



The news 100 years ago: 3rd - 9th June 1916

Thursday 2 June 2016

Three Salopians were killed in World War 1 this week 100 years ago.

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander George Stuart, 40th Pathans, I.A. and G.S.O.I.

Churchill's, left in 1890 for Trinity, Dublin. *The Salopian* comments "his contemporaries will remember him, somewhat frail in body, but with the spirit and qualities of a true Irishman and deservedly popular with all who knew him". He received his first appointment to the Royal Scots in 1893, was gazetted Captain in 1900, transferred to the Indian Army in 1904 and was promoted Captain in 1912. He held Staff appointments in India (Medal and clasp), and after the outbreak of war was mentioned in dispatches for gallant and distinguished service.

Killed in action in Belgium, 4th June 1916 aged 43.

Buried at Westouter Churchyard and Extension, Belgium. Grave II. F. 6.

Captain Leslie Woodroffe MC, 14th Bn. attd. 8th Bn. Rifle Brigade

Master from 1909, with a 1st in Mods. and a 2nd in Lit. Hum. from University College, Oxford. He took a keen interest in the OTC (Captain) and had been at the Front for a considerable time, gaining the MC at Hooge.

From *The Salopian*: "Few men of his age had a larger circle of acquaintances, and it may truly be said of him that all his acquaintances were friends... It is no surprise to us that at Hooge, where he won the Military Cross, he was as calm as if on parade in the stress of that disastrous day... His keen interest in all that concerned the life of others... won for him his unique place in our affections. It is impossible to imagine a better friend, or a more loyal servant to this School, and the thought of how well he was known and loved here cannot but be some consolidation to a family which has to mourn for three sons whose lives have been given for their country."

Died of wounds in France, 4th June 1916.

Buried at Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Grave I. J. 66.

Private John Furlow McConnell Sergeant, 20660, 10th Bn. Canadian Infantry

Ingram's, 2nd VIII colours, a nephew of the Housemaster, he left in 1910 to go to Canada. He enlisted at the outbreak of war.

Killed in action in Belgium, 5th June 1916 aged 23.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 24 - 28 - 30.



Party time in School House as we celebrated the last day of lessons for the Upper Sixth and unveiled our new crest!

Friday 3 June 2016

The last Friday before the Exeat saw the Upper Sixth dress up in their old prep school uniforms and head off to their last ever lessons. As is traditional at this important milestone, we hosted a lavish black-tie dinner for the leavers and their parents. However, there was a major bonus in store this year, which will become part of the history of School House for its future generations: our own crest and Latin motto.



Our new crest in pride of place in the School House Hall

The design for the crest and the motto have been over a year in the planning and there was major input from several of the boys, especially Dan Lo, who left last year to study at Oxford. The shield features our House colours, the date we were founded and motifs from the Shrewsbury School crest. It reflects the history of School House as the original purpose-built boarding house when the School moved to the current site and the Headmaster was the Housemaster. "Scally", the house nickname is integrated into the crown at the top. The Latin motto was chosen to echo the ethos of School House: *Ubi Concordia, Ibi Victoria*. This can be translated as "where there is harmony (or unity), there is success".

The beautiful work was made possible thanks to a very generous donation from the parents of one of the outgoing Upper Sixth, who wish to remain anonymous.



The House Hall set up for the Leavers' Supper

A message from Mr Besterman to the Upper Sixth leavers

The past few years have been a lot of fun, largely thanks to your antics. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you as a group of lads with immense talent and charisma. Through sport, music, drama and a whole host of other things academic and extracurricular, you represent the all-rounders typical of School House.

You all have great potential to go out and make a success of your lives in whatever you decide to do. You are charming, independent and distinctive young men, and you have shown that you are more than ready to leave school and move on to the next phase of your lives. Of these attributes, it is being charming that has saved you on many occasions!

Please continue to use your influence and intellect to be kind and supportive to others. A happy and caring environment in School House is more important to me than all the silverware in our trophy cabinet! You can be proud of the role that you have played in helping to maintain our House ethos and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support.

Ubi Concordia, Ibi Victoria!



The Leavers' High Table

As is customary at the Leavers' Supper, I couldn't let the boys go without a speech to reflect on a small selection of their defining moments. The occasion, whilst certainly a celebration, is also traditionally my opportunity to reveal a few anecdotes that the boys may have hoped had been forgotten! It's safe to say that I managed to unearth a few nuggets, which will not be printed here...

HRDB



Some nervous laughter during the speech...



The Leavers on the roof of School House; another tradition for their last day at school



Athletics v King Edward's School Birmingham

Sunday 5 June 2016

Our traditional annual fixture against KES Birmingham proved once again to be an enjoyable day of friendly rivalry on both track and field.

According to BBC Weather, our annual match against KES Birmingham on 21st May should never have taken place, since it was due to rain persistently all afternoon. Thankfully it was proved totally wrong, not for the first (or, presumably, last) time, and we were able to compete in dry conditions, the predicted rain only materialising as we got on the coach to go home. This fixture is always good fun and has a flavour of old-school traditionalism about it, with the school's cinder track and the friendly, informal atmosphere provided by the KES staff, who've always welcomed us very warmly. Apparently this may be the last time we compete on this track, with a new tartan track very much in the pipeline for next year.

The fixture has generally been closely competed between the two schools, with Shrewsbury generally having the better of the track, and KES tending to dominate in the field. Among the Juniors this proved again to be the case to some extent, though our superiority on the track was much more marginal and indeed in the sprints, KES had the better of us. Good performances were put in from Roman Khidirbekov (SH) and Bilal Khan (I) in the shot, though, taking 1st and 2nd places. Honours were more or less shared in the jumps, but we lost convincingly in the discus and javelin. On the track, Tom Jackson (R) ran very well in the middle distance events to take first place in both the 800m and 1500m, while Nathan Day (Rb) ran well in the 400m to come 2nd. Overall though we were beaten fairly convincingly in this age group by 81 points to 55.

In the Inter boys age group, there were some excellent individual performances though again KES showed real strength in depth here and beat us overall by 33 points. Some excellent performances on the track by the likes of Monty Hardcastle (I), who's in terrific form at the moment, and Charlie Johns (I) saw us take a lot of points in the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m. Our field events let us down a bit here though, and while Arron Lewis threw very well in the javelin and shot to take 2nd place in each, we lacked a bit of strength in depth here and were soundly beaten.

In the seniors, things were much more even and the traditional pattern of track dominance was apparent. Wins in every single track event barring the hurdles (where Reuben Arkwright still managed 2nd, despite never having really done it before) was a fantastic achievement. Charlie Tait-Harris (S) shone in both the 100m and 1500m, taking gold in both, and Sam Mitchell (Rb) won both the 200m and 400m. Scott Hatton (S) and Harris Huntsman (R) were able to take the top two positions in the 800m, and the 4 x 100m relay team managed a strong win as well. In the field, there were strong wins for Reuben Arkwright (O) in both the Long Jump and Triple Jump, and for James Long in the Javelin. Overall honours were split here, with 83 points each.

A very enjoyable day of athletics was had by all, and it was great to keep this friendly rivalry with one of our local competitors going. Hopefully we'll be able to reassert our position on a new track next year! Well done to all who competed.

IPH



Why I'm running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon

Monday 6 June 2016

Among the runners donning 'Team Shrewsbury School' vests for the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon on Sunday 19th June will be Jenna Middleton, wife of Rigg's Housemaster and Master-in-Charge of the Hunt Peter Middleton, and mother of three young girls.



First of all, thanks to Mrs Weston for suggesting my name to write an article about why my journey to the start line of the Shrewsbury Half Marathon might be something that would interest anyone! I had naïvely assumed it was my husband who had put my name forward, until Mrs Weston owned up.

I first started running aged 11 when my parents moved us over to Portugal for a few years. Cross-country was a big sport at the school there and the teachers thought I might be good at it. I wasn't too bad and enjoyed running in the sweltering heat there. However moving back to Scotland when I was 13, my "love" for running somewhat disappeared. Almost certainly that had a lot to do with the weather!

I eventually started running again about ten years ago when I was working in A&E and managed, with the encouragement of a friend, to do the Edinburgh Half Marathon in 2006. We made it round in a respectable time after finishing an A&E shift the night before at 11pm and then going straight back to work at 2pm, about two hours after running across the finishing line.

During those early training days, Peter and I did attempt one training run together. However, he proceeded to jog backwards in an attempt to "give me some encouragement". That was the first and last time we ran together for ten years!

Over the past eight years, I have had a rather extended hiatus from running. Three children later and I finally felt like it might be time to start attempting to run again. When Mrs Weston came



up with the idea of a Women's Running Club here on site at the School, I was inspired once again to give running a go. I am grateful to Peter for managing to look after our girls for that hour once a week; not an easy task, given the demanding nature of our third child who I could hear screaming every time I left the house to go for that run!



I would love to say that my heart-strings were pulled back to help, but in reality I was skipping gleefully out of the house with a smile on my face! I think perhaps that is why I have enjoyed running so much this time round – time on my own or with others to chat through things uninterrupted is a distinct rarity in my life!

That first evening run in early January was fairly laborious! I managed 4km of very slow stop-start running over about an hour. But thanks to my coaches (Kait Weston and I suppose I should say Peter too) I have remained injury-free and am now at the point where I feel I can tackle a half marathon again. The pictures were taken a week or so ago at the Mull of Kintyre 10K. It was great to be in a race again!

Having lived on site at the School for the past eight years, it seems only appropriate to be running for the Shrewsbury School team. Peter has been out to Africa and to the [Restart Centre](#) in Kenya three times over the past few years and it has become a very special place for him. We are all hoping to raise the cost of sending one child through the Restart Centre for a year. It is a hugely worthy cause and you will find a little more information in the link below: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JennaMiddleton>

National Schools' Regatta

Tuesday 7 June 2016

The Boat Club took 18 crews to compete at the National Schools' Regatta held on Dorney Lake over the first three days of the half term.



WJ15A Quad

Friday saw four J14 crews and two J15 crews racing in quads and octuples. The warm calm conditions made for fantastic racing along the marquee-lined 1000m course. With spectators cheering on the close racing for the whole length of the course, it was a great experience for the junior boys and girls racing at the London 2012 Olympic venue.



J14A Octuple



WJ14 Octuple

All six crews put in some excellent performances in the highly competitive formats. The highlight of the afternoon was watching the J14A boys and girls both making the A final, putting them in the top six in the country. It was the first time we have had a girls' crew in the A final at the regatta and were delighted with the girls' 5th place finish. The boys went one better, coming in 4th in the final, which included entries from 26 different schools.



J14B Octuple



WJ15G B Quad

On Saturday the older crews got a chance to compete, with most following a similar format of time trials, semi-finals and finals over the full 2000m course. Once again all crews were competitive on the national stage, with many crews making the A final and placing in the top six.



2nd VIII

The highlights were the J16Bs winning bronze medals in their event, along with three other crews getting frustratingly close to medals in 4th place with outstanding rows from the J15As and Bs and the 3rd VIII.



J16B VIII

The 1st VIII had to settle for winning the B final ahead of Abingdon and King's Chester, having narrowly missed out on a place in the A final after a slow start in their semi-final.



1st VIII

On Sunday the Senior Girls got their chance to race in the 1st Quad and came 12th in the time trial. Unfortunately injury struck in the semi-final and the girls were unable to compete in the B final.

