

# Sidney-Darwin Dash and Quarter-Mile Challenge 2014

Sunday 1 June 2014

Tremendous performances from Severn Hill!



*Anton Nelson won the Senior Quarter-Mile Challenge*



*James Plaut won the Senior Sidney-Darwin Dash*



*Charlie Tait-Harris won the Junior Quarter-Mile Challenge and came a very close second in the Sidney-Darwin Dash*



## Oliver Greenall's stable achieves 10 winners at Eyton-on-Severn

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Oliver Greenall's stable at Malpas goes from strength-to-strength, with 10 winners at Eyton-on-Severn, recently.

The horse 'Our Crusade', pictured won the restricted to complete the double. Read the latest newsletter [here](#).

# Old Salopian Lunch in Taunton on 18 May - report

Monday 2 June 2014



A total of 35 sat down to the Old Salopian South West Lunch in the elegant surroundings of the Mount Somerset Hotel, Lower Henlade, near Taunton. The age span ranged from Major General Dare Wilson (JHT 33-38) to Miss Eleonora Shorthouse (born 18/12/2013)!

The occasion, expertly organised by Michael Peacock (CH 50-55) and the South West Group, included a private viewing of Hatch Court, kindly arranged by Nigel Edwards (M 60-65).



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## RSSBC: National Schools' and Metropolitan Regattas

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*The U16B crew - silver medallists*

### **National Schools' Regatta**

Fifteen Shrewsbury crews took to the water in this year's National Schools' Regatta, including nine eights - the largest contingent of Shrewsbury crews at the event in recent history. Nine of them made it through to the final, placing them in the top six in the country in their event.

There were encouraging results across all the age groups, with the J16s recording the most impressive set of results: the A crew won bronze medals and the B crew came home with silver.

The nine crews to reach the finals were: J14 As (5th), J15 As (5th), J15Bs (4th), J16As (3rd), J16Bs (2nd), J16 IV- (5th), 1st IV+ (4th), 2nd VIII (5th), 3rd VIII (4th)

Despite wet and muddy conditions, the support from staff and parents was fantastic. Many thanks to the catering team for putting on a fantastic lunch for crews and supporters.

Photos courtesy of [www.rowingphotography.co.uk/](http://www.rowingphotography.co.uk/)

Please follow the link to photos of all the Shrewsbury

Crews: [www.rowingphotography.photoshelter.com/gallery/Shrewsbury-at-Nat-Schools-2014](http://www.rowingphotography.photoshelter.com/gallery/Shrewsbury-at-Nat-Schools-2014)

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## The Lost Domain - 2014 Revival for this year's Edinburgh Fringe

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'The Lost Domain' - an iconic tale of youth, adventure, young love lost and won, set in pre-war France and inspired by Alain Fournier's *Le Grand Meaulnes* is being revived for this year's Edinburgh Fringe. With lyrics by Alex Went and Peter Fanning and music by John Moore, the show can be seen at Venue 34 ('C venues') in Chambers Street, EH1 1HR at 12.45 from 18 - 23 August.

The plot: A stranger, arrives with news of a mysterious mansion, a masked ball, a girl he fell in love with and a jilted bridegroom, who took his own life. On the eve of War, our hero joins up in an attempt to find the elusive girl – and as the enemy guns approach, encounters his destiny at the Lost Domain.

*'Stole the limelight ....Exhilarating!' – Observer*

*'A remarkable production from a bright-eyed cast...sung and played superbly' – Scotsman*

**Pre-fringe performance** at Shrewsbury in the Ashton Theatre on Thursday 14th August at 7.30 p.m.

**Salopian Club Reception** at the venue at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 21 August.

More at: <https://www.edfringe.com/whats-on/musicals-and-opera/lost-domain>

Stuck for accommodation? Try Salopian-run Festival Beds: <http://www.festivalbeds.co.uk/>

## History Faculty WW1 Battlefields Tour

Tuesday 3 June 2014

Over the May coach weekend, 39 members of the Third Form travelled to northern France to visit some of the battlefields of the First World War.



*Thiepval Memorial*

Our visit to the Somme was a very moving experience. The memorial at Thiepval brought home the sacrifice made by so many young men. Almost everybody in the group could find the name of a soldier with the same surname as themselves carved into the stone wall of the monument.

From the Somme we travelled to Ypres and attended the Last Post at Menin Gate. This service has been held at Ypres since 1927 (during the Second World War it moved temporarily to Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey) and it was certainly one of the highlights of the trip.

From Ypres we travelled to Verdun. Verdun was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, and in the French memory of the Great War this battle holds the same significance as the Somme does for the British. Our visit to Verdun finished with a tour of a fort, complete with underground tunnels, food stores and look out posts for the gunners. The trip back was broken up by a final stop at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial at Vimy Ridge.

The Third Form boys were an excellent group: interested, polite and respectful. The bus driver even said that they were the nicest group he had ever driven! The long coach journey certainly was a bonding experience. It is definitely possible to watch too many Blackadder episodes. With many thanks to Mr Chris Cook, Mr Dan Nicholas and Mrs Fenella Nicholas.

*Laura Whittle, Head of History*





## Giles Bell's 'Team of the Week'

Thursday 5 June 2014

*Rather than a school-based team, this week Giles Bell's spotlight and wit fall on two Ridgemount Fourth Formers...*

The weather has not been conducive to great sport this week. I blame the Chaplain! Which reminds me; I was preaching at a prep school last Sunday on a glorious day. During the prayers, which were very well read out by three charming students, I was amused to hear the following prayer: "Lord, help our exam candidates to find the questions to their liking", followed by "and remind them, Lord, to turn over the exam paper in case there are any questions on the back of the paper". Clearly anyone from that school not performing well in CE will be blaming God!

I have therefore decided to look at a 'team' that is more of a pair. The pair concerned is Thomas Tulloch (Rt IV) and his eventing pony called Spirit VIth or Sam. Together this team have just won the British Eventing Pony Championship at Brand Hall.



I caught up with Tom on his birthday to try to find out more about one of Shrewsbury's perhaps less well-known sporting champions.

Tom began his riding career on a pony called Blackie. He then moved on to Pebbles; which reminded me of happy summers on Shoreham beach. Tom was not that kind about Pebbles, describing him as "not very good". I too am not that fond of pebbles – at least not on the beach.



He had a number of ponies after Pebbles until he teamed up with Spirit VIth (Sam). This pony has given Tom his best wins to date. They won the Jumping with Style competition over 1.10m and 1.15m high fences, and then of course there was the recent triumph at Brandhall. Tom is trained by Jonquil Hemming, Tracey Tomlinson and his mum Jancis Tulloch, who was herself a very highly regarded eventer. I asked Tom where his inspiration for riding came from and he told me that his house is full of pictures of riders and horses; I sense that his mum and dad might be largely responsible for this!

I managed to snatch a word or two with Tom's mum and coach, Jancis. She told me that Tom did a very good job at Brandhall, as he was dealing with three issues during the competition. Firstly he had to go clear in the cross-country to impress the selectors of the British junior team; secondly he had to do well in the competition, so he could not just take an age ensuring his round was faultless; and thirdly he had to remember at all times that his performance was being closely monitored.

A key moment when there may have been a difference of opinion between trainer and rider was the approach to 'The Elephant'. The Elephant was not an escapee from the local zoo or an unkind nickname given to a local pie-eater, but the name given to the dreaded fence number 10. I have it on good authority that a number of fancied riders found it difficult to complete the cross-country section of the competition and that many of their dreams were 'squashed' by the Elephant. 'Trainer' mum thought 'rider' son should go the long way through the Elephant, but she did then say it was up to Tom. Tom decided to take the short way and popped out of it with no problems at all, much to the delight of all in the Tulloch camp.

It was this type of brave decision-making that led to Tom climbing from 24th out of the 44 competitors after the dressage to 1st after the cross-country. Even close rival and pre-event favourite Isabelle Upton could do nothing to prevent Tom's win after such an awesome round.

Tom and Spirit VI had one pole down in the show jumping, but that was still enough to clinch a hard-fought victory. Team Tulloch had won by 0:8 of a penalty point and Tom admitted to me that he was very close to a penalty point in terms of time in the show jumping round.

Obviously a champion of Tom's stature will have to get used to inane articles in magazines, programmes and newspapers. In an effort to prepare him for the glare of the media spotlight, I have compiled a 'rider profile'.

**Name:** Thomas Tulloch

**Horse:** Spirit VI (Sam)

**Education:** Shrewsbury School and Packwood.

**Inspirational figures in my life:** My parents.

**Most admired current rider:** William Fox-Pitt; because he stays calm whatever happens.

**Worst moment in career so far:** Last year when Sam was injured and I missed the first two trials of the year and was out of selection for the rest of the year.

**How upset were you on a scale of 1-10?** 8-9 but I pretended I was OK to mum!

**Bad falls:** None really.

**Favourite part of the sport:** The cross-country, as it is a real adrenalin-rush. If you make a mistake you could end up with a serious injury!

**Favourite Band:** Bastille

**Favourite Movie:** Fast and Furious.

**Favourite Food:** Spaghetti Bolognese.

**Ideal Holiday:** A beach in Spain



**Ideal Woman:** Emily (mine too – I am hoping not the same one!)

**Favourite Film star:** Robert Downey Junior

**If you weren't a rider...** I would be a footballer (Tom plays for the under-15As up front).

**Favourite football team:** Chelsea

**Player you would like to see join them:** Cesc Fabregas

**Advice for young riders:** Don't expect it to happen too quickly – hang in there.

We will watch Tom's progress with great interest. But for now well done and Happy Birthday!

Whilst I was in Ridgemount I bumped into another successful Fourth Form sportsman fresh from his debut for Northants 2ndXI, Charlie Home. Charlie told me that he had enjoyed his debut in a match against the Unicorns, although he had not had much to do other than field. He was proud to have played in a team that included five professionals and he was impressed by how seriously David Willey was talking the game, as he returned from injury and tried to reclaim his place in the first team.



Charlie is lucky enough to be my tutee and with the cricketing advice I am able to offer, there is a good chance he will be an international cricketer one day. Once again I feel it is part of a young sportsman's training to get used to being interviewed for poor quality publications so:

**What is your role in the team?** All rounder; I open the batting for the under 15As, bowl and captain the team.

**Favourite player:** Jimmy Taylor (R 2003-08, England and Nottinghamshire CCC player)

**How would you improve the current England team?** Pick Jimmy Taylor.

**What team would you most like to play for?** The Shropshire Gentlemen captained by G Bell.

**Who knows more about cricket, Charlie Home or Dad (Ed Home)?** Dad just!

**Favourite Band:** Passenger

**Favourite Film:** Hangover Part 1

**Favourite Food:** Fitness is important and so I try to avoid fast food. I love a nice salad!

**Ideal woman:** Refusal to commit!

**Advice to young players:** Stay away from the corridor of uncertainty and practise hard.

At this point Charlie had to go and prepare for his RS exam – his favourite subject!!

*GJFB*

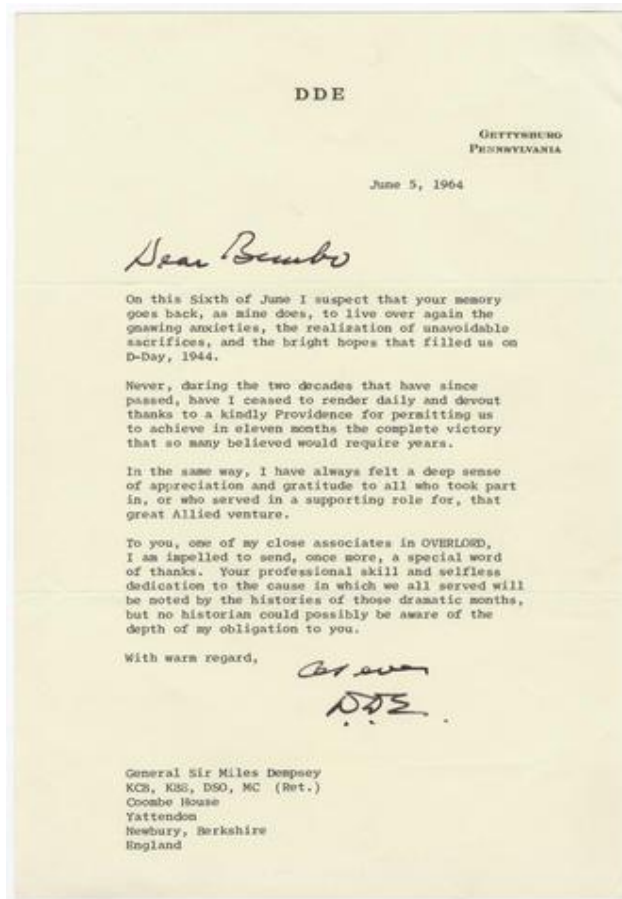


## Shrewsbury School and D-Day

Thursday 5 June 2014

*Amidst the national commemorations to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day, Salopians can feel proud of the fact that two former pupils of Shrewsbury School played significant and influential parts in its ultimate success: General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander of the British Second Army, who led them in the Normandy Invasion (and whose 45th anniversary of death falls today, 5th June 2014); and General Sir Bernard Paget, Commander-in-Chief of the 21st Army Group, who prepared and trained the British forces for the Normandy Invasion and planned D-Day.*

Fifty years ago, on the 20th anniversary of the Eve of D-Day in June 1964, the former American President Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote the following letter to Old Salopian, General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander of the British Second Army, 1944-45:



*Dear Bimbo,*

*On this sixth of June I suspect that your memory goes back, as mine does, to live over again the gnawing anxieties, the realization of unavoidable sacrifices, and the bright hopes that filled us on D-Day, 1944. Never, during the two decades that have since passed, have I ceased to render daily and devout thanks to a kindly Providence for permitting us to achieve in eleven months the complete victory that so many believed would require years... To you, one of my closest associates in OVERLORD, I am impelled to send, once more, a special word of thanks. Your*



*professional skill and selfless dedication to the cause in which we all served will be noted by the historians of those dramatic months, but no historian could possibly be aware of the depth of my obligation to you.*

*With warm regard.*

*As ever,*

DDE

The letter is part of a collection of papers, diaries and photographs belonging to General Sir Miles Dempsey that will be auctioned in London later this month. [Writing in The Daily Telegraph earlier this week](#), a few days before the 70th anniversary of D-Day, Judith Miller, Editor of the Miller's Antiques Price Guide, described her own excitement at recognising the hugely significant role played by Dempsey in the Normandy Invasion – made all the more compelling by the fact that Dempsey is, as his biographer Peter Roston readily points out, “almost unknown to the general public”.

