



## The news 100 years ago - January 1916

Friday 1 January 2016

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## CCF Dinner

Monday 4 January 2016

*The 'all ranks' CCF Dinner took place on Thursday 3rd December, a chance for the cadets and staff to come together in full finery to experience the more glamorous side to military life, but also to thank all the supporters from the previous year who have helped make the CCF the wonderful learning experience it has become today.*

The dress for the occasion was full military 'Mess Kit', black tie or Number One dress (given only to those Sixth Formers who have served with the CCF for the past five years). The scarlet tunics, shiny brass buttons and long flowing gowns made the evening a spectacle.



It was a great event and the perfect opportunity to present prizes to the best new recruits in each section, and the four students who have achieved their Solo Gliding Wings in the RAF section. Well done to all.

*Maj. Jo Billington*



**Winner of the Gibraltar Cup:**

Faslane Section commanded by Corporal Robert Hartwell

**Solo Flying Awards were made to the following RAF cadets for solo glider flying:**

Corporal Alfie Yeoward

Corporal Ed Jones

Lance Corporal Bryce Rutter

Lance Corporal Tom Brennan

**Best Recruits**

RM Section: Cadet Freddy Williams

Army Section: Cadet Chad Usher

RAF Section: Cadet Ludo de Falbe



## Expectations Exceeded

Wednesday 6 January 2016

*Reviews of the School Musical 'Great Expectations' by Richard Hudson and Robin Case.* Even a solid diet of *O Come all ye Faithfuls* and *Hark the Heralds* over the past month has failed to blot out the strains of the unmistakably Moore-inspired score of *Great Expectations*, the latest in a long and distinguished list of home-grown Shrewsbury School musicals dating back to *Jekyll!* Many of these musicals were the production of a Holy Trinity of playwright/lyricist, composer and director. Once upon a time it was Went, Moore and Fanning; *Bubble* was Hankin, Moore and Fanning. *Great Expectations* follows in this tradition, with Peter Fanning - two years retired from Shrewsbury - as the playwright/lyricist, music and music direction by John Moore and stage direction by Helen Brown, Shrewsbury's inspiring new Director of Drama, now in her second year.



A vintage Moore/Fanning musical, *Great Expectations* bears comparison with the best, blessed as the School currently is with an extraordinary array of musical and acting talent. At times the directors must have wondered how such a complex production - in terms of plot, staging, choreography, sound, lighting and above all music - would stand up at all, given the very short amount of time available. But stand up it did, and proud.

Toby Pattinson (Ch) really captured the terror and confusion of young Pip, particularly impressive in the opening scene on the marshes. Luke Lloyd-Jones (Rb) as a grown-up Pip successfully climbed a musical Everest, all the more extraordinary for being his first time on stage. Both Estellas - Robin Huber (G) and Antonia Wordie (EDH) - had glorious voices which showed off the complexity of John Moore's score while maintaining their integrity as fabulously aloof and unavailable ice-queens.



*Pip (Luke Lloyd-Jones) and Estella (Antonia Wordie)*

Emily Skelton (EDH), playing the disappointed Miss Havisham, produced a chilling and powerful death scene underpinned by one of the most memorably haunting songs of the entire show. Angus Kincaid (Ch) delivered a Magwitch of real stature – literally and metaphorically. Rory Dootson (M) as Joe exuded pathos and humility, with Rob Shone (Ch) late in the day revealing the complex character of Compeyson through an ironic soft-shoe number masking the underlying malevolence of this enigmatic Dickens creation.



*Young Pip (Toby Pattinson) and Magwitch (Angus Kincaid)*



With some irony Fintan Simmons (Ch) portrayed a twittishly feckless Herbert with intelligence and subtlety.



*Herbert Pocket (Fintan Simmons)*

In the end, of course, the lawyers are always behind everything: Jagers, sung by Guy Cabral (Ch) dominated the stage throughout, even managing to remain sinister while tap dancing.



*Jagers (Guy Cabral)*

The chorus, totally committed throughout, lit up the stage in the big numbers, with Anna Cowan (MSH), Ed Acton (Ch) and Ursule Taujanskaite (MSH) standing out.



Invisible but omnipresent were the superb band of musicians tucked behind a side-curtain who negotiated an unbroken stream of complex and engaging numbers with slick panache, even, one might say, with the je-ne-sais-quoi which should characterise the ladies and gentlemen of Shrewsbury School. Magnificent. The Edinburgh Fringe beckons?

*RTH*



## Remnant brothers make RSSH history in double Paperchase victories

Thursday 7 January 2016

*This year's Inter-House Paperchases event, held on the final day of the Michaelmas term, was perhaps most noteworthy for the fact that two brothers were victors in separate events. Ben Remnant (Ch UVI) took the 1st House title and his younger brother Harry (Ch IV) won U15 House. We believe this is an unprecedented achievement.*



*Ben and Harry Remnant*

On the last day of term, over 350 Salopians lined up for the annual Inter-House Paperchases with many looking to add to their successes in The Tucks and others looking to make amends and exact revenge!

In the first race of the day, the U15 House race saw Harry Remnant of Churchill's take the race on from the very outset, conscious that the course was short and needed a strong start. He was chased by newcomer Sam Western from Severn Hill, Mark Pangin of School House, and the Rigg's duo of Henry Ludlam and Thomas Jackson. This was the order they finished in, with Harry coming through for the 'kill' in 8.52 followed by Sam Western in 9.25 and Mark Pangin in 9.28. Sam will have a shot at taking the Paperchases crown next year as he is only in the Third

Form at present. The fact that he placed 13th in the Tucks is suggestive of the considerable talent he possesses and he is certainly a name to look out for in the future. Likewise, Mark has perhaps been the most improved Hunt runner in the School this term, and indeed in the previous year's Paperchases he had come 41st! One could look, too, at his remarkable improvement in The Tucks: he came 29th this year but last year came 241st. It is testimony to the results that come through hard work and self-belief. Watch this space!

The girls ran in the same race as the boys, and this year's winner - Third Former Lilian Wilcox from EDH - in fact placed inside the top 30 overall out of 158 finishers. Having won the Third Form race, she is already making a name for herself as a top Hunt runner and she is likely to feature heavily in the competitive season next term. Her time of 10.29 was comfortably clear of runner-up Sophia Dixon (MSH) home in 11.28 and third-placed Daisy McMullen (G) just behind in 11.30.



*Senior Girls (L-R): Sally Joyce (G); Olivia Papaioannou (EDH); Immie Evans (G)*

In the Senior event, the girls ran the same shortened course as the juniors and, unsurprisingly, it was captain Olivia Papaioannou (EDH) who added to her silverware with victory in 10.07, completing the term on a high having killed in The Tucks and becoming the first recipient of the Mobley Cup. Sally Joyce of The Grove made amends for placing just off the podium in The Tucks by coming through for the silver medal in 10.28, with the Paperchases podium completed by fellow Groveite Immie Evans in 10.40.

The 1st House Paperchases provided a fascinating spectacle, with two distinct packs forming from the early stages of the longer course. At the front, Freddie Huxley-Fielding from Rigg's went off at breakneck speed and developed a 10m lead within the first kilometre, with the joint



Huntsmen of Oscar Dickins (R) and Ben Remnant (Ch) behind. In the chasing pack, some of the top Hunt runners fought it out with much toing and froing of positions. Charlie Rogers (Rb) had benefited from a few days of rest following a tired performance in the weekend's OS race and looked threatening, whilst behind Scott Hatton (S) made his return known with a performance that would see him place in the top 5. Riggites Owen Mock and Will Hayward were not far behind in 6th and 7th.

The closing stages of the race saw some interesting developments, with Remnant closing down Huxley-Fielding and taking the lead down Oldham's Gap. But by the time they had come up Ridgemount Lane and entered the race for home, Freddie appeared to be chasing Ben down. In the end, Huntsman Remnant held on for the 'kill' with Freddie two seconds behind in 2nd and Tucks winner Oscar Dickins in 3rd. It was wonderful to see Remnant back in form following a long period of injury, and on the evidence of this race it suggests that he is very much back to his best. This bodes well for the Hunt's prospects next term.



*Senior Boys (L-R): Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R), Ben Remnant (Ch), Oscar Dickins (R)*

## TEAM RESULTS

### U15 House:

- 1st Churchill's 90 points
- 2nd Severn Hill 94 points
- 3rd Rigg's 116 points



## **Junior Girls:**

1st EDH 59 points

2nd The Grove 73 points

3rd MSH 103 points

## **1st House:**

1st Rigg's 47 points

2nd Radbrook 94 points

3rd Churchill's 111 points

## **2nd House:**

1st Rigg's 201 points

2nd Port Hill 267 points

3rd Radbrook 444 points

## **Senior Girls:**

1st EDH 48 points

2nd The Grove 66 points

3rd MSH 83 points

*PJM*





## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 8 January 2016

*This week, the M & S Bagging team!*

Happy New Year to all those who have survived the Christmas and New Year binge and are now quietly enjoying a cleansing glass of water. There certainly seems to be an abundance of the wet stuff and that is good news for those of us who have dusted down the trainers, walking boots or invested in some delicately coloured lycra that can be seen from Major Tom's space capsule. We will not be in any danger of dehydrating. I always think that jogging after Christmas is akin to revising for trial exams. Everyone is doing it but pretending they are not.

Water is not good for everyone, however, especially in the volume we have experienced of late. I would not fancy being a refugee without cover or a member of the homeless community and so I want to pay tribute to a special team of the week: those fabulous Salopians who at the end of last term volunteered to collect money for The Ark. They did this by helping bag shopping for the customers drawn to Marks and Spencer's in an attempt to find the right socks or handkerchiefs for the males of their families, thus making their Christmas a little more special.

One or two of my colleagues felt there would be little chance of finding volunteers to give up their last Saturday afternoon of term to go and fill bags in M & S for Shrewsbury's drop-in centre for the homeless. They misjudged the generosity of spirit to be found throughout the School – or was it just the chance to have an excuse to spend a few hours in town?

Once I found that I had enough answers to my pleas, it was all systems go. My wife Emily, who is an Ark website guru, told us who to meet and where. There were nearly 30 good-natured souls who embarked on our quest to part the good burghers of Shrewsbury from their hard-earned cash.

Our moods were dampened on arriving at M & S, as the person we were expecting to meet was not at work that day. A flurry of activity and slight panic on the part of our hosts led to us being informed that there were too many of us and the 'only 16s and over' card was played. This made me feel rather small, as about half my merry band of volunteers had to return to School.

Those left were put to work. The girls got assigned to the lingerie section and the women's general clothing tills. The boys were down in the food area. I patrolled to make sure all was well and that the customers coughed up.



*Phoebe Cormack*

Simran Randhawa was not enjoying herself in the ladies section as there was little chance to do any bagging. “There is no chance of any bagging,” she told me.



*Simran Rbandawa and Megan Elliot*

Megan Elliot appeared to be having a better time but I think she is just good at masking disappointment. All the girls stuck to their tasks, however, and even if the takings were not spectacular, an ex-Salopian parent astutely advised me that the volunteers could add to their CVs 'experience in retail'!



*Emily Pirie and Rou Ann Lim*

Down in the food hall, Henry Bradshaw and Rory Carter-Motley were having more joy. Their natural bagging skills began to shine and I am sure they would have made the Midlands Independent Schools team if there was one! I would certainly give them first team bagging colours.





*Henry Bradshaw and Rory Carter-Motley*

I hope that the customers did not find too many eggs broken when they got their shopping home. If they did, Henry assured me it would have happened on the way home as the bagging in the store was of a professional standard. Rory agreed that any packaging issues would not have been down to the Packers. If the Green Bay Packers had been packing, that might have been a different scenario, but they were not present.

