



The news this week 100 years ago: 2nd - 8th June 1917

Thursday 1 June 2017

This week we remember four Old Salopians, three of whom were part of the Royal Flying Corps.

Lieutenant **Edwin Rhodes Bottomley**, 35th Sqdn. Royal Flying Corps and West Riding Div. Ammunition Col. Royal Field Artillery.

Moser's, left in 1913 and entered the firm of Lucien Marcan's Successors, Bradford. Enlisting on the second day of the war in the 4th West Riding Brigade, he soon received his commission. He transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in 1916, gaining his Wings in January 1917 and was shortly afterwards sent out.

Killed in action flying close to the enemy lines in France, 2nd June 1917, aged 23.

Buried at Mons-En-Chaussée Communal Cemetery, France. Grave I. 3.

Second Lieutenant **Alan Roper Tudor**, 9th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders.

Riggs, left in 1908. Being in India at the outbreak of war, he joined the Calcutta Light Horse, but returned home in the spring of 1916 to enlist in the Seaforth Highlanders. On receiving his commission in October 1916, he went to the Front.

Killed in action in France, 5th June 1917, aged 25

Buried at St. Nicolas British Cemetery, France. Grave I. L. 9.

Lieutenant **Harold Hamer**, 3rd Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and Royal Flying Corps.

Ingram's, left in 1910. Gazetted shortly after enlisting, he later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and saw active service in the Sudan, being involved in the battle that resulted in the break up of the forces of the Sultan of Darfur. In the summer of 1916 he was at Salonika, returning to England in September. He obtained his wings in 1917 and left for the Front in May.

Killed while flying in France, 6th June 1917, aged 25.

Buried at Roeselare Communal Cemetery, France. Grave IV. C. 2.

Captain **Donald Campbell Rutter MC**, 43rd Sqdn. Royal Flying Corps.

Moser's, left in 1917 and was gazetted as 2nd Lieut., 3rd Bn., Royal Sussex Regt. While with the infantry he won his MC. Transferring to the Royal Flying Corps, he had a brilliant record.

Killed in action in Belgium, 7th June 1917, aged 19.

Buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. Grave LVIII. A. 15.

Shrewsbury School SparkPoint: Britain Decides

Sunday 4 June 2017

There could only really be one theme for this week's edition of SparkPoint... As ever though, in putting it together Mr Walters (Deputy Head - Academic) has selected some interesting video clips and links to other websites to explore and understand more about the background issues and context.

Please click on the image below to open 'Shrewsbury School SparkPoint: Britain Decides' as a pdf:



'Ineffably Sublime'

Monday 5 June 2017

Scottish Tour 17th -19th May 2017

In weather conditions that were 'ineffably sublime' on the East Lothian coastline for all three days, 20 OSGS members and guests gorged themselves on non-stop glorious golf.

We played first at Luffness New (established 1894) where the greens are among the best in our Fasti. Small wonder as they were laid out by old Tom Morris, six times Open Champion in the early days of golf.

- The winning team was Mary and John Bolton and Jane and Charles Hill: 93 points
- The runners-up were Tricia and Mark Summers and Gill Morrison (guest) and David Stewart: 87 points
- Also ran: Rob Bennett and Simon Mellard and Jonathan and Julian Mitchell: 86 points

There followed yet another splendid supper party at the home of Kate Home at Winterfield, North Berwick. Kate is incorrigible in the enormous warmth of the welcome that she extends to guests each year, never mind the array of dishes - with service as butler provided by her son David, who is so attentive in looking after everybody and filling their glasses.



The next day at Muirfield where the flags hardly moved, almost sleepily benign, the morning four balls were won by a team of our President Anthony Smith, Charles Hill (Hon Sec designate (DV)), Stefan Hindmarsh and a local member with 86 points.

(Connoisseurs may wish to note that last year's winners with a mere 80 points included Peter Worth, Angus Pollock, Malcom McMullan and a local member. All three OSGS members were AWOL this year to the disappointment of all).

- Runners-up: Andrew Lister, Simon Shepherd, Jonathan Mitchell and a local member with 85 points
- Third place: Tim Backhouse, Mark Summers, Julian Mitchell and a local member with 84 points
- Fourth place: Rob Bennett, Simon Cullingworth, Tim Phillips and a local member with 82 points
- Fifth place John Bolton and Simon Mellard and two local members

'And some there be who have no memorial'... but with 73 points: Struan Robertson, Geoffrey Sprot and a local member, neither aided nor abetted by Tim Lewis (Hon Sec).



Afternoon foursomes for the Lewis-Bell Quaich resulted as follows:

- Winners: John Bolton with local member Alick Hay, 39 points
- Runners-up Mark Summers and Stefan Hindmarsh, 31 points

The party then adjourned for drinks at Kimnend where yet again Andrew Lister's hospitality was 'boundless as ocean's tide'.