Judith Miller writes: “Week-in, week-out I receive advance notice of forthcoming sales from auction houses in Britain, Europe and the United States. Because at any given time I'm putting together a new edition of Miller's Antiques Price Guide, all of these press releases and catalogues are very useful to me, and many contain items that, in terms of collecting, are of personal and not just professional interest. Occasionally, however, something comes through that totally resonates, that engages my attention at the expense of all else and, in this particular case, made me actually rub my arms with excitement at the sheer historical gravitas of it.



“On the 15 October 1944, during a frontline visit across the Channel, King George VI knighted General Miles Dempsey, and in so doing made him the first soldier to be knighted on the field of



battle since Agincourt in 1415. The extraordinary exclusivity of this gives some indication of just how deserved it was.

“Having played significant roles in the evacuation of Dunkirk, the North African campaign against Rommel, and the invasions of Sicily and Italy, Dempsey had been personally selected by General Bernard Montgomery to command the Second Army – the main British force, which also included Canadians – for the D-Day Landings, which began on the 6 June 1944.

“Montgomery’s proved an astute choice: successful assaults by the Second Army on the Gold, Juno, and Sword beaches on the Normandy coast, were followed by a war of attrition designed to capture the town of Caen, selflessly drawing in vital German units and firepower and, in so doing, allowing the Americans space to establish a bridgehead to the west and break out into northern France.

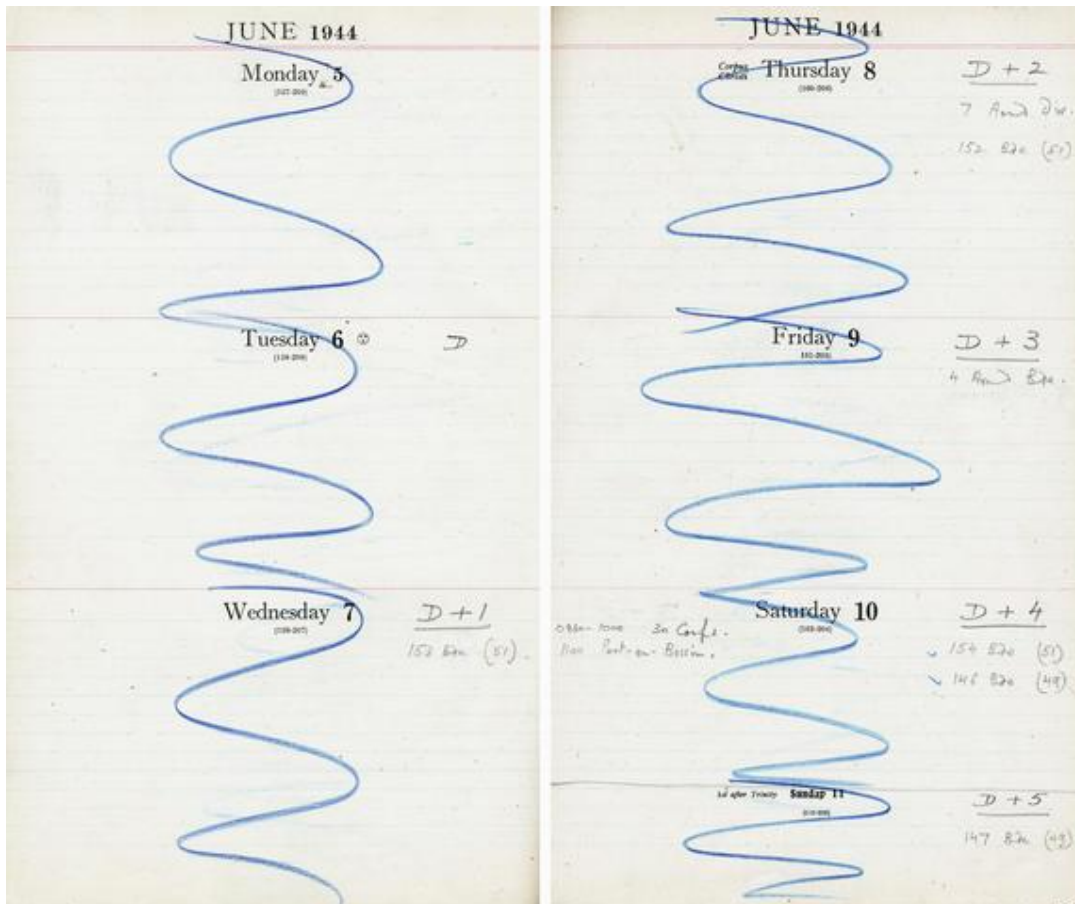
“The Second Army’s subsequent rapid advance into Belgium, liberating Brussels and Antwerp in September, and prefacing Dempsey’s battlefield knighthood in mid-October, was followed by the crossing of the Rhine on the 23 March 1945 – Dempsey being not only the first British Army commander to do so, but also by now – the Second Army having swelled to over half a million men – the commander of the largest British army in history.

“Compared to Patton, Bradley, Clark and, of course, Montgomery and Eisenhower, Dempsey has, outside of military circles, been something of an unsung hero of the liberation of Europe and the overthrow of Nazi Germany. This is in part due to the fact that, after the war, he never wrote any memoirs. But it is also due to a strong sense of modesty and propriety: on May 3 1945 a delegation of senior German officers representing General Keitel and Admiral Doenitz attempted to surrender the German army to him but, typically, he sent them instead to Montgomery, which led to the formal surrender the next day, the 4 May 1945, at Luneberg Heath.

“What is abundantly clear, however, from the collection of letters, and related diary and photographs coming up at the [Books, Atlases, Manuscripts and Photographs sale at Bonhams](#) Knightsbridge in London, on Wednesday 18 June, is the extent to which Dempsey’s crucial role in one of the most momentous events in human history was appreciated by his superiors. Letters from Eisenhower, Montgomery, Dempsey and other commanders make compelling reading and, with the 70th anniversary of D-Day upon us, promise an equally compelling sale.”



General Dempsey, 1944 - a photo from the Imperial War Museum Archive



General Dempsey's engagement diary, June 1944



Among the auction lots is an Order of Service for “The Knight's Vigil Held On The Eve Of D-Day”. Rostron’s biography of Dempsey opens with a description of that service, which had been arranged by Dempsey for the officers and men of Headquarters Second Army. As Rostron’s description hints, the service perhaps also held for Dempsey – who left Shrewsbury in 1914 at the age of 17 – memories of the many occasions when he had gathered in the Chapel at Shrewsbury School with his fellow pupils, almost all of whom would, as he did, go straight from School into the trenches of the First World War.

“Dempsey, a devout Christian, called on his men, in the service known as "The Knight's Vigil", to dedicate to Almighty God the task which lay before them. Accompanied by his Chief of Staff and his Deputy, he led them in that evocative prayer which he had known thirty years before at Shrewsbury:

"Teach us good Lord to serve Thee, as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labour and not ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will".

Rostron later goes on to describe the profound influence Cyril Alington, Headmaster of Shrewsbury during Dempsey’s years at the School, had on him: “It is to the effect of the young and enormously energetic Alington’s huge persona that the deep religious faith and upright, honourable character, which were to be Dempsey’s throughout his life, may be largely attributed. As well as some photographs, Dempsey kept to the end of his life his cricketing records [he was captain of the 1st XI] and a collection of typed handouts on religious themes, such as an analysis of the Bible, from his time at Shrewsbury.”



*Dempsey with fellow members of Shrewsbury School OTC, Field Day 1913*



But the story of Shrewsbury School's connection with D-Day at the most senior military level does not end with Dempsey. Shrewsbury can lay claim to another arguably even more influential – and certainly even more overlooked – hero of the Normandy Invasion.

During the months leading up to D-Day, Dempsey's commanding officer was General Sir Bernard Paget, who had been at Shrewsbury School from 1901 until 1906 and had, like Dempsey, then gone on to Sandhurst before serving with notable distinction in the First World War. (Paget won both the MC and the DSO, the highest military awards for bravery; Dempsey was awarded an MC in the First World War and the DSO in the Second.) Paget was Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces from the end of 1941 until July 1943, when he was promoted to General and assigned to form 21st Army group of 15 divisions – which included Dempsey's 2nd Army – in preparation for the Normandy Invasion.



*From the Imperial War Museum Archive: 42nd Armoured Division Exercise, Near Malton In Yorkshire, 29 September 1942. The Commander in Chief Home Forces, General Sir Bernard Paget, with the Division Commander, Major General M C Dempsey, DSO, MC, watching the exercise from a Crusader tank*



*From the Imperial War Museum Archive: The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Anthony Eden and the Commander in Chief Home Forces, General Sir Bernard Paget watching the 42nd Armoured Division exercises*

Paget spent the next months not only building and preparing the forces for the Normandy Invasion, but planning the Invasion itself. “Shortly after Paget’s death, papers which he had refused to allow to be published disclosed details of operation ‘Skyscraper’, prepared by him in the spring of 1943 as a detailed study of the proposed invasion of north-western Europe. It was described as ‘a blueprint for the D-Day operations of 1944; there were the same beaches, and the same objectives, while the problems of an opposed landing had all been fully assessed... the first key plan of the invasion.’” (Oxford Dictionary of National Biography)

The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography says of Paget that “he may go down in history as the greatest trainer of British soldiers since Sir John Moore”. Yet despite having commanded the 21st Army Group throughout the preparation for the invasion of Europe, the role of Commander-in-Chief for leading the combined forces onto the beaches of Normandy in Overlord on 6th June 1944 was taken from Paget’s grasp. Instead it was given to General Montgomery, who had been with Paget at Sandhurst, fresh from his successful campaigns in North Africa and Italy and widely feted and celebrated in the press as ‘the conquering hero’.

It was a decision that General Brooke, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff found very difficult: “The replacement of Paget with Montgomery for the liberation of France was a matter which was causing me much anxiety. Since the threat of invasion had lapsed, Paget had been placed in command of the forces in this country destined ultimately for the cross-channel

operations. He had done a marvellous job in training up these forces, and I wish it had been possible to leave him in command for D-Day.”



*L to r: Field Marshal Alan Brooke, Minister of War Sir James Grigg and General Bernard Paget*

Paget was, naturally, bitterly disappointed. However, in what many would argue is true Salopian style, he got on with the alternative job he was given in the Middle East and he never once expressed his disappointment publicly. As his son and biographer Julian describes in the preface to the biography of his father he wrote in 2008, “He was a man of exceptional modesty, and he firmly refused to write his own memoirs, or allow anyone else to do it. He was determined not to join ‘The War of the Generals’ with each setting out to promote their own claim to fame.... As a result, little has been written about his achievements.... In accordance with my father’s wishes, I have tried to avoid any criticism of others, or to cause controversy. I have not sought to resolve the rights and wrongs of various controversial issues in which he was involved, but have stated the situation seen by my father at the time, and have left it to readers to make their own judgements.”

Julian Paget leaves two of his father’s best friends to sum up his achievements. The Rt Hon Sir James Grigg, who was Secretary of State from 1943 to 1945, wrote: “It was on his creation of what was possibly the finest British Army of all time that I base the assertion that Paget rendered



matchless service to the state. Mr Churchill once referred to Montgomery as ‘that great Cromwellian soldier’. I thought then and I think now that the epithet applied much more fittingly to Paget.”

The second quote chosen by Julian to conclude his biography of his father is by the author Sir Arthur Bryant, who co-founded the Ashridge College of Citizenship with Paget in 1946: “The nobility and selflessness of the man were apparent to everyone who worked with him. By many of those who knew him, he will be remembered as the supreme embodiment of what a British soldier should be – a man of rocklike character, high moral and physical courage, unfaltering in obedience and in the performance of his duty, yet always eager to encourage initiative in others. Throughout his career he has been guided.... by a deep, religious faith and a crusader’s sense of mission. Such men arouse love and loyalty in those who serve under them, and leave behind an abiding impress.”

The qualities Bryant most admires in Paget might also be described as the epitome of a ‘true Salopian’, and it is fitting that his tribute was published in *The Salopian* magazine, June 1960.

Paget devoted a large part of his later life to the cause of adult education in citizenship, which he saw as being vital for the ‘winning of the peace’. “If we are to win the peace and establish a better world as a result of this war, we must maintain in peace those qualities which made us great in war, and are the redeeming feature of war. We must learn to put things first; duty before self-interest, and we must have high moral purpose and belief in ourselves and our Destiny.”



*General Sir Bernard Paget inspecting the Shrewsbury School CCF, 1943*



This quote is from a speech Paget gave at Shrewsbury School in 1943 – a year when he might have been forgiven for being unable to spare the time to return to his alma mater to give a talk and inspect the CCF. Like Dempsey's visit to inspect the School CCF in 1945, their readiness to return – as both of them continued to do during the rest of their lives - demonstrates the importance Shrewsbury School had for both of them.



*General Sir Miles Dempsey inspecting the Shrewsbury School CCF, 1945*

In 1948, Paget formally unveiled the School's memorial to the Salopians killed during the Second World War. This memorial is the curved stone wall positioned behind the statue of Sir Philip Sidney, the School's other great military hero, which serves as a memorial to all those Salopians – contemporaries of both Paget and Dempsey – killed in the First World War.



*General Sir Bernard Paget at the unveiling of Shrewsbury School's WWII memorial, 1948*



## Charlie Home (Rt IV) makes his debut for Northants 2nd XI

Friday 6 June 2014

Charlie made his debut for Northants 2ndXI on Monday of this week. He signed for the Academy side last July and has been training there regularly.

