



## RSSBC: A disappointing quarter-final race at Henley

Sunday 1 July 2012

The quarter finals of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley has for the last three years meant a duel with our old adversaries Radley College.

Unfortunately, on this occasion we came up second best. Not helped by a raging straight head wind, our lighter crew went down fighting by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths.

Radley proceeded to beat Hampton on Saturday by a similar margin and then lost to Abingdon in the final on Sunday afternoon by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.

Three of our crew, Fred Day, Tom Marshall and Harry Lonergan, now turn their attention to a week's training before travelling to Nottingham on Friday for a gruelling five days of seat racing. From this set of trials we hope to be sending boys to the Junior World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in August - more information to follow next week.



## Cricket: U15A XI victorious in ESCA Midlands T20 Final

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In a pulsating (and damp) match on the Chances square, the U15A XI pulled off a remarkable victory by one run, over the U15 National Lord Taverners Finalists Denstone College - the same side that knocked Shrewsbury out of the Lord Taverners earlier in the season.

Shrewsbury won the toss and batted first, but suffered two early set backs losing Freddie Adair and captain George Lewis, the latter to an unfortunate run out at the non-strikers end. Freddie Earlam (51) and Jamie Humes (42) then steadied the ship, leaving U14 batsman Max Parsonage (28no) to demonstrate significant maturity, accelerating up to a final total of 154.

In very wet conditions, Denstone got off to a flyer and until the 12th or 13th over looked in control of the match, scoring at a high rate. It was around this stage of the innings when Shrewsbury took a flurry of wickets, and suddenly the run rate required rose sharply, and the contest started to look more even. Eventually, and with the sun breaking through, Denstone needed 11 runs off the final over to win, and managed only nine - handing the victory to Shrewsbury by the solitary run.

Shrewsbury now go on to play the winners of the North Final in the National Semi-Final, at September's ESCA U15 T20 Finals Day at Arundel CC. Shrewsbury hope to go one better than last year, when they were runners-up to Whitgift School in the Final.





## Cricket: HMC T20 Semi-Final vs Millfield at Arundel

Monday 2 July 2012

With an air of confidence, Shrewsbury looked to defend their title won less than 300 days ago on the same Arundel Castle ground. An unbeaten run of 17 games in T20 games spread over 2 seasons and with nine of last year's victorious side selected to play, Shrewsbury looked to challenge Millfield on the third occasion that the two sides has met at this stage of the competition. Glorious weather greeted us this time in stark contrast to the damp, early autumn conditions last year. The ground looked a picture and stage good enough to host the four best schools in the country in the shortest format of the game.

After Millfield won the toss and decided to bat, they set about the Shrewsbury attack with relish; Smith was often wayward in his length, Aston a little more consistent but paid the price for bowling too full at times. The power play yielded 46 runs and gave Millfield the first advantage. The introduction of Henry Lewis saw the pace taken off the ball and with it, he took a very sharp caught and bowled (his 7th of the season) to remove Will Jenkins with the score on 53.

The introduction of the slow bowlers, Blofield, Prescott and Lewis put a brake on the Millfield run rate as 8 runs an over quickly fell to below 6 and Millfield started to lose wickets, Lewis removed Will Sobczak by courtesy of a well judged catch in the deep by Steve Leach and Mark Prescott was chipping away at the Park End. Three very athletic catches by Jack Hudson-Williams all off Prescott's bowling reduced Millfield to 93-5 at the end of the 15th.

The onslaught in the final 5 overs never came about as some tight bowling aided by some exceptional fielding ensured that Millfield never scored a boundary in the final quarter of their innings. Mark Prescott finished with the exceptional figures of 4-14 off his 4 overs and Shrewsbury were highly satisfied that Millfield had been restricted to 115-7 off their allotted 20 overs.

Shrewsbury's reply never really got going; the loss of 4 wickets in the power play was a blow they never really recovered from. Only 3 batsmen (and extras) got into double figures and although Alistair Pollock hung around at one end, the big hitters never got going and it was left to the lower order to try and rescue the innings. Millfield, to their credit, bowled well and set effective run-saving fields that strangled Shrewsbury's supply of runs. Shrewsbury were finally all out when Alistair Pollock skied one to mid-off with 10 balls remaining.

Shrewsbury failed once again to overcome Millfield at this stage of the competition, though to be fair on the day they were a better side and Shrewsbury will go away looking to rebuild with nine of their side leaving this year (this particular year group were also Under 15 ESCA National Champions in the T20 format). However, their Under 17 side composed of mainly 4th and 5th formers have reached the semi-finals of the National Under 17 competition and they are optimistic that they can challenge the best schools in the country once again next year.

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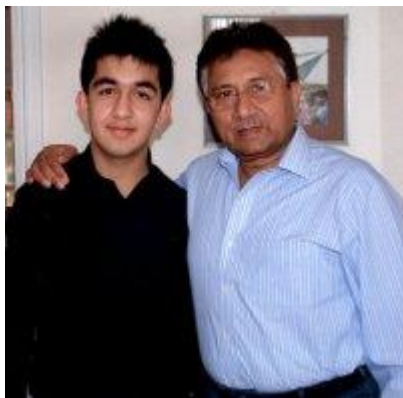


## Third Former interviews the former President of Pakistan

Monday 2 July 2012

*As part of his history project 'Oral History and the Twentieth Century', Zakee Afsar (SH 3) was lucky enough to be granted an interview with the former Pakistani President, Pervez Musharraf, and has written up his experience for the school website.*

I could not sleep the night before my interview was due to take place. I had done my research and prepared my interview questions for the morning, but I was nervous about meeting an army general and president. The last interview I had done was at prep school! That was interviewing the Headmaster in year three and that was good fun. This was a bit more serious.



It was an early start and I was up at 5.30am as my dad was driving me to London to meet the president at his apartment in London, which was close to Hyde Park. After breakfast and before we left for London my dad presented me with a recording device for the interview. That was good thinking as I had not considered how I would note the interview accurately.

On the journey to London I spent some time learning how to use the recording device and reconsidering my interview notes and questions. I ran through my questions with my dad. He was a good listener but he gave no real indication of what he thought! He gave his standard response "I'm sure you will be fine so just relax!" I still remember this was the same advice before the Year 4 play at prep school! I played a leading role as chief of one of the tribes in "Peace Child". That was the peak of my acting career.

Anyhow, the drive to London was rapid as I had lots to do and think about. Eventually we arrived in London and we had tea at a friend's house before moving on to meet the president.

We got to our location about 10.45am and parked up outside what looked to be a very nice, say 10 storey building. I stayed in the car initially and my father went to meet the concierge. Parking had been arranged for us and we waited whilst security telephoned the president's apartment and informed him of our arrival. Apparently there was 24 hour monitoring by MI5 for security reasons! I was due to meet the president at 11am.

The waiting seemed forever (really it was only 5 minutes!) when a man came down to meet us and spoke to my dad. That was not the president, as I had seen him on the TV and I had seen pictures of him in his book "In the Line of Fire" which I had read and had with me for reference purposes.

We went up to the 10th floor and I think there was a code to the lift to get to that level as I remember the man punching a code into the control panel. I later found out this man was one of four permanent security people that were responsible for the safety and welfare of the president.

Finally, I got to meet the president/general. He was a very welcoming host but there was an air of authority around this man. He was wearing casual clothes but seemed to be very tidy and perfectly groomed as you would expect of an army general.



We had tea again and then the president asked me a few questions about my age, my interests and about my school. I explained why I needed to interview him. He seemed very happy to help and then invited me into his study where I conducted the interview.

I was amazed at the seriousness in which the president conducted the interview and the respect he gave me! I was nervous to start with, but after a few questions I settled down and got on with the job. I asked some very sensitive questions and I believe the president responded frankly and gave answers without trying to avoid the questions! He never once made me feel like a school boy and I enjoyed the experience. Towards the end I ran out of questions but I was creative and managed a 56 minute interview with no disturbance. That was a long time for a one-to-one with an army general and president!

I asked the president a question about personal qualities and traits? I think his answer was helpful guidance to me and could be to all us. In short, he said to succeed in life you need a “wholesome personality” and to be in tune with your “physical, moral and social development.” He gave examples: honesty, truthfulness, compassion for others and said “..... I think 50% of success in life is social development and in social development you need to know how to behave, how to interact with your subordinates, with your peers, with your equals, friends and with your superiors.” The actual answer was very long and I have picked out bits that I need to think about again and which I think would help all of us boys at school.

That was it. I was on cloud nine and my confidence levels were at an all time high after the interview! I persuaded the old man to take me into town (with the “you should be a proud father” talk) and do some shopping afterwards.

*Zakee Afsar (SH 3)*



## Alessandro Rebecchi returns to Lockers Park and enthralls his young audience

Monday 2 July 2012

Last week, Alessandro Rebecchi (Ch LVI) returned to his old prep school - Lockers Park in Hemel Hempstead - to give a talk about his trip to Indonesia last summer. Alessandro was one of 17 Salopians who took part in a Biology expedition to Sulawesi last August - an extraordinary island which is of particular interest to biologists due to the deep ocean trench that separates it from the nearby island of Borneo, as a result of which 68% of the mammals and 34% of the birds are endemic to Sulawesi.