Our final day was on Gullane Number 1. Again the weather was perfect, as if the Hon Sec had been 'saying his payers', for nearly all players were in short sleeve order. Under a blue sky and hardly a breath of wind, the results were as follows:

- Ladies Stableford – Winner: Deborah Backhouse 29 points (best score on last three holes)
- Runner-up: Tricia Summers, also 29 points
- Mens Stableford – Winner: Julian Mitchell 40 points
- Runner-up: Simon Millard 35 points (back 9: 17 points)
- Third place: Tim Phillips also 35 points (back 9: 16 points)

The 21st Grand Scottish Tour will take place from Wednesday pm 16th May 2018 to Friday am 18th May. Those planning to arrive on Tuesday, have the option of playing North Berwick with local members on Wednesday morning; otherwise the courses to be played are Luffness New, (Wednesday afternoon), Muirfield (two rounds) and Gullane No 1. Ladies are invited to play at Gullane No 2 on Thursday 17th May.

OSGS members wishing to play next year should email timjlewis2014@gmail.com to register interest at the early stage.

Tim Lewis 5th June 2017



'Digital Detox' - by Mr Turner

Wednesday 7 June 2017

Following a two-day period of 'digital detox' at the School earlier this term, the Headmaster has written an article reflecting on some of the results. It has been published in the latest edition of 'Independent School Parent Magazine'.

Please follow the link to read it:

<http://www.independentschoolparent.com/school/shrewsbury-school-digital-detox/>





Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Wednesday 7 June 2017

This week, the School Gardeners.



If you are a regular reader of Team of the Week, you may have come across the Groundsmen before in their role as protectors and nurturers of the school pitches. Most of the gentlemen featured have another side to them. Despite their rugged Wild West outdoor look, they are actually very keen on flowers and the sweet smells of a summer border. For some reason I am getting images of the Lumberjack Song from Monty Python flashing through my mind.

When they are not whispering sweet nothings to geraniums or pruning the rhododendrons, they can be found having a cup of tea in their porta cabin watching Jeremy Kyle on a small TV. It was here that I tracked them down to dig deep into their horticultural expertise and find out how they have been coping with the variable weather and all the plants in their care.

The first question I had to ask was, why Jeremy Kyle? There was a general agreement that this was the choice of Adam Davies. Adam and Joe Harrison are on a 12-month apprentice scheme to give them a chance to hone their skills and gain some experience as they begin their careers in the world of horticulture.



Mark ‘Clint’ Ironmonger feels that before these young men forge their career paths they need to know what may come their way. “It’s a jungle out there and I’m here to clear it,” he told me in a calm yet assured manner. “Mr Kyle’s show is part of their education; it will help them see the wood from the trees.”

There was a general nodding of heads at these wise words as they sipped their tea. I wondered if they ever watched *Gardener’s World*. Stuart ‘Lee Van Cleef’ Edwards informed me in a grizzled drawl that he enjoyed it very much. “I enjoy it very much,” he said. Andy ‘Rooster’ Cooke is more into *Spring Watch*, but did enjoy the coverage of Chelsea this season. Andy is an ex-professional footballer and coaches the School Under-16A side, so I was not surprised to hear this.

On the subject of Chelsea, I asked if anyone had been involved in a show garden and Stuart was quick to show me a picture of the garden that he helped build, which won a Gold Award at the Shrewsbury Flower Show in 2013.



It was called ‘Sweet Dreams’, and was inspired by a poem written by a young girl. The garden cleverly creates a children’s floral paradise of sweets and butterflies, surrounded by a picket fence in ‘pick ‘n’ mix’ pink and white. It was raising money for the ‘Make-a-Wish’ Foundation, which grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions.

I have a feeling he might have found his inspiration elsewhere...



I then asked these tough outdoor gentlemen what projects they had been involved in recently. Apart from a few bank jobs, they informed me that they have recently been digging by the tennis courts to create a new border there. I asked if I could travel with them and in no time at all we arrived there. I quickly surveyed the scene and although I am no expert, I thought I could spot some potentilla, heuchras, aubrietia, santolina and an acer.



I then went to find Brian 'Casey' Jones. Actually I think it would be more accurate to liken Brian to Mr McHenry from *The Magic Roundabout*. Certainly he is difficult to find, as his natural habitat is a greenhouse near Oldham's but located behind a tall hedge with a secret entrance.



Brian has been at Shrewsbury for 25 years and has witnessed quite a few changes in that time, the most recent being the new look to the area around Quod and the Art School. “I think Stuart is finding it hard to adjust to the new terrain,” he told me.



Brian is currently preparing some of the displays that we will see on Speech Day, although he is keen to point out that the team try to ensure that the gardens look nice all the year round!



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I think we all agree that they have succeeded in their aims and that this posse definitely all have green fingers.

The full team are Jon Lloyd, Phil Mold, Andy Cooke, Brian Jones, Richard Jones, Dominic Murray, Adam Davies and Sheriff Andy Richards.

And if you haven't already read the Team of the Week feature I wrote last year, revealing some of the trade secrets behind how these amazing men and their mowing machines manage to keep the sports pitches in such tip-top condition, come rain, wind, hail, snow or drought, or if you can't quite remember one or two of the finer details and turns of phrase, then fear not because you can find it here: [Giles Bell's Team of the Week number 46!](#)

GJFB

Gold, silver and bronze at the National Schools' Regatta

Thursday 8 June 2017

The Boat Club enjoyed a very successful National Schools' Regatta over the first weekend of the half term.