If I am honest, I am not sure how much was raised but I know it was in excess of £40. So thank you to the end of last term's Team of the Week: Henry Bradshaw, Rory Carter-Motley, Phoebe Cormack, Megan Elliot, Jenny Hill, Rumi Itakura, Rou Ann Lim, Sasha Lo, Emily Pirie, Simran Rhandawa, Rosie Smith-Langridge and Miu Tran.

*GJFB*



## School Firsts

Friday 8 January 2016

*Awarded to pupils during the final School Assembly of the Michaelmas Term.*

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

Nowadays School Firsts have been split into two types: sporting and non-sporting. Below is a list of those pupils who were given the coveted award for their exceptional contributions to School life across a wide spectrum of non-sporting activities.

**For their exceptional contributions to the musical life of the School:**

Kevin Jim (I UVI), Antonia Wordie (EDH UVI) and Loren Kell (EDH UVI)

**For his exceptional contributions in the fields of music and drama:**

Guy Cabral (Ch UVI)

**For their outstanding contributions to School drama:**

Erin Leatherbarrow (MSH UVI) and Emily Skelton (EDH UVI)

**For their outstanding service and commitment to the Royal Marines Section of the CCF and for being instrumental in winning the Pringle Trophy:**

Bertie Gilliat-Smith (O UVI), Ben Remnant (Ch UVI) and George Lechmere (O UVI).



## Great Expectations - a review by Robin Case

Friday 8 January 2016

It probably wasn't till the 1970s that Independent Schools realised how significant Drama was to its mission and purpose -- intellectually, physically, pastorally and creatively. For many years, Shrewsbury has been a leader in this field, in the depth of its commitment, and the quality of its productions. There is nothing more challenging and rewarding than forging a company from the diverse and multi-talented boys and girls who sign up for the task, and who give so generously of themselves.

Thus it is that Helen Brown's version of Peter Fanning's and John Moore's adaptation of Dickens' *Great Expectations* gives us such a perceptive and intriguing glimpse into the ambiguities of the novel. Her very set begs the question when and how time stopped, and whether Pip can really turn the clock back.

The libretto buzzes with a Dickensian zest for life and the operatic score is at its best when exploring the darker side of psychology and emotion. Both come wittily together in Jagers' comic but absolutely central exposure of gentlemanliness. Jagers' role helps to unite both novel and play, and Guy Cabral's performance is finely articulated.

The need, not only to explore the darker, indeed sinister, side of love and life, but sing it is a huge challenge to a youngish company, and one that it meets head on. The singing is universally strong and engaging, though the company finds it more difficult to discover that emotional tension in relationship which exposes wounds and sears the heart. That said, the key moments of threat, division and regret are nicely handled by all the principals.

Without a doubt, Toby Pattinson as the Young Pip draws us into the innocence and fragility of childhood, and Luke Lloyd Jones as the elder Pip steers us through a world he fails to understand with genuine anxiety and apprehension. His relationship with his surrogate father, Joe - well sung, especially when "Divisions Come" by Rory Dootson - is shattered by the threat that Magwitch brings from the marshes, and by Miss Havisham's embittered scheming. Angus Kincaid brings a restrained physicality to the former, and Emily Skelton a febrile dementia to the latter.

Dickens' novel, as does the show, returns to its origins with verve and drama. Pip, Estella and Miss Havisham make a fine Trio as Pip returns to Satis House. On Magwitch's return, Pip movingly sings of his regrets and Magwitch ironically dreams of liberty. He, too has his expectations.

The Company gets us under way with a good number in the Gargerys' dining room, into which the marines burst with the convicts. They are clearly in good voice, though the choreography does not really ignite till the second half which begins with the excellent London Chorus; the Finches of the Grove number, led with some style by Alfie Mitchell as Drummle, only emphasises the threat that London poses to an innocent abroad.

Not a great novel for the girls – the icy-hearted spurred on by the enflamed. Robin Huber does well as the Young Estella; whether or not Estella's heart is warmed at the end is a secret that Antonia Wordie's nicely enclosed Estella keeps firmly buried.

It's always a good sign when the stage version sends you back to the original. Pip, I think, expects not to leave Estella again.

Great.



## The news 100 years ago

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*During December, the School continued as usual to mark the centenary of the deaths of Old Salopians killed during World War 1 by publishing their names and short obituaries on the website.*

*And, as has been the tradition since September 2014, they were also included among others from Shropshire who were commemorated in the weekly Services of Remembrance held in St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury.*

### **Captain John Euel Witherden 'Jack' Bath, 5th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regiment.**

School House, Praepostor, Choregus, Gentleman of the Runs. He left in 1912 and gained a Bible Clerkship at All Souls' College Oxford. Represented Oxford against Cambridge in running, also ran with Thames Hare and Hounds. Gazetted from Cadet (O.T.C.) to Temporary 2nd Lieut.

In a letter published in *The Salopian*, he wrote:

"It is hardly decent, I know, to answer letters in a hurry, but I feel that you will probably forgive me in consideration of the pleasure I derive from thinking, as I write, of this day last year, but at this hour one didn't find it too hot sitting on the river bank waiting for Headroom to go down to the starting point, and everyone was happy and nothing seemed to matter at all. And it's nice to think that something of the same sort is happening at this minute, a quarter to six on this Saturday afternoon, as I sit in a dug-out seven feet by three, which smells, though they tell me the smell is healthy, while the rain comes down steadily making everything a quagmire, except where the trench has made a corduroy pavement, and one's only food for consolation lies in two thoughts, one that the Hun can't be enjoying it any more than I, the other that he was a benefactor who invented gum boots. There, that must be the longest sentence in the world! There's another thing too that bucks me up, the extraordinary goodness – I can't think of a better word – of the men."

A brother Officer wrote of him: "It will be a long time, I think, before I will stop missing him."

*Killed in action by a shell while doing the rounds of the trenches with his Colonel, in France 22nd December 1915 aged 22.*

*Buried at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, France. Grave III. J. 3.*

### **Captain Gordon Pemberton Steer, 3rd Bn. Somerset Light Infantry attd. 2nd Bn. Wiltshire Regiment**

Chances (now Severn Hill), cricket XI, left in 1903 to join the Army class for a term and with some private tuition went up to Magdalen College, Oxford. Gazetted as a University Candidate, he served abroad from 1909 to 1915, and then was ordered home from Quetta. He was a member of the British Expeditionary Force. He went to France in September 1915 and was severely wounded at Givenchy. He died of his wounds in Wimereux, France, 26th December 1915 aged 29.

*Buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France. Grave III. M. 3.*

### **Lieutenant Cecil Barton Hudson-Kinahan, King's African Rifles**

Bennett's (now Severn Hill), left in 1900. He was engaged in rubber and coconut plantations, and obtained a commission in the K.A.R. as war broke out.





*Died of fever in Kenya, 30th December 1915 aged 32  
Buried at Nairobi South Cemetery, Kenya. Grave II. B. 14*

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# Fencing: Three Salopians qualify for the British Youth Championship Finals

Monday 11 January 2016

Held at King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-Avon on 10th January, the West Midlands Regional Sabre Qualifiers for the British Youth Championships attracted fencers from schools, colleges and clubs from across the region.

In the Under-18s Boys' competition, Rhys Trevor (PH LVI) and James Fearn (LVI) both won bronze medals, and Sherry He (MSH IV) won a bronze medal in the Under-16s Girls' competition.

All three will represent the West Midlands region in the National Finals of the British Youth Championship in Sheffield in May 2016.

The West Midlands BYC Qualifiers Epée competition takes place on 17th January and the Foil competition will be on 27th February.

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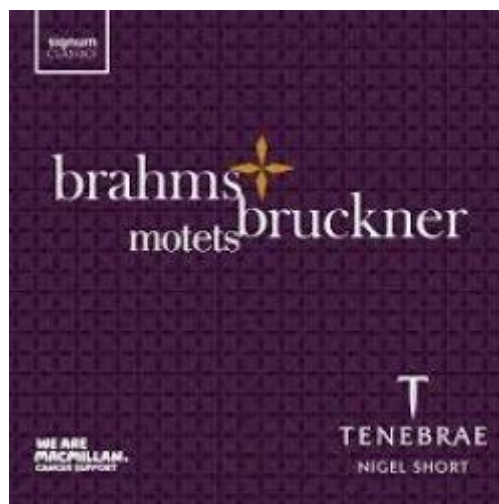
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## Tenebrae nominated for a BBC Music Magazine Award.

Monday 11 January 2016

*Read on for more information about the nomination and how you can vote.*



As many of you will be aware Henry Southern (G 03-08) manages one of the world's finest vocal ensembles, Tenebrae, and we are delighted to announce that Tenebrae have been nominated for a BBC Music Magazine award for their Brahms and Bruckner Motets album. This is particularly poignant as the sales from this particular recording will benefit Macmillan Cancer Support.



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The winners for each category are chosen by public vote, so we would be very grateful for your help to support Henry and Tenebrae. You can cast your vote by heading to the BBC Music Magazine Awards website, clicking on 'Choral Award' and, should you agree, select 'Brahms Bruckner'.

Please vote here: <http://awards.classical-music.com/>

In order to cast your vote, and be entered into a prize draw, go to the bottom of the page and enter your name and email address and click 'Confirm Votes'. Voting closes on February 19th. Winners will be announced at a ceremony on April 5th at Kings Place and in the May issue of the BBC Music Magazine.



# Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong AGM

Tuesday 12 January 2016

*The Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong (FSSHK) held their AGM on 7th November 2015 at the Craighower Cricket Club, Causeway Bay.*

It was very pleasing to see new faces, especially members whose children had just started at Shrewsbury in September 2015.

Besides reviewing the events of the past year, Bill Chan, Chairman of FSSHK, also took the opportunity to elect new members to the Executive Committee, to replace departing members whose children have recently graduated from Shrewsbury School.

The new Executive Committee are:

Mr Bill Chan – Chairman

Ms Eva Luk – Vice Chairwomen

Mr Dixon Chan – Honorary Treasurer

Ms Florence Ng – Honorary Secretary

Executive Committee Members:

Mr Willie Cheng

Mr Denis Lo

Mrs Helen Mayhew

Ms Carol Suen

Ms Amy Lau

After the meeting was completed, participating members got together for a hearty luncheon.

# Sabrina Rowing News

Wednesday 13 January 2016

## SABRINA ROWING NEWS

After missing out at HRR by such a small margin the majority of the crew are back in training for another crack at the Thames Cup in 2016.

It is so important that the basic training is done now in preparation for next year. Circuits are taking place on Tuesday evenings at school with a personal trainer giving the guys (plus Lettie and Sonya!) a great workout and outings arranged for most weekends.

The first head race took place on October 31st at Chester, where our boat came in 2nd and 4th overall in the two divisions, so certainly a step up on where we were last year. Especially with having to pull their coxing coach down the Dee!

You can read the separate news article on the Wallingford Head, at the end of November, [here](#).

Many thanks to RSSBC for their support, also thanks to our new Sabrina President, Miles Preston, for his input.



