

Shrewsbury Open Tiddlywinks Tournament

Thursday 1 December 2011

Once again, Shrewsbury hosted the annual national Open Tiddlywinks tournament last Saturday, in Kingsland Hall. Maths master Charlie Oakley's enthusiasm for the game encouraged three other Salopians to enter the tournament this year: James Humpish (SH LVI), Ed Thomason (R 2006-2011), and one of our Gappers, Dan Still.

After seven rounds, our participants' results were as follows:

		Rank	Rating
CWO	25 points	21	1913
Dan Still	14 points	47	1585
James Humpish	8 points	56	1491
Ed Thomason	5 points	78	1385

Dan Still is now the highest rated South African Tiddlywinker!

Further information and the rules of the game are available on The English Tiddlywinks Association's website: www.etwa.org.

RSSH: The annual Old Salopian Hunt race vs RSSH and Staff

Friday 2 December 2011



In the annual fixture vs the Old Salopian Hunt, the RSSH were once again victorious, winning the event for the fourth year in the row. However, it was a much more closely fought affair this year, with the Old Salopians selecting a much more youthful pack. Principal amongst these were Oli Mott - former Tucks record holder and GB universities runner - who won the event three years ago. However, this year Mott had to settle for second place, with History Master Ian Haworth pushing on in the latter stages to win the race in a time of 19.17. In the end, current Huntsman George Mallett was close on the heels of 2003 Huntsman Mott, with only seven seconds separating them. However, the most interesting battle of the day was between brothers Kris and Seb Blake, with Kris having left last year to read Natural Sciences at Oxford, and his younger brother Seb having joined the Sixth Form and the Hunt this year. Whilst it was Blake the Younger in control in the early stages of the race, age proved the victor in this instance, with Kris establishing a 12 second gap in the end. This was not the only Battle of the Brothers in the race, however, and Simon Jones gained some status for Youth by placing two points ahead of his older brother Toby.

In the team totals, the staff were a clear third, with a somewhat tired-looking 105 points. In the main battle, a team total of 58 points for the Old Salopian Hunt represented the closest margin in recent years, just 11 points behind the RSSH. As always, the result of the race was not the most important aspect of the day. Rather, the welcoming back of previous generations of Hunt runners is always an inspiring occasion, and the boys and girls of the current crop of Hunt runners always look forward to the date and the many varied characters that return!

More photos are available on [Flickr](#).

Match Result

RSSH	47points
OSH	58 points
Staff	105 points
RSSH-Girls	2 runners



Pos	Name	Team	Time
1	Ian Howarth	Staff	19:17.2
2	Oli Mott	OSH	19:39.5
3	George Mallett	RSSH	19:46.2
4	Peter Middleton	Staff	20:31.1
5	Kris Blake	OSH	20:48.5
6	Seb Blake	RSSH	21:00.6
7	Rory Fraser	RSSH	21:16.4
8	Tom Cousins	RSSH	21:20.6
9	Ed Hector	OSH	22:11.2
10	Ben Hepplethwaite	OSH	22:19.3
11	George Nugee	RSSH	22:34.8
12	Will Spencer Jones	RSSH	22:35.4
13	Simon Jones	RSSH	22:57.0
14	Oscar Dickins	RSSH	23:09.4
15	Toby Jones	OSH	23:32.7
16	Tom Sykes	RSSH	23:37.7
17	Adam Booth	OSH	23:53.9
18	Henry Dashwood	RSSH	24:05.2
19	Hilary Agate	Guest	24:07.7
20	Dan Ithabisque	Staff	24:37.4
21	Tim Foulger	Staff	24:43.7
22	Tim Bedell	OSH	25:37.9
23	Jamie Roberston	RSSH	25:42.4
24	James Adney	OSH	25:48.4
25	James Humpish	RSSH	26:00.4
26	David Thomas	OSH	26:33.8
27	Sam Watts	RSSH	26:42.5
28	Greg Hayward	Staff	26:49.2
29	Martin Chow	RSSH	26:53.7



30	Anna Thompson	RSSH GIRLS	28:18.5
31	Fenella Nicholas	Staff	28:22.0
32	Dan Nicholas	OSH	28:22.3
33	Peter Birch	OSH	29:02.0
34	Becky Home	RSSH GIRLS	30:46.8
35	Cliff Simpkin	OSH	34:26.6
36	Richard Hudson	OSH	38:40.0



RSSBC: Wycliffe Small Boats Head - Girls' crews

Monday 5 December 2011

The RSSBC Girls squad took to the final event of the term with a definite commitment.