The 1st VIII split into two fours with the coxless four putting on a daring attempt to place in the medals, only to get caught in the dying stages and having to settle for sixth.

The coxed four were third in the B final. A coxless four from the J16As came an impressive 5th in their final.



Girls' 1st 4X

Thank you to the catering team who put on a fantastic spread for the rowers and spectators on the Saturday.

Full results can be found at: <http://nsr.regattaresults.co.uk/>

Photos of Shrewsbury crews can be found at: <http://rowingphotography.co.uk/>

ATH

Friday

J14A Octuple 4th

J14B Octuple 4th in C final

WJ14A Octuple 5th

WJ14 Quad 6th in B final

WJ15 A Quad 3rd in D final

WJ15 B Quad won the C final

Saturday

J15A VIII 4th

J15B VIII 4th

WJ15 VIII 7th in B Final

J16A VIII 5th

J16B VIII 3rd

3rd VIII 4th

2nd VIII 8th

1st VIII won the B Final

Sunday

J16 4- 5th

1st 4- 6th

1st 4+ 3rd in B final

Girls 1st 4X did not race in the B final due to injury. They were 12th in the time trial.

U15 XI win T20 County Cup

Tuesday 7 June 2016

Congratulations to the U15A XI, who have won the ESCA T20 County Cup. They now progress to the national rounds of the ESCA T20 competition with a home match against the winners of the Nottinghamshire competition next week.



Playing away against Ellesmere, Shrewsbury won the County Final by 7 runs.

Shrewsbury made 154 for 9 in their innings, Ludo Litchfield (I) scoring 40 and captain Dan Humes (I) scoring 87 runs off just 50 balls, earning him the Man of the Match award. In reply, Ellesmere made 147 for 4.



Victorious captain Dan Humes with the County Cup and his Man of the Match award



Success for the 1st VIII at the Metropolitan Regatta

Wednesday 8 June 2016

Having been bitterly disappointed to have missed out on the A final at the National Schools' Regatta, the 1st VIII were determined to make amends at the Metropolitan Regatta.



The 1st VIII enjoyed the warmth over the half term with a productive training camp on the Henley reach followed by some great racing at the Metropolitan Regatta on Sunday 5th June.

The crew were entered into the Challenge Eights event which saw 60 eights taking part in a time trial, seeded semi-finals and finals. The crews included top crews from around the country including senior clubs and universities.

The 1st VIII produced an impressive and powerful performance to record an excellent ninth place finish out of 60 in the time trial and earn a spot in the A/B semi final. The crew were also the only IM2 eligible crew to make the top 14 and therefore won their event.

In the semi-final, the crew were matched up against the only other junior crew to make the A/B semi-finals from Shiplake College who came 4th in the A final at National Schools. In both the

semi-final and respective B final, both school crews traded blows stroke for stroke down the entire 2000m course. In both races decisive and impressive final pushes from the 1st VIII saw them get the better of Shiplake.

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Tenebrae Gathering at The Savage Club

Wednesday 8 June 2016



Henry Southern (G 03-08) updated us to say that the choir he manages, Tenebrae, performed at the Savage Club on May 20th by invitation of Julian Baker (DB 56-60). As well as Henry and Julian, they were joined by Julian's brother Richard Baker (DB 53-58), Bruce Russell (SH 71-76), a former member of the King's Singers and performer with Tenebrae, Stephen Craigen (I 04-09), accompanying Tenebrae on French Horn, Richard Frewer (M 55-60), Richard Woodgate (Rt 54-59) and Michael Johnson (S 55-60).

Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Wednesday 8 June 2016

This week, the Examinations Team.



At this time of year there seems to be an unhealthy predilection with taking exams. The season starts early in May and ends towards the end of June. Shrewsbury has a rather good reputation at exams and it is a highly inclusive activity. In fact I think I am right in saying that every student at Shrewsbury will at some point get a chance to take an exam. I went to the Alington Hall speak to some lucky examinees to see how much they were looking forward to their afternoon activity.

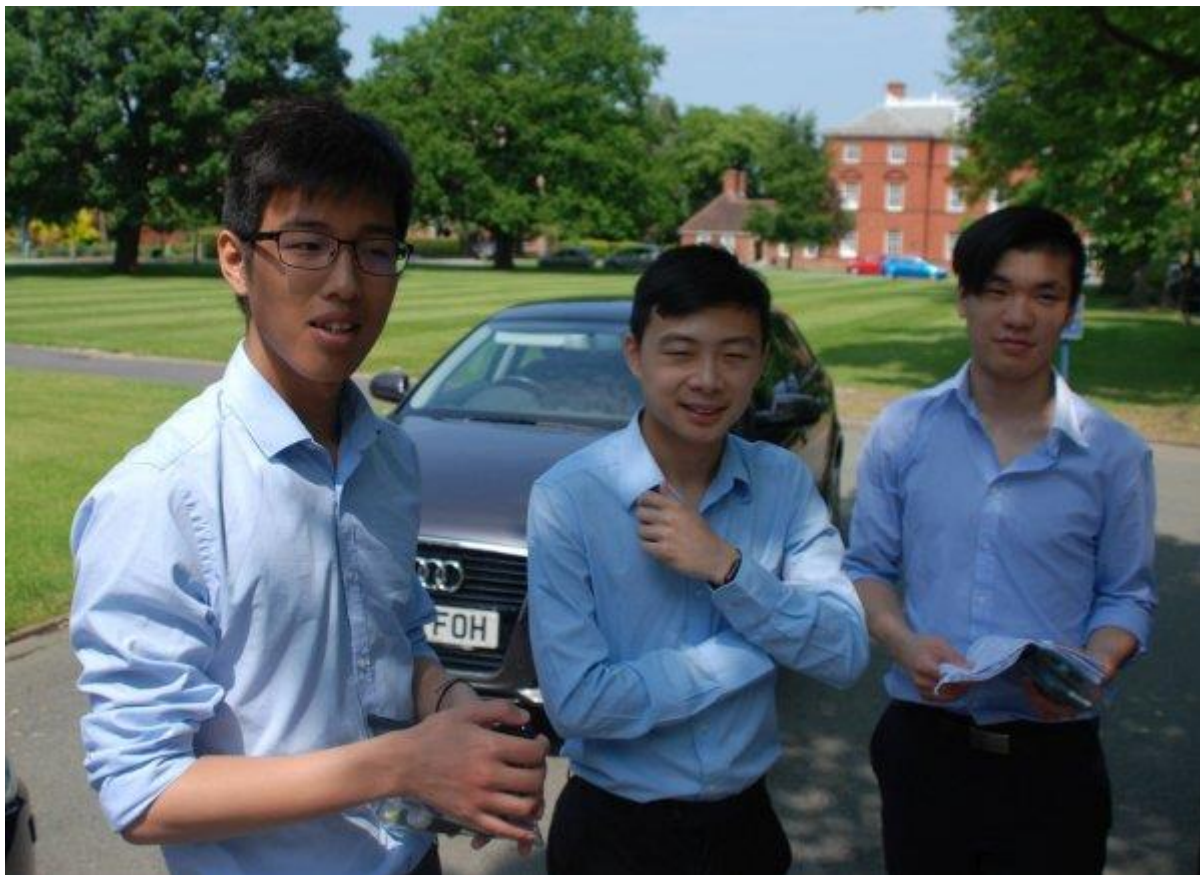


Batool, Sunna and Alex

Alex, Sunna and Batool were really excited about their three-hour Physics exam. Batool told me: “I am ready to do my best in my Physics exam. I am just going to try and enjoy it because once it’s gone, it’s gone.” Batool finds Physics really easy and so just to liven things up she has decided to fast through her exams as she is ‘celebrating’ Ramadan. “It will help the time go faster,” she told me. She insisted that she would break the fast if she needed to, but I sensed that she had no intention of doing so.

Alex told me that he has been preparing both mentally and physically for his Physics exam activity. He revealed that he is now officially tough enough to take on this arduous paper having been well trained by his coaches Dr Burke and Mr Balcombe. He told me that he is thrilled to have been given a chance to complete this challenge. “I am really thrilled at the prospect of being allowed to take this exam,” Alex commented.

Sunna also wanted to pay tribute to the inspirational motivators Burke and Balcombe (known by many as the B team). “They are the greatest,” she told me. Sunna tried to convince me that Physics is fun and when I asked her what she meant by fun she told me that she particularly enjoyed experiments involving fire! Let's hope she doesn't ignite her passions in the exam hall.



Josh Wong (*above centre*) is also taking Physics but he has been finding it difficult to focus on his Physics as he is becoming obsessed by beating his athletic nemesis in the Shrewsbury Half Marathon. “Ever since I saw your marathon medals, Mr Bell, I have wanted to emulate your contributions to World Athletics.”

I am not sure if Josh has worked out that my marathon medals from London 21 and 23 refer to the year of the race rather than my position! You may have read Josh’s excellent article in a previous newsletter on why he is running the Half Marathon (click [here](#) if you haven't read it

yet) and now seems like an excellent time for a sponsorship plug, so please feel free to sponsor him and other top athletes at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GilesBell1>.



Meanwhile in the Gym, Mrs Adams was limbering up for some afternoon internal exam candidates. Mrs Adams has been organising internal exam activities for a while now and she is very good at it. I asked her what was on the agenda for her keen and enthusiastic students and she told me it was PE today. Some of the examinees had already started to arrive for the exam and were weighting outside!



Clare White is in the external exam officer and I found her relaxing with Denise Martin who helps her in their exam den. Clare has done an absolutely fantastic job again this year. The exam season will see precisely 500 pupils sit 225 different exams, with 5,536 individual scripts sent off to the exam boards. (I did say it was an inclusive activity!) I asked Clare if she had ever had any amusing anecdotes or errors and she was unable to think of any – which is probably good news for the Shrewsbury examinees!





Whilst the Shrewsbury pupils enjoy a variety of exams put on for them, it is worth sparing a thought for the invigilators. There are eight specialist invigilators and then most teachers do a stint or two over the exam season. Some people enjoy invigilation as it is a chance to get away from the 'rat race' for an hour or so and contemplate life in a calm environment (assuming the examinees are enjoying their activity). Personally I take great pride in my ability to invigilate. I feel I have all the necessary attributes; I am alive and I can walk. It was a 'lovely' surprise to find an invigilation inspector watching me at work as I helped officiate a recent Maths AS level. I was able to have a chat with the Inspector before the 'activity' began and show him my invigilation walk, which I think he appreciated.

I would like to finish by wishing all our exam candidates the best of luck. (Not that they will need it as they have been so expertly taught.) Above all I would like to pay homage to Clare and her team, who set a calm and unflustered tone within the exam hall that helps every Salopian to give of their very best.

GJFB



Third and Fourth Form end of exam barbecue

Sunday 12 June 2016

With the internal exams (almost) completed and a changeable weather forecast, the scene was perfectly set for a barbecue for the Lower School. Thank you very much to our Senior Tutor, Mr Cooley, for his delicious Michelin-level cuisine and the following write-up of a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

It must be said that barbecues have become ubiquitous even on these shores; we in School House are no fans of just wheeling out the same old routines year after year, particularly since we have 78 minds ever ready to present new and exciting ideas.

