

Shrewsbury to open new school in Hong Kong

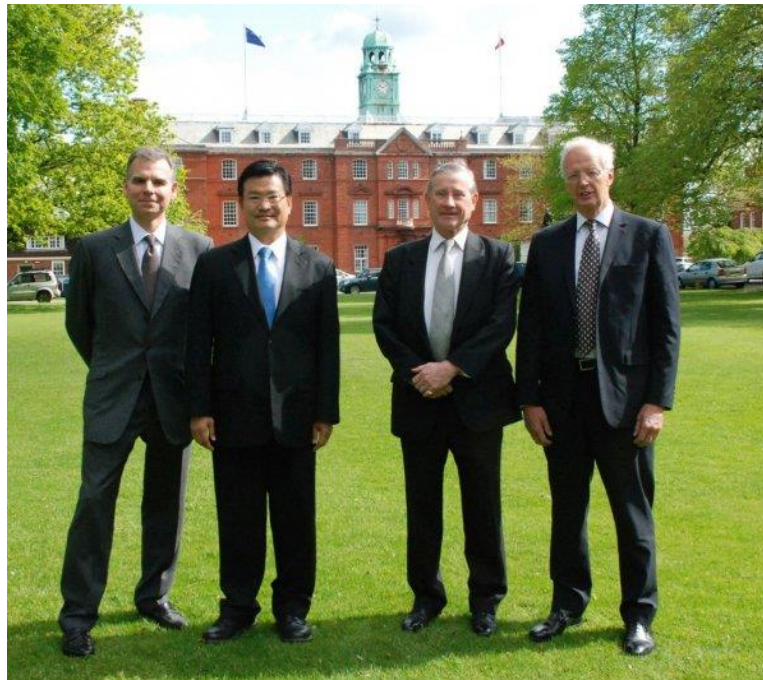
Monday 1 June 2015

Shrewsbury School is delighted to announce that it has been selected by the Education Bureau in Hong Kong to open a new international school in Tseung Kwan O (Siu Chik Sha) district.

The new school will be a co-educational Primary School capable of accommodating more than 850 international students aged 5 to 11 years. It will offer the National Curriculum for England and will open in August 2018.

Shrewsbury School was founded by Royal Charter in 1552. Over the centuries it has grown in size and reputation and is now ranked amongst the leading co-educational boarding schools in the United Kingdom.

Shrewsbury International School Hong Kong will be the second international school to be established by Shrewsbury School UK and will build further on their long-term successful partnership with City Realty of Bangkok. Its first sister school, Shrewsbury International School Bangkok, was opened in 2003 and has gone from strength to strength over the last decade. The school now has 1,600 pupils and is regarded as one of the leading schools of its type in Thailand.



L-R: Matthew Collins (Chairman of Shrewsbury School's Governing Body), Chali Soponpanich (Chairman of City Realty Company Ltd and founding investor in Shrewsbury International School Bangkok), Sir David Lees (Chairman of Shrewsbury Hong Kong's School's Management Committee), Richard Burbidge (Chairman of the Governors' International Development Sub-Committee)



Over the last 30 years, the Governors, Headmaster and staff at Shrewsbury School have been developing contacts in Hong Kong. Currently there are excellent connections with an extended group of former pupils, parents and current students, called 'The Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong'. It is hoped that the new Shrewsbury International School Hong Kong will benefit from this significant network of friends and supporters.

Announcing Shrewsbury's selection for the development of an international school, Hong Kong's Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie Ng Hak-kim, said, *"The Government supports the development of a vibrant international school sector in Hong Kong, mainly to meet the demand for school places from overseas families living in Hong Kong and families coming to Hong Kong for work or investment."*

Sir David Lees, who will be Chairman of Shrewsbury Hong Kong's School's Management Committee, said, *"We think that Shrewsbury can really help Hong Kong fill its shortage of 4,200 international school places. We will bring our many years of experience in the UK and Bangkok to creating an outstanding international school in Hong Kong. Just as we have done in England and Thailand, we look forward to working with the local community to make sure Shrewsbury Hong Kong plays a big part in the life of Tseung Kwan O."*

The superbly-located site will enable the Shrewsbury design team to create a very special campus that will excite its children and fully contribute to the local community.

Mr Matthew Collins, current Chairman of the Governing Body of Shrewsbury School in England, said, *"The partnership between our great school in the UK, founded almost 500 years ago and South East Asia is uniquely strong. The Governors, Headmaster and teachers here in England share the excitement of the Hong Kong team at the opening of the new school - and look forward now to more students benefitting from the world-class Shrewsbury education already provided in the UK and Thailand."*

The Headmaster of Shrewsbury School UK, Mark Turner also welcomes the mutual benefits this new venture will bring: *"The opening of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong represents a wonderful opportunity for the Shrewsbury School group to extend a first-class education to more pupils and consolidate its influence internationally. The establishment of a new school in Hong Kong will provide excellent extended opportunities for the sharing of best practice, the comparison of teaching styles, and staff and pupil liaison. Whilst Shrewsbury School UK will be able to provide the benefits of 470 years of traditions in the pursuit of excellence and expertise in pastoral care, it will be able to benefit greatly from another sister school in a forward-looking and dynamic part of the world."*

"We look forward to supporting this venture during the planning stage and establishing close liaison once the first teachers and pupils arrive in 2018."



National Schools' Regatta

Tuesday 2 June 2015

The Boat Club had 14 crews competing at the National Schools' Regatta over half term. There was a strong showing across all of the age groups, with 12 crews reaching semi-finals and seven crews going on to make the finals of their events and claim a spot in the top six in the country. The best result came from the J14A Octuple, who won a tremendous bronze medal in what is always a tightly contested event.



Congratulations to the crew of: Ben Holehouse, Petr Rostokin, Elliot Crossley, Alexander Davies, Josh Evans, Edward Hart, Jack Lockett, Adam Pattenden and Boss Lertthundorn.

The 1st VIII put in a strong showing with a gutsy row that saw them sitting in 2nd place for most of the race in a very competitive field. Unfortunately they slipped down to 5th in the closing stages of the race and will be aiming to make amends at Henley at the end of the term.



The Girls' 1st Quad also continued their competitive run, coming in 7th out of 26 in the time trial (two seconds off 4th. They were disappointed to narrowly miss out on the final, despite an impressive race that would have placed them 2nd in the other semi-final. The crew will now look ahead to Henley Women's and Henley Royal Regattas, where they will be hoping to secure one of the eight spots available to compete for the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup.

Results in brief:

J14A Octuple: Bronze

J14B Octuple: 3rd in Semi-final

Girls' J14 Octuple: 6th in Semi-final

Girls' J15 Scull: 26th out of 45 in Time trial

J15A VIII: 5th in Final

J15B VIII: 6th in Semi-final

J16A VIII: 4th in Semi-final

J16B VIII: 5th in Final

3rd VIII: 5th in Final

2nd VIII: 6th in Final

1st VIII: 5th in Final

Girls' 4X: 4th in Semi-final

1st 4+: 4th in Final

Shrewsbury competes in the top echelon of the sport and always aspires for our boys and girls to challenge themselves against the highest levels of competition available. While there may not be the silverware to show for many after a challenging weekend of racing, it is important that the crews be given the recognition they deserve for, in many cases, securing places in the semi-finals and finals ahead of a number of other crews in the most competitive events.

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Weekend fly-fishing trip

Tuesday 2 June 2015



Beginners' luck!



Are you sure Doc P said you could do that in his garden?

Housemastering in the 21st century

Thursday 4 June 2015

“There is in my mind no more rewarding job.” In an article published today in Independent Education Today magazine, Peter Middleton gives an insight into life as Housemaster of Rigg’s and reflects on the evolution of housemastering and its future challenges.

To read the article on the Independent Education Today website, please follow the link: [Housemastering in the 21st century by Peter Middleton](#)



Peter and Jenna Middleton (front left) with fellow Riggites and guests of honour at the Rigg's Hall Thanksgiving Dinner last November



The news 100 years ago: 29th May - 5th June 1915

Thursday 4 June 2015

Tragedy as the first OS brother in Churchill's Hall is killed. This week we remember:

Captain Reginald Victor Rylands, 1st/7th Bn. Manchester Regiment.

Rigg's, left in 1908. LL.D Manchester University, admitted as a solicitor in 1914.

Promoted Captain 26th September 1914.

Killed in action in Gallipoli, 29th May 1915, aged 23.

Buried at Redoubt Cemetery, Helles, Turkey. Grave IX. D. 2.

A memorial window to him was unveiled in Holy Rood Church, Moorside.

Captain Claude Alexander French, 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Regiment

Churchill's, left in 1899. He "stroked one of the School Trial Eights". He went to Trinity College Dublin where he joined the Derry Royal Garrison Artillery. He served in South Africa where he was severely wounded (shot through the mouth) at Tweefontein, December 1901 (King's Medal, 3 clasps). Gazetted to 2nd Lt 1903, Lt 1904 and Capt 1909, he went to Flanders in September 1914. Wounded at Le Pilley on 20th October 1914, he rejoined in January 1915. He was wounded again on 8th May.

Died of wounds in the Australian hospital near Wimereaux, France, 1st June 1915, aged 34.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 44 and 46

Older brother of Lt. CS French, who died on 25th April 1915. The Salopian comments "both he and his brother were men of whom every school and nation might be proud".

Captain Stanley Foster-Jackson, Manchester Regiment

Churchill's, School Cricket and Football Elevens, he left in 1904 and became a member of the Manchester Stock Exchange. He was a fine athlete, distinguishing himself at cricket, football and golf, and also was an excellent horseman. He was known for "his good nature, self-reliance and resourcefulness".

Killed at Gallipoli, 4th June 1915, aged 27.

Buried in Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery. Grave II. A. 4 (no record in St Chad's register).

Lieutenant Colonel John William Jessop, Cdg. 1st/4th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment.

School House, left in 1879. He stroked what would have been the School crew, had there been a race, in 1878 and 1879; he won the School Pairs; was in the Football XI; and won the Up-river Swimming Cup three years in succession; he was also in the 2nd Cricket XI. He left to study medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he was in the Rugby XV, and also played for the South of England XV against the North. He had for many years a medical practice at Horncastle, and went out to France in command of the 1st/4th Lincolns.



1878-79 1st XI Football team photo. John William Jessop is standing in the back row, 3rd from the left

The Salopian adds "There are some boys so striking, so thoroughly a head and shoulders above their fellows that they seem to mark the period of school history to which they belong: such as one was Jessop in the later 70s." Tall and singularly handsome, with crisp curly hair and the face and figure of a Greek statue, he might have stood as the model for the Narcissus of Pompeii and was the ideal hero of a lady's novel. In a comment from one of the men in his regiment following Jessop's death it was said, "The battalion does not seem complete without him, and I have heard more than one man say he would have given his own life in return for the Colonel's." He was killed by a stray shell "from a distant and random gun that the foe was sullenly firing", while in a Rest Camp far behind the lines.

Killed in action in Belgium, 4th June 1915, aged 54.

Buried at Dranouter Churchyard, Belgium. Grave VI. 5.

News of the war

The first German airship raid on London was at the end of May. 120 bombs caused 7 deaths and 35 or so injured. Defensive measures would be evolved in time, but the raid presaged the dark months of the Blitz in World War II.



Thomas Tulloch retains his title as National Pony Champion

Thursday 4 June 2015

Many congratulations to Thomas Tulloch (Rt V) and his pony Spirit VI, who have won the Charles Owen National Pony Championships for the second year running. This is a huge achievement.



The three-day eventing competition took place last weekend at Brand Hall, Shropshire. At the end of the dressage, show jumping and cross-country competitions, Thomas not only took 1st place on Spirit VI but also came 5th on his second pony, Access Bill.



Thomas has been very busy competing throughout the season, successfully juggling his training and competitions alongside his GCSE exams and his other sporting commitments as a member of the School's Football and Rugby U16A teams. He is currently at the very top of his sport, as evidenced earlier this term when he was selected as one of 50 'Rising Stars' for the very prestigious **Jaguar Land Rover Academy of Sport 2015**. This is a special mentoring and education programme for young athletes aged between 12 and 25 who have reached an elite level in their sport. The Academy's aim is "to recognise, celebrate and inspire the next generation of British sporting heroes by giving them the opportunity to work with and learn from the best British sportsmen and women".

It also brings with it a SportsAid Bursary to help with equipment, competition and training expenses. Former SportsAid recipients include Sir Chris Hoy, Jessica Ennis Hill, Tom Daley and Ellie Simmonds, so Thomas is in good company!

Following his success in the National Pony Championships, Thomas learned this week that he has been longlisted for the Pony European Championships, which are being held in Malmö, Sweden from the 3rd – 10th August. There are ten young riders on the longlist and Thomas is the only one to be included on two ponies. The final trial is at Barbury Castle Horse Trials on 10th July and Thomas will be hoping to be included in the European Championship squad that will be announced shortly afterwards.

Why I'm running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon for CRY

Friday 5 June 2015

This year "Team Shrewsbury School" are running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon to raise funds and awareness for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). Peter Middleton has his own very personal reasons for being keen to raise as much support as possible for the work that the charity does.



Peter Middleton (far right) with Tom Cousins, Theo Clarke and Adam Booth at last year's Shrewsbury Half Marathon

I've run countless road races over the years, but there is something really quite special about running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon, an event that I always look forward to each year. Certainly there is an appeal running on a course that traverses familiar roads including a loop up Kennedy Road and round Ashton Road past Shrewsbury School. At the end of that tough climb the cheers and support of Salopians is always warmly welcomed!

Leaving behind my normal club vest at home, it is the one race of the year when I get to wear a Shrewsbury School vest and that, too, makes the race that little bit special. Whilst we are not 'competing' as a team, I enjoy the solidarity and camaraderie of running in the same vest as colleagues, pupils, former pupils and parents alike. It has been great to see in these runners a budding enthusiasm amongst newcomers who are bitten by the bug and return each June to line up at the start. There's nothing like it for a sense of achievement - what better way to mark the end of a school year?!

From the first year of the Half Marathon and Shrewsbury's involvement in putting together its teams, we have always been keen to use the race as an opportunity to support charities, with considerable funds raised for Medic Malawi and The Ark in recent years. This year runners will be raising money for two separate charities.

Along with a number of others, for my own part I will be raising money for the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) which has been suggested by one of my Hunt runners who felt strongly that this was a worthwhile cause and an important area to raise awareness about.



CRY was founded in 1995 with its mission to prevent young sudden cardiac death through awareness, screening and research and to support families after a tragedy. It is an area I personally feel strongly about, not least given that I am a coach working with young athletes but also due to my own personal experience. Back in 2004 following an ECG, I was told by a cardiologist that he was certain I had cardiomyopathy, a heart condition that meant I would be highly vulnerable to sudden cardiac death. As such, he told me I would never be able to run again; even raising my heartbeat by kicking a ball in the park with my kids or walking up a hill could prove fatal. As a passionate runner, this was about the worst news I could possibly receive, and at the age of 23 it was terrifying to hear that I had a ticking time bomb inside me. I left that cardiologist's room in floods of tears, devastated and afraid.

Two weeks later, I returned following further tests and was told by the same cardiologist that - whilst he couldn't quite explain it - they were now certain that I did not have cardiomyopathy. I was given the all-clear to run again, to live a normal life again, and since then I have run multiple marathons and other races. My passion for running has been allowed to flourish and allowed me to share that passion with others. I certainly have a clear sense that the simple fact of being able to put one step in front of another is a gift, and I am all too conscious of how my life could have been very different.

What my own experience awoke in my consciousness more than anything was the fact that whilst I was lucky not to have this heart condition in the end, others are not so fortunate. The most terrifying aspect of all of this for me was that if I had actually had cardiomyopathy I wouldn't have known about it without those ECG tests. Each year young sportsmen and women - seemingly in the peak of their fitness and even often professional athletes - pay the price for not having been screened.

I fully support CRY's call to the Government to establish a national strategy and to increase the screening of young men and women. The money we can raise as a school through the Half Marathon will provide valuable funds to support the work of this charity.

Human life is fragile; CRY recognise that. If you want to donate money to the charity helping our runners raise funds, we would be hugely grateful for your contributions. To donate online, please follow the link: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/teamshrewsbury>
For more information on the charity CRY, visit www.c-r-y.org.uk/about-us/

Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 5 June 2015

This week, the under-17A cricket team.

After two days of serious wind I felt it was important to get out and about again on Wednesday. The rain had abated and the sun shone. It was a day to revel in cricket at Shrewsbury.

I am in complete agreement with Neville Cardus and his view that there are not many places that beat Shrewsbury in terms of magnificent cricket grounds. A healthy crowd gathered round the edge of the boundary to help support and offer advice to our under-17 team who were playing the semi-final of the Northern area of the National Schools' Under-17 Cricket Cup.



An excitable crowd enjoying an exciting match

I noticed that the majority of the crowd were positioned near the school shop which, according to Brendan Parsons (SH), has recently improved its ice-cream selection. "The Grot shop ice-cream selection is much improved," he told me. Brendan went on to admit to me that he is not a notable cricketer himself but that he was having "a lovely afternoon". I wondered, in a teachery sort of way, what he should be revising and he thought it might be History but he was not quite sure. I know Brendan would have planned the time to watch cricket into his revision schedule as he is a well disciplined student; or maybe he is planning a career in the ice-cream industry! Thinking about it for a moment, a job as an ice-cream seller would be fabulous as it involves spreading joy to people all the time – after all, few people queue up for a Mr Whippy if they are not a fan!

Some of those watching with our future ice-cream magnate – or should that be 'magnum' – were members of the victorious School House first leagues team. It is great that despite the academic pressures incumbent on everyone this term, there is still the will to find the time to enjoy a little swashbuckling cricket!

There was a general agreement that it was good to see the brand new scoreboard working and the crowd unanimously hoped that staunch school sports supporter Edmund Palmer (R 1955-60), who had generously provided the funding for the project, would be pleased. I caught up with Edmund later and I am happy to relate that he was pleased. "I am very pleased to see the scoreboard working so well," Edmund said.



