorian Age of Plant Discovery*'. We were delighted to come away with a silver gilt, and to have raised almost £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The staff involved with the show garden were Andy Richards (Head of Grounds), Stuart Edwards, Brian Reynolds, Alec Waite and Anna Felix. Fran Llewellyn, who used to work for our grounds department, designed the garden and also helped out with the build. Brian Jones grew most of the plants used at our glasshouse, with the remainder coming from the National Trust's Bodnant Garden in Wales, where Fran now works.

We are very grateful to [Black Country Metalworks](#) of Oswestry, who kindly supplied an armillary and sandstone base for our garden.





# Shrewsbury represents the UK at The International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT) 2012

Wednesday 15 August 2012

*Having won the national finals of the IYPT, the Shrewsbury team went on to represent the UK in the international final of the IYPT in Germany during the summer holidays.*



Shrewsbury School was honoured to represent the UK in the 25th International Young Physicists' Tournament which was hosted by Germany and took place in Bad Saulgau, a thermal spa town two hours south of Stuttgart. The competition ran for a week at the end of July and involved presenting and defending solutions to challenging open-ended research problems that had been set back in September 2011. We took an able but young team (four lower and one upper sixth formers) to compete against 27 other nations, many of whom have extensive and nationally

supported selection and training regimes, so we knew this would be a tough challenge and so it proved.

The team of Alex Facey (captain), Ratanon Suemanothom, Ed Elcock, James Brent and Alistair Fisher were superb ambassadors for the School and learnt a great deal from the experience. The lower sixth formers are particularly keen, having seen the high standards set by teams from countries such as Korea (overall winners), Singapore and Iran, to try to win the right to represent the UK again next year in Chinese Taipei. However, to make a real impression on the competition and to challenge for medals we will need to find much more time to focus on the preparation (this year it mainly took place during societies' hour when students did not have other commitments such as debating, sport or music ...). The team improved throughout the competition, finishing strongly, and in the end they were ranked 20th out of 28 nations (in contact with the pack chasing the top half of the field). There is no doubt that the team members found this a stimulating and inspiring experience, as did we! Even after the competition ended the New Zealanders and the Swedes decided to have an extra round at 1 am in the Stuttgart Youth Hostel! It is great to see so many young people excited about Physics.

The IYPT is not only about the physics competition, it is a truly international event with a number of exciting cultural visits, and this year these focused on the automotive industry that began with Daimler's invention of the car at the end of the 19th century. We visited the Daimler museum in Stuttgart and the Daimler Factory where the new V engines for Mercedes Benz are being produced. We also visited the FZ research facility where we had the opportunity to enter a 3D virtual reality projection of a new engine. The Zeppelin museum at Friedrichshafen and the thermal spa at Bad Saulgau were good too! The team were led by Martin Kirk and Steve Adams.



Meanwhile, behind the scenes, John Balcombe presented the UK's bid to host the 2014 IYPT in Britain (at Shrewsbury School) to the International Executive Committee. The bid was accepted and now the hard work begins (think London 2012 ....well, maybe not quite on such a large scale, but we hope it will have the same 'feel good' factor!)

*Steve Adams*

## Obituary: John Michael Kirk (SH 1949-51)

Thursday 16 August 2012

The Salopian Club regrets to announce the death of John Michael Kirk (SH 1949-51), aged 77. He was living near Worcester.

His funeral will take place on Friday 17 August at St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge, Church Lane, Cotheridge, Worcestershire WR6 5LW at 3pm.

Letters of condolence can be sent to his widow (address available from [oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk) or 01743 280 892)



## The 2012 Junior School Play: Billy Liar

Thursday 16 August 2012

*The Junior School Play was put on in the Ashton Theatre in the final week of the Summer Term. This review of it was originally written for The Salopian.*

For those of a certain vintage, the name 'Billy Liar' evokes images of a young Julie Christie in her black and white, photogenic prime, all cheek bones, pouting lips, and smoky eye make-up, and an innocent looking, somewhat bewildered Tom Courtney. For others too young (or too old) to remember the 1960s John Schlesinger film which launched the celluloid careers of this magical pairing, the Junior School Play in July, adapted and directed by Paul Fitzgerald, afforded the opportunity to see the original stage play on which the film was based, this time spiced up with the insertion of black and white video vignettes to represent the daydream sequences.