One of these ideas was born out of a competition run by KH, the School dining hall, to suggest a new dish for their range. Piers Merison (IV) and Lucas Jones Polanco (IV) had been victorious, nominating barbecued ribs and spit roast duck. I had an inkling, even then, that the latter might not appear in KH but it sounded precisely the sort of thing that should be tried. This barbecue seemed an ideal opportunity. So having contemplated but ultimately rejected the idea of sending the boys down to the river with a large net, we got in touch with a local butcher and ordered a pond of duck.



Mr Cooley at the helm with a few of the victims, plus a spare orange segment...

With a spit courtesy of D&T we set about finishing off the birds over gas in the garden. I have heard rumours that many neighbours and every fox within a 10-mile radius quickly became interested. In the words of the Christmas carol, “quelle est cette odeur agréable ?”

The foxes were going to have to wait, however, as the boys are themselves rather adept at sniffing out a meal: very soon all were gathered in the garden. A number were promptly put to work, cheerfully turning roast duck into shredded roast duck. A hoisin sauce appeared, as did a pile of pancakes and some token cucumber.



Lovely weather for duck(s)

I'm still not entirely sure where all of the above went, but it had disappeared again almost faster than it arrived, replaced by a number of bird-shaped skeletons. I am reasonably certain it was at this point I spotted, somewhere in a nearby shrubbery, a really quite dejected-looking fox. Our boys showed an astonishing lack of sympathy for any vulpine visitors, rounding off with a few sausages and a tub of ice cream.

In summary: School House nine; aquatic fowl nil.



Channelling the spirits of the ducks

The immediate aftermath of supper continued in a fitting theme as, the clouds having failed to provide accordingly, the boys gave their supper a respectful final send-off. It was a busy night for the tumble driers.

Matron tells me there was activity around the bins in the yard overnight. Maybe ultimately a frustrated four-footed friend; maybe a happy ending all round.

SKPC



Cricket: 1st XI match v Malvern ends in a tie

Sunday 12 June 2016

In a game restricted to 35 overs a side due to steady early morning rain in Malvern, two evenly matched sides played out a thrilling tie.

Shrewsbury won the toss and invited Malvern to bat, who made fairly sedate progress on a lively pitch. An 84-run third wicket partnership between Josh White (34) and Mahal Ahmed (51*) was the highlight of innings. The last 5 overs yielded 36 runs as Malvern posted 135-4.

Shrewsbury started confidently as the sun emerged and at the halfway stage needed only 60 runs with 8 wickets in hand. Tight bowling from the Malvern bowlers and a well-set field put the break on Shrewsbury's scoring. In the 11 overs from over 19 to 30, Shrewsbury lost valuable wickets and only managed 16 runs as the required rate went from under 3 to 6 an over. A couple of productive overs saw the target drop to 16 with 3.1 overs to go and 5 wickets in hand.

When Dan Lloyd lobbed a catch to short extra cover on the last ball of Toby Strong's final over, Shrewsbury were under pressure. Just 3 runs off Ahmed's first over further applied the screw, before Malvern captain Josh Haynes brought himself back for the 34th over. A single off the first ball was followed by Byrne being bowled next ball. Shrewsbury's Fifth Former slow left-арmer Tom Brunskill played the next ball back to the bowler, before smashing the ball down the ground. Brunskill turned for two but his captain George Panayi was run out by a direct hit. A single off the last ball enabled Brunskill to keep the strike for the last over.

So to the final over; Shrewsbury were 126-8 with 10 needed. Brunskill stroked the ball down to long on and set off for two, but his partner was run out by another direct hit. Two runs off the second ball then a dot ball meant that 6 runs were needed from 3 balls.

Brunskill then hit both of the next 2 balls for 2, with his partner Pat Jacob easily making his ground at the non-striker's end due to some wayward throws. Three runs were needed off the last ball and with 9 wickets down, all three results were possible. The ball was struck down the ground and the long on fielder had to make some ground to field the ball. The batsmen turned for 2, but once again a wayward throw enabled Jacob to make his ground and an exciting tie was the result.

A great advert for school cricket and a tremendously tense conclusion to the match.

RHM



Saracens Pair Break Record in Cricketer Cup Round One Victory over Felsted Robins

Monday 13 June 2016

The Shrewsbury Saracens booked their place in round 2 of the Cricketer Cup after a fine performance away at Felsted, based around a record-breaking partnership between Ben Chapman (123*) and Ed Pollock (131).

After losing the toss and being inserted the Saracens made 329-4 from their 50 overs, the majority of which were scored by left-handers Chapman (Rt 95-00) and Pollock (I 11-13), who put on 242 for the third wicket. We understand that this is the highest partnership for the 3rd wicket in the competition's history, and the second highest partnership for any wicket (as well as being the highest Saracens partnership). Both played superbly, and the loyal Saracens supporters who had ignored the weather forecast were rewarded with an exhibition of batsmanship.

In reply, after a good start the Robins were tied down by the Saracens spinners and had limped to 155/6 from 34 overs before the worst of the rain came. With no more play possible, the Saracens thereby prevailed on run rate.

The Saracens will now play the Old Alleynians in the second round, away at Dulwich on Sunday 26 June 2016 (11.30 am start). All support will be welcome, as ever.



Why I'm running the Shrewsbury Half Marathon

Thursday 16 June 2016

Lucy Scott (EDH UVI) explains her very personal motivation for running the Half Marathon on Sunday 19th June in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Last year I came out for the Shrewsbury Half Marathon to hand out sweets to the runners on their way past EDH. At the time I thought - as did many others I am sure - 'Next year that will be me. I'll give myself a year to build up my distance and then run the 13 miles.'



Lucy with friends Alona Belousova and Olivia Cherrington

By 6th May 2016 the furthest I had ever run was just over three miles, I had given up all hope of running and was ready with the sweet box. However, on returning home that coach weekend, I was met with the news that my Dad had been diagnosed with chronic heart failure and the prognosis at the time wasn't great. It was an incredibly emotional time and drove me to draw up a training schedule for the Half Marathon with two friends; we had six weeks to get from three to 13 miles.

In the process, we have been raising money for the British Heart Foundation, in particular the 'Mending Broken Hearts Campaign' for those living with heart disease. We have witnessed

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incredible support from family, friends and even strangers. It has been a surreal and eye-opening experience, despite suffering from constant sore limbs and exhaustion.

In less than a week we will be donning our vests and taking to the start line, with all of the family coming down to support as this is the furthest any Scott has ever run, armed with cakes I am sure. I can safely say that as amateurs, the prospect is rather daunting but the promise of further donations upon completion (from the sceptics among us) is motivation enough.

I cannot recommend the Half Marathon enough. It has not been an easy experience, losing much of my body's water content through both sweat and tears, but it is a life-long achievement, made all the more special by being able to raise money for those who may not have experienced the support that has been available to Dad.

If you would like to contribute to our cause or leave any messages of support, our JustGiving page can be found at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alonalucycherry

Lucy Scott (EDH UVI)



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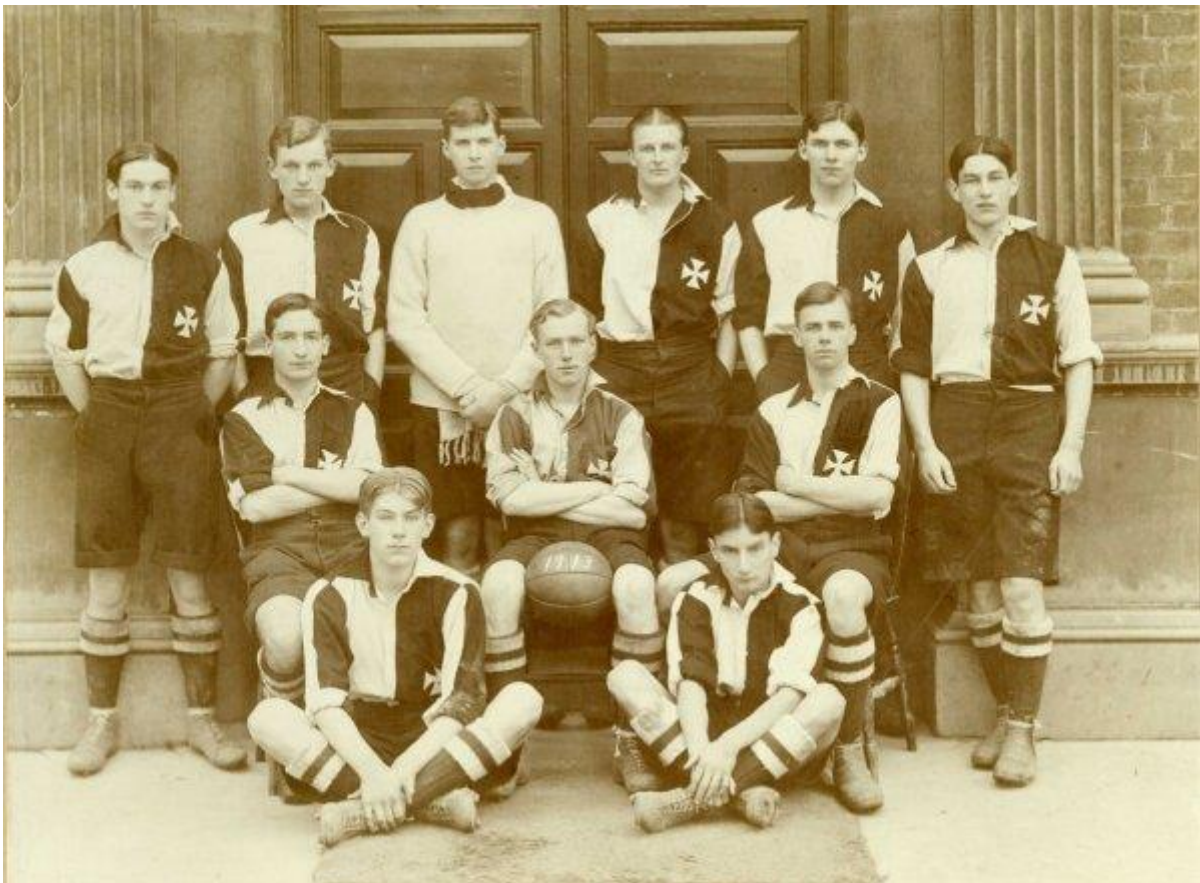
This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Arthur Chaplin Banks, 2nd Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Pickering's (now Churchill's) Head of House and Football 1st XI. He left in 1914 for Sandhurst and was killed in action in France, 22nd June 1916.

His commanding officer wrote, "I have lost one of my most gallant officers, and a born soldier. The enemy blew an enormous mine, followed by a terrific bombardment. They lifted the barrage and made a strong infantry attack. They got a real bad beating. Your son had his platoon up and went for them. He had killed four Germans himself before he was killed, and they were all lying together. I have reported his gallant conduct to my Brigadier."

Buried at Gorre British And Indian Cemetery, France. Grave II. A. 1.



1st XI in 1913 - A.C. Banks is 3rd from the right on the back row

Blessing ceremony for the Shrewsbury International School Hong Kong

Thursday 16 June 2016

A ceremony blessing the construction site of Shrewsbury International School Hong Kong has taken place. It was attended by Governors of Shrewsbury School (UK), the full Governing Body for the new school and members of the Sophonpanich family.



This ceremony is an important event in the construction process of any new building in Hong Kong, to bring good luck and ensure that everything goes well.

The new school is in Tseung Kwan O (Siu Chik Sha) district and will be a co-educational primary school capable of accommodating more than 850 international students aged 5 to 11 years. It is scheduled to open in August 2018.





