

So Near and Yet So Far

Sunday 1 July 2018

The Saracens just miss out in the Second Round of the Cricketer Cup



Fresh from their impressive Round 1 victory the Saracens came into Round 2 full of confidence, despite their hopes of turning out with a number of 'pros' from the Shrewsbury roster dashed due to a combination of unavailability and injuries.

Ben Williams (Rt 2008-10) lost the toss and the Saracens were asked to field first on what looked like a very used wicket away to Uppingham. The home side got off to a quick start as the Saracens' opening bowling attack struggled to control the new ball, and whilst the breakthrough came early in the 5th over Uppingham were 31-1 with extras the highest scorer (17). With the wicket showing early signs of inconsistent bounce the Sarries bowling attack started to take control, reducing the hosts to 119-4 and dismissing their 'form' batter. Spin twins Pat Jacob (PH 2012-17) and Matt Gregson (Rb 2008-13) bowled very well through the middle overs, ultimately returning figures of 3-39 and 4-43 respectively, before Steve Barnard (Rb 2009-11) cleaned up the Uppingham tail leaving the hosts 153 all out. A below par score, albeit the Sarries would have been disappointed to have given away 48 extras.

At the half way point the Sarries were in poll position, and despite the deteriorating wicket, would have hoped for a quick start to tee-up a comfortable chase. Unfortunately, through a combination of poor shots and some mixed umpiring decisions, that proved not to be the case with the visitors 19-3 and under pressure. Ben Price (O 2008-10) and Ben Williams rebuilt for a period before Williams fell caught at slip bringing Tom Cox (M 2000-05) to the crease. Cox played a measured innings to build what could have been a match winning partnership but was dismissed for 30 with the Sarries 94-5 and the game in the balance. Despite a valiant effort from Price who finished on 50* the Saracens middle and lower order fell in clusters with the visitors all out for 149 and falling 4 runs short.

Overall a disappointing day and a match which the Saracens would have expected to win. That said this year's campaign saw several new Saracens make their Cricketer Cup debuts, and with a good crop of cricketers leaving the school this year, the prospects for 2019 look brighter than years gone by.

Thank you all that played this year and wish all those touring in Devon later this summer all the best. Hoist it up!

Ben Williams



An apple a day keeps Richard away...

Monday 2 July 2018

In the final week of term, the Ashton Theatre hosted Heather May's Shrewsbury School directing debut, Shakespeare's 'Richard III', performed by a cast of 27 Third and Fourth Formers. Many thanks to Charlie Tonks (L6) for her review and to William Temple ([William Temple Photographer](#)) for the photographs.

When watching the play one is immediately struck by the astonishing professionalism demonstrated both on and offstage by such a young ensemble. Tom Allen of Churchill's Hall played the eponymous Richard exuding confidence, affirming to all those watching that the theatre is his natural habitat. The opening direct address captivated the audience with Tom's clear annunciation, a rarity for young actors performing Shakespeare.

Not to be deceived by the pink, girlish exterior, Amber Worthington beautifully embodied a strong and empowered woman fighting attempts of an oppressive patriarchy. Georgiana Cooper was full of emotive expression with her grace and elegance taking the entire stage by storm. Moreover, her monochromatic costume reflected her bold and gutsy attitude.

The technical team put a clever twist on transitions, juxtaposing the Shakespearean language with the live singing of Imogen Morgan; one must admire her ability to fill the auditorium with such spine-tingling sound.

Ed Tarling fruitfully embodied the manipulative Buckingham, brilliantly marrying the suave with the slimy. On the theme of villainy, Orlando Williams carried off his malevolence with a subtle yet self-assured demeanour, setting a good example to his younger cast members.

Statuesque and feisty, Phoebe's power-suit reflected Miss May's intention to introduce modern eclecticism into such a traditional play. This was most effective in making the performance appeal to a modern audience and further engendered a feeling of power onstage.

Finally, Oscar Hamilton-Russell wins the award for the most sonorous and clear voice, confidently adding Shakespearean soliloquies to his repertoire.

Huge congratulations to Miss May and her incredibly talented cast for pulling off such a dramatic and forceful play with high energy – difficult to emulate in the last week of a busy year.

Please click on the large image below to open a gallery of photos:





The 150th Bumping Races – Day 2

Monday 2 July 2018

Another perfect day of weather, with a gentle tail wind that made for some excellent racing.



Four crews are one bump away from claiming 'blades': School House I, Oldham's II, Mary Sidney I and Emma Darwin II.

Radbrook claimed bungline 1 in both Division 2 and Division 3.

The Grove I remain the highest placed girls' house in 7th, but Mary Sidney I will be hot on their heels tomorrow starting 8th. The same is true in Division 3, where The Grove II will start 5th and Mary Sidney II will start 6th.

In Division 1, there was a titanic battle between Churchill's I, Rigg's I and Oldham's I with some excellent coxing on display from all three crews. In the end, Oldham's bumped Rigg's for the right to race Churchill's for the Head of the River Trophy. Either Churchill's will claim a third Headship in a row for the first time in their history, or Oldham's will take the top prize for the first time since 2004.