Alessandro spoke for over an hour, fascinating his audience with his pictures of massive spiders and other animals, and making good use of a few props - his enormous backpack for the children to try out, and a skirt for one of the masters!

More details and pictures are on the Lockers Park website: [www.lockerspark.herts.sch.uk/news-article.php?id=192](http://www.lockerspark.herts.sch.uk/news-article.php?id=192)

## Anna Peak, new MSH housemistress, at the Summer Barbecue

Monday 2 July 2012

On Sunday 1st July, the appointed new housemistress of Mary Sidney Hall - Anna Peak - attended the MSH Summer Barbecue which was a wonderful opportunity for her to meet the current girls and their parents, as well as the girls and parents of next term's new joiners.

Anna said afterwards that she was delighted by the warmth of Shrewsbury's welcome, and that what had struck her particularly was the wonderful MSH team spirit. Girls, staff and parents had been busy preparing for the barbecue, making cupcakes, salads and mountains of kebabs in anticipation of the big event (even Anna spent a good couple of hours skewering chicken!).

Anna's visit was a huge success, and everyone is looking forward to her arrival in September.





## Shrewsbury Saracens Through to Round 3 of the Cricketer Cup

Tuesday 3 July 2012



After a decisive 125 for 2 win against Whitgift Mitres on Sunday 1st July (full match report available [here](#)), **Shrewsbury Saracens** will play last year's champions, The Old Malvernians, on **Sunday 15 July** at Malvern.

*Pictured, Back row:*

*Ben Williams (Rt 2008-10), Stephen Barnard (Rb 2009-11), Michael Barnard (Rb 2006-08), Alex Blofield (PH 2005-10), Joe Leach (M 2004-09), James Kidson (O 2003-08).*

*Front row:*

*Jack Brydon (O 1999-04), Ben Chapman (Rt 1995-00, Vice Captain), Tom Cox (M 2000-05, Captain), Scott Corbett (G 1994-99), James Taylor (R 2003-08)*





# Churchill's dominate in Novice Fours Rowing

Tuesday 3 July 2012

*Third former Finn McCormack has undertaken to write a blog on life as a Churchillian, as part of his DoJE Bronze award.*

When I was told I was going to be part of the novice fours crew in the Summer Term, I was looking forward to trying out rowing again after a long hiatus. Novice Fours are the house rowing tournament in which only novice rowers could compete, i.e. people in third or fourth form who are not in the As or Bs. Luckily we had a rather good crew; at stroke we had Aue Angpanitcharoen, an ex-As rower, then Theo Simmons who was in the Cs, followed by Alex Goode, a rugby beast, and finally me at bow. When I rowed in the first term we only did sculling, so I was excited to try out this new single oared technique. Surprisingly, on our first outing, we were fairly well balanced and we didn't have bad speed. Our coach Aut, Aue's older brother, had quite a few things to say about the techniques of Goode and me, since we were the true novices of this boat.



The first stage of the tournament was the gaining of extra points by dressing correctly and obeying orders well. Through the whole of the competition we had to get as many points as we could to win, so we made sure that our cox dressed in the right uniform (chinos, shirt, blazer and tie followed by... a life jacket?) and, through Aut's continual training and shouting of "Hold it up!" we managed to score full marks on this first test.



The next part was the actual races. On the first day we won our three races by a fair distance, but we hadn't yet got onto the real challenges, such as Rigg's, Oldham's, Porthill and the ultimate challenge: Radbrook. This dayboy house was only behind us by half a point because they won a race without clearing water, so the other boat was overlapping them. They were much bigger than us and seemed formidable, and the crew was nervous about this race.

Another week went by and we came to our final racing day. The defeat of Porthill gave us a lot of confidence, but the big fish of the competition was lurking at the end of the river. "Churchill's and Radbrook, come up to the start!"

"Attention..."

"Go!"

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We had heard that Radbrook had a very good start, and they proved that right. However, they were only ahead by a bit. We caught them up. Slowly, our boat inched its way ahead of theirs. We were ahead of them now! The stern of their boat was just overlapping ours! We would have won the competition even if we lost this final race, but we weren't going to. We sped ahead, under the toll bridge, past the boathouse and then... a huge honk of Dr. Oakley's foghorn marked our victory. It was a happy moment! Unfortunately, as soon as we took the boat in the cox Henry Thomas fled for his life, so we never got the chance to throw him in the river as tradition dictates, but that was made up for by some delicious pizza from Mr Hudson in the evening.

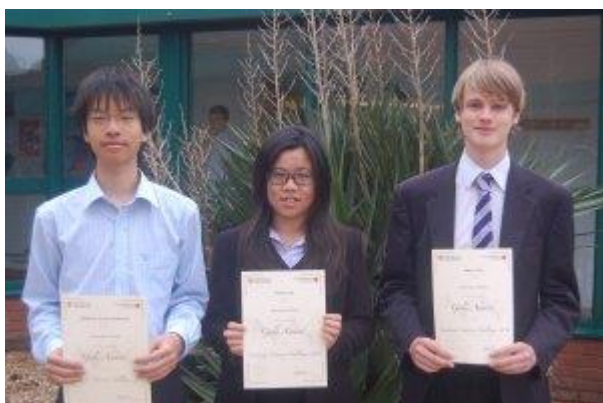
# Success in Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2012

Tuesday 3 July 2012

## *Three Gold, Three Silver and Nine Copper Medals*

A group of L6 students took part in Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2012 after their AS examinations. This is the first time we have entered this competition and the students performed remarkably well after their busy AS exam schedule.

This competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry, and will provide an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further. Set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists, it is designed to be accessible to L6 students but will take them significantly beyond the syllabus and encourage them to think about science in the way they would at university. It is endorsed and sponsored by St Catharine's College at Cambridge University.



The paper itself is based on the core of the chemistry A-level specifications, so that students taking any of the different exam board A-levels can compete fairly. The exam lasts 1.5 hours and is composed of a series of structured questions designed to stretch able students by making them apply the principles they have learnt to new and often more complex situations than they would meet in their A-level course. Thus, in order to score marks, it is essential to have a very sound base of knowledge and understanding, but also

have the ability to think and reason - often "outside the box" - at a high level.

### *Gold Medals were awarded to:*

Harry Cox (Rb), Fiona Lau (MSH), Ratanon Suemanothom (G)

### *Silver Medals were awarded to:*

Tom Bland (Rt), Varis Chirayus (I), Judah Rand (R)

### *Copper Medals were awarded to:*

A-Win Chaikil (S), Alistair Fisher (PH), Lucy Lei (MSH), Edward Mallett (S), Oliver Marshall (Rb), Alex Norman (R), Sherry Qiu (EDH), Tanin Sirimongkolkasm (Ch), Sam Watts (SH).

*Andrew Briggs*



## RSSBC at Henley 2012 - a full report by Philip Lapage, River Master

Tuesday 3 July 2012

*What is it that makes champions? Henley Royal Regatta exemplifies beyond nearly all other regattas the legacy of Champions. Not only do successful coaches view a Henley success as a dream win and bring crews back again and again, but generations enjoy watching their family and friends compete for the line honours at this prestigious event.*

*This year sees Todd Jesdale's final Henley for Shrewsbury. Todd fosters championship mentality, although other variables preclude every crew being a champion. Not only to RSSBC as an institution but to individual Salopian athletes his legacy is enormous. Many of his proteges go on to row beyond school and even to coach. This year's Henley, despite being 'only' a Friday Henley for the crew can also be seen as a tribute to him through the huge number of competitors and coaches he has spanned.*

*On a different note, please will you excuse a reference to three strokes from the same family taking part in the same regatta? This year's stroke of the RSSBC crew has a brother and an ex-Olympic grandfather who also rowed the course.*



The striking view of the blue and white striped boat tent across the river, which, for competitors, is that adrenaline-pumping sight as one rounds the corner in Henley at the first approach, was softened and colourfully complemented this year by the presence of the newly built Gloriana, the pageant-leading 18-oared Royal barge. Proudly adorned from stem to stern with no fewer than ten large National, Royal and House flags streaming out to their full extent in the wind (which cruelly blew relentlessly straight down the course against the crews for the full five days) she graced the Regatta in many ways. The wind combined with the current this year to slow all the crews down considerably, a fact which drew comment from the Regatta Chairman in his address at the presentation ceremony: the winning time in the Grand this year was about 50 seconds slower than that of last year. Think of what that means next time you try a 2k ergo: put the



brakes on the flywheel and draw the effort out by nearly a minute! But then, the Henley course is even longer, at 2112m (or, for the traditionalists, 1 mile 550 yards – the longest straight course attainable when the regatta started in 1839). It was, as the Chairman also commented, a tough regatta.