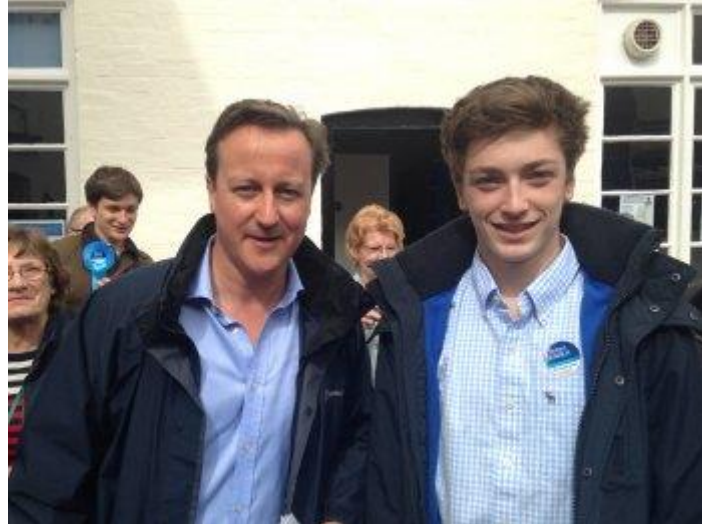
He was delighted to be picked in a game against the Unicorns which Northants won by 5 wickets. There were five professionals in the team including David Willey, the son of former England Test player Peter.

Please see Giles Bell's interview with Charlie: ['Team of the Week', 6th June 2014](#)



# Charlie Duckworth (O LVI) meets the Prime Minister

Friday 6 June 2014



Charlie explains how this came about...

"I have always had a keen interest in politics and since the 2010 election I have been active in the Conservative Party. Last summer I had the chance to work for Jake Berry MP at Parliament and gained an understanding of how this great institution works. I had the opportunity to meet many well-known politicians and I had dinner with Ken Clarke, and enjoyed a beer with the Prime Minister and the Chairman of the Party, Grant Shapps!

"Since the summer I have tried to become even more involved in the Party and I am trying to help the growth of Conservative Future in East Lancashire. I had the chance to meet Boris Johnson at a party over Easter and was impressed by his leadership qualities.

"Given the disastrous results in the European and local elections, I thought that the party needed my help! After finishing at National Schools Regatta, the day before on the Bank Holiday Sunday, I travelled to Newark to help with campaigning for the by-election. I had the chance to talk with the PM for a second time - but this time with only leaflets in my hand! I also got to meet the Transport Minister, Patrick McLoughlin.

"It was a successful day's campaigning with a positive message on the doorstep. I wish Robert Jenrick the best of luck on polling day."





# Jamie Chambers cycles with Sir Chris Hoy

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*Jamie Chambers (Fourth Form) who met and cycled with Sir Chris Hoy at a promotional cycling event in Liverpool in Exeat.*

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# Leavers' Supper

Tuesday 10 June 2014



*The School House Hall decorated for the Leavers' Supper*

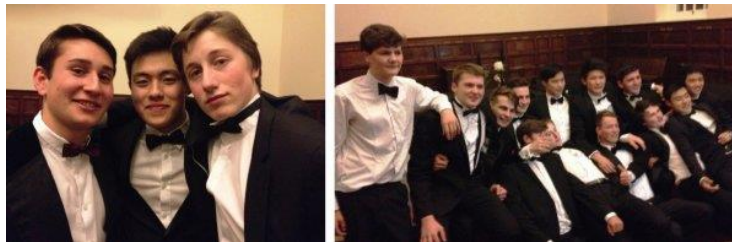
Before half-term, the atmosphere in School House was one of purposeful scholarship as all the boys faced the harsh reality of the impending exams. However, on Friday 23rd May, there was also time for us to celebrate the end of an era by holding the Leavers' Supper, which was a formal opportunity for me to thank and say goodbye to the out-going Upper Sixth and their parents. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to dig up some gossip about the boys for my speech!

We are extremely grateful to this group of boys for all they have done for School House over the last five years. Personally, I want to thank them for helping me to get my feet under the table in my first year, rather than making the decision to give the new Housemaster a hard time, as is traditional!

Our fantastic Heads of House, George Fowler and Charlie Bibby, deserve special mention because of all they have done to help the House to run smoothly over the year. They, along with all the leavers, will be greatly missed.

As part of my refurbishment project, I have put some new honours boards up in the House Hall; it is a fitting accolade to the Heads and Deputy Heads of House that their names will be on display for generations to come.

*HRDB*



*Looking dapper (L-R): Joe Collings, Adrian Tong and Jamie Elderton; Post-supper shot of most of the out-going Upper Sixth Form*



## Fundraisers

Thursday 12 June 2014



*Harry Wasdell with 31 pairs of unwanted football boots that he has cleaned up, replaced studs and laces on and that Carol Hamilton, Ridgemount Matron has offered to drive to the depot in Wolverhampton, from where they will be shipped to schools in Africa.*



## House Concert and Film Première

Thursday 12 June 2014

*'An Imperfect Artist', Alastair Simmons' eagerly awaited documentary on Churchillian life received its première in a packed Maidment on Friday 23rd May, the night before half term. Parents, friends, boys and tutors watched the 1 hour 20 minute film, in turn delighted, amused and moved by this perceptive, technically superb and frequently irreverent look at a boarding house at work - and play.*



DVDs of the film are now being made and will be available in time for the Speech Day reception, price £20, with discounts for multiple purchases.

The concert which preceded the film was by necessity shortened this year, a feat in itself, given the amount of musical talent in the house available to be drawn on. The focus was on 'a capella' groups (including the final performance of last year's winning Part Song), solo songs, and a handful of virtuosic instrumental performances, the centrepiece of which was the first movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto played by Eric Cheng, who has so ably led the School Symphony Orchestra in his final year.



Thanks as always are due to House Tutor John Moore for accompanying much of the music with his trademark aplomb; to Laurence Jeffcoate for organising the concert at an incredibly busy time in the run up to his A levels, and of course for his singing of 'Maria' so superbly; and to Julia Chamberlain for her superb photographs of the event.



## Blanca meets the Queen

Thursday 12 June 2014

*In recognition of many years' fine service at the School and as a thank you for the numerous times that she has looked after the Governors' meetings and dinners, Sir Algernon Heber-Percy - who has recently retired from Shrewsbury's Governing Body - nominated Blanca Skinner, Supervisor at Kingsland Hall, for an invitation to one of the Royal Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace.*

A couple of months ago a beautifully embossed invitation landed on her doorstep, followed immediately by a search for a dress, hat and umbrella. Green and white was the theme, right down to the fingernails - but sadly no umbrella until Michele at the Grot Shop stepped in with the perfect solution – Ingram's of course!

The great day, namely Tuesday 10th June (and the Duke of Edinburgh's 93rd birthday), dawned with much excitement and some trepidation, as husband Eddie, grandson Cesar, who also works at KH, and Blanca arrived at Buckingham Palace.

To her great surprise, when she arrived in the State Rooms with 8,000 other guests, she was asked to stand to one side and await the Queen's Private Secretary. A quick chat ensued with notes made about where she worked and what she did there, and then Blanca joined a line of 100 guests to be personally introduced to the Queen. The nerves and butterflies kicked in but thankfully Blanca rose to the occasion. She remembered and mentally thanked Michele, Julie, Mary and Caroline for curtseying lessons in the Shop and Dr David Gee's lessons in KH on how to address royalty, and then responded to the Queen's questions about School.

After that, the proverbial tea and cucumber sandwiches, lots of photos and a late trip home with memories to savour for a lifetime. As she said, who would have thought that when she arrived in this country many years ago from El Salvador that she would one day be representing the School and meeting the Queen.

*Sue Laister, General Services Manager*



# Salopian wins Men's 18 British Orienteering Relay Championships

Friday 13 June 2014

*John Dempsey (Cb, LVI) tells the story:*

Feeling sorry for myself after a rather disastrous individual race on the Saturday of the British Orienteering Championships, I sat in the hotel and realised that the following day I had a podium place to defend. The previous year, my team, MDOC (Manchester and District Orienteering Club) had come 3rd in the British Championship Relays and we had the chance of doing the same thing this year. With a new budding member replacing an old one who had gone up an age class, we went into the race rather hopefully.

The day started with the other age group races starting first, but soon enough the Men's 18 first leg runner was called up by the tannoy to the start line (three legs in each team). Usually running last leg, I was excited about running second. A quick 15 minutes passed and, as discussed with the team beforehand, it was my turn to go to the map collection and waiting pen. A few stretches and sprints later, my 1st leg runner stormed up the finish lane and tagged me; it was my turn. I knew he had come in second and the team ahead was only ahead by 30 seconds.

I hit the first and second controls dead on and was running smoothly. To my surprise, I caught up with the second leg runner of the team ahead by the third control. I pushed past him to the fourth and just tried to keep ahead for as long as I could. He made a little error on the sixth control and after a few paranoid looks behind, I couldn't see him any more. I reached the spectator control in first place and with the shouts of my club ringing in my ears, I surged forward for the last kilometre loop just over the hill.

A moment later I found myself at the last control (where I saw my dad - running a different course) and, hoping to avoid a barrage of banter on my return, spurred forward to stay just ahead. After 'punching' the last control I sprinted up the finish lane and heard the tannoy bellow out my name. I tagged the final leg runner and found my other team mate, who confirmed that we were now in first place. "We could actually win this!" I thought to myself.

An intense twenty minutes passed and having just seen our last leg runner come through the spectator control, we saw that the second place team were not far behind. Could he keep it? To much relief, my fellow team mate ran up the finish where my first leg runner and I joined him to absorb the cheers from the crowd and hear the tannoy announce our team as the winners of the Men's 18 British Championship Relays.



*John Dempsey (left) with his fellow champions*



# Photo of the Week – The International Space Station passes over Sir Philip Sidney

Friday 13 June 2014

*Taken by Andrew Spicer (M UVI), Pre-U Physics student and keen amateur photographer*



“I have always been captivated by space, and the idea that there are regular people currently living in space always astonishes me. I happened to be watching a YouTube video about the ISS yesterday afternoon, so I decided to go out and see it for myself. I put ‘Shrewsbury’ into the [HeavensAbove](#) website and a list of times came up for when is best to see it. I set up my tripod in advance and took a few practice exposures, got the framing right and waited.

“The pass lasted only about 2 minutes so I had a time-lapse going, each exposure lasting 5 seconds with a 5 second gap in between; with hindsight a longer exposure would have been better, but the security lights couldn’t be switched off so they would have caused too much pollution.

“I then edited it, put the exposures together to make the composite image and found out that Mars and Saturn were also visible, which is a lucky coincidence. I am no astronomy expert, but I do get a certain kick out of seeing something on which people are floating around doing experiments and living for months at a time, drifting silently overhead whilst everybody else is completely oblivious down here on earth.”





## Fables & Tables and Flights of Fancy

Friday 13 June 2014

*Nikki Bevan, Marketing Manager, writes: "In my role I am privileged, on occasion, to let my imagination run wild. Planning and organising our annual prospective pupil 'Tea Party' is just one of those occasions and it is the highlight of my working year. As the photos show, it is also a highlight for the wonderful catering team in KH."*



We run the event to give our prospective pupils a chance to get to know each other and sample a taste of what life might be like as a Salopian. The Tea Parties are themed and the children are taken off to activities created by colleagues in their faculties and chaperoned by our new team of Postors.

This year's theme was 'Fables & Tables' and over 80 children and their families joined us on a beautiful sunny day.

The children, colour-coded and divided into groups, waving happily to their parents were whisked off to a series of entertainments, all of which had a carefully concealed educational dimension, designed to introduce them to aspects of Salopian life.

These included exploring the elements in Chemistry, including making (and eating!) ice cream, creating beautifully crafted Fables in English, saving an egg from smashing through cunning design in Design & Technology, travelling around a room full of fiendishly tricky Maths puzzles and evoking the Greek and Roman civilisations in Classics.

Parents were joined in the Ashton Theatre by the Headmaster and senior members of staff who gave presentations on important aspects of our admissions process, scholarships, bursaries and academic requirements and our wide range of sports and activities available to all pupils.

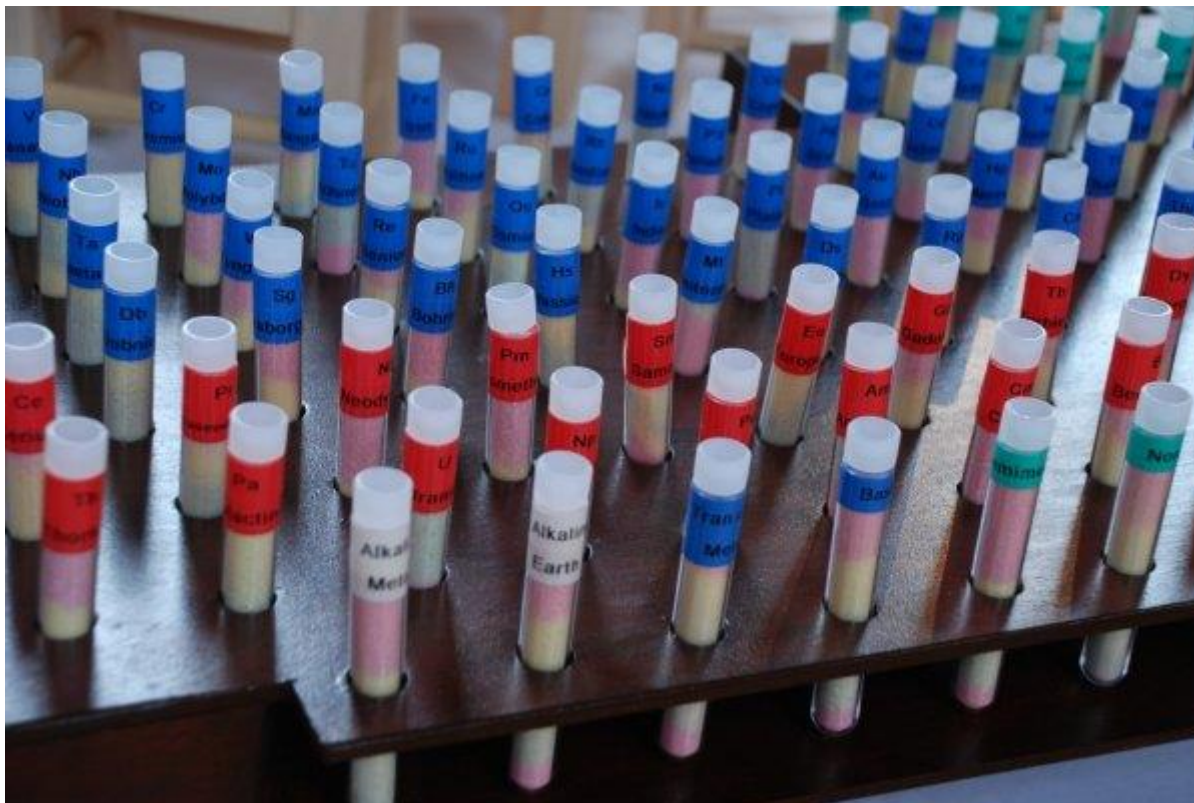
Parents and children were reunited in the Alington Hall for tea. The high point of these events for me is seeing the faces of the children and their parents when they realise that tea is not just a few sandwiches and fairy cakes. Once more KH was given the challenge of producing theme-based food for the party. Mark Johnson, our talented Head Chef, set about producing another of his amazing cakes – a set of famous Fable books with handcrafted 'The Hare and the Tortoise' figures on top. This cake – considered by colleagues lucky enough to have seen all three of his previous efforts to be the best ever – caused a flurry of photos to capture it for posterity.