Edmund Palmer and the new scoreboard



Friendly umpires!

The scoreboard certainly portrayed a fairly happy picture for the Shrewsbury fans for most of the day. Less so if you were Myerscough chief coach Richard Dearden, who I bumped into on the touch line. Myerscough is a large college of further education near Preston. It has some excellent sports facilities and their team were full of young cricketers from the Lancashire leagues.

I enjoyed a lengthy chat with Richard, who has been the coach there since 2007 after a spell coaching the Barbadian under-19s. He was responsible for coaching a young Kraigg Braithwaite, who did well against England in the Caribbean recently. Like Shrewsbury, his team were missing a few players due to GCSEs. He was taking his squad of 14 on to play the RAF the next day, so they were enjoying a mini tour.

I was quietly getting Richard to relax so that I could pass on any important information to our coaching team. So I will take credit for the fact that we won by seven wickets! He told me that their opening batsman, Michael Jones, had started the season with three hundreds in a row. He looked a good player and top scored for the visitors.

When Myerscough finished batting they had a total of 160 for 8, contained well by some good Shrewsbury bowling and a couple of excellent catches from Tom Brunskill.



Tom Brunskill (left) and Dan Lloyd

In a 40-over match many people, including myself, would be of the opinion that 160 was not quite enough. But as they say, 'runs on the board will always put pressure on a side batting second'. (I am not sure who 'they' are).

I popped out to see what the groundsmen had to say about the wicket. Andy Richards and his team have done a great job, especially this week with three inches of rain and 'wind issues'. Earlier in the week the grounds team had used 22 bags of loam to hold down the covers. That's about half a ton! It worked, as there was no water on the pitch.

Andy thought that the wicket would only get better as he sprinkled magic flattening dust on it before the Shrewsbury innings. (Actually that's a lie! He said the wicket would be the same for both sides!)



Andy Richards and his team spreading magic dust

The Shrewsbury reply got under way and in form George Hargrave was quickly removed for, as he told me, “not hitting it hard enough”.

Then Charlie Home, who had earlier bowled well, knocked up a tasty 22 before getting himself caught so that he could return to his RS revision.

I went to offer some advice to our incoming batsmen and, worryingly, young Jordan Zaza took it and was stumped, which left us at 42 for 3.



George Garrett, who went on to make 68 not out

Then in came senior pro George Panayi to join young George Garrett, and these two Churchillians batted serenely to take us to a 7-wicket win and a trip to either Huddersfield New College or Sedbergh in the regional final.



George Panayi (55 not out)

It was a particularly satisfying win for Shrewsbury as we were without 1st team batsman Harry Adair, whose training regime is so tough that he recently ‘hit the wall’ and has had to take a few days off. With Tom Breese, Max Parsonage and Jamie Crawley all side-lined by injury, it was a chance for some young players to shine, including under-14A star Dan Humes who made his debut.

The successful team were: Charlie Home, George Garrett, George Panayi, Dan Lloyd, Tom Brunskill, Dan Humes, Jordan Zaza, Charlie Cooke, George Hargrave, Henry Newbould and Jacob Patrick.



Housemasters Hughes and Nicholas in serious debate

Elsewhere on Top Common it was good to see a number of under-15 House matches taking place. In a free-scoring 15-over match Ridgemount defeated Severn Hill – Ridgemount chasing down 161, which provided a veritable run feast for those lucky enough to be in the area!

Having earlier given Tom Brunskill some tips on catching Severn Hill, non-cricketing Housemaster Dan Nicholas was philosophical in defeat. “You can’t argue with empirical facts,” he told me. Elated Ridgemount Housemaster Will Hughes disagreed. “I think you can argue with the facts if they are wrong. In this case though, I am prepared not to argue as the facts say we won.”

At this point I felt strangely drawn to my home and I left the cricketing arena for other pastures.



My home team

GJFB

OS Open Mic Night

Friday 5 June 2015

OS musicians and comics take the mic in London.



The very first OS Open Mic Night took place on Friday 29th May, at the Horse and Stables in Lambeth, and was hailed as a great success by those who attended.

Despite the presence on the bill of 'Britain's least funny comic' - Giles Bell - everyone was impressed by the range of very talented OS performances. There was a thoroughly entertaining blend of music, singing and stand-up and a great atmosphere.

Henry Southern (G 03-08) did a wonderful job in putting the evening together and there are plans to try and make it a regular event, so watch this space.



A-Leagues Cricket

Sunday 7 June 2015



A-leagues Cricket - the best way to spend a summer's afternoon

Third Form Outdoor Week

Friday 12 June 2015

The entire Third Form have been out of lessons this week, taking part in an extensive outdoor education programme and enjoying some great weather.



Of the 153 pupils in the year group, 110 of those pupils have opted to do the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this year and they have been enjoying exploring the lovely Shropshire Hills, where the expeditions take place.



We rather pride ourselves on our D of E expeditions. Most pupils camp in single groups in remote locations, normally a field with no facilities. If they are lucky there is a nearby farmyard

tap. Apart from the usual benefits of doing D of E, it is this self-reliance that is such a useful lesson (that and being away from adults of course - though we do 'remotely assess' them, so all is safe!)



On the downward leg of a two-day expedition - only 2km from the campsite and a very welcome BBQ

The groups this year have been excellent and it has been heartening to see smiling yet exhausted faces tucking into the burgers we serve up at our end of expedition BBQ at the Long Mynd Base Camp.

Whilst this has been going on, another group have been on the WW1 Battlefields Tour to France and others have been learning to make fire, renovate dry stone walls, or take part in our Community Outdoor Projects programme involving local charitable groups including the Severn Hospice, the Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust and the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.



Above and below: students at Colemere Meres and Mosses working with the Shropshire Wildlife Trust



Working on the Shrewsbury and Newport Canal



Maintenance work at the local Riding for the Disabled stables



The Salopian drystone wall that we have been steadily restoring over the last 7 years (Shropshire Wildlife Trust Reserve at Lynclys)

A great week!

Col Nick David

Getting ready for the Shrewsbury Half Marathon, Sunday 21st June

Friday 12 June 2015

With just over a week to go before the Shrewsbury Half Marathon, the Team Shrewsbury School runners are revving up their training - among them three members of The Grove.



Tati Watt, Sally Joyce and Pascale Goddard (*pictured l-r*) have been excellent, competitive and committed members of the Hunt this year and all enjoyed the training camp in Cumbria in January. We hope that the weather will be a little warmer and the terrain a little more forgiving next Sunday.

Regular long runs on the Shropshire Way on a Tuesday with the Hunt and their new mascot Mr Bell have inspired and reassured these athletes that they will cope with the 13.1 miles.

Team Shrewsbury will be raising money and awareness for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and the Sceleroderma Society. They are very grateful for the support that they have already received. If you would have not yet made a donation but would like to do so, please use the following links:

CRY - <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/teamshrewsbury>

Sceleroderma Society

- <http://m.virginmoneygiving.com/mt/uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=teamgbell+&isTeam=true&d-49489-p=4>



Medic Malawi Community Service Expedition, Summer 2016

Friday 12 June 2015

Next summer's Community Service expedition to Malawi was launched to pupils in the Fourth and Fifth Form this week.



- 17 days in July 2016, in Malawi, one of the seven poorest countries in the world
- Working alongside medics, teachers and orphanage houseparents in a village in rural Malawi
- Seeing for yourself the Shrewsbury School Eye Clinic
- Gaining valuable first-hand experience of a rural African hospital and/or school.
- The expedition has three parts: acclimatisation by Lake Malawi for 4 days; a week at the project; 4 days on safari.
- *"The best school trip I've ever been part of."* (Mr Fox)

The expedition is open to current Fourth and Fifth Formers. If you are interested, please email ljd@shrewsbury.org.uk by Friday 18th September 2015 (or before!), saying why you

would like to go and why we should want to take you. If we have lots of applications, people who have raised some money by having fun for the charity will have an advantage.

Every penny counts for Medic Malawi, as it has no UK costs. It won't be the amount you raise that is significant - it's your help that will be appreciated. All money raised will go directly to the charity - see www.medicmalawi.org

Cost of trip: £2,100

Provisional dates (to be confirmed): July 3rd - 20th 2016

To see the report on our last Medic Malawi visit, please see: [Medic Malawi Expedition 2014](#)



Mrs Drew, Mr Cooley, Mrs Shantry



Fourth Form trip to Oxford

Friday 12 June 2015

On Thursday, 24 Fourth Form pupils went with Mr Clark, Mr Cowper and Mr Fitzgerald to look around Oxford University. This trip has become a tradition in recent years to reward Fourth Form pupils who have performed well academically throughout the year with the purpose of inspiring them to begin thinking about applying to top universities.



Memorial to Percy Shelley

This year, we were hosted by University College, Oxford. We left Shrewsbury at 8.00 in the morning and arrived in St Giles around 10.30am. The pupils learned about the Inklings Society founded by JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis, which provided the inspiration behind much of their Fantasy Literature.

Nelli Chamings, the Access Officer for University College, then gave the pupils a fascinating talk about life at Oxford University. She introduced to the pupils the idea of “Super-Curricular activities”. These are activities beyond the range of normal studies, which are relevant to university courses, such as listening to Melvyn Bragg on Radio 4 or taking part in Model United Nations.

We then had an early lunch in University College Hall beneath the portraits of Clement Attlee and Harold Wilson, Univ’s two 20th Century Prime Ministers. We also learned about Bill Clinton’s time in the College and how he enjoyed it so much that he inspired his daughter Chelsea to study there as a post-graduate student.

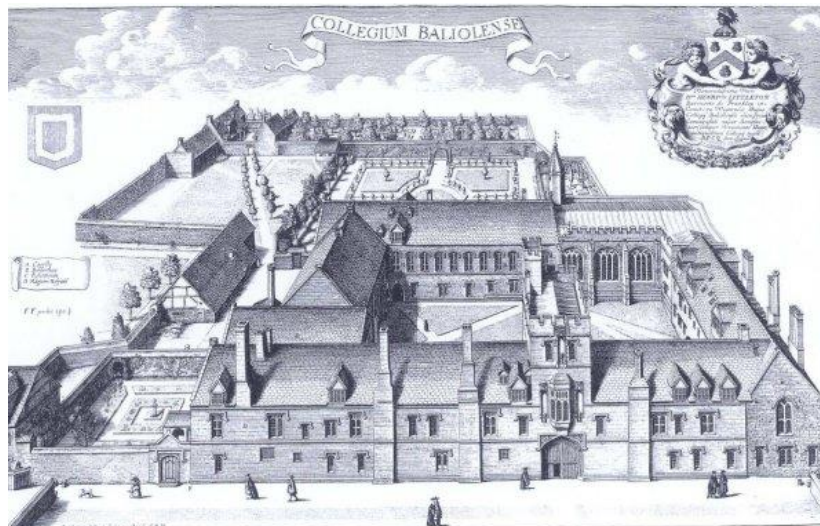
After lunch, we were given a tour round the College by Univ’s student ambassadors. Our pupils could see the memorial to Percy Shelley and also learn about Boyle and Hooke, two renowned

physicists, who worked in the College. We also met three Old Salopians now studying at Oxford University: Xavier Greenwood (Rt), Gus Thompson (G) and Laurence Jeffcote (Ch).



Brasenose College

We then moved on to look around Brasenose and Balliol Colleges. This gave Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Clark the opportunity to wax lyrical about the college experience of their younger days (*et in Arcadia ego ...*) We finished up by looking around the Ashmolean Museum where one can view archaeological and artistic treasures from around the world. After a reasonable run back in the coach, we were back in time for tea.



Plan of Balliol, 1675 (from the College Archive)

Matthew Clark, Oxbridge Co-ordinator



Cricket news

Friday 12 June 2015

Congratulations to the U15A XI, who became ESCA County Champions on Wednesday 10th June. Meanwhile there were mixed fortunes for the school teams in their matches against Malvern on Saturday.



The U15A XI with the ESCA County Cup

On Friday 5th June, the 1st XI were disappointed to lose to Malvern in the HMC T20 semi-final, chasing a target of 149. However, there was a difference result the following day, when the 1st XI beat Malvern by 99 runs having scored 222-3. George Lewis (I) top scored with 80no, George Hargrave (Rb) made 59 and Charlie Home (Rt) made 41no. Oli Westbury (S) led the wicket-taking with 4 wickets for 22 runs, with Charlie Home (Rt) taking 3 for 27.

The 2nd XI also beat Malvern (by 55 runs) having batted first to a total of 275-3. Freddie Earlam (Rt) scored an impressive 113, having reached his century in 54 balls and hitting 19 fours.

The girls also beat Malvern (twice!). Having bowled them out in 9 overs in the first T20 match, they also won a second match.

The U15A had a good result on Thursday 4th June, beating Wrekin College by 90 runs in the semi-final of the ESCA County Cup Championship, with Dan Humes (I) scoring 100no. Although they lost to Malvern on Saturday, they were delighted to be back on form for the final

of the County Cup against Ellesmere College on Wednesday 10th June, which they won by 23 runs.

The U15Bs beat Malvern by 95 runs, posting a total of 174, which was made even more gratifyingly as it was Malvern's first defeat of the season. Matthew Clay (I) scored 28 and Dominic Ainslie (S) scored 29 respectively. Harry Wasdell (Rt) and James Argyle (M) finished with bowling figures of 3 for 21 and 3 for 2 respectively.

The U14A and B teams both lost in the last over of close matches.

Salopian Club Committee Meeting

Friday 12 June 2015

The summer meeting of the full OS Committee took place at the School.



The biannual meeting of the full Salopian Club Committee took place on Monday 8th June, here at the School. There were detailed reports from the Director, the Sports Chairman, Arts and Activities Chairman, Careers Chairman and Fellow and the Honorary Treasurer. The Headmaster also gave a very helpful report on School matters. There was an interesting discussion about the future of the Sidney Gold Medal, which aroused differing thoughts and opinions. You can read some background to the medal [here](#).

Sadly this was also the committee's chance to say farewell to Careers Fellow Dr Kate Daubney, who has been a hugely valued member of the team and will be leaving after the Careers Fair on 18th June. Most of the members present were able to stay on for an informal supper during which Kate was thanked in words and with a small gift.

We are hugely grateful to the members of the committee who give up their valuable time to attend the meetings and those who also attend the activities and sub committee meetings in-between.

The next full meeting will be 20th January, in London.

Back row left to right: Nick Jenkins (Director of the Salopian Club); Richard Boys-Stones (Honorary Treasurer); Peter Stewart (Chairman); Sir Eldryd Parry (President); Mike Plaut (Vice Chairman Elect).

Front Row left to right: Peter Birch (Sports Committee Chairman); Tony Barker; Hugh Ramsbotham; Dr Kate Daubney (Careers Fellow); Mark Turner (Headmaster); David Chance (Careers Chairman).



The news 100 years ago: 11th - 17th June 1915

Friday 12 June 2015

In August 2014 we launched a four-year joint project with St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury to commemorate all former boys and masters of Shrewsbury School who gave their lives in the First World War. This is the latest instalment in our weekly commulative archive that records the names of the Salopians who were killed and the progress of the First World War. This week in 1915 was a particularly sad one for Shrewsbury School; we remember six Old Salopians who were killed.

For more information about the project and to view the weekly news reports posted since August, please see [The News 100 years ago - OS in WW1](#) section of the website.

Lieutenant Samuel O'Neill, 6th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Moser's, left in 1911. He was a tube merchant at Castleton, Rochdale and "lived the life of a good, honest Salopian...with a sunny cheeriness. ...Though his school career was quite ordinary ... he is the prime example of those who wait quietly for opportunities to arise on which they can come into full splendour and recognition." – *The Salopian*.

Killed in Gallipoli, 12th June 1915 aged 19.

Buried at Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey. Grave A. 19.

Second Lieutenant Walter Ambler Davies, 4th Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Rigg's, left in 1912. *The Salopian* comments: He stood for true Salopian values: 'simple, downright and cheerful, and he had the not too common gift of being always at his best when it was most wanted'.

He was employed at the Kiveton Park Collieries, Hull, and was the first Preston T.F. officer to be killed in action; he was leading his platoon. A shot went through his right arm, and immediately afterwards he was hit in the other, but though advised to take shelter in a trench he said, "No, I'll lead my men up," and was still going on when he received a fatal wound in his body.

Killed in France, 15th June 1915, aged 21

Remembered on Le Touret Memorial, France. Panel 27 and 28.

Captain Leonard Vale Bagshaw, King's Own Scottish Borderers attd. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

Moser's, left in 1896. After taking his degree at Christ Church, Oxford, he went out to Burmah as one of the Forest Managers of the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation. Gazetted Lieut. on 9th November 1914, he went to the front in December, and was promoted Captain shortly before he fell. An excellent oarsman and likewise with rod, rifle and gun, a fellow officer said, "all speak with admiration of his pluck and resource".

Killed in action in Belgium, 16th June 1915 aged 47.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 22.

Lieutenant Basil Herbert Ellis, 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House, Scholar "from Mr Mill's School, Liphook". Head of House, Cricket XI two years, 2nd XI Football, and Captain of his House Boat.

Left in 1914, having gained a scholarship to Wadham College Oxford, which he evidently did not take up. Instead he enlisted and was almost immediately made a 2nd Lieut., based on his



O.T.C. experience at school, and was promoted Lieut. on Oct. 1. He was killed by a shell with two others who went to his assistance while lying wounded.

The Salopian adds "We took the time to send his last greeting to the other Shrewsbury fellows in the Battalion. He had a 'reserved manner' but most knew beneath that he had the warmest of hearts, a love of literature and a good sense of humour."

Killed in action in Belgium, 16th June 1915 aged 20

Buried at Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Belgium. Grave II. A. 17.

Captain Cyril Gordon Reuss Hibbert, 1st/4th Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Chances (now Severn Hill), left in 1905.

He joined the Territorials immediately after leaving school.