Over 100 pupils competed over the three days on the multi-lane course at Dorney Lake.

The best result came at the end of the Regatta when the senior boys' pair of Matthew Rowe and Barnaby Fox won the Championship Pairs event.



The trophy they won was the Nick Bevan Cup and is named after Old Salopian and 1st VIII coach whose crews reached the final of the Special Race for Schools at Henley Royal Regatta 11 times between 1974 and 1986, winning on seven occasions.

Matthew and Barnaby dominated proceedings in their event, winning the time trial by a healthy margin before going on to beat an Irish composite pair into second place in the semi-final and final. The Irish pair had raced under Irish colours at the European Championships.

While the Championship Pair was the crowning achievement of the weekend, there were other fantastic performances. The 2nd VIII won silver in their event and the J16A crew won bronze in theirs.



2nd VIII



J16 A

The girls' J15 second four were the first (of hopefully many) Shrewsbury girls' crews to medal at National Schools by winning silver in their event.



J15 Four

For every crew that medalled there was another that was desperately close and disappointed to miss out – such is the competitive nature of the event. It was great to see so many RSSBC crews out racing and competing at the highest domestic level.

A huge thank you also goes to the tremendous support offered by parents, staff and Old Salopians and the equally fantastic spread of food provided by Holroyd Howe catering team.



Full results can be found at: <https://www.nationalschoolsregatta.co.uk/results>

Summary of results:

Friday

J14A 8X+: 9th of 29

J14B 8X+: 9th of 37

J14C 8X+: 10th of 14

WJ14A 4X+: 28th of 46

Saturday

J15A VIII: 5th of 28

WJ15A 4+: 10th of 30



WJ15B 4+: 2nd of 7

J16A VIII: 3rd of 18

J16B VIII: 6th of 10

3rd VIII: 4th of 4 (technical issues - was 2nd in 'TT' and SF)

2nd VIII: 2nd of 15

1st VIII: 7th of 29

Sunday

J16A 4-: 5th of 18

J16B 4-: 5th of 10

WJ16A 4X: 18th of 32

WJ16B 4X: 4th of 5

1st 2-: 1st of 20

1st 4-: 13th of 19

Girls 1st 4X: 8th of 27



J16 Four



Just published: Student Creative Writing Anthology

Thursday 8 June 2017

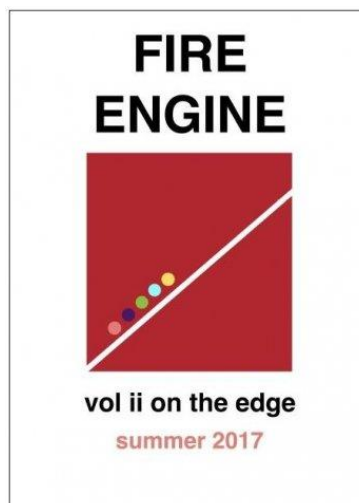
The second volume of 'Fire Engine', Shrewsbury's anthology of student creative writing, is out now! Themed 'On the edge', contributions reflect talent from across the whole School, from prize-winning work from the Third Form to writing by Old Salopians now plying their trade among the Oxford literati.

Editors Charlie Johns (I) and Sam Bayliss (Rt) have compiled, and contributed to, a fascinating collection of writings that explore dystopias, disease, war and the idiosyncrasies of modern art. In a year-long search for creative inspiration and excellence, the increasingly prolific and talented members of the Creative Writing Society – who also included Glory Chan (MSH), Flora Moreau (G), Ollie Thorpe (Rb) – were led by Mr Fraser-Andrews through a series of workshops, talks, trips and dedicated writing time, enthusiastically consumed amid the mad rush of all other school business, as their Thursday afternoon activity.

Inside the pages of the new anthology, the editors are also proud to publish Luke Russell's winning entry of the Schützer-Weissmann Letter-Writing Prize. The Rigg's Third Former is the winner of the £100 prize in its inaugural year after it was generously endowed by Salopian parent Aidan Hartley, who was taught at Sherborne by 'Schütz', *aka* Michael Schützer-Weissmann, the much-loved and admired former English teacher who cherished the art of letter-writing, among so many other things, before he died, too young, in 2015.

Fire Engine: Volume 2 'On The Edge' – the fruits of the Creative Writing Society's hard work – can now be enjoyed in a 54-page bumper edition, available now in Houses, or by picking up copy, free, from the Moser Library.

An online version is available in pdf form by clicking on the image below:



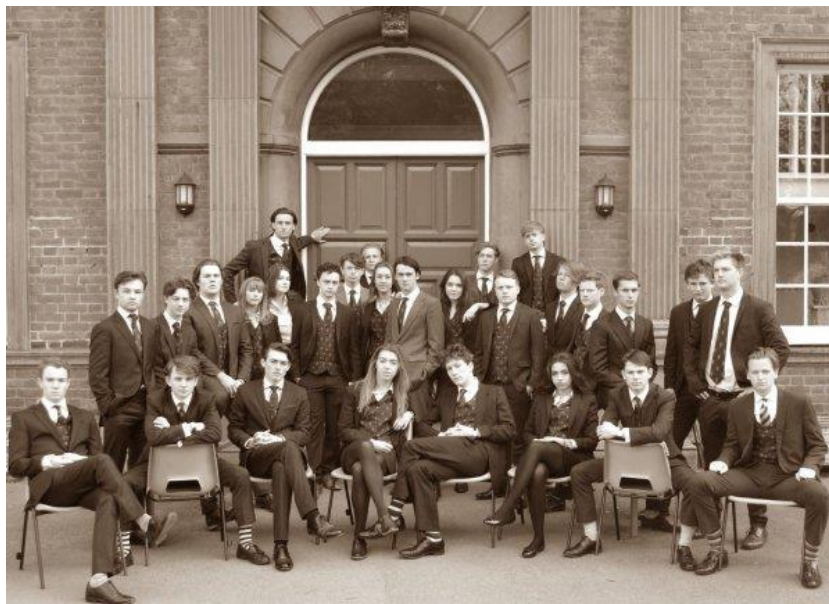
Praepostors then and now...

Thursday 8 June 2017

...The passing on of the baton.



Praepostors 1887



Praepostors 2017

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The Praepostors of 2017 have now retired from their duties after a sterling year of service and leadership to the School, which has been greatly appreciated by the whole Salopian community.

This year has seen them more involved than ever in the running of the School, whether at Open Days, Old Salopian drinks receptions or reflecting the pupils' views to the Headmaster and Senior Leadership Team.

The new batch of Praepostors have now taken up the baton and we look forward to seeing them be as innovative and full of pride in all Shrewsbury has to offer as their predecessors of both 1 and 130 years.

Schools Putting Competition

Sunday 11 June 2017

32 schools take part in the Schools Putting Competition, held over four evenings at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club. The best two scores on each evening compete in the Final during the week beginning 12 June.

On 8 June, OSGS team of four, captained by James Pollock came sixth on their evening and thereby qualified for next year's competition. Other members of our team were Will Hawksley, Simon Shepherd and David Umpleby as photographed, wearing OSGS sweaters.



Shropshire Schools County Championships

Sunday 11 June 2017

Shrewsbury athletes had a very successful day at the Shropshire Schools County Championships on 10th June, with several of them gaining selection to represent Shropshire at the Mason Trophy on Saturday 17th June at the Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham.



L-R: Angus Drummond, Francesca Harris, Owen Mock

Highlights of the day were:

- Owen Mock (R) - 1st in the Senior Men's 400m
- Sam Watts (Ch) - 1st in the Inter Boys' High Jump
- Lillian Wilcox (EDH) - 1st in the Inter Girls' 800m
- Angus Drummond (O) winning three medals - 1st in the Senior Men's Long Jump, 1st in the Senior Men's Shot and 2nd in the Senior Men's 100m
- Francesca Harris (EDH) 1st in the Junior Girls' 1500m
- Sam Western (PH) - 1st in the Inter Boys' Steeplechase
- Abi Watkinson (G) - 1st in the Inter Girls' Discus
- Paddy Barlow (R) - 2nd in the Inter Boys' Steeplechase



Sam Western and Paddy Barlow in the 2000m steeplechase

Shrewsbury School SparkPoint: King of the Swingers

Sunday 11 June 2017

This edition considers the question: how well do we really know ourselves?

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Careers Bulletin for Sixth Formers

Tuesday 13 June 2017

Please click [here](#) to download this week's bulletin as a pdf file.



Canaletto in the Queen's Gallery

Wednesday 14 June 2017



The Royal Collection contains the world's finest group of paintings, drawings and prints by Venice's most famous view-painter, Canaletto (1697-1768). Acquired originally by Canaletto's agent and dealer, Joseph Smith, British Consul in Venice, they were later purchased by the young George III in 1762 along with the rest of Smith's huge collection.

Old Salopians were given the privileged opportunity to inspect the Canaletto collection in a private viewing at the Queen's Gallery with Desmond Shawe-Taylor (1908-73), Curator to the Royal Collection Trust on Wednesday 24 May 2017. It proved to offer a wonderful and informative insight into this magical artist's work, and transported the assembled group to the spectacular delights of eighteenth-century Venice, from the splendours of the Grand Canal and St Mark's Square to its festivals, theatre and masked carnival.

For those who were unable to join us, the exhibition now runs at the Queen's Gallery until 12 November 2017.



The news this week 100 years ago: 16th - 22nd June 1917

Wednesday 14 June 2017

This week we remember one former pupil and one former member of staff, who were both killed in Belgium 100 years ago.



Lieutenant Colonel **George Eric Burroughs Dobbs**, Signal Corps (A.D. Sigs.) Royal Engineers. Haydon's, (now Rigg's), left in 1901.

He was a Devon Albion and England forward of 1906 against Wales and Ireland, and he also used to play for Llanelli. Going straight from school to Woolwich, he was gazetted to the Royal Engineers in 1904.

He was awarded the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour for valuable work during the retreat from Mons and became a Captain soon after.

Three times mentioned in despatches, he received temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in November 1916.

He was struck by a shell while prospecting a new cable trench and died of wounds in Belgium, 17th June 1917, aged 32.

Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Grave XIII. A. 25.

Second Lieutenant **Arthur Frederick Botham**, 106th Bde. "D" Bty. Royal Field Artillery. Member of Staff.