The whole table consists of cleverly crafted and lovingly produced themed and of course edible elements that had to be seen to be believed. A Times Table grid was made up with delicious handmade iced cupcakes.



A Periodic Table made up with test tubes filled with sherbet was painstakingly recreated by Ffiona Packwood, our resident Graduate Trainee Manager.



The School's on-site carpenter (who also hand crafted the miniature table and chairs) kindly agreed to make the wooden stand to fit the test tubes in. He did such a good job that one of the guests asked if her daughter (who is about to become engaged to a Physics teacher) could hire it for the engagement party! Savoury tartlets and delicious sandwiches cut into neat triangles added to the feast and our catering team had pulled off another triumph.



If the emails and thank you notes I have received from families are to be believed, then our guests had a wonderful and informative afternoon and we very much look forward to welcoming them back as Third Formers in September 2015.

*Nikki Bevan, Marketing Manager*



## Activate Sport announce prize draw competition to celebrate Andrew Flintoff's return to cricket

Friday 13 June 2014

Activate Sport would like you to celebrate with them, the return of Andrew "Freddie" Flintoff in the Natwest T20 Blast competition. Freddie will be in action for his beloved Lancashire, and the Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy (run by Activate Sport) are marking the occasion with a prize draw. To be in with a chance of winning bundles of cricket goodies including signed shirts, bats etc., simply retweet, follow, like or share the Academy's news, and to get 5 entries into the draw, book any Activate Sport course this year during a weekend in June when Freddie plays for Lancashire.

Please see <http://activatesport.co.uk/blog/freddie-is-back/> for more details.



## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 13 June 2014

*This week, Athletics!*



*Tom Knight*

Sports day is on the horizon and the sun is shining. More importantly, as I am sure you all know, it is the Shropshire Athletics Championships this Saturday. With that in mind, I thought it apt that I take my athletic frame to check out our prospective champions. I have always been a fan of athletics; watching athletics that is! 'You are just being modest' I hear you cry! 'You don't want to hear about all my athletic triumphs' I retort! 'Oh please just a few selected highlights' you clamour. 'Oh alright if you insist!'

Rumours that Team GB took their inspiration from GB abound and I always blush that I should have been the inspiration for the London Olympics. My interest in competitive athletics goes back to an early victory in the balancing board race at Southdown School in Steyning (see the rounders article). After that taste of glory, I generously allowed others less fortunate than I to experience the joy of victory in my place. When my sense of generosity began to wane I made it to the final of the 800 metres at my prep school in Brighton, but failing to heed the advice of my form master not to indulge in seconds of ravioli at lunch I finished a disappointing last in the final! I will skip my triumph in the Upper Beeding wheelbarrow race to mention my two appearances in the London Marathon. In my first race I finished a disappointing 18,000 and my coach was understandably upset. However in my second appearance I improved to 12,000 and by my reckoning had I entered the race twice more and continued to improve by 6,000 places, I would have won it! But enough about me; let us have a look at those who I hoped to inspire by my performances at training!



*Nifemi Okusanya*

The Athletics team train at London Road sports track. This is a top class facility and is relatively new. The hurdlers and 'jumpers' are coached by Arnie 'the right' Wray who has been associated with Shropshire athletics for over 25 years. Tom Knight ((Rb LVI) , who has recently moved to Shrewsbury and is fancied to win the county hurdles title on Saturday, told me that he appreciated the standard of coaching the School provides. "I appreciate the standard of coaching the school provides," Tom said. Arnie told me that he knew of no other schools who take their athletes to a track to train and he thinks it is great to see a school helping its athletes to develop their technique and speed.

I watched Nifemi Okusanya (SH IV) training for the long jump. Nifemi has a tendency to find out which team I am writing about and appear for a photo as he is hoping to be a top model and likes my camera work (see the under-15 rugby article). Nifemi is also a quick runner - as the whole School saw when they watched him win the Junior Sidney-Darwin Dash last month; he can do the 100 metres in 12 seconds flat. I asked him if he would like a quick race and I was impressed by his natural speed, as I only just managed to hold him off.



Indeed I was quite glad it had not been ravioli in KH. I then asked a few other potential athletes if they would like a race, buoyed by the fact that when I first saw them I thought they had all eaten something dodgy for lunch.



It turned out that they were doing strength and conditioning exercises (whatever they are). I think it is important for youngsters to be put in their place at times, in case they get over-confident; so I pushed myself and such was my pace I found it difficult to stop...



...but was able to win by a comfortable margin.



Oscar Dickins told me he had learnt a valuable lesson from my performance and that he would be sticking to the 800 and 1500 metres on Saturday. Will Hayward (R IV) and Freddie Huxley Fielding (R IV) both told me they no longer wanted to sprint and had just moved themselves up to the 1500 and 3000 metre races. George Holder (Ch IV), Fergus David (Ch IV) and Alex Seager (Ch V) all told me that as a result of my victory they have stopped competitive running. Scott Hatton thanked me for telling him my ravioli story and admitted that he had eaten too many meatballs at lunch and has decided to enter the 400 metres.



Coach Ian Haworth asked me not to run against the boys again, accusing me of ‘mentally destroying them’. He may have objected to my jocular remark about how embarrassed they must be having lost to a fat ‘early’ forties sprinter and that they should all give up. I should say at this point that Nifemi is still representing us in the sprints.

I then wandered across to watch the javelin throwers. They were being trained by Spencer (I can do anything sporty) Gunnell. I had a quick go myself just to set a bit of a marker down to the lads and I asked Spencer what his qualifications were for coaching athletics. He is much younger than I am and so I would not have bumped into him when he won the national under-13s hurdles in 2003 in a record time that still stands, the national under-14 high jump title in 2004 and the national under-15 javelin title in 2005! Some people peak too young!

I asked James Long (Rt IV) how the session was going and he told me he was enjoying keeping his arm straight and letting his feet take care of themselves! I am not sure if I agree with the latter part of his statement as my feet are in quite poor condition having been left largely to their own devices over the last few years.



Jake Carter (R V) was impressed by my throw and wondered why I had not been training for the County Championships myself. He is a very nice boy and will go far. Tristan Lywood (Rt IV) told me that he lives for the javelin and Charlie Tait-Harris (S IV) is only trying it out as he has an ankle injury which means he may not run as quickly as he had hoped and he thought he might try and win a medal in another discipline. Max McClure (Rb LVI) is hoping to hone his technique so that he can appear in a film as a spearman.



Having spent an enjoyable afternoon reminding myself of my considerable athletic prowess, I returned to school eager to put pen to paper.



If you too have been inspired by this article, you can come to Sports Day on June 24th and see the school athletes in action. Anyone wishing to take me on in the 100 metres, please issue a challenge and prepare for disappointment!

*G(JF)B*

## New Boys' Lunch

Monday 16 June 2014



With the Common Entrance hurdle successfully cleared, Churchill's Hall will welcome 13 new third formers in September. Many of the boys and their parents met for the first time at the New Boys' Lunch on Sunday 15th. Once again we are welcoming a very talented group which includes four academic, three music and a drama scholar.



## Sunita Boolauky and Maureen Donahue - our new Matrons at The Grove

Monday 16 June 2014



**Sunita Boolauky** was born in Mauritius and became a British Citizen in 1984. She is fluent in her mother tongue Creole but also speaks and understands French, Hindi and Urdu.

Sunita worked in local government for 26 years, the last 12 in leadership and management roles. She is also qualified to teach English as a Foreign Language as well as French. During the last two years she has worked part-time in the Shrewsbury School library.

Alongside her passion for working with pupils, Sunita loves jogging, walking, reading and Indian music and dance. She also enjoys cooking, particularly Indian and Far Eastern food.

She is married with two sons.



**Maureen Donahue** was educated at the French Convent in Hull and then went straight into nursing at Stockport Royal Infirmary. Having come from a theatrical background, she joined Britain's top teenage trio, The Dollies, at the age of 21. They toured with Jimi Hendrix, The Beach Boys, BB King, Eartha Kitt and Joe Cocker, to name just a few, and they won many awards.

She took up running at the age of 40 and competed in 10km races and mini-marathons. She then came to Shrewsbury School, for what was going to be five years – but she ended up working 16 years as Matron in School House and has spent the last three years as Relief Matron in Emma Darwin Hall.

She is an avid traveller, and within the last two years she has had the opportunity to visit Argentina, Malawi, Australia and the USA.

Maureen has two children and one granddaughter.

Both Sunita and Maureen are very much looking forward to working with Clare and her team, and to meeting the parents and all of the new girls entering The Grove.



## Shrewsbury's Beekeeping Society celebrates its 40th anniversary

Monday 16 June 2014

*Forty years ago Selby Martin founded Shrewsbury School Beekeeping Society and through his boundless enthusiasm and determination the society has flourished ever since. An anniversary dinner was held on Saturday 7th June to which all past presidents and secretaries of the Beekeeping Society were invited.*

The evening was a chance to celebrate Selby's achievement. Does anyone know of a school beekeeping society with a longer continuous record?

There have been many challenges over the years: an angry Shrewsbury M.P. threatening prosecution if the apiary wasn't moved; inebriates from the Boathouse Inn and/or badgers knocking over hives; and more recently the scourge of Varroa mites combined with colony collapse disorder. Despite all of this, the bees have survived and boys at Shrewsbury have continued to find the hobby fascinating. Perhaps the girls soon will learn to as well!

The anniversary dinner was much enjoyed by all who were able to attend. As the port was passed, friendships were renewed, beekeeping adventures spanning forty years were relived and bumper honey crops of the future were anticipated.

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# Will Frazer - Riding Round the World for Rhinos

Thursday 19 June 2014



Old Salopian, Will Frazer (I 1998-03) writes from Baku in Azerbaijan after 60 days on the road, through 15 countries and over 6500 km. They will now head east through central Asia into China through some of the most challenging terrain of the whole trip. More information about the trip below and lots more online at [www.ridingforrhinos.org](http://www.ridingforrhinos.org) including video blog.

Will and his friend Johan du Pleasis left the comfort of their homes, friends and family on Easter Sunday on a 7 month cycle around the world to help bring an end to illegal trade in rhino horn.

Departing from Trafalgar Square in central London, the two British cyclists caught a ferry from Dover to Calais and will then ride east for several months until they reach the waters of the south China sea in Shanghai. From there they will cross to South Korea and then up through Japan to Tokyo. They then fly to San Francisco, climb over the Rockies and across the mid-west, eventually finishing their huge cycle trip in Miami.

In total they will be cycling 23,000 km in 230 days through 23 different countries, meaning an average of 800km a week or over 100km a day. The trip is wholly unsupported and they aim to be as self-sufficient as possible, carrying only the bare essentials needed to survive living by the side of the road. A sleeping bag, tent and cooking stove has become their home-from-home. The two young professionals have both quit their jobs to take on this 7 month challenge of a life time and want to raise awareness of how demand for rhino horn in eastern Asia is rapidly leading to the plight of one of nature's most iconic species - the rhino.

They hope to raise over £20,000 to help the charity Save the Rhino continue its valuable work in protecting viable populations of wild rhino across Africa and Asia from poaching and habitat loss.

Will says, "It's shocking how quickly the poaching crisis has escalated in southern Africa and how few people are aware of what's happening. However this trip is as much about conserving mega fauna and the natural world in general as the rhino specifically. The rhino is symbolic of a whole complicated system of conflict between humans and wildlife that has gone badly wrong. Fix the system (habitat loss, climate change, illegal trade in ivory etc) and the rhino and many other species will have a better chance of survival. I'm under no illusions that we're going to solve these challenges on this trip but if my efforts and skills can assist those already knowledgeable in how to fix these kind of systemic problems then that is something I'd like to do."

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"While I've seen the impressive rhino in the wild before, it was the emotional experience while viewing the series of photos by Brent Stirton in the 2012 Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Natural History Museum, that really struck a nerve. It saddens me that humans can be so cruel to such a magnificent and powerful creature. What's more, most of the world understands that there is no proven medicinal benefit to Rhino horn. It's just keratin! How can we live in such an advanced and globally connected world and not be doing a better job at sharing knowledge and spreading awareness to put an end to the needless demise of such an iconic animal? This is my opportunity to do my bit," adds Johan.

More information about the trip at [www.ridingforrhinos.org](http://www.ridingforrhinos.org) - including video blog.

## History Upper 6th 1960 Reunion Lunch with their Master, Michael Hart CBE

Thursday 19 June 2014

Tim Butchard, Michael Johnson, Richard Barber, Michael Hart, Sir John Sykes, Richard Salter, Sir John Stuttard

A historic and historical gathering was held on Thursday 5 June.