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Round 2

Division 1



O bpd PH
SH bpd Rb

Division 2

Rb bpd R
O bpd PH
G bpd S
MSH bpd Rt

Division 3

Rb bpd R
SH bpd Ch
MSH bpd S
EDH bpd O
Rt bpd PH

Round 3

Division 1

O bpd R
SH bpd PH
I bpd Rt

Division 2

Rb bpd Ch
O bpd R
SH bpd PH
MSH bpd S

Division 3

SH bpd R
EDH bpd S
PH bpd Rt
I bpd M



Wonderful Weather; Wonderful Wednesday.....

Monday 2 July 2018

...at Henley. Don't you want to be there on this historic day for Sabrina and the RSSBC?

This Wednesday, for the first time, there will be three Shrewsbury crews racing at Henley on the same day. The Sabrina VIII, having qualified on Friday, will be racing Royal Chester RC 'A' at 2.20pm; the Second VIII will be racing Orange Coast USA at 3.05pm and the First VIII will be racing Great Marlow School at 7.00pm.



The Sabrina men's VIII qualified for the Thames Cup for the first time in three years and the School's second VIII also qualified for the Temple Cup. All this success following hot on the heels of Cesca Molyneux's victory in the Oxford Brookes VIII at Henley Women's Regatta a week before (Cesca is the first Sabrina Club member to have won at this the premier regatta for women in the UK - for more information, see [here](#)). With the first VIII pre-selected for the Princess Elizabeth Cup, this means that for the first time ever, Shrewsbury and its former pupils will have three VIIs competing on a single day: Wonderful Wednesday.

Do try to be there to support them. There will be the usual School lunch party for Salopians on Wednesday too, as we get together to cheer the boys on. The rowers are all great people, who have given a huge amount already just to appear at Henley and deserve to be cheered to the rafters by all Salopians, their families and friends. The crews will be going afloat from the Regatta pontoons approximately thirty-five minutes before they race so, if you have time, do go there to give them a good send-off. If you cannot be there, do remember that all Henley races can be seen live (or as a repeat) on YouTube.

There is plenty going on at Henley this year to keep the most ardent Shrewsbury rowing enthusiasts excited: the Leander Club winning Thames Cup crew from 1968 (which had four



Salopians in it, Graham Davidson (SH 1960-65), Ian Morton (SH 1962-67), Charles Parry (1960-65), and Tim Redfern (SH 1962-67)) will be performing a row-over during the tea interval on Friday (they will be going afloat from about 3.45pm from the Regatta pontoons). In addition, the RSSBC Princess Elizabeth Cup crew from 1968 will be having a 50th anniversary reunion row from the Regatta pontoons at 10.30am on Friday before enjoying lunch together in Leander.

Finally, please don't forget the **Saturday** Sabrina Club party (more information [here](#)) for all Sabrina Club members, RSSBC crew members and their parents, other Salopians and their respective families and friends in the Henley Cricket Ground starting at 1.00pm.



The Sabrina VIII, pictured here, are:

P Morgan

P Wood

J Russell

J Stuart

P Gadsden

T Fitton

H Thomas

A Hagger

Cox: Charlie Clarke

Coach: Paul Manser





Delegate awards at the Withington MUN Conference

Monday 2 July 2018

On the day after Speech Day, a small team of Salopians represented the School with panache at Withington Model United Nations Conference, a one-day event aimed at beginners.

Lower Sixth Former Koby Ferdinand-Okpala - a veteran of many MUN conferences - chaired the Human Rights Committee and did a brilliant job, facilitating debate and trying to get as many people as possible to contribute to the debates.

And three out of the four Shrewsbury School delegates picked up awards in their committees:

- Ossian Finch (3F) won a Highly Commended Delegate award at his first ever MUN; a superb achievement for such a young debater.
- Ebrahim Jamshid (L6) won a Commended Delegate Award in the most competitive committee, the Security Council.
- And Harvey Hancock (5F) won a Commended Delegate Award in the Human Rights committee.

The teams were:

Poland

Ebrahim Jamshid - (Ambassador) Security Council

Côte d'Ivoire

Abi Watkinson - (Ambassador) Security Council

Harvey Hancock - Human Rights Committee

Ossian Finch - Human Rights 2 Committee

Shrewsbury School in the vanguard of digital learning

Tuesday 3 July 2018

In the latest film by Film Fellow David Clifford, Biology teacher and Head of Digital Learning, Henry Exham, explains how a group of Shrewsbury School pupils have been helping Google test an exciting new piece of virtual reality software.

Please click on the arrow below:

The group have created their own 360° tour of Shrewsbury School and town and its connections with Charles Darwin, which has now been included on the Google Expeditions app.

To enjoy a preview of their tour, which includes the Darwin treasures in the Moser Library, the Darwin Biology Building, Darwin's house on The Mount and Shrewsbury School in Darwin's day, please click [here](#).

