

A new record set for charity fundraising

Saturday 2 July 2016

*Last year's fundraising total was just over £38,000. This year (so far) the combined fundraising efforts of the School have raised a whopping **£56,319.30** - a new record - with more still being collected during Salopian Week.*

A huge thank you to all the teams and individuals who have given so very generously of their time and cash - and particularly to members of the Charities Committee for all their hard work.

Some of this year's fundraising highlights include:

- £23,222.36 raised by the Medic Malawi fundraising team to support the rural hospital and eye surgery at the Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic. (Their original target was £12,000.)
- £9,744.70 raised for Restart, the British Heart Foundation and Balls to Cancer by Salopians running in the Shrewsbury Half Marathon
- £5,292.23 raised for Plan UK by Ingram's Hall
- £2,250 raised for the Shewsy and Beat at the student-led Fashion Show.



The 148th Bumping Races - Finals

Sunday 3 July 2016

We entered the final day of the Bumping Races on Speech Day in a familiar position. Rigg's Hall were top of all three divisions (positions they almost have made their own during Peter Middleton's five-year tenure as Housemaster - for three of the last four years they have won all three divisions; in 2013 they "only" won two divisions). Amongst the girls' crews, The Grove sat in prime position with both their boats.

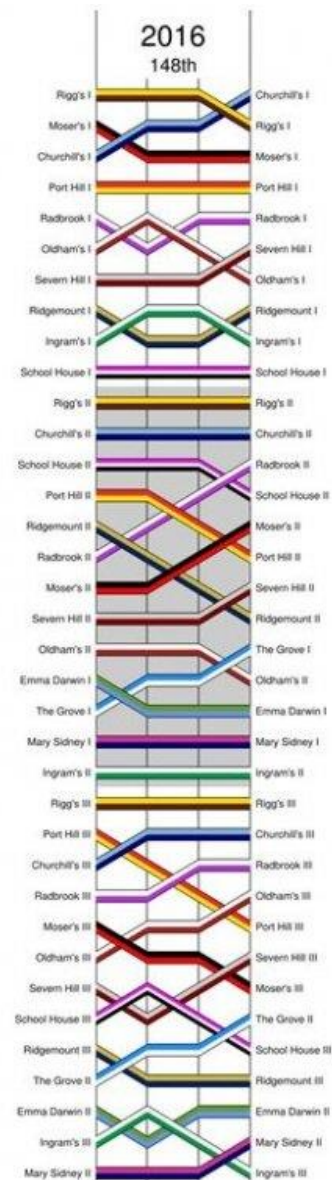
In Division 3 Oldham's III and The Grove II finished as the biggest movers, both two places higher than their positions at the start of the week. At the top of the Division, Churchill's III were chasing Rigg's III but were unable to overhaul them, with Rigg's III rowing over to finish Head of Division 3. The Grove II already had a boys' crew between themselves and their nearest challenger Emma Darwin II, but made sure of their win by bumping School House III.

Division 2 had a familiar look. Rigg's II sat first ahead of Churchill's II, and The Grove I were ahead of Emma Darwin I. Again Rigg's were too strong for the boys from Churchill's, and Rigg's took the Headship. The Grove and Emma Darwin were challenging for the new Elizabeth Cup donated by the President of Sabrina Club, Miles Preston (DB 1963-68) - named on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - to be awarded to the highest placed Girls' crew in the Bumping Races.

The Grove I made sure of being the first winners of this prize by successfully completing a long-distance bump on Oldham's II a few feet before the finish line. Radbrook II finished as the most successful crew of the year, bumping in every race.

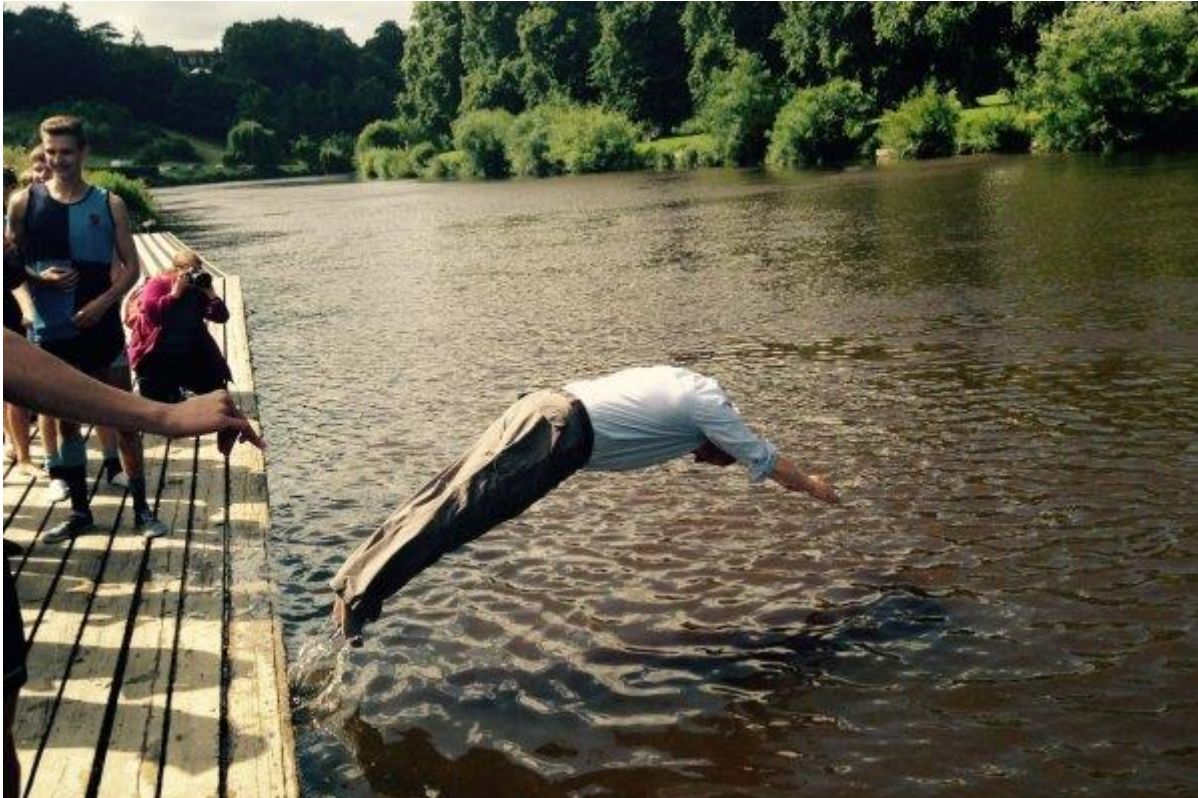
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There was no fairytale ending for PJM, but 13 1st place finishes out of a potential 15 is phenomenal - particularly for a runner!