All the pupils of Michael Hart in the History Upper VIth in 1960 met Michael for lunch at the home of Sir John Sykes (SH 1955-60)

Pictured, left to right are: Tim Butchard (SH 1958-63), Michael Johnson (S 1955-60), Richard Barber OBE (SH 1955-60), Michael Hart CBE (Staff 1956-67), Sir John Sykes, Richard Salter (S 1957-61), Sir John Stuttard (SH 1958-63).



More information will be found in the next edition of the Salopian magazine.



## Student ensemble perform Schumann's Piano Quintet

Thursday 19 June 2014

*On Monday 16th June a considerable throng gathered in the Maidment Auditorium for an eagerly anticipated lunchtime performance of Schumann's Piano Quintet in Eb Op. 44 by Galin Ganchev (M LVI - piano), Calvin Chan (I LVI - violin), Jonathan Cheng (I LVI - violin), Cindy Lin (MSH UVI - viola) and Kevin Jim (I V - cello).*



The quintet have worked throughout the academic year preparing this huge work, coached by Maria Eglinton (Head of Wind) and David Joyce (Head of Strings). They have also had the opportunity to perform the first movement to Christopher Hoyle (Head of Strings from the Royal Northern College of Music) and also as part of the Pro Corda Chamber Music Festival where they got through to the Semi-Finals.

Maria Eglinton declared herself delighted with their performance on Monday: "It was of an extremely high standard and the quintet produced a great range of colours and sonorities. The Scherzo was particularly energetic and the whole performance was professional from beginning to end. The quintet have been an absolute delight to work with during the past year and have demonstrated real focus and commitment. I feel they have really achieved an honourable amount!"



## Shrewsbury are ESCA/ECB Under-15 Twenty20 County Champions

Thursday 19 June 2014



*Back Row l-r: Jordan Zaza, Lysander Adair, George Garrett, Charlie Home [capt] Dan Orchard, George Pearce, Tom Brunskill. Front Row l-r: Josh Mahyon, George Hargrave, Ollie Dixon, Harry Gregson, Pat Jacob*

Shrewsbury School hosted this year's County final of the ESCA/ECB Under-15 Twenty20. Wrekin College won the toss and elected to bat and after losing the wicket of Henry Davies to the third ball of the game, captain Dillon Pennington and Steve McCartney put on 132 in a record second wicket partnership. Pennington top scored with an undefeated 67 off only 52 balls, with McCartney adding excellent support with 59 off 67 deliveries. George Garrett was the pick of the Shrewsbury bowlers, taking 1 for 17 off his 4 overs.

In reply, Shrewsbury were always up with the scoring rate, thanks to an opening partnership of 55 between George Hargrave 52 n.o. off 41 balls and captain Charlie Home 24, before the latter was brilliantly caught by Marshall Meredith. Hargrave then received good support from Ollie Dixon 19 and Lysander Adair 16 n.o. to guide the hosts home to a 7 wicket victory.

The trophy and medals were presented by ex-Worcestershire seamer and Shrewsbury Cricket Coach Paul Pridgeon, who also presented the 'man of the match' shield to Dillon Pennington.

*Steve Aston  
SCB Competitions Manager*



## Sixth Form Entrant Scholarships 2014

Thursday 19 June 2014

Chloe Chen	Harbin No.3 High School, China	Academic Scholar
Pascale Goddard	Shrewsbury High School	Academic Scholar
Loren Kell	Moreton Hall	Academic with Music Scholar
Soran Hazar	North East Wolverhampton Academy	Academic Scholar (Lord Martin Rees Science Scholarship)
Sian Hinton	Holy Trinity International School, Kidderminster	Sports Scholar
Sally Joyce	Shrewsbury High School	Music Scholar
Daniel Lloyd	Thomas Telford School	Sports Scholar
Amy Mobley	Tudor Hall School	Sports Scholar
Gavin O'Dwyer	The Bishops' Blue Coat School, Chester	Margaret Cassidy Sports Scholar
Olivia Papaioannou	Moreton Hall	Academic with Sport Scholar
Martha Pownall	Shrewsbury High School	Academic Scholar
Abigail Reynolds	West Kirby Grammar School	Sports Scholar
Yuyang Shang	Taian No. 1 High School, China	Academic Scholar
Emily Skelton	Stamford High School	Drama with Music Scholar
Ursule Taujanskaite	King's School, Ely	Academic Scholar
Sherry Xu	Moreton Hall	Academic Scholar
Kitty Waddell	Royal Grammar School, Newcastle	Academic Scholar

## Shrewsbury Half-Marathon - a novice runner gets ready

Thursday 19 June 2014

*Mrs Kirk is one of almost 40 members of 'Team Shrewsbury School' running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon on Sunday 22nd June, raising funds for Shrewsbury Ark (donation details below). Anyone who has ever considered signing up for their first Half Marathon but then hesitated - read on and be inspired!*

I am a novice runner. I've been running just a little over eight weeks now. Peter Middleton, Master in Charge of the Hunt and Coordinator of 'Team Shrewsbury School', told me that the most difficult thing about doing the Shrewsbury Half Marathon would be signing up for it. I think he might be right, but perhaps it would be best to ask me on Monday morning! I have received lots of advice from veteran runners who have guided me on my training and I must thank Kait Weston especially for her time in planning my training and recommending a great read – *The Complete Running and Marathon Book* – which has had me fascinated!

So off I went to the sports shop 'Up and Running' on Mardol to be put through my paces on their treadmill. As a complete non-runner I felt out of breath after about 30 seconds, but the very helpful assistant soon had me trying all sorts of shoes for my 'natural gait' feet – little did I know that we all run differently! My first run in the new shoes was more of a half-walk half-run/stagger from my village uphill to the next village and it didn't really fill me with much hope. However, having started with short distances I gradually found that my fitness and my breathing improved and I was less of a beetroot colour when I got back home!

My nextdoor neighbour who ran in the Half Marathon last year has lent me his GPS Garmin watch and all of a sudden it can tell me how far I have gone. This is brilliant – every mile it pings;





and if I stop, the little person on the screen appears to keel over and tell me "you are behind by 30 seconds". How frustrating is that!

I gradually began to tell people that I was taking part in the Half Marathon – firstly my mother and sister, who almost choked over their lasagne. "Really? *You* going running? How far is it?" Undeterred by their doubts, the training progressed, with more short runs and lots of Zumba sessions to improve my fitness and I have noticed the weight falling off and my running trousers getting baggy too!

Out of bed at 7am – "I'm off for a run" – has started off many days over the last few weeks, much to the surprise of my husband Martin who is secretly quite proud of me and can't quite believe it when I get home and say "I ran eight miles today". And something strange has happened. I am actually starting to look forward to running and I love how I feel immediately after running, full of energy and very pleased with myself.

So my last big run was last Saturday and I managed ten miles. But it was a struggle and I do feel a little bit sick thinking about the extra 3.1 miles I need to do on Sunday. However, I am really committed now and with over £300 of sponsor money for the Shrewsbury Ark generously pledged from friends and family already, there is no going back now! I have been doing about an 11-minute mile so far in training and hope to complete the distance in under 2 hours 30 minutes if all goes to plan.

So if you spot a red-faced blue-and-yellow-clad runner wearing number 900 somewhere on the route, give me a shout - "Come on Mrs Kirk!"

*VLK*

Team Shrewsbury School are raising funds for Shrewsbury Ark, a drop-in centre in the town for homeless and vulnerable people where some of our pupils regularly volunteer. The Ark is independently run and not funded by government. Everyone who knocks on the door is given a warm, non-judgmental welcome; inside, they are offered food and drink, a shower and toilet facilities, laundry facilities, a phone and internet access, a poste restante mailing address and staff who can listen, advise and assist those who seem to have fallen through the cracks of society. Team Shrewsbury School would be very grateful for as many donations possible These can be made via [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/shrewsburymarathon](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/shrewsburymarathon).



# Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships

Friday 20 June 2014

*Excellent performances, particularly at under-17 level, from Shrewsbury's competitors in the County Schools Athletics Championships, held at the Oakengates track in Telford on Saturday 14th June.*

The Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships provided an opportunity for boys to get officially recorded at their best events, with the chance of progressing through to the 'Mason Trophy' regional round, and then potentially to the national final in July.

We took around twenty boys across the three age groups – U15 (Third Form), U17 (Fourth and Fifth Forms) and U20 (Sixth Form). They are very strict on age groups, which meant that both Niklas Amthor (R) and Owen Mock (R) were forced to compete in the U17 age category, against some significantly older (and larger!) boys. Consequently we had a lot of strength in depth in the U17 age group, but the U20 was hit hard by the exam season and only James Plaut (S) and Tom Knight (Rb) were able to compete in this category. It was clear on arrival though that this problem had applied to other schools too, and the U20 events were not particularly well contested, which was a shame of course, but did mean that James and Tom were pretty much guaranteed medals!

In the U15 age group, Johnnie Peel (S) struggled manfully against some very strong competition in both the 100m and the Long Jump, but was unable to progress. Monty Hardcastle (I) had more success, getting into the final of the 300m with a strong performance in his heat, timed at 42.8 seconds. This perhaps gave him a bit too much confidence though, as he went off like a rocket in the final, enjoying a head of about 20m going into the bend, but finally ran out of puff on the home straight and finished 7th in 44.0 seconds. He had better success in the shot put, coming 5th with a great effort of 7.59m.

In the U17 category, we put on a huge show of strength in the middle-distance events. In the 800m, Oscar Dickins (R) ran very strongly indeed to finish second in what we believe to be a PB of 2:08.3. Another PB was achieved for Scott Hatton (S), running in 2:15.8 which placed him 5th. Considering he has another year in this age category, this is a fantastic achievement and shows how much he has progressed this year. Further back, Third Formers Owen Mock and Niklas Amthor both struggled against this very competitive field, finishing in 7th and 8th respectively. The 1500m was even more successful, as Shrewsbury School filled places 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, with Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R) leading a brave attack against the eventual winner, Alex Burrows of Wellington. Oscar Dickins finished 3rd only a second behind Freddie (4:33.2), with a very powerful final straight which saw him overtake Ben Remnant (Ch) - on his return from injury – with less than 10m to go. Will Hayward ran strongly in 5th, in a time of 4:44.6. In the 3000m, Freddie again led the Shrewsbury School charge, ultimately finishing with another silver medal in a terrific time of 9:33.0 – a PB over this distance. Ben Remnant finished a little further back in 4th, in a time of 9:58.8, with Will Hayward just five seconds behind in 5th.

The sprint events also saw success, with Ladi Okusanya (SH) and Charlie Tait-Harris (S) taking 2nd and 3rd in the 100m, though most were convinced that Nifemi Okusanya (SH) had actually just pipped Charlie on the line – either way, it was extremely close and Nifemi was unlucky not

to medal with such a strong run. Charlie went on to take the gold in the 200m with a fantastic effort of the home straight, finishing in a time of 24.5 seconds, close to a season's best for him. Tim Robinson-Boulton (R) also ran very well to finish 6th in 27.4 seconds.



# Modern Languages Speaking Competition

Friday 20 June 2014

*From du Bellay to Prévert; from Goethe to Biermann; and from Francisco de Quevedo to Neruda - the range of recitations at the inaugural Modern Languages Speaking Competition on Tuesday 17th June provided the audience with a wonderful sweep across the poetry of France, Spain and Germany.*

They also enjoyed a wonderful recitation of a speech by Robespierre given by Jamie Nugent (SH LVI) – particularly impressive as French is not one of the subjects he is currently studying.

Twenty-nine students entered the competition, which was adjudicated by the three language assistants, Cordula Wordie (German Language Assistant), Charlène Piquard (Bordeaux Fellow) and Ana Paula Suárez (Hispanic Fellow). Their judging criteria included interpretation of the poem, delivery, performance and pronunciation.

The following prizes were awarded:

## French

Angus Moore (S 3) – *A une passante* by Charles Baudelaire

Jamie Nugent (SH LVI) – speech by Robespierre

Artem Stopnevich (R 3) – *Le Cancre* by Jacques Prévert

## **German**

Daniel Lo (SH LVI) – *Oktoberlied* by Theodor Storm

Bertie Gilliat-Smith (O LVI) – *Heidensroslein* by Goethe

Runner-up: Harry Al Adwani (SH LVI) – *Mailed* by Goethe

## **Spanish**

Harry Al Adwani (SH LVI) – *A un gato* by J-L Borges

Jesse Mattinson (Rb IV) – *Oda a la cebolla* by Pablo Neruda



# School House dominates the Modern Languages Speaking Competition

Tuesday 24 June 2014

On Tuesday 17th June, Shrewsbury School held the inaugural Modern Languages Speaking Competition, which involved many of the top linguists in the school reading poetry in French, German and Spanish. Amongst stiff competition and a large number of high quality entries, I am extremely pleased to report that School House boys swept the board and won every category in the senior competition.

Félicitations to Jamie Nugent who won the French category, gratulation to Dan Lo for winning the German and felicitaciones to Harry Al-Adwani in the Spanish. This is a remarkable achievement.



*(L-R): Jamie Nugent, Harry Al-Adwani and Dan Lo*

## Shrewsbury Saracens v School 2nd XI on 27 June

Tuesday 24 June 2014



Matthew Barrett reports that:

'George Thomason arranged a side of recent leavers (pictured, left) to represent the Saracens against the 2XI on the Friday of Salopian week (27 June). The Saracens side included a few ex-first teamers but a good number of past 2XI players also. In a rain affected game which was shortened to 20 overs, the Saracens batted first.

Good knocks from Jack Bailey and Mark Prescott helped the Saracens to 167 for 6 in their overs. In reply the school made a decent start with Max Parsonage playing some

aggressive shots. Captain James Warburg's cameo innings included two sixes and threatened to win the game, but tidy bowling from James Aston was too good for the boys and the 2XI finished 4 runs short.

It was a good game and a pleasure to welcome so many familiar faces back to the school. We hope for a repeat next year!