You can explore it with or without a virtual reality viewer by using your mouse to move around the spaces and clicking on the icons to hear audio descriptions or read more about the items highlighted.





Huntercombe: Pre-Henley Golf

Tuesday 3 July 2018



As the evening shadows lengthened over the glorious setting of Huntercombe Golf Club at the top of the Chilterns, a group of 30 Salopians and partners, who had flocked from far and wide including the United States, were treated to an excellent post-golf supper, organised by the outgoing OSGS Honorary Secretary, Tim Lewis (R 1950-55). Tim's memory of Latin graces, undimmed by time, produced one almost equal in length to the meal itself, before the assembled throng sat down to wax lyrical about their golf and enjoy the subsequent prize giving. Another memorable pre-Henley evening for both OSGS and Sabrina golfers.



Recent cricket highlights

Tuesday 3 July 2018

There was a flurry of important matches for many of our school teams during the last few days of term.



On Tuesday 26th June, the **Boys' U14A XI** beat Bridgnorth Endowed School in the boys won the County Cup Final and thereby qualified for the Lord's Taverners next year.

The **Girls' U17 XI** had a great win over the Shropshire U16s.

The **Boys' U17 XI** sadly lost to Bedford School in the National Cricketers Cup Semi-Final

On Wednesday 27th, the **Girls' U15A XI** beat St Peters Wigan in the National Cup Quarter-Final and therefore qualify for Finals Day in September. (Shrewsbury 159-3, St Peters 110-7)

On Thursday, the **Boys' 1st XI** achieved an impressive win over Uppingham in their annual two-day match. Congratulations in particular to Xavie Clarke for his 126 in the 1st innings.

Uppingham 224 all out (W. Sissons 3 for 44)

Shrewsbury 291-7 (X. Clarke 126)

Uppingham 122 all out (P. Clark 6 for 54)

Shrewsbury 56-4

The **Boys' U16 XI** competed in Brecon T20 Festival on Wednesday and Thursday and won three of their four matches:

Shrewsbury 150 ao, Christ Brecon 68-7; won by 82 runs

Shrewsbury 104-7, Trinity College Sydney 108-2; lost by 8 wickets

Shrewsbury 78 ao, Gower School Swansea 75-8; won by 3 runs

Shrewsbury 100-7, Wellington College Somerset 97 -6; won by 3 wickets

Many congratulations to Ed Barnard (PH 2012-14) who has been selected for the England Lions, and to 1st XI Captain George Garrett, selected for the England U19s.

The 1st XI are currently playing host to Eton College, Oundle School and Rondebosch School Cape Town in the Silk Trophy, while the Boys' U15XI are away at Eton playing in the Clarke Williams Festival.



The OSH Summer Term Report

Friday 6 July 2018



A Summer at Shrewsbury School conjures up different memories for Salopians. Remember the crack of leather on willow, echoing across Top Common, the rhythmic splashes of oars breaking the surface of the Severn, the unmistakeable thwack of racket against fluffed ball, next to Tudor Court, or perhaps the sounds of distant Shropshire countryside, where keen Gents and Hounds went to escape the confines of School for an hour or two. All activity gave the examined brain welcome relief from revision and tests that dominate the warm sunny months of term. But now, Bumps is over for another year and Speech Day has concluded with the ever lengthening Call-Over. Farewells are said to the Headmaster, some of the Staff and the Leavers, with a collection of happy memories of life at Shrewsbury.



It doesn't seem long ago that I was spectating at some of the Hunt's Lent events, such as the Spring Relays at Attingham and at the School Championships in Harrow and in Leeds. This summer term, I have managed to attend some athletic meetings, including the School's Inter-House Sports Day, held at the London Road Track, where, on a very hot day, records and personal bests were still achieved. I was also privileged to run with the boys and girls of the Hunt on some of their Tuesday Shropshire Way Runs (below). Then there were Wednesday Benjys, which suddenly came to an abrupt end in June, when the course was rudely interrupted by a substantial landslip of the top part of Ridgemount Drive. Plans are in hand to adjust the course for next term.



Back in April, I was able to witness ‘the changing of the guard’ at the Annual Hunt Presentations Evening, where Monty Hardcastle (I, U6) passed on The Whip and Horn to the next Huntsman, Charlie Ockleston (O, L6) and, after a two year Captaincy, Immie Evans (G, U6) saw Felicity Hayward (EDH, L6) take over the Girls Hunt as Huntswoman. I also welcomed 19 new members into The OSH that night and, in addition, since then, I also presented our Committee Member and previous Coach, Kait Weston (Housemistress, EDH), with her membership, before she leaves to take up her new post at Millfield School, in September.



On Sunday 17th June, I got up early to follow the 6th Shrewsbury Half-Marathon, on my bike, cycling frantically around town to cheer on the 60 or so Salopians who entered, running for the Andrew Grene Foundation, who work with children and women in Haiti, to help improve their lives after the devastating earthquake of 2010. Amongst Team Shrewsbury was Richard Hudson

(M 1967-72) who was a 1st VIII Hunt Runner of 1971-72, and completed this, his first half-marathon, in 2 hours 20 minutes. Being the present Housemaster of Churchill's, Richard encouraged many of his House to join him on the start line and also raise over £12,000 for the charity.