Killed in action in at Festubert in Flanders during reconnaissance 16th June 1915, aged 27.

Remembered on Le Touret Memorial, France. Panel 27 and 28.

Private Harold Broadbent, Z/2213, 3rd Bn. Rifle Brigade.

School House, left in 1908.

Killed in action in Belgium 17 June 1915 aged 24.

Buried at La Brique Military Cemetery No.2, Belgium. Grave I. L. 25.

News of the war this week

A German airship is destroyed near Ghent – an historic first.



Friday night barbecue cricket

Saturday 13 June 2015



Scamp proves to be the best fielder, often getting to the ball before it even reaches the batsman!



Cricket: U15A XI are ESCA/ECB T20 Shropshire Champions

Sunday 14 June 2015

In the final of the ESCA/ECB T20 County Championship, Shrewsbury School's U15A XI triumphed by 23 runs over a strong Ellesmere College side on a glorious afternoon in North Shropshire. They are now only one game away from the Midlands Finals Day.



The U15A XI with the ESCA County Cup

After losing the toss and being put in to bat, Shrewsbury were indebted to Lysander Adair, who scored an excellent 45 featuring five 4s and two 6s. Contributions were also made by Tom Brunskill (19) and Ludo Litchfield (10), but despite being well placed at 117-4 with 4 overs left, Shrewsbury fell away to 124 all out, leaving the contest in the balance.

Early wickets were needed, and they duly arrived following high quality opening spells from Lucien Whitworth (1-16 from 4) and Tom Brunskill (2-11 from 4). The Shrewsbury attack stuck to their task well and, assisted by some excellent fielding and intelligent captaincy from George Garrett, restricted Ellesmere to 101-7.

Lysander added figures of 2-24 from 4 overs to his efforts with the bat, and was a deserving recipient of the man of the match award.

Shrewsbury will now meet the winners of the Lincolnshire completion in the next round.



OS Nicholas Penny knighted.

Monday 15 June 2015



Very many congratulations to Nicholas Penny, who has received a knighthood in the Queen's birthday honours list. Sir Nicholas (SH63-67) is retiring this summer from his position as Director of the National Gallery.

Penny is described as one of the most distinguished scholars and gifted curators of his generation, the author of a number of highly respected books, articles and catalogues on all aspects of Renaissance art. During his time at the National Gallery he has masterminded the fundraising for and overseen the acquisition of two Titian masterpieces, as well as increasing annual visitor numbers to the National Gallery to six million. He will be succeeded by Gabriele Finaldi.

The RSSBC win an impressive haul of trophies at the Chester Regatta

Monday 15 June 2015

The Boat Club enjoyed a successful day's racing at the Chester Regatta on Saturday. The School produced the fastest eight, coxed four, pair and scull at the Regatta to claim the Senior Victor Ludorum, alongside wins for the 2nd VIII and J15 Four.



The 1st VIII were the fastest crew in the morning's time trial, beating King's Chester's 1st VIII by five seconds. Both crews won their respective semi-finals, which saw the 1st VIII beat Liverpool University before beating King's 1st VIII in the side-by-side final to win the impressive Holland and Becker Cup.



Boatman Andy Clark with the Senior Victor Ludorum trophy

Charlie Johnston raced in the Elite Scull category, winning both the time trial and then the two subsequent side-by-side races. His trophy was also equally impressive and a great boost before going on to race in the Welsh team in this summer's Home International Regatta.



Charlie Johnston

The 2nd Eight picked up two wins in their semi-final and final of the 3rd tier of the Eights event to win some impressive tankards.



2nd VIII

The J16s raced in two pairs, a coxed four and an eight. The eight were unlucky to draw our own 2nd VIII in their semi-final but raced with great tenacity to give them a good run for their money. The coxed four were the fastest coxed four of the time trial and raced against two quads in their semi-final and final. They lost to a senior Grosvenor quad in the final. The two J16 pairs fared well in their time trial, with the faster of the two recording the fastest time of any double or pair in the event. They went on to win the A final in a tight race against a Trafford double.



J16s

The second of the pairs won their semi-final and went on to win the B Final.



J15 Four

The J15s took an eight and a four. The eight won their quarter final but lost in the semi-final. The coxed four won their straight final of J15 Fours in impressive fashion.

ATH



Charlie Johnston is 'Head of the Dee'

Tuesday 16 June 2015

Congratulations to Charlie Johnston (R UVI), who has been crowned 'Head of the Dee' after winning the Elite Single Sculls event at the Chester Regatta on Saturday 13th June.



Established in 1733, the Chester Regatta is the oldest rowing competition in the ARA rowing calendar and the oldest regatta for club entries in the world.

In the time trial over 1800m, Charlie posted the fastest time for all single sculls. He then went on to win the subsequent side-by-side semi-final and final, raced over 800m.



This impressive achievement is a great boost before he goes on to race in the Welsh team in this summer's Home International Regatta.

OS Awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List

Tuesday 16 June 2015



Dr Montgomery-Campbell

Three OS have been awarded in this years Queen's birthday honours list.

There are knighthoods for Dr Nicholas Penny (SH 63-67) for services to the arts (see the separate article below), and also for Dr Philip Montgomery-Campbell (Rt 64-69) for services to science.

Rear Admiral Clive Johnstone is awarded a CB in the military division.



Charlie Johns wins Young Writer Competition

Tuesday 16 June 2015

Congratulations to Charlie Johns (I IV), who has won the Worcestershire Young Writer Competition held by the Worcester Literary Festival.

He was presented with his award at a ceremony in Worcester's Guildhall on Friday 12th June.



Charlie has already had two short children's books published by Polperro Heritage Press, *Bagpipe Island* and *Fairichaun*.

His latest award-winning short story, written on the given theme of 'The Gift', features the central character in the novel he is currently writing, which he hopes might also be published in future years.

Sabrina 8 at Chester Regatta

Wednesday 17 June 2015



With 2 weeks to go before Henley qualifiers, our Sabrina 8 was in action at Chester Regatta.

Firstly to the time trial and a very respectable 9th place and directly behind Grosvenor and Royal Chester 1st 8's, who both qualified for the Thames Cup last year. Also beating our 2nd 8 by 9 seconds!

Our side by side race was against the slick Royals 8, holding them to less than a length was certainly a commendable effort.

Now on to Marlow on 20th June and hoping to catch the eye of the Henley Stewards before qualifiers on the 26th. More details to follow...

PM



Why I'm running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon

Wednesday 17 June 2015

Among those donning a Team Shrewsbury School running vest on Sunday 2st June will be Mr Vickers. He explains why.



I am writing this article five days before the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon, a week described by a more ergonomically designed colleague as one where my training should be 'tapering down'. Sadly this wisdom relies on training having once been 'tapered up', the absence of which I now realise has been a significant flaw in my training regime.

It has been a schedule blessed in its simplicity, to such an extent that no manuals or apps have been consulted, nor has pen ever been put to paper. In short, as I started my training in the shadow of the Pentland Hills on the western edge of Edinburgh over Christmas, I vowed not to run more than twice a week. I have been loyal to this vow; at times, to a fault....

There are approximately eleven of us running to raise money in order to find a cure for Scleroderma, a condition that affects Giles and Emily Bell's son, Reggie. I would love to state that all my reasons for running are charitable: sadly, many are grounded on more selfish foundations, including a desire to eat in considerable volume at every opportunity without piling on the pounds (many staff bear witness to this at lunch) and an effort to limit the ever increasing rotundness of our ageing cocker spaniel, Stanley by improving his exercise regime.

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I realise that many pupils, particularly those more frequent visitors to my office in the Alington Hall, will enjoy witnessing my toil over the final few miles. To them I suggest they enjoy this small victory, for their time will come once again.....

All of Team GB are focused in our aim to finish the course in under 2 hours and not to be put off by the sight of Peter Middleton, Master i/c of The Hunt driving to the supermarket having completed the course as we pass somewhere around the eight-mile mark! We look forward to being uplifted by your support and howls of laughter at various points around Shrewsbury on Sunday. My thanks to all those who have helped us raise over £5,000 so far, and should you consider our Sunday morning of pain to be worthy of a small donation, you would be very welcome to contribute via <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/teamgbell>
Shrewsbury School runners are also supporting Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY):
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/teamshrewsbury>



Great article in the Spectator featuring RSSH and OS ex- huntsman Rory Fraser.

Thursday 18 June 2015



Current parent Aidan Hartley has written a terrific article for the Spectator magazine, entitled "Cross-country running in Shropshire very nearly killed me". It talks about the Hunt and mentions OS Rory Fraser (Ch 10-14). It's somewhat more positive than the spin Mark Steel put on the Hunt recently, in his radio show, and well worth a read. Follow the [link here.](#)

Novice IVs rowing competition

Thursday 18 June 2015



L-R: Ali Davies, Ben Holehouse, Ollie Hall, Alvin Mak, Tom Shepherd-Cross

The Novice IVs rowing competition is for all Third and Fourth Form boys. It is a 'round robin competition' raced over four weeks. Oldham's crew of Ollie Hall (cox), Ali Davies, Alvin Mak, Ben Holehouse (all Third Form) and Tom Shepherd-Cross (Fourth Form) lay in third place behind Port Hill and Radbrook as the final day of racing began (having been unbeaten but also having lost a uniform point due to the wrong socks in week one!).

In very close races, Port Hill edged Oldham's out by a foot or two and despite leading Radbrook for most of the race they came second, again by feet.

The crew beat Moser's in the final race, despite a last stroke crab being caught by our exhausted stroke, to remain in bronze medal position overall.

This year Oldham's had just one Fourth Former in their crew and the other top Houses had a couple of strong J15 A men in theirs. While Tom Shepherd-Cross is certainly worth one and half men, he's possibly not got the pulling power of two!

The boys' effort was truly outstanding and this result bodes very well for next year. Thanks too go to coaches Charlie Duckworth (UVI) and George Rowley (LVI).



Sailing to the West Pole

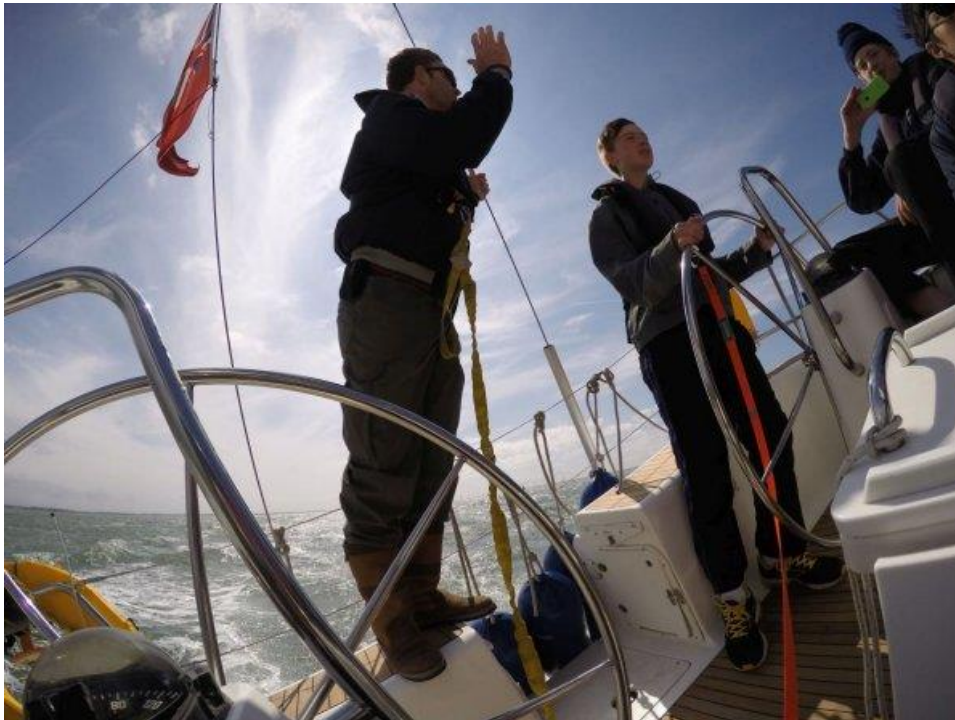
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By Ed Acton (Ch IV)

Last weekend I (along with seven other Fourth Formers and two teachers: Mr Lapage and Captain Longfellow) went on a sailing trip, chartering a boat from Gosport. After a brisk lunch it was time to embark on the three-and-a-half-hour long minibus journey. All potential prospects of catching up on a little kip were immediately shattered when a few of the crew decided to test the water (please forgive the pun) regarding their potential career in the opera industry. One is often perplexed as to just how much energy a 15-year-old boy (or for that matter three of them) seems to possess.

When we finally arrived – and after several minutes of paperwork – we were shown to ‘Adelaide Star’. Being a ‘rookie’ at anything to do with water, I was overwhelmed at the prospect of sailing, never mind sleeping on the sea! Unfortunately Friday’s weather was abysmal, and a short trip by engine concluded the evening’s events (bar, of course, the gourmet tinned chicken korma which constituted our evening meal).

Saturday’s sailing, however, was simply spectacular. With ideal sailing conditions and winds reaching an occasional force 5, we flew through the water. Unfortunately for some of us, this was all too much for our stomachs to take in... though a surprisingly quick recovery while at anchor in the middle of the day paved the way for the return ‘flight’. The sailing took around seven hours in total and was an altogether amazing life experience. After a bit of stew and a quick courtesy look around a Clipper ‘round-the-world’ boat, it was off to bed in the somewhat ‘cosy’ cabins.



Ed Acton at the helm (photo by Felix Mason-Hornby (R))

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Sunday – the final day. I awoke feeling fatigued yet ambitious to finish well. The journey was to seek and find the West Pole. Despite relatively low winds, we set sail in pursuit of this iconic land/seamark.

Much to our disappointment it was brought to our knowledge that it was in fact simply a buoy with 'The West Pole' printed on the side. But despite this slight anti-climax, we headed back to Portsmouth with a Columbus-like aura.

Then, having hosed down the yacht (and most of our comrades), we headed back to sunny Shrewsbury where lessons awaited us the following day. Altogether though, a positively successful voyage and one well worth a look at in the future.



En route for Land's End, the 'Fat Dads Tour' cycle into Shrewsbury School - again

Thursday 18 June 2015

We were delighted to welcome the 'Fat Dads Tour' (looking remarkably svelte) as they paused to greet family and friends and pose for a photo by the Darwin Statue on Thursday morning, on Day 6 of their John O'Groats to Land's End charity cycle ride.





The team, who have been cycling together for many years, grew from a mountain biking group for S Anselm's Prep School parents. Many of them now have family connections with Shrewsbury School – including Martin Speed, father of Will, Charlie and Bertie; Keith Butter, father of Fred and Will Blanchard-Butter; Ian Heap, father of Oscar; Philip Horsnall, father of Oliver; Mike Gerard-Pearse, uncle of Angus Hayward; and Peter Botham, godfather of Bertie Speed. Other team members are Paul Webster and Charles Bradshaw-Smith.

The Fat Dads Team first did the Land's End to John O'Groat's route in the opposite direction over nine days in September 2013 (when they also called in at Shrewsbury School), raising over £45,000 for local charities in Derbyshire.

This time they are raising money for Children in Need and Help for Heroes and are doing the trip in just eight days – an average of 120 miles a day.

They are scheduled to finish on Saturday 20th June. To read more about them and to make a donation, please visit www.fatdadstours.co.uk.



'The Big Head' Project

Thursday 18 June 2015

A number of individuals with intriguingly large and strikingly adorned heads have been spotted wandering the School Site recently. Art Teacher Amanda Barrow reveals that they are in fact the 'alter egos' of Fourth Form GCSE Art students – and they will be on public display in the Art Department next week.



Since the beginning of the Summer Term, my Fourth Form GCSE students have been working on a sculpture project we coined 'The Big Head Project'.

I asked them to create heads that were at least twice the size of their own, and to construct them in such a way that they could wear them. The character that was to be created was the artist's 'alter ego'.



The students worked very hard on the creation of their masks as well as on the details to illustrate their character.

When their heads were completed, we collaborated with Christine Jacks' Fourth Form Photography class to document the heads around School, producing images to illustrate their character.

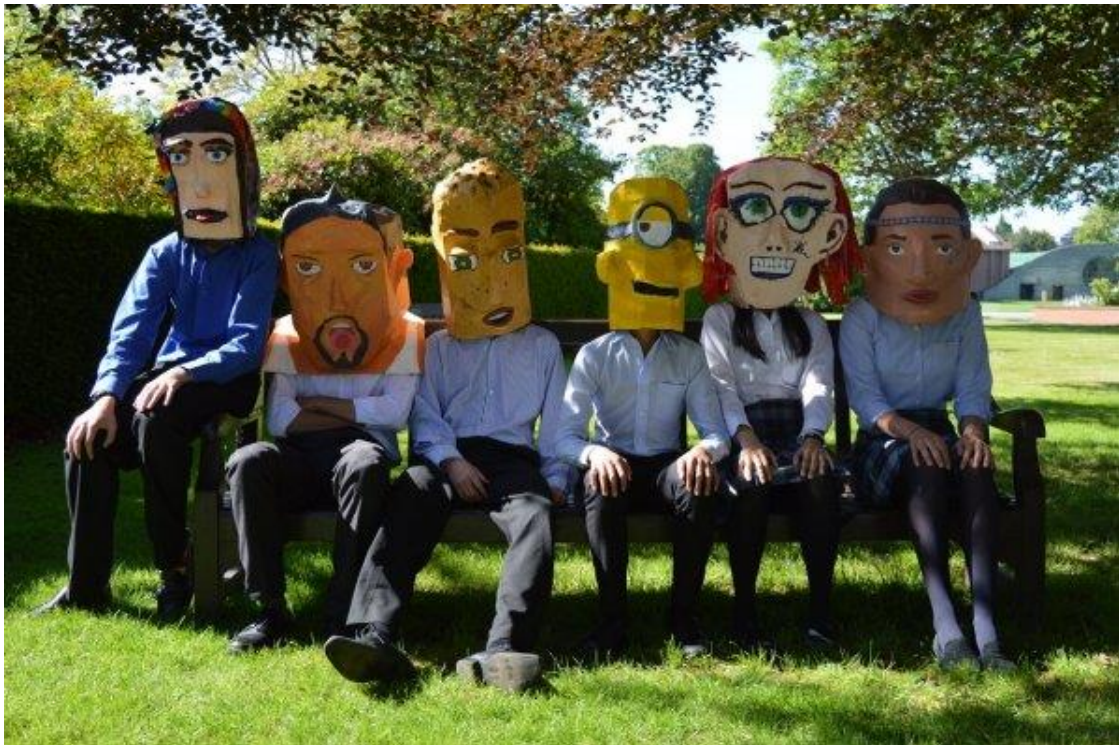


The heads created quite a stir among some of the Third Form students, who were showing our Argentinian visitors from San Bartolomé School in Rosario round the Site on Tuesday.

