

Paperchases

Thursday 1 December 2016



School House Third and Fourth Form runners preparing for the annual 'Paperchases' cross-country run; if you look carefully, you'll see a seasonal visitor making his way up the building in the background...

Shrewsbury School's Bar Mock Trial

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The final of the School's first Bar Mock Trial took place in the Moser Library on Saturday 26th November. The student-led activity, with support from the Careers Fellow Mrs Dry, saw two teams of students adopting the role of legal professionals for the prosecution and defence.



L-R: Ed Owen, Ben Oswald, Darcy Smith, Judge Onions, Ebrahim Jamshid, Koby Ferdinand-Okpala

We are indebted to Lanyon Bowdler, a local law firm, who have been incredibly generous with their time in creating the case and helping our students to prepare for the event. The students involved felt that the activity was really challenging and helped them develop their skills and confidence, as well as their knowledge of the law.

The afternoon was a great success, thanks to the hard work and preparation the students had put in and the organisational prowess of Law Society Captain, Darcy Smith. Mr Robin Onions, a former Judge (and father of Old Salopians James Onions (PH 1989-94) and Thomas Onions (PH 1990-95)) presided, and several legal professionals from Lanyon Bowdler also gave their support.

After retiring to deliberate, the Judge returned the verdict and declared the defence team winners, whilst commending the prosecution for their performances and for having the more

difficult role to play. He singled out Ben Oswald for the best performance as a barrister and Ed Plaut for the best performance as a witness.

Defence team: Darcy Smith, Simran Randhawa, Sumaiya Quraishi, Ben Oswald, Timothy Lovick, Otto Rothwell Hurley, Sam Peach

Prosecution team: Ed Plaut, Morgan Butler, Ed Owen, Koby Ferdinand-Okpala, Ebrahim Jamshid



L-R: Koby Ferdinand-Okpala, Holly Edwards (Lanyon Bowdler), Ebrahim Jamshid, Sam Peach, Darcy Smith, Ed Owen, Morgan Butler, Simran Randhawa, Ben Oswald, Sumaiya Quraishi, Ed Plaut, Tim Lovick, Otto Rothwell Hurley

'Science, media and journalism' - Darwin Society Lecture

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On 25th November, science editor and Old Salopian Mico Tatalovic (SH 2000-02) returned to Shrewsbury to give an entertaining lecture on 'Science, media and journalism: how to break into the business of science communication'.

Mico Tatalovic joined Shrewsbury for his Sixth Form studies as an HMC/Open Society Scholar from Croatia (SH 2000-02). During his time at the School he was involved with the production of the School's 'Impulse' science magazine, a member of the Beekeeping Society and a keen footballer. He won a scholarship to study Biology at the University of Oxford and went on to do an MPhil at the University of Cambridge, again with a scholarship. After this, he completed an MSc in Science Communication at Imperial College, London on a scholarship from the Croatian Science Ministry.



He started working as News Editor at SciDev.Net, a leading source of news and analysis about science in the context of international development. He is now Environment and Life Sciences News Editor of the *New Scientist*, the world's leading popular science weekly magazine.

Mico began the evening by talking about his time at Shrewsbury and how he became involved in science communication when writing an article for the school magazine about whether science and religion can co-exist. He went on to talk about his experiences at university, when he spent some time in the Kalahari Desert studying the behaviour of meerkats.

Mico told us that working as a science editor involves finding stories, commissioning journalists and ensuring that articles are understandable for the readers. Every day he has to produce two stories and release them before they are published by rival news outlets. Some major stories that were recently published by the *New Scientist* are the case of the three-parent baby and research being undertaken into head transplants.

One of Mico's recent stories was about the tallest tree in Africa (81m) which was found on Mount Kilimanjaro. He hopes that by releasing stories like this, he can spread awareness and thus increase public interest in conserving biodiversity. He also hopes that heightened awareness may perhaps result in the surrounding area being designated a national park or reserve.

Lucy Price (EDH UVI), President of the Darwin Society

Player Awards presented at the biggest ever Shrewsbury School Hockey Dinner

Friday 2 December 2016

Sixty-five hockey players enjoyed a well-deserved celebratory dinner at the end of a very busy and successful term, that saw both the U16 and U14 teams qualifying for the Midlands rounds of the Investec National Schools Hockey Championships. Awards were made to the Most Improved, Players' Player and Coaches' Player in each of the four school teams.