## SABRINA COMPETITORS

A Hagger  
J Russell  
R Shropshire  
J Kynaston  
P Wood  
R Homden  
P Randall  
Miss L Tay  
P Graham (Staff)

Miss S Milanova (Cox, Staff)

P Manser (Coach)

### **FUTURE RACING (TBC)**

20th February Worcester HOR

27th Feb Runcorn HOR

12th March North of England Head(Chester)

19th March Head of River (London Tideway)

### **OTHER SABRINA NEWS**

Tom Marshall (SH 2007-12) is taking a year out from his studies at Harvard, where he has been rowing in their Varsity Lightweight Eight, to train at Caversham with the Senior GB Lightweight Squad. At the recent British Rowing Championships he won a silver medal representing Molesey BC in Open Coxless Fours alongside Mo Sibhi and George Nash (both from the World Championship winning GB 8) - they were beaten to the gold medal by a Leander 4, crewed by the likes of Pete Reed and Stan Louloudis (also from the GB 8). Bronze was won by another Leander 4 featuring Will Satch and Alex Gregory (also from the GB 8!). Not bad for a lightweight!



Lettie Tay (MSH 2013-15) competed in the most recent Senior Women's trials in Boston, Lincs, where she came 9th out of the U20's group. Lettie is also training with the Welsh squad in Cardiff. She won in her single at Chester, making her the first female Sabrina winner!

Claas Mertens (SH2007-8) rowed at 7 in the world championship winning German lightweight 8 this Summer.

Photo- Lettie Tay





## NVB Day

Wednesday 13 January 2016



At noon on Saturday 30th May, Sabrina Club members and their families assembled on the banks of the river Severn, in front of the School boathouse, to celebrate Nick Bevan's outstanding contribution to rowing at Shrewsbury between the years 1973 & 1988.

Blessed with sunshine and no wind around 60 (many more wrote letters of support but were unable to attend) gathered on the banks of the river for a picnic, supplemented by traditional Pimms and other refreshments and food provided by Sabrina Club, in the Bowring clubroom.

As President of the Salopian Club and Past President of the Sabrina Club, for many years it had been Nick Bevan's wish to bring together, immediately after his Presidency, all those whom he had coached during his long stint in charge of RSSBC's top crew. Nick Bevan's highly successful record and huge contribution to rowing at Shrewsbury has been acknowledged in many ways, but this was the way he wished to celebrate those years, gathering as many of the crew members he had coached, and their family, together in a relaxed familiar environment. He was also keen for those wishing to do so, to take to the water again and many took up this opportunity in an

eight, a pair and even a single scull. The 1978 crew were the most organised with the majority taking to the water.

With many attending having gone on after school to row at University, clubs and even the Olympics, the standard of rowing for scratch crews on the day was pretty impressive and certainly received rapturous applause from family and friends on the bank.

Many had not been back in recent time to see the impressive Ergo Room, where a lot of the hard work is now done in training, and the quality of boats and equipment in the boathouse needed to remain competitive at the highest level.

Nick's widow Annabel Bevan attended, together with their children Emily and Oliver, catching up with many familiar faces, all of whom had a soft spot for Nick - NVB. The President Martin Slocock said a few words and Oliver displayed fantastic vintage footage recently found of NVB as a pupil at school at Shrewsbury.

The day passed far too quickly with many staying on late to make the most of the occasion, idyllic setting and familiar company.





## Oxbridge success

Wednesday 13 January 2016

*Shrewsbury has enjoyed another successful year for Oxford and Cambridge applications as Salopians received a total of 13 offers (nine from Oxford and four from Cambridge).*



*Pictured with the Headmaster are six of the successful Pre-A Level Oxbridge applicants. L-R: Sasha Arridge, Tom Dodd, Tiger Vechamontien, Joe Davies, Ursule Taujanskaite and Chloe Chen*

English Literature and Biological and Human Sciences both celebrated vintage years with three offers each. Evidently, the inspiration of Sir Philip Sidney and Charles Darwin continues to flourish at Shrewsbury.

It has been a good year for P.P.E. with two positive applications for Oxford, and we are delighted to have our first successful candidate to read Law at Cambridge for a number of years. Salopians also received offers to study Physics at Oxford and Mathematics, Psychological and Behavioural Sciences and Land Economy at Cambridge.





*L-R: James Chen, Tiger Vechamontien and Sasha Arridge, all members of the Heseltine Society*

We are delighted with the range of different disciplines and with the balance between traditional academic subjects such as Mathematics and English Literature and more specialised courses such as Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, Law and Land Economy. This shows that our strongest pupils can not only prove their expertise in the subjects they study here at Shrewsbury, but that they can also demonstrate their aptitude for new academic courses.

It is also interesting to see the link between 'supercurricular' activities and Oxbridge applications. This year's successful applicants have been stalwarts of Shrewsbury societies, such as Creative Writing, Darwin, Heseltine and Model United Nations, and have taken part in competitions such as the International Young Physicists' Tournament and the Senior Maths Team Challenge.

Pre- and post-A level applicants were finely balanced this year. Seven applicants have received offers conditional on achieving high A level grades, while six post A-level applicants have received firm offers of places.

The following pre-A Level candidates have been offered conditional places:

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| <b>Sasha Arridge (Rb)</b>        | Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St Anne's College, Oxford     |
| <b>Chloe Chen (MSH)</b>          | Maths at Jesus College, Cambridge                                   |
| <b>James Chen (I)</b>            | Law at St John's College, Cambridge                                 |
| <b>Joe Davies (M)</b>            | Biological Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford                     |
| <b>Thomas Dodd (Rb)</b>          | Physics at Hertford College, Oxford                                 |
| <b>Ursule Taujanskaite (MSH)</b> | Psychological and Behavioural Sciences at Selwyn College, Cambridge |
| <b>Tiger Vechamontien (M)</b>    | Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford    |

The following pupils applied post-A Level and have been given firm offers:

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| <b>Alex Bird (S)</b>         | Land Economy at St Catharine's College, Cambridge |
| <b>Olivia Bradley (EDH)</b>  | English at Christ Church, Oxford                  |
| <b>Theodora Briggs (EDH)</b> | English at Somerville College, Oxford             |

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- Charles Gillow (Ch)** Human Sciences at St Hugh's College, Oxford
- Cecily Price (EDH)** Biological Sciences at Pembroke College, Oxford
- Theo Simmons (Ch)** English at St John's College, Oxford



## Sabrina Club AGM and Election of a New President

Thursday 14 January 2016

The Sabrina AGM was held at 5.00 in the Pugh Boathouse Club on Saturday 3rd October. Many Sabrina members attended. The Club presented Martin Slocock with a special oar blade in thanks for the huge contribution made during his Presidency between 2011 and 2015.

The Club elected Miles Preston as the new President. Miles was a member of the 1st V111 in 1967 and 1968, the latter year as Captain of Boats. Also coached by Roger Blomfield, Miles was a member of the school coxless four which was selected as the GB entry for the 1968 FISA International Youth Regatta (forerunner to the World Junior Championships) winning a Bronze Medal. Miles subsequently rowed for Leander Club, in which he was a member of their 1969 and 1970 Thames Cup winning crews at Henley Royal Regatta.





## THE 63rd Thames Hare & Hounds ANNUAL ALUMNI RACE. Saturday 12th December, 2015.

Thursday 14 January 2016



There is no avoiding the fact that it is difficult encouraging enough runners to make up an Old Salopian Hunt team for the Annual Alumni Race. This year was no different, but we made a Team of Four on the day, which was enough for The Open Race category.



The Thames Hare & Hounds Running Club headquarters is at the Roehampton corner of Wimbledon Common and is a fairly easy to find venue for anyone in the South, including me, driving down from Shrewsbury! I was greeted first by Rupert Lougee (SH 88-93), back once more, after his 1<sup>st</sup> attendance last year. Chris Beaumont (136<sup>th</sup> Huntsman 76-77) came to wish us well, as we gathered amongst a very large crowd of runners and spectators. It was a real pleasure



to welcome Kris Blake (S. 2009-11), who had cycled along to the event, being one of the youngest Team members for some years. Then Simon Pickles (M. 71-76) arrived with his son, Sam, showing dedication to The Team for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Having signed in, it was time to get changed and pin the numbers on our OSH Running Vests, followed by The Team Photo, taken by Sam. After a warm-up trot in the fairly strong wind, we side stepped the waterlogged grass in front of the clubhouse, to find a start line on the Playing Fields and at 2.30pm, the multi-coloured blur of runners set off, disappearing into the woods and up muddy narrow tracks.

The course is well marked and marshalled, as we found our pace levelling out along the top of the ridge. Some of the obstacles needed to be jumped or avoided and the uphill muddy sections would sap energy from tired legs. It was good to have support from the 148<sup>th</sup> Huntsman of 1986-87, Chris Vernon-Parry, who took some good photos along the way. The last section involves a downhill path bringing us back to The Playing Fields, which we have to run around two sides to reach the finish funnel, where there is always a good welcome from all.

After another photo, we showered and enjoyed a tea and cake, while waiting for the results. Unfortunately, Thames Hare & Hounds were (once again) having some difficulty with their computing, so we dispersed after another good afternoon of running amongst one of the biggest fields of competition for this race, totalling 217 finishers, from 28 schools' Alumni. I later received some provisional results, showing Sean Renfer, sole runner from The Tiffin School, from Kingston-Upon-Thames, winning in 26 minutes 16 seconds. Our first man to finish was Kris Blake at 54<sup>th</sup> (no times yet), followed by Rupert Lougee at 96<sup>th</sup>, then Simon Pickles at 162<sup>nd</sup> and then myself at 172<sup>nd</sup>, where I recorded my own watch time of 39:44 minutes over the 5 mile course. It looks as though Sherborne probably won the Open Race, as they had six runners in the first 30, but TH & H will eventually publish the full results and Team positions on their website [www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk/alumni.php](http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk/alumni.php).

There are photos from Chris Vernon-Parry and myself on The Old Salopian Hunt facebook page.

Peter Birch (Db. 1966-71, 130<sup>th</sup> Huntsman 70-71.) .





# Football Report November 2015

Thursday 14 January 2016

In what is the 1st XI's third consecutive season in the top flight of the Arthurian League, the team has made a robust start to the season, currently sitting in the comfort of mid-table and with it all to play for heading into the winter months of November and December. The team has registered wins against Kings College Wimbledon (x2) and Chigwell, whilst also registering a surprising win in the AFA Cup with only 10 men on the day (and with the fixture, rather exhaustingly, going all the way to penalties). Turning up with 10 men doesn't happen all that often, but it is no coincidence that the steely Salopian determination never fails to manifest itself in these fixtures. The squad is arguably more settled than in previous years, as younger members of the squad - Messrs Blofield, White, Bradshaw and Pilkington spring to mind - are able to turn out more consistently and undoubtedly add a great deal to the squad's overall performance.

It has been a solid but not spectacular start to the season for the 2nd XI. Having amassed 6 points in their opening 5 matches, the side is looking up not down and will look to turn draws into wins in their upcoming matches against Old Harrovians and Old Haberdashers. Inspired by precocious new signing Oliver Black, and having secured a lucrative sponsorship with Vimto (see photo for the squad's new kit), the squad are still aiming to finish in the top two positions which would see them promoted to 2nd Division of the Arthurian League. Unfortunately the cup run was all too brief; the side fought well but were ultimately undone by a moment of individual brilliance from the opposition, in the dying minutes of the game, to snatch a 3-2 victory in what was an excellent game of football. The Vets continue to put in impressive displays and will look to go deep into the later stages of the Derrick Moore Veterans Cup.

Hot off the press for this report is the news that the 1st XI are through to the second round of the prestigious Arthur Dunn Cup. We were drawn against old foes Malvern and summoned to 'their place' for the mouth-watering encounter on Saturday 31 October. 1-0 down at half time to a, shall we say, fortuitous goal, the side emerged for the second half revitalised and having adopted an attacking 4-3-3 formation. We found ourselves in total control of the game as both momentum and the score sheet tilted in our favour: 1-2 to the Salops after 60 minutes, with credit to Adam Parker and Tom Kelly for saving Salopian blushes. Wave after wave of Salopian aggression proved too much for the Old Malvernians who could consider themselves lucky to have only conceded 3 OSFC goals in the second half. 1-3 to the Old Salopians was the final score, with Tom Kelly completing a brace for the final goal. With Charterhouse already out of the competition, the door is ajar for a Salopian push for the famous Cup.

