



Biology Intermediate Olympiad

Saturday 1 July 2017

Eleven Salopians took part in the Royal Society of Biology's Intermediate Olympiad (specifically for Lower Sixth pupils) on 27th June 2017 and achieved an excellent set of excellent results.

Jennifer Westermann, winner of the 2017 Lower Sixth Biology Prize, scored the highest mark overall.

Over 5,600 students participated nationally; approximately the top 30% of entrants won a medal (just 6.7% won Gold).

Gold

Jennifer Westermann
Michelle Hung
Betty Chau

Silver

Amber Wilkinson
David Wright

Bronze

Both Ruechuseth
Imogen Evans
Harriet Bramwell

Highly Commended

Eleanor Wycherley
Niklas Amthor
Veronica Parr

Blades, Bower, Bourke and Blanchard-Butter feature for School House in a bumper year at the Bumping Races

Sunday 2 July 2017

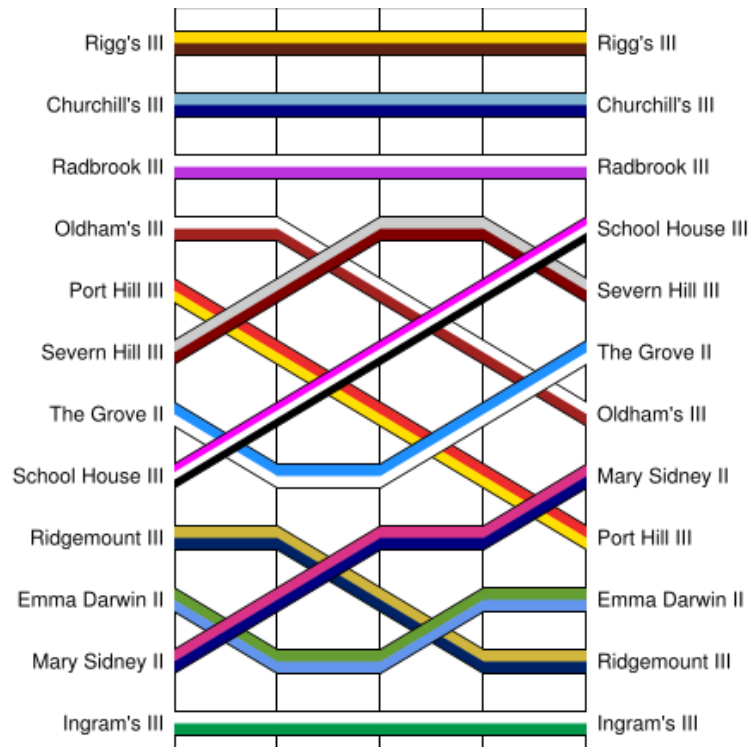
Over the past few years, during the “bumpers” season, many of our top oarsmen have been away at Henley rowing for the School’s 1st VIII, or unable to row because of GB commitments. Therefore, it’s no secret that this exciting competition has been a fairly dry affair when it comes to trophies for School House in recent times... No longer! This year the boys charged up the charts and won “Blades” as well as The Bower Cup in what was the most successful season for School House on the river for some while.



Key Lower Sixth figures in School House rowing with The Bower Cup (L-R): Tom Shiels, Mill Luangamornlert, Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill and James Joseph. *Congratulations are due to Tom, who has just been appointed School Captain of Boats for the next academic year – well done!*

Over the course of the three days each of our three boats has four races. In all 12 races, we bumped up 6 times, rowed over 5 times and were only caught once. This strong performance across the board resulted in School House winning The Bower Cup, which is awarded for the total number of points scored by all boats over the three-day competition.

Of the six bumps that we made, four came from our Third Boat, which means that they bumped up in every race of the season. This is a rare and outstanding achievement, which leads to the crew being awarded “Blades” (a hand-painted decorated oar with their names on it). Congratulations are due to the whole crew, but special mention must go to the cox, Oscar Bourke (III), who only tried coxing for the first time a few weeks ago. The successful oarsmen were: Bryan Lo (LVI), Arron Lewis (V), Jacob Jefferis (V) and Alex Merton (UVI).



The Bumping Chart from the Third Division, showing School House's relentless march up the table from 8th to 4th.



Practice makes perfect: Oscar gets some experience as cox with the School House Junior 4s earlier in the season (L-R): Oscar Bourke (III), Tom Tarlton (IV), Freddie Lawson (IV), Sam Williams (III), Theo Gabb (III)

Perhaps the most heroic feat of the whole event came in the second race of the second day in our Second Boat... Starting high up the charts and with the chance to go top of the division, the crew was keen to make a strong start and get out of the blocks quickly. However, Freddie Blanchard-Butter's start was a bit too strong for the oar; the handle snapped off in his hands on

the very first stroke! For most crews, that would have been the end of the race and we should have been easily caught by the boat behind. However, determined not to let the House down, Freddie (LVI), grabbed the oar further down and carried on rowing. In a phenomenal display of strength and determination, and to the amazement of onlookers, he got us over the finish line without being bumped – that’s what you call house spirit!



The School House Second Boat (L-R): Jonah Greetham (LVI), Scott Walker (LVI), Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill (LVI), Vardan Hambarzumyan (UVI) and Freddie Blanchard-Butter (LVI)



Henley Royal Regatta

Sunday 2 July 2017



The 1st VIII travelled to Henley in the final week of the term to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta. The crew pre-qualified for the event off the strength of their performances through the term so didn't have to race in the qualifying race that reduces the total number of entries down to 32. The draw took place on the Saturday afternoon preceding the Regatta and pitted the 1st VIII against Tabor Academy from the USA in the first round.

The crew made excellent use of their time on the course in the lead up to the regatta despite the challenge of managing exams at the same time. The crew raced on Wednesday morning and had a great send off from Salopians and parents when they boated for the race. The crew produced a strong row and put in some excellent times on their way to beating Tabor by one and a half lengths.

The prize for beating Tabor was to meet the second placed crew from National Schools', Eton College, in the second round. The crew hoped to create an upset and boated for their race on Thursday afternoon in a determined fashion. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, as the form book played out and Eton made an excellent start and held off the 1st VIII's efforts to win by two and a half lengths.

The eventual winners of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup were Scotch College from Australia.

Congratulations to Charlie Clarke (Oldhams 2013), who coxed Oxford Brookes University to victory in the Temple Challenge Cup.