The play spotlights one day in the life of William Fisher, a bored undertaker's clerk who escapes the humdrum reality of his drab life through daydreaming; but more than that, he lies. He lies to his parents, he lies to his employers, and he lies to his two, very different fiancées, while trying to connect with his one true love, Liz. Sir Walter Scott put it so well; 'Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive.' This was never truer than for William Fisher, whose sobriquet creates the title of the play, as his world comes crumbling around him over the course of three acts. This play was ambitious material for juniors to pull off. But they did just that. On a remarkably professional set, Joe Bell took on the responsibility of the lead role. To play Billy just for laughs is to miss the point. Yes, it was a funny play, with many moments of laughter.



The older audience on the final night certainly appreciated the more sophisticated humour. But as Billy's excuses, lies and tall tales turn on him, we see a young man who's desperate for something better in his life; a young man who cannot see what he has already got; a young man whose dissatisfaction is to be pitied, as well as laughed at. Joe Bell was both funny and evoked our pathos. He played the role

with a softly spoken naivety which complemented his blustering father who loves yet is frustrated by his son. Ollie Murray clearly relished playing this part, and he did so to perfection, his flawless Yorkshire accent a wonderful pastiche which the audience delighted in. Theo Simmons played Billy's mother, Alice; playing a female role is not easy, and the pitfalls are legion. This was in essence a serious part, but it could so easily have degenerated into a junior version of Danny La Rue on a bad day. I am delighted to report Theo played the part of the protective mother with real sensitivity. If you find yourself forgetting the character on stage is really a boy, that must be a sign that the actor has truly succeeded in suspending your disbelief. Supporting cast members were all strong. Thomas Barthen as Billy's best friend Arthur, finally frustrated by the avalanche of lies, provided an effective foil to Joe Bell; Jamie Nugent as Billy's elderly grandmother, shocked by her grandson's shocking attitude to 'free love' (it is the 1960s, after all) delivered his flat northern vowels with the creakily thin voice of an octogenarian convincing the audience she would not be long for this world. (At a stroke, she wasn't); and Liz, Billy's real love,



paced and projected with clarity and astonishing maturity by Martha Pownall from Shrewsbury High School; she made us want to believe that the couple would live ‘happily ever after’. The bitter ending, acted out so eloquently with no dialogue whatsoever, told us it was not to be. The video inserts were real crowd-pleasers, too. As director, Paul Fitzgerald’s idea to use a different medium, shot in monochrome and treated with a crackly, old film quality, as the means for portraying another world was spot on, and the ‘screen actors’ – Charlie Duckworth, Will Bayliss, Jack Nelson, Ben Smith and Dominic Dootson – clearly enjoyed the filming process while the audience lapped up the light relief they provided on screen. Nobody, I think, stole the show, but two actors came mighty close. No-one will quickly forget the gloriously surreal catfight between Billy’s homely fiancée Barbara, wonderfully underplayed by Guy Cabral, and the force of nature topped with a peroxide blonde beehive that was Rita, his other fiancée, wonderfully overplayed by Dan Edwards.

Backstage crew too all delivered on the two night run, Andrew Humpish and James London behind the scenes, with Greg Bunting, Rory Dootson and Nick Watkins on sound and lights; mention must also go to Mrs Bovill and Dr Samworth for costume and make-up, Alex Davies, Will Allott and team for a set which has surely raised the bar for future productions, and Miss Woo as the ever-calm producer.

*Kenneth Tynan*

## A Levels 2012

Thursday 16 August 2012

*Shrewsbury School reported another strong year for A Level results, with over 78% of the exams awarded the top A\*, A or B grades, which compares favourably to the national average of 52.8%.*

There are many individual success stories in this year's results, not least the 7 pupils whose grades in all their subjects were at the A\* level.

In addition, all 11 pupils at Shrewsbury School with offers from Oxford or Cambridge Universities, achieved the required grades to meet their offers and will be taking up their places later this year.

The school's AS results from the lower sixth pupils were also extremely impressive, with 66% of grades achieved at A-B grades. 40 pupils gained A grades in all their subjects and over 70 gained nothing less than a B.

The headmaster, Mark Turner, who has just completed his second academic year at the helm of this historic school, expressed his delight at his pupils' success.

"I am extremely proud of this year's splendid collection of A Level results, which are a tribute to the hard work of our pupils and staff alike.