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Housemaster Richard Hudson celebrates Churchill's victory as Head of the River and winners of the Leadbitter Cup

Many thanks to all the staff who make the running of the Bumping Races possible. They work tirelessly when they are at their most tired at the end of a long school year. One in particular deserves a special mention: Dr Chris Minns retires this year. He may be better known as Head of German, a Tutor in Moser's Hall or as a football referee; but he has also served on the Impartial Committee of the Bumping Races for (we think) over 25 years, and for a number of years as its Chairman. The Impartial Committee exists to adjudicate on disputed bumps which cannot be resolved by the umpires alone. They fastidiously apply the rules fairly and even equitably. Over the years they have been called upon to make a number of controversial decisions that have angered numerous Housemasters - but Chris has remained calm in the face of adversity. He will certainly be missed next year when we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Bumping Races.

After racing, the following prizes were awarded:

- Head of Division 3 medals (boys) – Rigg's Hall



- Head of Division 3 medals (girls) – The Grove
- Head of Division 2 medals (boys) – Rigg's Hall
- Head of Division 2 medals (girls) and the Elizabeth Cup — The Grove
- Head of Division 1 medals and Head of the River trophy – Churchill's Hall

Bumpers Cups - awarded for average bumping points per crew:

- 4th (Mill Cup) – Churchill's Hall/Severn Hill (tied)
- 3rd (Dickens Plaque) – Radbrook
- 2nd (Bower Cup) – Rigg's Hall
- 1st (Friends Cup) – The Grove
- **Birt Trophy** (overall girls' House rowing prize) – **The Grove**
- **Leadbitter Cup** (overall boys' House rowing prize) – **Churchill's Hall**

Another great turnout at Henley.

Monday 4 July 2016

There were mixed fortunes on the river and some mixed weather off it, but nothing failed to dampen the spirits of those who turned out to enjoy the Sabrina lunch at Henley.



Henley Royal Regatta is one of the highlights of the sporting and social calendar and the Sabrina lunch gathering is always a popular event for OS. This year was no exception, with a great turnout of Salopians young and old attending the lunch events.



The Sabrina Club VIII qualified for the regatta for the first time in its history and raced in the first round on Wednesday 29th July, as did the School 1st VIII. Conditions were wet and difficult on and off the water, so we were delighted that around 100 OS, parents and friends of Shrewsbury School attended the lunch event. Spirits were high, despite the Sabrina crew losing their morning race against a very strong Chinese national team. The School went on to win their first round race against Winchester that afternoon, but were sadly knocked out in the next round by the eventual winners, Eton.

This year the Sabrina Club also hosted a special reunion lunch for the Sabrina Club members in honour of Mike Partridge and Steve Fox. This took place on Friday 1st July in the same marquee, and both Steve and Mike (who now lives in Australia) were guests of honour.



Saturday brought the best of the weather and an enthusiastic crowd of over 100 OS enjoyed lunch in the sunshine. There was near disaster just as people starting arriving, when a freak gust of wind launched the marquee into the air and sent plates crashing to the ground, but in great Salopian style everyone calmly stepped in to hang on to tent poles and clear up debris and this only added to the very jovial atmosphere.

It was particularly pleasing to see such a good turnout of OS from across the generations, with plenty of recent leavers alongside stalwarts of the Club.

One of the highlights this year was the rowover by the victorious 1961 Princess Elizabeth Cup crew, this being their 55th anniversary. The crew was complete except for the official 1961 substitute, Malcolm Ross, for Ted Rooker (Ch 57-62) who sadly died some years ago; and an emergency substitute, Nick Randall, replacing Richard Owen who suffered a severe viral infection during the preceding week. The row went well even though there had been only one short practice in the morning. The crew had gathered from locations as far as Sacramento California, St John's Newfoundland, Aberdeen Scotland, Brussels Belgium, as well as the south and west of England. This speaks for the bond established at Shrewsbury all those years ago. In all, despite the changeable weather this was again a well attended and most enjoyable event, which is fast becoming a favourite in the Salopian Club calendar.





Speech Day sees the end of another successful year for School House

Monday 4 July 2016

After the triumphs of Sports Day on Monday, the boys managed to cram a lot into their final week of term. The photos below show just a few of the diverse range of activities that the boys have taken part in over the course of a busy and fun-filled Salopian Week.



Celebrating with a hog roast in the School House garden



Hugo Richardson (UVI) headlining the Concert of Light Popular Music with his band The Viceroy's. Julian Chesshire (UVI) is on the right.



School House band, He's Crew, opening the Concert of Light Popular Music. L-R: Wentao He (LVI), Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (IV), Aaron Zhao (UVI) and Mark Pangin (IV)



Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (IV) in his compelling role as the deeply moral Basil Hallward in the Junior Play, 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'.



The Eve of Speech Day Classical Gala Concert, which involved many School House musicians, including Alfred Mitchell (UVI), who recently achieved his Diploma in Singing. In this photo, he is in the middle of the five soloists.



The School House 1st Boat taking to the river for the "bumping races" on Speech Day. Our top rowers are not usually available to row for the House, but this year we welcomed two School House members of the School's 1st VIII, fresh from Henley, into our boat: Tomas Shiels (V) as cox and Matt Rowe (LVI) as stroke. Behind him (L-R) are Harry Marshall (LVI), Alfred Mitchell (UVI) and Leo Sartain (UVI). We wish Matt all the best for his GB trials over the summer.



On the left, the outgoing Deputy Heads of School House after their final "call-over". L-R: Nat Chumbala, Will Street and Alfred Mitchell. On the right, getting set-up to round off Speech Day with the Leavers' Ball.