Athol Hundermark, Director of Rowing

To watch the 1st VIII race against Tabor Academy, please click on the image below:



Junior Play: 'All My Sons'

Monday 3 July 2017

"It was an ambitious decision by Director of Drama Helen Brown to turn her attention to Arthur Miller's 'All My Sons' for this year's Junior Play, but it was a decision that paid off in some style." - Review by Peter Middleton.

A balmy Sunday morning in the outskirts of an American town, the Stars 'n' Stripes fluttering gently atop a flagpole in the Keller family garden, a garden carpeted with carefully manicured lawn, rose bushes in bloom, and a white picket fence surrounding this little slice of the American Dream. Joe Keller, self-made businessman in the prime of his life, sits reading the Sunday newspapers, his deckchair at centre stage a throne within the kingdom that is his back yard.



It is August – high summer – but autumn (or, more appropriately for this particular Eden, 'fall') is on its way. As the lights come up at the start of the play, our eyes are drawn towards the stump of a fallen apple tree, uprooted in a storm the night before, foreshadowing the more metaphoric storms that will come as the play progresses. The splintered tree is the first of many cracks we will encounter in the play, not least the cracked cylinder heads sent out from Keller's plant during the Second World War resulting in the deaths of 21 pilots. And there, at the back of the stage is thrust a near-full size P40 WW2 fighter plane, a symbol of the past that will come back to haunt Keller and the terrible truths that will, ultimately, lead to his own sacrificial death.

Miller based his play on a story he had read in an Ohio newspaper, but it is to Greek Tragic theatre that he turns to provide the model for the construct of the play, aligning the drama to what Aristotle termed as the three 'unities' (Time; Action; Place). It is a play that deals with big themes and is, without doubt, one of the great tragedies of the modern era. It was an ambitious decision by Director of Drama Helen Brown to turn her attention to *All My Sons* for this year's Junior Play, but it was a decision that paid off in some style.



Indeed, in the lead role, Orlando Williams (Rt) gave a bravura performance as Joe Keller that was entirely convincing and, despite only being in the Third Form, here was a young actor able to command the stage and grapple with the nadirs of Keller's inner torment with consummate expertise. Likewise, Eleanor Niblett (MSH) provided a depth to her performance as Kate Keller that belied her years. As in many of Miller's plays, it is the central female figure that is perhaps the most significant pillar of strength within the family (Beatrice Carbone in *A View from the Bridge* for instance, or Linda Loman in *Death of a Salesman*). There was real poignancy in Niblett's depiction of a mother whose despair lay not in her husband's actions but in her refusal to accept that her son Larry – a pilot who went missing in action during the war – is dead.



This refusal provides the central tension within the play, where the Keller's other son Chris intends to marry his brother's sweetheart Ann Deever. Taking on the role of Chris, Rider Hartley (Ch) presented a more idealistic view of the world and a refusal to be sucked in to the more materialistic, success-driven thirst of his father ("The business? The business don't inspire me!"). As the truth, and implications, of what his father has done is slowly revealed, the heroic statue that Chris had built of his father begins to topple off its plinth like the fallen apple tree. Hartley conveyed this shifting relationship with impressive skill, confronting his father towards the end of the play with the reluctant acceptance of his father's actions: "I know you're no worse than most men but I thought you were better. I never saw you as a man. I saw you as my father."



Perhaps the most intriguing of all the characters in the play is that of Ann Deever, played by Phoebe Morris (EDH). Dressed in a blue and white polka dot 'A line' dress, at first she appears the ingénue figure within the play, but as the events unfold, there is a strength and steeliness to her character that is conveyed expertly by Morris, who in her first year at the School has made significant contributions to theatre and music at Shrewsbury. A promising future awaits.



The catalyst for the final dramatic events of the play is the arrival of Ann's brother, George Deever, a lawyer just returned from visiting his father Steve in the State penitentiary, Keller's former business partner but now incarcerated having shouldered responsibility for the cracked cylinder heads. Ed Tarling (R), despite only being on stage for the final half of the play, made an immediate impact, laying the case for justice and responsibility at the feet of Joe Keller and refusing to allow his sister to marry someone stained with the blood of association.



A similar impact is made by fellow Riggite Oscar Hamilton-Russell in the closing moments of the play as Larry's final letter is read out. The P40 fighter plane is brought into action in a hauntingly beautiful but tragic scene, as his last moments flying in enemy territory are re-enacted, with Barber's Adagio for Strings an apt choice for such a moment of poignancy.



As in many Miller plays, the neighbours and associates play a key role within the play, much like the 'Chorus' would have done on the Greek stage. Imogen Morgan (G) brought bounce, enthusiasm and energy to the role of Bella Bayliss, a symbol of innocence in a play laden with guilt. Freddie Lawson (SH) played her father, Jim, a doctor whose dreams of going into research are quashed by his wife Sue (Lucie Lovick (G)), whose sharpened knives of aspersion on the Keller family ("Everyone knows Joe pulled a fast one to get out of jail") were delivered with barely-concealed envy and anger. On the other side of the Keller's garden fence were the Lubeys, where Imogen Jones (MSH) charmed as Lydia, the epitome of middle class domesticity, and Tom Allen (Ch) gave an equally endearing performance as her husband Frank, a man feverishly obsessed with fate and astrology.



This was a young cast well capable of grappling with the play's big issues, and the Ashton Theatre was treated to an evening of stellar acting from each and every one. As ever, behind the scenes were a team of lighting and sound designers, stage managers, hair and make-up artists and set painters, amongst others. Each contributed to the success of the piece, though a few key individuals should be singled out in particular.

The first is Alex Davies, Shrewsbury's Theatre Technician, who has for many years designed and built some quite startling sets. The set of *All My Sons*, however, soared to new heights, with the task of building a near-full-size replica of a WW2 fighter plane a challenge that Alex fulfilled with remarkable skill, ably assisted by his assistant Willem James. (Alex has written a fascinating account of the process of designing and constructing the set, as well as paying tribute to the other members of the stage crew: [All My Sons - The Wind Beneath the Wings](#))



The vision for this – and indeed the whole play – was Helen Brown's, who as Director of Drama has directed and overseen an impressive range of productions this year. *All My Sons* was a fitting finale to what has been a vintage season in the Ashton Theatre, and we look forward to further ambitious projects next year.

More photos can be viewed at: [Junior Play 'All My Sons' - photo gallery](#)

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Lily Freeman-Attwood wins major equestrian title

Tuesday 4 July 2017

Congratulations to Lily Freeman-Attwood (EDH IV), who won the prestigious Charles Britton Equestrian Construction Winter JA Classic title on Sunday 2nd July.