For the crew of Bridget Lapage(EDH) and Eliza Hodgson(EDH) this was to be their third race this term and yet another opportunity to put into place various technical efforts. They were rewarded with a silver medal(2/8). Their evident disappointment at losing out on the Gold by a mere 3 seconds spoke volumes. Polly Bingham and Liby Wood also competed in the same event and finished 6/8. A commendable performance from a crew that had little water time in the week leading up to the race.

Meanwhile, the Girls coxed four suffered a number of illnesses. With a determined effort to race for the second time this term they took to the water with a new combination. Finishing 4/5 is not indicative of the effort that has been put in in recent weeks, but they have banked another race experience and were able to apply what was asked of them and, in the process, closing the gap on other crews. The crew of Amy Steventon, Amy Stockdale, Rainbow Satchittipivarn and Katy Williams (all EDH) can look forward to a strong lent term.

The girls have had a very encouraging start to their rowing careers at the school, and can only look forward to some even better racing next term. Thanks go to Nathan Williams and Rachel Whitcombe for all their efforts this term.

CHLW



Rugby: OS captains Oxford in the Varsity Match

Monday 5 December 2011



Old Salopian John-Henry Carter (Rt 1994-1999) is Captain of the Oxford team, who take on Cambridge in the 130th Nomura Varsity Match at Twickenham this Thursday. Oxford are hoping for a repeat of last year's 21-10 victory, which would make it three wins in four years for the Dark Blues.

John's professional rugby career with the Sale Sharks, but it all came to an end when, as Duncan Kirkby put it, 'he ran out of shoulders for them to operate on', so he could no longer be covered by professional

insurance. John wasn't able to play in last year's match, so this will be a momentous occasion for him. He was quoted on the BBC as saying 'We've got some eclectic players and we should be playing the kind of rugby people are going to want to watch.'

John has kindly agreed to help with the newly-revived Old Salopian Rugby Club, who are planning some 7-a-side matches towards the end of the season.

Kick off for the Varsity Match is at 2pm on Thursday.



Sam Ansloos wins scholarship to the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts

Monday 5 December 2011

Sam Ansloos (G LVI) has won a scholarship for the 2012 four-week Summer Acting Programme at the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts.



The day after his final performance as Owen Glendower in the school play *'Henry IV'*, Sam auditioned in London for the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, and was delighted to be awarded The Sanford Meisner Merit Award Scholarship for their four-week summer programme.

The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts (NYCDA), is a professional acting training conservatory in New York City for actors focusing on acting for film and television and the stage, including television dramas, commercials, motion pictures, internet serials, and voice overs. In addition to its popular summer programme, it also runs a two-year and a three-year course.

Their website www.sft.edu describes the course as *"a rigorous, but exhilarating four-week program that offers you a challenging opportunity to explore acting techniques, camera performance skills, commercial basics, film and TV basics, improvisation and more, with a dedicated, professional faculty of working actors and directors. You'll*

interact with students from all over the U.S. and the world and be part of a truly unique New York cultural experience. These include meeting industry movers and shakers from agents to casting directors to real actors with helpful advice."

In the same week that Sam heard about this scholarship, he also won the Best Delegate Award at the Paris MUN Conference - the latest in a string of MUN awards he has won.

Sam's outstanding performance as Malvolio in last year's school musical *'What You Will'* helped to earn the show a hat-trick of five star reviews when it went up to the Edinburgh Festival in August (and can be seen once more on 7th January 2012 when the show is put on again at the Royal College of Music).

Sam is a Barnaby Music Scholar at Shrewsbury, is a member of our Chamber Choir, Chapel Choir, Acapella Group, a CCF (RAF section) cadet and is heading towards his DofE Gold Award. He has been a soloist at several of our concerts, taken lead parts in several school plays, is involved with a theatre group in Chester, and had to turn down a part in the Welsh National Youth Opera Company last year, because the rehearsals clashed with his GCSEs.



Sam will be playing the part of Monostatos in the school opera *'The Magic Flute'* next term.



Pupil's painting to be made into a Christmas card

Tuesday 6 December 2011

Fifth former Edward Shawe-Taylor's painting of a winter scene has been chosen by Head of Art, Philip Woollley, to be made into a school Christmas card. Edward writes *"This painting grew out of a GCSE project based on views from windows. The initial task was to do a drawing from a school building. My original drawing was the view from the Moser Library. However when I came to paint it, what started as a view of the town became a view of the Welsh countryside, as one might see on 'Basic Year'. I then decided to change the drama of the picture with the addition of snow. The painting was then completed - and in the end the tree on the left hand side of the painting was the only aspect of my original drawing that remained."*





Senior House Debating: Ingram's vs Radbrook

Wednesday 7 December 2011

'This House would rather have tofu than turkey for Christmas: The consumption of meat is immoral'.