# The School House Soirée

Wednesday 25 June 2014

On Saturday 21st June, we held the School House Soirée in the Maidment Building. This was an informal opportunity to showcase just some of the considerable musical talent in the House. Over the course of the year, Caz and I have been amazed by the number of boys who play musical instruments and sing. The majority of School House boys play at least one instrument to a reasonable level. In the Soirée, there was a vast range of genres represented, from Mozart to Mumford and Sons. It was great that more than half the House took to the stage, from relative beginners through to accomplished, post diploma-level musicians.



The evening opened on a high note with George Fowler's critically acclaimed a cappella arrangement *Jukebox*. This was first performed in October as our entry for the Part Song in the House Singing Competition, in which School House enjoyed so much success. There were some other particularly special items on the bill, including Will Hargreaves at the piano singing his own composition *Two Left Feet*; I think we have a star in the making... watch this space! The Sax and Clarinet Ensemble, which featured 12 of the boys playing Herbie Hancock's *Cantaloupe Island* was arranged for the occasion by Caz and directed by Maria McKenzie.

We took advantage of the summer solstice to continue the celebrations well into the evening, with a hog roast in the House garden. The whole event was a tremendous success and I want to thank all the performers. The fact that they were able to juggle rehearsals with preparation for exams, in order to produce such a great evening of entertainment at a very pressurised time of year, is testament to their talent and motivation; they were a credit to themselves and School House.

I'd like to single out George Fowler, Dan Lo, John Moore, Caz and Maria, without whom it could not have happened. It would take too long to mention everyone individually who was involved, so please refer to the programme below:

<b>Jukebox</b> – The School House Part Song House Singing Competition Finalists – October 2013. George Fowler, Harry Al-Adwani, Ralph Asheton, Stanley Hau, Nick Entwistle, Brook Plumtre, Alfred Mitchell	arr: George Fowler	<b>Special appearance</b> John McGowan aka Elvis!
<b>Dance of the Blessed Spirits</b> Flute trio Andrew Chan, Michael Cheung, Miss Whittle Piano - Merrick Wong	Gluck (arr. C. Besterman)	<b>The Three Friends</b> Piano trio - Alfred Mitchell, Ladi Okusanya, Nat Chumbala, Hugo Richardson
<b>Waltz in Ab</b> Piano - Josh Wong	Johannes Brahms	<b>Song</b> Voice - George Fowler
<b>Own Composition</b> Voice - Will Hargreaves	Will Hargreaves	<b>Summertime</b> Jazz ensemble Brendan Parsons (trumpet), Will Dodson-Wells (sax), Mrs. Besterman (piano), Brook Plumtre (drums), Toby Thomas (bass guitar)
<b>Saxophone Sonata (Mvt I)</b> Ken Ma	Phil Woods	<b>Are you there? From "Bare"</b> Duet - George Fowler, Alfred Mitchell
<b>Concerto for strings and continuo in E (RV275)</b> i. Allegro Organ - Dan Lo	Antonio Vivaldi arr. Johann Gottfried Walther	<b>My Evaline</b> Traditional (arr. H. J. Robertshaw)
<b>Hotel California</b> Guitar - Brook Plumtre, Hugo Richardson, Peter Stanley, Ivan Shishkarev	The Eagles	<b>Gabi Gabi</b> Traditional (arr. V. Powell)
<b>Eine kleine Nachtmusik</b> ii. Romanze: Andante Darren Chin, James Wong, Mrs. Besterman, George Fowler	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	<b>School House Barbershop Group</b> Christian Ferrigno, Jamie Nugent, Alfred Mitchell, Dan Lo, Ralph Asherton, Ladi Okusanya, Femi Okusanya, George Fowler, Nick Entwistle, Harry Al-Adwani, Brook Plumtre, Llyr Hayward-Jones, Brendan Parsons, Mr. Besterman, Will Hargreaves
<b>Timshel</b> Voice - Jamie Nugent	Mumford and Sons	<b>Cantaloupe Island</b> Herbie Hancock (arr. C. Besterman, M. McKenzie) Sax and Clarinet Ensemble Will Dodson-Wells, Ken Ma, Harry Al-Adwani, Brook Plumtre, Brendan Parsons, Yutaro Sato, Kwaku Antwi, Femi Okusanya, David Wright, Llyr Hayward-Jones, Ivan Shishkarev, Mrs. McKenzie
<b>Xinggongshe</b> Yangqin (Chinese Dulcimer) - Dan Lo	Traditional (arr. D. Lo)	



## RSSBC: Lettie Tay (EDH LVI) becomes the first Salopian finalist in the Henley Women's Regatta

Thursday 26 June 2014



*Lettie Tay winning her semi-final at Henley Women's Regatta*

Last weekend saw the running of the Henley Women's Regatta over 1500m of the famous regatta course. The Boat Club took two crews to the Regatta. Claudia Kimpton-Smith (EDH LVI) and Francesca Molyneux (EDH UVI) raced in the Junior Doubles event and Lettie Tay (EDH LVI) raced in the Junior Single Sculls category.

Claudia and Francesca had a good row but lost out in the 1st round to a composite crew from the American School London and King's Ely. Lettie produced some fantastic racing and progressed through three rounds to secure herself and the Boat Club's first spot in a final of the Regatta.

She saw off competition from Mossbourne, The Grange School and St Edward's to make it into the last two of 16. Going into the final as the slight underdog, Lettie had a real go off the start but wasn't able to upset her competition from Runcorn and had to settle with a second place.

It was a fantastic result from Lettie and one that she should take confidence from as she heads off to GB final trials in two weeks' time. Lettie is in the Lower Sixth and still has another year to compete for the School.

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# RSSBC: Marlow Regatta – Saturday 21st June 2014

Thursday 26 June 2014

Marlow Regatta took place in sunny and calm conditions on Dorney Lake. All crews raced a time trial in the morning, with seeded finals taking place in the afternoon.

The 2nd VIII, racing in IM2 VIIIs, qualified for the D final. They came 4th in their final with a relatively swift time of 6:07.

Our J16 coxed four was racing in IM2 4+ and finished the time trial in 13th place putting them into the B final. This they won over a number of adult crews to finish the day in 8th position.

A combined J16A and J16B VIII came a creditable 3rd in C final of IM3 8+, just behind two VIIIs from Hampton School.

The J15A 8+ came an impressive second in the A final of J15 eights, improving on their position at National Schools'.

J14A octo finished 4th in their B final to round off their first year of rowing.



# BASHER II Regatta – Sunday 22nd June 2014

Thursday 26 June 2014

*Eton College played host to this new event on the calendar specifically aimed at 3rd VIIIs, B crews and C crews.*

No distinction is made between different boat types. After a time trial, all of the crews are put into seeded four-boat races. The fastest crew moves up to the next group, the slowest down a group.

Shrewsbury placed two crews in the top three of the time trial (our J15B VIII and a composite 3rd/J16B/J15C VIII), and our J14B octo finished in 21st place.

In the first set of side-by-side races, the J14Bs won their race, and the composite and J15Bs came 2nd and 3rd respectively in group 1. In the final sets of races the J14s came 4th and ended up as the fourth fastest J14B crew on the day. In the last race the composite came 3rd (the fastest of the combined 3rd/J16 crews), and the J15Bs came 4th.

Many thanks to the staff of Eton College and the other “BASHER” schools for organising the event.

## Team Shrewsbury School run the Shrewsbury Half Marathon

Thursday 26 June 2014

*On a sweltering June morning on the final Sunday of term, over 2,000 runners congregated at the Show Ground for the start of this year's edition of the Shrewsbury Half Marathon. Shrewsbury School was once again well represented, with nearly 30 members of the school community running.*

Amongst their number were members of staff and spouses, a handful of pupils, some parents, and one or two old boys. A new course saw the runners tackle a steady climb up Berwick Road for the first few kilometres, before meandering down country lanes then taking the Ellesmere Road into town. By this point in the race, sizeable crowds had gathered in the town centre to cheer on the runners, particularly needed on such a punishingly hot day! Perhaps the greatest support of all, though, came as the runners had completed the tortuous hike up Kennedy Road and turned into Ashton Road and The Schools where we were greeted by the enthusiastic cheers of our colleagues and pupils, accompanied by the African drums beating their own encouragement. A final loop back into town and a return along the river to the showground completed the 21.1km route, and by the finish line, I think everyone was just pleased to have completed the race in the conditions!



*L to R: Tom Cousins, Theo Clarke, Adam Booth, Peter Middleton*



Perhaps the most exciting finish of the day (at least from a Salopian perspective) was the battle for 15th position between Theo Clarke (next year's Huntsman) and Adam Booth (Huntsman, 1999-2000). On this particular day, Youth triumphed over Experience, though a lack of a sprint finish from Adam is perhaps understandable given his wife had given birth to their first child just a few weeks previously! Theo crossed the line in 1.26.39, an extremely impressive time for a debut half marathon in those conditions. His predecessor as Huntsman Adam Booth came home in 1.26.57 for 18th, with Senior Whip from season 2011-2012 Tom Cousins not far behind in 1.27.20 for 20th position.

Many of our runners were raising money for local charity The Ark, a centre for homeless and vulnerable people in the town. Last year the team raised over £500 for the charity Medic Malawi, and it is hoped that we will be able to surpass this figure for The Ark.

Congratulations to all who ran in the race, particularly to those who were running in a half marathon for the very first time, including our very own Mrs Kirk who not only completed the race, but crossed the finish line with a big smile on her face! The first of many perhaps...

*PJM*





## Teddy Briggs (EDH LVI) awarded an Outstanding Distinction in Drama exam

Thursday 26 June 2014

Many congratulations to Teddy Briggs (EDH LVI), who achieved 90% in her Grade 6 Bronze Medal LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exam recently and was given the top award – an Outstanding Distinction.

In their report on her performance, the examiners praised Teddy for her “exciting performance, full of energy and attack, clarifying meaning through an excellent use of rhythm and timing... This was an imaginative performance that engaged the audience throughout.”



# Shrewsbury's Model United Nations team win top awards at Manchester Conference

Thursday 26 June 2014

*Shrewsbury's Model United Nations representatives rounded off a very successful year with a Distinguished Delegation award at the Manchester Grammar School MUN Conference during the last weekend of term. Three members of the team also won individual Highly Commended Delegate awards and a further three won Commended Delegate awards.*



*L to R with Mr Peach: Krem Todorova, Bryce Rutter, Ed Plaut, Joe Lafferty, James Ollerhead, Jesse Mattinson, Chetan Popat, Akaash Patel, Theo Simmons, Sasha Arridge, Dan Edwards, Esmé O'Keefe*

There was, as usual, a very strong field of about 200 delegates from many of the top schools across the country. Also taking part in the Conference was a school from Prague, who have invited Shrewsbury to an MUN conference there in January.

All of the Shrewsbury delegates performed extremely well. One particularly impressive achievement was that of Third Former Chetan Popat (PH), who at his first ever MUN

conference managed to get a resolution on deep sea exploration and research passed in his committee.

Individual awards went to the following:

**Highly Commended Delegates:**

Dan Edwards (Security Council)

Esmé O'Keeffe (Economic and Social Council)

Theo Simmons (Educational and Scientific Committee)

**Commended Delegates:**

Akaash Patel (Health Committee)

Ed Plaut (Environment Committee)

James Ollerhead (Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee)

## Unsung Hero Award for Ffiona Packwood in KH

Friday 27 June 2014

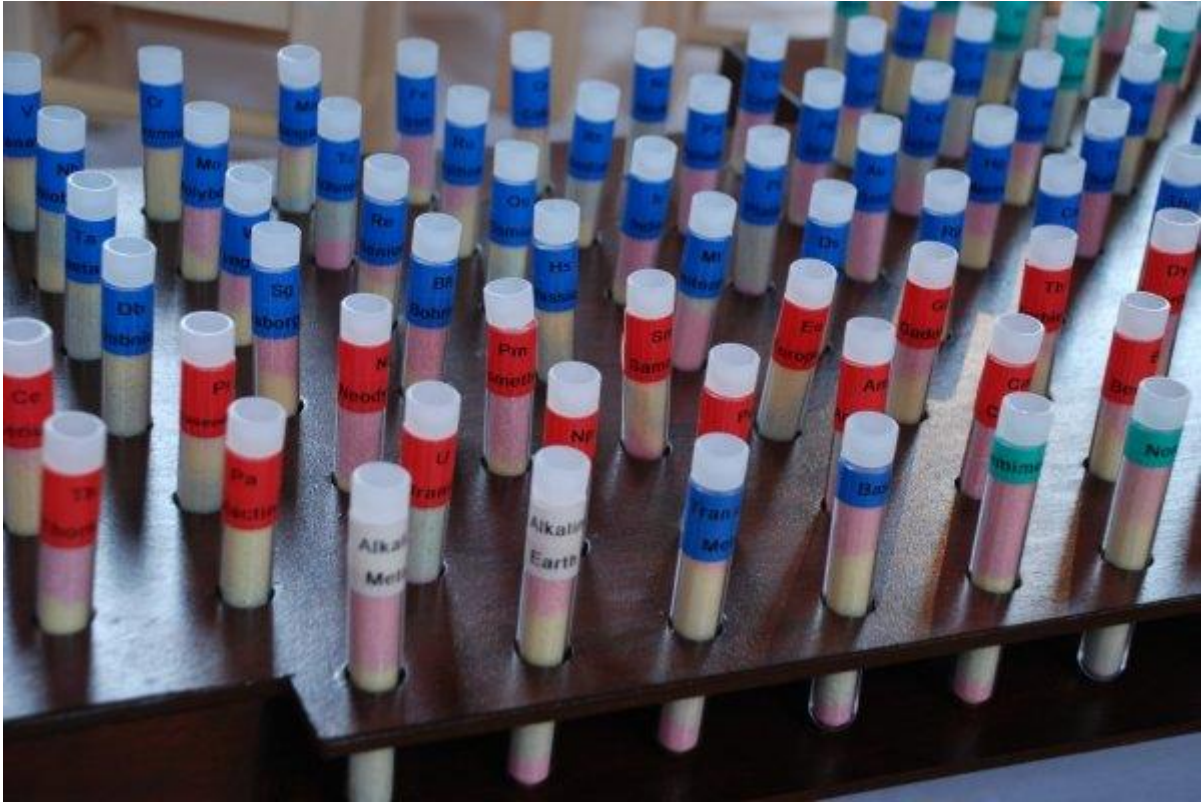


*Ffiona Packwood (left) and Nikki Bevan*

Congratulations to Graduate Management Trainee Ffiona Packwood, who has won a Customer Service 'Unsung Hero' Award and a bottle of champagne in a competition organised by the leading schools' marketing and recruitment consultants, RS Academics.