## **The First VIII**

Meeting Monmouth in the first round was not as easy as some might think, although as it happened this shake down round was exactly what the crew needed to steady the inevitable nerves. Monmouth shot off the start, “front-loading the race”, as their coach commented, “so as to probe any weaknesses in the Shrewsbury crew. Unfortunately there were none!” Shrewsbury quickly recovered a canvas deficit and steadily overpowered a tough crew with a reputation of never giving up. So to face Ridley College, the Canadian National Champions. Perhaps the memory of a resounding victory last year on the Thursday against St Joseph’s (USA) helped, for “Shrewsbury made a Selected crew look like novices” was the comment of one Steward. Shrewsbury’s start was fast, but so was Ridley’s; then, having settled to race pace, an early, therefore risky and surprising, strong push saw the Shrewsbury boat almost lift itself out of the water to take the lead by a length. It is possible, following a race, to pin it down to within a stroke or two when a crew member cracks under pressure; one can only speculate here, but the headwind conditions somehow seemed to affect Shrewsbury far less than Ridley from about this point of the race. Shrewsbury romped home in style to a two and a quarter length victory. Thus was the Shrewsbury-Radley Friday rivalry propagated for the third consecutive year with the score at one-all from the previous two. In the event Radley were simply faster. To be heavier by almost a stone a man into a strong headwind has a certain ring to it! The crew valiantly raced and, in typical fashion, did not crack; typical also that the emotion after the race was highly coloured by the sense of having let down the coach simply through not winning, but Todd’s post-race talk was cathartic. Most of the departing U6 from this crew have raced in the first VIII at Henley for the last three years, never less than quarter-finalists. Todd has been an inspirational – and challenging – coach, and there have been some memorable victories over talented crews along the way. But this is an annual competition, and the remaining squad is forward looking and there is a job to do over the next year or so. We wish Athol Hundermark, the newly appointed coach, every success as he takes over in September. Athol joins us from Abingdon and he has coached Henley winners both last year and this!

## ***Todd Jesdale***

Although a fuller tribute will appear in the autumn edition of the Salopian, it is entirely apposite to reflect here on the huge influence Todd has had during the seven years of his tenure. Through his input the club remains squarely on the aquatic map with an impressive record: a Henley win, three semi-finals and the three quarter-finals; at the Schools’ Head three consecutive years of winning at both first and second eight level, and for the 1st VIII two further second places and two third places. At National Schools Regatta the collection of medals is similarly impressive, to say nothing of the other major Regattas on the circuit. Those who have been coached by him have been fortunate indeed; he fosters a champion’s mentality, and provides via his crews an inspiration for the younger generations, also coached to a high level. He takes with him our heartfelt thanks for his dedicated service to his athletes: we wish Natalie and Todd every possible happiness back home.



*10 Old Salopians competing at Henley. A long list (and please forgive any omissions or errors).*



Richard Hawley-Jones entered the Britannia Cup with Agecroft, and competitors in the Prince Albert Challenge Cup included Camilla Aylwin coxing Edinburgh University, Jack Lowrie for Durham University and Ben Spencer Jones for Imperial College. Ben reached the semi finals; he is also Captain of Boats at Imperial this year. The Temple Challenge Cup saw Chris Blake in a combined Pembroke College/Lady Margaret Hall crew while the Thames Challenge Cup saw three Salopians: Will Gray rowed for Upper Thames RC, Tim Perera for City of Bristol, and Will Robins for Thames RC. Will Robins was a finalist. Medal winners included Fred Gill, of Cambridge Blue Boat winning fame, rowing at stroke for Molesey and Oxford Brookes in the Visitor's Cup and Patrick Lapage of Harvard-Yale winning fame at stroke for the third consecutive year for Harvard University in the Ladies' Plate. Gill's crew was not seriously pushed, their smallest margin of win being two and a quarter lengths and their final won 'easily'. The same cannot be said of Lapage: it is of some note that this was his second Henley medal won with a margin of only one foot. Harvard came from over a length down at the mile-post to storm through the enclosures at a rating of 40, rising to 42 for the last 20 strokes (yet still somehow covering) to snatch the smallest of margins in the nick of time for a win over Leander. It was the fastest time of the day by 3 seconds. The crew unity under stress was fabulous. "Thank goodness he's got two feet now" was the text from a family friend: one of his races having been won on Bucks station and the other on Berks!



## *Footnote*

Proud parents, grandparents and family friends abound on the towpath throughout the year, perhaps nowhere more so than at Henley, and their support is utterly invaluable. Then, many families have good reason to celebrate when successive generations enjoy success. But in a transient and rather ephemeral way, the two strokes Sam and Patrick Lapage might be permitted a moment of pride in their 88 year old grandfather Mike; having last raced at Henley 64 years ago to a silver in the '48 Olympics he stroked Gloriana

down the whole course on the Sunday morning at a stately rating of 18, increasing to 20 through the enclosures, along with another '48er and a host of Olympic youngsters as crew. The row-past was co-ordinated by Henley Steward Chris Baillieu (Montreal '76 and Moscow '80), uncle to Patrick and Camilla Aylwin (both ex RSSBC top squad). But then, these traditions only start with one person who has an ambition....

*An article on the Regatta website quotes "you could barely move in the Stewards' Enclosure (on Sunday) without bumping into a (former) British Olympian" and some of them rowed the Royal barge Gloriana down the course that morning: [www.hrr.co.uk/feed/read.php?itemid=674](http://www.hrr.co.uk/feed/read.php?itemid=674).*



## Old Salopian Rowers of all ages at Henley 2012

Tuesday 3 July 2012



A large number of Salopians past and present, both rowing and supporting, were to be found at Henley Royal Regatta 2012 last week.

A full report by River Master, Philip Lapage can be read at <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/news/henley-2012-full-report> and more information and photos will be posted here as soon as possible.

*pictured (left) the 1982 row-past*





## DofE Work Experience at The Shewsy by Alice Leslie (MSH LVI)

Wednesday 4 July 2012

*Earlier this term, Alice spent four days working as a volunteer at Shrewsbury House ('The Shewsy'), as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Service to the Community.*

### Day One - Monday

On arriving at Liverpool Lime Street Station, I found myself amongst the early morning crowds and in completely unfamiliar surroundings. However, there wasn't time to waste and I soon jumped into a taxi to begin the two-minute journey to the suburbs, arriving at Shrewsbury House to find that there was no one there. The junior children sessions normally begin around 3pm and considering that it was 10.30 am, it looked like I was going to have a long wait!

Fortunately, I was staying in the hostel for the duration of my visit so one of the youth leaders arrived to let me in. The hostel was definitely an experience that I won't forget, mainly because it was my first taste of living independently. I had quite a shock when the time came to cook and prepare my own dinner, having been reliant on my mum cleaning and cooking for me all the time! It was great fun though; throughout the week I experimented with omelettes, pasta, and even curry. There were also two other people staying in the hostel while I was there, which was comforting to know.

While I was unpacking, Ryan arrived to show me around and tell me about the Shewsy. I was quite nervous at first but the feeling soon vanished as the other youth leaders and children arrived. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the children's play sessions every day and developing bonds with a whole range of children from diverse social backgrounds.

The senior sessions followed a similar but more relaxed structure and my first evening involved a trip to a local park as part of a photography project that some of the older club members were working on. The project provided any budding photographers with an opportunity to make the most of the local surroundings whilst doing what they enjoy, and it also offered a change of scenery for the other members of the club.

### Day Two – Tuesday

After a relatively small lie in I met John Dumbell, one of the youth workers, who had kindly agreed to allow me to attend an 'Every Child Matters' meeting with him. This involved numerous representatives from some of the local organisations, such as 'The Academy' and 'The Reader Organisation'. The aim was to address some of the challenges facing young people in this area of Liverpool and I found it very interesting to witness first hand some of the ways in which they are doing this. It was also extremely interesting to begin to develop an understanding of some of the challenges facing young people, such as the quality and availability of education and employment.

A basic lunch of ham, bread and Foxes party rings followed and then the junior sessions began around 2.30pm. Rooney, one of the younger members of the club and also a professional pool player, beat me in a game of pool and, despite my determined practice all week, I didn't win a single game! It was such a beautiful day too that the youth leaders decided to take the group

across to the park where we enjoyed a game of cricket. I had never played cricket before but this didn't stop Erin and me building up a good number of runs!

The day moved on into seniors session and I spent the evening answering many questions that the girls had about Shrewsbury School, whilst they told me about their life and schools in Liverpool too.

### **Day Three – Wednesday**

This morning I caught the bus into the city centre with Eva, a student from Germany who was volunteering at the Shewsy. We wandered around in the glorious sunshine looking at the bombed-out church, Liverpool Anglican cathedral and the Catholic cathedral before grabbing a quick but delicious lunch at Zizzi's and finishing with a stroll around the Albert Dock. I had a lovely morning and it would be no exaggeration to say that Liverpool is absolutely buzzing with its own culture and individuality. My first experience of the city definitely made me want to visit again!

We got back in time for the junior session and by Wednesday I was familiar with many of the children. Now came the difficult part; my 'initiation'. I had to sing a song in front of EVERYONE. I eventually sang American Pie very badly although, once the chorus started everyone joined in and in retrospect, it was definitely one of the highlights of my week.