L-R: U14 Award winners Sophie Holehouse, Tommy Jarvis and Adelaide Sillar

Under-14s

Most Improved Player: Sophie Holehouse (MSH)

Players' Player: Tommy Jarvis (MSH)

Coaches' Player: Adelaide Sillar (G)

Under-15s

Outstanding Commitment: Ella Niblett (MSH)

Players' Player: Laura Elliott (G)

Coaches' Player: Laura Elliott (G)

1st team

Most Improved Player: Katie Oswald (MSH)

Players' Player: Emma Graham (MSH)

Coaches' Player: Mimi Ashworth (EDH)

2nd team

Most Improved Player: India Eaton (EDH)

Players' Player: Molly Stokes (MSH)

Coaches' Player: Hattie Bramwell (EDH)

The news 100 years ago: 2nd - 8th December 1916

Friday 2 December 2016

No Old Salopians were killed this week 100 years ago.

School House Lower Sixth win the Hope-Simpson Ergo Challenge

Monday 5 December 2016

Four of our fittest Lower Sixth lads took turns to a rowing machine on Monday evening in a competition against the other houses to complete 3000m in the fastest time. A combination of good tactics, fine technique, will power and physical strength saw School House win in an excellent time of 9 mins, 9 secs.



Lower Sixth ergo champions (L-R): Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill, Josiah Chilaka, James Joseph and Scott Walker



Shrewsbury School SparkPoint - Christmas Special

Tuesday 6 December 2016

A final festive edition of the micro-magazine written by Deputy Head (Academic) Maurice Walters.

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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

It's an interesting observation that, in recent years, it has become very fashionable to be very downbeat about the festive season, banters about commercialism and gluttonous consumers dominate the press and Christmas has become somewhat marred as a consequence.

The truth of the matter is, however, that the spirit of the season is almost inescapable. Whatever you believe or don't believe, whatever traditions you may or may not observe, that sense of communal togetherness and the emphasis on thinking of people other than yourself and of walking the close ties that we have is a phenomenally powerful thing. Christmas is also, of course, a hub of intersecting cultural worlds – a fundamental point of inspiration for art, drama, literature and – perhaps especially – music. It is a time at which the creative capacity of the human race is truly brought to the fore.

SP28 – The First Christmas Card - 1843

Sir Henry Cole, who was tasked with the establishment of the Post Office, designed the first Christmas Card (pictured) in 1843. This sparked a tradition that would grow and spread right across the world. When the card was published it caused a stir because of the child being offered wine. [Click here](#) to see more unusual designs.

5 Minutes

SP29 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing – 1739

The idea of Christmas itself as a 'natural artefact' is probably even more as evident than in this Carol. The words were originally written by Charles Wesley, but the original music was felt to be too solemn. Ultimately it was Mendelssohn's cantata to commission the printing press which was adapted. [Click here](#) to listen to this Carol.

5 Minutes

SP30 – Father Christmas – Clement C. Moore

Fewer of urban myths abound concerning the way that the jolly old elf came into being – but *The Night Before Christmas* certainly had a key role to play. [Click here](#) to watch a very short documentary which takes you very quickly through the development of this ubiquitous and utterly fascinating Christmas figure!

5 Minutes

A Dickensian Festival

In the October of 1843, a financially anxious Charles Dickens set to work on a short novel he would eventually title *A Christmas Carol*. The public had not enjoyed the first few parts of *Martin Chuzzlewit* which he was publishing in instalments and he was hopeful that this smaller work would prove more profitable.

What he could not have imagined, however, was the zeal with which the Victorian public would take up his evocation of the abundant Christmas season. A festival that had been banned during the Reformation and resented in a somewhat muted form with the Restoration, it was the combination of symbolism and brilliant description with hearty moral truths that made *A Christmas Carol* such a hit – and in turn enhanced and accompanied the celebration of the season. [Read more](#)

Mr Walters | Deputy Head (Academic)
December 2016



Victory for School House in football competition

Wednesday 7 December 2016

The boys of School House have had a fantastic run in all football competitions this term, winning the great majority of their matches across all ages in the three different leagues. This form continued into the cup competitions at the end of term with victory in the 2nd House Cup, runners-up in 1st House and semi-finalists in U15 House.