She was nominated for the national award by the Shrewsbury's Marketing Manager Nikki Bevan, who – like many others – was particularly wowed by her spectacular and imaginative culinary contributions for a recent Taster Afternoon and Tea Party for prospective pupils and their families on the theme of 'Fables and Tables'.

Ffiona is coming to the end of her graduate training with the School's catering company, Holroyd Howe. Senior Catering Manager James Bradford is delighted with her success. "It's fabulous feedback and very satisfying to know that Ffiona has made such a great impact in her time at Shrewsbury and is developing a strong network of relationships within the School community."



*The Periodic Table made up with test tubes filled with sherbert, painstakingly created by Efxona for the 'Fables and Tables' Tea Party for prospective pupils*





## Charity record beaten by £5000

Friday 27 June 2014

*Mrs Drew sent the following message to all staff and pupils yesterday...*

Thanks to your time and generosity and your sporting, musical, artistic, bucket-holding, performance and baking skills, we have not only passed the £30,000 we raised for charity last year, but hit £35,000 this morning.

Over £1000 has now been raised by the Half Marathon: £500 for BEAT (supporting those with eating disorders), and the rest for The Ark.

There is still the collection from Wednesday's Pop Concert to count up, and Friday's Gala Concert, and the retiring collection from 'Journey's End', and the cake sale on Sports Day.

And next term's totals are already clocking up: £350 already from Sonia Walther's Sky Dive in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust, which she's doing in the holiday.

Very best of luck to her and to Dom Dootson and Charlie Godman, who will be running 346km in 6 days, starting at Hadrian's Wall and finishing at Ben Nevis, for Water

Aid: <https://www.justgiving.com/Godman/>

Keep the evening of Thursday 11th September free and come and hear the true story of 'The Atlantic Boys' whom we supported at House Singing. Last time they brought their boat; this time they've got a film.

Have a brilliant summer, and thank you so much on behalf of the 24 charities who've benefited from your kindness.



## Young Engineers Group meet Old Salopian racing driver Oli Webb

Friday 27 June 2014

*We were delighted to welcome Oliver Webb (S 2004-09) back to school on Monday, making time in his hectic schedule as a racing driver to come and talk to the Young Engineers group.*



*Photo courtesy of Tony Adams*

Oli arrived at the school in 2004 already competing seriously in national Karting events. He steadily built up his experience and speed as his years at Shrewsbury went by, progressing on quickly to racing cars. Signed up by BMW by the time he was in the Sixth Form, Oli spent increasing amounts of time juggling his school commitments with time spent training and competing on the race circuit.

His Housemaster in Severn Hill, Paul Vicars, recalls his dedication to both his studies and his racing. "Oli's time-management was exceptional. He would be on the podium at the end of a race somewhere in Europe one minute and then half an hour later he'd be emailing through his



Business Studies essay to me. He was hugely dedicated to his sport, following a strict personal training programme and nutritional plan to the letter. But he was also very popular in the House and always got stuck in with House sport. And he still managed to perform exceptionally well in his A levels.”

Since leaving school, Oli has had a very successful career, reaching Formula 3 level in 2010. He is now moved across to Endurance Racing and has joined Renault Alpine. Last weekend he took third place in the 24-hour Le Mans Race.

The Young Engineers Group is mainly a Third Form group who build a 24 Volt racing car and then go racing in the national Greenpower competition at circuits around the country. They have won the IMECH "Best Engineered Car" in the North West Heat in both 2012 and 2013. For several years now, they Young Engineers have worked and raced under the guidance and supervision of John Holloway, who retires from the Design and Technology Department at the end of this term.





## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 27 June 2014

*This week - Quidditch!*

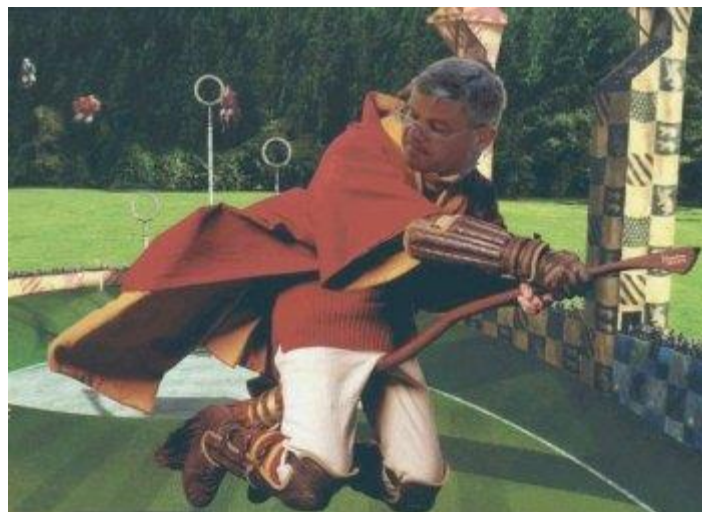
*With thanks to Millie Luna Love-Dean for the photos.*

The end of term is nigh and there is a certain intensity to life at Shrewsbury at present. This intensity is also to be observed in the Town itself, which is preparing for the Food Festival. Indeed if Shrewsbury was a city we could call it an Intentscity! Every square inch of grass appears to be swallowed by a canvas sprawl. The Super Marquees are coming and with them some very bad puns!

“Wait rose!” I heard Brian the gardener saying to a rose that looks like it will have finished flowering before Saturday. “Ahh the currants are sans berries,” said Monsieur Portier as he viewed his currant bushes! “Tess goes to ballet every Saturday,” I heard a parent say to her friends, the Morrisons!

Hmmm... moving on!

The reason for all the tents, marquees and teepees is of course the fact that Shrewsbury is once again hosting the Quidditch World Cup. Headmaster Mark Turner was delighted that Shrewsbury had been chosen to host the World Cup. “I am delighted that Shrewsbury has been chosen to host the World Cup,” he said, adding, “It says something about the status of Shrewsbury in the sporting world that we have been asked to stage an event of this magnitude”. He went on to add; “I always enjoyed my time as a seeker and I want to teach the world to play Quidditch. By 2020 I would like to see all schools having a suitable arena and a Quidditch team.” It should be noted that Mark Turner won a Blue in Quidditch at Oxford and is regarded as one of the great seekers in the modern game.



It also says something about the quality of the grounds and playing fields. Head Groundsman Andy Richards was very proud of the fact that his work had been rewarded with such an illustrious event. “It’s magic,” he said. He went on to say, “I have actually been more worried about the amount of air space we will need, as RAF Shawbury and Cosford are not far away and it could be carnage if the Red Arrows are flying past on a training mission. I have been in contact

with air traffic control and they have assured me that they will ensure that there are no interruptions to play.”



*Albus Dumbledore enjoys watching some high flying.*

So which teams have made it through the qualifying rounds? To play Quidditch at a high level involves a level of imagination not displayed at many educational institutions and so you will not be surprised to hear that Shrewsbury is one of the few schools to have entered the competition. Certainly we are the only school left in the under-18 age group and in a remarkable set of results we find that the last four teams left in the competition are actually Shrewsbury School House teams. The results in the senior competition that I accessed off the World Cup website are as follows:

- Norway defeated Ivory Coast 340-100
- Bulgaria defeated New Zealand 410-170
- Japan defeated Poland 350-140
- Nigeria defeated Fiji 400-160
- the USA defeated Jamaica 240-230
- Liechtenstein defeated Chad 470-330
- Haiti was disqualified against Brazil when Haitian beater Jean-Baptiste Bloncourt caught the snitch
- Wales defeated Germany 330-100

In the quarter-finals, Bulgaria defeated Norway 170-20, Japan defeated Nigeria 270-100, the USA defeated Liechtenstein 450-290 and Brazil defeated Wales 460-300. I am afraid we will not know the semi-final scores until after this edition of the eNewsletter has been published.

The Gryffindor Quidditch team is the house team of Port Hill house. It has won the House Cup at least four times and has been captained by Ed Barnard, James Warburg, Angelina Jolie, and Harry Potter. Interestingly, a member of the Barnard family has held every one of the positions on the team. Helen was a Chaser and a substitute Seeker, Andy was a Seeker, Ed and Steve were Beaters, and Mike was the Keeper.

Awen Blandford told me that she enjoys ‘seeking’ even more than playing the cello and is concerned she may not have enough time to pursue both passions. “There is something so wonderful about flying fast on a broomstick” she told me.



Harry Sergeant is also a Quidditch aficionado. “My parents named me after Harry Potter and I feel his presence when I fly,” he said.



Quidditch World cup fans Rory Dootson and Alex Powell are really looking forward to watching the final tomorrow. “We are really looking forward to watching the final tomorrow” they said.



The Port Hill Team will be against RavenbrookClaw. They have won the competition six times and are desperate to win it again this year for retiring Coach and Head of House Professor Desmond Hann, who himself took over from Filius Flitwick. Their team comprises Chasers: Joe Bell, Greg Bunting and Ed Paul, Beaters: Tom Knight and Roan Kirkby, Seeker: Edie Whittingham, Goalkeeper: Katie Elcock.

The other semi-final is between Slitheringrams and the girls and boys from HuffleSidneyScallypuff. This is an interesting match and hard to call, as both teams have won the trophy three times. They met at the same stage last year and it was the longest match ever dreamt of at Shrewsbury School. At this juncture the teams have not been announced.



*Rubrum Kealygrid and Olympanna Maxipeak are hoping the girls from HuffleSidneyScallypuff will do well this year. “We are hoping for big things from our team this year” they said at the same time.*

Quidditch is always a vibrant and colourful spectacle and I hope those of who have managed to get tickets will enjoy the matches. One of Zimbabwe’s greatest players Henry ‘I’ll go on longer’ Olonga is here to watch, although sadly his side will not be represented in the tournament. On the final day of the tournament there will be a march past at 4.45pm of all the Shrewsbury under-18 players who have been involved in the game this year. They will be presented to one of the all-time greats Mr Harry Potter.



*Severaul Snapers, Master of The Dark Arts is a big fan of Slitheringrams. “I have always enjoyed Quidditch and I just hope the crowd behave,” he said.*



Of course a number of names from the past and present will be here supporting their teams. I am hoping to see them at the end of Tournament Ball where they will hopefully spill their secrets to me over a glass of butter beer!

*Reeta Skeeta!*



# Bumpers 2014: Round 1

Friday 27 June 2014

Warm weather greeted the 146th Bumping Races (for a change). Fingers crossed it continues for the rest of the week; the weather forecast is not so optimistic!

Rigg's held on at the top of Division I to extend their record breaking run to 20 row overs in the Head position.

School House had a bump disallowed in Division II after an appeal. In Division III, Mary Sidney moved to their highest ever position.

All crews race twice on Friday, with the final round being held on the afternoon of Speech Day.

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

## Division 1

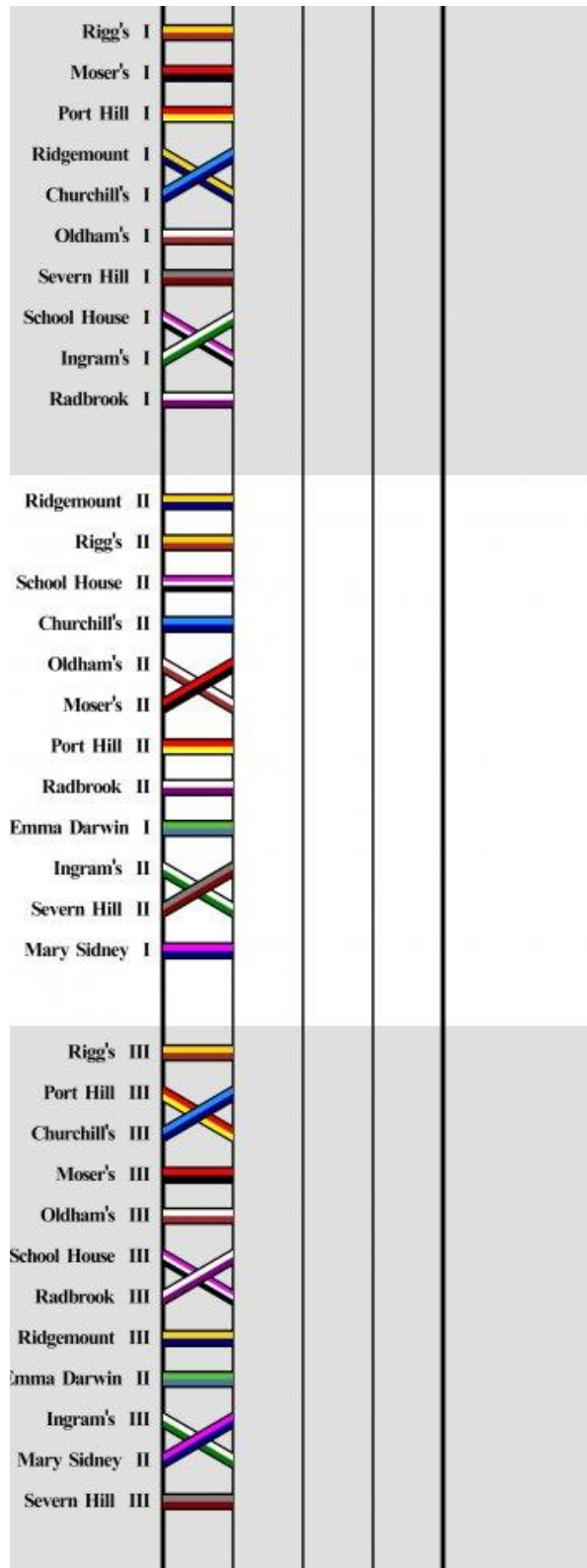
Ch bpd Rt  
I bpd SH

## Division 2

M bpd O  
S bpd I

## Division 3

Ch bpd PH  
Rb bpd SH  
MSH bpd I



# The Physics World Cup comes to Shrewsbury School

Friday 27 June 2014

The top young physicists from 29 countries will gather at Shrewsbury School next week for the International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT). Known as the 'Physics World Cup', this is the largest and most prestigious competition for school science in the world. It is the first time in the Tournament's 27-year history that it has been hosted in the UK.