The surprises didn't stop here and in the evening Dave decided to take a group of us to watch a Football Match between Everton ladies and Liverpool ladies. It was my first football match and an exciting experience, as well as slightly unexpected!

### **Day Four – Thursday**

Today was my last day in the club but it was still as packed as the rest of the week had been. Eva went home and I had a lie in, since there was little to do before 3pm. I spent the junior session modelling a garden out of clay with Erin and playing tag with some of the younger ones. I even replaced Dean in goal in the courtyard however; I soon gave up on this when I let in practically every ball that the boys kicked towards me!

Once all of the younger members had left, John volunteered to take me up to 'the view', the highest point in Everton and a sight that everyone had consistently said that I had to see. It was definitely worth it; the view was incredible, with the whole city stretched out around me. Despite John's diet, we couldn't resist traditional Liverpudlian fish and chips on the way home. My request for ketchup seemed to attract some odd looks and when I offered to share my chips back at the Shewsy, they were rejected!

After dinner I went back to my room to pack up some of my things in time for the Seniors session. Duffy was giving a presentation on a trip to Malawi that he went on last January, and it was useful to hear about some of the things that I might encounter when I go to Malawi with school this July, in aid of the charity Medic Malawi. Duffy was extremely positive about the expedition and the challenges that he had faced. His presentation inspired some of the older members into thinking about taking a similar trip and it was encouraging to see the effect that he had.

The time came to say goodbye and thank you and I headed back to my room. It was going to be an early start the next day to catch my train back to Shrewsbury and I was exhausted. Nevertheless, this week helped me to learn how to communicate and interact with new people,



both children and adults, and I thank everyone at the Shewsy for not only providing me with accommodation, but for making my stay so enjoyable. I had a fantastic time and felt welcome from the moment I arrived. I would be delighted to visit again and think that it is extremely important that we preserve the link that Shrewsbury School is so privileged to share with Shrewsbury House, and continue offering any support or fundraising for the club that we can.



## French Society organises a mock trial ('moot')

Wednesday 4 July 2012

The French Society organised a mock trial in Ingram's in front of a small audience in Ingram's last week. The event is technically known as a 'moot', when Law students argue a hypothetical case as an exercise and as practised by Law students in some English universities, but not (yet) in France.

The moot was organised by Daniel Ithurbisque, Bordeaux Fellow, who has completed two years of a Master's degree in Law at Bordeaux University. The case was based on a real French one, and was role played in French according to the French Code Pénal - though the eventual verdict was Salopian!

## Support Staff help to raise £650 through 'Race for Life'

Wednesday 4 July 2012

Two of our support staff, Vicky Floyd and Sara Astley, took part in the Shrewsbury 5k 'Race for Life' last month. Along with Sara's step-daughter, the three of them have raised over £650 for Cancer Research UK.

Vicky is a cancer survivor herself, and Sara's mother - who is also a great friend of Vicky's - is currently undergoing chemotherapy.





## Bumps 2012: Round 1

Wednesday 4 July 2012

Despite fears that the river may be too high, the 144th running of the Bumping Races went ahead as planned.

In their first year, both Emma Darwin boats bumped up. School House bumped Severn Hill in division 3 and 2, but failed to finish off their hat-trick in division 1 when both houses rowed over.

Racing starts at 2:15pm on Thursday. Please see the latest [Bumps Chart and Programme](#).

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

### Division 1

O bpd Rt  
PH bpd G

### Division 2

I bpd M  
SH bpd S  
Rb bpd PH  
EDH bpd MSH

### Division 3

PH bpd Rt  
O bpd M  
SH bpd S  
EDH bpd MSH

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# KH refurbishment plans over the summer holidays

Wednesday 4 July 2012

Over the summer holidays, Holroyd Howe will be busy refurbishing the Kingsland Hall servery areas, which will be virtually unrecognisable by the start of the Michaelmas Term.

*"More importantly, there will be even more great choices of food available (amongst the choices will be your favourites, of course) but keep your eyes out for some new dishes that we are sure you will be impressed by..."*



## Bumps 2012: Round 2

Thursday 5 July 2012

There were a few contentious incidents on day 2 which required the (often unheralded) impartial committee to step into the breach. Four crews managed to bump up for the second day running: PH I, EDH I, O III and SH III - can they make it four out of four on Friday?

Please see the latest [Bumps Chart, and programme for Friday](#)

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

### **Division 1**

S bpd Rt

PH bpd Rb

I bpd G

### **Division 2**

Rt bpd M

EDH bpd G

### **Division 3**

O bpd Rt

SH bpd Rb

I bpd S





## Cricket: Fifth former appointed to score for the England Disabilities team

Thursday 5 July 2012

First XI scorer Toby Harvey-Scholes (R 5) has been appointed by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to score for the England Disabilities team in a two day tournament at Malvern over the weekend.

Toby has been scoring for the First XI for two seasons and moved from using the traditional paper score book to scoring electronically using an iPad this season. After experimenting with the ECB approved systems of Total Cricket Scorer and CricHQ, he decided to use a system called nxCricketHD. Some of our school coaches have been using this system too, on handheld devices such as iPhones while they have been umpiring their teams. The First XI have been using nxCricketHD as an analysis tool to improve their performances in a highly successful season.

This came to the notice of Peter Mitchell, one of our regular umpires at Shrewsbury, who is also Deputy Chair of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials. He arranged for their CEO Nick Cousins to visit the Silk Trophy earlier in the week and he was so impressed with Toby and the application, he appointed Toby to the game on the spot. As a result of the meeting Toby and school cricket analyst Rob Morris had with Nick Cousins, the ECB ACO hope to develop nxCricket and use this in place of their preferred products in the near future.

The ECB ACO has a policy in place to appoint young officials to learn from more seasoned officials and hopefully we will see Toby appointed to even higher profile games in the future.

*RHM*



# A Week in the Life of Will Angell-James (R V)

Thursday 5 July 2012

*Will is the youngest member of our current 1st VIII crew; his Week in the Life article covers the week that he was at Henley competing, for the first time, in the prestigious Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup.*

As a fifth former, I was the youngest person in the crew. It wasn't my first experience in the 1st 8, or at Henley, as I was in the 1st 8 earlier in the year but got really ill, so I couldn't train. I also went to Henley in the second 8 last year (as a 4th former) to try and qualify for Henley, unfortunately we lost out to some better university crews. Thankfully though, I had another 3 years of going to Henley and last year (although it was a great experience) wasn't the real Henley, it wasn't the real deal of racing side-by-side against crews from all around the world.

When Todd asked me if I wanted to row in the boat for Henley this year, I had very mixed feelings. Obviously nervousness was the predominant feeling but I did feel slightly guilty for Judah Rand, of whom I had taken his seat. A sense of confusion overwhelmed me as Todd subbed me in 2 weeks before Henley, but anyhow, Todd was the coach and I respected every one of his decisions...I also had to give up some of my half-term to train. Although Henley was 2 weeks away, it went very quickly.

## Monday 25th June

*2 days to go*

By the time we got to Henley I felt the crew had accepted me as one of their own - I wasn't their 'toad' or the 'fifth former that did everything for them - a word beginning with 'B' and ending with 'itch' probably wasn't the best way of describing my contribution to the crew. After all, I did know them all vaguely well after our tour to America in the Easter and after the 2 weeks training. There were also 4 Riggites in the crew! After a week which sped by, Monday seemed to go really slowly. I'm not sure if it was because I was nervous about the race against Monmouth on Wednesday, or because I was thinking about how badly our 500 metre piece went in the morning. Our start was slow and we really needed to sort it out. Fortunately, we had a chance to correct things in the afternoon and we felt a lot more confident by the end of the day. Some of Paul's friends very kindly agreed to host the entire crew in their house! They also cooked breakfast for us every morning. You can imagine how many pieces of toast were eaten!

After a hard day's rowing, we watched Due Date and went to bed. We all slept in the same room, in a barn; unfortunately all the decent beds had been shotgunned by the time I reached the room, so I had to sleep on the camp-bed on the floor, but I didn't mind - it was comfier than some of the other beds. As I crawled into bed, it occurred to me, we will be in the faster lane (depending on the rise of the river and indirectly the rain). This seemed very promising as the chances of having such a lucky draw was 1/36! I assured myself that the crew wouldn't mind if I did a little rain dance to further increase our advantage...

## Tuesday 26th June

*1 day to go*

Fortunately, we were doing a 'swing and pop' outing, which in simple terms, means an easy paddle the day before a race. I was knackered so I had a snooze after lunch, after which I felt



equally as tired! I hadn't really thought about tomorrow's race since yesterday. I was trying to keep the nerves at bay. Although I had discovered that Hampton had to sleep on mattresses in the church hall, which made me appreciate my bed on the floor a bit more!