Cricket: 1st XI v Manchester Grammar School

Sunday 19 June 2016

Saturday's 1st XI match against Manchester Grammar School had to be moved on to our 2nd pitch, as the 1st XI pitch was still waterlogged after a week of torrential rain. Neither side was at full strength due to the pressure of exams, but the weather was - at last - sunny.

Shrewsbury were put in to bat, starting slowly against the swinging ball. The team were pleased to welcome back George Hargrave, who has missed most of the season so far with injury; he made 31. George Panayi celebrated his signing of a full-time professional contract with Warwickshire this week with his best ever score for Shrewsbury (95*). He put on 145 in an unbroken 4th wicket partnership with Jamie Crawley (54*).

MGS started briskly and reached 36 in the 12th over before they lost their first wicket. What happened in the next 11 overs was the most spectacular collapse I have seen in nearly 50 years of playing and watching cricket. From 43/2, MGS lost their last 8 wickets for just 4 runs, as Dan Lloyd (5-7) and George Garrett (4-11) ripped through the middle and late order.

For Shrewsbury, this was a most emphatic victory and one of their largest in many years.

RHM



James Hinwood (Rt IV) wins bronze at English Youth Fencing Championships

Tuesday 21 June 2016

Congratulations to James Hinwood, who last weekend won a well-deserved bronze medal in the English Youth Championships Under-15 Boys' Epee.



More than 750 fencers took part in the Championships, which were held at the Hertfordshire Sports Village de Havilland Campus in Hatfield; 53 epeeists competed in the U15 boys' event.

James won five of his first six poule fights and then won his first direct elimination fight against Will Osbourne (Stourport) 15 - 12. His next direct elimination fight was against Davide Castjon (Escrime Academy) which he won 15 - 14. He then went on to beat Sabastien Brown (Escrime Academy) 15-11.

In the semi finals he met Ben Andrews (Plymouth) but lost this fight 15 -7. Overall this was a top result for James.

Ken Holding, Wrekin Sword

Cricket: U17s win through to national semi-finals

Wednesday 22 June 2016

Congratulations to the U17 XI who beat Bromsgrove yesterday (Shrewsbury 160 for 4, Bromsgrove 77 all out) in the School Sport Magazine National Schools Cricket Cup.

They now progress to the semi-finals and will play Sedbergh away next week.



Shrewsbury staff members win gold at British Rowing Masters Championships

Wednesday 22 June 2016

Congratulations to Rose Manger, Annabel Foulger, Jane King, Jinny Price-Owen and Glen Johnston (cox) who have won gold in the British Rowing Masters Championships at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham on 11th June.



The crew receiving their medals from Anne-Marie Phelps, Chair of British Rowing. From bow: Annabel Foulger, Rose Manger, Jane King, Jinny Price-Owen, Glen Johnston (cox)

Rose Manger is a Learning Support teacher at Shrewsbury. Annabel Foulger, who rowed for her college (Newnham, Cambridge) and has been involved in the sport on and off ever since, is wife of Dr Tim Foulger, Head of Geography. They are coached by Nathan Williams (M 1990-95), who also coaches part-time at the School.

Racing in multi-lanes against five other coxed fours from across the country, they won the final by just 2 seconds from Loughborough Students/Weybridge.

For three of the crew, this is their third gold medal in successive years. (Annabel Foulger could not take past last year, so this is her second.)



Shewsy visit to Shrewsbury School

Thursday 23 June 2016

The link between Shrewsbury House ('the Shewsy') and Shrewsbury School was celebrated with the annual visit of youth club members and staff to Shrewsbury on 11th/12th June. Old friendships were renewed and new ones begun through two days of shared activities and fun – as described by Stephanie Worthington (MSH III), one of the volunteer Third Form Shewsy Ambassadors.



I signed up to the Shewsy weekend to meet new people who come from a variety of backgrounds and enjoy trying some activities. On the first day I got to play some games, then go to a chemistry show where everyone was amazed by the array of smells and explosions, followed by horse riding, a BBQ and a trip to the pub.



My favourite activity was the horse riding as I got to learn things such as grooming and preparing a horse before riding. Then I was able to ride and spend time with the horses. There I was able to bond with some of the Shewsy children and talk about their experiences with horses.



The following day we were able to play bubble football, do some high ropes and do some art in the Art School. My favourite part of the Sunday was the bubble football, as it was a new experience and was very fun to try.

Overall I really enjoyed meeting the Youth Group and managed to make friends who I still keep in touch with. I'm glad I volunteered to help out, as when talking to them it gave me a different perspective of how other children live around the country and I think they really enjoyed visiting us and taking part as well.

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Third Form Battlefields Tour

Thursday 23 June 2016

Lara Gabbitas (EDH III) reports.

On 16th June, Third Form History students visited the WW1 battlefields, almost exactly 100 years after the Battle of the Somme.

After a very early start of 4:30am, we stumbled into the coach and settled in for a long eight-hour journey. After numerous stops and a stiflingly-hot Channel Tunnel, we arrived in Ypres.



Our first activity was a brief visit to the 'In Flanders Field museum'. The various displays made the story of the war easy to follow and absorb. My favourite exhibits were about how the uniforms evolved during the war telling us the different time periods and stages.



The next morning we were on the coach by 9am and headed out of Belgium and into France. We arrived at Ulster Tower and had a tour around Thiepval Woods. We saw the reconstructed trenches, and it was amazing to see the conditions in real life. Some of us had relatives on the Thiepval Memorial and we had a short ceremony there to remember the Old Salopians who fought in the war.



Next we visited the huge Lochnagar Crater, made when allies set off a mine on the hills of the German front lines. Our final stop was Wellington Quarry, used by the Allies to advance on the German front lines close to Arras.

Before heading home on Saturday, we visited Langemark and Tyne Cot cemeteries, taking the chance to look at the thousands of graves of Allied and German soldiers.



Overall I found the trip incredibly moving and it was amazing to see the battlefields for ourselves rather than reading about them. It was tiring and jam-packed, but a fantastic and memorable experience.



Career Best Innings for Ed Barnard

Thursday 23 June 2016



Ed Barnard (PH 12-14) was given his opportunity to shine this week, whilst playing for Worcestershire against Derbyshire, and he took his chance in style, scoring a career best 73 to help bring about a win for Worcestershire.

Ed normally plays further down the batting order at number six but, having been brought in at number three as a nightwatchman, he helped to build an impressive partnership of 146 with Joe Clarke to dig Worcestershire out of a bit of a hole and set them on course to victory.

You can read the [report on the England and Wales Cricket Board website here.](#)



Shrewsbury Half Marathon

Thursday 23 June 2016

Congratulations to the many members of the Salopian community who ran in the Shrewsbury Half Marathon last Sunday - and a huge thank you to everyone who supported them.



Will Hayward and Charlie Tait-Harris passing Shrewsbury School

There were some extremely impressive performances from among the Team Shrewsbury School runners.

Four finished in the top 20:

- 2nd - Peter Middleton (staff) - 1:16:10
- 4th - Will Hayward (R UVI) - 1:20:29
- 9th - Laurie Davis (parent) - 1:21:31
- 13th - Charlie Tait-Harris (S LVI) - 1:24:09

And three were among the top 20 women:

- 5th - Lucie Tait-Harris (parent) - 1:32:56
- 6th - Olivia Papaioannou (EDH UVI) - 1:33:38
- 20th - Jenna Middleton (staff) - 1:42:18



Peter Middleton approaching the finish line and cheered on by Sam Western, winner of this year's Third Form Race



Cricket news round-up

Thursday 23 June 2016

After the frustrations of a wash-out last week, when only the U15B XI managed to play (and win), this week has seen a packed cricket fixture list full of important cup matches and a host of excellent results - including a win for the U15 Girls' XI in the Shropshire Cricket Board Hardball Competition on Friday.



U15 Girls XI - winners of the Shropshire Cricket Board Hardball Competition

Saturday 18th June

The 1st XI won comprehensively against Manchester Grammar School (see [separate report](#)), as did the 2nd XI and the U15A XI.

Monday 20th June

The U15A XI won through to the ESCA Midlands Finals Day, beating Rushcliffe by 129 runs (Shrewsbury 185 for 6, Rushcliffe 56 all out).

The U14A XI won through to their County Final, beating Ellesmere College by 62 runs (Shrewsbury 131 for 6, Ellesmere 69 all out) and advance to the County Final at home.

Tuesday 21st June

The U15 Girls narrowly lost against Horizon College, Barnsley in the National U15 Quarter

Final. A very close match (Shrewsbury 58 for 8 – Horizon 59 for 7 - with 4 balls to spare) and many lessons to learn as our U14s , in yesterday's team, seek to go one better in 2017.

Another win (13 this season) for the U15A XI against Turf Sports Academy from Delhi.

Wednesday 22nd June

The U17 XI won through to the semi-finals of the School Sport Magazine National Schools Cricket Cup, beating Bromsgrove (Shrewsbury 160 for 4, Bromsgrove 77 all out). They will play Sedbergh away on Tuesday 28th June.

Victories also for the U16A v Oswestry 1st XI (Shrewsbury 155 – Oswestry 110) and the 3rd XI v Denstone (Shrewsbury 175 for 8, Denstone 149 for 8).

Thursday 23rd June

The Girls' XI beat Malvern away (Issy Wong 69* and 3-8, Ella Windle 2-16, Georgia Kannreuther 2-9).

Ed Barnard (PH 2012-14 and 1st XI Captain in 2014) now playing for Worcestershire CCC, scored his county career best of 73 against Derbyshire after coming in as nightwatchman. Click [here](#) to read the report on the ECB website.

Friday 24th June

The U15 Girls win the Shropshire Cricket Board Hardball Competition.

Lots to look forward to next week!

Novice IVs

Thursday 23 June 2016



Oldham's Novice IV (well, "V") pictured after the final week. The boys came a solid third overall after some really tight racing. Given a talented group, Mr Wray rotated the crew with Petr and Ali taking turns in the stroke seat.

Thanks go to Mr Wray for his coaching and to George Rowley (UVI) for his bank riding and tips.

Pictured L-R are Ali Davies, James Weir, Petr Rostokin, James Martin, Ben Holehouse with Archie Duckworth (cox) in the foreground.

Next, the Bumps...



The news 100 years ago: 24th - 30th June 1916

Thursday 23 June 2016

This week we remember:

Captain Edward Maurice Gregson, 4th Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Moser's, left in 1906 to become a Surveyor and Mining Engineer. Gazetted to 2nd Lt in 1914 and promoted rapidly, he took part in the fighting at Festubert. He met his death leading a reconnaissance party near Rivière, Arras.

A message to his father from his fellow officers read, 'We are all very proud of him and of all that he did on that night'.

*Killed in action in France, 28th June 1916, aged 27,
Remembered on Arras Memorial, France. Bay 7.*



Oldham's are U15 House cricket champions

Sunday 26 June 2016

Oldham's U15 House Cricket team was victorious in yesterday's final against a much fancied Ridgemount side.

Oldham's posted a sound 87 in this 15-over format, and brilliantly our bowlers limited Ridgemount to 76, with Archie Mobbs taking four wickets, three of which were clean bowled. This is the first time Oldham's has won this title since 1999.