In a tense competition against 17 of the top pony riders in the country, Lily and Valmy De Treille were one of six combinations who posted clear rounds and won through to an exciting jump off.

The pressure was on not only to produce a clear round but also avoid any incurring any time penalties - which they did. When the final rider entered the ring, Lily was in first place as the only competitor who had jumped clear. The final rider jumped clear too, but paid the price for a steady round with three time faults - leaving Lily as the winner.

Lily has also qualified for the Horse of the Year Show in October.



LAMDA Exam Success

Tuesday 4 July 2017

Congratulations to five Shrewsbury School pupils who have achieved distinctions in LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) Grade 5 and Grade 6 Acting and Speaking in Public exams.

Lexi Bothamley-Dakin (G V)	Grade 5 - Speaking in Public
Olivia Bothamley-Dakin (G V)	Grade 5 - Speaking in Public
Sam Browne-Swinburne (S V)	Grade 5 - Acting
Emily Hartland (G IV)	Grade 5 - Acting
Betty Chau (G LVI)	Grade 6 Bronze Medal - Speaking in Public

The School has been offering LAMDA lessons in communication and performance subjects for the last two years and this year became a LAMDA Centre, which means that students can take their grade exams in school.

LAMDA teacher Lesley Lear was delighted with her pupils' success: "All the candidates had outstanding results, achieving distinctions across the board in Acting and Speaking in Public with one student gaining a bronze medal in her Grade 6 exam. LAMDA communication and performance qualifications are about achievement and helping students develop life-long skills. LAMDA Level 3, and Grade 6, 7 and 8 qualifications are allocated UCAS points."

Third Former is first winner of Schützer-Weissmann Letter Prize

Tuesday 4 July 2017

A new prize in memory of the late Michael Schützer-Weissmann (MASW), who died in December 2015, has been won by Luke Russell (R III).

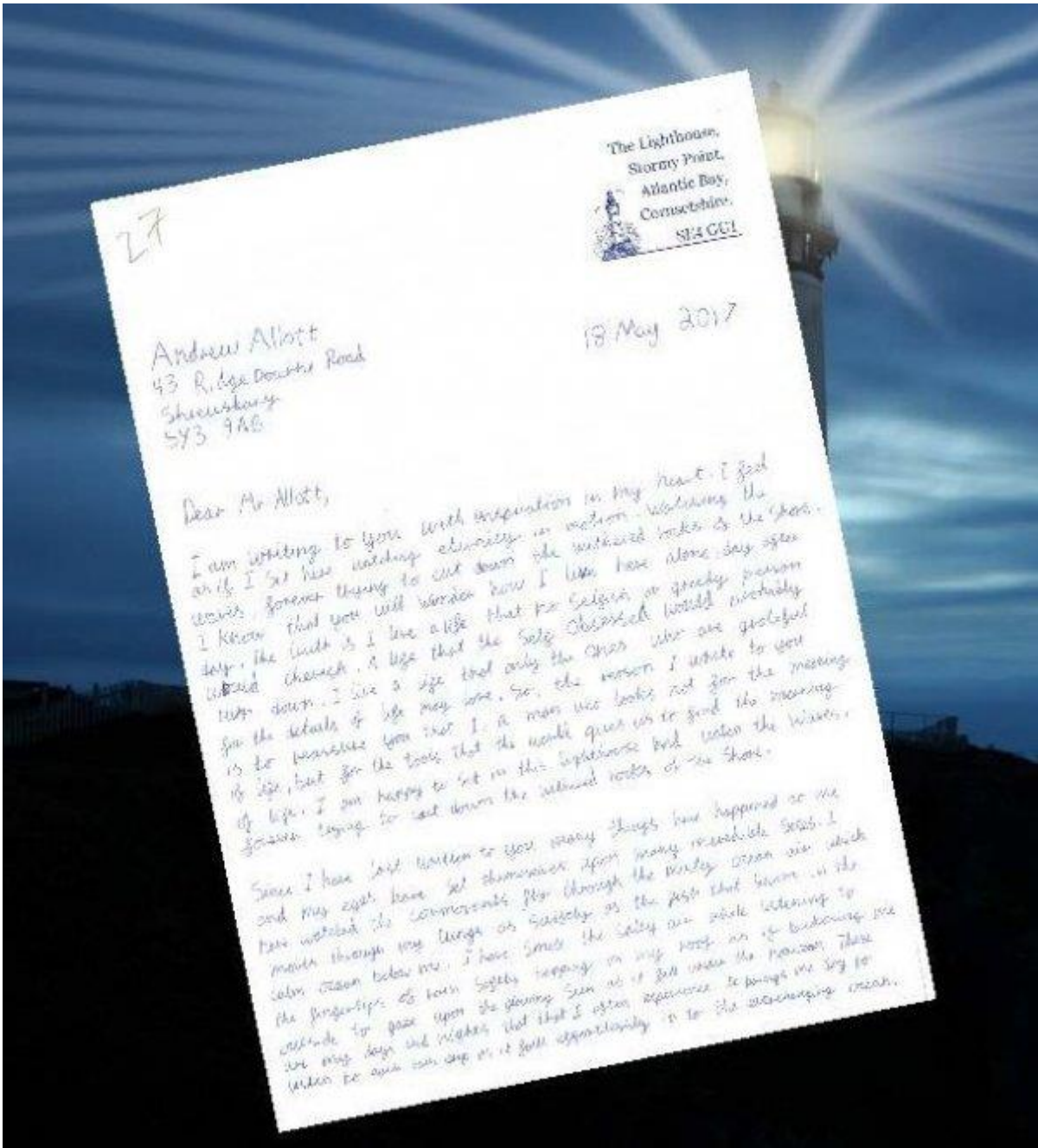
The task was to hand write a letter and post it to the judge, recently retired Head of Biology Andrew Allott. Open to Third and Fourth Formers only, the entrants had to imagine they were a solitary lighthouse keeper and write a letter to a relative or friend about their life.

Thirty-one pupils entered, and, to quote the judge, “It was great fun reading the letters. There was a lot of teenage gloom about loneliness and the pointlessness of existence, but also much imaginative thought and some very careful handwriting.”



In second and third places were Mungo McLaggan (Ch IV) and Mollie Matthews (EDH IV). The prize money of £100 was awarded by Titi Schützer-Weissmann, Mike’s widow, on 22nd June in a private ceremony in Churchill’s Hall.