Educated at Merchant Taylors School and Clare College Cambridge, where he was a Wrangler. He taught Mathematics at Shrewsbury and later at Tonbridge School. He was a popular and keen footballer.

At the outbreak of war he joined up, receiving his commission in 1915.

Died of wounds in Belgium, 18th June 1917.

Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Grave XIII. A. 22.



There is no Glory in Practice, but without Practice there can be no Glory

Thursday 15 June 2017



Sabrina Club 8 training on the Severn in preparation for Henley qualifiers on Friday 23 June



Upper Sixth Form Sports Awards

Thursday 15 June 2017

More than 50 of the top sportsmen and women in the Upper Sixth were presented with Sports Awards at a ceremony held in the Ashton Theatre during the week before half-term.



L-R: Dan Orchard, Freddie Huxley-Fielding, Alys Howells, Jemima Price, Matthew Rowe

Sportswoman of the Year: Alys Howells

Alys has been an outstanding ambassador for the School in everything she has taken on. She has twice been selected to represent Wales at the Home Countries Regatta and plays a significant role in the Senior girls' rowing quad. She sets a fantastic example in the Boat Club and was chosen as the Vice-Captain of Rowing. She manages a very challenging workload as Head Girl, Music Scholar and high performing athlete but has also managed to secure a conditional offer at Oxford University to study Medicine. She is shining example to everyone at Shrewsbury of what can be achieved with hard work, she is humble in her efforts and is a very deserving recipient of the award.

Elle Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport: Jemima Price

Jemima has represented the School at the highest level across all three terms during her two years at Shrewsbury. She is a dedicated games player who works hard on the hockey pitch and has captained the 1st VII netball team this year. She is a kind and thoughtful team member and has been a fantastic role model to the younger pupils. She is also a member of the 1st VI tennis team this term. As an artist and musician as well, she manages to organise her time efficiently, supporting the co-curricular life of the School whilst always making time for her friends.



Sportsman of the Year: Freddie Huxley-Fielding

Freddie is the most successful Hunt runner for over 20 years. His placing of 13th at the English Schools Championships is testament to his national standing. As this year's Huntsman, he led his team to victory at the Knole Run, as well as winning the race individually. He also won MANISCCC, both County Championships, and every single Shrewsbury School race this year – Tucks, Paperchases, Hunt Club Championships, and recorded the fastest time at the Steeplechases. Whilst incredibly talented, he is modest with it and will take time to encourage and support a younger runner at the back of the pack. He is an inspiration to everyone at the Club.

David Spencer Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Sport: Daniel Orchard

Dan is an all-round sportsman who has represented the School with distinction in a number of sports including cricket, football, the Hunt and Fives. He has been something of an unsung hero in the 1st XI football team this year, who has maximised his potential through hard work and effort. He is Captain of Fives, plays in the top pair and this year reached the National semi-finals. He has led the team by example with his dedication to training. He is a confident yet modest young man, a spirited academic who is well respected amongst his peers and understands the need for preparation and hard work to gain success

Sixth Form Entrant Sportsman of the Year: Matthew Rowe

Matthew quickly established himself as one of the top performers in the RSSBC squad and is Captain of Boats this year. His outstanding work ethic is a significant contributing factor in him gaining selection to represent Great Britain for the third time in two years. He won a gold medal for Great Britain at the Munich Regatta in 2016 and 2017 and was selected to race in the coxed four at the Junior World Championships in Rotterdam. Not only is he a great rower, he is an all-round top athlete. In the last two years, he has contributed to running, football, cricket, swimming and was the MVP recently in the Inter-House Basketball Competition in which he scored most of the points in the tournament and helped his House to victory.

Nomination for Sportswoman of the Year and the Eleanor Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport

Nell Kirkby

Nominations for Sportsman of the Year and the David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport

Barnaby Fox

Will Hayward

Pat Jacob

Josh Malyon

Charlie Tait-Harris

Nominations for Sixth Form Entrant Sportsman of the Year

Charlie Byrne

George Newton

Service to Sports Awards

Harriet Adams

Kwaku Antwi

Reuben Arkwright

Adam Aslam-Baskeyfield

Tom Atkin

Cameron Bates

Morgan Butler

George Chaplin

Eccles Cheong

Caspian Cowan-Taylor

Eily Kerr

Alex King

Charlie Lennox

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Alex Webb
James Wong
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Outdoor Week featured on Radio Shropshire!

Thursday 15 June 2017

As part of Outdoor Week, Third Formers have been busy helping Shropshire Council's Outdoor Partnerships Team to repair and revamp a riverside footpath near the Severn Valley Country Park in South Shropshire. Radio Shropshire journalist Genevieve Tudor went along on Monday to find out how they were getting on.



Over the course of three days, groups of pupils have been building four bridges, installing five new gates and putting up new signage.



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“We are delighted to work in partnership with the council and the projects our pupils completed will hopefully be of real benefit to the community,” said Shrewsbury’s Director of Activities Nick David. “Our pupils have also learnt much about the work of local authorities in providing facilities such as this, and also picked up some useful skills along the way. We’re very grateful to the Countryside Maintenance Team for making this happen.”