If you are interested in playing for the Old Salopian FC in London there are two teams that train on Tuesdays and play on Saturdays at our home ground in Barnes Bridge – if you are interested in playing then please contact [ojheywood1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ojheywood1@hotmail.co.uk).

The end of season OSFC dinner will be held on Friday 13th May 2016 in Maida Vale, London; always a fantastic evening. Please get in touch with [rwhawkin@hotmail.com](mailto:rwhawkin@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend any of the club's social events, all welcome.

Richard McGarry





Pictured: OSFC 2nd XI - front row, left to right: Charlie Parry, Mark Tomley, Luke Gerrard, Guy Williams, Jack Brydon, Ben Cooke, Will Speer. Back row, left to right: William Alexander, Oliver Black, Ed Taylor, Nick Corlett (c), George Blakemore, Tom Cox, Freddie Young.

## Test cricketers Taylor and Bavuma's first encounter: Shrewsbury School's 2004 Cricket Tour to South Africa

Thursday 14 January 2016

*England cricketer James Taylor (R 2003-08) and Temba Bavuma, the first black cricketer to make a Test century for South Africa, are currently playing one another in the South Africa v England Test series. By extraordinary coincidence, they first met as schoolboys in 2004, when Shrewsbury School played the Langa Township Club during a Cricket Tour of South Africa. The occasion is recalled in an email sent to Jonathan Agnew at BBC Test Match Special by former Shrewsbury schoolmaster Martin Knox.*



Dear Jonathan,

The photographs which accompany this email were taken on Shrewsbury School's tour of South Africa in December 2004, during which we played matches against the Langa club in Cape Town. The outstanding memory of that visit was the batting of a very small boy in shorts, who looked 12, but was apparently 14 at the time. His mastery at the crease marked him out as a future international - if he got the chance.



Reading about Temba Bavuma inspired me to look out the record of the tour match and I found the name Bauma, which I suspect is a mis-spelling of the player in question. The age is right, the club is right, and the sheer class he displayed in batting through the innings from no.3 was once in a generation stuff.

What adds interest to the pictures is that James Taylor was also there, though playing in the U15 match. Temba had been fast-tracked into the 1st XI. James is the batsman rehearsing a stroke in one photo and in the group is in the centre of the 2nd row, with glasses on his head. I cannot make positive identification of Bavuma, but I have an idea that he is on the extreme right of the front row.

Also featuring in the team group is Joe Leach, the Worcester all-rounder, who last season notably took three wickets with the first three balls of an innings.

In my forty-five year association with Shrewsbury cricket, we have had no better batsman than James Taylor. It is a wonderful coincidence (if I am correct) that he is playing Test cricket against the most promising opposing batsman I have seen.

On the subject of outstanding opponents, I have to go back to the 1970s for the Most Feared Bowler. I leave it to you to identify the member of the Uppingham XI who caused the Shrewsbury team to practise facing bowling from 18 yards in an effort to simulate his pace. I know that he, too, will be at the Wanderers on Thursday.

I must finish by thanking you for the countless hours of pleasure your broadcasting has given me. There have been many fine contributors to TMS. In my opinion, you stand at the very head.

Yours sincerely,  
Martin Knox



*James Taylor*

## New York Dinner

Friday 15 January 2016

*The Salopian Club and the Shrewsbury School Foundation hosted a dinner at the New York Raquet and Tennis Club on 11th December.*

The New York Racquet and Tennis Club provided a wonderfully stylish setting for the Salopian Club and Shrewsbury School Foundation New York Dinner on Friday 11th December.

Completed in 1918, the Club contains four international squash courts, one North American doubles squash court, one racquets court and two real tennis courts, all situated above the main public rooms.

The dinner was attended by 26 Old Salopians, wives, partners and friends of Shrewsbury School. At the end of the dinner, the Headmaster updated those present on the School's achievements and the Chairman of the Foundation, Peter Worth, reflected on the Foundation's most successful year ever in the USA.







## RSSH are County Champions

Friday 15 January 2016

*The Shropshire Cross-Country Championships were held at Attingham Park on 9th January and the Hunt performed very well, claiming several County titles.*

In the men's U20 race Oscar Dickins (R) won to become the County Champion, with Henry Newbould (Ch) 2nd and the team placing 1st (County Champions).

In the girls' U20 race Olivia Papaioannou (EDH) came 2nd and the team came 1st (County Champions).

The RSSH dominated in the U17 race too, with Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R) showing real class to finish 2nd, Will Hayward (R) in bronze position, Scott Hatton (S) 4th and Charlie Tait-Harris (S) 5th.



*The U17 team with their County Trophy*

In the U15 race Harry Remnant (Ch) came 5th overall and the team finished 3rd.

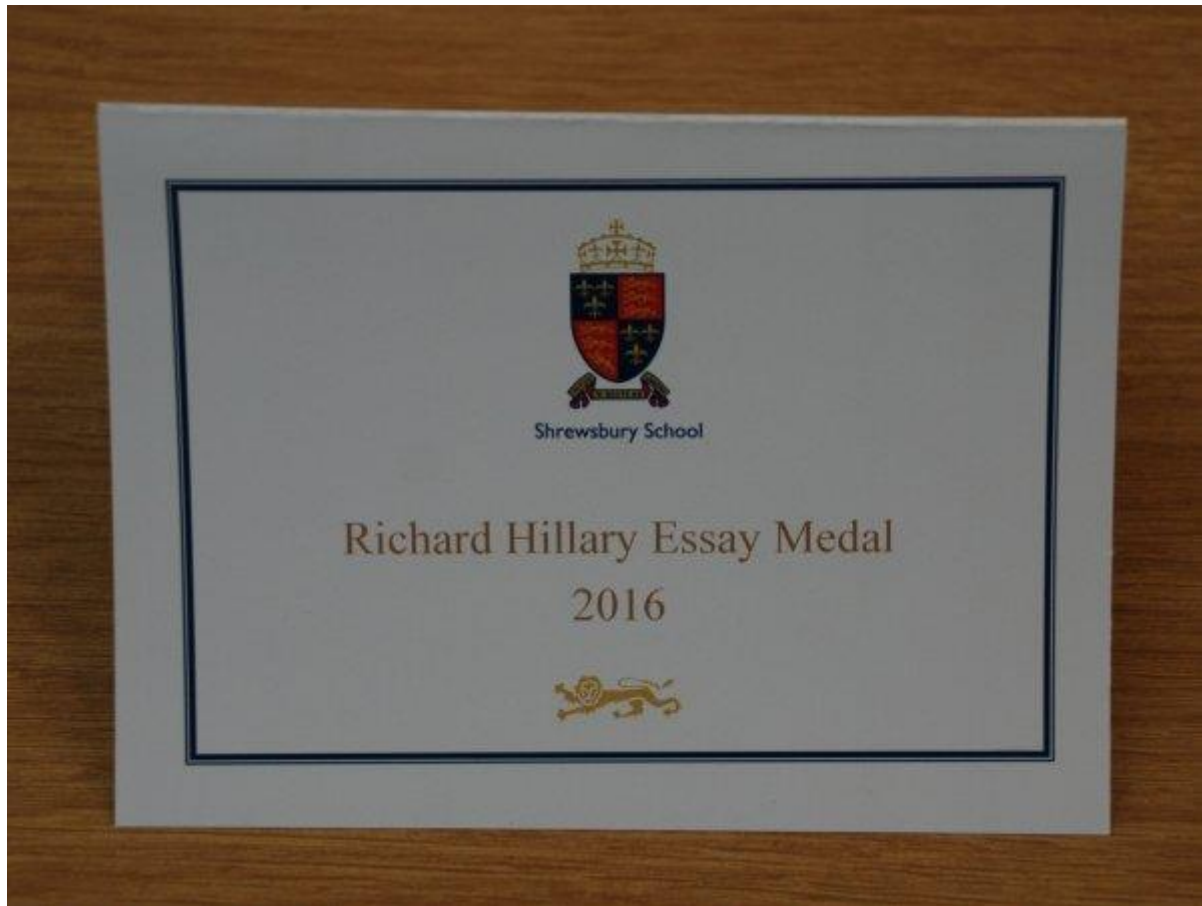
This all bodes very well for the National Knole Run in Sevenoaks, Kent on Saturday 16th January.



*Harry Remnant and Freddie Huxley-Fielding*

# The Richard Hillary Essay Medal Competition

Friday 15 January 2016



Does anybody know the collective noun for a group of essayists? Forty-three essayists, to be precise? On 17th January, the fourth of the annual Richard Hillary Essay Medal competitions took place, in which Sixth Form pupils volunteer to pit their wits against an unseen one-word essay title.

The group gathered in the Main School Building ready for a 7pm start. No doubt many had given some thought to what the word might be. Had any guessed correctly?

Mr Cropper gave a few hints and then recalled his own experience of a similar competition 30 years ago, when he had been at school. He said that he hoped the contestants would have a memory of their own participation in 30 years' time.

Therein lay the answer. A couple of moments later, the candidates ceremoniously opened their envelopes to find the word.





And so Memory joins the select group of Richard Hillary words, alongside Time, Luck and Power.

Two hours later the candidates emerged and their scripts were gathered up. They have now been sent off to the external examiner, Professor Tiffany Stern, Tutorial Fellow of English at University College, Oxford and Professor of Early Modern Drama.

The results will be eagerly anticipated.





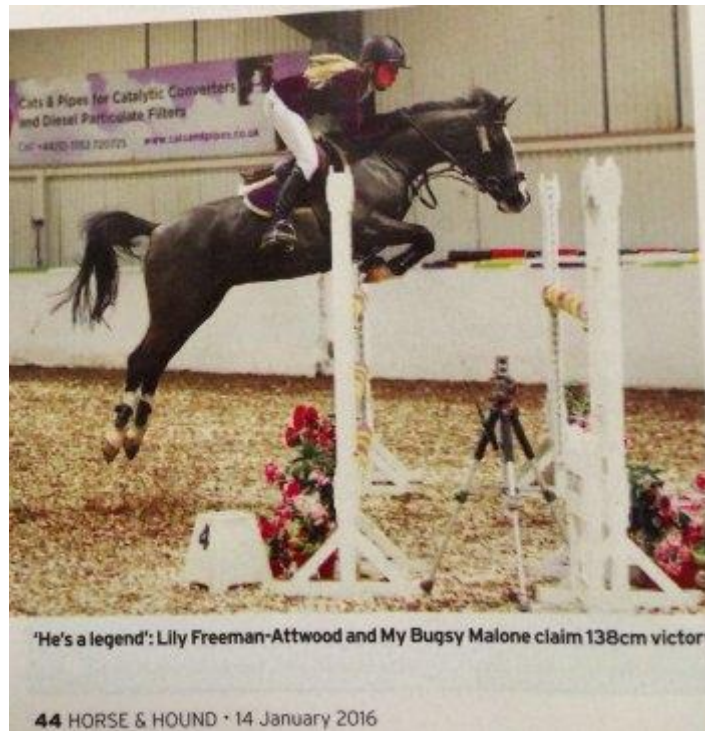


## Equestrian: Red rosette for Lily Freeman-Attwood

Friday 15 January 2016

*Congratulations to Lily Freeman-Attwood (EDH III), who won the first qualifier for the Royal International Horse Show last weekend, beating 50 other combinations.*

She and her pony My Bugsy Malone are featured in this week's Horse and Hound Magazine.