Fantastic Turnout for Moser's Hall Reunion

Tuesday 5 July 2016



We were delighted to welcome some 200 former and current members of Moser's Hall and their families to a reunion on 26th June. The weather was kind enough to allow for much mingling and catching up to be done, speeches to be made and lunch to be enjoyed before a gentle drizzle started to fall later in the afternoon.

The back lawn of Moser's was transformed with white hospitality tents and red and black bunting and was filled with Moserites of every generation. The honour of being the oldest Moserite present went to Michael Andrews (1940-44), who attended with his son Nic (1970-75). All five living housemasters were able to attend and speeches were made by Robin Mouldsdale (I 42-46 and Moser's Housemaster 62-76) and by Paul Pattenden (Housemaster 2010-current). Future Housemistress Dr Jane Pattenden was also one of the key organisers.

You're invited to have a look through the gallery of photographs below.



Housemasters L-R: Peter Cox (76-91), Paul Pattenden (2010-), Steve Fox (2002-10), Robin Field (1991-02), Robin Mousdale (1962-76) with Jane Pattenden, Future Housemistress.



Historic double as Churchill's win First House Cricket AND go Head of the River

Wednesday 6 July 2016

Churchill's celebrated a triumphant conclusion to the Summer Term, achieving that rare double: First House Cricket and Head of the River in the 148th Bumping Races. The Cricket win is the first since at least 1963 when the records on the trophy bat began; the Head of River position only the sixth since the Bumping Races began 148 years ago.



Bumpers Trophy, First House Cricket Bat and Leadbitter Trophy

In a 15-over match squeezed in between rainstorms, Churchill's beat Ridgemount 150-2, with George Garrett clocking up a magnificent 91. Ridgemount ran out of overs with the score standing at 78-8. Both teams were under strength, with, in the case of Churchill's, George Panayi away at Edgbaston at the start of his professional contract with Warwickshire CCC.

As for the Bumps, I can do no better than quote from Rob Wilson's report:

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Churchill's triumphant Bumpers 1 crew



Shrewsbury cricketers win U15 Silk Trophy

Wednesday 6 July 2016

Shrewsbury School's U15 XI were victorious in the three-day Junior Silk Trophy competition, held at Marlborough College from 4th – 6th July. Playing on consecutive days against Eton, Marlborough and Uppingham, the Shrewsbury team won each of their matches.





The news this week 100 years ago: 8th - 14th July 1916

Thursday 7 July 2016

This week we remember:

Major Sir Foster Hugh Egerton Cunliffe, 13th Bn. Rifle Brigade.

Member of Governing Body.

He was educated at Eton, where he was best known as a remarkably successful left-handed bowler, and at New College, Oxford, where he was to prove himself a man of fine intellect as well as a fine cricketer. He played for the university, as he had previously played for Eton, from 1896-1898, and obtained Honours in the School of Modern History. Elected a fellow of All Souls in 1898, his association with that college continued until his death, and he had recently become Estates' Bursar.

Always a close student of modern history, and possessed of a wonderful knowledge of the Napoleonic campaigns, he was appointed to be the first Lecturer on Military History at Oxford in 1905, and was the author of the official history of the Boer War, which work he carried out with characteristic thoroughness and accuracy. No finer tribute to his ability in this direction could have been paid than his appointment as first Editor of the Times 'History of the Present War', a task he was obliged to relinquish on his acceptance of a commission in the Rifle Brigade. He had already acquired considerable experience in military training as Lieutenant of the 1st Cadet Bn. (Royal West Surrey Regt.), to which his rapid promotion in the Rifle Brigade is probably due.

As *The Times* said:- "In the long list of men of high promise and much achievement who have fallen in the past two years, Sir Foster Cunliffe's name will have a memorable place, He was a man of high character, great charm and warm friendships, a good landlord and a keen all-round sportsman in the best sense of the word. He combined an ardent love of English country life with the tastes of a student and a strong sense of public duty. It is a combination which is not too common in these days, and would have been invaluable in the time of national reconstruction which lies ahead. As a soldier he would probably have gone far, for his theoretical knowledge of strategy was unrivalled, and his letters of the last few months showed his deep interest in watching it in practice from the standpoint of a regimental office."

Killed in action in France 10th July 1916.

Buried at Bapaume Post Military Cemetery, Albert, France. Grave I. G. 3.

Second Lieutenant Brian Harrison, 14th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Haydon's (now Rigg's), left in 1910. He worked in the L. & N. W. Railway. District Superintendent's office at Liverpool, which he subsequently left to become a partner in the firm of Pollock & Co., Birmingham. He was gazetted on 28th January 1915.

The Salopian records "his record was quietly blameless, and his cheery disposition endeared him to those who knew him. He was a keen member of the Boat Club and in 1910 was a member of the third eight." His elder brother, John German Harrison, was killed on 11th April 1918.

Killed in action in France 10th July 1916 aged 23

Buried at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, France. Grave VI. Q. 3.

Captain Hugh Godber, 13th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

School House, left in 1907. Gazetted 18th January 1915.



*Killed in action in France 12 July 1916 aged 25
Buried at Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, France. Grave I. E. 49.*



Junior School Play: The Picture of Dorian Gray

Tuesday 12 July 2016

A review by Mr Middleton.



“Youth is the only thing worth having,” declares the eponymous Dorian Gray in Oscar Wilde’s 1890 novel, brought to the Ashton Theatre stage under Helen Brown’s direction for this year’s Junior Play.

As relevant today as it was when written, we are thrust into the murky world of an individual’s relentless pursuit for eternal youth and his obsessions with beauty and aesthetic perfection. These are weighty themes to be dealing with, but this young cast of Third and Fourth Formers were superb in delivering a memorable and haunting performance.

Even before the play began the audience were confronted with a sense of the Uncanny, the pre-show set on closer inspection revealing many of the cast members frozen still behind the apertures of large-scale picture frames with the whole stage one vast gallery of paintings. Erin Leatherbarrow’s set design subtly recreated the Victorian setting, with Gothic undertones of velvet curtains, maudlin portraits and hidden staircases.