Richard Knight, Countryside Maintenance Manager with Shropshire Council, was impressed by the pupils’ work: “They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. We hope that this, our second year of delivering activities for Outdoors Week, is the start of a regular annual partnership with Shrewsbury School. It was great to see the students getting involved and getting stuck into the work, and hopefully learning some new skills on the way.”

Please click [here](#) to listen to the Radio Shropshire broadcast.

Why we're running the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon

Thursday 15 June 2017

Mr Graham, Graduate Sports Coach and Tutor in Rigg's Hall, will be running his first ever Half-Marathon this Sunday as part of Team Shrewsbury School, together with three fellow Riggites. Meanwhile other members of the House are organising the Shrewsbury School Supporters' Station, cheering on the runners and making sure that as many funds as possible are raised for the team's nominated charity, the Alder Hey Children's Hospital.



With a couple of days left until the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon, I sat down with a few of the Rigg's boys to discuss we are participating in the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon. I say 'participating' advisedly, as whilst Hunt superstars Nik Amthor and Owen Mock will certainly be running, I may be reverting to a slow crawl by the half-way point...

However, participation is the key to success as 11 students, eight teachers and six Shrewsbury parents will all be running for the same great cause: the Alder Hey Children's Hospital, which is the busiest children's hospital in the UK.

The money we raise for the Alder Hey Children's Hospital will not only support the pioneering treatment they currently give to the children in their care – including one of our fellow members of Rigg's Hall – but will also help fund innovative work to treat future generations.

As someone who is much more used to rowing on the water than running on land, Sunday will be a great challenge. But what better way to finish my last few weeks at Shrewsbury School than enjoying the sights and sounds of Shrewsbury – with the emphasis on the sounds, as I might not be able to see much, wiping the sweat from my eyes in the 28+ degree heat!

Rigg's Head of House, Rob Hartwell, will also be running on Sunday. Rob is also a rowing sort and I wondered if he was just as nervous. "I'm not worried at all," he said bluntly. "It's going to be a walk in the park." Thanks, Rob, for those words of comfort.



Owen with his 400m and 800m medals

Owen Mock, who is currently Shropshire Schools & County Champ in the 400m and 800m and was part of the National Knole Run Winning Team this year, has played a vital role in organising the Rigg's Hall Fundraiser. This will take place at the Ashton Road Tennis Courts from 9:30-11:30am and all supporters are invited to come and enjoy a grandstand view of the race, donate funds and enjoy the African drumbeats of 'The People's Republic of Djembe'.

Owen and Nik are clearly looking forward to running the longest race of their careers so far. "I'm in it, to race it!" Nik stated with pure determination. He has been training incredibly hard and I look forward to seeing what time he produces; I hope there are lots of spectators at the Supporters' Station to cheer him on. "It's my favourite distance and I already have my eyes set on the Knole Run next year," he explained. Nik also stated that being able to do something you love while also raising money for a fantastic cause is a great opportunity. "That's why we're doing this, and to also show the community what Rigg's Hall represents. We persevere, we endure and we support each other, and that's exactly what we're going to do on Sunday!"

Although I am nervous and this will certainly be the longest (and first) running race of my career, I know Rob, Nik and Owen will be there at the finish line to pick me up off the floor.

We're anticipating a large crowd on Sunday, so please head down to the Rigg's Fundraiser! There's also still plenty of time to donate to Alder Hey Children's Hospital! Please click on the link below:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shrewsburyschool>

See you on the other side...

Rob, Nik, Owen and Mr Graham



Shrewsbury School vs. Legard's Legends

Saturday 17 June 2017

Rather than the usual distinguished sportsmen associated with cricket on Senior, last Sunday saw distinguished sports journalists grace the wicket. (Report by our own sports journalist, Sam Bayliss (Rt LVI).)

Legard's Legends, led by Jonathan Legard (O 1974-79), took on a combined Shrewsbury 2nd/3rd/U16 XI, on a day where temperatures topped 26 degrees.



In anticipation of a batting wicket, the Salopians generously opted to go into the field, allowing our esteemed opponents to take to the crease. A slow start followed, with opening bowlers Lucien Whitworth and Dan Davies testing John Murray and Ben Croucher – three of the first eight overs were maidens. The breakthrough finally came in the ninth over, with Dan taking the wickets of Croucher, as well as Alistair Bruce Ball, for a golden duck. Tim Peach, in at four, survived the hat-trick ball. Robert Ford came into the bowling attack, taking two wickets; John Murray went for 17, and Nick Hancock (I 1976-80) fell to the second golden duck of the day. However the Legends showed fight to recover from a potentially detrimental situation. Tim Peach went on to make a useful 55, and Mark Fearnall made 50, at which point they both retired. Both of their lives were made slightly easier by the ineffective bowling of William Shawe-Taylor, and despite his endless efforts the wickets dried up for Shrewsbury. Faizan Shah and Jack Davenport played short but sweet innings, both scoring over twenty and hitting frequent



boundaries. Mike Williams was then run out by the spectacular throw of Shawe-Taylor, and then the leader of the Legends, John Legard, the last batsman, was welcomed with a guard of honour. Legard finished on one not out, and his Legends ended on 204-7; a respectable score given the slow start, retirements and frequent drinks breaks. Dan Davies had the stand-out bowling figures, taking 3-13 off 7 overs. Shawe-Taylor, on the other hand, took 0-45 off just 4 overs.