Thanks to a few staff members who tried some of the heads on!



The Big Heads will be on display in the Art Department from Monday 22nd June until the end of Speech Day.



Amanda Barrow



Great Start to the Cricketer Cup

Thursday 18 June 2015

The Sarries eased into round two of the Cricketer Cup following a comfortable win over the Haileybury Hermits. With Senior a picture, the home side chose to bat first on what looked a good batting track. Despite losing Jack Brydon and Ed Pollock within the first six overs, Steve Leach (61) and Ben Williams (122) batted confidently and positively to lay the foundations for a big Sarries total. As the Hermit's one-paced attack began to tire, the Leach-Williams partnership of 94 was followed by a further stand of 120 between Williams and Chapman (47) from just 86 balls. Williams was finally out in the penultimate over having brought up a magnificent hundred, as his side finished on 312-7.

Chasing an imposing total, and with their opening batsman incapacitated with a broken thumb suffered in the field, the Hermits needed a good start. This was denied them by Aston and Barnard, who both bowled miserly spells. Their efforts were well supported by Williams, whose energy was seemingly unaffected by his previous efforts, and spinners Lewis, Gregson, Leach and Dawson, who was making his Saracens debut. The final margin of victory was an impressive 191 runs.

The Sarries are at home again on Sunday 28 June, when they host the Bradfield Waifs in round 2. The Waifs, beaten finalists last year, will no doubt be bent on revenge following their narrow defeat on the same ground in the semi-final 3 years ago; if the game is anything like that fixture, it will be a classic. All support will be most welcome.

Tom Cox



Modern Languages Reading Competition

Thursday 18 June 2015

The second annual Modern Languages Reading Competition took place on Tuesday 16th June and was a great success.

Thirty-one contestants read or recited a total of 34 poems or prose extracts; one entrant even sang the German National Anthem! The majority of items were in French, German or Spanish, but there was also one Italian entry.

The winners of the main prizes were:

French

1st: Julian Chesshire (*Le paresseux* - Antoine de Saint-Amant)

2nd: Dan Lo (*Après un rêve* - Romain Bussine)

German

1st: Dan Lo (*Erlkönig* - Goethe)

2nd: Luca Mattinson (*Chramer gip die varve mir* - anonymous medieval German)

Spanish

1st: Luca Mattinson (*La Luna asoma* - Lorca)

2nd: Pip Moulson (*Oda a la manzana* - Neruda)



The news 100 years ago: 18th - 25th June 1915

Thursday 18 June 2015

This week we remember:

Lieutenant Eric John Keefe Pemberton Pigott, 1st Bn. Royal Irish Regiment.

Day Boys, Head of House, left in 1912 and went up to Sandhurst, where he was an Under-Officer. He was out at the Front very early in the war but was invalided home suffering from frostbitten feet, and had only recently returned to France.

The Salopian adds that, while an invalid, “as (former) Head of Day Boys he was keen to help them in all aspects of school life. Despite being invalided out on account of frostbite, he still made the effort to return to school in order to teach bayonet fighting and tactics, in tandem to umpiring on Field Days. He served as a machine gun officer in his regiment. Pigott died whilst trying (successfully) to save his machine gun, ever aware of his duty and his desire to fulfil it.”

Killed in action in France, 24th June 1915, aged 20.

Buried at Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Grave III. A. 27.

Private Harold Lea Higgins, 2868, 10th Bn. The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

A dayboy in Ingram's, left in 1911 and entered business at the age of 17.

The Salopian comments “Both he and his brother were present in the famous charge (of the Liverpool Scottish) at Hooge the previous month, where both were injured – a fractured thigh was ultimately the cause of Harold's death (in hospital at Boulogne eight days later). He was ... unassuming, ... with a gentle disposition and ... he never made a single enemy.”

Died of wounds in France, 25th June 1915, aged 20.

Buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France. Grave VIII. B. 48.

Battles fought in the war this week 100 years ago include Lemberg, Artois (2nd), Otavifontein, Zydaczow.

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"The Shrewsbury School Hunt very nearly killed me" - article in 'The Spectator' by Aidan Hartley

Friday 19 June 2015

Journalist and Shrewsbury School parent Aidan Hartley has not only flown in from Kenya to run in the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon on Sunday, but has also written about the Hunt in his 'Wild Life' column in this week's edition of The Spectator magazine.

To read the article, please visit: <http://www.spectator.co.uk/life/wild-life/9560492/the-shrewsbury-school-hunt-very-nearly-killed-me/>



Aidan Hartley, Rory Fraser and Giles Bell

Lower Sixth Careers Fair

Friday 19 June 2015

A number of Old Salopians from professions as diverse sports management, press relations and government affairs, corporate video, graduate recruitment and journalism joined a parent and two external speakers to spend an afternoon with Lower Sixth students this week, at the annual Lower Sixth Careers Fair.



A joint venture between The Salopian Club and the School, the event gives students the opportunity to hear three different careers talks of their choice, each involving an interactive activity to help them understand what doing that job is actually like.



From legal case studies to rebranding Shrewsbury School, students spoke afterwards at the networking reception of how useful and informative the sessions were, and several remarked that they had interests now in careers which previously had been unknown to them.



The event opened with a keynote talk on 'Brand You' by Andrew Hill (M 78-83), sharing with students how to begin to form that all-important understanding of their own values and identity that employers are so keen to hear about at interview.



Dr Daubney



Old Salopians in the Battle of Waterloo

Friday 19 June 2015

Amidst the national commemorations marking the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, we remember two Old Salopians who fought - Edward Charles Windsor and Thomas Noel Hill.

Edward Charles Windsor was born in Shrewsbury and entered Shrewsbury School in 1801. After leaving school, he rose to the rank of Captain in the 1st Royal Dragoons. He was killed at the Battle of Waterloo on 18th June 1815, aged 23.

His mother, Dorothy Windsor, is recorded in the Journals of the House of Commons as being among the 'List of Persons receiving Allowances as of His Majesty's Royal Bounty', "she being a widow in indigent circumstances, having expended her whole property in the purchase of her son's commission".

Thomas Noel Hill was born on 14th February 1784 and was the youngest surviving brother of General Lord Hill. He entered Shrewsbury School in 1799.

He joined the army as a Cornet in the 10th Dragoons in 1801, was appointed Lieutenant in 1803, Captain in 1805, and Major serving with the Portuguese army in the Peninsula in 1809. He attained the brevet of Lt-Col in 1811 and subsequently served as an Assistant Adjutant-General in the Waterloo Campaign.

He received a knighthood on 28th July 1814 and was nominated a Knight Companion of the Bath on 5th January 1815. He died on 4th January 1832, aged 47.



Friday night barbecue: marshmallow burning for beginners

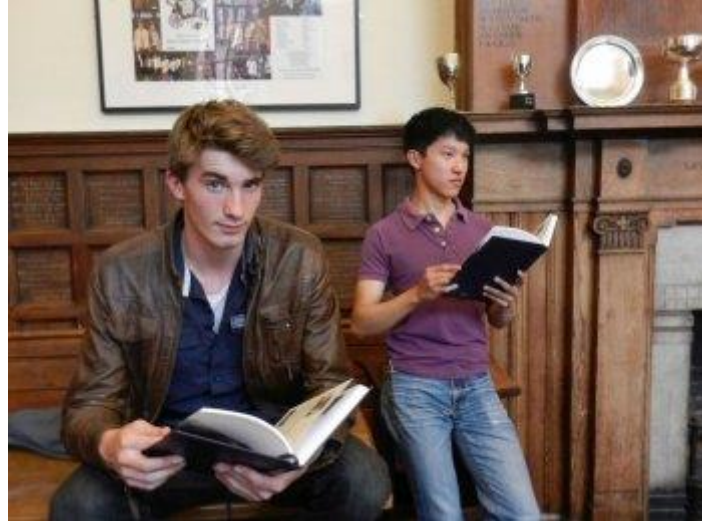
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School House victories in the Modern Languages Reading Competition

Saturday 20 June 2015



L-R: Julian Chesshire and Dan Lo

The second annual Modern Languages Reading Competition took place on Tuesday 16th June and involved over 30 contestants reciting poems or prose extracts. Having won in all three languages last year, the School House boys were the ones to beat, but Julian Chesshire (LVI) and Dan Lo (UVI) read superbly to ensure that the French and German categories were retained by us.

Julian won the French competition with his humorous interpretation of *Le paresseux* by Antoine de Saint-Amant.

Dan, who has received an offer to study German at St Hilda's College, Oxford next term, triumphed in the German class with *Erlkönig* by Goethe and was runner-up in French with *Après un rêve* by Romain Bussine.



A selection of Summer Term photos

Monday 22 June 2015



Bubble Football!





Upper Sixth Breakfast in Rigg's Private Side garden on last day of lessons before exam leave



Milo Herbert, Max Wolstenholme and Will Stocker cleaning their pots during Outdoor Week Duke of Edinburgh expedition



Jamie Ainscough and Luka Cassidy padding up for a House cricket match



Junior House IV's crew (Ian Lam, Henry Ludlam, Artem Stopnevich, Morton Moss, Boss Lertthundorn coxing)



Exceptional musicianship in the School House Soirée

Monday 22 June 2015

On Saturday 20th June, we held the annual School House Soirée, which was a musical extravaganza featuring almost half the boys in the House.

More than 30 boys across all the years took to the stage to perform a wide range of genres from Bach to the Rolling Stones, as well as a couple of the boys' own compositions. There were too many boys to mention them individually here, but please do look at the programme below to get a flavour of the depth and breadth of performances; there is an immense amount of musical ability in the House.

Whilst we will be very sad to say goodbye to our outstanding Upper Sixth musicians, it was great to see so many of the younger boys taking part. With plenty of musical talent on our books to join us over the next couple of years, we can look forward to an exciting new generation maintaining the strong School House musical tradition.

Thank you very much to Mrs Besterman, who arranged music, accompanied soloists, organised ensembles and oversaw the rehearsals. At such a busy time of year, the event would not have happened without her.

It is also testament to the dedication of the boys that they were able to pull it off during the public exam season. It was a good opportunity for those who had finished their exams to let their hair down; the relaxed, informal and fun atmosphere was enhanced by Harry Al-Adwani (UVI) and Leo Sartain (LVI), who punctuated the music with comedy sketches.



Senior Girls' Quad qualify for Henley Royal Regatta

Tuesday 23 June 2015

Many congratulations to the Senior Girls' Quad, who have made history by becoming Shrewsbury first ever girls' crew to qualify for the Henley Royal Regatta.



Senior Girls' Quad with coach Tess Fitton and Boatman Andy Clark

They raced against Henley Rowing Club in the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup on Thursday 2nd July. Although they were beaten in the race, they can take great pride in all that they have achieved this season and the fact that they are now competing at the same level as the boys' 1st VIII.

The Senior Girls' Quad departed for Henley-on-Thames on Thursday 18th June with two days of preparation on the Henley course ahead, before the start of the Henley Women's Regatta where they would contest the Junior Quad.

The crew of Laetitia Tay, Sian Hinton, Claudia Kimpton-Smith and Abi Reynolds turned heads as they completed their training paddles on the famous course and received support from both senior crews and umpires as they completed their final preparations.

On Saturday morning the Shrewsbury Quad contested the time trial from which 19 entrants would be reduced to 16. The Shrewsbury Quad was the second crew to time trial down the course and they did so sending a message of strength and intention which saw them easily qualify for the following rounds.

At midday the Quad contested their first round against a composite crew from Doncaster, Bradford and Lincoln Rowing Clubs. The Shrewsbury quad stormed down the first five hundred meters of the course, putting themselves in a strong position and enabling them to lower the rate and control the remainder of the race and secure an 'easily' verdict.

As the Quad boated for their second round against Staines Rowing Club the heavens opened, drenching the course in a heavy rain storm. The Shrewsbury girls were not deterred by the soggy



conditions and once again put on a display of strong oarswoman-ship, leading the race the from start to finish and winning with a lead of three and a half lengths.

The win against Staines saw the Shrewsbury Quad take their place in the semi-final against Surbiton High School, bronze medalists from National Schools. The girls knew this would be their toughest race of the weekend and rose to the challenge, charging out of the stake boats level with Surbiton. At the barrier Surbiton took a length on the Shrewsbury Quad and despite holding them at this length throughout the race, they were not able to take back the distance and lost to Surbiton by one length and one third.

Despite missing out on a place in the final, the girls can take pride in having been in such close contention with the crew that went on to win the event.

Having gone on to qualify for Henley Royal Regatta, the girls now look forward to racing against Henley Rowing Club on Thursday 2nd July in the Diamond Jubilee Cup.

The boys' 1st VIII raced against Hampton School in the heats of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup on Wednesday 1st July; they were beaten by three-quarters of a length.

Tess Fitton



Saracens Through to 2nd Round of the Cricketer Cup

Wednesday 24 June 2015



Following their convincing victory over Haileybury Hermits the Saracens move into the second round of the Cricketer Cup, where they will play Bradfield Waifs.

The next match will be on Sunday 28th June here at the School.

The Waifs are last years beaten finalists, so it should be an excellent match. Please do come along and lend your support.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Wednesday 24 June 2015

Many congratulations to the teams of Sixth Formers who spent the last few days of the term on their Gold D of E Expeditions. One group travelled by kayak from the west to east coasts of Scotland, from Fort William to Inverness, and two more groups were walking in very mixed weather conditions in the Lake District.





End of the Summer Term

Wednesday 24 June 2015

Photos from Sports Day, Junior House Tennis Finals and the Leavers' Supper



Oscar Dickins (LVI) on course to an 800m/1500m double, just two days after running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon; and (above right) with his father, Tom, having been presented with the historic Derby Tankard



Third Form competitors Ian Lam, Luka Cassidy, Fingal Dickins and Henry Ludlam



Upper Sixth competitors Hugo Morgan, Charlie Johnston and Elliot Robinson-Boulton



Junior House tennis finalists Mungo Hargreaves, Alastair Harris, Ted Williams, Fingal Dickins



Upper Sixth Leavers' Supper "Team Shot"



Historic Family Cricketing Success for Alasdair Pollock

Thursday 25 June 2015



Many congratulations to Alasdair Pollock, who will Captain the Cambridge cricket XI when they play Oxford at Lords this Saturday 27th June.

This is a terrific achievement and even more noteworthy for the fact that Alasdair (I 10-12) will be following in the footsteps of his father Angus (I 75-80), who achieved the same distinction in 1984.

Able to swing the ball both ways, Alasdair has the tools required of a highly skilled bowler. Coach Chris Scott identifies a clear resemblance between the styles of Alasdair and his father. Alasdair has a good pedigree in his own right however, and performed with distinction for the School, Worcestershire Academy and Barnt Green CC before going to Cambridge.

It's a historic achievement for the family, but also for the School and the Saracens, who currently have no fewer than nine members playing first class cricket for their county or their university. Alex Blofield (PH 05-10) is also in the Cambridge Squad.

Well played gentlemen!

The 147th Bumping Races – day one

Thursday 25 June 2015

Longstanding traditions like The Tucks, House Singing, and the Bumping Races hold a special place in the hearts of Salopians and Old Salopians alike. Both groups are joined together as they repeat the rituals that have remained relatively unchanged across the decades.

Rigg's continued at the top of all three divisions and Churchill's bumped up in all three – leaving them tied on points at the end of day one.

The Grove (Head of the River in 2008) made their first appearance as a girls' house, and wasted no time bumping in their first race in Division Three.

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

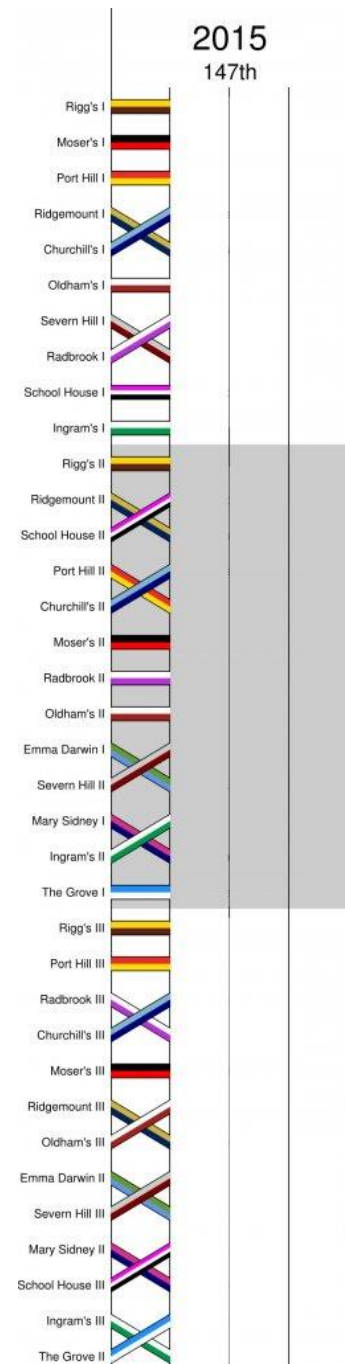
Ch bpd Rt
Rb bpd S

Division 2

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

Division 3

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





Third Form Book Review Competition

Thursday 25 June 2015

For the past few years the Library has held a Third Form book review competition. It is an event I really look forward to. It is such a pleasure to read the students' enthusiastic and often brutally honest reviews. I am always interested to see which books the students have selected.