Under the Svengali-like spell of Toby Pattinson’s hedonistic aristocrat Lord Wotton, the young Dorian Gray (played with typical poise by Freddy Williams) enters into a battle with mortality, selling his soul in exchange for perpetual youth. It will be his portrait that ages instead, recording in horrifying detail the sins of his libertine life of debauchery and self-interest. The artist of this

portrait - Basil Hallward - is very much the voice of reason and morality in the play, his abhorrence and despair given gravitas by Koby Ferdinand Okpala. Likewise, Harry Remnant's butler-cum-narrator Francis provided a counterpoint to the spiralling descent of the increasingly wild anti-hero Dorian Gray.



Stripped down to the etchings on its canvas, this is of course a play that paints a portrait of moral abandonment. The dream-like descent into this inferno of desire was captured masterfully in the play in the dream-like sequences under a thick smokescreen that submerged the characters into a subterranean London redolent of a JMW Turner landscape. With echoes of the physical theatre practitioners Frantic Assembly, these balletic sequences were mesmerising in their depiction of Gray's descent, and the cast demonstrated their considerable wide-ranging skills in being able to cope with the technical challenges of this choreography.



This was certainly a strong and highly able cast, from Abi Watkinson's dignified depiction of the long-suffering Lady Wotton to the triumvirate of Charlotte Roberts, Charlie Tonks and Lizzie Ware who, fans in hand, provided a scathing commentary on London high society, the original 'gossip girls' perhaps.

Many fall victim to the juggernaut that Dorian Gray becomes, from the brilliant doctor Alan Campbell played by Aaron Clark to the actress Sybil Vane, her tragic demise sensitively portrayed by Eve Hartley. Sybil's brother James (Elliot Crossley in fine form) seeks vengeance, but ultimately it is Gray himself who takes the knife in hand and destroys himself by slashing the portrait and in so doing restoring the painting to its former glory.

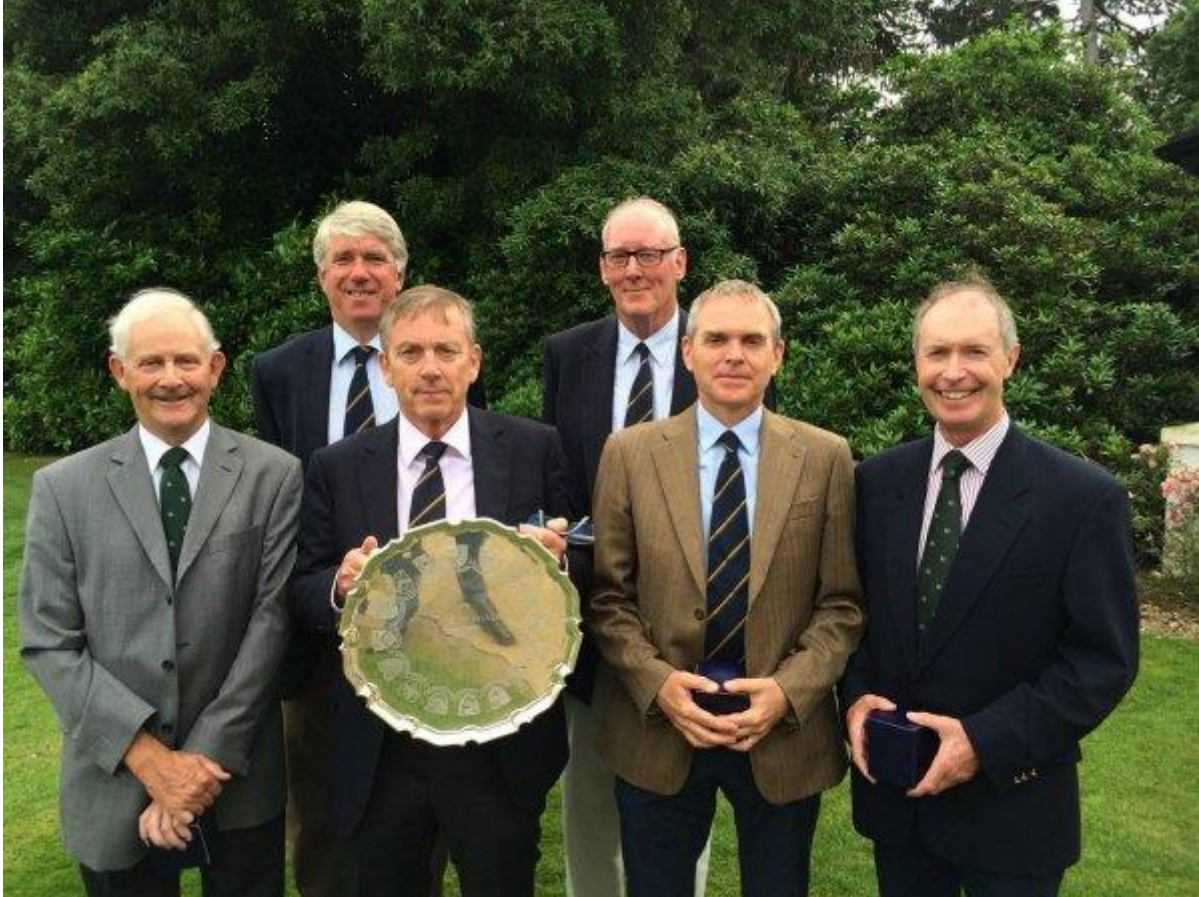
Freddy Williams deserves considerable plaudits for tackling such a complex role and both he and the cast can be very proud of a first-rate production that provided a wonderful final brushstroke to what has been an exceptional year of drama. Shrewsbury School's Director of Drama Helen Brown once again delivered a masterpiece with *A Picture of Dorian Gray* and she can add this to an increasingly impressive gallery of work that has been typified by a combination of attention to detail and invention.

PJM



OS Golfers in Third Successive Mellin Salver Win

Wednesday 13 July 2016



L-R - Anthony Smith, Andy Pollock, Peter Worth, James Shaw, Allan Wright, Will Painter

We are delighted to report a win for the Old Salopian Golf Society in this year's Mellin Salver. This is their third win in a row and a fourth win in the last five years.

Over the years OSGS have developed a very strong squad and there was much talk amongst competitors in the locker room about bringing down Shrewsbury once and for all. Having beaten Lancing 3-0 on the first morning OSGS were fired up for the match against Loretto, who they narrowly beat in last year's final. They were delighted with a 3 - 0 win and headed to their annual dinner in fine spirits.