Shrewsbury's batting reply was asked early questions when Ollie Thorpe fell for a duck, but Mike Schutzer-Weissman and Dave Clark steadied the nerves, with the pair batting conservatively at the required rate. When Clark was superbly caught by Nick Hancock, Shawe-Taylor arrived at the crease, looking to amend his poor bowling performance. He certainly did, as yet again a number four shone; he eased past 50 runs. By this stage Mike had also made 50, and with Shrewsbury settled, needing only 80 more runs off 20 overs and with 8 wickets in hand, the match appeared sealed. But, after a disruptive drinks break, the wickets were soon falling. Both Schutzer-Weissman and Shawe-Taylor were out, having made 68 and 53 respectively. Seb Cooley came into the bowling attack following the injury of Nick Hancock. Robert Ford made a swift 19, but Cooley's efforts with the ball prevailed; he bowled both Ford and Dan Davies in quick succession. Lucien Whitworth and Harry Remnant also succumbed to the same man's bowling, as they were both well caught. So in came Sam Bayliss and Tom Hughes, with Shrewsbury in need of only 7 runs from 5 overs, though 8 wickets down. The depths of Shrewsbury's batting line-up had been reached. The field was tight, and regular cries at near misses were all that could be heard. Bayliss eventually managed to find a gap, sealing the win with four runs. Shrewsbury made a meal of the chase, but that was only because of the excellence on display from Legard's Legends (and Mr Cooley, who took four wickets...).

Sam Bayliss (Rt LVI)

Super Cycling Man Zooms into Bangkok

Sunday 18 June 2017

Super Cycling Man (alter ego: Will Hodson (Rt 1990-95)) reached the Bangkok stage of his extraordinary five-year, seven-continent ride - and found time for a flying visit to see old teachers and new pupils at Shrewsbury International School.



It is Will's belief that 'We Can All Be Heroes' – and he certainly lives by his word. Ever energetic, determined and ready with a flash of wit, this is a Super Hero and a half!



Greeted by the School's Headmaster, Stephen Holroyd, Will was delighted to be back amongst some of his old teachers, although addressing them by their first names proved beyond his super powers: 'Mr Holroyd' and 'Mr Baxter' it would forever be.

'Mr Baxter', AKA Simon Baxter, Will's former maths and rowing Guru, was delighted to see his former protégé, but couldn't resist the opportunity to throw the board rubber at him when given the chance. Fortunately, our super hero's reflexes were up to the challenge!



Will also met some of the pupils – and it seems they found each other mutually inspirational: "They were incredibly friendly, polite and happy children, just like me, Horrocks, Humphreys and Ballard....".

Will is raising money for five charities including Parkinson's UK, as his father has had the disease for the past 20 years. All donations are being collected on Will's online giving page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/SCM>.

Success for School House in the inter-House cricket tournament

Sunday 18 June 2017

After a string of victories in the competition, Captain Roman Khidirbekov (IV) had led School House to our place in the A Leagues plate final against Churchill's.

On a beautiful afternoon, when the temperature was pushing 30 degrees, the scene was set for some wonderful cricket. The occasion lived up to its billing with a close game played in excellent spirit by both sides.

It came down to the final over in which School House needed seven runs from the last six balls to win. Having scored three from the first couple of balls, Punn Vajrabhaya (IV) stroked us to victory off the third with an elegant cover drive that scored four runs, which also earned him a well-deserved man of the match award. Congratulations to all involved.



(L-R). Front row: Tom Tarlton (IV), Raphael Lanvin (IV), Roman Khidirbekov (IV), Punn Vajrabhaya (IV); back row: Euan Cooper (IV), Ben Stewart (IV), Rhys Woodward (III), Jonty Gould (III).



Prep Schools Physics Spectacular

Wednesday 21 June 2017

On Thursday 15th June, Shrewsbury Physics Department opened its doors to Prestfelde School pupils for an afternoon of science enrichment.

This event was designed by Senior Physics Technician Alan Doyle and Physics Teacher John Balcombe.

Twenty-eight Year 7 pupils together with Prestfelde Head of Science, Mr Peakman, were entertained by John Balcombe on the theme of “The Physics of Air”.

There were a number of spectacular demonstrations. The pupils’ favourites were the ‘Vacuum Bazooka’ and the ‘Smoke Cannon’. Some of the properties of liquid nitrogen, solid CO₂ (‘dry-ice’) and compressed air were also demonstrated.

Mr Peakman later commented, “Thank you for organising and presenting such an excellent Physics lecture for our students touching on so many of our key CE topics. It has certainly given us a lot to talk about in class. They particularly enjoyed the smoke rings and the cotton wool ignition. Always nice to get some more exciting Physics practicals into our curriculum.”

Andrew Briggs, Head of Science

Life on Mars?