The squad (pictured below) was rewarded, as ever, with pizza on the House. Many of these boys are also playing in the final of House A Leagues cricket this week, having also gone unbeaten all term.



Back row L-R: George Clowes (scorer), James Martin, Charlie Ockleston, Alex Schoelles, Felix Jebb (Capt), Alex Ainslie, Archie Mobbs (Co-Capt), Aaron Clark; Front row L-R: Rory Henderson, Lucas Arkwright, Jac Evans, Ollie Hall, Frank Morris, Max Wilkie; Foreground: Few Horarueng - mascot! Not pictured: Joe Scott



Sabrina Club VIII Make History

Sunday 26 June 2016



Many congratulations to the Sabrina club VIII, who made history on 24th June by qualifying for the Thames Cup at Henley Royal Regatta.

As far as we know this is the first time that Sabrina have qualified an VIII for the regatta, the most recent qualification being a IV back in the 1946!

This is the culmination of over two years of training together for most of the crew.

They will race Fujian Club, from China in the first round of the regatta, racing at 10am on Wednesday 29th June.

Crew:

Stroke - A Hagger (PH 86-91)

7 - J Russell (PH 90-95)

6 - J Shropshire (I 91-96)

5 - P Randall (O 99-02)

4 - J Kynaston (Ch 08-13)

3 - M Walker (M 92-95)

2 - P Wood (M 92-97)

1 - R Homden (Rb 09-14)

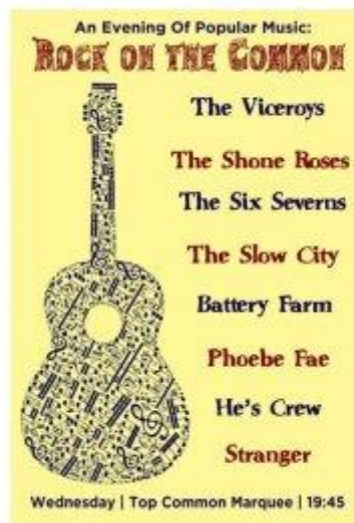
Cox - L Tay (MSH 13-15)

Coach - P Manser (DB 74-79)

An Evening of Popular Music: Rock on the Common

Sunday 26 June 2016

An evening of the very best of Shrewsbury musical talent, 'Rock on the Common' was organised, directed and performed by our own singers and instrumentalists, led by Sixth Formers Rob Shone and Ben Higgins and other members of the Popular Music Society.

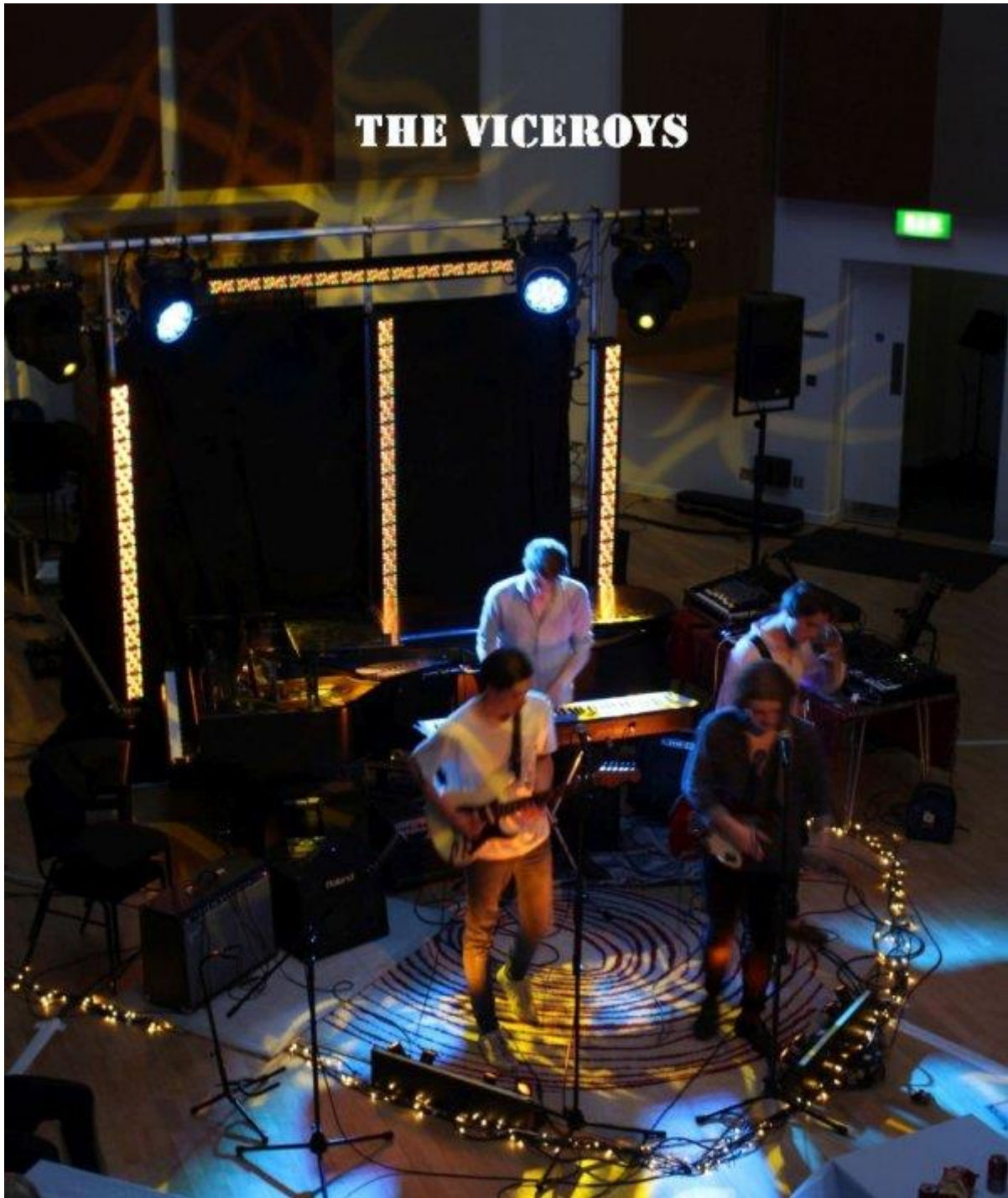


School bands performing included....











School House secure a double victory in the Inter-House Athletics and are crowned Overall Champions

Monday 27 June 2016

On a very enjoyable afternoon of athletics, the Third Form put in several outstanding individual and team performances to successfully defend our Junior title, so the trophy can spend a second year on our mantelpiece. However, it was a whole House effort and the strength of the Intermediate and Senior teams combined with the Junior victory to win School House the Overall trophy.



Just a few of the boys who contributed to the School House victories

The climax of the afternoon for School House was winning the infamous Cannon Relay, which involved 20 boys from each house. The teams comprised at least four boys from each of the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Lower Sixth Forms, so it involves the full age-range. It is a nail-biting and very exciting event, in which ten members of each team stand at opposite ends of a 50m straight; each athlete takes it in turn to sprint to the other end before handing over the baton – the trick is not to drop it! Communication and teamwork is crucial and the triumph reflected our new motto perfectly: “Ubi Concordia, Ibi Victoria”; where there is unity, there is success.

The following photos represent some highlights of the afternoon:



Kwaku Antwi (LVI) demonstrating a textbook baton exchange in the Cannon Relay



School House Cannon Relay team



Mark Pangin (IV) on top of the podium after an outstanding 800m (2.15.0). He followed this with silver in the 1500m.



Louis Street (III) won two golds in field events (discuss 21.52m and cricket ball throw 62.93m). Left: in action with the discus. Right: with his gold medals and the Junior Athletics Trophy



Ladi Okusanya (UVI) cruising to victory in his 100m heat. Unfortunately he then injured himself in the long jump and could not take part in the final, for which he was clear favourite...



...meanwhile, Ladi's younger brother Nifemi (LVI) wins the final of the 200m equalling the school record (22.94s).



Arron Lewis (IV) bringing home the gold medals for the Inters' 4 x 100m relay team. The other three legs were run by Marco Lo (V), Reuben Denison (IV) and Harry Zhang (IV). Arron then went on to win the Javelin with a throw of 36.88m, almost 6m further than the runner-up.



A few of School House's medallists. L-R: Punn Vajrabhaya (III), Roman Khidirbekov (III), Vardan Hambarðzumyan (LVI), Nifemi Okusanya (LVI), Arron Lewis (IV) and Mark Pangin (IV). Roman set a new school record in the Junior Shot Put with a huge throw of 10.37m.



Celebrations in the School House camp as the final results are announced



The day was not just about winning... Tom Tarlton (III) bravely volunteered to run the 1500m after another boy had to drop out at the last minute. This photo was taken on the final straight as Tom finished the race to cheers from the whole School. He “took one for the team” and showed great House spirit.



Euan Cooper (III) clearly enjoying himself in the Cannon Relay



Nifemi getting "in the zone" before his 200m final...



Arron and Kwaku pondering the day's events

Henley Royal Regatta 2016

Tuesday 28 June 2016

The 1st VIII won through to the second round of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta on Wednesday 29th June.



Rowing against Winchester and cheered on by a good crowd of loyal supporters, they won by a length.

Earlier in the morning, an eight representing the Old Salopians' rowing club Sabrina also raced at Henley, the first time an OS crew has qualified for the Royal Regatta since 1946. Competing in the Thames Challenge Cup, they were pitted against the formidable Fujian Club, Chinese National Championships silver medallists.

On Thursday, they School 1st VIII raced in the second round of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup against a very strong Eton crew. Sadly, they came second.



All the action at Henley Royal Regatta can be viewed live on the HRR YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3QNoxWJe-g>



1st XI cricketer George Panayi joins Warwickshire CCC

Tuesday 28 June 2016

Congratulations to George Panayi (Ch UVI), who has been offered (and accepted) professional terms with Warwickshire CCC.

George joins the professional staff with immediate effect on a Development Contract for the remainder of the 2016 season, and he will move to a full contract for one year from 1st October.

He has been an outstanding 1st XI fast bowler and batsman since the Fourth Form.

Last year he played for the England U17 squad against Pakistan in Dubai.





Ironbridge Regatta

Wednesday 29 June 2016

In the final weekend of the term the J15 and J16 squads competed in their last race of the year at Ironbridge Regatta.



J15 VIII

On a testing, meandering course the squads fielded multiple crews in various boat categories, from singles up to eights, often racing against much older and experienced rowers.

On the Saturday over 1000m, the J16 boys raced well to beat a men's crew from City of Oxford in IM2 eights. Tessa Scott-Bell made the final in J15 girls' singles and the J15 boys won the J15 single, quad and novice eights categories.

On the Sunday, the J15 boys returned to race in the sprint regatta over 500m, winning the J15 quads, J15 doubles, IM3 eights and IM2 eights events over the course of the day. Shrewsbury School therefore finished as one of the most successful clubs at the Regatta.

A successful last regatta for many of these rowers, after a season disrupted by much flooding, sees them head off on their summer break now before reconvening in September looking to improve on some of their results from this year.

The J16s will be joining in the top squad and fighting for places in the first and second eights. Meanwhile the J15 boys and girls moving up a year group will start some more advanced land-based training to develop greater strength and fitness.

Well done to all those who raced.