The opponents in the semi-finals were Haileybury, and, whilst Allan Wright (O 72-77) and Peter Worth (M 65-70) were given a half, despite being 2 down with 2 to play they won convincingly in the other pairs to record a very good victory.



The final was against a very strong Oundle squad but again Anthony Smith (O 65-69) and Andy Pollock (I 71-74), who are unbeaten in over 20 Mellin matches, and James Shaw (R 64-68) and William Painter (R 67-71) were soon ahead in their matches and never looked in trouble. The less said about the other pair the better!

OSGS performed well in the The Peter Burles Salver reaching the semis, only to lose on the 19th. The McMullan brothers, Peter (I 62-67) and Malcolm (I 58-62), and Michael Brabner (R 63-67) and Stephen Shaw (M 56-61) played consistently well and were unlucky to lose.

Tim Lewis (R 50-55) - our Hon secretary - and John Parker (SH 52-57) represented Shrewsbury in the The Bunny Millard Salver (over 75's) and narrowly failed to qualify for the four pair knockout competition.

It was wonderful to see Anthony Parsons (Rt 59-64), past winner of many Halford Hewitts and Mellins, back running the competitions. The whole event is a delight to play largely thanks to Anthony and a wonderful welcome from all at West Hill Golf Club who allow the freedom of the club over 3 days.



The news 100 years ago: 15th - 21st July 1916

Thursday 14 July 2016

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Raymond Bevir, 10th Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

School House, left in 1907, Exhibitioner of Hertford College, Oxford, where he was Captain of Boats and Goalkeeper for the XI. A founder member of the New Tory Club, he was Elected Librarian of the Union, and then President in 1911. He was called to the Bar Inner Temple. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and was commissioned in January 1915.

His colonel wrote: "We had all grown to love and respect him, and he was truly beloved in the battalion. He was a splendid soldier, quiet, daring and most conspicuously without any sort of fear." – *The Times*

Killed in action leading his men in a charge in France 15th July 1916, aged 28.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 8 C 9 A and 16 A.

Second Lieutenant Richard Moore, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

School House. He rowed in the first VIII and was a Gentleman of the Runs. "...He was conspicuously sensitive and shy, but he outgrew the shyness and was a boy whose friendships were firm and lasting". He left in 1915 and was commissioned immediately. He went to France in April 1916.

Killed in action in France 15th July 1916 aged 19.

Buried at Blyth Valley Cemetery, Authuille Wood, France. Grave I. B. 10.

Second Lieutenant Henry Robert Miles, 6th Bn. Connaught Rangers.

School House, Football XI and Captain of Cricket, he left in 1886 for Pembroke College, Cambridge. For a short time after taking his degree he was assistant Master at Dulwich before going in to business first in the Argentine and then in Saskatchewan, Canada. Though 46 when the War broke out, he joined the Bristol O.T.C. and applied for a commission. Refused on account of his age, he enlisted in the Sportsman's Bn. in December 1914, and was eventually gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the Connaughts on 18th August 1915.

His Colonel wrote "I know no one who was so universally popular – always the same, always cheerful and devoted to duty. Had he lived he would very shortly have been gazetted captain. He was a most excellent officer, and losing him is a great loss to the Regiment and to the country. It is small comfort, but it is true, that he had done more than one man's share in bringing us to victory."

The Salopian adds "He was a pattern of the old fashioned virtues of simplicity and modesty to which his subsequent career has proved that he added fearlessness to an extent, which one had no opportunity of realising in his early days. To know him was to love him and to form simply on that knowledge the highest possible opinion of a School that could inspire such an enthusiastic devotion in such a man."

Killed in action in France 16th July 1916 aged 48.

Buried at Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, France. Grave I. L. 14.

Captain Thomas Henry Bethell, 2nd/7th Bn. "D" Coy. Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

School House, left in 1902.

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Killed in action in Belgium 19th July 1916.

Remembered on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Panel 2 and 3.

Lieutenant Norman Gough, 7th Bn. Worcestershire Regiment.

Pickering's (now Churchill's), left in 1911.

Killed in action in France 19th July 1916 aged 22.

Buried at Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, France. Grave IV. G. 35.

Joint Shrewsbury School and Shewsy expedition to Malawi

Sunday 17 July 2016

On Wednesday 13th July, a team of 19 Shrewsbury School students and young people from the School's long-established Youth Club in inner-city Liverpool set off for Malawi, where they will be volunteering together for the next three weeks.



The volunteers will work together at a project run by the Shropshire-based charity Medic Malawi, which includes a hospital, two orphanages and 'The Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic', opened in 2014.

They will have the chance to see the work of the Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic first hand, as patients have their sight restored. They will also be painting the new bakery, built to generate income for the hospital, and will be helping out at the orphanage, which cares for over 100 children, from newborns to teenagers.

The group are posting details about their trip in a blog: [Malawi Expedition 2016 Blog](#)

This is Shrewsbury School's third visit to Malawi but it is the first time that young people from the School's Youth Club in Liverpool have also taken part. Shrewsbury House is a youth and community centre attached to St Peter's Church in Everton, Liverpool and has been a part of

Shrewsbury School life for 113 years. Known as ‘the Shewsy’, it was founded in 1903 by masters from Shrewsbury School.

The Shewsy provides a valuable service in the community of Everton which, although much changed over the last 113 years, is still one of the most deprived areas in Europe. Life expectancy in Everton is still six years below the national average, and 32% of families have no one in work.

The aim of the Shewsy is to provide a warm and safe environment for young people to meet, socialise and have fun. It employs two full-time trained youth workers and a team of part-time staff and runs Junior Clubs for children aged 5 - 11 and Senior Clubs for those aged 12 - 20 throughout the week, as well as weekend activities, residential trips and exchange visits.

Links are strong between Shrewsbury School and the Shewsy, and the Headmaster and three members of staff sit on its committee. There are regular visits to the Shewsy by Shrewsbury Sixth Form students, who spend a couple of days at the club, working with the young people and learning about life in the inner city, social care, crime and justice.