"The outstanding set of AS results from our lower sixth pupils also bodes well for further success in next year's A Levels," commented Mr Turner.

*Pictured leaping for joy here are Howard Stringer, Megan Cherrington, Dave Beeston and Tom Cousins. Howard and Tom both got 3 A\*s (and Howard got an additional A grade too, just for good measure), and both are now heading to Medical School at Birmingham. Megan has led the way in accepting a place on KPMG's six year school leavers' programme, after which she will have a degree from Birmingham University, as well as her accounting qualifications. Dave Beeston's 3 A\*s and 1 A grade confirmed his place at London's Royal Veterinary College.*

Along with many other top schools in the UK, Shrewsbury will not be including its results in the press league tables again this year. Our curriculum now includes the new Cambridge Pre-U alongside the increasingly complex AS/A2 qualifications and the Extended Project Qualification. This fragmentation makes precise comparability with A Levels far from reliable, undermining the value of the league tables.





## RSSBC: Bronze medals in the World Championships

Sunday 19 August 2012

*Two Salopians and one Old Salopian row for Britain in the World Championships, gaining two bronze medals between them.*

Tom Marshall (SH, 2012 leaver) and Harry Loneragan (UVI O) competed in the 2012 World Rowing Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, where they were representing Great Britain.



On Sunday 19th August, in 30-degree heat, Tom stroked the Junior eight to a bronze medal in the final, just being pipped by Germany by a canvas. Italy won the gold. The Junior 8 is shown in this photo, with Tom in the middle of the front row.

Later in the day, Harry rowed in the junior men's coxless four, but finished just outside the medals in fourth position.

It is a huge achievement for any boy to be selected for the GB team, and we are extremely proud to have had two Salopians in the 2012 GB Junior Team.

Old Salopian Patrick Lapage (R 2003-08) also won a bronze medal in the men's coxless fours, making it the third medal that he had won in the World Championships in as many years.

*In the photo of the bronze medal winning eight at the top of the page, Tom Marshall is in the stroke seat.*

More details can be found on the GB Rowing website [www.britishrowing.org](http://www.britishrowing.org).

## Record-breaking GCSE results

Thursday 23 August 2012

*Shrewsbury School are delighted to announce our best GCSE results since records began.* Despite widespread reports in the media of tougher GCSEs and lower grades this year, Shrewsbury School has bucked the trend and reported a record-breaking set of results that have thrilled both staff and students alike.

The staff particularly enjoyed handing out the results to some delighted pupils who returned to school early in the morning to find out how well they had done (see photo below).

An outstanding 44% of Shrewsbury School's GCSE grades were awarded the top A\* grade, and 73% were either A\* or A grades. 41 boys managed to get either A\* or A grades in every single one of their subjects.

The school's overall pass rate was 98.2%, substantially higher than the national average of 79.5%.

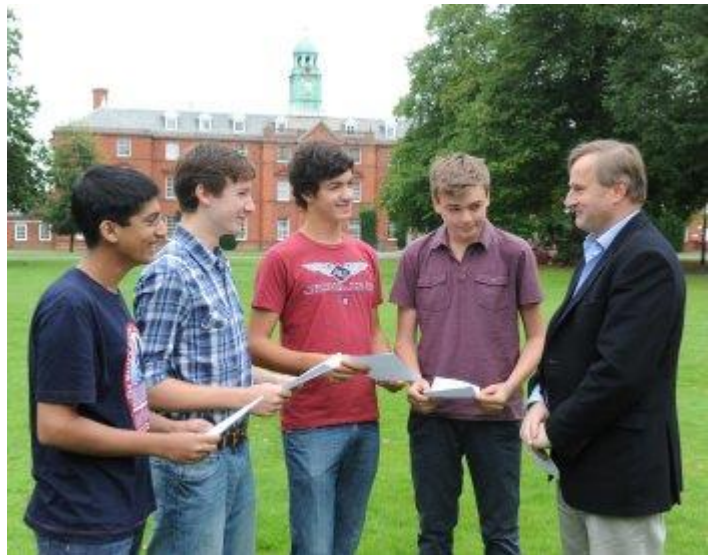
The headmaster, Mark Turner, who has just completed his second academic year at the helm of this historic school, was overjoyed with his pupils' success.

"By every criteria, records have been broken, and this year's GCSE pupils have set a new benchmark to inspire our students in future years.