By the afternoon, I had stocked up on raisins (apparently they're a good food to eat before a race) and I was buzzing for the race tomorrow against Monmouth. As we weren't a selected crew, the stewards wouldn't have been surprised if we lost to Monmouth, but we would be, so the pressure had mounted. Monmouth got a significantly better time than us at National Schools and they came second in their division; we didn't get to the final in ours. As we were driving to supper through the rain (thanks to my rain dance!) Rupert Chitty, who sits at 7 seat, joked about losing to Monmouth and how embarrassing it would be, everybody in the bus laughed...I just twiddled my thumbs.

## **Wednesday 27th June**

### *Race day!*

I woke abruptly, after dreaming that our boat sank while we raced Monmouth. Debbie Poston made us a cooked breakfast and wished us luck. We left calmly and quietly. The bus on the way to the course was silent. It was so silent that I could even hear Paul's heavy, nervous breathing. So I plugged in my headphones, not knowing how to prepare and listened to Jack Johnson sing his reggae/country tunes. I hoped it would calm my nerves. Sipping water helped. I thought to myself, I am about to race in the most prestigious, well-known regatta in the world and I had plans to do well.

When we arrived at the boat tent, we all sat down inside to rest, unsure of the outcome of the race. It was cloudy but not too cold; perfect weather for rowing in. The river had risen as well, so our advantage had been extended. Some 40 minutes later, we had had our final loo break and gathered by the boathouse. Todd came to greet us, he smelled distinctly of coffee and stress, although I didn't know he liked coffee. He called us in a group and looked at each and every one of us and said 'Guys, you need to row hard.' Those words will stay with me for a while. There were loads of people I recognised waiting to see us boat, loads of teachers, parents and friends had gathered and I didn't want to disappoint them. I knew my parents were among the crowd somewhere but I didn't dare think about them. Eventually Todd told us to boat...

This was it, my first race at Henley and I was ridiculously nervous. Most of the crew reassured me. I caught sight of Sophie Walker (our cox) who looked like she was shaking; it was her first race at Henley but she knew the course pretty well as we had been training there for the past few days. Some good licks were dished by some people as we boated. Most of the crew just ignored them, as if they weren't there. I tried to do the same.

The wait at the start was gruelling. We had had our warm-up and were ready to race. Eventually a massive crew pulled up next to us and unfortunately, it said 'Monmouth' on their boat 'Size means nothing,' I kept telling myself, but deep down I knew it helped. Sophie called 'heads in' in a shaky voice. Handshakes were exchanged down the boat and we sat ready. All the nerves had gone, I was ready to race and get a victory under my belt. There were loads of people at the start, glaring at us or casually glancing at their Henley programme. The umpire rolled up behind us and called, 'sit ready please.' This was it.

Monmouth had a fast start, they pulled away to about half a length by the 500 mark, then they slowly died, one by one, we broke each of their crew member until we were a length up by the 1000m mark. We held them up until the stewards enclosure where, what seemed like hundreds of voices, were yelling 'come on Shrewsbury.' I couldn't hear any Monmouth cheerers, I just



assumed they were hiding their heads behind their programmes or shuffling back to the Pimms bar. We had won by a length. I just fell backwards on Max Kimpton-Smith's feet, and which he urged me to sit up. A paramedic in one of the boats asked me to sit up as well. Apparently lying down can make you become unconscious. I guess I should have known that before all my other races! There were cheers as we boated and our stroke (Sam Lapage) turned round and said something like 'that's how we race.' – (I can really remember what he said). Keith was there to greet us at the pontoons and dragged our boat in. He congratulated us and everybody cheered as we got the boat out. I knew we had done OK by then. After we had put the boat away, we went to shake Monmouth's hands - it was hard to believe we had beaten such a big crew. Our crew went to see the parents and teachers, I just went to sit for a while in the bay and stare into space.

I later learned that my dad was in the umpire's boat behind us watching the race. Thank God I didn't know that before the race. I spent the rest of the day sleeping, paddling or absent-mindedly wandering the boat tents. I didn't want to think about tomorrow's race.

## **Thursday 28th June**

It was sunny today. Our race was at 4:05, which meant we had to spend the day focusing on the race and getting increasingly more nervous as the minutes when by. At 2:00 we went to sit by 'the big tree' and chill. We just sat and sipped water. We were racing Ridley College from Canada, they were Canadian National champions. I remember thinking to myself, 'we can't lose to a crew that aren't even real Americans.' I was definitely more prepared for this race, as I knew how it all worked. As we boated and were putting our blades in, Todd came round to me and patted me on the back, 'Will', he said, 'row like a maniac!'

I can't remember going up to the start but I do remember that every time the umpire started to say something, Sophie kept getting straight and making the umpire restart what he was saying; this did make me chuckle to myself. It was also unintentionally annoying Ridley who were losing their focus. Finally Sophie was straight and the umpire started us. They took the best part of a length of us at the start, but we hadn't done our glide yet; it ripped seats off of them, Sophie was yelling at us to push harder. By the 500m mark, we had half the crew, Sophie called a ten and we gained more seats, 'I have their 5 seat, give me their 4 seat! I have their 4 seat, I have their 3 seat, 2 seat, I've got their bow!' Sophie screamed at us. We just kept gaining seats and eventually seats turned into lengths. With 500 to go, I saw them make a push and I panicked slightly, but Sophie was on the ball and pulled a ten to push off them again. We won by 2 and a quarter lengths.

The Ridley guys were actually really good lads; they wished us good luck against Radley tomorrow. Their coach also came to shake our hands. As I went to see Todd, he called it a near-perfect race and I was pleased. Phil (Lapage) told me 'we made a selected crew look like novices'. The stewards must have been surprised after we beat them, because we weren't selected; we were theoretically supposed to lose; we were the underdogs. Random people (supposedly from Shrewsbury) came to shake my hand and congratulate me, which I appreciated, but it was a bit weird. We paddled at 8:00pm and there weren't any boats out; which made for a really serene outing. When we got in, ready to go to supper, Todd had hit his head on one of the boats but he seemed more concerned about the boat than about his bleeding head. Natalie rushed him off to hospital.

## **Friday 29th June**

Radley. Arch enemies since the Jurassic period. We had drawn against them on the Friday 3 years in a row now. In 2010, we lost and in 2011 we won. So this was the decider, it was all up for grabs here. I had never seen such a big crowd of people; Old Salopians came over to greet us



and wish us good luck, they also all commented on the disgusting school food at Henley. There weren't as many boats in the tent, many crews had already been sent home.

I made a prayer before the race, unfortunately, it was to no use. Radley beat us by 2 lengths; they were simply the better crew. Their start was faster than ours, their finish was faster than ours. Although we rowed a good race, they still beat us. The problem is, they always seem to peak at Henley. They beat us at the Nationals by 0.01 seconds. So we really thought we could beat them.

### **Saturday 30th June**

We had learned yesterday that Todd believed if we beat Radley, we could have won. I trusted Todd's decision. I believed every crew member did what they had to, but it wasn't enough to beat Radley. We went home empty handed. I tried not to get too caught up in the boats' emotions as they were all mainly upset because that was the last time they'd ever row as a crew again. 6 crew members are leaving school. I'm staying, so is Harry Lonergan and Max Kimpton-Smith. We had a barbeque in the evening with our hosts and said goodbye to Todd. Some parents came for a jolly evening of drink.

### **Sunday 1st July**

As a new month, it was like a new start was ready for me next year. After all, I still had another 2 shots at achieving the esteemed Henley title. I spent most of Sunday in my pyjamas, glad to be home. We had spent 3 weeks training for Henley, so I think I needed a day just to do nothing. As a wise man once said; 'There's always a tomorrow.' I'm looking forward to next year...

## Sounds of Summer 2012: Open Air Concert raises over £500

Thursday 5 July 2012



The universal view on last night's pop concert was that it was one of the best in recent times. The concert is almost entirely pupil-led - not only are all the performers students, but so are all the sound/lighting/technical crew. The programme is put together and publicised by the pupils, and it is entirely down to them to rehearse and organise themselves for the evening.

The rain was threatening, and the ground somewhat soggy, but the one brief (but heavy) downpour did little to dampen spirits. The crowd were all good humoured, and more numerous than last year - word is getting round!

As in previous years, performances were from pupils across the year groups. Sam Morris (G 5), Tom Lloyd (Rt 5) and Ed Shawe-Taylor (O 5) warmed the crowd up, Will Hargreaves (SH 4) and Julian Chesshire (SH 3) showed that there is talent to look forward to in future years, and Daisy McConnell and Sienna Holmes (both EDH L6) showed how much talent this year's Sixth Form intake has. Ali Webb (S L6) was typically superb, and Charlie Straw (S U6) 'got the crowd pulsating' - according to Mr. Bell. A great way to go out!

The performances were all strong, and the sound quality was undoubtedly the best yet.

Pupils were going round with buckets, collecting for their chosen charity, Motor Neurone Disease Association, and they were given over £500 in total.