Every May, a large group from the Shewsy spends the weekend at the School, and over the years good friendships have been fostered. Staff and pupils at the School also support the work of the Shewsy with regular fundraising.

This latest joint expedition to Malawi has already helped strengthen the links between the School and the Shewsy still further. The young people taking part in the expedition have been spending time both in Liverpool and in Shrewsbury getting to know one another. They have also teamed up for some of their fundraising work. Between them, the young volunteers have raised well over £30,000 for Medic Malawi through several fundraising initiatives. They now look forward to seeing for themselves how the funds they have raised can make a difference to people living in one of the seven poorest countries in the world.

‘This is a unique opportunity for three groups of teenagers, from Malawi, Shrewsbury and Liverpool to learn from each other,’ said Shrewsbury School’s Headmaster, Mark Turner.



CCF Summer Camp 2016: Shrewsbury win Best Contingent Award

Tuesday 19 July 2016



Shrewsbury's CCF cadets had an action-packed first week of the summer holiday on Central Summer Camp at Nesscliff. They were blessed with sunshine and dry weather, making the training even more fun than normal.

Their days started with reveille at 0530hrs, a time of day that most students don't normally see, with breakfast at 0600hrs. Then the cadets were launched into a day of training and activities, from ranges to personal development to military skills.

Our week started with a visit to the Old Vicarage Adventure Centre. Our cadets were mixed with those from other schools and everyone got to try climbing, archery, mountain-boarding (cross-country skate-boarding), lazer quest, tunnelling, stand-up paddle-boarding and kayaking. The sun came out and a great time was had by all.

The programme then started to go 'green'. Most of the contingent went on the 'short-range' package which included shooting on the DCCT (Dismounted Close Combat Trainer - a large X box), the indoor .22mm range, the outdoor 25m 5.56 calibre range, Scorpion Air Rifle range and a Military History and Military Weapons stand. This year we were fortunate to have with us three cadets from the Bisley Shooting Team, who attended the 'long-range' package. Cadet Bramwell managed to score the highest among all of the 350 cadets on camp, having only been



in the CCF for two weeks.

The next two days were fieldcraft-based and were spent out on the training area. The cadets were engaged in Anti-Ambush training, Section Attacks, Vehicle Check Points, TIBUA (Training In Built Up Areas), Observation, Harbour drills, Survival and many other exciting and challenging activities.

The days didn't end at dinner time. Each evening additional activities and competitions were arranged, including theory training, the 'gun run' and yet more shooting.

Towards the end of the week, the School's contingent deployed on a 24-hour military training exercise with a scenario built around locating certain communication installations and then destroying them. The cadets were deployed on recce patrols to gather intelligence in order to mount a series of attacks. The day was full of briefings, training, rehearsals, orders groups and general planning. The attacks went in without a hitch and all communication sites were destroyed, so we could all return for 'tea and medals' or 'Haribo and Coke' the modern day equivalent!

The week culminated in a Tug of War Competition, where we fought a good fight and came second, an excellent result given the lack of mighty Sixth Form students in our team compared with other schools.

The week was a great experience for all the cadets - heaps of fun and lots of challenges to face and overcome.

We didn't come home empty handed. The contingent won Best Shot, Fastest Team on the Gun Run, Second in the Tug Of War, and most importantly Best Contingent overall. A fantastic result. Well done to all the cadets who took part.

Major Jo Billington



The news 100 years ago: 22nd - 28th July 1916

Thursday 21 July 2016

This week we remember:

Private John Gilchrist Burnie, PS/2474, 23rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

School House, son of Dr W Gilchrist (OS) of Bradford, Praepostor left in 1911, History Exhibitioner to St John's, Oxford.

He enlisted in September 1914, having previously served in both his School and University OTC. He was nominated by the War Office for a commission, but on a medical examination he was rejected on account of short sight. After six months' training he was again offered a commission and was strongly recommended by his colonel, but a medical board upheld the previous decision. He was offered his discharge from the Army, but declined, and had been at the Front for the last nine months. His platoon officer speaks of him as "a splendid soldier and one whom it will be difficult to replace".

"He was possessed of a strong and unselfish character, which the war brought out in a clear light. There are very few boys who, with so little natural inclination for a military life, would have refused an honourable discharge...and chosen to go on serving as a Private." – *The Salopian*

Killed in action in France, 27th July 1916, aged 24.

Buried at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France. Grave II. P. 9.



Shrewsbury School U11s Cricket Festival 2016: Day 1 Results + Scorecards

Sunday 24 July 2016

Table - Day 1

Group A

Staffordshire	29
Grange CC	28
Northamptonshire	7
Shropshire	7

Group B

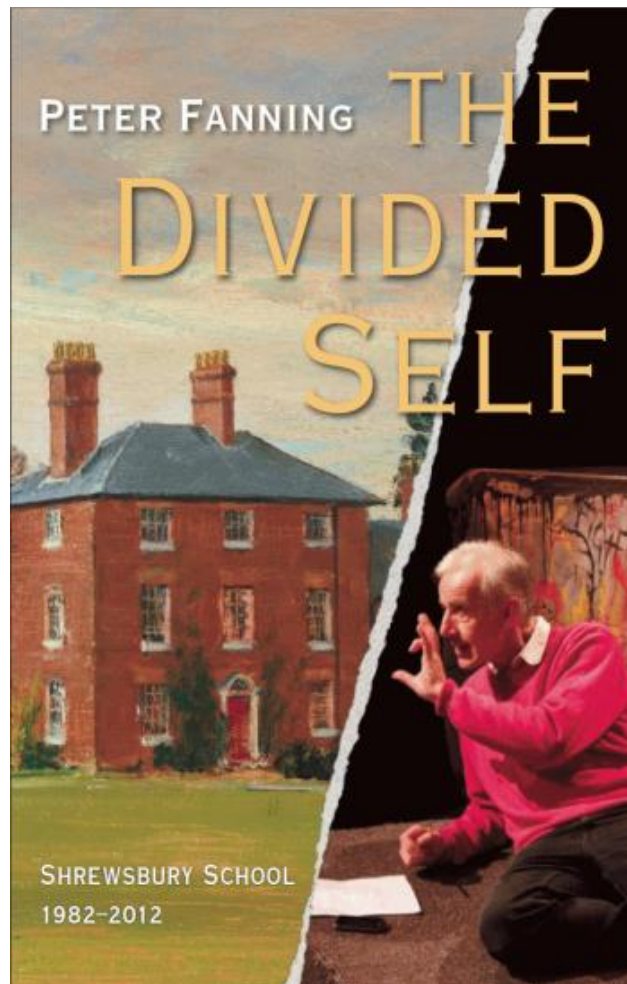
Berkshire	30
Derbyshire	27
Herefordshire	5
NE Wales	3