"The results are a vindication of the hard work that our pupils have put in throughout their time at Shrewsbury School, and I would specifically like to congratulate the 16 boys who managed to get A\* grades in all of their subjects," commented Mr Turner.

### **Straight A\* grades were awarded to:**

Lawrence Arnold (M)  
Stephen Chandler (Rb)  
Jay Cherukat (PH)  
Baramee Dobbs (Rt)  
Harry Fox (PH)  
Rory Fraser (Ch)  
Toby Harvey-Scholes (R)  
Mark Huang (S)  
Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch)  
Derek Law (O)  
Tom Lloyd (Rt)  
Ben Lyster-Binns (Ch)  
Chris Papaioannou (PH)  
Theo Price (G)  
Ed Shawe-Taylor (O)  
Alex Walker (O)



*Jay Cherukat (10 A\*s), Stuart Brown (2 A\*s, 7 As, 1 B), Rob Homden (9 A\*s, 1 B) and James Hulton-Harrap (7 A\*s, 3 As) discuss their results with Martin Cropper, Director of Studies.*



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# Old Salopian Day - Evening Entertainment with Kit and McConnel (formerly Kit and The Widow)

Thursday 30 August 2012

Shrewsbury School has been fortunate to secure an evening of fine cabaret, wit and satire from **Kit & McConnel** (previously Kit & the Widow) for the evening of Old Salopian Day.

Saturday 22nd September 2012 - 7.30pm –  
Maidment Auditorium

Please do come along and experience a fantastic evening of cabaret, wit and satire, performed by Kit & McConnel. In a post Edinburgh Fringe programme of new cabaret songs, both hilarious and moving, Kit & McConnel will explore contemporary events, scandals and the extraordinary vagaries of the human heart.

Kit Hesketh Harvey, (best known for thirty years as the singer-songwriter of Kit and the Widow, 'Just A Minute' veteran and co-star on the first-ever BBC Comedy Proms at the Albert Hall) has now teamed up with composer, pianist and occasional accordionist – **James McConnel** (Shrewsbury School parent, fellow Sondheim pupil and love-child of Hugh Grant and Prince Andrew)...

'Achingly funny' – The Times

'Cabaret royalty' – Time Out

'A national treasure' – Telegraph

Do not miss out on what promises to be an evening packed full of comedy cabaret and theatre songs.

Tickets are £10 from Darren Wood on 01743 280810 or [www.wegottickets.com/ssma](http://www.wegottickets.com/ssma)  
Book for Old Salopian Day at <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/os-events-0>



# Medic Malawi Community Service Expedition 2012

Thursday 30 August 2012

So, what were the highlights? For me, it was seeing the hand-painted world map take shape on a Primary School wall. Then there was the last meal we shared with the orphans, after a fantastically fun afternoon playing five-a-side football, three-legged races and musical statues... there weren't enough chairs to go round, so it was the Salopians who, uncomplaining, sat on the floor for their meal – and did the clearing up afterwards.

The plan is to make this the first of many visits to the Medic Malawi project. At the orphanage, home to 60 children, we weren't really visitors at all – we were warmly welcomed as family, and all of us, male, female, staff and students, helped with the chores that needed doing – washing nappies, by hand, in cold water, for 10 babies, sweeping and mopping, minding the 20 toddlers, weeding the vegetable garden, cooking over an open fire for 60, bottle-feeding 10 babies and helping to move hundreds of bricks for the new extension.



Meanwhile, some Salopians found that teaching Primary School was fun, if exhausting, while others, belatedly, joined the adult volunteers who are digging the foundations for a new church. Work had begun at 4.30am!

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There was a chance to do work experience with the dentist and the lab technician at the rural hospital which is next door to the orphanage, and to look at malaria parasites down a microscope. Important data about wells, water pumps and drainage was collected by the geographers.

The week before we arrived, a team of visiting British eye surgeons had driven their truck-load of equipment to the hospital and operated on over 100 blind people so that the next morning they could see again. Inspiring stuff, and they could do even more if the hospital had a permanent specialist eye clinic. Back in the UK, we had already raised £10,000, and it was great to see the space where the Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic will be built.

A few days of 'R &R' on safari, coming face-to-face with elephants and leopards, completed the African experience.