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Sabrina Take on Henley

Wednesday 29 June 2016



The Sabrina VIII put in a fantastic effort, having qualified to Henley for the first time, but an unfortunate draw pitted them against the highly fancied Fujian Club - the silver medalists from the Chinese National Championships. Fujian proved a bit of a handful and they pulled away along the length of the course.

We hope this is a sign of things to come from an improving Sabrina crew, who looked strong and showed excellent form despite the very difficult weather conditions.



Recommended Holiday Reads

Wednesday 29 June 2016

The Library staff have put together a collection of book recommendations, including fiction titles selected by library staff and recommended reading lists from Heads of Faculty.

I wonder how many books students can read in their nine glorious weeks away from school!

To help them choose, the Library staff have produced a Holiday Reads brochure, which is packed full of fiction recommendations and celebrates the Library's fantastic and diverse selection of novels: [Summer Reads 2016](#)

Print copies of this brochure are available in the Library and it can also be found on the newly-created book recommendations page on the School intranet

- <http://intranet.shrewsbury.org.uk/library/book-recommendations-and-reading-lists>.

The very generous summer break also provides a great opportunity for students to read more widely around their school subjects. Heads of Faculty have provided some useful course reading lists which list recommended titles across the school curriculum. All the titles on these lists are specifically chosen to help students prepare for their studies next year. Leavers will also find them useful reading preparation for University.

This year has seen record numbers of students using the Library and we have been delighted to see so many students visit us during the final week of term to borrow piles of books for the summer.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and hope you all find the time to curl up and enjoy some great books.

Jo Elliot, Head Librarian



Law Group professional insight events

Wednesday 29 June 2016

The Careers Fellow has been working with a group of pupils with an interest in law, to establish a programme of activities that will broaden and deepen their knowledge of the profession.

This term has included trips to Chester Crown Court, hosted by an Old Salopian barrister, and to a local firm of solicitors. In the Michaelmas term there will be a Bar Mock Trial competition culminating in a trial held at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

Although currently mainly Sixth Formers, we hope to see members from all school years participating in future events.

Lower Sixth Law Group Careers Event - by Darcy Smith (MSH LVI)

On 8th June, we went to Chester Crown Court. The trip was for those interested in reading law at university, in order to gain some insight into the law in practice.

We met with Mark Connor (OS), who was the prosecuting barrister on the case, and we sat in Court 2 and watched a trial involving a young man who had been accused of rape. We watched the closing speeches of both the defence and prosecution barristers, followed by the summing up of the evidence by the judge.

The day was absolutely fascinating. Watching how barristers use their advocacy skills to portray their case first hand was captivating. The insight that it gave me into how the legal system works was invaluable and has cemented my decision that a legal career is one that I wish to pursue.



L to R: Stefan Hart, Ben Oswald, Peter Stanley, Nifemi Okusanya, Morgan Butler, Sumaiya Quraishi, Darcy Smith, Paddy Cope

Law Insight Evening at Lanyon Bowdler - by Sumaiya Quraishi (MSH LVI)

The Lanyon Bowdler Insight evening on 22nd June involved about 20 students in total, four of us from Shrewsbury School. We were split into small groups, each assigned a solicitor, to consider legal documents from a fictitious case from their area of expertise.

The first case to be deliberated in my group was to do with personal injury and clinical negligence - an accident that resulted from drunk driving and involved several individuals. We read through the factual scenario carefully and discussed the intricate details of a somewhat convoluted case. Deciding where the fault lay was no simple undertaking and in a final judgement we held several factors responsible for the overall injuries caused.

This case was followed by a task related to commercial law in which we analysed a loan agreement and identified the deliberate mistakes in the document, which showed us the importance of focus and impeccable attention to detail. The final case concerned defamation and we evaluated the factual evidence to establish the defendant's guilt or innocence.

Each case stimulated lively discussion and it was fascinating to experience the problem-solving and evaluative skills the law demands. It was surprising too, to realise that the heap of paper work an average solicitor has to deal with may not be as dull as you might assume. The reflective challenge each case presented was absorbing, especially for those who enjoy contemplative tasks and critical thinking. Overall, the insight evening was a thoroughly enjoyable and out-of-the-ordinary learning experience.



L-R: Koby Ferdinand, Harry Russell, Darcy Smith, Sumaiya Quraishi

The Chatri Design Centre

Wednesday 29 June 2016

The Shrewsbury School Foundation is pleased to announce that the final touches are being put to Shrewsbury School's latest investment. The Chatri Design Centre is scheduled to be occupied after the summer break with the first classes taking place at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term 2016. The Foundation would like to thank all our donors who have generously made this investment in teaching and learning possible,

The Chatri Design Centre is scheduled to be formally opened on Old Salopian Day, Saturday 1st October 2016.

Fifth and Sixth Form Careers events

Thursday 30 June 2016

The Careers Department ran a busy series of events last week, including an 'All Things UCAS Day' for the Lower Sixth on Wednesday, followed on Friday by a Careers Conference supported by the Salopian Club. Meanwhile the Fifth Form enjoyed a 'University Discovery Day'.

The Lower Sixth took part in our first ever **'All Things UCAS Day'** on Wednesday 22nd June. We were pleased to welcome Admissions Tutors from the Universities of Surrey and Aston to speak about course choice and writing a Personal Statement. And we were also grateful to Mat Latimer from GAP 360, who spoke about preparation for a part or full Gap year, the dos and don'ts and general safety awareness.



The whole year group have now logged onto the UCAS Apply online system and can edit their application at any time. It was a successful and productive morning, which I hope has generated lots of conversations at home this summer.



On Friday, the Fifth Form enjoyed a '**University Discovery Day**' and the chance to visit various university campuses: Warwick, Liverpool and Birmingham, Central St Martin's and Condé Nast College of Fashion and Design.

I am aware that the majority of pupils have never visited a university campus before, while others are well informed through having older siblings already at university. For me, the purpose of the day was to give the pupils a 'flavour' of what university looks like, attend a lecture or two, check out the facilities, but more importantly do this with their friends so they can compare and discuss the various universities in follow-up tutorials at school.

These universities may or may not end up on their final destination lists, but it is a starting point, looking ahead to the next stage of Higher Education.

I am very grateful to the many staff who accompanied the pupils on their day out – very generous giving of their time at a busy end of term.

Dympna Nightingale, Higher Education and GAP Year Adviser

The annual **Careers Conference** took place on Thursday 23rd June supported by the Salopian Club.

After an inspirational keynote speech delivered by Jonathan Young, Founder and CEO of Gryphon Holdings plc and father of George (O UVI), all Lower Sixth students attended a series of talks in Hodgson Hall by Old Salopians from a range of professions, including the architect of Hodgson Hall itself, Adrian James.



We are indebted to OS professionals who are enthusiastic about supporting the School in this way and give their precious time to impart some of their knowledge and experience to current students.

The speaker sessions were followed by an informal reception in Quod, which gave the students a valuable opportunity to practise their networking skills and establish useful contacts for the future.

Careers Fellow, Catriona Dry





Rugby: Chris Cook to take over as Teacher-in-Charge

Thursday 30 June 2016

We are delighted to announce that Chris Cook is taking over as Teacher-in-Charge of Rugby following the retirement of Duncan Kirkby at the end of this term. Chris has coached Rugby at the School for a number of years, including our current U15 side, who are still unbeaten in two years. He will now take charge of the 1st XV.



Chris Cook (far right) with the U15s after winning the Adams' Grammar Invitational Sevens Tournament in February

Sean Perry will continue to deliver skills and coaching workshops alongside his work with Worcester's Academy and England.

In addition to the 1st XV that play and enter National and County competitions throughout the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, our Lent Term programme includes 15-a-side matches and regional/national 7s tournaments for each year group. We continue to run an active rugby outreach programme with a Prep School Tournament, coaching workshops and open offers of refereeing and coaching.

In other sports news, Ian Haworth steps up to become Teacher-in-Charge of The Hunt (RSSH) as Peter Middleton becomes Deputy Head: Co-curricular. Ian has worked alongside Peter for the last seven years and is taking over the Club in good shape having won a national title this year at

the Knole Run, Kent. Oliver Russell will assist Ian with the RSSH, who is joining us from Sevenoaks where he is Teachere-in-Charge of Girls' Cross-Country.

Emma Davis (Head of Curriculum PE), a former county-level athlete, is taking over as Teacher i/c Athletics.

Sarah Latcham (Teacher of Classics) will become Teacher i/c Fencing, filling the void by the passing of Mike Schützer-Weissmann. Sarah, again, takes over the reins of a club in fine form having won national titles at the Public Schools' Fencing Competition in recent years.



Forthcoming Shrewsbury School musical events in Edinburgh and Cambridge

Thursday 30 June 2016

Great Expectations, the latest in a long and distinguished list of home-grown Shrewsbury School musicals, will be performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival during the week commencing Sunday 14th August, with a lunch reception for friends of the School after the performance on Friday 19th. And on 27th September, the Chapel Choir will sing Evensong in the chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge. All parents, Old Salopians and friends are warmly invited to both events!

Following hugely successful performances in the Ashton Theatre last November, the cast and crew of 'Great Expectations' are looking forwards to wowing audiences in Edinburgh.

With music by John Moore, lyrics by Peter Fanning and direction by Helen Brown, 'Great Expectations' is the latest in a long and distinguished list of home-grown Shrewsbury School musicals. Performances in Edinburgh will take place each day from Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th August at **C (-1) venue 34** on Chambers Street.

Directly after the 12.35pm performance on Friday 19th August, we will be holding an informal buffet lunch reception for parents and friends of the School in the wonderful surroundings of the Bute Room in the National Museum of Scotland. The National Museum of Scotland is just across Chambers Street from the theatre. Parents, Old Salopians and friends of Shrewsbury are hugely welcome to join us either for the lunch and the performance, or just for the lunch itself. Please email nbevan@shrewsbury.org.uk by 12th August if you would like to attend.

For further details of the performance times and to book tickets, please visit <http://www.cthefestival.com/2016/great-expectations>



On Tuesday 27th September 2016, the School's Chapel Choir will sing Evensong in Jesus College, Cambridge. The Choir is in very fine form at the moment under its Director, Mr Alex Mason and in the past two years has sung at Southwell Minster, Tewkesbury Abbey, The Queen's College, Oxford and Manchester Cathedral.

Directly after the service in Jesus College Chapel, we will be holding a drinks reception in the Webb Library. Again, parents and friends of the School are warmly invited to attend. Please email nbevan@shrewsbury.org.uk.





Bumps - Day 2

Thursday 30 June 2016

The 148th Bumping Races finally got underway today. (Yesterday's cancellation means that it's the first time since 1943 that there will only be three races rather than the usual four.)

In somewhat challenging conditions the crews coped admirably and there was some impressive rowing on show.

Radbrook II had the best day bumping twice, and are now the only crew in contention for 'blades'. Rigg's remain at the Head of all three divisions (surviving a number of close calls). The Grove are now the highest placed girls' house in both Division 2 and 3.

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Round 2

Division 1

Ch bpd M

O bpd Rb

I bpd Rt

Division 2

Rb bpd Rt

G bpd EDH

Division 3

Ch bpd PH

O bpd M

SH bpd S

G bpd Rt

I bpd EDH

Round 3

Division 1

Rb bpd O

Division 2

Rb bpd PH

M bpd Rt

Division 3

Rb bpd PH

S bpd SH

EDH bpd I

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

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Third Form Outdoor Week

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Challenging weather conditions did not dampen Third Form spirits and endeavour during Outdoor Week. Thank you to Caspar Hamilton, Archie Eyre and Mimi Mason-Hornby for their reports on an action-packed seven days.