# The Hunt are crowned National Champions

Saturday 16 January 2016

*The Hunt have won their first national title in 20 years, the Knole Run Trophy - a race that they have never won before.*



The Knole Run is one of the major races on the schools' national cross-country circuit. It is a tough and gruelling 9.5km race around the Knole Estate near Sevenoaks in Kent and is now in its 42nd year of competition.

Having placed on the podium for three years in a row between 2012 and 2014, this is the first time in the Hunt's long and impressive history that they have won the Knole Trophy. It is also the Hunt's first national title in 20 years.

Peter Middleton, who has been Master in Charge of the Hunt since 2008, was thrilled with their win. "This is something we have all worked so hard towards for a very long time and it means so much to the boys and indeed to the Club as a whole. To finally triumph at The Knole, in the one competition that has always eluded us, marks the return of Shrewsbury School's cross-country running team to the very top of the national podium."

Almost three hundred runners took part in the Knole Run, racing in teams of eight; the first six runners to finish are the team's 'counters', with their times and positions crucial in determining the team's overall result. Shrewsbury's runners had tremendous support from the many parents who made the journey to cheer them on, and from Chairman of the OS Hunt, Peter Birch.

"The team ran with incredible heart and courage," said Mr Middleton, "and we had all six of our 'counters' inside the top 25, with Freddie Huxley-Fielding in 4th place overall and Oscar Dickins

in 10th. Our mantra in the build-up had been 'every position counts' and we had focused on the unique camaraderie and team bond of the Hunt. This proved to be the case, as our victory was only by the narrowest of margins - 1 point over The Judd School, who have won this title for six of the last seven years.

“We knew it was close and in fact we thought Judd had just pipped us, so when the guys were announced as winners, you can imagine the euphoria. Alas the emotions got the better of me and tears were shed by their beaming coach - I cannot tell you how proud I am of them all. Many of them have dedicated themselves to their running since the Third or Fourth Form, runners who have trained specifically for this race all through last term, who came back early for pre-season training and, in the case of at least a few of them, battled through injury and illness. Salopian spirit at its very best.”

The Hunt's B team also performed spectacularly well, finishing in 7th place out of 36 teams and beating many other schools' A teams.

In the girls' race, Shrewsbury's girls' team finished in 10th place, the second year in a row they have been in the top 10, with Olivia Papaioannou finishing in 7th place overall, Lilian Wilcox (EDH) – who is still only in the Third Form – coming 34th, and the rest of the team all finishing in the top 100 (out of 160 runners).

In Mr Middleton's [full account of the event](#), published in the 'Hunt news' section of the School website, he recounts how the journey towards the win at Knole began some four years ago. In 2012, for the first time in years, The Hunt qualified for the national final of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup. The team of talented young runners – aged 13 and 14 at the time – not only held their own in the national final that year but came away with national medals. It was a pivotal first step back onto the national stage for the Club.



*The Hunt Squad at Bolton in 2012 (L-R): Charles Wade (PH), Oscar Dickins (R), Ben Remnant (Ch), Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R), Charlie Tait-Harris (S), Will Hayward (R)*



Last Saturday, all six members of the 2012 medal-winning squad, who are now in the Sixth Form, took to the start line at Knole, with Charles Wade captaining the 'B' team and the five remaining members all in the 'A' team: Oscar Dickins, Ben Remnant, Freddie Huxley-Fielding, Charlie Tait-Harris and Will Hayward. The 'A' team was boosted by the talents of Charlie Rogers, Henry Newbould and Scott Hatton, all three of whom joined the Hunt at a later stage in their Shrewsbury careers but have made huge improvements over the years to develop into athletes of considerable ability.

Boosted by a major national win so early in the year, the Hunt have now become "the team to beat" and look forward to an exciting season ahead.

**The Knole Cup winning team:**

Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R) - 4th

Oscar Dickins (R) - 10th

Charlie Tait-Harris (S) - 14th

Will Hayward (R) - 17th

Henry Newbould (Ch) - 21st

Scott Hatton (S) - 25th

Ben Remnant (Ch) - 31st

Charlie Rogers (Rb) - 54<sup>th</sup>

Please see Mr Middleton's full account of the win: [From Acorns to Oak Trees: The 2016 Knole Run](#)



# School House Charity Poker Night

Saturday 16 January 2016



The gentlemen of School House donned their sharpest suits and took to the table for an exclusive Saturday evening's poker that would have made James Bond himself envious!

Plied with pizza and refreshments, the stakes got higher as the night progressed, but it was Peter Stanley (L6) who prevailed as champion after playing some wonderful hands. The question on everybody's lips: was he bluffing? I fear we will never know...

Peter decided that the £110 raised would go to the charity Beat, which is the UK's leading charity supporting anyone affected by eating disorders: <https://www.b-eat.co.uk/>



*Peter with his winning stacks of chips*



## Singing Prizes for School House boys

Sunday 17 January 2016

Following several major victories in the House Singing Competition in recent years, School House has a reputation for having some of the finest voices in the school. It was no surprise that eyes were on us again for solo singing competition and our boys did not disappoint.

It is highly appropriate that Alfred Mitchell (UVI), who arranged and led our Part Song to victory in October, was the overall winner of the Senior Category. Alfred will be taking his ATCL Singing Diploma very shortly. This level of performance is intended to be equivalent to that attained at the end of a first year of conservatoire training. It is therefore a huge achievement to have reached this standard whilst still at school, especially given that Alfred has been preparing to go to Medical School rather than Music College!

In the Intermediate Category, Henri Cramsie (IV) did very well to come in Third Place.

Director of Music, John Moore, said the following about the event: "The annual solo singing competition for pupils at Shrewsbury School has in recent years become a much anticipated event in the School Calendar, both by pupils, parents and staff alike. This year's was no exception, and last Sunday saw all three classes, Novice, Intermediate and Senior, full of talent, keen competition, but above all wonderful good humour and a real sense of common purpose from all who took part."

Please see the full report on the Music news page of the website: [2016 Singing Competition - a view from the keyboard](#)



*Alfred and Henri*





# James Taylor - From our Own Correspondent

Monday 18 January 2016



Many thanks to Stuart Bradley (SH 85-90), for sending us these two great pictures of James Taylor batting at the Wanderer's Stadium during the Johannesburg test match.

Our man on the ground spent Thursday and Friday in the stadium watching a thrilling encounter, which initially looked to be finely balanced, before an eventful third day saw England take the test and the series victory.

You can watch the two stunning catches Taylor (R 03-08) made on [this link](#).



## Shrewsbury's Fives players win against Cambridge and Oxford Universities

Monday 18 January 2016

*Three senior boys' pairs and three U15 girls' pairs enjoyed almost a clean sweep in their matches against Cambridge and Oxford Universities last weekend.*

In the Senior Boys' match against Cambridge University, Shrewsbury's 1st pair Tom Breese and George Panayi lost 0-3. There is no shame in this result, however, as the Cambridge pair are proven in National tournaments, being previous universities' winners and reigning Midlands Champions.

The 2nd pair match went all the way to five games, with Jack Fox and Luke Lloyd-Jones eventually taking the fifth to give Shrewsbury the overall fixture. Shrewsbury's 3rd pair Matt White and Stéphane Cotty started dominant, lost the second game but then pressed on and won the third.

The spectators thoroughly enjoyed Cambridge University's new indoor Fives courts, emerging at the end still with feeling in all of their fingers; the players found it a bit warm.

Shrewsbury won against Oxford University 3-0. The 1st pair came through a close opening game 12-11 but then tightened their game all-round and went on to a 3-0 win. The 2nd pair were rampant, winning 3-0 overall and the third game 12-0. The 3rd pair won 3-1.

For the girls' fixture, Oxford University produced a team of three girls, including Rosie Parr (MSH 2011-13), and Shrewsbury comfortably won the variety of matches 6-0.

Cambridge University produced three pairs (including Esmé O'Keefe - Head of School 2014-15).

1st Pair (Sophia Breese & Lizzie Ware) WON 3-0 (12-8, 12-8, 12-5)

2nd Pair (Emma Graham & Katie Oswald) WON 3-0 (12-0, 12-2, 12-5)

3rd Pair (Libby Hedges & Phoebe Wasdell) WON 3-0 (12-3, 12-2, 12-5)

The clean sweep was a pleasing start to the term and illustrates well the progress the Fourth Form girls have made.



*Shrewsbury team (front row) with the Cambridge University players*

# A taste of 'Great Expectations' in our first ever Prep School Musical Theatre Day

Tuesday 19 January 2016

*On Friday 15th January, we welcomed over 60 pupils from Winterfold House, Birchfield, Terra Nova, The Elms and Shrewsbury High Prep School for our first ever Musical Theatre Day at Shrewsbury School. It proved to be an exhilarating experience for everyone concerned – as Helen Brown, Director of Drama describes.*

Our visitors, aged 11-13, took part in workshops in dance, music and drama, learning extracts from the most recent of Shrewsbury's original musicals, 'Great Expectations'. They were led by Shrewsbury students from the cast, who taught the children some of their favourite scenes from the show.



We were delighted to meet so many enthusiastic and talented young performers. Mr Moore, Miss Archer and I were hugely impressed by how quickly they picked up complex music and choreography, and by their energy and commitment throughout the different workshops. Watching them perform at the end of the day, it was difficult to believe that they had only had a few hours' rehearsal!



I look forward to seeing them on stage again soon, as I am sure we have seen some future stars.

The prep school staff seemed to enjoy the Musical Theatre Day just as much as the children and we were thrilled with the enthusiasm of their feedback, as demonstrated in one of the emails we received:

*"A heartfelt 'Thank You' from myself and my pupils for a truly excellent and memorable day. The children enjoyed every minute of it and we were all inspired, both by the nature of the music and production and by your wonderful Shrewsbury pupils who gave their time, energy and tangible enthusiasm all day. I found it quite moving to watch their interaction with and deft handling of the younger children.*

*"Please pass on our thanks and admiration to all your lovely, talented young people who clearly have very bright futures ahead."*

We now look forward to taking 'Great Expectations' to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August.

HRB







## Open Mic Night at the Horse and Stables

Tuesday 19 January 2016

*The Arts and Activities Committee have been very busy organising a season of events, which began with their second Open Mic Night.*



Following the success of the inaugural Open Mic Night last May, a second one took place on Friday 15th January, at the Horse and Stables in Lambeth.

The focus was very much on music for this event and, completely dispelling the idea that sequels are never as good, the quality of the performances was extremely high, with a number of our most talented young OS singers and musicians putting on great performances.



According to 'critics', the stars were George Bates (S 09-14) and Ed Shawe Taylor (O 09-14) - both tipped to go places!

Many thanks to Ali Webb (S 08-13), Chris Jamieson (G 04-09) and Henry Southern (G 03-08) for the organisation and support.





# From Acorns to Oak Trees: The 2016 Knole Run

Wednesday 20 January 2016

*The Hunt lays claim to being the oldest running club in the world, but it has been twenty years since the club last won a national title. The drought ended on Saturday 16th January with victory at the Knole Run in Kent where, for the first time in the Club's history, The Hunt were crowned team champions and held aloft the trophy with victory by just the narrowest of margins. Report by Master in Charge of the Hunt, Peter Middleton.*

The first hints of potential were seen all the way back in December 2012 where, for the first time, The Hunt qualified for the national final of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup. There, at Bolton School, our group of talented young runners not only held their own in the national final but came away with national medals, placing second behind St Alban's School. It was a pivotal first step back onto the national stage for the Club, replicated later in the year when the senior squad placed runners-up in the National Relays at Coventry, the first time we had been on the podium there for a decade.