Looking ahead to the new Michaelmas Term, the RSSH have been invited to Sedbergh School, in Cumbria (LA10 5HG) on Saturday 15th September, to a mixed age competition, including a 6 Km cross-country race for senior students and Old Sedberghians, where the Old Salopian Hunt Members would be most welcome to join in. They are holding a Junior Race at 2.30 and then the Seniors start at 3 pm. They are expecting a mixed bag of their old boys and girls to show up and possibly some of their pre-university recent leavers, but all levels of competence are welcome at this match. I hope some of you will be able to join me, along with the RSSH teams, on the coach from Shrewsbury, or perhaps consider meeting at Sedbergh School. Like Shrewsbury School, Sedbergh have a notable history for their cross-country running, so this is going to be a very competitive event and it would make it very special if we can also provide a team of men and women to run with their Alumni. For those of you still running, do give it some thought and let me know if you are interested in coming along.



Also, next term, there is going to be a great deal of excitement on Friday 12th October, when the whole School runs 'The Tucks', over a new course at Attingham. I hope some of you may like to put on your OSH Vest and run it with me amongst 800 students, staff and friends. Let me know if you are coming. Since the 1800's, the Tucks Run has kept evolving, to improve it by tweaking the course and staying one step ahead of problems. This new variation of this historic School Run keeps one of the oldest traditions of the Hunt alive for future generations to enjoy. The Master-in-Charge of The RSSH, Ian Haworth, has asked if there are any of our members who would consider contributing a few seconds of their memories of the Tucks to a new video about this run, which will be filmed in the next few weeks, ready to be shown in early October. Get in touch with me to arrange a mutually acceptable time when you can get to the School for a short interview. Have a look at previous films on the School website and also see Dave Clifford's excellent film about steeplechases, while you're there.

Now here's an important date to put on your year planner ... it's the next OSH Day, which is Saturday 8th December 2018, when we all get together for the Annual Run with the RSSH, followed by tea, and later, in the evening, the Annual Dinner. Also note that the Thames

Hare & Hounds Annual Alumni Race, in Roehampton, is to be held on the following Saturday, 15th December. I shall, of course, be in touch again about these events.

For more, don't forget to keep an eye on the OSH Facebook page and also our new OSH Twitter page (@old_hunt), as well as the RSSH Twitter page.

Peter Birch (DB 1966-71, Huntsman 70-71, OSH Chairman)

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50 years – where did they go?

Friday 6 July 2018



Last Friday on 6 July, the surviving members of the School's victorious 1968 First VIII got together for an outing at Henley Regatta followed by lunch in Leander. Sadly, the single exception was Chris Buckley (I 1964-68) who was not able to make it over from his home in Nova Scotia.



To make up our number to a full complement, our cox from 1968, Mike Kerr (M 1966-70) (who has grown a bit in the intervening period!) rowed at 2 in the place of Mike Farmer who had died a few years ago; Mark Patrick (SH 1964-68), our spare man from 1968, rowed at 4 in the place of Chris Buckley and Howie Hodgson (Former Parent) came over from the States to substitute for our former American crew member, Doug Thompson, who had also, sadly, died some years ago. Allan Kerr (M 1964-69), the cox of the 1967 crew (who has not grown over the intervening period!) kindly coxed us.

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As a crew, we have had regular reunion lunches at Henley for some years, thanks to Charles Lowe's (M 1963-68) organisational skills. This year we ramped things up a bit to mark the important anniversary by having an outing too and we asked all the crew members and their wives to attend the Lunch. We also invited the Captain of Sabrina Club, Nick Randall (O 1972-76), and his wife to join us as a mark of respect and gratitude for all the enthusiastic hard work they put into making the Club the success it is.

I am hoping that we will be able to continue our tradition of a Henley reunion lunch for many years to come.



Silk Trophy 2018 at Shrewsbury School

Thursday 12 July 2018

To round off the cricket season, we were delighted to welcome Eton College, Oundle School and Rondebosch Boys' High School from Cape Town, South Africa, for the 28th annual Silk Trophy competition during the first week of the summer holidays.

Monday 2nd July

Shrewsbury 363 for (D. Humes 147, J. Crawley 131, X. Clarke 53)

Oundle 238 for 9 (X. Clarke 3 for 11, J. Crawley 3 for 15)

Shrewsbury won by 125 runs

Tuesday 3rd July

Shrewsbury 196 all out (W. Sissons 64)

Rondebosch SA 200 for 5 (J. Pattenden 2 for 16)

Shrewsbury lost by 5 wickets

Wednesday 4th July

Shrewsbury 213 all out (D. Humes 56)

Eton College 133 all out (A. Garrett 3 for 38, J. Pattenden 4 for 29)

Shrewsbury won by 80 runs

The Silk Trophy was won by Rondebosch High School.