The prize has been sponsored by Aidan Hartley, the father of Rider (Ch IV) and Eve (MSH V). Aidan was a pupil of MASW at Sherborne where he began his teaching career, before joining the English Faculty at Shrewsbury in 1988. The winning letter can be viewed by clicking on the image below:



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The Lighthouse,
Storrey Point,
Atlantic Bay,
Cornwall,
PL4 6GL

Andrew Allott
43 Ridge Down Road
Shrewsbury
SY3 9AG

18 May 2017

Dear Mr Allott,

I am writing to you with inspiration in my heart. I feel
as if I set here watching eternally in motion. Watching the
waves forever trying to cut down the withered rocks of the shore.
I know that you will wonder how I live here alone day after
day. The truth is I live a life that the Saints or goodly person
would cherish. A life that the Holy Ghost would probably
write down. I live a life that only the ones who are grateful
for the details of life may see. So, the reason I write to you
is to persuade you that I, a man who looks not for the meaning
of life, but for the tools that the world gives us to find the meaning
of life. I am happy to sit in this lighthouse and watch the waves,
listening to the sound of the withered rocks of the shore.

Since I have last written to you many things have happened to me
and my eyes have set themselves upon many remarkable things. I
have watched the comets fly through the sky upon air which
moves through my lungs as surely as the fish that swim in the
calm ocean below me. I have seen the sails of a ship heaving to
the fingertips of both Solly hanging on my roof as if backing me
upside to face upon the plain. Seen as it fell upon the horizon. These
are my days and nights that I often experience to bring me joy so
often as you can see as it fell upon the air.



The news this week 100 years ago: 30th June - 6th July 1917

Tuesday 4 July 2017

This week we remember three Old Salopians, killed fighting in France and Belgium.

Second Lieutenant **Arthur Leslie Fraser**, 27th Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. Churchill's, left in 1906 for Clare College, Cambridge. He was initially rejected by Sandhurst because of defective eyesight. He then travelled widely, spending much time in Canada. Soon after the outbreak of war he was gazetted, going out to France in 1916. He took part in many heavy actions.

Died of wounds in France, 1st July 1917 aged 29.

Buried at Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, France. Grave IV. E. 15.

Lieutenant Eric **Arnold Cleaver**, Royal Flying Corps.

Rigg's, left in 1896. For some time he was on the staff of the National Bank, Johannesburg, before becoming a Balloon Officer.

Killed in action in France, 3rd July 1917, aged 37. See also Claude Rex Cleaver, killed 19th July 1915.

Buried at Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery, France. Grave A. 22.

Lieutenant **Dennis Meirville Crew**, 7th Bn. Cheshire Regiment.

Churchill's, left in 1912.

Killed in action in Belgium, 5th July 1917, aged 22.

Buried at Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery and Extension, Belgium. Grave Westroosebeke Com. Cem. Mem. 2. (I. E. 15B.).



Orientation for new students and parents in Hong Kong, 15th July 2017

Tuesday 4 July 2017

FSSHK will host an Orientation session in Hong Kong for new students and parents to get acquainted with one other as well as with existing Salopian families.

This year, we are delighted that Mr Mike Wright, the present housemaster of Ingram's Hall who will become the Director of Internationalism from September 2017, will join us to introduce the School and answer any queries. A few existing students will also share their school life and experiences studying at Shrewsbury School.

Details are as follows:

Date: 15th July 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 12.15pm – 2:30pm (registration starts 12.00 noon, light lunch will be provided)

Venue: Function Rooms 9 and 10, Craigenower Cricket Club (CCC), 188 Wong Nai Chung Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

Fees: HK\$200 per new family (parents and student included) and HK\$500 one-off membership fee for joining the FSSHK; HK\$150 per existing Salopian family.

Invitations have already been sent to new parents by emails. RSVP by 3rd July 2017.

We welcome all existing Salopian families and Old Salopians to help out with the event. For enquiries, please feel free to contact either [Ms Betty IP](#), or [Mrs Helen Mayhew](#).

Giles Bell's Team of the Week

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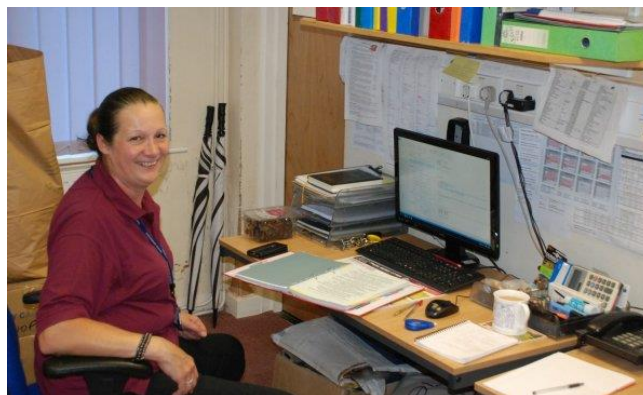
This week, the School Shop team...

As we come to the end of another term packed with sporting, musical, artistic and dramatic brilliance – (I can't remember another time in my career here when we have had four different cricket teams involved in National Finals days) – I find myself wondering what it is that fuels our industrious students.

Clearly the Kingsland Hall team have to take much credit for “keeping the army on the move”. Then there are the motivational words of Housemasters, tutors and classroom teachers, the medical skills of the San sisters and the matrons, the hygienic and germ-free atmosphere provided by the cleaning team... I could go on. There are many teams that should be highlighted and perhaps will be one day, soonish. However, it is the School Shop team that have won the last spotlight of the academic year.



As I walked crisply through the door with other walkers, I was instantly struck by the friendly and welcoming atmosphere created by a hardworking and smiley staff, who have nothing but positive words to say about their Salopian clientele. “I have nothing but positive words to say about the girls and boys,” said Michèlle Hignett, who is the manager of the shop.



“Nor I,” added Julie Millar “unless they dare to suggest that Liverpool are not the best team in the Premiership”. I asked Julie if she knew which newly promoted team had knocked Liverpool

out of the FA cup in 1983 and 1984. She went strangely quiet and offered me a vomit-flavoured Bertie Botts Every Flavour Jelly Bean. The answer of course is Brighton and Hove Albion.



I tried vainly to get Julie to serve up some favourite stories involving misdemeanours by staff or pupils from the past, but she stuck to her mantra of everyone being lovely. This was something all the ladies I interviewed agreed on – and if there are any pupils reading this, I would like them to know that it may be that their biggest supporters reside in the School Shop.