Some I can predict – Michael Morpurgo novels feature regularly and for the past few years both Conn Iggulden's Conqueror series (about the rise of Kublai Khan) and Michael Gant's Gone series have garnered rave reviews.

This year I was pleasantly surprised by the inclusion of non-fiction books (such as Frank Garner's autobiography *Blood and Sand* about his experiences as a BBC correspondent) and classics such as the fabulous and disturbing *Never let me know* by Kazuo Ishiguro and Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, which show that our students are embracing a broad and exciting range of books. It was thus an enjoyable challenge to select our top three reviews, all of which displayed a personal and persuasive response to their chosen books.

The winners were Archie Mobbs (O) for his well-written [review of *The book thief*](#) by Markus Zusak (in first place); Jack Lockett (Ch) for an appropriately witty [review of *The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy*](#) by Douglas Adams; and in third place Tessa Scott Bell (MSH) for her honest [review of *The time traveller's wife*](#) by Audrey Niffenegger. The winners each received a selection of novels from this year's Carnegie medal shortlist (http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/carnegie/current_shortlist.php).

A selection of the book reviews including the winning entries will be on display in the Library on Speech Day.

Jo Elliot, Head Librarian

School House smashes records and seals victory in the Inter-House Athletics

Thursday 25 June 2015



The record-breaking Third Form 4x100m relay team. L-R: Koby Ferdinand-Okpala, Arron Lewis, Harry Zhang and Reuben Denison

Last year, the School House Inter (Fourth and Fifth Form) 4 x 100m relay team set an impressive school record (47.61s). Given the outstanding talent of those four boys, it was widely thought that the record would stand for some time. However, the new team of Marco Lo (IV), James Wong (V), Kwaku Antwi (V) and Nifemi Okusanya (V) had other ideas; they won the race in the lightening quick time of 47.56s!

Nifemi also reached new heights in the 200m final, winning with a time of 23.37s, which knocked more than a second off the previous record.

It was the new blood in the School House Third Form that showed complete domination of Sports Day in both track and field, and took the silverware in the Junior category. Our Junior 4 x 100m team provided the highlight of the afternoon with a victory that saw another School record fall. The blistering pace of Koby Ferdinand-Okpala, Reuben Denison, Harry Zhang and Arron Lewis won the race with more than two seconds to spare between them and the runners-up. The phenomenal time was 51.25s, one and a half seconds faster than the previous record!

Reuben also won gold in the Junior Shot Put and Arron was the stand-out athlete of the day; he won medals in all four of his events, including gold in the Javelin, with a massive throw of 33.25m which broke the previous record by more than a metre.



Arron Lewis sprinting to the finish line

The School House boys managed to win an astonishing 26 medals over the course of the event. The fact that we won medals in all four relay events in all age groups is testament to the famous School House team spirit!



The School House Sports Day medallists. L-R: Marco Lo (IV), Josh Wong (LVI), Elias Harrison (IV), Harry Zhang (III), James Wong (V), Reuben Denison (III), Arron Lewis (III), Kwaku Antwi (V), Will Street (LVI), Leo Sartain (LVI), Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (III), Ladi Okusanya (LVI), Mark Pangin (III) and Nifemi Okusanya (V)



History Faculty WW1 Battlefield Tour

Thursday 25 June 2015

Fifty-four Third Form pupils and six members of staff spent a memorable three days last week in Belgium and Northern France, visiting the World War 1 battlefields of Ypres and the Somme.



Having left Shrewsbury at 5.30am on Wednesday 10th June, we arrived at Ypres in the afternoon and immediately began our tour of the Battlefields. Our first stop was an interactive museum with displays of artefacts from all the sides that fought in the Great War. We then went on to visit the Menin Gate Memorial, dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown.

The next day we travelled down to the Somme, where we visited the Ulster Tower, Thiépval and Lochnagar Crater. The evening was spent at the Last Post Ceremony in Ypres, which takes place every evening at 8pm. Three pupils, Eve Hartley, Archie Mobbs and Sebastian Archer, laid a wreath in memory of the Old Salopians who lost their lives in the war. A poem that was written in 1914 by the then Headmaster Revd C.A. Alington, was attached. It was written in memory of the boys who had already died in the fighting by the end of 1914 and published in *The Times*: **'The School Will Not Forget'**.



On Friday we visited both German and British trenches, before heading back to Shrewsbury. It was a brilliant trip: thought-provoking and moving, and the pupils clearly found the three days very interesting. We are hoping to run a similar trip for the Third Form next year.

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Rigg's Bumps Supper

Thursday 25 June 2015

The traditional Bumps Supper at Rigg's remains a formal affair with a sit-down slap-up meal of steak and chips followed by ice-cream, all prepared by the Sixth Formers.

Following a strong first day of Bumps in which Rigg's rowed over at the top of all three divisions, there was much to celebrate!

At the end of the evening, Oscar Dickins was announced as next year's Head of House with Jake Carter and Alex Seager as his Deputies. Billy Riggall will be Head of House Sport.



Above left: a revived tradition - the Rigg's Bumps Supper Card; above right: Preparations get under way - Third Former Boss Lertthundorn tutors Isla in the art of napkin-folding!



Members of the Fourth Form enjoying tucking in to their steaks



Lower Sixth chefs Alex Seager, Jake Carter and Conrad Morson



Exhausted after cooking 60 steaks all to order...

Fourth Form Field Day

Friday 26 June 2015

Field Day was great fun for 21 of the current Fourth Form. It was a long drive to Llanberis but worth the effort. The day started with a morning of Stand-Up Paddle Boarding - a bizarre cross-over between surfing, windsurfing and kayaking.



The students loved it and it was one of the few outdoor sports that most haven't actually tried before.

The cloud broke for a brief period during lunchtime, when the students could enjoy a feast of a picnic following a rather large shop and the supermarket, and then the afternoon involved a few hours of canoeing in open Canadian canoes and closed cockpit kayaks.



All the students agreed it was definitely a fun end enjoyable day out of lessons.



The 147th Bumping Races – Day 2

Friday 26 June 2015

Two rounds were contested today – featuring a mighty 44 row overs out of 72 results; no one got away lightly today!

Churchill's II, School House III and The Grove II all remain in contention for 'blades' tomorrow.

Racing starts at 2:25pm on Speech Day.

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Round 2

Division 1

O bpd Rt

Division 2

Ch bpd Rt

S bpd O

G bpd MSH

Division 3

S bpd Rt

SH bpd EDH

G bpd MSH

Round 3

Division 1

Rb bpd Rt

Division 2

Ch bpd SH

EDH bpd O

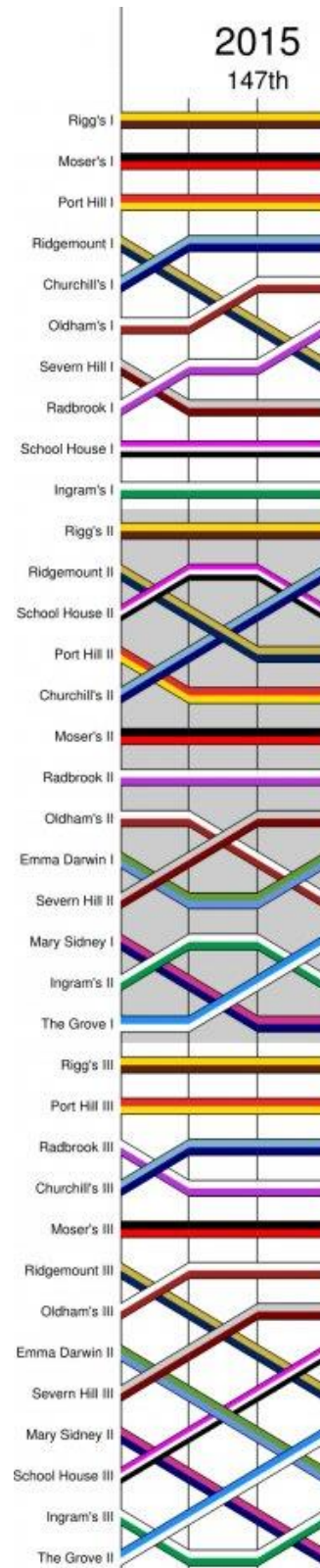
G bpd I

Division 3

SH bpd Rt

G bpd EDH

I bpd MSH



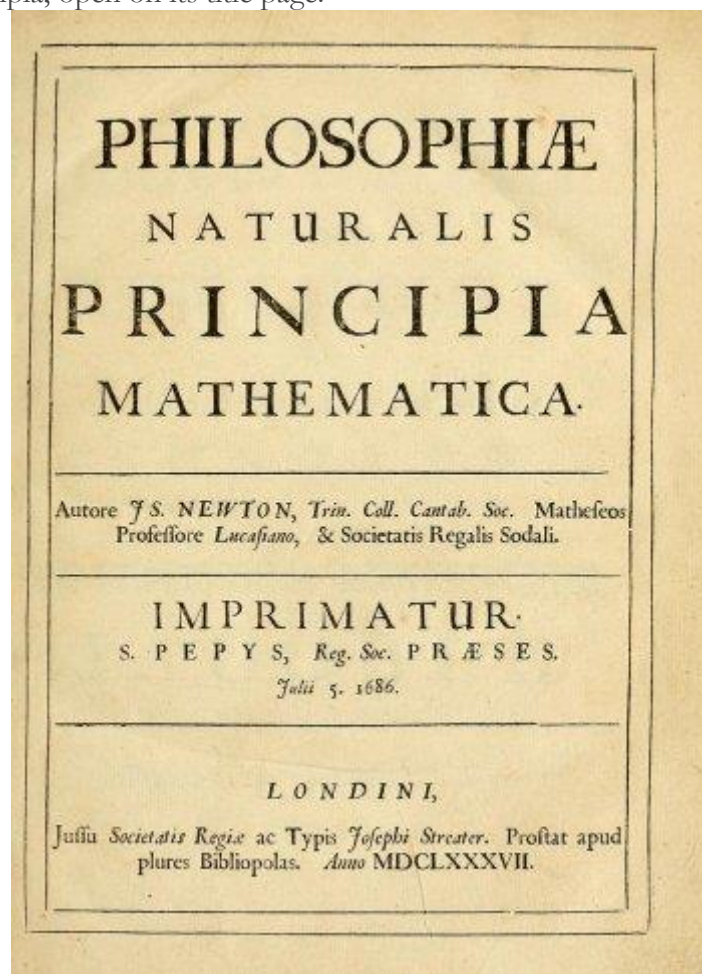


Lab report: Unseen Translation, 15th June 2015 - from the Taylor Library

Friday 26 June 2015

On Monday 15th June, the Fourth Form Physics set 4SPHS1 convened for their lesson not in their usual lab P3 but in the far more scholarly surroundings of the Ancient Library, with School Librarian and Archivist Dr Robin Brooke-Smith and with noted classicist Mr Toby Percival.

It might seem an odd place to begin a physics lesson (and even odder personnel to be delivering it) but amongst the magnificent old books and bindings we are fortunate enough to have a first edition (from 1687) of Sir Isaac Newton's *Principia Mathematica*. The hope was to justify modern renderings of Newton's three Laws of Motion by reading and translating the original Latin. After an introduction to the Library itself and some of the other historic pieces in it – from Bibles via annotated first editions of the *Origin of Species* to handwritten letters from Charles Darwin (which sadly don't seem to mention doughnuts once) – we moved through the palpable history to the *Principia*, open on its title page:





After a little about the book itself (this copy was bought by a Master in the School at the time and donated to the School Library) and about Newton's work in mathematics, I asked Dr Brooke-Smith whether we could find the page on which the Laws of Motion appear. "Go ahead." was the reply. As I did so I couldn't quite believe that I was leafing through a book printed 328 years ago which re-wrote the laws of physics. The bit we were after was on page 12. At this point TPP took over, above the gentle hum of the dehumidifier he launched into nominatives, genitives and their ilk to haul some English sentences out of the Latin. Gradually the set started piecing together a recognisable set of axia. The starting point, for those interested, was this:

A X I O M A T A
S I V E
L E G E S M O T U S

Lex. I.

Corpus omne perseverare in statu suo quiescendi vel movendi uniformiter in directum, nisi quatenus a viribus impressis cogitur statum illum mutare.

Lex. II.

Mutationem motus proportionalem esse vi motrici impressæ, & fieri secundum lineam rectam qua vis illa imprimitur.

Lex. III.

Actioni contrariam semper & æqualem esse reactionem: sive corporum duorum actiones in se mutuo semper esse æquales & in partes contrarias dirigi.

Work for the evening was to write up a translation of these – to help I sent a copy of the original Latin text. The best of the results read:

Law 1

Every body perseveres in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a right line, unless it is forced to change that state by forces impressed there-on.

Law 2

The change of motion is ever proportional to the motive force impressed; and is made in the direction of the right line in which that force is impressed.

Law 3

To every action there is always opposed an equal reaction: or the mutual actions of two bodies upon each other are always equal, and directed to contrary parts.

These are recognisable, I think!

Enormous thanks are due to Dr Brooke-Smith and Mr Percival for giving of their time and expertise, without which we wouldn't have been able to analyse the text in nearly the detail we did. Those who saw me later in the day will confirm that several hours later I was still somewhat dazed and delirious at having been able not only to see but to handle this piece of history. I hope the students were equally impressed!

Seb Cooley



Another record-breaking year for charity fundraising

Friday 26 June 2015

Our charity fundraising efforts during the past year have raised a whopping £35,999.08 - for 28 different charities... and still counting. Thanks to everyone on the Charities Committee and to everyone who has given, eaten, sponsored, cooked, exercised and performed in order to help others this year.

An amazing £9,000 was raised by the Half Marathon runners on Sunday 21st June - £2,107.81 for CRY and £6,925 for the Scleroderma Society.

All the events during Salopian Week were in aid of the Shewsy - the cake sale at Sports Day, the collection after the Junior School Play; collection at the Pop Concert on Wednesday; and the collection at the Classical Concert on Friday.

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Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 26 June 2015

As we have just witnessed a wonderfully sunny and ice-cream-filled Sports Day, I thought I would end the year with a look at Shrewsbury Athletics.



Our athletes train at the London Road Sports Centre which is a brief minibus ride to an impressive facility near the crematorium (for those whose race is run). For many of our athletes, Sports Day is the day in the year when they turn out to compete in the triple jump, or whatever event they have been 'volunteered' for. Brendan Parsons (SH) was not alone in looking as if his triple jumping technique was in need of a little fine tuning, but he resolutely ran towards the sandpit and made it into the soft landing zone whilst still managing to miss various small children belonging to Housemasters who had promised their children a day out at the beach.



I was given a microphone and told to rove around the stadium looking for interesting people to talk to. In a community such as ours, this of course did not take long. One of the first people I bumped into was Tania Jones, who is half of the School House matron dream team; (the other half being Nadine Jones). I believe a lot of House matrons find it hard work keeping up with the Jones's!

I asked Tania what she had done to give the School House lads an edge. She denied that they were on a high fibre diet to increase a certain turbo boost but did admit to administering them all with 'runner beans'. She also confessed to giving the high jumpers 'jumping beans'. She refuted claims that she had given the shot putters 'broad beans' but admitted she had sourced some shop puttee from the maintenance team. At this point my microphone was turned off by TCPPP (Teacher Censoring Piffle and Phish), no relation to TPP or TCP which I used to apply to cuts and grazes when I was smaller.

As the heats got underway I found myself close to the timing judges. Most of these timekeepers were clad in dark glasses and looked most menacing. Indeed I was reminded of the film *The Usual Suspects*.



I asked Modern Linguist and fellow Shrewsbury Half Marathon runner Huw Peach what appealed to him about time keeping. "Time keeping is an intricate art form. I just enjoy keeping time. We have always kept time in our house and always will. Some people keep dogs, I do myself but I actually prefer keeping time. I will be the judge of this lane and the time that is run will be mine." Mr Peach then suddenly emitted an evil laugh and sounded like Judge Dredd.

Feeling a little unnerved by my dark glass-clad colleagues, my nerves were further shredded by the firing of a gun at close range. I looked around to see if there were any casualties. Nifemi Okusanya was down but made a speedy recovery and got to his feet to win his heat; Monsieur Portier could not be seen as his mirror sunglasses were so big they completely enveloped him; Mr. Sheppe was looking round for the assailant, a little like Mad Eye Moody; and the Chaplain was on his knees because he was deep in prayer, as usual; but otherwise people seemed remarkably calm. This may have been because of the presence of Rex Sartain, recently retired from her Majesty's armed forces.

So relieved was I to see Rex that I introduced him to the crowd as a fine shot-putter; at least that is what I thought I had said but the sharp-eared Mr Tonks informed me I had praised Mr Sartain's shoplifting skills instead!



M Portier behind his shades, with your faithful correspondent tripping over a few words in the background

Of course the gunfire came from the gun of professional starter Keith Wheatman. Keith told me he enjoyed the day. "I enjoyed the day and I like nothing better than giving people a start in life." He certainly gave me a start; every two or three minutes all afternoon!



Having run the Half Marathon on Sunday in a time of 1 hour and 49 minutes 41 seconds, I felt I was able to look at the proceedings with the eye of a professional, although I was finding it difficult to bend my thighs. The results of all the events are published elsewhere and I think it would be invidious to single competitors out, as the day was very much about personal milestones and taking part. There were however some awesome performances and Mr Haworth did give me some inside knowledge of some of our keen athletes who have competed all year.

James Plaut, Athletics Captain: Master of the sprint, he's concentrated almost entirely on his 100m and 200m, chipping away at his PBs for both events. There was a brief flirtation with long jump and high jump, but I think that's all over. He has turned up to every single athletics fixture and been great for imparting his wisdom on the younger ones too. Truly leading from the front, in every sense.