The Senior House Debating final took place in the Ashton Theatre on Tuesday night, with Ingram's proposing the above motion, and Radbrook A opposing.

It was a great debate (one of the best finals I have seen) with both sides arguing strongly, and some very interesting questions from the floor. The Ashton Theatre was nearly filled out with boys supporting their house, staff and parents.

In the end Ingram's won the day with a fine summary speech from Jack Flowers. The Headmaster said that the debate had been a very close one, and that both teams had argued well.

Ingram's won the Antony Mangnall (O 2003-2008) Senior House Cup for Debating.

LJW

Ingram's team:

Jack Flowers
Chris Williams
Ed Grant

Radbrook A team:

Ralph Wade
Edward Elcock
James Brent

Barrie Morris retires after 37+ years in the Works Department

Wednesday 7 December 2011

As another term draws to a close and as thoughts turn to the imminent Christmas and New Year celebrations, it is time to bid farewell to a stalwart of Shrewsbury School – Barrie Morris, Chargehand of the Works Department, who is retiring after nearly thirty eight years of loyal service to the school.

After completing his apprenticeship as a bricklayer and working for several building firms, Barrie



joined the Works Department in February 1975 a few years before his 30th birthday. It was not long before he realised just what was expected of the maintenance team in those days and he was soon turning his hand to anything that was asked of him.

It would be impossible to describe a typical day for Barrie, as he has dealt with thousands of work tickets over the years. He could start a day working in a cellar only to find himself on a roof a few hours later, having dealt with several tasks in between. He has turned his hand to just about anything that has been asked of him and he has never knowingly failed to respond to an ‘out of hours’ call out request. He has unblocked countless drains and replaced hundreds, probably thousands, of broken roof tiles in between patching an almost infinite number of holes in study walls. He has bailed out more cellars and basements than he cares to remember, has rescued pontoons that have drifted off towards the weir, herded cattle back into Becks’ Field, parked cars on Speech Day, dealt with innumerable wasps & ants nests and along the way was part of the team that re-roofed Main School Building – not exactly a small project in itself! He has monitored the swimming pool water and maintained its high quality for many years and his knowledge of the site and the infrastructure is second to none.

Barrie is known and respected not only by his work colleagues but by many suppliers and contractors to the school who have worked alongside him over the years. He will be missed and a hard act to follow but we do know that he will not be idle as there are a respectable number of works tickets at home awaiting his attention.

Over the years Barrie has seen huge changes in the School, in the people who live and work here, in its management and the development of the site. As with any job there have been times when his patience has been sorely tried but it is to be hoped that he leaves us with far more happy memories!

Thirty eight years of loyal service is an incredible achievement and Barrie enters what we hope will be a long and happy retirement with our best wishes and an open invitation to call in and see us whenever he is passing.

John Harvey

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Inaugural Shrewsbury Girls' Sports Tour planned

Wednesday 7 December 2011

Annabel Hartshorne is organising a girls' netball/hockey tour to Spain in August 2012.

Letters have already gone out to the parents, giving details of this ground-breaking tour to Marbella and Gibraltar, which we hope will be the first of many.



A Week in the Life of Theo Simmons (Ch 4)

Wednesday 7 December 2011

Theo kindly agreed to step into the breach and write up his 'week' at extremely short notice. As an enthusiastic member of the Creative Writing Group, and of Chapel Choir, he has written up the first few days of this week in true Churchillian style.



Sunday

My week began with the usual verve that surrounds Shrewsbury life. It was Sunday, my only truly 'free' day, supposedly, however I was aware that in the twenty four hours that lay before me I was not going to be left entirely to my own devices. I was woken by the daylight peeping through the gaps in the dorm curtains and the shuffling snuffling sounds of my dorm mates, who were unwilling to admit, like me, that even though they spent the entire previous week waking up feeling as though they could have slept till lunch time, on Sunday the dawn greets without a care for planned hours of rest. I had no time to sleep in till lunch even if I had wanted to that day, as soon I was out of bed and off to the chapel for a choir rehearsal. After which at 11 o'clock I walked to the art building for a drawing session in which I continued working on a GCSE portfolio piece - a drawing of a victorian clothing wrangler - along with the rest of my set, under the excellent eyes of the art masters.