I guess there is an even bigger incentive to be polite in the shop when all that stands between one and a cornetto, bacon sandwich, mars bar or bag of crisps is a brief conversation with a lovely lady, even if she is a Liverpool fan. Thinking about it, bribery works in the classroom too! A friend of mine passed his teaching practice by promising the whole class a mars bar each if they were nice. They were very nice and he spent a lot of his student grant on mars bars (or an astronaut's favourite chocolate, as it is called by some sub-standard comedians!).

Michèle arrived nine years ago, having transferred from Build a bear. “It was all fluff and no substance,” she told me. “In the end I couldn’t bear it. I would drive to work in my Panda in quite a good mood but my boss was so grizzly the atmosphere was positively polar. It is so nice to work in a place where everyone is so warm and friendly.”

There were quite a lot of potential customers deciding what confectionary to purchase, but Maria McKenzie who is in charge of Wind at Shrewsbury (and there is a lot of it), was not there as she is off on maternity leave. Some of her colleagues in the Music Faculty know her as M and M. (I think it is something to do with her initials rather than her love of rap music.) This reminded me of another poor joke. Why did the M&M want to go to college? It wanted to be a smarty!

The shop does not just sell sweets. Euan Cooper was looking forward to a bacon butty. “I am looking forward to my bacon butty,” he told me. “I think I will wash it down with a coke and follow it up with a chocolate brownie. That should keep me going through my next two lessons until lunch.” Euan is a growing lad.



I asked Euan if he had a joke for me. “What do you call Chewbacca when he has chocolate stuck in his hair? A chocolate chip Wookiee!”

Not everyone allows the indulgent gene free rein. Oliver Shutts told me that he likes to pop in for a cleansing glass of water. “I like the purity and simplicity encapsulated by a glass of water. I think I may have been inspired by the spiritual nature of your Philosophy and Theology lessons, Sir.”



Ollie went on to ask me “What is a French cat’s favourite dessert?” I could not think of the answer but Ollie told me that it’s chocolate mousse!

Nina Lange and Amy Pook were very excited by what they had purchased. Coming from Germany, Nina travels quite a bit and she was keen to tell me that she enjoys buying plane chocolate at the airport! Amy was very keen to tell me that she likes lambs covered in chocolate, otherwise known as Candy Baas!



Sitting just behind them, Artem Stopnevich was concentrating on meditating. “I find the shop is a great place to come and switch off,” he told me. He went on to ask me, “What do you get when you dip a kitten in chocolate? A Kitty Kat bar!”

After that I asked him to go back to his meditative state!

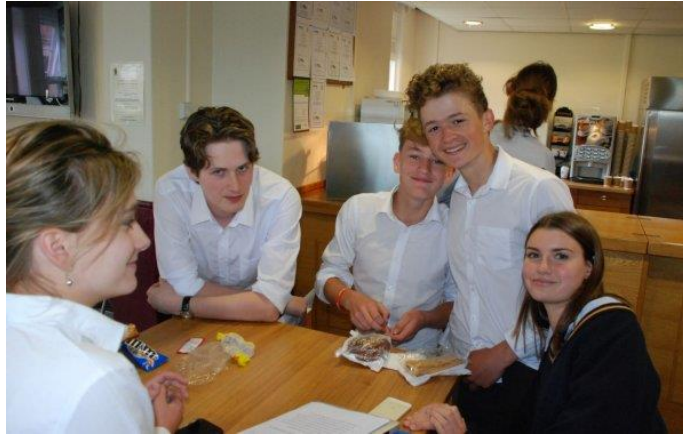
It was quite clear from my visit to the shop that it is a place where pupils can relax and have a laugh. Flora Moreau explained that she likes going to the shop because the staff are always so positive. “They all liked my fringe when I was having second thoughts about it. They also told me I had nice hand writing. My self-esteem is always higher after a trip to the school shop.” I can concur with Flora, as no one commented on my lack of hair which makes a welcome change!



There were so many smiles I wondered if the shop staff had trained as ‘giggle doctors’. They refuted this claim but my overriding sense is that the School Shop is one of the happiest places on the site and much credit must go to the marvellous team who spread the love in there. They did admit to doing quite a lot of counselling, and I suspect if you really want to know what’s going on at Shrewsbury School you need to spend some time in the Shop.

By the way, what kind of candy is never on time? – ChocoLATE!”

I hope you all have a very happy and smile-filled summer!



The School Shop staff team are Michèle Hignett, Julie Millar, Tasha Alldritt, Petra Gwilliam, Mohamad Hami, Beth Lane, Margaret Foulkes, Mary Smith and Caroline Wetherby and they are all very sweet!

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Fives End of Year Round-up

Tuesday 4 July 2017

Just a few highlights include – Alan Barber Cup Finalists, Kinnaird Semi-Finalist, Aberconway Cup Winners, Veterans Champions, Mixed University Champion



2016-17 season was one of significant progress within the OS Fives Club. We successfully (ish) fielded two teams in league. The first year is always one of transition, however there is a sense that the club is opening-up to cater for all abilities – and more importantly the ingredients for success are bubbling away.



Notably, we had 8 Salopian players in the quarter finals of the Northern, 1 Salopian (school boy) in the semi-finals of the Northern, 2 quarter finalists and 1 semi-finalist in the Kinnaird; we were finalists of the Alan Barber Cup, winners of the Aberconway Cup, winners of the Vets Cup and boasted 3 women in the Varsity match as well as one half of the winning team in the Mixed University Championships. So, there is significant talent across all ages.

Moreover, Leader of the Group, Richard Barber (SH 1955-60), played at the Fives end-of-season dinner on 1 June, creating what may well be the largest age span of playing members in a single season by any club – ever!

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The Salopians also have one of the strongest women's team on the circuit. They are all playing incredibly well at university and in more general competitions. We had 3 Salopian women playing in the first pair of the Varsity match, as well as Alice Brett (MSH 2009-11) bringing home the silverware in the Mixed University Championship. Salopians expect to be dominant in this area in the years to come and we are looking forward to getting the ladies more directly involved once they have left university.

Next season promises yet more: with a new settled club structure of two league teams. Our thanks go to all those that ensure the club scene remains competitive and well run and to all those who organise matches (and, where necessary, re-organise matches).

Finally, on behalf of all the OS and wider Fives community our thanks go to Rex Worth (S 2002-07) who stepped down as Club Secretary at the beginning of this season. He remains Treasurer and is an integral part of the success of the OS Fives Club.