# School Officers 2012-2013

Friday 6 July 2012

The following appointments have been made:

**Head of School:**

M.J. Kimpton-Smith (O)

**Deputy Heads of School:**

E.G. Hodgson (EDH)

C.E. Farquhar (S)

A.Y.M. Norman (R)

**Praepostors:**

A.A. Angpanitcharoen (Ch)

S.J. Ansloos (G)

H.N. Bromley-Davenport (SH)

G.C. Bustin (EDH)

E.D.G. Chapman (M)

R.M.J. Cross (S)

M.J.E. Davies (M)

J.S.S. Doyle (SH)

A.E. Fisher (PH)

P.J.H. Gadsden (Ch)

B.M. Gould (G)

W.J. Heyes (Ch)

S.I. Holmes (EDH)

R.A. Home (MSH)

J.R. Humpish (SH)

C.L.I. Knight (MSH)

E.J.B. Lloyd (Rt)

E.J. Mallett (S)

A.R. Paul (MSH)

E.J. Pollock (I)

A.B. Richards (SH)

A.C. Webb (S)

M.E. Whittingham (MSH)

G.D. Williams (Rb)



# Bumps 2012: Final rounds dominated by Rigg's

Friday 6 July 2012



*Rigg's I - Head of the River 2012*

The weather forecast turned out to be correct – torrential rain – which unfortunately caused the disruption elsewhere is the speech day programme. It may be an overused phrase, but at the river it was a case of “Keep Calm, and Carry On”... (looking at the volume of water flowing into the river, this would not have been the case tomorrow!).

The headline of the day was the domination of Rigg's Hall (again!). Head of all three divisions, winners of the 1st Bumpers Cup, winners of the Leadbitter Cup (by 100 points over 2nd placed Oldham's); they add these titles to: winners of the Senior Challenge Sculls, winners of the Hope Simpson Ergo Champs, winners of Senior House IVs, and last by no means least, 4 seats in the 1st VIII at the Schools' Head, National Schools' and Henley.

Elsewhere, Port Hill I were the only crew to bump in every race. Emma Darwin I and II both finished above boys houses. Oldham's I finished 3rd after being bottom only 3 years ago.

Please see the [2012 Bumpers Results](#).

In the all important Staff-Postors race, the Common Room VIII won by 1½ lengths.

After racing was complete the Headmaster presented the following prizes:

Head of Division 3 medals - Rigg's

Head of Division 2 medals - Rigg's

Head of Division 1 medals and Head of the River trophy - Rigg's

4th Bumpers Cup - Ingram's

3rd Bumpers Cup - School House

2nd Bumpers Cup - Oldham's

1st Bumpers Cup - Rigg's

Birt Trophy - Emma Darwin

Leadbitter Cup - Rigg's

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## 5th Former reaches English Schools 100m final at Gateshead

Saturday 7 July 2012



Fifth former Chike Kandi reached the English Schools 100m Final today and finished 6th in a time of 11.03 seconds. Chike qualified through two rounds of heats for the final, and just missed out on breaking that elusive 11 second barrier clocking times of 11.06, 11.13 and 11.03 respectively.

Chike qualified for the English Schools Finals by winning the Shropshire Schools Intermediate Boys title two weeks ago, and in doing so, broke a 41 year old 100m record, running 11 seconds flat.

Chike now leaves Shrewsbury School to embark upon an academy contract with Chelsea FC - we wish him all the very best for the future.



# The War of the Classicists: Rory Fraser (Ch V) reviews the Classics faculty lecture by Dr Andy Reyes

Saturday 7 July 2012

It was a dark and stormy night – as it often happens to be on the event of the lecture of the term. All manner of classics enthusiasts and scholars alike gathered for Dr Andy Reyes' lecture on Vergil and Friends. The Moser Library was awash with chatter and academic adrenaline when Mr Sheppe took to the floor, and hushed the assembled company with a majestic sweep of his Herringbone clad arm.

'May I have the pleasure of introducing to you my esteemed friend Dr Andy Reyes', he said (Whom I no doubt believe got up to all sorts of no good with Mr Sheppe at Harvard.)

Dr Reyes teaches at the celebrated Groton School in Massachusetts by day, and is a University lecturer and author by night i.e. – he knows his stuff! The lecture was about the different ways of translating Vergil's Aeneid ; (which was the principle source of inspiration for the Lord of the Rings but written before the birth of Christ). He explained how the 18th century classicists known as Ciceronians translated the Aeneid in a grand and oratorical way fit for the Senate. This is only further exemplified by vast paintings of these Heroes in great cloaks of satin, and the frosted ceilings of the Vatican by Raphael. However Dr Reyes led on to explain that there is an alternative method of translation.

By contrast Dr Reyes characterised Tolkien and his club of fellow language scholars, the Inklings, (including C.S Lewis the author of Narnia) as Medievalists. The Inklings were a sort of secret society; comprising donnish figures that cycled around the vaulted quods of Oxford in the thirties, searching for the true meaning from behind these ancient texts. These Medievalists believed in translating The Aeneid much more like a poem, or bringing out its poetic qualities. They did not believe that all Latin was pompous and written for the senate; but could simultaneously express something more down to earth and humane, yet with the grandeur of the classical Gods. He illustrated this to us from Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts where little characters – the same ones which loom over one in the Vatican - scurried across the pages, hiding in caves in the midst of their great adventures. He described how Tolkien's translation of the Aeneid was simply found like buried treasure in a pile of paperwork that was about to be thrown away– the key to a new classical universe!

What I found so interesting, was that the great classical figures wrote these works (as it is so easy to forget) in Latin. These can then be translated even by our most competent academics completely differently. Yet these works have had such a monumental impact on the world today. It makes you wonder, if there is no real definitive translation of the great ancient texts (which are in so many cases, the keys to the classical past), what do we actually know of the Romans or ancient civilisation?

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## Oldham's: House Tennis Winners 2012

Monday 9 July 2012



*House Tennis winners 2012, Oldham's, L-R Ned Hall, Ollie Pumphrey, Harry Yeoward (c), Michael Cheung*



## Sports news in brief from the summer holidays

Monday 9 July 2012

*A summary of some of the headline news that has been coming in over the holidays:*

### **Cricket**

OS Jimmy Taylor (R 2003-2008) represented England's test XI for the first time during the South African test series in August.

Ruaidhri Smith (Rt 2010-2012) represented Scotland at the U19 Cricket World Cup in Australia and was equal fourth highest wicket taker (with 12 wickets): [www.iccu19cricketworldcup.com/stats](http://www.iccu19cricketworldcup.com/stats)

Stephen Leach (M 2007-2012) scored a stunning 178 in a 2nd XI match for Worcestershire CC vs Gloucestershire two weeks ago: [www.wccc.co.uk/news/2nd-xi-friendly-report-v-gloucestershire](http://www.wccc.co.uk/news/2nd-xi-friendly-report-v-gloucestershire).

Joe Leach (M 2004-2009) and David Lloyd (G 2008-2010) made debuts in the County Championships for Worcestershire and Glamorgan respectively.

The Old Salopian cricket team 'The Saracens' won the Cricketer Cup, with a team that included three of last term's 1st XI members -Stephen Leach (M), Henry Lewis (I) and Alasdair Pollock (I). The full report is in the eNewsletter.

### **Pre-season summer tours**

Many pupils enjoyed pre-season tours immediately prior to term, which included a girls' netball and hockey tour to Spain (report to follow), and a boys' football tour to Portugal for the 1st XI and U15 XI squads (report below). Both tours were exceptionally successful with fixtures of a high and competitive quality which we hope will stand all these squads in excellent stead for their respective seasons.

### **Rowing**

Harry Lonergan (O UVI) and Tommy Marshall (SH 2007-2012) both represented GB at the World Rowing Championships in August, as did OS Patrick Lapage (R 2003-2008). The full report of their successes is in the eNewsletter.

## Speech Day arrival: Ruairi Kealy

Tuesday 10 July 2012

We were delighted to hear that Ruairi Thomas James Kealy was born on Speech Day - Saturday 7th July 2012 - weighing in at a healthy 8lb 14oz.

Many congratulations to his parents, Colm and Lucy.





## Donald Wright - Headmaster from 1963 - 1975 has died, aged 89

Friday 13 July 2012



It is with regret that the Salopian Club announces the news of the death of Donald Wright, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School from 1963 – 1975. He died on 10 July, 2012 at the age of 89 years.

The funeral will take place at Edington Priory, Monastery Road, Edington, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13

4QJ <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/edington-priory-church-wiltshire/> on Tuesday 17 July at 2.30 pm.

Mr Wright's family has asked that people do not send flowers but donations to Shrewsbury House would be welcome.

If you wish to write a letter of condolence, please send it to:

Mrs Helen Wright

c/o The Salopian Club  
The Schools  
Shrewsbury SY3 7BA

and it will be forwarded to the family.

Funeral Directors: Arthur W Mays, 52 Warminster Rd, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3PF, Tel: 01373 822764

*Pictured: Donald Wright during his time as Headmaster with Christopher Prentice, CMG (SH 1967-72). Christopher Prentice is currently the UK Ambassador to Italy*



## RSSBC: Two boys selected to row for GB in Bulgaria

Friday 13 July 2012

After five days of trials at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham in July, Harry Lonergan (LVI O) and Tom Marshall (UVI SH) were both selected to represent Great Britain at the World Rowing Championships in Bulgaria from 13th to 19th August 2012. This also involved taking part in a training camp at Caversham, the GB training lake.