Brunch was a quick affair before a hasty walk back to the house in an effort to maximise work time in the short while before the full chapel choir rehearsal at 2pm. The hour quickly arrived and, bracing myself against the icy December air all the while muttering the definition of osmosis under my breath, I made my way over to the chapel along with many other Churchillians in preparation for that evening's service.

An hour or so later as the parting notes of Rachmaninoff's "*Bogoroditse Devo*" hung in the air sending shivers up my spine, I knew that the service would be fine, and indeed it was. The evening began in a wintery twilight, the lights on the town bank shimmering in the steel grey waters of the Severn river as the choir, fully robed now, lined up beside the chapel ready to process. Inside, the deep, warm colours gave a cosy feel and the service passed with hearty singing and some intricate reading in various languages that awoke the spirit and excitement of



Christmas in everyone. Even if it had lay buried as in my case, under the hectic nature of the end of term.

After the success of the service, the choir changed and headed for Kingsland House where the Chapel Choir Christmas meal was taking place. We were welcomed by Rev. Dobbie and soon we stood, de-jacketed, in the warmth of the living room among the throng of choir members and the tinkling of light conversation. Mr. Mason and Mr. Moore were present along with the Fannings and other members of staff, a buffet had been laid out and we navigated the clockwise (or anti-clockwise?) process of getting our food and proceeded to take our plates through to the candle-lit tables of the main rooms. What followed was a thoroughly enjoyable evening in which a friend and I engaged in a magic trick where it appeared as if we could read peoples' minds; I will not divulge the nature of it here, tricks of the trade and all that!

Monday

The week continued much in the way it had begun, with French tests and Maths exams spinning into the fore even after the previous night's frivolities. My sport change that day was 'Super Benjies' and my aim was to obtain a time at least somewhere near my personal best of 13 minutes 10 seconds. With a result only seven seconds off my PB I made my way contentedly if a little achingly to double Biology in which more revision on digestion, osmosis and diffusion was done.

That night marked the last meeting of term for the Creative Writing Society, and with themes set from 'Christmas and winter' to 'James is Awesome: Debate and discuss' the evening passed in laughter and in thought as we shared our work and commented on others', and engaged in a little 'speed writing' on topics to get our creative juices flowing. I look forward to the club come the New Year, as membership is only increasing and every new member brings something fresh to our group of like-minded people on Monday nights.

Tuesday

The day began with a tutor period where the workings of the school and the closeness of Christmas was discussed with energy by a small group of us with Mr. Moore and Mr. Hudson. Art then beckoned - another hour and a half stint on the detailed 'Machine drawing' before a very interesting RS lesson in which the relationship between religion and animals' rights was looked at, and an inspiring video from Greenpeace played. After break it was time for Athletics, in particular, Javelin and high jump. We warmed up extensively as the day was a bitter one, including an exercise in which Mr. Howarth appeared to almost moonwalk across the astro turf, such is the foot coordination runners apparently need to have. Lunch followed, with our final lessons being music and maths; the first a promise of honing our musical ear listening to various instruments, the second - paper two of the maths exam. I am aware of the logic of putting tests at the end of term, but in the last week they are definitely not welcomed by the tired, worn down pupils they are received by! A two page history essay later, among other things, and I am lying in bed, one day closer to the approaching holidays!

Wednesday

Today has something in its advantage, something that means that it can never be a 'bad' day. Double English then History, my two favourite lessons in one morning, nothing could be better. It proves a nice antidote to Physics and Biology after break, even though I actually quite like my current topics in both of them. English involved discussion on 'new media' and viewing of a documentary on the creation of Facebook. It was very interesting seeing how something that my generation takes for granted sprang from the seeds of so many ideas, relatively recently. In History we examined the gamble that was Hitler's move for Anschluss with Austria in 1938. In

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Physics we had to write a step-by-step description of an intricate mechanism that would supposedly get a man out of bed and make breakfast, drawing on the aspects of Physics involved. A Biology exam was next on the menu - before what was for lunch, that is - and soon I am walking back to the house ready for the writing of this article in the two hours or so before Chapel Choir. From this point on I know that the great swirling chasm that is the end of term is about to suck me in.

For now it is the time, with great festive cheer, to begin practising a comedy dialogue piece to be performed with William Allot in Friday night's 'House entertainment' - and to continue to put off packing for as long as I can!

Merry Christmas all,

Theo Simmons Ch

RSSH: Paperchases 2011

Thursday 8 December 2011

Inter-House Paperchases saw a swelling of numbers this year, largely due to the introduction of a 'B' competition at U15 House level, and the revival of the tradition of a 1st House and 2nd House format. This meant both races saw over 170 runners competing, with each team comprising 8 runners (6 of which were 'counters').