The UK team is made up of three Shrewsbury students and two from John Leggott College in Scunthorpe - the seventh time in the last ten years that Shrewsbury has represented the UK in the IYPT. The other teams will be arriving in Shrewsbury on Thursday 3rd July from across the world - Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Brazil, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Kenya, Korea, Macao, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, and Ukraine. Macao and the United Arab Emirates are entering the Tournament for the first time this year; and intriguingly Iran will be sending an all-girl team.



*L to R: John Balcombe receiving the IYPT flag in Taiwan last July from Professor Chih-Ta Chia of Taiwan National Normal University, Chairman of IYPT 2013, and Mr Alan Allinson, President of IYPT*

Chairman of the IYPT Organising Committee and Shrewsbury Physics Master John Balcombe expects them to be a force to be reckoned with: "I have come across Iranian girls previously in the tournament, including the final in Germany in 2012 when they came second to eventual winners South Korea. They are formidable opponents and certainly not lacking in confidence."

John's planning and organisation for the Tournament, which takes place over a full week, began almost two years ago and he has been working tirelessly and meticulously to ensure that every element of the event is a success. From raising thousands of pounds of sponsorship and support from UK companies and scientific organisations, to registering teams and helping them sort out travel arrangements and issues with visas, to writing the Tournament brochure, creating the UK IYPT website [www.iypt.org.uk](http://www.iypt.org.uk), gathering together a distinguished international panel of physicists to act as jurors, planning the Opening Ceremony, putting together a programme of





trips and excursions, designing IYPT bags, medals, stationery and T-shirts, John has somehow managed to fit in a full-time Events Organiser job in addition to a full teaching timetable.

He is delighted to be able to welcome back some of his former pupils and IYPT stars, including David and Seren Kell, who will be compering the Opening Ceremony. He is also delighted that Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal and Old Salopian, will be returning to Shrewsbury for the Opening Ceremony - flying back specially from a conference in Geneva - and will be giving one of the keynote speeches. Guest speakers also include Professor Peter Norreys, Professor of Inertial Fusion Science at the University of Oxford and Plasma Physics Group Leader of the Central Laser Facility, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory; Evgeny Yunosov, Founder of the IYPT, from Russia; the Headmaster Mark Turner; and Alan Allinson, President of the IYPT, from Australia.

Mr Allinson is making his second visit to Shrewsbury School, having first visited it in 2005. "I thought what a wonderful venue for an IYPT it would make. Charles Darwin studied here and then changed the world!"

At the end of the Opening Ceremony, the draw for the tournament will be made – using replica Royal Mail postboxes – to determine the order of play. The first of the five preliminary rounds will take place that afternoon. The Tournament takes the form of a series of 'Physics Fights'. The teams challenge each other to present their solutions to a selection from 17 very challenging problems that they have all been working on for months. A student from another team then attempts to tear holes in the presenter's solution, and a third team reviews the contest and attempts to build in pertinent points of their own. These Physics Fights are adjudicated by independent jurors and can become very heated indeed, with scientific and national reputations at stake!

Alongside the serious physics element of the Tournament, there will also be a fun and enjoyable social side. Thanks to the generosity of the Ironbridge Gorge Museums Trust, all the team members will be visiting the World Heritage Site of Ironbridge Gorge and the Ironbridge Museums, and they will also spend a day at the Royal Airforce Museum Cosford. The Tournament will be rounded off with a party on the final evening.

## Bumpers 2014: Rounds 2 and 3

Saturday 28 June 2014

The Bumping Races or 'Bumpers' are the climax of our inter-house rowing races. Please see our [Bumpers page](#) for more general information, which also has a link to the umpire's account 'View from the Towpath' written at the end of the Bumping Races of 2013.

Thunder and lightning... luckily passed us by for Day 2.

*Highlight of the day:* Severn Hill's overbump on School House in division III.

*Big news of the day:* Moser's bumped Rigg's in Division I to end their run at the top (21 races undefeated will take some beating), Moser's were last on bungline 1 in 1984, but last claimed the Headship in 1968 - will this be their year after finishing second to Rigg's for the last 3 years?

More importantly, the Staff beat the Postors by 2 lengths!

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

### Round 2

#### Division 1

Rt bpd Ch  
S bpd O  
Rb bpd SH

#### Division 2

R bpd Rt  
PH bpd O  
MSH bpd I

#### Division 3

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

### Round 3

#### Division 1

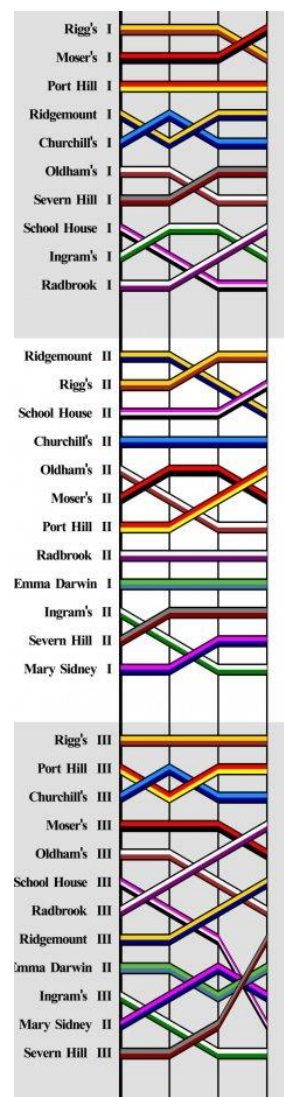
M bpd R  
Rb bpd I

#### Division 2

SH bpd Rt  
PH bpd M

#### Division 3

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



## Bumpers 2014: Finals

Sunday 29 June 2014

The final round of the Bumping Races was eagerly anticipated, and huge crowds lined the banks to witness the spectacle.

In Division III Rigg's claimed top spot, but Radbrook 'won blades', bumping in all four races (the only crew to do so this year) and the only crew from outside the top three to break into it in any division. Can they continue the charge next year?

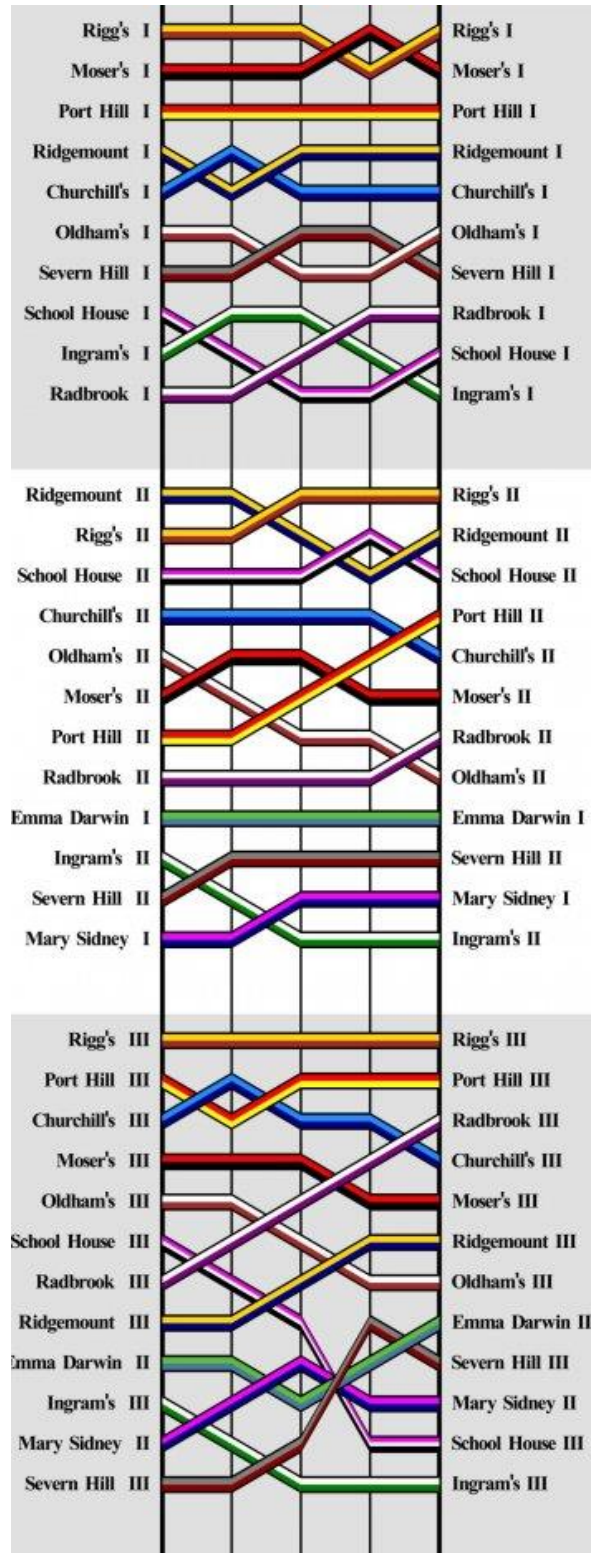
Division II had a familiar look about it with another Rigg's crew winning medals. (Is there any stopping them?) School House and Ridgemount challenged well, but they could quite beat Rigg's, settling instead for racing each other.

Yesterday Moser's earned themselves the right to start from bungline #1 on the final day in Division I. The return of the 2nd VIII from Henley meant that both Rigg's and Moser's were able to field stronger crews. (Rigg's changed the whole line-up!)

After having to wait for the Sabrina river cruiser to pass by, the tension built. Both crews set out at a frenetic pace, with Rigg's initially catching, but Moser's held the charge. It looked to be another classic when Moser's suffered a technical failure on the Pengwern corner. Another Headship for Rigg's (six in a row now...), but Moser's can feel a little aggrieved.

Both girls' houses sit off the bottom of Division II and III (that 'honour' lies with Ingram's), although Emma Darwin came out on top in bumps positions, Mary Sidney won on points. The introduction of a third house for girls next year will make the racing even more keen!

*A round-up of the awards made at the end of racing:*  
Head of Division 3 medals - Rigg's  
Head of Division 2 medals - Rigg's  
Head of Division 1 medals and Head of the River trophy - Rigg's



4th Bumpers Cup - Port Hill  
3rd Bumpers Cup - Severn Hill  
2nd Bumpers Cup - Radbrook  
1st Bumpers Cups - Rigg's  
Birt Trophy - Mary Sidney  
Leadbitter Cup - Rigg's

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

**Division 1**

R bpd M  
O bpd S  
SH bpd I

**Division 2**

Rt bpd SH  
PH bpd Ch  
Rb bpd O

**Division 3**

Rb bpd Ch  
EDH bpd S



*Rigg's celebrating their success by throwing their Housemaster in the river*



## Oldham's score well in their third cricket final this term

Monday 30 June 2014

*Having come second in both the 1st Leagues and A Leagues cricket finals already this term, there were high hopes for a good result in the final of the U15 House Cricket competition.*



*Guy Morris pictured after hitting one of 3 (bat snapping) fours during a very useful innings; Oldham's Hall U15 House Cricket finalists 2014*

In order to get the competition completed, a shortened format of 15 overs was played. Oldham's batted first and scored a very decent 117 for 4 off the 15 overs. Top scorer was Guy Morris who hit an undefeated 30 runs from 20 balls in 23 minutes. A notable innings especially given that Guy is usually a tennis player in the summer term. Also mid-way through his innings the force of willow on leather was so great that he snapped his bat while sending the ball for four!

117 runs meant a target rate of almost 8 an over for Radbrook. Quite a challenge but Captain Tom Atkin was well aware of Radbrook's batting potential. Our bowlers Angus Drummond, George Sandy, Olly Clarke and David Schofield bowled with consistency however Oldham's could not counter the remarkable ability at the crease of George Hargrave, Radbrook's exceptionally talented U15 batsman. George gave a virtuoso batting display knocking an unbeaten 62 runs off just 40 balls. Radbrook went on to pass Oldham's target for just one wicket and with 3 overs to spare.

Congratulations to Radbrook and well done Oldham's for appearances in three of the four finals of the House cricket competitions this term. There's clearly scope to build on this for victories in the future.

*MDBJ*

# Top Common Pop

Monday 30 June 2014



Pictured above left is William Shawe-Taylor (Third Form) playing lead guitar with Kit Hartley (UVI) behind in the (modestly named!) "Shawe-Taylor Experience" which performed at the end of year Top Common Pop event.

William's elder brother, Edward (UVI) fronts the band and has just been awarded a School First for his services to School Music over five years.

Earlier in the week William played in the U15 House Cricket final before racing off to act as Raleigh, a leading role in the Junior School Play, 'Journey's End' (pictured above right with fellow Oldham's Third Former Ben Elliott, who played the part of Osbourne). A busy close to the school year!



## Cricket: Shrewsbury start their defence of the Silk Trophy with an emphatic win over hosts Oundle

Monday 30 June 2014

Oundle won the toss and decided to bat on a damp pitch. Despite losing 2 early wickets to the bowling of George Panayi (2/16), they were able to plunder some easy runs against some wayward seam bowling. The introduction of Blofield and Kidson (1/25) into the attack put a brake on the scoring as the hosts lost wickets at regular intervals to go from 47/2 to 76 all out. Captain Henry Blofield finished with the remarkable figures of 9.2 overs, 6 maidens, 6 runs and 5 wickets.

Apart from losing Oli Westbury for 9 and Dan Durman for 20, Shrewsbury made light work of the target. Ed Barnard batted circumspectly in compiling an unbeaten 33 with Joe Carrasco 9 not out. The target was achieved in just 23.1 overs giving the Shrewsbury team a restful afternoon before the sterner challenges of Rondebosch from Cape Town on Tuesday and Eton on Wednesday.