The future looked particularly promising, especially with such a strong group of juniors coming through the School. If we could nurture the talents of these young men – and add to their number – then we knew we had the makings of a quite exceptional vintage.



*The Hunt Squad at Bolton in 2012 (L-R): Charles Wade (PH), Oscar Dickins (R), Ben Remnant (Ch), Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R), Charlie Tait-Harris (S), Will Hayward (R)*

Last Saturday, all six members of the Bolton squad took to the startline at Knole, with Charles Wade captaining the 'B' team and the five remaining members of the 2011 team all in the 'A' team: Oscar Dickins, Ben Remnant, Freddie Huxley-Fielding, Charlie Tait-Harris and Will Hayward. The road to Knole had involved years of hard work, hours and hours of tough training through fields and hills, muddied roads and tartan tracks. They had raced up and down the country, travelled to East Africa, picked up silverware along the way, experienced the elation of victory and the disappointment of defeat. Yet all pointed to 2016 as the year to aim for, where the Club could be in a position to challenge for the national title that had been a long time coming.

The Knole Run has to be one of the most spectacular cross-country races in the country, set amidst the Knole Deer Park in the town of Sevenoaks in Kent. The town's name comes from the Saxon word 'Seouenaca', a name given in about 800 AD to a small chapel near seven oaks in Knole Park. Over the gruelling 9.5km course within the park that once held these great oaks, the scene was set for the Hunt runners to make their own historic mark.



Each team is composed of eight runners with six to 'count'. Having done our research, we knew that Judd School from Kent would be hard to beat, not least because they were last year's winners and had won the Knole Run six times in the past seven years. All but one member of their winning team from 2015 would be returning.

The Hunt squad, however, was certainly the strongest we had brought down in recent memory, and aside from the five already mentioned, the squad was boosted by the talents of Charlie Rogers (Rb UVI), Henry Newbould (Ch, UVI) and Scott Hatton (S LVI). All three had joined the Hunt at a later stage in their Shrewsbury careers but had made huge improvements over the years to develop into athletes of considerable ability. This was, for sure, an Eight of impressive ability. What's more, this was a group of runners that had been developed here at Shrewsbury, pure, home-grown talent prepared over the years on Benjies runs, Tucks races and Shropshire hills. These were young men who understood the Hunt's rich traditions, loved all that the Club stood for and were determined to restore it to the very top of the national podium.

Our preparations for the race had gone well with a tough pre-season camp, sessions with a sports psychologist, and a clear plan for the race day itself. What we hadn't banked on was one of the minibuses breaking down the night before leaving half of our group stranded on the embankment of the M40 at 11pm at night in freezing temperatures waiting for the AA! We eventually reached Oxford Services at midnight (our intended destination was Sevenoaks) but

with a mechanic only able to come to our aid within the following hour, we made the impromptu decision to book in to the local Ramada hotel. (Thank you, Bursar!)

Much of our preparations had focused on ‘controlling the controllables’ and ‘what if’ scenarios so this unexpected change to the plan didn’t throw the group at all and the next morning everyone was fully focused on the task at hand. As we joined the rest of the group at Sevenoaks School for registration, the boys and girls were soon immersed in the pre-race routine of pinning numbers to vests, walking the course and warming up.

The girls’ race got underway first, and at the first corner, captain Olivia Papaioannou (EDH) was well-positioned, fighting her way through the large field to ensure she was able to tackle the first hill without being slowed by the bottleneck. The 5km course covers undulating terrain, though whilst muddy in the forest section, the frost-hardened ground made for a fast course. As such the pace at the front was very swift indeed, though it was a pace Olivia was able to match. Pushing into the top 10, Olivia by the finish had made it through into 7th place overall in a time of 20.01, becoming only the second girl from Shrewsbury ever to make the top 10 in the race (after Tory Mobley’s 6th place in 2014). She was followed in 34th/160 by Lillian Wilcox (EDH), which for a Third Former is an outstanding achievement and is suggestive of her potential to emulate the successes of Papaioannou in years to come.

The final four ‘counters’ came from Upper Sixth Formers Sally Joyce (G) in 64th, Martha Pownall (MSH) in 73rd, Passy Goddard (G) in 96th and Laura Elliot (G) in 107th, a great run from another Third Former on her Hunt debut. The team placed 10th overall, the second year in a row we have been in the top 10.



*Freddie Huxley-Fielding in the lead pack*

The boys’ race covers two laps and is a grueling 9.5km, with a large field of 300 runners from schools around the country. Coming so close to the start of term following the long winter





break, this was a race title that has always eluded the Hunt, but following strong performances at the previous weekend's County Championships, the team knew they were in good shape to challenge for it. From the gun, Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R) made a bid to get clear and at the first corner was clear of the pack alongside Fourth Former Harry Remnant (Ch) who had perhaps got a little carried away with the adrenaline of the race! Freddie had performed well over Christmas in a number of local fell races in Shropshire and, despite not having been well in the week running up to Knole, he looked in fine form flying up the hills of Knole Park. By the halfway stage he was within the lead pack of four with joint Huntsman Oscar Dickins (R) in 10th providing the back-up support.

The task was to get all six counters as low as possible, and we knew that given Judd's strength, we would need a number of our runners in the top 20 and all in the top 30 if not higher. The encouraging signs were there, however, with Charlie Tait-Harris (S) and Will Hayward (R) in the top 20 by halfway, joint Huntsman Ben Remnant (Ch) just behind and Henry Newbould (Ch) and Scott Hatton (S) working through the field together in around 35th. By this point our calculations suggested that the Hunt was in the lead, but only just.

It then got pretty nerve-wracking. The Judd started moving through the field and indeed their top runner took the lead going into the final few kilometres. Their backup counters were picking up places with each minute and it soon looked as though our runners were in danger of being swallowed. Yet they dug in deep; Oscar Dickins, for instance, holding off the second-placed Judd runner the whole way to the end to ensure we had two in the top 10, with Freddie in 4th overall (in a time of 32.33) and Oscar retaining his 10th position coming home in 33.26. Judd's first two were home in 2nd and 6th and a third counter in 11th so at this stage in front, but then came the Hunt's third and fourth counters, Charlie Tait-Harris in a superb 14th position and a resilient 17th position for Will Hayward. Four through for the Hunt and a narrow lead, with Judd only having got their first three in the top 20.

Their next runner was 21st, closely followed behind by Henry Newbould in 21st (the previous year he had placed 85th!), then another Judd runner in 24th, but then the Hunt were all home when Scott Hatton came over the line in 25th (another astonishing improvement from the previous year where he had placed 108th).

Ben Remnant (31st) and Charlie Rogers (54th) completed the team in their last race over the Knole course. It was going to be agonisingly close, but the crucial factor would be where Judd's final counter placed. We didn't have long to wait: he came home in 30th, though five places behind the Hunt's final counter this gave us some much needed points.

At this stage we did not know the final positions, so would have to wait until the presentations before finding out. As coaches we were of the view that we might have just narrowly lost it, though intriguingly, the Judd coach thought we had won it!

When the announcements were made, St Alban's (Junior National Champions back in 2011) were in 3rd, and then a pause before the race organiser said that only 1 point separated 1st and 2nd. I dropped my head, knowing that such a narrow margin would be a crushing blow.

"In second place... The Judd School."

I looked up. The boys leapt up. They were ecstatic, disbelievably embracing each other and soaking up the roar from the Shrewsbury support. We had won – by just 1 point! I'm afraid to say the emotions got the better of me, but this was a moment we had worked so hard towards and it meant so much to the boys and indeed to the Club as a whole. To finally triumph here at The Knole in the one competition that had eluded us; this marked our return to the very top.



“This year’s winners, for the very first time, are Shrewsbury School.”

Eight proud Hunt runners processed up to receive their gold medals with cameras flashing and enthusiastic hands clapping. And then the moment we had all been waiting for: Huntsmen Ben Remnant and Oscar Dickens received the winner’s trophy and held it aloft. Champions!

It was a poignant moment watching these young men who had arrived at Shrewsbury as gritty little runners with a talent that first took root all those years ago. It seemed fitting that it was here, in Knole Park where those ancient oaks had once given name to the town itself, that these heroes of the Hunt had made their final transformation from acorns into great oaks.



Whilst the headline will of course be the national title for the ‘A’ team, it is worth pausing to note the incredible achievement of the ‘B’ team, who themselves placed inside the top 10 with 7th position overall out of 36 teams. The next best ‘B’ team were from Judd in 17th and out of the eight ‘B’ team runners to have dipped inside the top 100 runners, six were the Shrewsbury counters with just one from Judd and one from Harrow. Beating many notable schools’ ‘A’ teams (Abingdon, Lancing, King’s Canterbury, Brighton College and Manchester GS to name but a few), their achievements should not go unmentioned.

Led home by Fifth Former Monty Hardcastle (I) in 39th, they packed in superbly well, with Fourth Former Harry Remnant (Ch) in 43rd. These positions are suggestive of their potential in the coming years as they become ever more important figures in the Hunt’s squad. The final four counters for the ‘B’ team also placed within the top 100, with Fifth Former Owen Mock (R) in 54th, Fourth Former Toby Pegge (PH) in 84th, Charles Wade (PH) in 86th and Harris Huntsman (R) in 90th. Mock, Pegge and Huntsman were all running their debut race, and with this squad largely composed of younger athletes, this bodes extremely well for the future and a title defence next year.

We won't settle for just one oak tree; we want a forest!



*PJM*

# Elias hits the mark in shooting competition

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Congratulations are due to the School's Shooting Team, who finished third in a Shooting Competition at Sedbergh School on Wednesday 20th January.

Worthy of special mention is Elias Harrison (V) from School House, who was the team's top shooter with an average (and a Personal Best) of 94.



## The 2016 Singing Competition – A view from the keyboard

Thursday 21 January 2016

*The annual solo singing competition for pupils at Shrewsbury School has in recent years become a much anticipated event in the School Calendar, both by pupils, parents and staff alike. This year's was no exception, and last Sunday saw all three classes, Novice, Intermediate and Senior, full of talent, keen competition, but above all wonderful good humour and a real sense of common purpose from all who took part.*

Each singer, in carefully chosen categories, presented one song from memory, and there were some superb performances at all levels, which I know gave the adjudicators a tough job when it came to making those difficult decisions on the day about who might or might not have gained the coveted top places.

This year's Adjudicators were Soprano, Naomi Harvey and Mezzo-Soprano, Louise Innes, both established professionals in the world of opera and oratorio, as well as both being hugely experienced teachers in their own right. Their joint adjudications were illuminating, helpful, honest and hugely useful to all the competitors, who can all have taken something away with them by way of useful comment.

It takes a lot to stand up and deliver a song from memory, to engage your audience, and to look remotely like one is enjoying the experience! The fact is that at Shrewsbury it is very much second nature now for pupils to do so, though one must never underestimate what it means also to them when they do.

The variety of styles during the day was dazzling. Everything from pop standards, through music theatre, Lieder to grand opera was on offer, and that is also testament to the ability of our singing teachers, Kathryn Turpin and Jonathan May, to bring out the very best in their pupils and to tailor repertoire carefully to the individual.

There were some wonderful performances during the day, and it would be invidious to single any particular individuals out for praise on this occasion. A photo of some of the winners is included below and the full list of winners and other awards may be found at the end of this article.