James Plaut in full flight

Oscar Dickens: A real talent in the 800m and 1500m, Oscar has been a staple of the senior team this year. He's trained really hard and has been rewarded with some impressive PBs, including a 2:06 in the 800m and a 9:35 in the 3000m. He's also just run the Half Marathon this weekend, so his legs may be a little stiff!

Charlie Rogers: Similarly to Oscar, Charlie has worked hard at 800m and 1500m while also training for the Half Marathon. Form has improved, as have times. He really impressed me during a killer 20 x 400m sprint session with his cheerful tenacity. A really positive influence in the team.

James Long and Tristan Lywood: Both these Ridgemount Fifth Formers have been working relentlessly at their javelin this term. Tristan also has a very good arm in discus, and though he's yet to master the technique, gets some pretty impressive distances largely through brute force! James is more refined, and gracefully launches his javelin well over 35m at times. They've both been very important to our Inters team.

Owen Mock and Monty Hardcastle: A terrific Coe/Ovett rivalry has developed between these two, who are both very adept middle-distance runners but also have that rare ability to be able to turn their hand pretty successfully to any athletics discipline. In the 400m, their times have tumbled down to the 54-second mark, while in the 800m they've both hovered around 2:12. They've turned up to pretty much every training session and have given everything.

Excellent commitment from both. Interestingly, they both share the same weakness in going out too hard – if they can rein that in, who knows what next year could hold?



Arron Lewis out front

Arron Lewis: A genuinely talented young athlete in a number of disciplines, Arron has shown determination and real commitment this term, giving up almost all his Saturdays to tour the country. His sprinting form has come on hugely, and he's managed to chip away at his times over the course of the term. He's also a very useful javelin thrower and shot putter. The Third Form team would have been significantly weaker without him

Olivia Papaioannou: The epitome of gritty determination, Olivia has not, according to my records, missed a single session (unless she had an exam). A talented all-round athlete, Olivia has turned her attention largely to middle- and long-distance track running, concentrating on the 400m and 800m. She leaves it all on the track. Hugely inspiring to the younger girls and a cornerstone of girls' athletics at Shrewsbury.

Immy Evans: A graceful longer-distance runner who has concentrated largely on 800m and 1500m this term, Immy nevertheless has some real gas when she wants to use it and has been a very important member of a really successful junior girls' 4 x 100m team this term. Her track times have gradually been chipped away at and she's learned quite a bit about race tactics too. Definitely one to watch in the next couple of years.



Immy Evans collecting the baton from Eleanor Fox

Claire Richards: When it comes to athletics, Claire pretty much has it all (unless you ask her to run a 1500m). She's strong, she's fast and she's got great technique, especially in the long jump pit where she's seen real success this term. Another who turns up to just about every training event going, she's shown real leadership among these junior girls and is someone the Third Form can turn to for inspiration as well as advice.



Claire Richards

I sensed that everyone who was at Sports Day enjoyed cheering their friends and house on. The ice-cream seller was very happy with the amount of business coming his way and the cake tent did brisk business for the Shewsy.



The Members' Enclosure

A big thank you to Mr Haworth for organising such a great spectacle and well done to all the athletes. I share your pain! It was also fantastic for the winning athletes to receive their prizes from two of the nation's favourite competitors from earlier in the last century. Martin 'Tracknometry' Cropper and Mike 'I inspired Brendan Foster' Tonks.



Owen Mock receiving his trophy

I will finish with a few relevant thoughts from the day!

- It is always tough running in lane 8 as you can feel a bit of an outsider.
- Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat!
- The Paralympics are considering introducing a new event for the follicly challenged called balderdash!
- I noticed one or two angry sprinters seemed to be making a mad dash for the line.
- People who are good runners often get good jobs because they have a good track record.

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Richard Hillary Essay Medal

Friday 26 June 2015

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Michael Simmons (DB 1950-55), one of the architects of the Richard Hillary Essay Medal Competition, visited the School last week and met this year's winner of the Competition, Loren Kell.



Sir Michael qualified as a pilot while he was still a pupil at the School and went on to have a highly distinguished career with the RAF, flying Canberras, Buccaneers and Tornados. Sir Michael's passion for flying was partly inspired by the wartime experiences of another Salopian pilot, Richard Hillary (Ch 1931-36).

Richard Hillary was called up to the Royal Air Force in October 1939. He joined 603 Squadron as a Spitfire pilot and moved with them from Scotland to join the Battle of Britain on 27th August 1940. Within a week Hillary had shot down five German fighters, but he himself was shot down on 3rd September 1940 and was very badly burned while escaping from his aircraft.

Hillary was badly disfigured and never regained full use of his hands. He wrote the story of his experiences, *The Last Enemy*, which is widely regarded as one of the best books to have emerged from World War Two. He convinced the RAF that he was fit enough to return to flying in November 1942, even though the damage to his hands remained severe. On 8th January 1943 his Bristol Blenheim crashed in Scottish woodland during a night training exercise, and he died aged 23.

Sir Michael Simmons worked closely with Richard Barber (SH 1955-60 and former Salopian Club President), the School and the Salopian Club to create a new and fitting memorial at Shrewsbury School in his honour. The annual Richard Hillary Essay Medal Competition for Sixth Formers was first introduced in 2013. It is modelled on the historic competition undertaken to select Fellows of All Souls College, Oxford and gives those who have volunteered to take part the opportunity to spend two hours writing an essay on a one-word title.

This year's essay title was 'Power' and the competition was judged by Dr Mark Wormald, Fellow in English and Senior Tutor at Pembroke College, Cambridge. In his Examiner's Report, Dr

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Wormald commented that among the strongest of this year's entries "there were seven who made it into the last round, all of them at or over the Cambridge first class threshold I'm used to spotting; four more were very close to that border..."

"... The clear winner of this year's Richard Hillary Prize is Loren Kell... It began by confronting the uncanny asymmetry of the weighting of the word – pow-er', and developed into as bold and defiant an exploration of its implications as the title deserved, moving in three absorbing, unsettling and powerful lines from the sound energy released 'in the slight scratch of my pen' to its absorption, in the walls and objects surrounding the writer, and then in the reader, imagined 'as you slightly sway or twitch while reading this'. I felt skewered. From the art and biology of courting in nature (Darwin's work on the expression of the emotions in man and the animals came to mind) to the social and cultural constraints endured by literature's most powerful women, and from the power of the language of music sung by black slaves on the cotton fields, this essay evoked the power of art, culture and communities through the sustained restless power of its author's own words. Many congratulations to her."



The Bumps Charts online

Friday 26 June 2015

A lasting legacy to the School by Ed Carroll (Ch UVI).

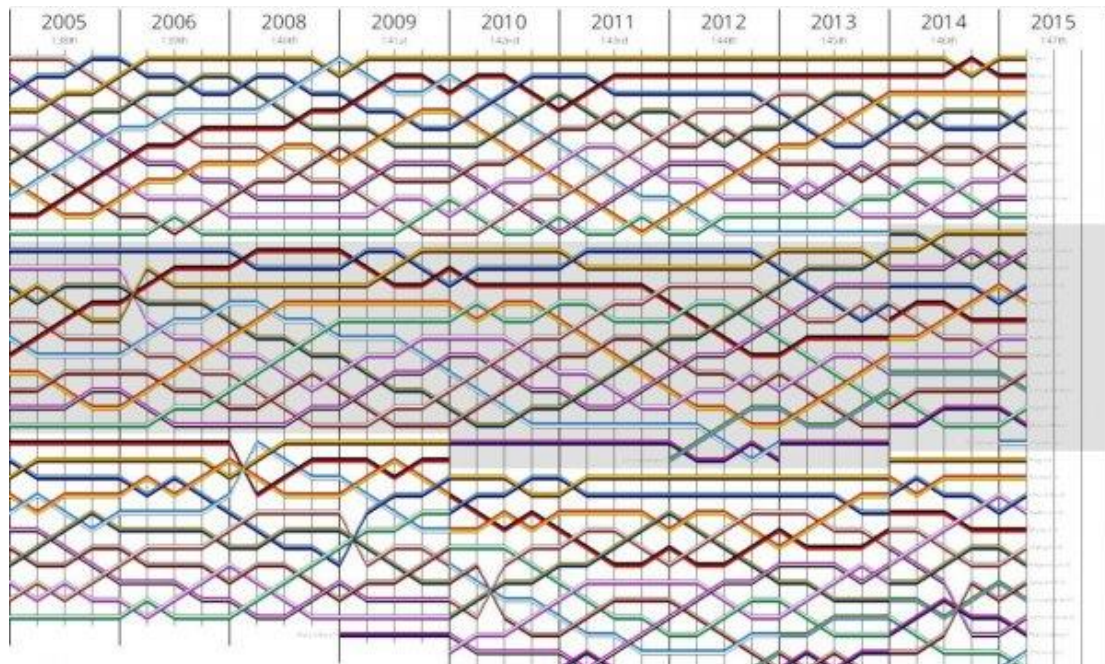
As we reach the last few days of the Summer Term and Top Common is transformed once more into a scene reminiscent of a medieval jousting tournament, the stretch of river below the School undergoes a similarly colourful transformation over three afternoons, with the climax of the inter-house rowing competitions – the Bumping Races, or ‘Bumpers’.

With three divisions and up to 13 boats racing in each – all sporting their House colours – the lining up process at the start of each race, with 30 metres of water between each boat, is a spectacle in itself – and a major feat of organisation by Master-in-Charge Rob Wilson. When the starter’s hooter sounds and the cavalcade of boats sets off, chasing each other down the river, the frenzy of excitement both on the water and on the riverbanks frequently becomes – particularly for the novice spectator – utter and glorious chaos.

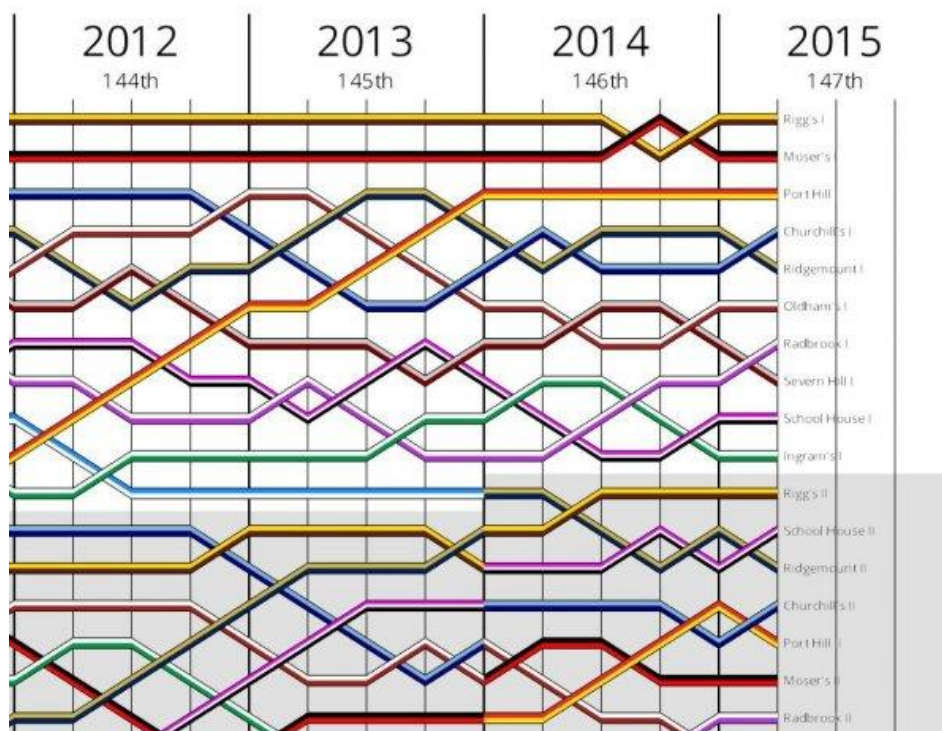


Unlike in a ‘normal’ first past the post or timed race, the full account of what exactly has just happened and who has bumped whom takes a little time to piece together, involving Umpires observing each boat and and, on occasion, serious deliberations by the ‘Impartial Committee’. The official results are eagerly anticipated, determining as they do the line-up for the next day’s racing.

And it is at this point that another glory of Bumpers emerges: the Bumps Charts.



At a first glance, the multi-coloured criss-crossing jumble of lines may appear to be even more bewildering than the races they record. But a second closer look – and a realisation that each line represents a boat in its House colours – reveals that, instead, they impose a calm sense of order and clarity. The frantic splashing and straining at the oars and hoarse shouts from excited Housemasters as one boat ‘bumps’ another is translated into a simple, elegant upwards-sloping line for the victorious boat crossing over an equally elegant but downwards-sloping line representing the disappointed ‘bumped’ crew.





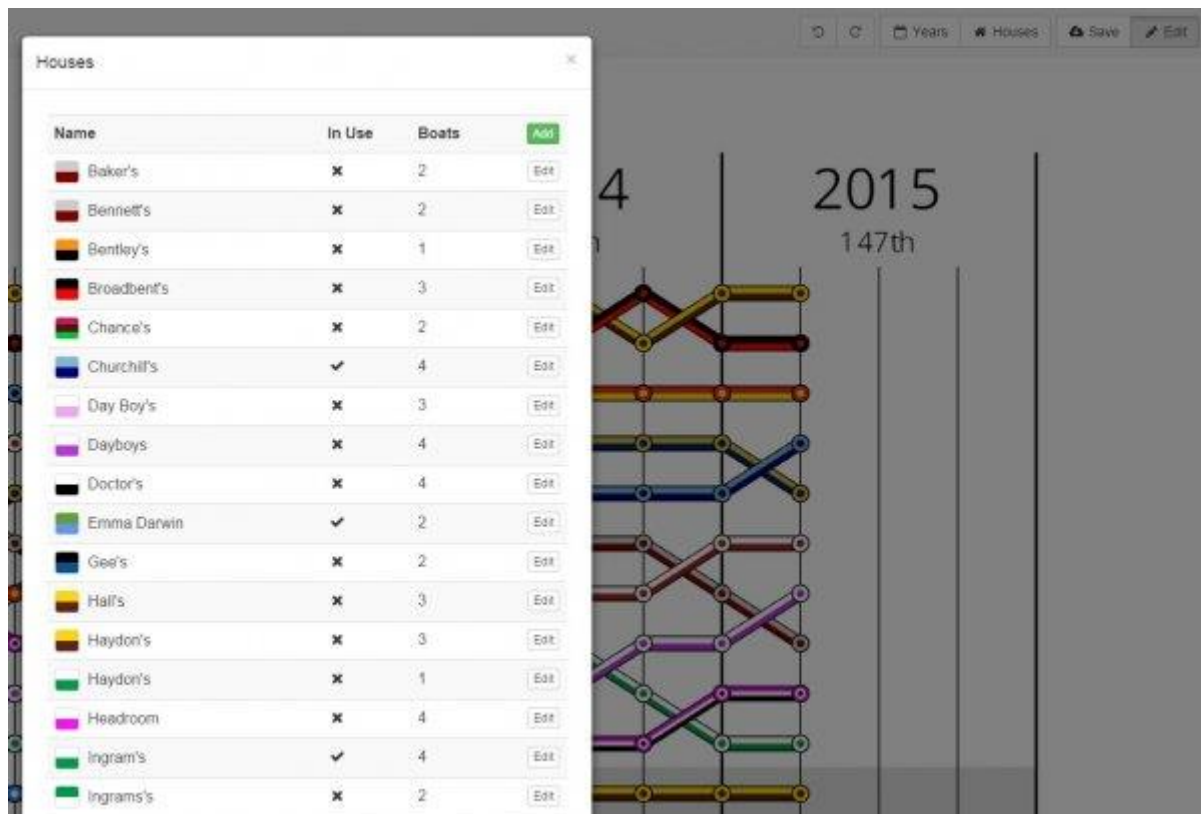
Ed has also formed a new a capella singing group this year, the Burney Singers

Hand-drawn charts dating back to the very first Bumpers in 1867 adorn the walls of the Boat House. But in 2010, the first electronically generated charts were published – thanks to the computing skills of Ed Carroll (Ch), who was at that time still only a Third Former. As both a self-confessed computer ‘nerd’ and an enthusiastic and successful cox, Ed had been asked by Rob Wilson if he thought it would be possible to write a computer program that could generate a Bumps chart. It was; and it was also the start of a project that Ed has painstakingly developed and refined over each of the five years he has been at the School.

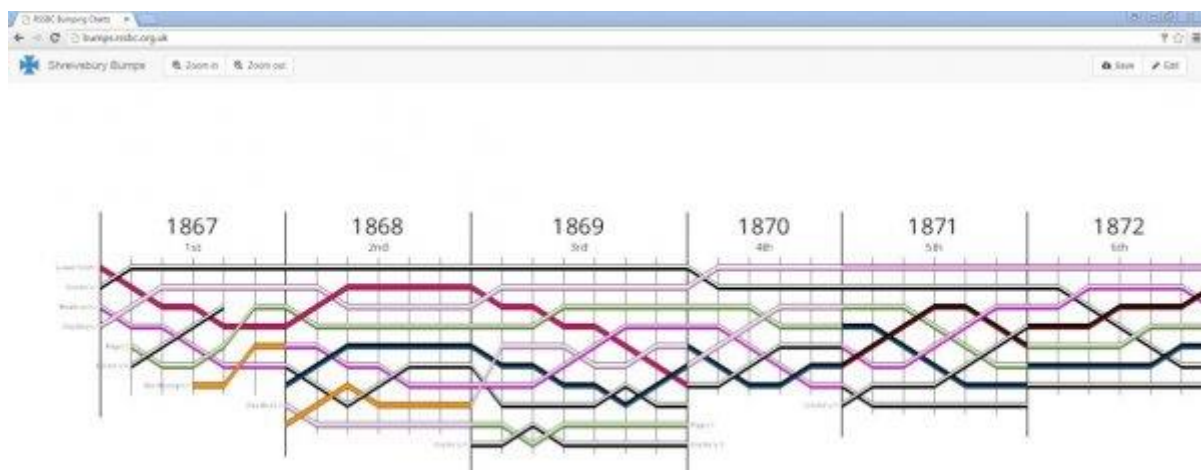
Having begun as a program that could generate the Bumps charts for the current year, Ed has rewritten it from scratch each year, constantly refining and improving it in response to feedback from users and as his own technical knowledge of computer programming grew.