In the **U15 House** event, an exciting switching of the lead in the race made for exciting viewing, with 4th former Tom McHugh (G) taking an early lead, but chased by a pack that included winner of the 3rd Form New Boys' Race Oscar Dickins (R). Indeed, with McHugh fading in the later stages of the race, Dickins pushed on to take the lead, but from out of nowhere came fellow 3rd former Tom Sykes (PH), who with 800m to go established a commanding gap between himself and Dickins to win the race and 'kill' in a time of 15.34. His performance was backed up by some strong performances from the rest of his House team and Port Hill emerged as victors of the U15 House trophy ahead of Churchill's, whose star runner 4th former John Dempsey placed 2nd individually.

- 1st T Sykes (PH)
- 2nd O Dickins (R)
- 3rd J Dempsey (Ch)
- 4th G Ratanadoros (O)
- 5th L Gannon (S)
- 6th T McHugh (G)
- 7th C Godman (M)
- 8th T Clarke (S)
- 9th G Patterson (R)
- 10th B Seager (Ch)

Team Totals:

- 1st Port Hill 117 points
- 2nd Churchill's 136 points
- 3rd Severn Hill 141 points

In the **Girls'** event, Emma Darwin Hall were out to make amends for The Tucks in which their 'elder sister' Mary Sidney were team victors. First home for the girls was Amy Stockdale in a time of 17.42, ably supported by Libby Naylor and Rosie

Parr. Their team total of 494 points was enough to take the girls' team trophy, with Mary Sidney Hall scoring 578 points, albeit without their star runner Imola Atkins.



In the **1st and 2nd House** competition, Churchill's were the team to beat and looked strong to retain their title from the previous year. Their strength in depth was furthered by the absence of Severn Hill Tucks champion and Huntsman George Mallett, at interview in Oxford. In his absence, younger brother Ed took command of the race, and in the early stages of the race it was Severn Hill in 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with Ed in a leading pack with Seb Blake and Otto Clarke. The chasing pack of Rory Fraser (Ch), Tom Cousins (PH) and Ed Lloyd (Rt) were not too far off the lead group but had their own battle to win. The dynamics of the race shifted towards the latter kilometres of the 5.3km course, with Otto Clarke fading and finding himself being overtaken by Fraser and Cousins who have trained throughout the winter term. Mallett and Blake fought neck and neck until the last kilometre when Mallett broke free, and quickly established a gap of over 10m. He crossed the line for the kill just dipping under the 20 minutes barrier, and in the end was 16 seconds ahead of Blake. Despite the strong performance of Severn Hill, it was not enough, however, to take the team trophy, with Churchill's retaining their title and winning for the first time the 2nd House cup also.

- 1st E Mallett (S)
- 2nd S Blake (S)
- 3rd R Fraser (Ch)
- 4th T Cousins (PH)
- 5th E Lloyd (Rt)
- 6th O Clarke (S)
- 7th G Nugee (G)
- 8th A Vaughan-Jackson (Ch)
- 9th W Spencer Jones (PH)
- 10th T Lansdell (PH)



1st House Team Totals

- 1st Churchill's 86 points
- 2nd Severn Hill 129 points
- 3rd Port Hill 156 points

2nd House Team Totals

- 1st Churchill's 375 points
- 2nd Severn Hill 382 points
- 3rd School House 447 points

PJM

BASBWE Midlands 2011 Festival and Conference

Thursday 8 December 2011



On Saturday 3rd December, Shrewsbury School hosted the BASBWE Midlands 2011 Festival and Conference, which saw musicians from across the country to converge on the school and take part in workshops masterclasses, performances and coaching, culminating in an outstanding Gala Concert in the Alington Hall in the evening, and all organised and directed by Maria Eglinton.

Our own musicians took part in a chamber concert in the middle of the day, and our Wind Orchestra were performing in the evening's concert, conducted by Maria Eglinton.

Enthusiastic praise for the day-long event has been coming in this week, some of which follows:

"What an enjoyable event! All credit to Maria for organising such a successful day of masterclasses and concerts, and for enthusiastic participation from all musicians and sponsors concerned.

Masterclasses and workshops were run by myself (Lara James), Adam Gorb, Andy Scott and David Thornton; and musicians from the Royal Northern College of Music gave some very fine performances during the day, conducted by Mark Heron. I must add that one of the daytime highlights for me, was the dazzling Tempest Flute Trio.