It is expected that Harry will be in the top GB boat, probably a 4, whilst Tom could in the the 8.

Only 14 boys in the UK have been selected to represent their country at this event, so huge congratulations to both on attaining the pinnacle of School boy rowing.

They both now proceed for a month's training camp at the GB training lake at Caversham, I presume they will be mixing with a few Olympians at that venue.

Good luck to both, here's hoping they come back with a medal!

*P Manser*



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# Mighty Old Malvernians no match for the Saracens!

Monday 16 July 2012



Cricketer Cup 3rd Round - Sunday 15 June

2010 and 2011 champions, the Old Malvernians were All Out for 103 and the Saracens 'knocked them off' for the loss of 3 wickets.

The semi-final will be played at Shrewsbury on **Sunday 29 July v Bradfield Waifs**. More details to follow and

at <http://www.thecricketercup.org.uk/>

All supporters and spectators very welcome!

*Pictured: James Kidson, Saracens' spin bowler in action against Whitgift Mitres in Round 2*



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## **Wells Dinner and visit to Wells Cathedral - DATE CHANGE T.B.A.**

Wednesday 18 July 2012

After the Salopian magazine went to press, the organiser discovered that Wells Cathedral closes early during the winter months which meant that the planned timings for the dinner on Friday 23 November would not work very well.

The organiser and the Club office are currently working to resolve the problem but the dinner may have to be postponed.

As soon as a new date is settled this will be conveyed to Old Salopians via this site, Facebook, the Director's e-bulletin and by invitation to Old Salopians living in the South West region.

We apologise for any inconvenience.



## New scholarship launched in memory of former pupil

Thursday 19 July 2012

*A new Scholarship Award has been launched in memory of former pupil Alex Wilson (Rb 2003-2008), who died in a tragic accident three years ago, aged just 19.*

The Alex Wilson Scholarship aims to give a boy from one of the local maintained schools, the chance to benefit from our educational and sporting facilities in the Sixth Form. The award goes live in September 2013, with interested candidates taking part in our Sixth Form assessment weekend the previous November.

The award has been set up thanks to the fund raising efforts of the family and friends of Alex. His brother, Henry, has been the driving force behind the initiative, together with his parents.

“Alex attended Shrewsbury between 2003 and 2008 and he flourished both in the classroom and on the sports field, representing the school at football, cricket and rugby and going on to a top university,” said Henry.

“In Alex's short life, school was where he spent his happiest days, so I thought that this would be good place to start in terms of a memorial. This is a great opportunity offering a boy those opportunities that Alex had and took, and as a result achieved what he did in a very short space of time.

“This scholarship, which goes live in September 2013, will be offered to a 'Shropshire lad' who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford the school fees. This will give another boy the chance to build a really strong foundation for future success and will mean that Alex's legacy lives on.”

Candidates should be state educated with three A and three B grades at GCSE and should be able to attain first team standard of two sports, preferably football, rugby or cricket, and to excel in one of these.



## Oldham's Rowing 2012

Monday 23 July 2012



*Oldham's Rowing: Bumps 2012 - 2nd overall, Leadbitter Cup - 2nd*

Bumps I F.C. Fullerton (c), M. J. Kimpton-Smith (s), H.C-G.E. Haynes, C.A.N. Randall, C.R.

Clarke Bumps II T.L.L. Koch de Gooreynd (c) J.C. Eardley (s), H.J.C. Crawford, C.A.J.

Duckworth, D Lesnevskiy Bumps III A.C.F. Koch de Gooreynd (c) G.R.C. Hunter (s), A.R.W.

Gordon Banks, G.N.A. Lechmere, G.F.J. Young Rope & poles: J.E.I. Robertson, H.J.

Foden

## U11s Cricket Festivals: Day 1 Results

Tuesday 24 July 2012

*Group A*

<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>28</b>
Northamptonshire	27
Grange CC	10
Herefordshire	8

*Group B*

<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>30</b>
Derbyshire	27
Berkshire	4
Shropshire	4



# U11s Cricket Festivals: Day 2 Results & Scorecards

Tuesday 24 July 2012

## *Group A*

<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>54</b>
Staffordshire	37
Grange CC	34
Herefordshire	19

## *Group B*

<b>Berkshire</b>	<b>50</b>
Derbyshire	41
Huntingdonshire	36
Shropshire	14

## *Scorecards:*

- [Derbyshire v Berkshire](#)
- [Grange v Herefordshire](#)
- [Shropshire v Huntingdonshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Northamptonshire](#)



# U11s Cricket Festival: Day 3 Results & Scorecards

Wednesday 25 July 2012

## *Group A*

<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>81</b>
Staffordshire	66
Grange CC	44
Herefordshire	29

## *Group B*

<b>Berkshire</b>	<b>76</b>
Derbyshire	69
Huntingdonshire	41
Shropshire	21

## *Scorecards:*

- [Berkshire v Shropshire](#)
- [Grange v Northamptonshire](#)
- [Huntingdonshire v Derbyshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Herefordshire](#)

Shrewsbury

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# Shrewsbury Saracens - Semi Final of Cricketer Cup at Shrewsbury this Sunday 29 July

Thursday 26 July 2012

The side has been announced for the Saracens' semi-final match against Bradfield Waifs this Sunday, 29 July.

Alex Blofield  
Ben Chapman  
Ben Williams  
Jack Brydon  
James Kidson  
Joe Leach  
Michael Barnard  
Scott Corbett  
Steve Barnard  
Steve Leach  
Tom Cox \*

The match will start at 11.30am, visitors and supporters will be most welcome.

Weather: in the event of poor weather, please phone either Paul Nichols (07710 132 770) or Tom Cox (07786 587 425) for information.

For a report on the Saracens quarter final match against former champions, The Old Malvernians, please click [here](#).

## U11s Cricket Festivals: Day 4 Scorecards

Thursday 26 July 2012

Please see the scorecards below for Day 4 of the U11s County Cricket Festival:

[Derbyshire vs Shropshire](#)

[Grange CC v Derbyshire](#)

[Grange CC v Staffordshire](#)

[Herefordshire v Berkshire](#)

[Huntingdonshire v Herefordshire](#)

[Northamptonshire v Berkshire](#)

[Staffordshire v Shropshire](#)





## Shrewsbury School CCF Biennial Report successes

Thursday 26 July 2012

Every two years all CCF's are inspected by a senior officer appointed by one of the three services. Over previous years Shrewsbury School CCF has earned some glowing reports from these Inspecting Officers. Biennial Inspections allow the CCF to show off its talent and give the Inspecting VIP a flavour of what the CCF is mandated to do. The CCF charter states that *'its broad function is to provide a disciplined organisation so that cadets may develop leadership, self reliance, resourcefulness and a sense of service to the community. It is firmly believed that the self discipline required in service life is equally important in the civil life of the nation today.'*

Comments from some recent reports include:

*'Shrewsbury School CCF is an excellent Contingent that thrives on producing the very best...it has once again surpassed itself as being one of the best CCF's in the Brigade'* (Captain S Huyton SO3 G7 Cadets HQ 143 WM Brigade. 2012 Biennial Report)

*'Shrewsbury CCF is in rude health. Well run by the staff, well attended and enjoyed by the cadets and very well supported by the Headmaster and the wider school. Lt Colonel Nick David's over-riding theme of the cadet experience is that it should be fun and this permeates throughout'* (Lieutenant Colonel Robin Forster RM. 2012 Biennial Report)

*'The review allowed me to witness an extremely well run, well supported, well resourced, enthusiastic and efficient CCF that is providing exactly the leadership and development opportunities for which it is mandated. The enthusiasm and professionalism of the cadets was a reflection on the excellence of the staff. I have conducted a number of cadet visits and this CCF is one of the most impressive I have seen.'* (Lieutenant Colonel Guy Chambers, JRLO, HQ 143 WM Brigade. 2010 Biennial Report)

Please also see the full report on the [2012 Inspection and Field Day](#).



# U11s Cricket Festivals: Awards, Finishing Places and Day 5 Scorecards

Friday 27 July 2012

## English Schools Cricket Association U11 Cricket Festival 2012 at Shrewsbury School

### *League Table*

1st Place	Northamptonshire
2nd Place	Berkshire
3rd Place	Staffordshire
4th Place	Derbyshire
5th Place	Grange CC
6th Place	Huntingdonshire
7th Place	Herefordshire
8th Place	Shropshire

### *Awards*

Year	Award	Under 11
2012	Festival Winners	Northamptonshire
	Twenty20 Winners: Group A Group B	Grange CC Northamptonshire
	Spirit Of Cricket Award	Derbyshire
	Batting Award	James Harris (Berkshire) – 236 runs
	Bowling Award	Jack Hobbs (Northants) 9 Wickets Luke Tulacz (Herefordshire) 9 Wickets Azaan Afzal (Derbyshire) 9 Wickets
	Fielding Award	Tom Swift (Staffordshire)
	Wicket Keeping Award	Joe Newnham (Derbyshire)

# U12s Cricket Festival: Day 1 Scorecards

Monday 30 July 2012

Please see the scorecards below for Day 1 of the U12s County Cricket Festival at Shrewsbury School:

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



## Rigg's News: June / July 2012

Tuesday 31 July 2012

With the exam season in full swing, the house felt rather quiet for much of the second half of term, particularly with a good number of the U6th away at home for this period. Nevertheless, as ever, Salopian life continued at a frenetic pace, with Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, a Fourth Form Field Day, a Sunday afternoon paintballing trip, a careers morning for the Third Form (yes, already!) and the annual Challenge of Management conference for the Lower Sixth (during which, one of the boys returned saying his group's 'pitch' had involved him wearing a bra- I didn't ask...)