Bumpers 2017 - the 149th season

Tuesday 4 July 2017

Thrills, spills - and a dramatic battle for the Headship...



In Division 3, School House continued their excellent run, earning 'blades' (four bumps out of four). Port Hill meanwhile earned the opposite honour. The Grove finished as the highest placed 2nd boat, and after bumping Oldham's will start next year on bungline 6 – the first time a girls'



house has started that high. Rigg's held off the challenge of Churchill's to claim the Head of Division 3 title (Rigg's III has rowed over in that position since 2011...).

Division 2's biggest movers were Oldham's Hall, who ended with three bumps out of four. Churchill's rowed over for the Head of Division 2, having claimed that position on Thursday. Despite being bumped by Ridgemount today, The Grove maintained their hold on the Elizabeth Cup for the highest placed girls' crew, but are now being directly followed by Emma Darwin and Mary Sidney. With Moser's due to reappear as a girls' house in 2018, the competition is set to be fierce.

After Port Hill's dramatic bump on Rigg's in Division 1 the previous day, things were set up for a spectacular conclusion to the Bumping Races. Hundreds of spectators filled the slipway outside the Boathouse, the pontoons and the Toll Bridge, clambering for a view.

Port Hill had three members of the 1st VIII to strengthen their boat; Churchill's ahead of them only had one. Both crews set off at a frenetic pace, with Port Hill closing, but not enough to get the bump past the Boathouse. They closed again on the Pengwern corner, this time getting overlap – and coming into contact without achieving the desired bump.

Further down the Division, Ingram's bumped Ridgemount to move back off the bottom. Following a ruling from the ever-present Impartial Committee, it was determined that Churchill's and Port Hill should re-row for the Headship. Both crews boated quickly, and the tension built.

Once again Port Hill closed, but Churchill's resisted. At Pengwern, Port Hill closed again, and got agonisingly close, but once again Churchill's resisted. Finally, Churchill's pulled clear and reached the safety of the Suspension Bridge.

Churchill's retain the Head of the River trophy for the first time since 1937.

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) – Churchill'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) – Oldham's Hall/Rigg's Hall (tied)
- 3rd (Dickens Plaque) – Mary Sidney Hall
- 2nd (Bower Cup) – School House
- 1st (Friends Cup) – Churchill's Hall
- Birt Trophy (overall girls' House rowing prize) – Mary Sidney Hall
- Leadbitter Cup (overall boys' House rowing prize) – Churchill's Hall



Churchill's Hall, winners of the Head of the River trophy and the Leadbitter Cup



The Grove, winners of the Elizabeth Cup

Confirmed bumps on the final day of Bumpers were as follows:

Division 1

I bpd Rt

Division 2

PH bpd SH

O bpd S

Rt bpd G

Division 3

SH bpd S

G bpd O

MSH bpd PH

The Bumpers Chart, dating back to 1867, may be viewed here: <http://bumps.rssbc.org.uk/RMW>



House Athletics Competition 2017

Tuesday 4 July 2017

Following hot on the heels of one of Shrewsbury's most successful Athletics seasons, with County Champions across all age groups and personal bests from more pupils than ever, this year's House Athletics competition was no less impressive.



Angus Drummond (O) was chasing his fourth title as Victor Ludorum, whereas new Captain of Athletics Claire Richards (G) went into the event as favourite for the Victrix Cup.

As one of the whole Salopian community events, it was fantastic to see so many parents and Old Salopians enter into the spirit of the games, taking the Olympic motto (*citius, altius, fortius*) as their guide.

Indeed, as the results show, our pupils did go higher, with James Crewdson (S) breaking the school record for the senior high jump, and stronger, with Arron Lewis (SH) throwing the javelin further than any before him, whilst still competing in the Intermediates. Francesca Harris (EDH) ended an outstanding first year at Shrewsbury by breaking the 1500m record in style.

The House competitions were won by The Grove and Rigg's in what was one of the closest events in living memory.

New teacher-in-charge Emma Kelly can be very proud as Salopians follow in the footsteps of Bob Tisdall.

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Junior House Boys' Trophy: Rigg's Hall
Junior House Girls' Trophy: Emma Darwin Hall
Junior Victor Ludorum: Fred Jones (Rb III)
Junior Victrix Ludorum: Phoebe Morris (EDH III)

Inters Boys' House Trophy: Severn Hill and School House
Inters Girls' House Trophy: The Grove
Intermeds Victor Ludorum: Tom Plaut (S V)
Inters Victrix Ludorum: Daisy McMullen (G V)

Senior Boys' House Trophy: School House
Senior Girls' House Trophy: The Grove
Senior Victor Ludorum: Angus Drummond (O UVI)
Senior Victrix Ludorum: Claire Richards (G UVI)



The overall results are shown below. (Click on the tables to view them as a pdf)

House Athletics Competition 2017 - Final Standings

Overall			Junior			Inter			Senior		
	Points	Rank		Points	Rank		Points	Rank		Points	Rank
R	327	1	R	116	1	S	117	1	SH	119	1
SH	323	2	Rt	98	2	SH	117	1	O	107	2
S	319	3	PH	97	3	R	106	3	S	107	2
O	274	4	S	95	4	Ch	104	4	R	105	4
PH	260	5	SH	87	5	PH	92	5	I	92	5
Rt	247	6	Ch	86	6	O	90	6	Rt	84	6
I	244	7	Rb	82	7	I	75	7	PH	71	7
Ch	244	7	I	77	8	Rt	65	8	Rb	66	8
Rb	204	9	O	77	8	Rb	56	9	Ch	54	9

CANNON RELAYS

SH	I	S	Ch	Rb	R	O	PH	Rt	Results of the Cannon Relay and Cricket Ball Throw do not count towards the overall totals		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	G	BDH	MSH
									1	2	3

Girls - Overall			Girls - Junior			Girls - Inter			Girls - Senior		
	Points	Rank		Points	Rank		Points	Rank		Points	Rank
G	550	1	G	218	1	G	204	1	G	210	1
BDH	516	2	G	136	2	MSH	158	2	BDH	156	2
MSH	412	3	MSH	132	3	BDH	142	3	MSH	122	3

Full results of all the events:

- [Junior Boys](#)
- [Junior Girls](#)
- [Inter Boys](#)
- [Inter Girls](#)
- [Senior Boys](#)
- [Senior Girls](#)





School charity fundraising total tops £128,000

Tuesday 4 July 2017

A huge thank you to everyone who has given so very generously of their time and cash to help Shrewsbury School raise more than £128,000 (and still counting) for 18 different charities this year. And particular thanks to members of the Charities Committee for all their hard work.