Day 1 Scorecards:

- [Grange CC v Northamptonshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Shropshire](#)
- [NE Wales v Derbyshire](#)
- [Herfordshire v Berkshire](#)

The Divided Self

Monday 25 July 2016



The Divided Self is the long awaited book written by former Senior Master Peter Fanning, which recounts the changing shape of the School from 1982 until 2012 under the leadership of four different Headmasters. It covers events such as the opening of the first new boarding house for more than 70 years and the period when the School first admitted girls to Shrewsbury, after 450 years of single sex education.

The book also includes dramatic tales of the highs and lows of life on the Edinburgh Fringe, highlighting Peter's 'other self', as a director of theatre, placing Shrewsbury's reputation firmly on the national stage.

Profits from the book will go the The Shewsy.

Copies of the book can be purchased from the Salopian Club office. You can send a cheque, payable to the Salopian Club for £23.50 (including postage and package to the UK), £25.50 (including postage and packing to Europe) or £30 (including postage and packing to the Rest of the World).

For more details [please follow this link](#).

England Call-up for Shrewsbury U19s

Monday 25 July 2016



Many congratulations to Ollie Westbury (S 13-15) and George Panayi (Ch 11-16) who have both been selected for the England U19s team for their four-day Test matches against Sri Lanka.

Ollie has been having a great season so far for Shrewsbury, scoring his second century recently to help the club to a win over Wolverhampton, and he has also been playing regularly for Worcestershire's second XI.

George recently signed his first professional contract at Warwickshire, where he has been playing 12th man for the first XI.

We look forward to seeing both players in first class cricket in the near future.



Shrewsbury School U11s Cricket Festival 2016: Day 2 Results + Scorecards

Monday 25 July 2016

Table - Day 2

Group A

Staffordshire	56
Shropshire	36
Grange CC	32
Northants	21

Group B

Berkshire	61
Derbyshire	35
Herefordshire	26
NE Wales	15

Day 2 Scorecards:

- [Shropshire v Northamptonshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Grange CC](#)
- [Berkshire v Derbyshire](#)
- [Herefordshire v NE Wales](#)



Shrewsbury School U11s Cricket Festival 2016: Day 3 Results + Scorecards

Tuesday 26 July 2016

Table - Day 3

Group A

Staffordshire	75
Grange CC	60
Shropshire	41
Northants	23

Group B

Berkshire	93
Derbyshire	64
Herefordshire	30
NE Wales	23

Day 3 Scorecards:

- [Northamptonshire v Staffordshire](#)
- [Shropshire v Grange CC](#)
- [Herefordshire v Derbyshire](#)
- [NE Wales v Berkshire](#)



Shrewsbury School U11s Cricket Festival 2016: Day 4 - T20 Scorecards

Wednesday 27 July 2016

1st T20 Matches - Scorecards

- [Grange CC v NE Wales](#)
- [Northamptonshire v Derbyshire](#)
- [Shropshire v Berkshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Herefordshire](#)

2nd T20 Matches - Scorecards

- [Berkshire v Herefordshire](#)
- [Derbyshire v NE Wales](#)
- [Northamptonshire v Grange CC](#)
- [Staffordshire v Shropshire](#)



Michael Palin All-Rounder Scholarships

Wednesday 27 July 2016

We are delighted to launch a new series of Third Form scholarships rewarding all-round talent, which are named after well-known all-rounder and former Shrewsbury School pupil, Michael Palin (R 1957-61).

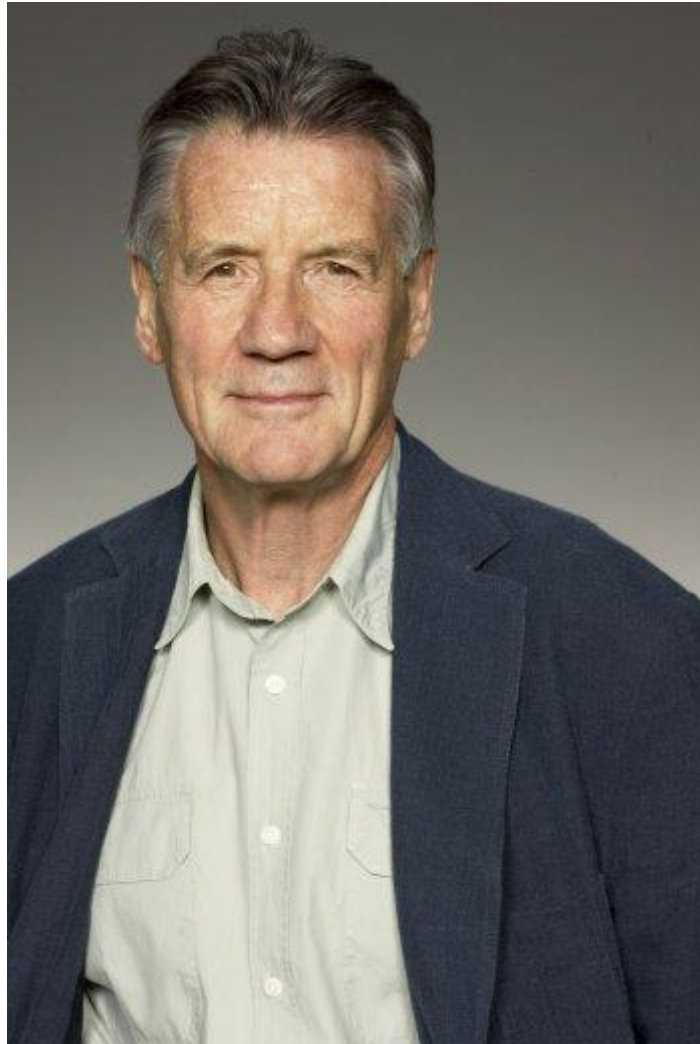


Photo courtesy of John Swannell

Michael Palin has been hugely respected and admired by thousands of people over many years for his work as a broadcaster, travel writer, adventurer, actor and comedian.