Adam Gorb was composer 'in residence' and it was a joy to hear his numerous works (including his first symphony) featured throughout the entire day. Further premieres were presented for Peter Meechan, Kit Turnbull, Steve Bryant and Matthew Hall; the evening concert featuring the eloquent Glebe Symphonic Winds and youthfully exuberant Shrewsbury School Wind Orchestra. Renowned pedagogue and performer David Thornton and emerging young artist Jennie Porton were the impressive concerto soloists of the evening.

Shrewsbury School Wind Orchestra presented a challenging programme and it was fantastic to hear a school level band not only attempting, but making success of such a programme. It is always a joy to hear new music being

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premiered, and events such as this are also invaluable in developing collaborations between established professional musicians of international repute alongside students at school level. It's a very important and inspirational experience for young musicians."

Lara James (Saxophone Tutor, Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama)

"I have attended BASBWE events for many years and they always an air of innovation and energy, Saturday's event was no exception. From renowned composers presenting their new repertoire to players, to high class concert performances - I enjoyed listening and performing at the event. Congratulations to Maria and all at BASBWE!"

David Thornton (International Euphonium Soloist)

Former Master nominated for BBC Midlands Today's Unsung Hero Award

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Bill Sayer, former Master of Biology and Master i/c Rowing at Shrewsbury, has been nominated for the BBC Midlands Today *Unsung Hero Award* for his dedication to coaching the Pengwern Boat Club junior rowers. He is one of five finalists for this regional award, and Midlands Today broadcast a short film on him and his work at Pengwern on Tuesday 6th December.



There is a link to this film on the Midlands Today Facebook site (that was posted on Tuesday 6th at 19:01): www.facebook.com/midlandstoday.

RSSBC: Hope-Simpson Ergo Championships

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L-R: Rigg's supporters; Ingram's in action; School House, Senior relay winners

At our own indoor rowing championships it was a case of record times being beaten in a number of events, but the same old story as Rigg's took home the overall trophy for the third year in succession.

Over 200 boys and girls competed (approximately 30% of the school) either individually as members of one of the school rowing squads, or as part of the house relay teams which try to cover a set distance between 4 people. In the junior house relay, Severn Hill smashed the current record by almost 10 seconds to take the title (in fact 2nd placed School House, and 3rd placed Ingram's also broke the old record!). In the senior house relay, School House set another new record time on their way to victory.



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Selected results:

Top Squad individual - 2000m

- 1 Sam Lapage (R)
- 2 Fred Day (R)
- 3 Tom Marshall (SH)
- 4 Miles Pattison-Appleton (Ch)
- 5 Rob Morgan (R)
- 6 Judah Rand (R)
- 7 James Kynaston (Ch)
- 8 Peter Gadsden (Ch)

J14 Squad individual - 4 min

- 1 Joe Davies (M)
- 2 Hamish Foden (O)
- 3 Wilf Deacon (Rt)
- 4 Harry Lane Fox (Rt)
- 5 Stamos Fearnall (I)
- 6 Rhys Elliot-Williams (PH)
- 7 George Hill (PH)
- 8 Alex Goode (Ch)

Senior House relay - 3000m

- 1 School House
- 2 Rigg's
- 3 Ridgemount
- 4 Severn Hill
- 5 Churchill's
- 6 Moser's
- 7 Port Hill
- 8 Ingram's

J15 Squad individual - 2000m

- 1 Peter Hammond (PH)
- 2 Toby Thomas (SH)
- 3 Hamish Neill (Rt)
- 4 Hugo Morgan (R)
- 5 George Patterson (R)
- 6 Ilya Olkov (Rt)
- 7 Jacob Rumble (PH)
- 8 Charlie Davis (PH)

Girls squad individual - 2000m

- 1 Bridget Lapage (EDH)
- 2 Katy Williams (EDH)
- 3 Amy Stockdale (EDH)
- 4 Libby Wood (MSH)
- 5 Eliza Hodgson (EDH)
- 6 Georgia Bustin (EDH)
- 7 Polly Bingham (MSH)
- 8 Rainbow Satchittipavarn (EDH)

Junior House relay - 2000m

- 1 Severn Hill
- 2 School House
- 3 Ingram's
- 4 Rigg's
- 5 Oldham's
- 6 Churchill's
- 7 Mosers
- 8 Radbrook

Paris MUN: Sam Ansloos (G LVI) wins Best Delegate Award

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The Paris MUN Conference is a huge annual gathering in the UNESCO headquarters in early December; this year, there were 950 delegates from 65 schools, 35 countries and 4 continents!