Dan Humes (Shrewsbury School) received the **Silk Trophy Batting Award** for accumulating 228 runs in three innings (147 +25+56)

Shakor Mathur (Eton College) received the **Silk Trophy Bowling Award** for taking 8 wickets at 15.875.

Meanwhile, the **U15A XI** had an excellent three days competing against Eton, Marlborough and Uppingham in the **2018 Clark-Williams Trophy** held at Eton College. See [results](#).

Sabrina Sparkle at Henley 2018

Sunday 8 July 2018



Huge congratulations to our Sabrina VIII, who, for the second time in three years managed to qualify for the Thames Cup at Henley Royal. Our boys showed fantastic resilience against a strong Royal Chester crew and were only a canvas down at the Barrier; the final margin was two lengths.



This year has been extra difficult as three of the crew members are based in London, so arranging outings in Shrewsbury has been even more challenging than normal. Many thanks to Rob Morgan (R 2007-12), Henry Thomas (Ch 2011-16) and Peter Gadsden (Ch 2008-13) for all the effort in this.

Special mention, as ever, must be made to Phil Wood (M 1992-97), without his organisational efforts, this simply would not have happened. Also to our superb, Henley winning cox, Charlie Clark (O 2009-14), an inspiration to us all. Finally to Miles Preston (DB 1963-68), our Sabrina President, who has been a great supporter throughout this campaign.



Many thanks to the huge number of Sabrina members who were at Henley to support us and also the words of encouragement before and after, which we all really appreciate.

Paul Manser (DB 1974-79), Coach and Mentor

[Who has modestly left himself out of any praise, but without whom, I know the crew would agree, they would have been left high and dry back on the River Severn.]



Yet more OS Success at Henley

Friday 13 July 2018

George Patterson (R 2010-15) in fine form, reports in to the Salopian Club, as follows:



'After Columbia's successes at the Eastern Sprints and the IRA, we took a weeks rest before flying to Spain where we trained on Lake Banyoles for 3 weeks in preparation for Henley. Having raced all year as lightweights, we tried to gain as much weight as possible for the head wind and stream that Henley usually provides. The preparation payed off, and we were thrilled to make it to the Semi Finals of the PA beating some strong opponents. It was my first time back at the regatta since rowing for RSSBC and to see them do so well was really special. We came into the regatta not really knowing what to expect, but having made the semi finals we will certainly aim to be back again next year and I believe that if we learn from our mistakes this year we can have a real shot at winning the event.'



The news this week 100 years ago: 13th - 19th July 1918

Friday 13 July 2018

This week we remember two Old Salopians, killed in France on consecutive days.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Noel Ealand, 88th Sqdn. Royal Air Force.

Moser's, left in 1902. "He was exceptionally sturdy and thick set, an 'oar' of nature's own making and a full back whom no-one would tackle without thinking twice" – *The Salopian*.

But for a last minute illness, he would have been the sixth Moser's member of the 1st VIII in 1902 – an *annus mirabilis* for that House. The others were M Jourdier, CF Leake, J Summers, W Cooke and H Shimwell.

Serving initially as a Red Cross driver, he then transferred to the RAF Wireless Section. He was killed whilst flying in France, 15th July 1918, aged 33.

Buried at Dunkirk Town Cemetery, France. Grave IV. C. 4.



Dunkirk Town Cemetery

Private Herbert Wynne Walton-Evans, 1817, 3rd Salvage Coy. Australian Army Service Corps.



Bennett's (now Severn Hill), left in 1892 to take up land in Australia. He was the son of Revd David and Annie Evans, who lived at The Vicarage, Abergele in Clwyd.

He was killed in action in France, 16th July 1918, aged 42.

Buried at La Neuville British Cemetery, Corbie, France. Grave II. G. 36. He is also remembered on the Abergele War Memorial.



Tremendous performances from three Salopian crews at Henley Royal Regatta 2018

Friday 13 July 2018

The Royal Shrewsbury School Boat Club enjoyed a memorable Henley Royal Regatta at the end of the Summer Term with some fantastic performances to celebrate.

For the first time in nine years the 2nd VIII successfully made it through the qualifying races for the Temple Challenge Cup; the Sabrina crew raced in the Thames Challenge Cup for the second time in three years; and the 1st VIII raced in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup.



1st and 2nd VIs training

The 1st VIII and 2nd VIII enjoyed a great training session together on the Tuesday afternoon before the Regatta started. The senior squad have had a fantastic camaraderie throughout the season and pushed each other hard, with nothing exemplifying this better than meeting each other in the final of open eights at Bedford Regatta. It was a tremendous way to end the season as they enjoyed a good meal together after the session.

On the Wednesday, the 2nd VIII took on a university crew from Orange Coast College, USA. Despite pushing them hard through the barrier, it was the stronger crew from the US that took

the honours on the line. With 55 crews entered into the universities event, it was a tremendous achievement for the 2nd VIII to qualify.