*L-R: Rob Shone, Emily Skelton, Loren Kell, Dan Powell, Fintan Simmons, Alex Whitworth, Kathryn Turpin, Alfred Mitchell, John Moore*

What is worth saying – and I’m sure I speak for Susie Allan and Alex Mason, who like myself, were also accompanists on the day – is that being able to play for young singers and help them achieve a performance, whatever the style, is a huge joy as an accompanist.

Singing, whether as a soloist in a competition, together in a choir, on stage in a musical or opera or at an Open Mic night, is simply one of the greatest things a young person can do to improve their self-confidence and self-belief. Also, as on this occasion, it gives so much pleasure to those lucky enough to be listening, and I’m sure all those who were able to attend all or part of the Singing Competition last Sunday will have left with the impression that this was yet another example of just how much a normal part of Salopian life singing has become, and just how much those doing it enjoy themselves in the process.

Long may that continue, and hopefully many more current and future Salopians will decide to follow their peers and start the wonderful process of learning to sing. The door is always open!

*John Moore, Director of Music*

### **NOVICE CATEGORY**

1st - Angus Warburg

2nd - Mary Lees

3rd - Alex Whitworth

Highly Commended - Eva Zhang  
Commended - Fintan Simmons

**INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY**

1st - Robin Huber  
2nd - Theo Jarvis  
3rd - Henri Cramsie  
Highly Commended - Stephanie Worthington and Louisa Jarvis  
Commended - Rhys Trevor

**SENIOR CATEGORY**

1st - Alfred Mitchell  
2nd - Antonia Wordie  
3rd - Dan Powell  
Highly Commended - Loren Kell and Angus Kincaid  
Commended - Rob Shone and Emily Skelton  
Male Entertainment Prize - Dan Powell  
Female Entertainment Prize - Emily Skelton



## Basketball glory!

Thursday 21 January 2016

The School's basketball team, The Sharks, played a great game vs Idsall School. Boasting six Shropshire Warriors players (national league) in their squad and having not lost in the Shropshire League for three years, Idsall represented tough opposition! However, The Sharks kept their nerve. By the fourth quarter it was basket for basket and we managed to keep our noses in front, finally winning the epic contest 89-87!

Of the 12 players in the The Sharks squad, five are School House boys. Congratulations to them for their major contribution to this memorable victory. They are Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (IV), Sergey Vartanov (V), Wentao He (LVI), Eccles Cheong (LVI) and Aaron Zhao (UVI). The boys are looking forward to the inter-House basketball competition later in the term... watch this space!



# Fencing: Three more Salopians qualify for the British Youth Championship Finals

Friday 22 January 2016

*Following Shrewsbury School's success in the West Midlands Regional Sabre Qualifiers the previous weekend, there were further excellent results for the School's Epée fencers at the Regional Epée Qualifiers, held at Packwood Haugh School on 17th January.*

## **Under-14 Boys' competition**

Jan Tai - Gold medal

## **Under-16 Boys' competition**

Will Holcroft – Bronze medal

James Hinwood – 5th

Ben Cowley – 6th

Ebrahim Jamshid – 8th

Earlier in the year, James Hinwood was given a bye for the British Youth Championship Finals, having been ranked among the England top eight in his category for 2015. Jan Tai and Will Holcroft have also won through to the Championship Finals, which will take place at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield in May.





## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 22 January 2016

*This week, the Hunt.*

I hope that many of you will have read [the article in another area of the School website](#) by one of Scotland's most notable literary sons. Indeed I am campaigning to introduce 'Peter Middleton Night', which should run for years and years! If you have glanced at the website recently you cannot fail to have noticed that the big news this week is that the School running team (the Royal Shrewsbury School Hunt) have won a major national competition: the Knole Run.

Someone had the bright idea that I should go and have a chat with our athletic heroes and apparently the best time to catch most of them together was at their Monday night training run. I was assured that this would be a 'gentle session' and I would be able to chat to a variety of running stars whilst enjoying a little light exercise. Can you believe that I actually thought this might be a good idea, as I had a very good Christmas season and my lack of willpower means diets are a non-starter, so maybe a little exercise would be good in the Battle against Bellies? Initially I thought that I would tape the conversations on my phone whilst we jogged along. However, it became clear after a few feet that this was not going to work. Therefore some of the quotes below might not be word perfect, for which I apologise.



The session began with a few inspirational words from Peter Middleton acknowledging how great the efforts of the team had been in Kent. He then mentioned that the team for the Coventry Relays would be selected soon and that it would be a faster and shorter distance, so there might be a few changes in terms of personnel. Such is the Middleton Effect that I began plan how I might impress and gain selection. It was then into the night and our 'gentle session' began.



*Oscar running in the Hunt Club Champs last year*

My first victim of the night was Huntsman Oscar 'where the' Dickins. He very politely dropped to the back of the squad to run and chat with me for a while. Oscar has been a part of the Hunt since his arrival in the Third Form. He finished 10th at Knole in a very fast time and was pleased with his run. "I was well pleased with my run," he said. I asked Oscar if he had enjoyed his running at school. He told me that he had found it very fulfilling and strangely addictive. He was clearly very proud to have been part of such a successful club and he told me that there is a very close bond in the squad. I wondered what techniques Mr Middleton had used to inspire Oscar to keep running. Oscar's eyes lit up at the mention of the name Middleton. "Mr Middleton gave me purpose but he also made me fast and when I run I feel his pleasure." He added that *Chariots of Fire* has been the Riggs's weekly film for the last five years.

Oscar then increased his pace and sent another 'volunteer' to join me at the back of the pack. This time it was Ben Jones, who has only recently joined the Hunt and has been out injured most of the year, so has been frustrated that he has not been able to compete yet. I was beginning to get into my stride by this point and, leaving Ben to hop along at the back, I caught up with Scott Hatton. Scott is a key member of the victorious Knole team and as a Lower Sixth Former will hopefully be part of the team that will be trying to retain the trophy next year. He was quick to mention that the team were like brothers. He said he was pleased with his run, which was a significant improvement on last year. He felt that the team ethic was a real incentive to run hard. "We knew that every place counted and there is a burning desire not to let each other down."

I asked Scott if the team had been affected in any way by the travel issues they experienced, which resulted in a trip to Oxford services. Scott thought for a minute in a very philosophical manner before responding. “I think our travel hiccups were helpful as they were a distraction. We were no longer worrying about how we would run the next day but whether we would make the start!”

Will Hayward was another kind soul who ‘caught me up’ for a quick word. He has been running for the team despite a long-term right-sided injury. He has found this an irksome irritation but it has not stopped him. Like the rest of the team, not much gets in Will’s way. I sense a focus and steely determination not found in many school teams. There is unquestionably a team ethic that involves the expectation that the pain barrier can easily be broken – and the way they have been running, perhaps the sound barrier too. Will has been doing a bit of fell running over the holidays to keep in shape, as opposed to some who fell running. He, like Scott, will be back to retain the trophy next year!



*Will Hayward running in the Spring Relays last year in Attingham Park*

My last interviewee on the gentle excursion was Fourth Former Harry Remnant. Harry told me that he went off very fast at Knole and was in the lead, if briefly. He ended up a more than respectable 44th and was very proud of his achievement. “I am very proud of my achievement,” he told me. Harry has certainly enjoyed his running and clearly sees himself as being a fixture in the team in years to come. Harry was in the B team who were delighted to finish 7th overall. His big brother Ben was in the A team (not the TV show). Harry told me that the win clearly meant a lot to Mr Middleton, who may have had a tear in his eye when the cup was handed over. I tried to explain to Harry what it can mean for a coach to see his team succeed, but by this point I was finding it difficult to speak and Harry may have missed my words of wisdom.









The girls did very well too and came 10th in their race, with Olivia Papaioannou finishing in 7th place and in a time that would have won it last year. I failed to catch up with the girls, as Mrs Weston had taken them on a different route. I also failed to recognise Olivia on account of a new hair style that she has been sporting for months. I think it might be that as I can't achieve a new hairstyle myself, I find it hard to recognise one in others! I did have a quick word with Sally Joyce, who told me she and Martha were running down a beautiful hill in a deer park and she found herself saying, "Isn't this amazing"!

There is certainly a feeling that all our runners get a certain joy from their experience. Even Charlie Rogers, who went down a few places from last year, was able to console himself with the fact that he ran a much quicker time. He prefers a shorter distance and quicker pace and is striving to get into the Coventry Relay team. I would agree with him about the shorter distance.

My brief chat with the victorious runners left me feeling very proud of them all. They are certainly on top of their game and that is because they are dedicated, focused and determined. As it is said: 'you reap what you sow'. Mr Middleton and Mr Haworth deserve the plaudits coming their way, as they have really put the Hunt firmly on the map over the last few years. They have even got me contemplating another half marathon; 'yeah verily, they are inspirational'!

# School House boys selected to represent The Hunt

Friday 22 January 2016

School House is renowned for many things, but up until recently, cross-country running was not one of them. However, three boys are doing their very best to change that.

For the first time in over a year, School House boys have been selected to join with Shrewsbury School's elite runners in The Hunt, competing against other schools around the country.

Congratulations to Artur Sarsenov (III), Mark Pangin (IV) and Josh Wong (U6) for earning their places in the team; as Mr Middleton (Master in charge of The Hunt) put it, "The School House Running Revolution begins!"



*Artur (L) and Josh (R) taking the plunge on a particularly muddy course in January.*

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## Success for Shrewsbury's Shooting Team at Sedbergh

Monday 25 January 2016

*Congratulations to our Shooting Team, who finished third in a Shooting Competition at Sedbergh School on Wednesday 20th January.*

Elias Harrison (SH V), Marcus Bruce (PH LVI), Bryce Rutter (PH V) and Max Craik (PH V) shot very well, with an average score of 90/100.

Elias was the team's top shooter with an average (and a Personal Best) of 94.

## Salopian Club Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26 January 2016

*The most recent meeting of the full Salopian Club Committee took place on Wednesday 20th January.*

The full committee meets twice yearly, once in London and once in Shrewsbury, and the meeting on 20th January was the first for our new President Sir Peter Davis (O 55-59).

The meeting was held in the offices of Stephenson Harwood, with thanks to Associate Richard McGarry (Ch 01-06) for enabling that.

Most members were able to attend, although unfortunately both of the OS 'Girls' reps were unavailable due to work commitments, and there was a full agenda. The Chairman kept a brisk pace and all of the members were well prepared with their reports and information. We are very grateful to everyone who gives of their time to ensure the smooth running of the Club for the benefit of members.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 3pm here at Shrewsbury School.



*Pictured left to right:*

*Back Row - Peter Fanning (Arts and Activities Chairman), David Chance (Careers Chairman), Hugh Ramsbotham, John Rolfe (Director of the Foundation), Henry Unwin (Young OS Joint Chair), Richard Boys-Stones (Honorary Treasurer), Sir Peter Davis (President), Nick Jenkins (Director).*

*Front Row - Peter Birch (Sports Chairman), Catriona Dry (Careers Fellow), Peter Stewart (Chairman), Mark Turner (Headmaster), Peter Worth (Chairman of Shrewsbury School Foundation and School Governor).*





## Lacrosse: Wales under-19 squad selections

Wednesday 27 January 2016

*Many congratulations to Georgia Kannreuther and Amelia Maunder, who have both been selected for the Wales U19 lacrosse squad.*

This is a fantastic achievement, particularly as they are both young for the squad; Amelia (*pictured below, left*) is in the Fourth Form and Georgia is in the Third Form.