Shrewsbury made its mark on proceedings once again, and were delighted when Sam Ansloos (G LVI) was named as the Best Delegate in the European Council, and Jack Huntley (Ch UVI), Anna Olerinyova (MSH LVI) and Ben Gould (G LVI) also won individual awards in their committees.



RSSBC: Old boathouse ready for demolition, to make way for the new one!

Friday 9 December 2011



The Victorian RSSBC boathouse is now empty, awaiting the contractors to start demolition work next Monday. Boys and girls, entered into the spirit this afternoon (bribed with Hot chocolate and mince pies!) and helped to strip all the boats from the original School boathouse. Some of these boats have gone into storage, courtesy of local farmer Ed Davies at Cross Houses.

It is hoped that by the time we return to School in the new year, the old boathouse will be gone and that footings for the new building will be underway, weather dependent!

Paul Manser



Sports results: w/c 28th November 2011

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Week Beginning 28th November 2011

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Mon 28 th November	Football	Thomas Telford School ESFA(Rd5)	1 st XI	H	L	1-3
Wed 30 th November	Football	Wolverhampton G.S	1 st XI	A	W	5-0
			U15A	A	L	0-2
			U14A	A	W	4-1
			2 nd XI	H	W	2-0
			3 rd XI	H	W	4-0
Sat 3 rd December	Fencing	Hereford & Worcester Open	Squad	A		See Bulletin
	Football	Repton School	1 st XI	A	L	0-1
			4 th XI	A	W	2-1
			U16B XI	A	W	3-0
			U15A XI	A	L	2-3
			U15B XI	A	W	5-1
			U15C XI	A	W	7-1
			U14AXI	A	W	2-1
			U14BXI	A	W	6-2
			2 nd XI	H	W	5-0
			3 rd XI	H	W	6-1
			U16A XI	H	W	2-0
	U14C XI	H	W	3-1		
	RSSBC	Wycliffe Head	All Squads	A		See Bulletin
RSSH	Rugby (English Schools Cross Country Cup, Final Rd)		A		See Bulletin	
Sun 4 th December	Fencing	Hereford & Worcester Open	Squad	A		See Bulletin



Rugby: OS captains Oxford to victory in the Varsity Match

Sunday 11 December 2011

Old Salopian John-Henry Carter (Rt 1994-1999) picked up more than just the Nomura Trophy when captaining Oxford University to Varsity Match success at Twickenham Stadium earlier this month.

The 30-year-old former Sale Sharks No 8 was set upon by opposite number Dave Allen during the first-half of a bruising encounter and had his left eye virtually closed by a punch.

The incident forced the psychoanalysis student to leave the field for running repairs, but he returned to play a huge part in Oxford's biggest win over their deadly rivals from Cambridge since 1988.

The Dark Blues ran out 28-10 victors to make it two wins in a row, and the good news for Oxford fans is that Carter still has two more years to run on his course. He won his first Blue in 2009, but missed the 2010 victory after undergoing shoulder surgery.

As to his playing future, Carter was upbeat after the game – or at least before he had to go and have the blood squeezed out of the plum sized swelling beneath his eye – and looks set to carry on playing despite his advancing years and dodgy shoulders.



Having undergone six separate operations on the two joints he eased his way back into action in the build-up to the Varsity Match, but never held back for one moment on the big day as he gave one of the great captain's performances in the 139 year history of the classic event.

As for his injury, and the way he received it, he was unperturbed: "It is all part and parcel of the game and there are no hard feelings. I told him that at the after-game dinner, and we had a beer together," said Carter.



Cricket: OS James Taylor profiled in The Guardian

Monday 12 December 2011

Old Salopian Jimmy Taylor (R 2003-2008) is one of the ten 'brightest and best' featured in the Guardian's Weekend Magazine: *Overachievers: What it takes to be a bright young thing* (Guardian Money 10th December 2011)

James Taylor, cricketer, 21



James Taylor: 'Though it's affected how much I see my friends, it hasn't affected my relationship with them.' Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

Two Salopians into the National Youth Training Choir

Monday 12 December 2011

We were delighted to hear that two pupils, Sam Ansloos (G LVI) and Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch 5), have auditioned successfully for the Youth Training Choir (NYTC). Laurence are pictured warming up performing at the final assembly on day of term.

The NYTC is for singers in school to 13, and aims to help them to an innovative choral repertoire improving musicianship and vocal performance. The NYTC runs two long courses in April and August year.

Shrewsbury School has hosted a number of national choirs and orchestras over recent Easter and Summer holidays, and look forward to the National Youth Boys' Choir returning here in August 2012, and the National Children's Choir (Junior and Senior) returning both in April and August 2012.