2nd VIII

In the Thames Cup, the Old Salopian Sabrina crew gave a spirited and determined performance against a strong Royal Chester crew, eventually losing by two lengths.

After their strong showing at the Marlow Regatta, the 1st VIII were delighted to be drawn amongst the first four crews for the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup and thus avoid the other top three in the early rounds. On the Wednesday the crew were drawn against Great Marlow School in one of the last races of the day. With a 7pm start time, the crew were pleased to finally get on the water with a chance to banish the nerves that had built up through the day. In a commanding performance the 1st VIII drew away quickly off the start and held their two-length advantage through to the finish.



On Thursday afternoon the crew were up against Monmouth School. The 1st VIII once again got off to a very good start and settled into a strong rhythm to record a comfortable win and earn a spot in the quarter-finals.

On the Friday the 1st VIII met another selected crew in the form of Bedford School who had come 4th at the National Schools' Regatta. A tightly fought contest saw the 1st VIII take a small lead off the start which they maintained and used that cushion to respond to Bedford pushes down the course. The crew recorded a win by one length.



The 1st VIII against Bedford

For the first time since 2010, the 1st VIII made it into the semi-finals at the Regatta, with the opportunity to race in front of a significant audience both of those attending the Regatta and many more watching live on BT Sport.

The semi-final saw a rematch of the Marlow Regatta final two weeks previously, where the 1st VIII had lost out by half a length to Eton College. With much anticipation, the 1st VIII took to the water with fantastic support from families and rowers past and present. The atmosphere was electric with the GB eight and Olympic sculling legend Mahe Drysdale warming the crowds in the two races prior to our own. The 1st VIII relished the opportunity and gave it their all. It was a nail-biting race, with both crews remaining in contact throughout the 2112m course. The 1st VIII tried desperately to overhaul Eton's narrow advantage as they came past the crowds in the Steward's Enclosure, but disappointingly fell short by three-quarters of a length.

Well done to the 1st VIII and 1st VIII coach Mr Grant for a fantastic performance at the Regatta. Thank you to all the supporters and the many Salopians who sent in messages of support before the race.



1st and 2nd VIIIs

The races can be viewed at the following links:

Wednesday

1st

VIII: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBJNG904TF0&index=19&list=PLgHoN6LLDp_8VWopjL1Dr9aggHMc4zeYK

2nd

VIII: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt3NutOnzag&list=PLgHoN6LLDp_8iOlp-PiLazwlAHLfy4AOz&index=21

Sabrina: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt3NutOnzag&list=PLgHoN6LLDp_8iOlp-PiLazwlAHLfy4AOz&index=21

Thursday

1st

VIII: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if4jDsmi0bQ&list=PLgHoN6LLDp_8VWopjL1Dr9aggHMc4zeYK&index=8

Friday

1st VIII: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkDoM4g-IVo&list=PLgHoN6LLDp_8VWopjL1Dr9aggHMc4zeYK&index=7

Saturday

1st

VIII: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5S1LaA6tZAA&list=PLgHoN6LLDp_8VWopjL1Dr9aggHMc4zeYK&index=3

Athol Hundermark, Director of Rowing

A Proud Heritage

Tuesday 17 July 2018

Sabrina's part in Leander's 1968 Success



As mentioned in our pre-Henley roundup, 2018 is the 50th anniversary of an epic win by four Salopians who were part of the Leander Club crew who competed in the 1968 Thames Cup. Seven members of this crew rowed past the enclosures during the tea interval at Henley on Friday July 6th.

With 124 Olympic and 3 Paralympic medals to its credit, Leander Club in 2018 is the most successful rowing club in the world. In the mid 1960's, however, the Club had been in the doldrums for some time, inviting membership, as they always had, mainly to Oxford or Cambridge Blues and HRR winners. In 1965, an initiative to restore the club's fortunes with a squad of young oarsmen drawn from schools, was conceived and implemented. It was largely the brainchild of Donald Legget, Captain of Leander (ex Radley) working with Old Salopians John Hall-Craggs (Rt 1945-50) and George Brown (S 1950-55). Brown later succeeded Legget as Captain.



In late 1967, Legget persuaded the Emmanuel School coach Derek Drury to take the so called 'Cadet' scheme in hand. From a squad of 15, after training and selection almost entirely in sculling boats, the eventual Thames Cup line up in 1968 consisted of 1 Radleian, 4 Salopians (Charles Parry (I 1960-65), Ian Morton (SH 1962-67), Graham Davidson (SH 1960-65) and Tim Redfern (SH 1962-67)), with the remainder from the outstanding 1966 and 1967 Emmanuel School crews.

After a shaky start to the racing season, wins at Marlow and Reading regattas prompted the newspapers to follow Leander more closely.

Drury's carefully choreographed training schedule, begun in September 1967, was designed for the selected crew to peak in Henley week and was evidently succeeding. Following a practice row on the Monday of that week, Desmond Hill of the Daily Telegraph, wrote "*The incredible Leander Cadets, on a morning which left the flags limp and motionless, rowed unpaced to the barrier in 1 minute 49 1/2 seconds, only 2 1/2 seconds slower than the record set, in a following wind, by the world champions, Ratzburg, when beating Olympic champions Vesper.*" The current Thames Cup barrier record stands at 1.45.