“Michael Palin is a wonderful role model for our pupils and we are delighted and honoured that he has given his consent and approval for scholarships to be awarded in his name,” says Headmaster Mark Turner. ‘Michael Palin Scholarships’ will be available for boys and girls entering the School at the age of 13 from September 2017 onwards.

Michael Palin recollects, “I didn't really know where my own talents lay when I came to Shrewsbury, but the school soon made up my mind for me. As I have gone through life I realise

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that I learnt a lot of valuable lessons in my four years as a pupil at Shrewsbury. I learnt to follow my curiosity and argue my own case. I learnt to deal with doubts and fears by simply being pushed to do something I'd never tried before. When I was asked if I would give my name to the All-Rounder Scholarships I felt honoured, but my immediate reaction was that there must be so many Salopians who have achieved more in life and would set a better example than myself. And then there came back to me from all those years ago an echo of that still small voice telling me not to step backwards but to step forwards.”

“I very much hope that those who benefit from the Michael Palin Scholarships will appreciate that they are named after someone who came to Shrewsbury mistaking shyness for inability and indecision for lack of talent, and who left having discovered that everything that seemed impossible was possible.”



The news this week 100 years ago: 29th July - 4th August 1916

Thursday 28 July 2016

Second Lieutenant Gerald Lovell Backhouse, Royal Flying Corps.

Pickering's (now Churchill's), left in 1914 for Sandhurst. He was only 17 when he gained his commission with the Norfolk Regiment. Transferred to the R.F.C., he quickly gained his promotion and was chosen to fly the Scout machine in the 46th Flying Squadron. Under orders for the Front, he was killed instantaneously while flying in Ireland, 2nd August 1916 aged 18. "It is hard for us to imagine that we shall not again hear his exhortations on the football field, or take his cheerful greeting on the way to the river. He is one of the youngest Salopians who have fallen." – *The Salopian*.

Buried at Dundalk (St. Patrick's) Cemetery, Ireland. Prot. ground C. Reserve. 10.

Lance Corporal Arthur Whale, 4555, 8th Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

Churchill's, Cricket and Football XI, left in 1907 for Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he gained a Blue in Association Football.

Killed in action in France, 3rd August 1916, aged 27.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France.

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Shrewsbury School U11 County Festival 2016 Finals Day – Friday 29th July (10.00 am start)

Thursday 28 July 2016

Pitch 1: FINAL: Staffordshire v Berkshire

Umpires: Graham Hurst & Malcolm Bird

Pitch 2: Herefordshire v Shropshire (5th/6th)

Umpires: John McIntear & Brian Gleeson

Pitch 3: Grange CC v Derbyshire (3rd/4th)

Umpires: Ryan Duffy & Kevin Smith

Pitch 4: Northamptonshire v N.E. Wales (7th/8th)

Umpires: Phil Cowell & Peter Glover



Shrewsbury School U11s Cricket Festival 2016: Final Positions and Awards

Thursday 28 July 2016

T20 U11s 2016 Final Places

Group A

Winners: Staffordshire

Runners-Up: Shropshire

Third Place: Berkshire

Fourth Place: Herefordshire

Group B

Winners: Grange CC

Runners-Up: Northamptonshire

Third Place: Derbyshire

Fourth Place: NE Wales

U11s Festival Final Positions

1st Staffordshire

2nd Berkshire

3rd Grange CC

4th Derbyshire

5th Shropshire

6th Herefordshire

7th Northamptonshire

8th NE Wales

Spirit of Cricket Award: Shropshire

Individual Awards

Fielding: Achyut Aniruddhan (Grange CC)

Wicketkeeper: Joe Sookias (Derbyshire)

Bowler: Reeve Evitts (Staffordshire)

Batsman: Rhys Lewis (Berkshire)

All-Rounder: Adil Mohammed (Berkshire)

Finals Day Scorecards

FINAL: Staffordshire v Berkshire

(Umpires: Graham Hurst & Malcolm Bird)

Grange CC v Derbyshire (3rd/4th)

(Umpires: Ryan Duffy & Kevin Smith)

Herefordshire v Shropshire (5th/6th)

(Umpires: John McIntear & Brian Gleeson)

Northamptonshire v N.E. Wales (7th/8th)

(Umpires: Phil Cowell & Peter Glover)

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2016 Telephone Campaign

Thursday 28 July 2016

Shrewsbury School's tenth consecutive telephone appeal has just finished and Shrewsbury School Foundation is pleased to report that it was another great success. Thanks to the generous support of our parents and Old Salopians we surpassed our fundraising target of £150,000, providing essential funds for our bursary programme and for the refurbishment of the Moser Library which is due to commence in 2017.

Our team of 14 sixth formers and recent school leavers spoke to over 850 Old Salopians and parents in the UK and worldwide over a three week period. They had many interesting and inspiring conversations, talking about past and current school life, providing updates on school news and projects, and have benefitted from the advice and experience that alumni and parents offered.

We are always delighted at the outstanding level of support that we receive during the telephone campaign, and since 2003, our telephone campaigns have raised £1.5 million. On behalf of all of our callers, pupils and teaching staff at Shrewsbury, who will benefit greatly from the charitable contributions made during the campaign, we would like to thank all of those who took the time to talk to one of our callers.

Although the campaign has now finished, it is still possible to make a gift by downloading our [gift form](#), or online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/shrewsburyfoundation>.



Shrewsbury School U12s Cricket Festival 2016: Day 1 Results + Scorecards

Sunday 31 July 2016

Table - Day 1

Group A

Derbyshire	29
Cheshire	22
Herefordshire	14
Shropshire	2

Group B

Berkshire	29
Warwickshire	24
Staffordshire	5
Northamptonshire	3

Day 1 Scorecards:

- [Derbyshire v Shropshire](#)
- [Herefordshire v Cheshire](#)
- [Berkshire v Northamptonshire](#)
- [Staffordshire v Warwickshire](#)