Ed is now in the Upper Sixth and has an offer from Oriel College, Oxford to study Computer Science. His highly sophisticated, yet elegant final version of the Bumps chart program has been the focus of his A-level Computing project this year.

Shrewsbury's Head of ICT, Paul Kaye, explains 'the science bit': "The program runs on Ed's webserver using a MEAN stack. The code is built on the Angular JS JavaScript MVC framework. The graphics programming writes 3D instructions directly to the graphics processor using OpenGL. The end-user operates the program through any modern web browser. The interface is entirely graphical and allows the user to record Bumps results in the pictorial format known as a Bumps Chart. The program is flexible enough to allow any changes such as new House entry, for example the new girls' Houses. It can also cope with any of the idiosyncratic historical variations dating back to 1867."



Fellow Sixth Former Dan Lo (SH) has assisted Ed with the huge task of inputting data from the sometimes almost indecipherable old Bumps charts in order to create one continuous whole. So now, for the first time, the entire Bumps chart dating back to 1867 can be viewed online, explored and pored over. It is a fascinating and beautiful visual record not only of the history of Bumpers, but also of the School, as new Houses appear on the chart or change names through the years.



And as a working document that can be used long after Ed moves on from the School, it is a lasting legacy.

The Bumps Chart may be viewed here: <http://bumps.rssbc.org.uk/>



Rigg's make Bumpers history

Friday 26 June 2015

Rigg's have not only dominated this year's Bumping Races, winning all three divisions, but have now made history by achieving the Headship for a seventh successive year - a feat unprecedented in the School's history. The following report is by Rob Wilson, Master in Charge of Bumpers, and also includes a link to an email sent to all Riggite Rowers by their extremely proud Housemaster.



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To read Rigg's Housemaster Peter Middleton's proud congratulatory email to the Rigg's crews, see [Dear Riggite Rowers...](#)





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Dear Riggite Rowers... - an email from Mr Middleton

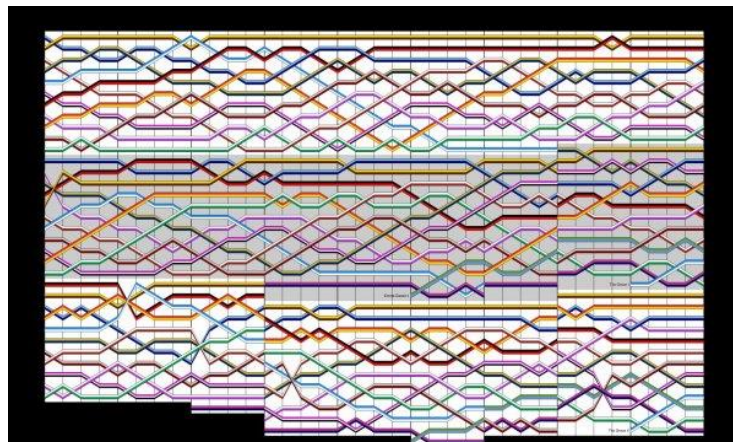
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Dear Riggite rowers,

My voice has just about returned to normal after three days of Bumps support, and my heart rate has now returned to more normal levels, beating not with the nervous energy of the final three days of term but now beating with elation and the most incredible pride. I talked on Speech Day about the passion, determination, grit and pride that Riggites seem to possess in abundance and suggested that everyone would see this that afternoon on the river. You did just that, rowing with incredible guts and passion delivering an astonishing and historic set of victories. In the 147 years of Bumping races, no house has been Head of all three divisions two years in a row so you made history on Saturday alongside extending an incredible run at the top as Head of the River for 7 years in a row.

It is doubtful that any house will ever be able to match that so for those of you who have rowed in that top division, you can be extremely proud of all you have achieved in being a part of that run of success. In particular, to my departing U6th heroic oarsman Elliot, Hugo and Charlie, you have played a huge role over the past years in producing these outstanding results, defying the odds on so many occasions in delivering bumps and row-overs that needed you to push beyond the limits. You did just that again on Saturday in holding off the Moser's crew. I feel sure that your legacy - and the legacy of those that have gone before you - will be in instilling that house pride and passion in the younger rowers who will seek to do as you have done and continue the success.

I am a firm believer in the old mantra 'success breeds success' and we have that in Rigg's. What is fascinating is that prior to 2006, the last time Rigg's were Head of the River was in 1965. Since 2006 on the first day of the 139th Bumping Races, we have only left that top position twice, once at the end of 2008 when they ceded the Head of the River trophy to The Grove (a controversial award I believe...), and last year when we lost out to Moser's in the penultimate round, though of course we regained the Headship on Speech Day.



Bumps Chart 2006-2015



Mr Wilson writes in his report that “Rigg’s have quite simply dominated bumps for the last 10 years - a record that will take a long time to be beaten” (or, I would argue, will never be beaten!). You may be interested in having a look at the Bumps chart attached which shows the last 10 years of racing (bumps not held in 2007 due to flooding). Perhaps most impressive is that Rigg’s have been head of all three divisions on four separate occasions in the last seven years (2009; 2012; 2014; 2015).

If you are interested in delving even further back in history (and get bored during this ridiculously long holiday) you may find the link below interesting which documents the bumps charts all the way back to the very first years (note that our second best winning run was the four-year streak at the Head of the River from 1882-1885):

<http://bumps.rssbc.co.uk>

I am enormously proud of your achievements in the Bumps; don’t underestimate just how significant your achievement is- rowing over in every single race of every single division has also never been achieved before. You have played a part in making history at Shrewsbury School and helped breed a culture of success, pride and passion in Rigg’s. The planning for 2016 Bumps begins...

Wishing you all a very restful summer break as you bask not only in the sunshine but in the glory of your victories!

PJM



Leavers' Concert 2015

Friday 26 June 2015

A review by Martin Knox of a memorable evening.

Nothing quite marks the passage of time like the annual Leavers' Concert, for the echoes of the New Boys' evening (as it then was) have no sooner died away than we find the same performers on stage to bid goodbye. In the case of Sixth Form entrants, they seem to have been here but a matter of weeks. In that short time, however, they not only learn a great deal, but they perform – frequently and rewardingly, none more so than the ubiquitous Henrike Legner, whose singing and playing have been such a feature of recent concerts. She led the way on Monday last with a reprise of her soprano solo in Bach's "Jauchzet Gott", first performed with the String Ensemble at the Wigmore Hall in March. As before, in this and two further Baroque items, there was some confident, stylish singing and playing.

Charlie Davis and Finn MacCormack were joined by JFM for a pleasing example of chamber music, the sonata for clarinet, cello, and piano by Brahms, which was followed by a saxophone solo (about time we had one) from James Plaut, who has not let his year as Head of School stop him developing his musical talent.

There was more saxophony in the second half, when a quartet (of whom only Alex Bird is leaving) played an arrangement of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. The different moods of the piece were captured in a beautifully blended performance. The supply of wind groups of varying size, but uniform excellence, seems to be inexhaustible. We also heard Dominic Dootson at the piano in Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, played with a delicate touch and a fine sense of the arching structure of the movement.

The rise of singing has often been noted in recent times and there were offerings from Harry Al-Adwani, Teddy Briggs, Ed Carroll, and Jess Walker, all of whom reached out to the audience and created a sense of theatre – and not a microphone to be seen! Full marks to the Music Department for encouraging real singing. Harry is going on to take a leading role on the London stage, well deserved. In addition to the solo numbers, three of the performers came together for an extra item, in which Ed Carroll's baritone was heard to particular advantage.

Dan Lo gave us a rare opportunity to hear the Maidment Building organ, before the leader of the school orchestra, Calvin Chan, stepped up for a solo item, a Chaconne by Tomaso Vitali. It was obviously composed as an opportunity for display and Calvin threw himself into it with all the confidence which he has developed over the year. One could even sense that he blossomed within the performance, as he became more animated with every trill brought off. The audience responded rapturously to Calvin's bravura finale. He was to be heard again in the mellow composition for string ensemble with which the concert ended.

It was farewell, too, to one who may reasonably be described as the finest musician ever to have attended Shrewsbury. Much praise has been heaped on Galin Ganchev over the past five years, all of it merited. Great has been the sense of wonder in audiences large and small at his scintillating technique; his profound musicianship has brought tears to many an eye. He signed off with a Humoresque by a fellow Bulgarian, Pancho Vladigerov, which only the most accomplished could attempt. Much use was made of the top end of the keyboard, with intermittent cascading to the other extreme. It sounded at times as if the composer had wilfully

created an obstacle course to trap the soloist. Galin emerged unscathed, effortlessly, it seemed, though it cannot have been.

After the concert and the general congratulations which followed, Galin was presented with a large portrait of himself by Jane Robbins, an unprecedented gesture by the Music Department, honouring a special talent. In time to come, people may read this and wonder what the fuss was about. To them I repeat what I wrote in 2011: “You will think that I exaggerate. You should have been there”. Those fortunate enough to have been there in the intervening years will know what I mean.



End of the year

Friday 26 June 2015



Moser's Hall 2015: Celebrating the end of a difficult year!



The news 100 years ago: 26th June - 2nd July 1915

Friday 26 June 2015

25th June 1915. As the 1st and 2nd VIII set off for the Henley Royal Regatta 2015, it is particularly poignant to read about Private Hughes, who rowed at Henley in both 1912 and 1913 but was killed in France on 27th June 1915, aged 19. He is one of four Old Salopians killed during World War 1 during this week 100 years ago.

This week we remember:

Private Christopher Tatham Davy Hughes, 13045, 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Baker's (now Severn Hill), left in 1913. The Salopian records: "At Shrewsbury he made many friends and will be remembered for his genial outlook on life, his vigour and his excellence as stroke of the first VIII. He rowed at Henley both in 1912 and 1913 and on those occasions, as always, was unsparing of himself".

He enlisted in the K.S.L.I. with so many of his schoolfellows in September, 1914, and died in hospital in France from shell wounds received a few days previously in France, 27 June 1915, aged 19.

Buried at Le Treport Military Cemetery, France. Plot 2. Row F. Grave 5A.

Lieutenant Arthur Frederick Halstead, 15th Bn. Rifle Brigade.

Moser's, he had 'unforgettable personal charm'. He left in 1912 to become a Chartered Accountant; enlisted in the Rifle Brigade in August, 1914, promoted 2nd Lieut. and later Temp. Lieut.

Killed in action in Gallipoli, 28 June 1915, aged 22.

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 196.

Second Lieutenant George Eimer Locket, 3rd Bn. attd. 1st Bn. Suffolk Regiment.

School House, left in 1907 after only a few terms, to go to Clifton for purposes of health. He studied engineering at the Central Technical College, South Kensington, joined the Public School Bn., was gazetted 2nd Lieut. In the 3rd Suffolks in October, 1914, was drafted out to France in May, 1915, and attached to the 1st Bn. as Signalling Officer. The Salopian records that "being responsible for the communications between the trenches and battalion headquarters, he reorganised the telephone system; and it was while endeavouring to locate a broken wire, that he was shot on the night of June 28th, and died in a few minutes. His C.O writes that he did 'excellent work. He was on duty right up to the end. He lived in our Headquarters mess, and we all deeply feel his loss as a comrade and a good soldier'."

Killed in action in Belgium, 28 June 1915, aged 24.

Buried at Ridge Wood Military Cemetery, Belgium. Grave I. E. 2.

Lieutenant, Edward Guy Melland, Cheshire Regiment attd. West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

Born in New Zealand and educated at Dunedin and Oamaru before joining Shrewsbury.

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Killed in action, shot by a sniper in Flanders, Belgium, 1 July 1915, aged 26

Buried at New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Grave III. D. 17.

In the news 100 years ago, Munitions Act becomes law, through which emergency legislation Government control over the production of munitions for the war was tightened by suspending the trade unions' right to strike for the duration of the war. Its impact was debatable, since no other country suffered as many strikes during the war as Britain!

The British advance up the Euphrates.



Inter-House Athletics

Saturday 27 June 2015



Felix shortly after take-off



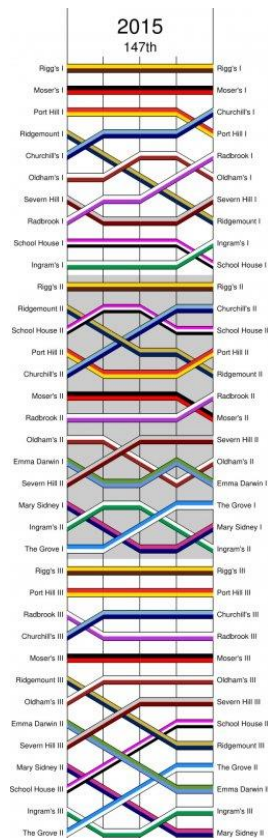
Moser's comfortably lead the 20-man relay

The 147th Bumping Races – Final Day

Saturday 27 June 2015



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Rigg's II

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division 1

Ch bpd PH

Rb bpd O

S bpd Rt

I bpd SH

Division 2

PH bpd Rt

Rb bpd M

O bpd EDH

MSH bpd I

Division 3

none



Rigg's III, PH III and Ch III



Sports Day report

Monday 29 June 2015

By Ian Haworth, Master in Charge of Athletics

With temperatures climbing into the mid-20s at times on Tuesday 23rd June, conditions were very pleasant for spectators but not necessarily ideal for the competitors in the School's fourth Sports Day since it was resurrected in 2012. The ice-cream vendor did a roaring trade (a hugely popular addition, it seems) as the sun beat down on the track for most of the afternoon. Considering the toughness of the conditions – especially for the longer distances like 800m and 1500m – the performances on the day were very impressive indeed, and a number of School records were broken. It can be quite daunting to stand up and represent your house with the whole School watching, especially if (and this was often the case) the event is entirely new to you. Nevertheless the atmosphere of cheerful enthusiasm and a general ethos of 'pitching in' for the team made for an extremely enjoyable event.

In the **Junior Boys' event**, a terrific rivalry between the two sprinters Matthew Brinkley (PH) and Arron Lewis (SH) was settled in the 100m narrowly in favour of Matthew, who took gold in a time of 12.2 seconds, before going on to take another gold in the 200m in 25.6 seconds. Both have performed really well for the School in a number of fixtures this term and have worked hard on their technique.

Arron showed what a versatile athlete he is by taking gold in the Javelin with a record-breaking distance of 33.25m. In the 300m, Henry Ludlam (R) managed to hold off Charlie Ockleston (O) to take gold, but he was unable to defend a strong position in the 800m from Harry Remnant (Ch), who equalled Monty Hardcastle's Junior record with a time of 2:16.0 (a time that left me rueing his decision to play cricket this term instead of doing athletics! What might have been...). In the 1500m, Toby Pegge (PH) and Ben Henderson (S) – both keen Hunt runners who'll be going out to Kenya and Ethiopia to train at altitude in October – battled it out for supremacy, with Toby pulling away in the final bend to win seven seconds clear in 5:03.0.

In the field, Jack Lockett (Ch) smashed the Junior Triple Jump record with 10.17m, while George Faulkner (Rt) narrowly missed out on breaking the Long Jump record by 5cm with his gold-medal-winning jump. The High Jump was won by that man again Matthew Brinkley, who like Arron Lewis was able to demonstrate real versatility with a jump of 1.55m. Henry Ludlam claimed his second gold of the afternoon in the Discus with a very impressive throw of 24.36m, while in the Shot, Reuben Denison (SH) managed to just pip Ian Lam (R) by two centimetres to take gold with 9.05m.

In the climax of the afternoon on the track, the 4 x 100m, School House asserted their dominance with a very swift 51.37s (their heat time of 51.25s was a Junior record), three seconds ahead of their closest rivals, Port Hill. With this victory, School House were able to take the Junior House trophy just one point ahead of Rigg's Hall.

The Junior Victor Ludorum – calculated according to the individual who managed to score the most points for his house – was deservedly won by Matthew Brinkley for his three gold medals and a silver in the 4 x 100m.

In the **Junior Girls' event** – our first ever, indeed – the three girls' houses of Mary Sidney, Emma Darwin and The Grove all battled it out for supremacy, but in reality one house began to

dominate really quite quickly. On the track, four out of the five individual races (100m, 200m, 300m, 800m and 1500m) were won by girls from The Grove. Daisy McMullen and Claire Richards (both of The Grove) took joint in the 100m as the place judges and timekeepers were unable to split them at the finish, both clocking 13.44s. (We have not yet made the technological leap of introducing a photo finish, but these two athletes have made a pretty strong case for doing so next year!)

In the 200m, Claire Richards again showed off her speed to win in 28.5s, while in the 300m Eleanor Fox (G) beat her housemate Tara Swords to take gold in 45.75s. Immy Evans (G) rounded off what has been a tremendous track season for her this term, with a very strong display in the 800m, winning in an astonishingly quick time of 2:36 (which I believe is her personal best), ahead of Sophia Dixon (MSH) in 2:43. In the 1500m, Sophia managed to prevent a Grove whitewash and get her own back on Immy, beating her by three seconds to take the top spot in 5:48.

In the field, The Grove again showed a dominant display (having, Mrs Weston and Mrs Peak will be keen to point out, quite an advantage in being the only girls' house with a Fourth Form). Claire Richards took her third gold medal of the afternoon in the Long Jump with an excellent effort of 4.53m, while Nina Lange (G) managed to make 9.70m in the Triple Jump, almost two metres ahead of her closest rival, Tilly Reynolds (MSH).