THE SHEWSY

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

YOUNGMINDS
The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing

Emmaus Homeless Shelter
Serving First Those Who Suffer Most

The Shrewsbury Ark

Money raised in 2016 - 2017
£128,000
...and counting!

MEDIC MALAWI

FOOD HUB

Chad's

SOUTHERN CLEFT FOUNDATION
Giving smiles for life

Revitalise
Supporting children with disabled parents

Alder Hey
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Self Help Africa

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

RESTART AFRICA

Cardiac Risk in the Young

Severn Hospice

OnTrack

Alumni Success at Henley

Thursday 6 July 2017

Huge congratulations to two of our old boys:

Firstly, Charlie Clarke (O 2009-14) - below - who coxed the Oxford Brookes Temple Cup crew to a fantastic win on Sunday.



Also to Paddy George (M 2011-16), pictured third from the left below, who got through to Saturday in the Leander, Thames Cup crew.



A sincere well done to both from the Sabrina Club.



Miles Better: Miles Preston's Rolls Royce Tour of Great Britain

Tuesday 11 July 2017



Jane and I were very fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in a 1,500 mile trip organized by the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts' Club (RREC) which ran from the 6 to the 23 June around England, Wales and Scotland. The event was set up to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the formation of the RREC and the 110th anniversary of a 1907 Silver Ghost being driven for more than 14,000 miles without breaking down. That car, registration number AX 201, is still on the road and took pride of place when, on the evening before the journey, we dined with Prince Michael of Kent at the Oatlands Park Hotel in Weybridge.

We set off the following morning and drove to Wareham in Dorset. From there we went to Thurlestone in Devon, the Celtic Manor Resort in South Wales, Ruthin Castle Hotel in North Wales, the Inn on the Lake at Glenridding on Lake Ullswater, then to Loch Lomond, Pitlochry, Leith on the outskirts of Edinburgh, Durham, Harrogate and finally to Rutland Water for our last meal together on the 22 June. Most of the cars then went to spend the weekend at the Annual Rally of the RREC which was held at Burghley House, but we headed to Henley to watch the qualifying races for the Regatta, which was scheduled for the following week.

The format of the tour was very informal. A lot of people have asked if we moved around the Country in convoy; we didn't. We all knew where we were staying each night and the only fixed time in our diaries was 7.30pm when we knew that we would all sit down together to eat. This in itself was quite a logistical feat as we were about a hundred people in total. By the end, we reckoned we were on nodding terms with everyone and had got to know about 25 sufficiently well to stop and say hello to as we progressed to the various destinations.

A special mention here should be made of two hotels: the Thurlestone Hotel in South Devon and the Inn on the Lake at Glenridding (Lake Ullswater). A third, the Ruthin Castle Hotel in Ruthin, North Wales was packed with character and, for that reason, deserves a mention as well. One of the most memorable and enjoyable features of the trip was a full English breakfast every morning – what heaven!

I am keen to start a Salopian Drivers Club for Salopians who own interesting cars, whether old or new. If this idea appeals to you, please email me at miles.preston@milespreston.co.uk.

Miles Preston (DB 1963-68)



The news this week 100 years ago: 7th - 14th July 1917

Friday 14 July 2017

We remember two Old Salopians who were both killed 100 years ago this week while flying.

Second Lieutenant **Hugh Holtom Whytehead**, 29th Sqdn. Royal Flying Corps.

Rigg's, left in 1912 for Birmingham University. Enlisting as a private in 5th North Staffs., he obtained a commission in the 9th North Staffs., before joining the RFC.

Killed while flying in France, 12th July 1917, aged 21.

Remembered on Arras Flying Services Memorial, France.

Flight Sub-Lieutenant **Edward Hext Kendall**, Royal Naval Air Service.

School House, quarter-mile swimming champion, he left in 1911. Injured while with the Duke of Cornwall's LI Regt., he was invalided home. On return he joined the Royal Naval Air Service and after eight days, flying at 13,000 ft, he was attacked by an enemy machine, had his petrol tank fired and was killed, in Belgium, 12th July 1917, aged 22.

Buried at Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery, Belgium. Grave I. B. 10.

The news this week 100 years ago: 15th - 21st July 1917

Friday 14 July 2017

This week we remember one Old Salopian, who died of his wounds in Belgium 100 years ago, aged 20.

Second Lieutenant **Thomas Clark Powell**, 12th Heavy Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. Ingram's, Praeposter, Cadet Officer in OTC, left at Easter 1916 as an Open Maths Scholar at New College, Oxford. Going instead to the Artillery Cadet Unit, he passed out with distinction and was Commissioned soon after, going straight to the Front. Wounded early in 1917 and again on the night of 14th July, he died shortly after reaching a Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium, 15th July 1917, aged 20.

Buried at Lijssesthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Grave XIII. B. 13.



Thomas Powell (also pictured is fellow Ingramite Edward Horton, who survived the war and was awarded the MC)

The Peter Burles Salver finds its way into Salopian Hands

Monday 17 July 2017

The OS Golfing fraternity are delighted to report a wonderful win of the Peter Burles Salver as part of the G L Mellin Tournament.

The McMullan brothers (Malcolm, I 1958-62 and Peter, I 1962-67) led from the front, as usual, and Henry Rowe (S 1956-60) made a welcome return to the team partnering the ever-present Michael Brabner (R 1963-67). Both pairs were slow to get going in the first round but played well at the death to each win by one hole avoiding the dreaded 19th! Thereafter it was plain sailing. Peter and Malcom won 7/6 in the final whilst Henry and Michael were given a half despite being 6 up with 6 to play - don't ask, just one of the vagaries of playing in the Mellin Tournament!



Sadly, the 'Mellin' team had less luck, and lost to Bradfield in the semi-finals, although we were delighted to have Angus Pollock (I 1975-1980) making his first appearance. He played consistently well throughout, remaining unbeaten in all three matches. Bradfield had two newcomers in their team and were clearly up for the battle having despatched Haileybury - one of the stronger teams - in the first round. All three Shrewsbury pairs started well and looked to be heading for victory but the opposition rallied well. James Shaw (SH 1943-48) and Will Painter (R 1967-71), who have been unbeaten for many years, could not stem the tide as the opposition came home in 2 under par. Anthony Smith (O 1965-69) and Andy Pollock (I 1971-74) who had won 14 consecutive Mellin matches ran out of steam at the 15th having played wonderfully in the three previous rounds. It was disappointing to lose after three successful years, but only gentlemanly to let the other 15 schools have a go.....