2nd House Trophy

The final of the 2nd House Cup against Ridgemount was a closely fought game, which finished goalless after full-time and extra time. Great credit must be given to the resilience of our solid defence and goalkeeper, Andrew Chan (UVI), for keeping a clean sheet. Therefore, Andrew, who was also the team captain, found himself facing a penalty shoot-out. He made two terrific saves, earning himself man of the match and giving School House a 4-2 victory.



Nervous moments for the team as they watch their captain face the penalties (L-R): Eccles Cheong (UVI), Dom Hutchinson (LVI), Jonah Greetham (LVI), Reuben Denison (V), Tommy Tong (V), Will Blanchard-Butter (LVI), Scott Walker (LVI), Fred Blanchard-Butter (LVI), James Wong (UVI), Ramzi Masri (V) and Archie Kutovoy (LVI).



Andrew saves a second penalty to secure victory!



Celebrations!



Captain, goalie and Man of the Match Andrew Chan (UVI) receiving the trophy.



Fred Blanchard-Butter, a key player in the defensive line-up.

With an extremely talented line-up, it is fair to say that the School House 1st House team were favourites to win the competition. Having comfortably knocked out Radbrook in the quarter-final and Rigg's in the semi-final, a cool finish from George Newton gave us a well-deserved 1-0 lead in the first half of the final against Port Hill. It looked as if that would seal the victory for us because we dominated possession and produced many scintillating attacks, while the opposition did not manage a single shot on target in the entire game. However, owing to some dogged defending from Port Hill, our second goal never came.

In a cruel twist of fate in the final five minutes of the match, an extremely unlucky own-goal gave Port Hill the equaliser that they could not manage to get themselves! The resulting penalty shoot-out produced an excellent save from the Port Hill keeper, which secured the underdogs an unlikely victory that was against the run of play. However, great credit must be given to the opposition, who never gave up. For the School House boys, who played some outstanding football, a lesson was learned about taking their chances in front of goal – as Man Utd know only too well this season, one is never enough!



The 1st House squad (L-R). Front row: Ian Lau (V), James Argyle (LVI), Simon Lange (LVI), Kwaku Antwi (Capt. UVI), Nifemi Okusanya (UVI), Gus Lloyd (LVI), Will Biggs-Lovell (UVI). Back row: Josiah Chilaka (LVI), Archie Kutovoy (LVI), Jacob Jefferis (V), Matt Rowe (UVI), Vardan Hambardzumyan (UVI), James Nelson (UVI), Mike Cheung (GK, UVI), George Newton (UVI).



Josiah Chilaka, this year's Cassidy Sports Scholar, was a major threat down the left wing throughout the competition; he has also made a huge contribution to the school's 1st XI team. Congratulations are due to him for his recent selection for the Independent Schools National side.



Supporters were out in force and in fine voice for the final.



L-R: James Argyle and George Newton



L-R: James Nelson and Matt Rowe



Captain Kwaku Antwi oversees a free kick taken by Josiah



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The news 100 years ago: 9th - 15th December 1916

Friday 9 December 2016

No Old Salopians were killed this week 100 years ago.



House Christmas Party

Saturday 10 December 2016





OS Hunt v RSSH 3rd December 2016

Monday 12 December 2016

The OSH & The RSSH run in the Annual Meet, on Saturday 3rd December, 2016.





Looking down Central towards The Drum at 2 pm, there were huddled groups of Old Salopians, and girls and boys of The Hunt, gathering with supporters in front of Mr. Darwin's plinth, on a dry cloudy but chilly afternoon. It was beginning to look as though The Old Salopian Hunt was actually going to field a talented team which could this year challenge the impressive Hunt team. Kait Weston was our Hunt Host today and welcomed us all. The crowd took pictures of the assembled line of 6 Huntsmen and 3 Huntswomen, showing from the left, this year's Huntsman Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R), then one of last year's Joint Huntsmen, Ben Remnant (Ch), George Mallett (S) for 2011-12, Oli Mott (Rb.) 2002-03, Peter Birch (Db) 1970-71, Olly Laws (SH) 1997-98, Olivia Papaioannou (EDH) Huntswoman for last season, Immie Evans (G) this year's Huntswoman, and Anna Thompson (MSH) for 2012-2013.