Eleanor Fox (G) took her second gold of the day in the High Jump, clearing 1.35m. Lizzie Ware (MSH) obliterated the opposition in the Javelin, with a tremendous throw of 27.90m (where's she been hiding?!), almost 13m ahead of the nearest challenger, Octavia Riggall (G). Abi Watkinson (G) showed very good technique in the Shot and Discus to take gold in both, with distances of 6.94m and 17.60m respectively.

The much-anticipated 4 x 100m race was won (perhaps unsurprisingly, given their track performances earlier in the afternoon) by The Grove in 54.2, while Emma Darwin and Mary Sidney battled away for silver, with Emma Darwin managing to take it by one second in 61:7s. The Junior Victrix Ludorum went to Claire Richards for her three gold medals and her part in the winning 4 x 100m team.

In the **Inter Boys**, Charlie Tait-Harris (S) made a strong early bid for the Vctor Ludorum with the fastest 100m time of the day for his age group (11.5s), but was unable to match that speed in the final and instead had to cede first place to Harry Gregson (Rb) who won in 11.81s. A similar picture emerged in the 200m, with Charlie once again running the fastest time of the heats (24.31s) but was beaten by a full two seconds in the final by Nifemi Okusanya (SH) in 23.37s (a personal best, I believe), who had fresher legs having not contested the 100m.

In the 400m, Owen Mock (R) showed his strength in this (his favourite) event, running a time of 55.7s. The 800m was won by Scott Hatton (S) who, though he's been out for most of the season injured, showed he's not lost much speed, with a time of 2:12. The 1500m saw Will Hayward (R) get his own back on Scott (who'd forced him into second in the 800m) by pulling several seconds clear to win in 4:43.1 with a typically gritty run, while Scott could only manage bronze behind Matthew Hedges (Rb).

The field, however, is where the most stellar performances happened in this age group. Angus Drummond (O) managed to claim gold in the Long Jump, with an incredible effort of 5.73m, smashing the Inters record and well ahead of his nearest rival Johnny Blackshear (I) (who nevertheless managed a very strong jump of 5.25m).



Angus went on to take silver in the High Jump, behind Jack Ashworth (S) who won with a jump of 1.60m. In the Triple Jump, Reuben Arkwright (O) took more points for Oldham's with his winning jump of 11.90m, which set another Inters record, beating fellow Oldhamite Gene Ratanadaros's effort of last year by 13cm.

James Long asserted his supremacy in the Javelin with a throw of 37.8m (another personal best, though not quite an Inters record, falling short of Ivan Sanin's (G) effort of 38.6m set back in 2012). In the Shot, Donald Hickey won with 9.91m, while Matthew Clay broke another record with his Discus throw of 29.46, almost a metre ahead of the previous record.

In the Relays, School House fielded an exceptionally strong team and managed to beat their own record set last year, winning in a blistering time of 47.56. The Inters Victor Ludorum went to Angus Drummond for his Long Jump gold, his High Jump silver and his part in the Oldham's 4 x 100m bronze-medal-winning team. The Inters House trophy was claimed by Severn Hill, just one point ahead of Oldham's.

In the **Senior Girls**, The Grove were unable to replicate the supremacy they'd shown in the Juniors, and in this event things were much tighter. Phoebe Ling (MSH) took the 100m title in 15.44s, while Pasci Goddard (G) managed to break away from the others in the home straight of the 200m to win by three seconds in 30.81. The 400m was won comfortably by Alona Belousova (EDH) to take Emma Darwin's first gold medal of the afternoon, but Pasci Goddard showed great versatility on the track by going on to win both the 800m (in 2:37 – a new Senior Girls' record) and the 1500m on the back of her earlier 200m.

In the field, Alona Belousova took her second gold of the day in the High Jump, clearing 1.30m, while Amy Mobley (EDH) jumped 3.99m in the Long Jump to take first. Lyann Yeung (G) managed to take gold in the triple with an effort of 7.56m.

In the throwing events, Emma Darwin Hall showed a dominant display, winning two gold medals and three silver medals across the three events. Natasha Tudor's (EDH) record-breaking throw of 6.67m won her the Shot, ahead of Loren Kell (EDH), while Emily Skelton (EDH) took first place in the Javelin with her distance of 17.70m. Molly Beharrell (MSH) managed to stop Emma Darwin making a clean sweep of the throwing events by posting a winning distance of 18.85m in the Discus.

The 4 x 100m relay proved a very tight affair, with just 1.2 seconds separating the three houses, but Emma Darwin proved too strong in the final leg and took a deserved win ahead of the Grove, with MSH taking bronze. Pasci Goddard's three gold medals on the track earned her the Senior Girls' Victrix Ludorum, which made a huge contribution to The Grove's overall House win by ten points over Mary Sidney, with Emma Darwin 40 points behind that taking third spot.

The **Senior Boys' event** saw the climax of a two-year rivalry between Tom Knight (Rb) and James Plaut (S) for bragging rights in the sprint events, and the honours this time were shared as Tom took the 100m title (and a new School record) in 11.0s, 0.3s ahead of James. Tom didn't contest the 200m and James was able to romp home in 22.94s (nibbling away at his own record of last year by 0.01 seconds), exactly a second ahead of Sam Mitchell (Rb), who showed remarkable freshness considering that he'd run the Shrewsbury Half Marathon only two days before! Undeterred, Sam claimed the gold in the 400m – his preferred event – with a time of 54.75s ahead of Charlie Godman (M) in 57.86s. Oscar Dickins (R) showed what a good track season he's been having with two great performances in the 800m and 1500m, winning in times of 2:12.0 and 4:45.9 respectively.



In the field, Gene Ratanadaros (O) must have had something pretty special for breakfast. He broke the Triple Jump record by exactly one metre, winning with a jump of 12.60m, before going on to set another record in the Long Jump – his distance of 6.03m was a full 65cm ahead of Alex Styles' record of 2012. Tom Knight managed to claim another gold medal in the High Jump by clearing 1.60m, while his fellow housemate Sam Hill took further points for his house by winning the Shot Put with a throw of 9.03m.

Tom Flowers took the only gold medal of the day for Ingram's by winning the Javelin with a throw of 36.30m, and Anton Nelson – whose struggles with an injury meant he was unable to compete on the track – made up for this with a deserved win in the Discus with a throw of 25.22m. The 4 x 100m – the last event of the day – was an exceptional display of team sprinting, and Severn Hill gave something of a masterclass in smooth change-overs to take gold in a new record of 46.25 seconds, just three tenths ahead of Radbrook.

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The Senior Boys' House trophy went to Radbrook, winning by 15 points ahead of Severn Hill. It was to be Severn Hill who had the last laugh, however, as they claimed the Tisdall Trophy – signalling their victory across all age groups with the highest combined points total of 329, sixteen points ahead of School House in second.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants for contributing to what was such an enjoyable and successful occasion, completed in a great spirit of friendly rivalry and which also saw some really impressive athletic prowess. I'd also like to thank the legions of teachers and other staff – with particular gratitude to Mrs Moeller and Mr Moore – for their very hard work in making sure this event ran smoothly.

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Saracens Through to Cricketer Cup Quarter Finals

Monday 29 June 2015

The Saracens win a closely contested match against last year's beaten finalists to progress through to the quarter finals.



The Saracens progressed through to the quarter finals of the Cricketer Cup after a tense match against a strong Bradfield Waifs side on Sunday 28th June.

Saracens batted first after winning the toss and the opening pair of Henry Lewis and Jack Brydon scored at a run a ball in an opening partnership of 56. Ed Pollock, fresh from his 227 not out scored for Herefordshire against Shropshire the previous week, made 57 in quick time and was ably supported by a watchful Lewis who made 64.

Brief cameos from Chapman (23), Cox (17) and Gregson (19) pushed the Saracens towards a challenging total and at 227/5 they seemed well poised, but a flurry of wickets saw them bowled out for 250 with 4 balls to spare.

In reply, Bradfield lost their first wicket off a run out on the first legitimate ball of the innings, before Darby and the dangerous Gumbs added 72 in double quick time. When Darby fell for 57



in the 21st over with the score on 119, Bradfield were well placed especially with Hampshire professional Hamza Riazuddin at the crease.

Supported by Rishton and then Gaffney, Riazuddin rebuilt the innings but when he was 7th out for 40 after having a rush of blood to the head by charging down the wicket to Henry Blofield, 38 runs were still need from 27 balls.

Two more wickets went quickly but the last pair had other thoughts, adding 21 for the final wicket. When Lezaic holed out to Blofield off the bowling of Lewis, only 12 runs were needed and 3 balls remained.

It was a fascinating game of ebbs and flows and skipper Tom Cox managed his meagre bowling resources well, but he hopes that he can call upon a stronger side at St Edwards, Oxford on July 12th.

The full [score card can be found here](#).



OS Fundraising Cycling Challenge

Monday 29 June 2015

Two young OS fundraisers set off to cycle the Atlantic coast of France.



OS Toby Lansdell and James Warburg, both PH 09-14, are currently undertaking a fund-raising cycle ride of some 1,100 miles (i.e. further than Land's End to John O'Groats) down the Atlantic coast of France. They are riding to support a local Shrewsbury charity called Build It International who do great work in Zambia, by training local people to build schools and clinics. You can [find out more about Build It here.](#)

The boys set off on Friday 26th June and expect the journey to take them about three and a half weeks. Over the course of the first Saturday and Sunday alone they cycled more than 150 miles. Temperatures are expected to reach 35 degrees in the next couple of days!

We wish the boys well and invite you to support them. Here are the links to their 'Just Giving' pages where there is more info on what they are attempting.

Toby: <https://www.justgiving.com/Toby-Lansdell/>

James: <https://www.justgiving.com/jamesandtobycyclefrance/>

Saracens vs. School Second XI 26th June

Monday 29 June 2015

Shrewsbury Saracens vs Shrewsbury School 2nd XI - Match Report



A strong Shrewsbury Saracens side arrived at School to take on the Shrewsbury School 2nd XI on an overcast looking day. With the old boys winning the toss and electing to bat first, they looked in trouble losing two wickets early on, with Jamie Bird failing to trouble the scorers.

George Hanmer and Harry Croft led the recovery before both falling in their forties and at lunch the game was finely balanced with the Saracens on 117 – 5 at the midway point. However, a superb 93 from Steve Barnard put the Saracens firmly in control. Thanks to an additional 40 not out from Henry Blofield, the Saracens were able to post an imposing 303 off their 40 overs.

The School started their innings well, with Paul Sharp playing some fluid shots to keep the School above the run rate. However, Paddy Lynch-Staunton bowled extremely well to limit the school to 60 – 3 at tea.

Unfortunately at this point, the rain descended and a delay of around an hour meant the school now chased a revised total of 222 from 30 overs. The school, under the pressure of chasing a large total, began to lose wickets quickly. Henry Blofield was the pick of the bowlers and took an excellent five wickets with the school finishing on 102 all out.

It was an enjoyable day and always good fun to talk to the current Salopians. We very much look forward to next year.

Paul Nichols

New Cricket Scoreboard

Monday 29 June 2015

On Speech Day, 28th June 2015 the Shrewsbury School Foundation unveiled a plaque honouring a most generous gift from Edmund Palmer (R 1955-60) that enabled Shrewsbury School to purchase a new cricket scoreboard.

Shrewsbury School is most grateful to Edmund for his continued generosity and support.





Sports Day 2015

Monday 29 June 2015

With temperatures climbing into the mid-20s at times on Tuesday 23rd June, conditions were very pleasant for spectators but not necessarily ideal for the competitors in the School's fourth Sports Day since it was resurrected in 2012. Nevertheless, the performances on the day were very impressive indeed, and a number of School records were broken. The atmosphere of cheerful enthusiasm and a general ethos of 'pitching in' for the team made for an extremely enjoyable event.





To read the full report of the afternoon's proceedings by Ian Haworth, Master in Charge of Athletics, please see: [Sports Day 2015 - full report](#)
Athletics is also the focus of [Giles Bell's Team of the Week](#).

The main trophy winners are listed below.

In the Junior Boys' event, School House took the **Junior House Trophy** just one point ahead of Rigg's Hall.

The **Junior Victor Ludorum** – calculated according to the individual who managed to score the most points for his house – was deservedly won by Matthew Brinkley (SH) for gold medals in the 100m, 200m and Javelin (with a record-breaking distance of 33.25m) and a silver in the 4 x 100m.

The **Junior Victrix Ludorum** went to Claire Richards (G) for her three gold medals in the 100m (joint with Daisy McMullen), 200m and the Long Jump and her part in 'The Grove's winning 4 x 100m team.

The **Inters Victor Ludorum** went to Angus Drummond for his Long Jump gold, his High Jump silver and his part in the Oldham's 4 x 100m bronze-medal-winning team.

The **Inters House Trophy** was claimed by Severn Hill, just one point ahead of Oldham's. Pascale Goddard's three gold medals on the track (200m, 800m – setting a new Senior Girls' record – and 1500m) earned her the **Senior Girls' Victrix Ludorum**, which made a huge contribution to The Grove's overall House win.

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Tennis news

Tuesday 30 June 2015

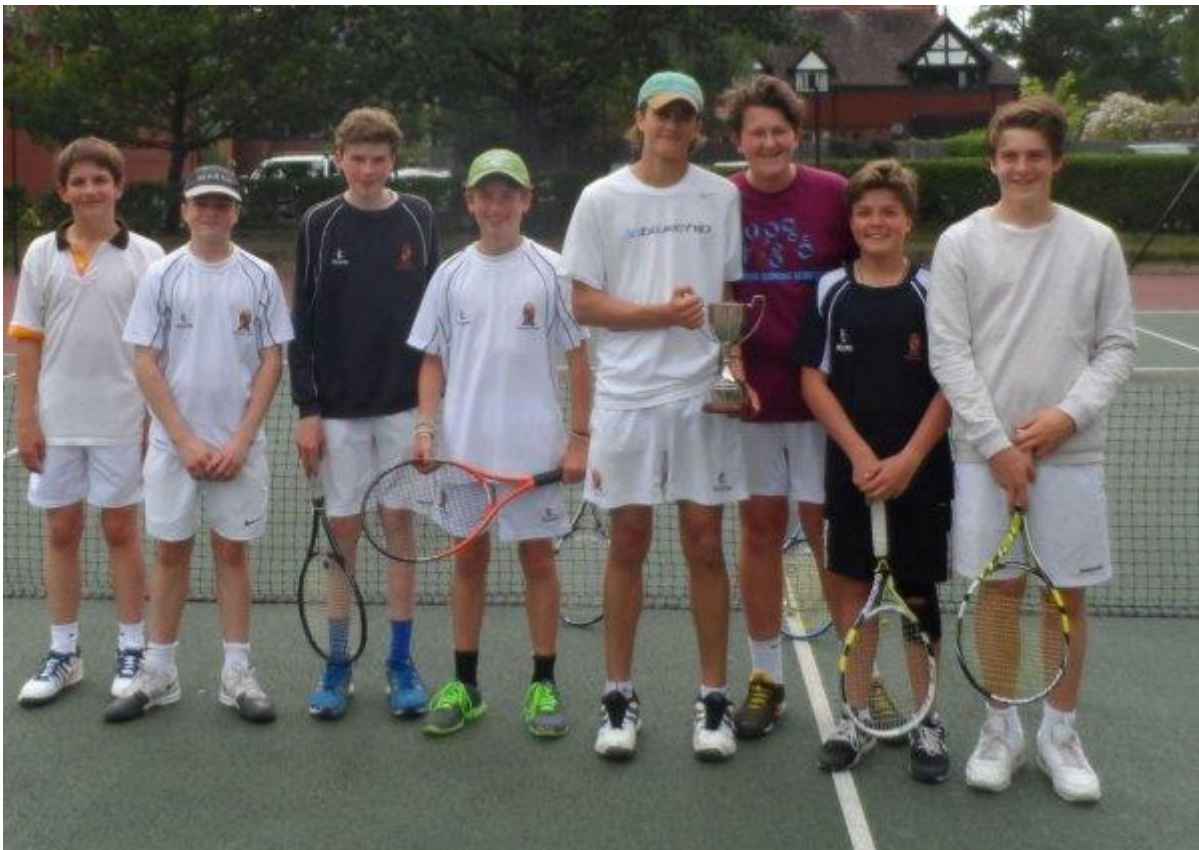
The most successful pair for the first VI this year were Charlie Davis (PH UVI) (coach's player of the year) and Ollie Pumphrey (O UVI) and deserving of a special mention is Alex Loumidis (Rt 3) who has won both the U15 and U18 school tennis tournaments, beating Lucas Paul (Rb IV) in one final and Charlie Davis in the other. Alex has also played in all the 1st VI matches this year.

The most successful school tennis team this year was the U15A team, who registered excellent wins against Ellesmere, Uppingham, Malvern, Warwick and Cheltenham.

Nina Lange (G 3) and Tilly Reynolds (MSH 3) deserve a mention for winning the Rugby U15 Girls' Tournament and for getting to the semi-finals of the Midlands U18 Girls' Tournament.

Player of the year was Charlie Davis, who played with tenacity and full commitment. Next year's captain of tennis is Jack Fox (PH LVI).

Junior first is awarded to Alex Webb for his superb play in both the Third and Forth Forms.



Ridgemount's Junior tennis team

School House boys featured during Salopian Week concerts

Tuesday 30 June 2015

True to form, the School House musicians were well represented in the Summer Festival that took place in the big marquee on Top Common.



L-R: Hugo Richardson (guitar and vocals), Will Hargreaves (keyboard and vocals) and Brook Plumptre (drums)

Will Hargreaves (UVI) helped to organise the Concert of Light Popular Music on Wednesday 24th June, in which he performed along with Hugo Richardson, Julian Chesshire and Brook Plumptre.

'Headlining' the evening, they did a couple of excellent sets; their talent and energy was transmitted to the crowd, which rapidly doubled in size and took to the dance floor when they arrived on stage.



Harry Al-Adwani singing with the Symphony Orchestra

On Friday 26th June, Harry Al-Adwani (UVI), Jamie Nugent (UVI) and Alfred Mitchell (LVI) were in the limelight, singing stunning solos with the School's Symphony Orchestra.