Tim Lewis (R 1950-55) and John Parker (SH 1952-57) battled hard in the 'Bunny Millard', but just failed to make the semi-finals.

A big thank you to Anthony and Fenella Parsons (Anthony, Rt 1959-64) for organising a wonderful event. All the match results can be found on the new website www.themellin.org.

Peter Worth (M 1965-70)

Three Salopians to row for Wales

Monday 10 July 2017

Congratulations to Sam Branford (I LVI) and Rory McKirdy (PH UVI), who have both been selected to row for Team Wales Junior Men, and to Jennie Hallsworth (EDH UVI), who has been selected for Team Wales Junior Women.

All three will compete for Wales against teams from Scotland, England and Ireland at the Home International Regatta 2017 on Saturday 22nd July.

This year the Regatta will take place at Strathclyde Park, Motherwell.



Rory (2nd from left) and Sam (2nd from right) with the Shrewsbury 1st VIII at Henley Royal Regatta 2017



Jennie (stroke) with the Shrewsbury 1st Quad at the Wallingford Regatta 2017



The news this week 100 years ago: 21st - 27th July 1917

Thursday 20 July 2017

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant **James Harold Hartley**, 45th Sqdn. Royal Flying Corps. Moser's, left in 1915 for Sandhurst, passing out with a Commission to the Munster Fusiliers. After some time with them at the Front, he joined the Royal Flying Corps as observer. He was out with a squadron of seven British planes and encountered 28 Germans, and a chance shot struck him and killed him instantly, in France 22nd July 1917, aged 20.

Buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave III. D. 281.

GB Showjumping Silver Medal

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Riding her pony Valmy De Trielle, Lily Freeman-Attwood (EDH IV) has won a silver medal as part of Team Le Mieux, representing Great Britain in the Pony European Championships in Kaposvar, Hungary.



In an exciting competition held on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th July, the British team finished just one jump behind the winners, Ireland, and two time penalties ahead of the Netherlands

Team LeMieux Pony European Championship Squad 2017
Kaposvar, Hungary 25th – 30th July 2017

 Alliana Clutterbuck • Aged 16 • From Essex Sultan Du Bary • 11 years-old • Bay gelding • Owner - Susan Evans	 Eleanor Hall Mcabeer • Aged 15 • From Hertfordshire Tixylix • 19 years-old • Chestnut mare • Owner - Mandy Hall	 Fraser Reed • Aged 16 • From Fife Harry • 14 years-old • Bay gelding • Owner - Jillian Reed	 Lily Freeman Attwood • Aged 15 • From Shropshire Valmy De Trielle • 8 years-old • Bay mare • Owner - Emily Freeman Attwood	 Faye Sutton • Aged 15 • From Shropshire Robe Ruedh • 13 years-old • Dun gelding • Owner - Jacqueline Sutton
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Earlier in July, Lily won the prestigious [Charles Britton Equestrian Construction Winter JA Classic title](#). She has also qualified for the Horse of the Year Show, which takes place in October.

Further information on the Pony European Championships and full results can be found at www.kaposvarpony2017.hu



World Under 23 Championships

Wednesday 26 July 2017



After a fantastic win in the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley in July, Charlie Clarke (O 2009-14) was selected to compete at this year's World under 23 championships, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Coxing the 4+, Charlie's crew came in a very creditable Silver medal position, behind the Italians. Congratulations Charlie on an amazing season!





The news this week 100 years ago: 27th July - 3rd August 1917

Thursday 27 July 2017

We remember four Old Salopians killed 100 years ago this week, three of them fighting in the Battle of Passchendaele.

Major **Owen Mostyn Conran**, 10th Sqdn. Royal Flying Corps.

Rigg's, left in 1896 to join the Royal Lancashire Regt., and served in the South African War. In 1913 he was seconded for service with the Egyptian Army and at the outbreak of war saw active service in Egypt and Sudan, during which time he did a considerable amount of flying. During sick leave in the UK in 1916 he was attached to the Royal Flying Corps, becoming Flight Commander in November 1916. In April 1917 he went to France.

Killed in action on bombing duty in France, 28th July 1917, aged 36.

Buried at Chocques Military Cemetery, France. Grave V. C. 2.

Lieutenant **Reginald Scott-Deakin**, 74th Bde. "A" Bty. Royal Field Artillery.

Day Boys, left in 1912 after serving four years in the OTC. Commissioned in 1913, he went to the Front in March 1915 and took part in engagements at St Eloi and Hill 60. Invalided home in the spring of 1916, he returned after convalescing and was involved in heavy fighting.

Killed in action in Belgium, 31st July 1917, aged 23.

Buried at Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Grave II. E. 4.

Second Lieutenant **Edward Hamilton Southcomb**, 3rd Bn. attd. 24th Bn. Manchester Regiment.

Churchill's, left in 1912 to work in the Bank of Cheltenham.

Killed in action in Belgium, 31st July 1917, aged 22.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 53 and 55.

Second Lieutenant **Hubert Samuel Alston Turner**, 2nd Bn. Yorkshire Regiment.

Prior's (now Moser's), left in 1915 for Sandhurst, being gazetted in April 1916. He went to the Western Front and was killed instantly, bravely leading his men in a charge in Belgium, 1st August 1917, aged 20.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 33.



Two Salopians selected to row for GB

Thursday 27 July 2017

Barney Fox (PH 2012-17) and Matt Rowe (SH 2012-17) have been selected to row for Great Britain in the 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships, which take place in Trakai, Lithuania between 2nd and 6th August.

Barney has been selected for the Coxed Four and Matt will race in the Junior Men's Eight.

They both already have a clutch of GB gold medals apiece. Their most recent success was in May, when they were both part of the winning GB Junior Men's Eight at the 2017 International DRV Junior Regatta in Munich. Matt won a second gold medal in the Junior Men's Pair.



Barney and Matt at the International DRV Junior Regatta

Earlier in the summer holiday, four Salopians were selected to compete at the Home International Regatta 2017, which took place on Saturday 22nd July. Sam Branford (I LVI) and Rory McKirdy (PH UVI) rowed for Team Wales Junior Men; Jennie Hallsworth (EDH UVI) rowed for Team Wales Junior Women; and Tomas Shiels (SH LVI) won gold as the cox of the England Junior Men's Eight.