There were equal teams of 13 at the start line, when The Huntsman shouted The Cry of "All those hounds...", to set us off together in the combined sprint for the tall blue Moss Gates. The two Riggites, Freddie and his Senior Whip, Will Hayward, are two of the strongest runners in The Hunt and were to be running against the strength and experience of not only our Captain, Oli Mott (Rb. 98-03), but also Olly Laws (SH. 93-98), George Mallett (S. 07-12) and Ben Remnant (Ch. 11-16), who were all fast ex-Huntsmen. Even last year's Huntswoman, Liv Papaioannou (EDH. 11-16) was bolstering the line-up of Great OSH Talent. We were also boasting another "secret weapon", being Peter Middleton, in his Green & Gold vest for the first time, now that he has passed the baton of Master-In-Charge of The Hunt to Ian Haworth back in the summer.

The front of The Pack were off and way past the football match being played on Top Common and ran down past The Maidment Music Building, whilst quite a few of us were still being surefooted along Ashton Road. Eventually, all had negotiated the narrowed route beside the superb new caged Hockey pitch, just before The Grove. The course took us around the Astroturf and behind The Stott Pavilion, then rising up to Oldham's Gap, we turned for Queen's Terrace where supporters kept us moving on track with their encouragements and onwards down Canonbury. Here and at many crucial points, there were volunteer course markers who waived us on the right path with a smile and words of direction, for which, I for one, was grateful. Even the occasional red & white tape markings erected by the invisible groundsmen, were invaluable to the success of this event.

With the ground being relatively firm, the pace was fairly fast, even when crossing the shallow water of The Radbrook. Then a long drawn out trail of runners following The Severn towards Port Hill and then left up Ridgemount Drive, took us to our previous worn track around The Lower Common.



After 3 ½ miles (or 5.6 kilometres) the sight of the “Finish” banner, erected in the shadow of The Alington Hall, made for a final effort and applause from those waiting there. Our own Oli Mott had fought off Huntsman Freddie and Whip Will, as Peter, Olly and George soon followed. The placings were creating a close competition as we waited for our back-markers Martha Pownall, Michael Johnson, Cliff Simpkin, Richard Hudson and Anthony Hickson to arrive.

We then went down to The Hunt Gym to get the results with Tea & Sandwiches, where the official “unveiling” of The Huntswoman Honours Board already showed six Captains of The Girls Hunt since 2011. Then it was the Oli Mott moment, where he gets “his” Cup handed back to him as the Winner of The Run again and it was noted that his wife, Hilary, had specially polished the trophy for the day !

The Results Sheet, hastily printed out, showed a RSSH Team win by 4 points, but two days later I just happened to check the calculations and found that The OSH had actually pipped The Hunt by 3 points (and hoped the Trophy has not been engraved yet !). So, although the dust has settled on another great day, this year The OSH has finally broken The Hunt’s Eight Year grip on The David Loake Trophy and we now glow in silence as we contemplate what we have achieved ! Despite this, our friendship is strong and we are hungry for the next meeting between our clubs.





By 4.30pm, ten Committee Members assembled in Kingsland House for The Annual General Meeting and, after the customary “Toast to Morti”, we began analysing what we do, for nearly two hours. After closing the meeting, it was an hour before 14 diners gathered for The Annual Dinner in The Hardy Room, which included our guests, The Huntsman, Freddie, The Junior Whip, Scott Hatton (S) and 1st VIII Runner, Owen Mock (R).

We enjoyed the day so much, plans are already being made for next year’s event.

Peter Birch. OSH Chairman.

See Results.





RSSBC: Excellent trophy haul at the Wycliffe Head and the Head of the Float

Tuesday 13 December 2016

On Saturday 3rd December the Boat Club had a significant number of crews racing at both the Wycliffe Head in Gloucester and the Head of the Float in Liverpool. The Club recorded some outstanding results, with every age group for both the boys and girls squads bringing home silverware.

Wycliffe Head

There were wins for the senior boys in the Open men's quad, coxed four, coxless four and pair. The senior girls won the Open women's double.