## "Steinway is the only piano on which the pianist can do everything he wants. And everything he dreams." - Vladimir Ashkenazy

Wednesday 27 January 2016

*Shrewsbury is one of the few schools in the country that is now fortunate enough to have not just one but two Model D Steinway pianos - the 'Rolls Royce' of the Steinway family. They are not only a notable attraction for visiting professional performers and concert audiences, but also an inspiration for our own piano students.*

Some years ago, the School acquired a fine Steinway Model D piano from the Abbotsholme Concert Society. The Model D is Steinway's flagship instrument, made in Hamburg, and the choice for most major concert halls throughout Europe and further afield.

Since the mid-1980s the School's Steinway has lived in the Alington Hall and served as our principal recital instrument. Over the years, many fine pianists of international stature have given recitals or played concertos on it, including John Ogden, John Lill, Stephen Hough, Joanna MacGregor, Freddie Kempf and Angela Hewitt. Many pupils have performed recitals and concertos on it too, most recently Galin Ganchev (M 2010-15), who gave a wonderful performance of Rachmaninoff's 3rd Piano Concerto with the School Orchestra last year and Arthur Yu (SH LVI) (*pictured below*), who performed the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto quite beautifully at the St Cecilia Concerts last November.



However, time and general wear and tear have taken their toll, and it became obvious that we very much needed to consider a replacement at some time soon. Then two years ago, through

the generosity of Sir Algernon Heber-Percy, Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire and at that time a Governor of the School, we were eventually able to buy another Model D Steinway from Coach House Pianos in Swansea. This piano had previously been the recital instrument of Manchester University.

Rather than dispose of the original Steinway Model D, we decided to invest in having it restored in two phases by Coach House Pianos. After several months of painstaking work, the piano has just arrived back at the School after the first phase of this restoration, and is now located in the main auditorium of the Maidment Building.

The piano has had a completely new action fitted, new strings throughout, a thorough overhaul, and is now essentially virtually a new instrument again and one of extraordinary beauty and power. The second phase of its restoration will hopefully see the renovation of the casework, after which to all intents and purposes it will look and feel like a completely new piano.

This brings the total number of Steinway Grand Pianos the School owns to five in number, and a Steinway Upright also now lives in the Art School waiting to be used for some concerts soon as well!



Few, if any, schools in the country will be lucky enough to have two superb Model D instruments available for students and for recitals and recording. However, the level of pianism at the School is such that pupils ideally need to have such instruments to be able to realise their ambitions with advanced repertoire. The piano faculty, led by Peter Bradley-Fulgoni, himself a concert pianist of international stature and a much-recorded artist, produces wonderful results from students at the School, and Galin Ganchev, who is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music, is testament to the work being done by them all.

Hopefully this wonderful addition to the instruments the School is able to provide its pupils with during their time at Shrewsbury, will inspire another generation of young pianists to fall in love even more with this king of instruments.

*JFM*



# 'Out of Africa' - the Hunt are featured in Independent School Sport magazine

Wednesday 27 January 2016

*The latest edition of Independent School Sport magazine includes an article written by Peter Middleton about the Hunt's trip to East Africa last October.*

To read the article online, please

see <http://flickread.com/edition/html/index.php?pdf=569cc5553a6d2#31>







# The Third Berkhamsted Girls' Fives Festival

Wednesday 27 January 2016

*On 26th January, 40 girls from Shrewsbury, Berkhamsted, St Olave's, Charterhouse, Ipswich and Stowe, and ranging in age from ten to 18, gathered at Berkhamsted for an afternoon of fun Fives.*

The Shrewsbury 4-pair team - made up of three U14 pairs and one U15 pair - demonstrated good ball skills and clearly have great potential. Of the 16 sets played by Shrewsbury, they won nine and lost seven, all against more experienced opposition.

The afternoon served up plenty of points to work on in the coming weeks and was a great coaching/playing experience.

Perhaps the best performance of the day was Shrewsbury's 4th pair, who eventually beat St Olave's 2nd pair 13-11 after being 5-11 down.

1st pair: A. Watkinson (capt) & E. Windle

2nd pair: I. Wong & A. Davies

3rd pair: A. Naylor & L. Ockleston

4th pair: L. Elliott & A. Cooper

Reserves: L. Lovick & A. Plumtre

ASB



# Rising Cricket Talent Ollie Westbury finds Success Down Under

Thursday 28 January 2016



Congratulations to Ollie Westbury (S 13-15), who only left the School last year, but is already making a name for himself following a very successful trip to Australia to play in the Bunbury and District Cricket Association Competition.

Ollie will hopefully have cemented his place in the 2nd XI for Worcestershire and can look forward to a strong season ahead.

You can read the full article written in the Worcester News [on this link](#).



## A visit to the Shewsy - in words and film

Thursday 28 January 2016

*Two Lower Sixth Formers in Severn Hill describe their first visit to the Shewsy, the School's youth and community centre in Everton. Words by George Pearce; film by Sebastian Hervas-Jones.*

The Shrewsbury House residential trip has been running for many years and has been an amazing opportunity for countless Salopians to volunteer their services to the Shrewsbury House Youth and Community Centre in Everton. Every year, 60 Lower Sixth Formers have the chance to spend two nights at the Shewsy, as it's known as in Everton. Founded in 1903, by a Shrewsbury master, Revd Digby Kittermaster, the Club has always provided a safe environment to develop interests and confidence for young members in the Everton area, by providing facilities and space for socialising.

After a briefing from Mr Morris, we left for Liverpool on Tuesday 19th January, anticipation running high. We made good time and arrived at Shrewsbury House early in the afternoon raring to go. Once we familiarised ourselves with our rooms, we had a meeting with Revd Henry Corbett, the warden (aka the man in charge) about the next few days and what our role would be. After our discussion and tea, we got straight into the Senior Club. This is open for young people between the ages of 12 and 20, from 7pm till 9.30pm, and was very interesting experience for everyone. It gave us the opportunity to meet the members who go to the Club and learn a bit about the area, taking part in a quiz, whilst playing football, pool and table tennis.

We shared cooking duties for breakfast and geared up for a day in Liverpool. On Wednesday morning, we had a tour of Liverpool and Everton, looking at the Docks and the Anfield area. We learned of the Hillsborough Disaster and other stories that mark people's view on Liverpool. After our tour, we spent the morning in Liverpool city centre, visiting the Museum of Liverpool and shopping in Liverpool One shopping centre.

On returning to the Shewsy, we then helped out in an energetic and exhausting Junior Club. The Junior Club is an after-school club from 3.30 to 5.30pm, for children ranging between the ages of five and 11 whose parents work. It allows the children to run off a bit of energy as well. 'Circle time' takes place every day, which involves the children telling the group one piece of good news from their day, allowing them to reflect on what they have done well. After Junior Club, we had some hard earned rest ready for Senior Club. Senior Club flashed by, as Shrewsbury featured in the final of the Shewsy's own pool tournament.

Waking the next day, we headed towards Liverpool Seafarers Centre in Crosby, where we were to meet Lawrence Aye-Maung. Lawrence is an ex-ship captain and director of Mission to Seafarers, an organisation that looks after crew members who come in to the port of Liverpool on the huge container ships from abroad, allowing them to contact home and relax in the centre. We then headed to the Coast Guard headquarters of the River Mersey, where we had a lecture about the shipping in the Mersey.

On arriving back at the Shewsy, we had a meeting with John Dumbell and Michael Duffy, two full-time workers at the Shewsy, giving us the opportunity to learn more and learn of the background of the kids and the workers themselves. After a few fun games as a group, we helped out in the Junior Club one more time. When it came to home time for the members of the Club,

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it was time to say our goodbyes as well. Our trip had come to an end, and you could hear a pin drop on the minibus on the way back as we were all worn out.

Looking back on a very productive and cheering few days, I can honestly say it was a huge privilege to go and experience the Shewsy and I would be thrilled to go again. I learnt more from the kids and staff than they probably did from me; it's an experience I will never forget.

*George Pearce (S LVI)*





# Bastille Society lecture on Napoleon by Professor Michael Broers

Friday 29 January 2016

*On 28th January, the Bastille Society was honoured to welcome Professor Michael Broers, Professor of Western European History at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. His lecture on 'Napoleon: Enlightened Despot or Modern Dictator' was greatly enjoyed and elicited lively discussion and debate, as this report by Ed Plant (S LVI) describes.*



Professor Broers' speciality is French and Italian history, particularly in the Napoleonic period and with a focus on cultural imperialism and conscription within the Napoleonic Empire. The title of his lecture was 'Napoleon: Enlightened Despot or Modern Dictator', and primarily focused on the actions of the Grande Armée and Napoleon's management of the army throughout his reign.

One of the main arguments that Professor Broers made was that the creation of the Grande Armée was only made possible by the years of continental peace from the Treaty of Amiens in 1801 until the campaign of 1805, and that this peace thus set the tone for the rest of Napoleon's campaigns, as well as the rest of his domestic rule with the creation of the Franc and the Civil Code of 1804.

Napoleon's reliance upon conscription and the *tirage* (lottery) was also emphasised, with Professor Broers making that point that the core of the Napoleonic army was peasantry mass

conscripted and converted into soldiers that befitted a major campaign army. It was also interesting that Professor Broers contended that the Grande Armée was, ironically enough for such a successful force, borne out of defeat, and that the Channel Camps where the conscripted men were sent to join the *ordinaires* (units) of the Napoleonic army were integral to the drilled, disciplined and (eventually) loyal troops he used to take over much of Europe.

Napoleon also introduced more humane elements to military life, such as banning flogging, and he nearly totally removed desertion from his army by encouraging conscripts to see themselves as citizens doing their duty for France, rather than as slaves. Professor Broers stressed this patriotism as being a huge part of what set the Napoleonic forces apart from the others, stating in response to a question that it is this patriotism that means that he considers Napoleon the father of the modern French state, and through the Napoleonic Code and his treatment of his empire, perhaps also the European project.



There is not enough room in this report to record a blow-by-blow account of Professor Broers' lecture in its entirety – it was as multifaceted as it was knowledgeable, and to attempt to summarise it would serve an injustice to what was a lecture greatly enjoyed by all. Testament to this was the volume of questions from the audience, as well as the fact that by the time the last students had finished discussing the intricacies of Napoleonic rule with Professor Broers it was late indeed. It was a pleasure to listen to, and all those present would like to extend once again their thanks to Professor Broers for coming up from Oxford to deliver such an engaging lecture.  
*Ed Plant (S LVI)*



## RSSH 3rd team sweeps to victory in the Adams' Dash

Friday 29 January 2016

*Not to be outdone by the recent successes of their fellow runners in the 1st and 2nd teams, the Hunt's 3rd team won the Birmingham League Inter-Schools Cross-Country race at Adams' Grammar in style.*

Shrewsbury's top six runners were placed 1st, 2nd 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th and the race was won by Thomas Jackson (R), who is still in the Third Form; an impressive achievement by the whole team.

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## Manchester MUN

Sunday 31 January 2016

Shrewsbury's Model United Nations teams enjoyed an extremely successful weekend at the Manchester High School for Girls' MUN Conference, winning the most coveted Outstanding Delegation Award and a clutch of other impressive individual awards.

A total of 300 delegates attended the Conference from 18 schools from across the country, and the standard of debate was very high. Shrewsbury's delegates were representing two countries – the USA and Bahrain.

Amongst the successful Shrewsbury teams were School House boys Peter Stanley (LVI), Mill Luangamornlert (V) and Mark Pangin (IV). Mark was Highly Commended in the Environment Committee - Mr Peach commented that "it is an extraordinary achievement for a Fourth Former to win a Highly Commended award."

Mill Luangamornlert (SH V) was Commended in the Future Committee. Well done to all who took part.

Please see the full report by Mr Peach: [Manchester MUN](#)



*Peter is on the far left with Mark crouching at the front right of the first photo; Mill is in the second photo.*