The subsequent Thames Cup win (which was repeated in 1969 and 1970) is widely credited as the beginning of the revival of Leander and indeed British rowing.



After Henley, the ARA somewhat inevitably had selected the University of London winning Grand Challenge Cup crew to go to the Mexico Olympics, prompting Desmond Hill to write "*It makes one wonder even more whether last-minute arrangements cannot, after all, be made to vaccinate the Leander Cadets for Mexico. They beat Quintin at Reading and could well be faster than the big guns of the Grand*".



Even though that was not to be, members of the crew went on to become Oxbridge Blues, win numerous Henley, and World, and Olympic medals and no less than 6 members of the crew are still rowing competitively as veterans. Coach Donald Legget, who has been a part of the coaching team at Cambridge for 50 years, is also one of the coaches of the outstanding St.Paul's winning Princess Elizabeth crew of 2018.

Shrewsbury

CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL



Clark-Williams U15 Trophy 2018 at Eton College

Friday 20 July 2018

Sunday 1st July

Shrewsbury 236 for 8 (F. Sansom 40, D. Zaza, 72, F. McDonald-Brown 57)

Marlborough 131 all out (H. Cooke 4 for 13, A. Whittal 2 for 18)

Shrewsbury won by 105 runs

Monday 2nd July

Eton College 312 for 5

Shrewsbury 156 all out (F. Sansom 48)

Shrewsbury lost by 156 runs

Tuesday 3rd July

Uppingham 142 all out (A. Gallimore 4 for 27)

Shrewsbury 144 for 3 (F. Sansom 52, F. McDonald-Brown 61 n.o.)

Shrewsbury won by 7 wickets

Shrewsbury Fourth Form Player of the Trophy: Finn Sansom

Shrewsbury Third Form Player of the Trophy: Frank McDonald-Brown



News from Matt Rowe (SH 2015-17)

Wednesday 25 July 2018

"It's been an incredible first season at Brookes and an amazing way to start my post-junior rowing career. The highlights have definitely been beating Oxford and Cambridge on the boat race course, winning Head of the River and making my first Henley final. Although the season ended on a downer, with a defeat on Henley finals day, I can't wait to get going next season and use that defeat as motivation for going one better at Henley 2019. In the meantime, I look forward to representing Great Britain at the Under 23 Rowing World Championships in Poland."





Shrewsbury win the G L 'Susie' Mellin Salver for the Sixth Time in Nine Years

Friday 27 July 2018

The G L Mellin Tournament is a Public Schools six-a-side golf competition contested annually between the second sixteen schools from the Halford Hewitt.

Founded in 1960 by T R Parry and aptly named after G L (Susie) Mellin, the founder of the Halford Hewitt it is played every July at the wonderful, heathland course that is West Hill Golf Club in Surrey.

Over three days, three separate competitions take place:

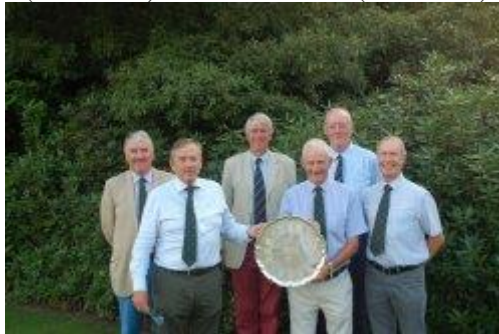
- The G L Mellin Salver - for those over 55
- The Peter Burles Salver - for those over 65
- The Bunny Millard (yes, really) Salver - for those over 75

The competing schools are: Aldenham, Bedford, Bradfield, Cheltenham, Cranleigh, Downside, Felsted, Forest, Haileybury, Hurstpierpoint, Lancing, Loretto, Mill Hill, Oundle, Sherborne & Shrewsbury.

Mellin Salver Match Report 2018

The Shrewsbury Team this year consisted of the same three pairs as last year namely:

- First Pair: Angus Pollock (I 1975-80) and Peter Worth (M 1965-70)
- Second Pair: Andy Pollock (I 1971-74) and Anthony Smith (I 1954-59)
- Third Pair: James Shaw (R 1964-68) and Will Painter (R 1967-71)



James Shaw and Will Painter won all four of their matches to lead Shrewsbury to victory in the Mellin Salver 2018. They played beautiful golf throughout but found themselves in a monumental battle against Bradfield in round two eventually winning the deciding match at the 19th.

Meanwhile the ever-reliable pairing of Andy Pollock and Anthony Smith won well in both opening rounds whilst Angus Pollock and Peter Worth lost badly making too many mistakes.

Shrewsbury continued to struggle in the semifinal against Sherborne but the 'in form' pairings won well to put us in the final against Haileybury.

The fourth round of golf in two days in scorching heat was always going to be tough.