J18 coxed four



J18 quad

The J16 boys recorded wins in the J18 coxed fours, J16 coxed fours and novice quad. The J16 girls were third in the novice quad.



J16 coxed four



Novice quad

The J15 girls came second in the J15 quad and doubles event.

The Head of the Float

The J15 boys won the novice and J16 eights events and the novice and J15 coxed quad events.

The J14 boys and girls both won their respective octuple categories.



Winning Novice eight



Winning J16 eight



Winning J15 coxed quad



Winning J14 octuple



Winning WJ14 octuple



Lacrosse: County representation

Wednesday 14 December 2016

At the end of last term, six Shrewsbury School lacrosse players – Clemmie Baynes (G LVI), Brigitte Jennings (EDH LVI), Mimi Ashworth (EDH V), Phoebe Wasdell (MSH V), Amelia Maunder (EDH LVI) and Sophia Dixon (MSH V) – represented the County in the Northern Counties U19 Lacrosse Tournament and helped their respective teams to win both the A and B Tournaments.

At the End of Term Assembly on 7th December, Clemmie Baynes was presented with the cup for the A team, and Brigitte Jennings was presented with the B team trophy.



Shrewsbury School 1st team

The news 100 years ago: 16th - 22nd December 1916

Friday 16 December 2016

No Old Salopians were killed this week 100 years ago.



RSSH: Inter-House Paperchases

Monday 19 December 2016

The historic inter-House Paperchases were held in cold, crisp conditions on Tuesday 29th November.

The girls' U15 race was won by Francesca Harris (EDH III). This performance helped Emma Darwin Hall claim overall victory in this event, comfortably ahead of Mary Sidney Hall in second place.

Tom Jackson (R IV) claimed first place in the boys' U15 House event, ahead of Louis Nares (Rb IV). Tom was able to help his Rigg's team to victory, 43 points ahead of Port Hill in second.

In the girls' 1st House race, Huntswoman Immie Evans (G LVI) took victory, nearly 30 seconds ahead of Sophia Dixon (MSH V) in second. This individual win helped The Grove secure the team victory, with Emma Darwin Hall taking second.

The boys' 1st House event was won by Huntsman Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R UVI), with fellow Riggite Will Hayward not far behind in second. This Rigg's one-two ensured a comfortable House win, 29 points ahead of Severn Hill in second place.



Immie Evans and Freddie Huxley-Fielding

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House Football Competitions

Wednesday 21 December 2016

The last week of the Michaelmas Term saw the completion of both sections of the House Football Competitions.

House Leagues:

1st Leagues – 1st Oldham's, 2nd Ridgemount

2nd Leagues – 1st Oldham's, 2nd School House

B Leagues – 1st Churchill's, 2nd School House

House Cups:

1st House – 1st Port Hill, 2nd School House

2nd House – 1st School House, 2nd Ridgemount



The news 100 years ago: 23rd - 29th December 1916

Friday 23 December 2016

This week we remember:

Lieutenant Charles Thurston Bowring, 44th Bn. attended 10th Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

Churchill's, rowed in the Crew for two years and left in 1899 for Lausanne University, Switzerland, where he took his degree in Electrical Engineering. He then went through the apprenticeship course with the Westinghouse Company at Pittsburg, U.S.A., joining the State Elevator Company at Winnipeg, Canada, in 1913. Enlisting in the Canadian Expeditionary Force at the beginning of the war, he obtained his commission in the Canadian Infantry in January 1915 and became Machine Gun Officer to his Battalion. Later he was transferred to the Brigade Machine Gun Company as second in command.

Killed in action in France, 29th December 1916, aged 35.

Buried at Villers Station Cemetery, Villers-Au-Bois, France. Grave IV. C. 19.

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The news 100 years ago: 30th December 1916 - 5th January 1917

Friday 30 December 2016

This week we remember:

Lieutenant Philip Ralph Heaton DCM, 1st/2nd King's African Rifles.

Churchill's, left in 1911. He settled at Naivasha, British East Africa (present day Kenya). Before getting his commission, he saw fighting as a trooper in Bowker's Horse, winning the D.C.M. in the first Longido fight.

He died from an accidental wound at Kilwa, B.E.A. (present day Tanzan