You are warmly invited to our Medic Malawi Presentation Evening on Thursday October 11th, at 7.30pm in the Ashton Theatre, where the students themselves will be talking about 2012, and whetting appetites for the visit in 2014.

*LJD*



## Old Churchillians Dinner: 30th June 2012

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Nearly 100 Old Churchillians, wives and partners drawn of all vintages gathered at Shrewsbury on Saturday 30th June for a reception and dinner to celebrate the first 137 years of the House's existence – the foundation of which by the Revd C J S Churchill predates by seven years the construction of the current building in 1882. Since that time, of course, Churchill's has been extensively and repeatedly extended and modernised, but the essentials of the building remain the same. The latest



enhancement is the new porch and stained glass window designed by James Wade of Arrol & Snell, and the evening began with a champagne reception in Churchill's to dedicate the window to, and toast the memory of, the late legendary **Michael 'Fred' Hall**, well-known to so many Churchillians as a beloved and eccentric tutor, brilliant mathematician and head of the loved or loathed Basic Year. A plaque commemorating this unique man was unveiled in the presence of Headmaster Mark Turner, Old Churchillian Chairman of Governors Richard Burbidge, and current housemaster Richard Hudson whose speech of dedication included many personal reminiscences of Michael Hall. (In his previous career as a publisher, Richard published Michael Hall's autobiography *Around the World in Forty Years*.)



The company then moved on to Kingsland Hall for an excellent four course dinner. After dinner musical entertainment – a barbershop quintet, a re-run of the 2011 House Singing Competition Part Song and a ukelele trio was provided by current Churchillians, including their housemaster, several of whom had been invited to the dinner with the Old Churchillians. The noise levels as well as the quantity of wine consumed, particularly by the younger alumni, bore testimony to the extreme conviviality of the occasion. Former housemasters Peter Owen (1977-83) and Philip Lapage (1994-2005) were also of the company, and speeches were given by Richard Hudson, his speech constructed around quotes taken from the Head of House Fasti of which Churchill's has a complete set dating back to 1874. Richard Burbridge replied on behalf of the guests.

The company broke up, with extreme reluctance, at 11 pm, with many of the younger members continuing their celebrations in the town until the early hours.





Current Churchillians Rory Fraser and Ed Chamberlain savour the comforts of Tim Fletcher's (Ch 1948-53) Alvis, driven down from the Scottish borders for the occasion.

Housemaster Richard Hudson and Old Churchillian Richard Burbidge, Chairman of Governors





## Shrewsbury's Saracens win the Cricketer Cup

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*The Cricketer Cup is a keenly-fought annual tournament for old boys from independent schools.*

Shrewsbury's Saracens team beat the Harrow Wanderers to bag the 2012 Cricketer Cup in a decisive 111-run victory at Shenley on Sunday 19th August. Our young team included three leavers from this year's Upper Sixth: Stephen Leach (M), Henry Lewis (I) and Alasdair Pollock (I). Alasdair led the scoring with 49, followed by Stephen (44) and captain Tom Cox (41) as they finished on 199-8.

There was concern that this might not be enough; the Wanderers started well and raced passed 30 without loss in 5 overs, but a superb bowling performance from Steve Barnard saw him take five wickets, and the Wanderers were dismissed for 88. Please also see [the full match report](#).

The Saracens last won the Cricketer Cup in 1987.



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# Old Salopian Golfers to play Repton at Hunstanton on Friday 5 October

Friday 31 August 2012

The match begins at 11 am at Hunstanton Golf Club in Norfolk: PE36

GJQ: <http://www.hunstantongolfclub.com/>

Tel: (01485) 532811

Secretary, Tim Lewis (R 1950-55), reports:

Shrewsbury were the leading qualifiers earlier this year and are seeded. This means that we start in the second round.

Other seeds are King's Bruton, Oakham, Merchant 'Taylors' (Moor Park), Lancing, Sedbergh, KCS Wimbledon and George Heriot's (Edinburgh).

On disposing of Repton, we may be facing Birkenhead, the holders, at Hunstanton on Saturday 6th October at 8.24am.

Our team is captained by David Cassidy, who has skimmed the cream of OS Golf - namely Jonty Champion, Will Painter, Simon Shepherd, Mark Ferguson and Ben Chesters to represent OSGS.

If you are able to spare the time to attend, your support would be greatly appreciated.

The team will be staying at Hippisley Hut. More details from Tim Lewis (01491 641 651)