Alfred Mitchell (SH 3) will have the slightly surreal experience of returning to his school in the middle of the holidays in order to take his place in the choir!



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OSH: Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race - Saturday 10 December, Wimbledon Common

Monday 12 December 2011



The Old Salopian Hunt fielded an enthusiastic team of four runners in this annual inter-schools alumni event. Its date is designed to provide runners with a more relaxed alternative to Christmas shopping, though the pace at the front of the race was far from relaxed. Unfortunately none of the OSH runners were close enough to witness it at first hand!

As last year our first runner home was Charles Tongue in a highly respectable time of 31min 38 secs for the hilly and muddy 5 mile course. His was a particularly strong performance given he started after all the other runners had got half way up the first field, having arrived late, and spent the race overtaking nearly two thirds of the field.

Second home was V40 Mark Holloway, fresh(ish) back from the US where he ran the New York marathon. Mark was 61st in a time of 33:34. Our team was rounded out by the former Ridgemount pair of David Thomas, 84th in 36:28, and Andrew Christophers, 107th in 42:21.



Because the veteran categories require 3 runners to close out a team, the only categories we completed full teams in were the open category, where we were 13th, and the V40, where we were 9th. The winning team looked, and probably was, half the age of most of our runners!

In the photograph (right) taken after the race are (left to right) Andrew Christophers, Mark Holloway, Charles Tongue and David

Thomas.

Please also see a Youtube clip of the start where one green and gold OSH vest is prominent (with thanks to Geoffrey Watson).



Football: House Finals

Monday 12 December 2011

House Finals took place on the last day of term, amidst much enthusiasm and support across all the pitches.

The Grove won the 1st House final in what could be their last appearance in the competition. In a close match where neither goalkeeper was put under any real pressure The Grove snatched the winning goal from a free kick just before half time. Radbrook stepped up the pressure in the second half but The Grove's tight defence held out.

Final Score: The Grove 1, Radbrook 0.

The 2nd House final was a much more open affair with School House beating The Grove 4-0 and the Under 15 House was a very good game with Ingrams beating Severn Hill by two goals to one.

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Henry Thomas wins a place in the National Children's Orchestra

Tuesday 13 December 2011

Henry Thomas (Ch 3) heard yesterday that he had won a place in the National Children's Orchestra, which he is absolutely delighted about. Henry's performance of Goedicke's virtuosic Concert Etude for solo trumpet was one of the highlights of our New Entrants' concert earlier this term, and this recognition of his outstanding talent is well deserved.



Henry first auditioned for the U12 orchestra two years ago, and was put on the reserve list. Last year he auditioned again and made it into the U13 orchestra, but his big goal has always been to get into the main orchestra.

In addition to the audition which took place at half term, Henry has taken part in three courses this year, with the final one being in London last weekend. The children rehearsed all day on the Saturday, and for 3 hours on Sunday before their concert in the Queen Elizabeth Hall - which was completely sold out.

When he found out that he was one of only six trumpeters in the country to get into the main orchestra, Henry said, somewhat modestly, that he was 'very proud!' His next goal is to get into the National Youth Orchestra in two years' time.

Henry joined Shrewsbury as a music scholar this term. He already has Grade 7 distinctions in both trumpet and piano, and has performed in Barcelona Cathedral as well as various venues in Prague when on tour with Winterfold House School, and at the Upton Jazz Festival with the Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Henry will be playing with the National Children's Orchestra at the Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday 14th April.

CCF End of Term Parade

Tuesday 13 December 2011



L-R: RM - Cdt HJL Carter & Cdt CH Thomas; RAF - Cdt CW Gillow; Army - Cdt HESD Binns

The end of term was marked by the arrival of Lt Col J Moulton RM Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine Reserve Unit in Merseyside, to present the CCF new recruits with their well-earned berets.

The 120 Fourth Form cadets started their service in September. They've since completed an overnight exercise at Nesscliffe, and taken part in numerous parade afternoons learning about dress, equipment, personal conduct, military history, ration packs, cooking in the field, camouflage and concealment - to name but a few of the basic military subjects.



The Colonel was accompanied by the Headmaster who also assisted in the presentation of berets. In addition a number of other awards were made as follows:

Best Recruits

RM Section - Cdt HJL Carter & Cdt CH Thomas

RAF Section - Cdt CW Gillow

Army Section - Cdt HESD Binns

JNCO Cadre Leadership Award - Cpl HP Young

Despite the howling wind and rain, the parade went ahead but was relocated into the CCF Range. It was a bit of a squeeze but a great afternoon nonetheless, and the cadets had a chance to meet the inspecting officer afterwards.