James and Will began well and were soon a few holes up and were clearly heading for victory. Anthony and Andy struggled to gain momentum early on and ran out of steam as their round progressed. Angus and Peter Worth continued to play patchy golf but were all square at the turn.

From there on a combination of good consistent golf and some errors by the Haileybury Pair saw Shrewsbury through to our sixth win in nine years.

Well done to all six players who are seen in the photograph below with the Mellin Salver.

The Peter Burles



Last year's winning Peter Burles team returned to defend their title. Peter McMullan (I 1962-67) had not been well for much of the year but declared himself fit. Shrewsbury lost in the first round losing at the 19th but won the Plate with all four players contributing well. Peter, partnering his brother Malcom (I 1962-58), took some time to get up to speed but came good with some wonderful play particularly in the final. Michael Brabner (R 1963-67) and Henry Rowe (S 1956-60) are becoming a very strong pair and won their final match by an overwhelming 7 and 6.

The Bunny Millard

Finally, we entered one pair in the Bunny Millard - Robert Lanyon (Rt 1950-54) and Stephen Shaw (M 1956-61) - who just failed to qualify for the knock out competition, finishing in 5th place.

Our Support

Anthony Parsons (Rt 1959-64), brilliantly supported by his wife Fenella, ran the event with great efficiency as always and we hope to see them both back next year especially as there is talk of retirement.

Great fun was had by all and it was lovely to see Nicholas Barber (SH 1954-58), this year's President of the Salopian Club, support us on Friday and join us for our annual dinner.

Huge thanks to Peter Worth for organising and leading the Shrewsbury Contingent

All the match results can be found on the Mellin Website: www.themellin.org



Floreat Salopia!

Charles Hill - Honorary Secretary OSGS, Charlesgchill@hotmail.com



Shrewsbury reach the Finals in the Grafton Morrish

Tuesday 31 July 2018

Well done, Shrewsbury!

In the Regional Qualifying round for the Grafton Morrish at Olton G C near Solihull on Saturday 12th May, Shrewsbury qualified for the Finals, which will be held at Brancaster/Hunstanton from Friday 5th October.

Jon Howse (R 1998-03) and James Mainwaring (R 2005-10) amassed 32 points, most creditably.

Laurie Briggs (G 1996-01) (off 3 at The Royal Liverpool Club) and Andy Pollock (I 1971-74) (Captain) scored 27 points.

Will Painter (R 1967-71) and James Taylor (R 2003-08) (on his debut in foursomes play) notched 25 points.

This meant that Shrewsbury were the third to qualify with 84 points, with Warwick on 87 points and home favourites Solihull on 91 points.

Crystal High Ball Glasses for Shrewsbury's Winning Pair!

Tuesday 31 July 2018

David Warmington (I 1951-55), former President of Little Aston GC, designed by Harry Vardon in 1908, has been organising the OSGS team for the Public Schools Midlands tournament, since Adam was a lad. He deserves a life-time achievement award for patience, courtesy and stoicism.

On 27 June 2018, 13 schools participated with teams of 8 players in the 86th year of the Tournament, competing for five separate trophies.

OSGS team included Richard Bevan (DB 1974-78), Martin Cars (S 1968-73), Neil Crawford (M 1972-76), Jonathan Hope (O 1986-91), Oliver Howl (S 1974-78), Andrew Hulme (Ch 1974-79), Charles Mann (Rt 1978-83) and Andy Pollock (I 1971-74).

The OSGS combined score, of our best three cards, was 88 points, in fifth place behind Wrekin's winning score of 95 points. Our tally came from Andrew Hulme & Oliver Howl (33 points), Jonathan Hope & Charles Mann (28 points) and Neil Crawford & Richard Bevan (27 points).

In the afternoon competition, over 15 holes, Richard Bevan and Neil Crawford amassed 29 points. This snatched first prize for partners with a combined age over 110 years, winning Crystal High Ball glasses each.



The above photograph pictures from left to right: Andy Pollock, David Warmington and Neil Crawford, with Jonathan Hope and Charles Mann hiding in the shadows.



If you have to lose, at least lose to Wimbledon.....

Tuesday 31 July 2018

On 17 June the OS had a quarter final fixture in the D'Abernon Cup against Kings College Wimbledon held at the LTA National Tennis Centre in London. Each side sourced 2 doubles pairings; each pair would play against the first and second pair. Mackenzie (1998-02) and Gerrard (SH 1999-04) renewed their partnership from the round robin stage and played alongside Will Briggs (O 2005-10) and Guy Haslewood (Rb 2002-07).

Kings College Wimbledon got off to a fast start taking both the first rubbers despite the OS pairs putting up some stiffer resistance in the second sets. Briggs and Haslewood came back strongly in the second rubber pushing their opponents to a third set championship tie break before going down by the finest of margins. Ultimately Kings College proved too strong on the day, but some promising signs from the OS team whose form perhaps started to come just a little too late on this occasion. A good effort from the boys to reach this stage of the competition and we go again next year.