School-Based Projects - by Caspar Hamilton (I)

On the first day of Outdoor week, we had Bushcraft Day at Apley Woods. On this day we learnt the basic survival skills, for instance what we can and can't eat, how to start a fire, how to cut wood and how to cook. We were split into four groups and we each rotated through each activity, my group's favourite being the cooking as we were allowed to try some food.



On the second day, Conservation Day at Llyncllys Common, we were again split into groups. This time we all did different things, so we didn't all get to try everything. My group did drystone walling and then for the second half put our fire-making skills into practice, which was quite interesting.



On the third and final day, Military Day at Nesscliffe, we had an overview of what being in the military would be like. For instance we had a go at some of the training, practised a bit of first aid and much more – all challenging yet fun. My personal favourite activity was where we had to assemble and disassemble a replica cannon, carrying the parts around, which was challenging and enjoyable.





Bronze Duke of Edinburgh - by Archie Eyre (Rb)

It all started on Monday morning where we met at 9:00 am at the CCF stores. We were put into our groups with an instructor and headed into Hodgson Hall. We sorted our rucksacks in one of the classrooms. After we had made sure we had all of the required items, we moved onto planning our route for the expedition – both days had to be at least six hours' worth of walking.

Having completed this, we had lunch in Kingsland Hall and set off to Sainsbury's. Here, we had a budget of about £40 to spend on food to eat on the expedition.

Next we took a minibus to Womerton Farm, which is where we camped for the first night. My group used the Trangia to cook some pasta with tomato sauce – it tasted great despite the fact that there were multiple pieces of grass in it!



In the morning, we had breakfast and began our trek. We hiked through typical British weather all day (rain and more rain!), but managed to reach the wild camp. We set up our tents and stood in the rain a little longer until we decided to take cover. It took a while to get used to the bugs climbing over the sleeping bags. However, eventually we got to sleep.

The next day, we headed back to Womerton Farm. We took a route where we went along the Lawley and the Caradoc. We kept going, through the village of Church Stretton, and back to base camp. When back at school, we had a barbeque in Kingsland Hall. We cleaned borrowed equipment and waited to see if we had passed or not. Fortunately, it was good news! Later one of the group members found out that we had walked a total of 40 kilometres!

In conclusion, Duke of Edinburgh was a fantastic experience where we were given the chance to get to know one another better. Overall, it was definitely worth the hard work.



Community Projects - by Mimi Mason-Hornby (G)

Day 1: Wyldwoods

Our day at the Wyldwoods Centre involved painting a bathroom, painting and taking staples out of raised beds, packaging up wellie racks and coat hangers and, for some of us, filling in potholes on the drive. The day was a triumph, as we managed to stay dry most of the time and we all enjoyed the tasks set for us.

Day 2: Radbrook Footpath

On Tuesday, we walked to our destination, which was a footpath behind the Co-op supermarket in Radbrook Green. The day before, one of the other groups had started the footpath, meaning we had to wheel heavy wheelbarrows of gravel quite a far way. It was very hard work but we took it in turns carrying and raking so it didn't take that long.



Day 3: The Shewsy

The Shewsy was probably my favourite day out of the three because we got to spend the day in Liverpool. We got there quite early so we went into town and had a quick look at the Maritime Museum, which was really interesting, before going off shopping.

We then met the children at their school and had to walk them to the Shewsy before we all sat in a circle and had to say something good about our day. The children were all really sweet and we all enjoyed looking after them for the afternoon.

Our day finished with a fish and chips supper and then it was back to school.

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Oldham's triumph in A Leagues

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Having won the U15 House Trophy recently, Oldham's next challenge was to conquer Severn Hill in the final of the A Leagues Cricket competition. Going into the final, confidence was high as the side had been unbeaten throughout the season.

Mr Cooley, match Umpire sends this report:

Oldham's won the toss and put Severn Hill in to bat. They scored 41 (8 overs) after losing early wickets. They then restricted Oldham's in the first 6 overs to 22 runs, but Oldham's had help back two decent batsmen.

In the penultimate over, everything happened: Ockleston and Scott ran positively and took some risks (indeed a catch taken off a no ball on the first ball may have signalled the over would be interesting). The batsmen got carried away with their running, though, and took a few risks but such was the pressure on the fielding side that calm was not foremost in their minds: tight chances of run-outs were not taken and the over went for 12 runs including a run 4. With 8 needed from the final over, 3, 2, 3 to a now-spread field left Severn Hill needing wickets. They could not find one, and Oldham's finished on 45, winning by four runs. A worthy final."



Back row L-R: Aaron Clark (WK), Joe Scott, Alexander Schoelles, Charlie Ockleston, Max Wilkie Front row L-R: Rory Henderson, Ollie Hall (C), Alex Ainslie, James Martin Picture courtesy of Mrs Beth Evans



Sports Day 2016

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Full report by Ian Haworth, Teacher-in-Charge of Athletics. A rare day of sunshine greeted us at London Road track for our annual Sports Day on Monday - ideal conditions for new school records to be set.

A rare day of sunshine greeted us at London Road track for our annual Sports Day, and while a breeze may have perhaps affected the distances achieved in the javelin event, otherwise conditions were excellent for some new school records to be set. And so it proved, with 21 new records as well as a further three equalled. This suggests a healthy position for school athletics to find itself in, particularly among the juniors, where track running among both the boys and the girls looks remarkably strong.

In the first event of the day, the **junior boys** lined up on the **100m** start line for their heats, and Antoine Ceolin (Rt), Bilal Khan (I) and Roman Khidirbekov (SH) all posted good times to secure their place in the final. Later in the afternoon, Antoine went on to take gold with an impressive time of 11.81s.

In the **200m**, Leo Walton (S) and Nicholas Liu (I) battled it out valiantly for first and second respectively, with only three tenths of a second separating them.

In the **800m**, Louis Nares (Rb) began his afternoon in very confident fashion with a remarkably quick run of 2:14, a new record (beating Monty Hardcastle's record of 2:16 two years ago), while Tom Jackson (R) would also have beaten this with his run of 2:15 to take the silver medal. Louis didn't have much time to recover before his **300m** race, which he also won, and in which he also broke the school record (in a blisteringly quick time of 41.0 seconds).

On to the **1500m**, and Tom Jackson was able to take glory here in another school record – 4:44.4, beating the rest of the field by 20 seconds and showing what great potential he has as a runner.

In the field, Antoine Ceolin continued his excellent afternoon with victory in the **Long Jump**, setting a new junior record of 5.12m, while in the **Triple Jump**, Nathan Day (PH) just managed to hold off Punn Vajrabhaya (SH) by 3cm to take the glory with a jump of 9.49m. Roman Khidirbekov set a new record in the **Shot Put** of 10.37m, beating the previous record by a solitary centimetre! In the **Javelin**, Rory Henderson (O) threw 27.30m to take gold, while Louis Street (SH) managed a throw of 21.30m in the **Discus** to take gold there. Louis Street also managed to take gold for School House in the **Cricket Ball Throw** with an effort of 62.93m, just beating Archie Turner's (Rt) throw of 61.48m. Then in the final junior event of the day, the **4 x 100m relay**, the lads of Severn Hill were victorious in a time of 53.41, just ahead of Ridgemount by three tenths of a second. Overall in this age category, School House managed to retain the House trophy they won last year, taking 123 points, nine more than their closest rivals Severn Hill, with Port Hill in bronze-medal position.

In the **junior girls** – only the second time this age category has existed in Shrewsbury School's sports day – Lilian Wilcox (EDH) began a fantastic afternoon of athletics with victory in the **800m** in a time of 2:34, nearly twenty seconds ahead of Laura Elliott (G) in second. In the **300m** that followed, Abi Watkinson (G) stormed to victory in 49.0 seconds, with Lily Freeman-Attwood (EDH) not far behind in second, and Liv Bothamley-Dakin (G) in third. In the **200m**, Daisy McMullen (G) began her afternoon with a corker of a run to take gold in 28.25 seconds, over two seconds ahead of Anya Tonks (MSH) in second and a new record in



this age category. Her excellent afternoon continued in the 100m, with victory in a time of 13.38 seconds, another school record.

Lilian Wilcox managed to gain another gold medal for Emma Darwin Hall, winning the **1500m** in a time of 5:34, nearly thirty seconds ahead of her closest competitor – a truly impressive performance. In the field events, Poppy Collingwood-Cameron (EDH) took gold in both the **Long Jump** with a jump of 3.99m and in the **High Jump**, clearing 1.35m (equalling last year's record).

Sophia Breese continued the Emma Darwin domination with victory in the **Triple Jump**, managing 9.21m, but Mary Sidney had the better of the throwing events, winning both the **Shot Put** (Eleanor Niblett) and **Javelin** (Lizzie Ware) with throws of 7.01m (a new record) and 17.21m respectively. They also won the **Cricket Ball Throw** with a great effort from Georgia Kannreuther, throwing 55.67. Abi Watkinson (G) took victory in the **Discus** with a throw of 18.00m, another new record. The Grove also managed to win the **4 x 100m relay**, coming home over two seconds ahead of Emma Darwin Hall, with Mary Sidney another two seconds further back in third.

In the overall rankings for their Houses, the Junior Girls' trophy was won by Mary Sidney, 22 points ahead of Emma Darwin, with The Grove taking third with 166 points.

In the **Intermediate Boys**, some excellent performances here saw two new records broken and another matched. Monty Hardcastle (I) displayed his terrific current form with wins in both the **200m** (in a very impressive 22.81 seconds) and the **400m** (arguably even more remarkable in its time of 52.84 seconds, a new record).

The **100m** was won by Matthew Brinkley (PH) in a very quick 11.75 seconds, ahead of Tom Plaut (S) and Arron Lewis (SH) in silver and bronze respectively.

In the longer distances, the **800m** saw a brave run by Owen Mock (R) who went out at a blistering pace on the first lap but faded badly in the second due to injury, but still coming home to take silver. The race was won by Mark Pangin (SH), judging his pacing beautifully, and displaying how much he's developed as an athlete over the course of this year. His time of 2:15 was an excellent achievement.

In the **1500m**, Mark Pangin was involved in another battle at the front of the pack, this time with Toby Pegge, one of our top Hunt runners but also a cricketer in the summer term, so perhaps not quite in top running form. The race was an extremely close one, with probably the best sprint finish of the afternoon, as Toby Marginally pipped Mark to take gold in 4:46.9, only three tenths of a second ahead of Mark. Well done to both for a great running display.

The field events were dominated by very different Houses from those who had done well on the track. In the **Long Jump**, Oldham's and Rigg's shared the honours with equal jumps from Lucas Arkwright (O) and Luka Cassidy (R) of 4.92m, while in the **Triple Jump**, Jack Lockett (Ch) took top spot, having won the Juniors event last year, with a terrific jump of 10.37m. Felix Kenyon-Smith (S) equalled the Inters **High Jump** record by posting 1.60m to take gold, while Luka Cassidy took home another medal for Rigg's by jumping 1.50m.