In House, painters George and Phil were pulled out of Rigg's for the final few weeks in order that all the bollards and fences around the school site were looking suitably impressive and shiny for all the parents arriving on Speech Day- I hope that you found the standard of bollards coloration to your satisfaction... Nevertheless, they will be back to finish off their good work later in the holidays, and I am sure you will agree that the place already has a lighter and brighter feel to it. As I write, the new carpets are also being put down, so the place should look pretty plush by the time the boys return!

We were also fortunate to have received a generous donation from Old Riggite's following the 150th celebrations last year. With this money we were able to purchase a very handsome antique mahogany cabinet for the library in which we hope to house Rigg's memorabilia, and in particular Riggite literature. Thus far, much of the latter is the collected works of Michael Palin, but I am hoping that it will inspire future Riggite's to get themselves published at a future date and find their work immortalised in the house library!

### House Sport

The summer term is, of course, a busy one as far as sport is concerned, though initially the weather took its toll on our cricketers, with much of Top Common under water for the early part of the term. I remember reading somewhere about an occasion in 1942 when the Shrewsbury cricket pitches were hit by unseasonable snow and ice, and the whole of Top Common was transformed into a vast ice rink. The 1st XI captain had to write to his Etonian counterpart to inform him of the situation, though being a typically enterprising and imaginative Salopian, he suggested that they travel in any case and they would play the very first (and only) game of ice hockey. The result, alas, was a 1-0 loss for Shrewsbury! I did wonder whether this summer we might as well have invited schools to bring swimming trunks and take us on at water polo- perhaps we would have fared better at that than ice hockey...

Nevertheless, when things did get underway, there were some terrific encounters, not least in the House matches. Our 'A' Leagues team did surprisingly well, finishing 5th overall, which wasn't bad considering our team was almost entirely composed of rowers and tennis players, and we only had two sets of pads between us! In the knockout U15 House competition, Rigg's fared even better, bolstered with the addition of A team players Reiss Rashid and Freddie Thomson in the Fourth Form, and Charlie Cooke and Ed Hemmings in the Third Form. In the semi-final against Oldham's, despite a sluggish start, our innings was rescued by the partnership of Third Formers Charlie Cooke and Billy Riggall, with Billy nearly hitting a half-century. Their performance guaranteed our spot in the final against Ingram's, though the match on Speech Day had to be called off due (you've guessed it) to the weather. The final will likely be played at the start of next term. Go Rigg's!



There were also some terrific performances in the Senior House tennis competition, with our team ably led by Lower Sixth Former Alex Norman. Rated highly, we reached the semi-final, though despite strong performances from the rest of the team (Harry Tomkinson, Jack Francklin and Ed Graves) we didn't make it through to the final. A great achievement, nevertheless.

The highlight of the term, however, had to be the annual Bumps races down on the river, which has traditionally been an opportunity for Rigg's to shine and pick up plenty of silverware. With such strength in depth in rowing in the house, our crews looked particularly strong this year, especially since most of our 1st VIII rowers were able to compete this year with Henley having taken place the previous week. We were without Fred Day who was involved in GB trials, but the Division I crew of Sam Lapage, Rob Morgan, Will Angell-James and Judah Rand was undoubtedly one of the strongest Bumps quads in recent years. Ably coxed by novice Ali Tsim (watch out- a talent for the future!) our top boat cruised

through the three days of racing and looked to be gently paddling rather than rowing, with Rob Morgan even pausing to wave to those on the bridge during one of the races! By the Friday, we had secured our spot as Head of the River as expected, with our Division Three crew also finishing top of their division (Freddie Aitken, Tom Fitzpatrick, Josh Mason, and Josh Barnard, coxed by Jack Kinnaid). Division Two, however, was the crew everyone was most interested in, as we had started the week in second position behind Churchill's, and our young crew of Fourth Formers (Elliott Robinson-Boulton, Hugo Morgan, George Patterson and Charlie Johnston, coxed by Charlie Cooper/Jack Kinnaid) looked to have a hard task taking on a strong Churchill's quad of predominantly Sixth Formers. Nevertheless, the Rigg's boys rose to the challenge and on a dramatic and hugely exciting final day of racing, we eventually bumped up in the final race of the day, and therefore finished Bumps at the head of all three divisions. For me, it had to be one of the highlights of the year, and I was immensely proud of the boys.



## Leavers

Of course, at the end of term we said our farewells to leavers in the U6th, who for me have been



a terrific group of Riggites in my first year as Housemaster. They set exactly the right tone in house, and were tremendous fun, as well as being a talented and inspiring group of young men. As they spent their final few hours on Salopian soil on Speech Day, it did seem fitting that there should be one last foray onto the Link roof whilst their Housemaster wasn't looking, though they were caught on camera by the Housemaster's wife!

Speech Day also afforded us the opportunity to announce positions of responsibility within house for 2012-2013, and I was delighted to invite Josh Mason to be Head of House next year in Rigg's, where he will be assisted by Alex Norman, who has also been appointed as Deputy Head of School. The following, in addition to Josh and Alex, have also been appointed as House Monitors:

Michael Adeyefa  
Merlin Dickins  
Nick Douglas  
Joe Mason  
Judah Rand  
Philip Yue

Finally on Speech Day I was able to present the annual Foster-Hibbert Prize, presented to the Fifth Former deemed to have made the most valuable contributions to house life. The award is voted for by all members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms and the house tutor team, and the runaway victor was Will Minshall. We wish Will and his family well as they embark upon a new life in Hong Kong, and congratulate Will on all his achievements at Shrewsbury.



### **New Entrant**

In anticipation of the move towards full co-education, I am delighted to announce that Rigg's Hall welcomed a new female entrant on Thursday 19th July with the birth of Sophia Louise Middleton, weighing 6lbs 9oz and looking to have a good set of runner's legs! No doubt Riggites will be disappointed that their Housemaster has failed to produce a little boy, but rest assured we shall endeavour to keep trying... In any case, if Sophia is anything like her sister Isla, she'll soon enough be ruling the roost and running rings around the boys! We look forward to introducing her to the boys in September.



# Noel Coward's 'Tonight at 8.30' comes to the Ashton Theatre for one night only on Friday 10 August

Tuesday 31 July 2012



Tomas Elliot (I 2006-11) is bringing his Edinburgh Fringe show - Noel Coward's 'Tonight at 8.30' to the Ashton Theatre on Friday 10 August - at 8.30pm - for one night only.

Tomas says, ' This year myself and Lucy Rands are involved in an award-winning production of two short one-act comedies from Noël Coward's 'Tonight at 8:30' that is being put on by an Oxford University student drama company at the Edinburgh Fringe in August. So firstly, if there are any Old Salopians up there between the 13th and 18th of August please do come along and check it out!'

"The play is comprised of two very funny, light-hearted one-act comedies from Noël Coward's celebrated collection, 'Tonight at 8:30'. The plays last half an hour each and will be performed back to back. The two plays being performed are 'Hands Across the Sea' and 'Fumed Oak'. The first of these is a fiercely funny farce set in a 1930's London apartment, in which Piggie and Peter Gilpin invite guest after guest into their home before realizing they have absolutely no idea who two of those guests are. Demonstrating a typically English reluctance to admit their mistake they then adopt increasingly ludicrous strategies to attempt to discover the identities of these elusive guests and the sophisticated soirée rapidly descends into 'a madhouse'!

The second of the two plays is a biting funny tale about 'a worm that turns'. Henry Gow, a middle-aged, middle-class, middling sort of man, spends his whole life being berated by his mother-in-law, nagged by his wife, and moaned at by his daughter. In a hilarious but alarming turn around, however, Henry suddenly decides that he just can't take it anymore and so lets the three wearisome women have it! It will be an evening of great fun and entertainment and some good old-fashioned, unpretentious British humour!

The play starts at 8:30pm and tickets are £5.00 for students which includes a nice glass of wine before the show. More information

at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/oldsalopian/permalink/270327736406329/>



# U12s Cricket Festival: Day 2 Results & Scorecards

Tuesday 31 July 2012

## *Group A*

**Staffordshire**

Lincolnshire U13B

Cheshire

Shropshire

## *Group B*

**Derbyshire**

Northamptonshire

Huntingdonshire

Herefordshire

## *Scorecards:*

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