In the **Shot Put**, Ian Lam was victorious for Rigg's with his throw of 9.24m, while in the **Javelin**, Arron Lewis (SH) showed what a great season he's had with his effort of 36.88m, several metres ahead of his closest rival. Matthew Clay (I) took gold in the **Discus** – despite only throwing the thing once every year, he's picked up two gold medals in his first two years at the School! – with his effort of 31.55m, ahead of Reuben Denison (SH) in second with 25.61m.

In the **4 x 100m relay**, School House came through victorious ahead of a spirited Severn Hill performance to take gold. This wasn't enough to prevent Severn Hill from claiming the overall



House trophy for this age group, however – managing to retain the same trophy they'd won last year, as School House had managed in the Juniors.

In the **Senior Girls** category, Claire Richards (G) had a stonking afternoon by winning both the **100m** and **200m** in record-breaking times (13.50s and 27.56s respectively). She also managed to win the **Long Jump** – her favourite event – with another record, posting 4.85m. This caps off a terrific season for Claire who has claimed a lot of victories and podium finishes for both School and county.

Olivia Papaioannou (EDH) bowed out of two fantastic years of athletics performances with victories in both the **400m** and **1500m** in times of 64.4s and 5:30.9 respectively, while in the **800m**, Immie Evans came through victorious in 2:46.5 despite injury.

In the field, Eleanor Fox managed a strong performance in the **Triple Jump**, posting 8.81m to take first place, while in the **High Jump** Nell Kirkby (MSH) took gold with her jump of 1.20m. Poppy Holbrook (EDH) stormed to victory in the **Shot Put**, managing 7.71m, well ahead of her nearest rival Morgan Butler (also from EDH). Eily Kerr (EDH) topped the boards in the **Discus** with a throw of 14.25, ahead of Emily Lam (MSH) in second.

In the **4 x 100m relay**, The Grove took gold in 57.5s, ahead of Emma Darwin in second and Mary Sidney in third. This left Emma Darwin with an overall House victory in the Senior Girls category, twenty points ahead of the Grove, who were themselves 14 points ahead of Mary Sidney.

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In the **200m**, it was no surprise to see Nifemi Okusanya (SH) take gold, having already claimed victory in the Sidney-Darwin Dash a few weeks previously. Charlie Tait-Harris managed silver this time, ahead of Calvin Cheung (O) in third.

Scott Hatton (S) capped off a successful year with victory in the **400m**, in a time of 53.63s, showing his excellent current form.

The longer-distance events were dominated – again, probably unsurprisingly – by Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R), arguably the most talented runner Shrewsbury has had in a generation. His victories in the **800m** (2:03) and **1500m** (4:13) were well ahead of his rivals Ben Remnant (Ch) in 2:09 for the 800m and Charlie Rogers (Rb) in 4:28 for the 1500m, both of whom nevertheless posting excellent times.

In the field, Angus Drummond continued to have an excellent afternoon, with two more golds in both the **High Jump** (1.73m, a new school record) and in the **Long Jump** (5.95m, less than 10cm off the record set by fellow Oldhamite Gene Ratanadaros). The **Triple Jump** was also won by an Oldhamite, Reuben Arkwright, with a fine jump of 12.35m.

Joe Davies (M) took gold in the **Shot Put**, managing to throw 10.29m, while in the **Javelin**, James Long (Rt) took the top spot with his throw of 35.30m. Ewan Cunningham-Jardine (R) showed how far he's come this year with his throw in the **Discus** of 23.81, taking gold ahead of Guy Morris (O).

An exciting **4 x 100m relay** race was won by Severn Hill, continuing their dominance in this event, winning by a second ahead of Oldham's in second and Churchill's in third. Their victory over Oldham's in this event was not enough for Severn Hill to prevent Oldham's claiming the overall Senior Boys House trophy, however – the first time they've won it in the modern era.

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The news this week 100 years ago: 1st - 7th July 1916

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The first week of the Somme. The beginning of a terrible period of the war. Eleven Salopians perished this week 100 years ago, including six on 1st July - among them Malcolm White, a Master at Shrewsbury; his letters and other writings were published in 1919 with those of his colleague and friend Evelyn Southwell, who was killed at the Somme six weeks later. Extracts from their book 'Two Men' are included in the BBC 'World War at Home' national online archive.

The names of those killed are published weekly on the School website and commemorated in Services of Remembrance held every Wednesday at St Chad's Church. Thanks to Martha Pownall (MSH UVI) and George Young (O UVI) for their research since the beginning of this joint commemorative project in September 2014.

More information on the project, including a link to the full list of Old Salopians killed during the First World War, may be found here: [Old Salopians in WW1](#)

This week we remember:

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Edmund Boote, 5th Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment

Moser's; the youngest of three brothers at Shrewsbury, he left in 1891 and became Managing Director of his family firm. In 1892 he joined up and after promotion served in South Africa (Hon Capt., Medal) with the Volunteer Service Co. He went to France as Major, 5th North Staffords and was promoted to command. "A good officer and a very gallant gentleman." – *The Salopian*

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916, aged 42.

Buried at Gommecourt Wood New Cemetery, Foncquevillers, France. Grave II. B. 12.

Captain Charles Wilmot Evans MC, 1st Bn. attd. 4th Bn. South Staffordshire Regiment

Haydon's (now Rigg's); left in 1909. Mentioned in despatches for valuable service.

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916, aged 27.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 7 B.

Second Lieutenant Robert S. Jeffcock, 1st/6th Bn. South Staffordshire Regiment

Churchill's; left in 1894. He was an artist by profession.

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916, aged 39.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 7 B.

Captain Myles Boddington MC, 6th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry

School House, Choregus, two years Football XI, left in 1910 for University College, Oxford.

"His charming face, his delightful manners, made him favourite at once and everywhere, and he will be missed by a host of friends here and at Oxford and in his regiment." – *The Salopian*.

After his degree in 1913 he was articled to a solicitor, but gazetted and became full Lt. in Nov. 1914 and Capt. in Oct. 1915. His MC was for conspicuous gallantry in the field; ("he could not imagine why he should receive the distinction: his friends knew better"). He fell on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916, aged 25.

Buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, France. Grave III. A. 21.



Lieutenant Reginald Squarey Maciver, 2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers

Moser's; Praepostor, left in 1911 with a Science Scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford. He rowed in his College boat at Henley in 1913 and 1914 and joined Leander. He left Oxford directly to take a commission in August 1914, and was promoted in March 1915. He had been at the Front since May 1915.

“He was universally popular and deservedly so, for he possessed in a very high degree the best of all claims to popularity, a guileless and affectionate heart and the nicest sense of honour.” – *The Salopian*

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916, aged 24.

Buried at Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps, France. Grave I. H. 5.

Captain Henry Davison Riley, 11th Bn. East Lancashire Regiment

Chance's (now Severn Hill); left in 1898 to become a member of the family firm selling fancy clothes, Houliker Street Mill, Colne. Also director of Messrs RJ Elliott & Co., cigar manufacturers, and well known on the Manchester Exchange. Founder of the Burnley Lads' Club and taking a great interest in the industrial school movement, he was appointed County Magistrate in 1912. Gazetted to Captain in 1915.

An extract from the Manchester Guardian (10th July 1916) states, "Courageous and full of high spirits himself, he could sympathise...with the high spirited lads he had to deal with... Let a boy meet with an accident, suffer from some slight illness, he must be told at once, and usually it was by leader and friend that the boy was attended... War, and all that stands for war, was hateful to him, but he said to me, 'How can I let my lads go and not go myself?' And so he joined the battalion in which so many of his lads were serving, and soon came to be loved by all."

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916, aged 35.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 6 C.

Lieutenant Malcolm Graham White, 6th Bn. attd. 1st Bn. Rifle Brigade



Malcolm White

Master, joined in 1909, graduate of King's College, Cambridge. For the first six months of the war he remained at school, and was gazetted Captain (O.T.C.) 13th Feb. 1915. He joined up in the summer of 1915 and left for the Front in April 1916, going into action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. A memoir containing his letters and other writings with those of E.H. Southwell, another Master, was published in 1919 under the title of 'Two Men'.



In his final letter to Southwell on 27th June 1916, White wrote: “Oh Man, I can't write now. I am too like a coach before the Bumping Races or Challenge Oars. So, Man, good luck. Our New House and Shrewsbury are immortal, which is a great comfort.” He died four days later, on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Southwell was killed on 15th September.

Killed in action in France, 1st July 1916.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 16 B and 16 C.

Southwell and White are featured as part of the BBC's 'World War One At Home' project, a growing national archive of stories showing how WW1 affected the people and places of the UK and Ireland. Their story was broadcast on BBC Radio Shropshire in August 2014 as part of the national commemorations of the centenary of WW1. It includes an interview with Dr Mike Morrough, recorded shortly before his retirement from the History Faculty and as the School Archivist, and extracts from 'Two Men: A Memoir' read by Ralph Wade and Rory Fraser, who both left Shrewsbury in 2014. It is available to listen to via the BBC

website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p022vjx6>

More about White and Southwell is included in the 'OS in WW1' section of our website: [The Two Men](#)

Captain Alexander Macpherson Blair, 2nd Bn. South Lancashire Regiment

Haydon's (now Rigg's), left in 1890. He went to the front with the Overseas Contingent of the Ceylon Planters' Rifles (as a Capt. Since 1912) but transferred in May 1915 to the South Lancs.

Killed in action in France, 3rd July 1916, aged 42.

Buried at Lonsdale Cemetery, Authuille, France. Grave III. P. 6.

Second Lieutenant Esmond Hallewell Rogers, 10th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Bennett's (now Severn Hill), 2 years in cricket XI, Head of the Science Side, he left in 1905 for Caius, Cambs. He played cricket for Warwickshire 2nd XI several times, and obtained his commission in Jan. 1915.

Killed in action in France, 3rd July 1916, aged 25.

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 9 A 9 B and 10 B.

Second Lieutenant Albert Theodore Vardy, 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment

School House; Football XI, Fives, Praepostor, left in 1907 with a scholarship for Pembroke College, Cambridge. Gaining a First in Classical Tripos, he became an Assistant Master at Highgate School, also Hon. Sec OS football. He enlisted at the start of the war, obtained a commission in May 1915 and went abroad in May 1916.

Shot and killed instantly while binding the wounds of a fellow officer in France, 4th July 1916, aged 27.

A fellow officer said, “Everyone is deeply cut up as he was universally adored and respected, and he was so loveable a fellow”.

Buried at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, France. Grave VIII. B. 10

Major Arthur Nevin Wheatley, 5th Bn. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Bennett's (now Severn Hill); left in 1905 to join the family firm in Mirfield. He joined the Territorials and was gazetted Captain in the 5th Bn. Duke of Wellington's in 1913. He went to France in April 1915 and was mentioned in despatches.

Died of wounds while 2nd i/c the Bn. in France, 5th July 1916, aged 28.

Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Grave I. A. 32.

Second Lieutenant Charles Dutton, 10th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Bennett's (now Severn Hill), left in 1907. Gazetted to his Commission in September 1914, he spent a year on the Ypres Salient.

Killed in action in France 7th July 1916 aged 26

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 3 C and 3 D.

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Private Basil Stott, 6235, 8th Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

Haydon's (now Rigg's), left in 1904.

Killed in action in France 7th July 1916 aged 29

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

Second Lieutenant Edward Wilson Wilkinson, 11th Bn. attd. 9th Bn. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Day Boys, left in 1896.

Killed in action in France 7th July 1916 aged 38

Remembered on Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 6 A and 6 B.