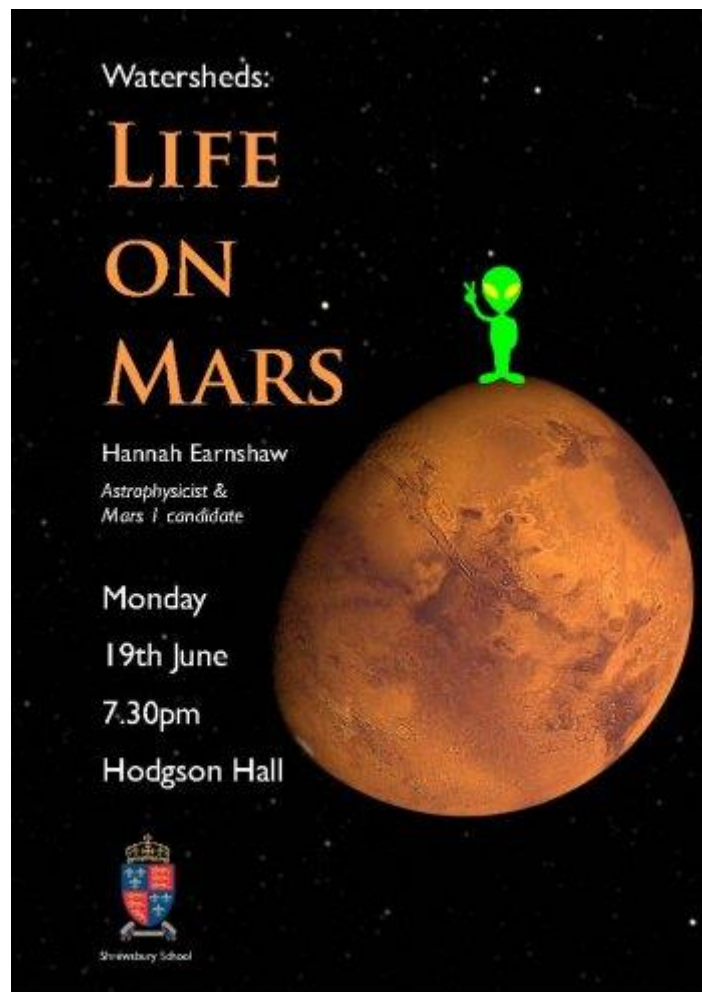
Wednesday 21 June 2017

The launch of next year's Academic Extension programme on the theme of 'Watersheds' took place on Monday evening with a lecture by astrophysicist Hannah Earnshaw. She has been selected as one of the final 100 possible candidates for a one-way mission to Mars.

The 2017/18 Academic Extension programme will explore a range of key moments in human thinking and endeavour that have changed, or may change, the course of history. Lectures and events are being organised by a team of Lower Sixth students alongside Stuart Cowper, the Director of Teaching and Learning.

Hannah Earnshaw, from Durham University, is about to leave the country to do a doctorate in California, so we were fortunate that she was prepared to visit Shrewsbury at relatively short notice to talk to our astronomers about 'Black Holes' and then give a lecture on the potential future watershed of humans establishing a colony on Mars.

Sam Bayliss (Rt LVI) reports:





'Life on Mars?' is one of the questions many scientists are today considering. Hannah Earnshaw's dream is to confirm this by embarking on a one-way mission to Mars in 2032. Having made the final 100 out of an initial 200,000 applicants, Earnshaw's dream could well become a reality.

The lecture, held in front of a full Science Lecture Theatre, saw Earnshaw discuss the reasons for this daring expedition, the eventualities on arriving on the Red Planet, and the means by which this goal will be achieved. Not once did she appear fearful; this is clearly a project that fills her with anticipation and excitement. She provided the intrigued audience with a rare insight into preparation for the mission. Training covers ten days' isolation and the nurturing of endless skills, including politics, medicine and biology. Earnshaw got down to the 'nitty gritty' of what this life would involve – it is no surprise that the process is scheduled to take so long.

Questions from pupils and staff lasted for over half an hour, which was testament to the curiosity that Earnshaw's lecture created. Some were more personal and awkward, such as the issue of having babies and forming colonies, whilst others were more light-hearted, such as 'How will you celebrate your birthday when years are more than twice as long on Mars?'. The issue of currency, of Earth abandoning the mission, and of further space exploration all arose. The discussed watershed was immense, and pupils were fully engaged in it.

Hannah Earnshaw provided a perfect start to the many lectures set to take place in the coming academic year. Everybody at the School would like to wish her the best of luck in achieving her dream, and in confirming the question 'Life on Mars?'.

Beekeeping hero catches swarm

Wednesday 21 June 2017

On a hot sunny afternoon this week, pupils walking between lessons were confronted by a swarm of bees on Central...

The swarm eventually settled in a mass about the same size and shape as a traffic cone, but hanging in a tree some 12 feet above the ground...



Members of the School's Beekeeping Society acted like some form of military quick reaction force to remove the swarm.

Hero of the day was Chad Usher (S V) who, as President of the Beekeeping Society and keen amateur beekeeper (and under the supervision of Teacher in Charge of Beekeeping Sara Fletcher), climbed a ladder provided by the Grounds Department, hit the centre of the swarm with a broom, knocking the queen into a waiting cardboard box below.



Where the queen led, the other bees followed - helped by some strategic raking by Chad, who managed to survive the day with only one sting.



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A nice touch to this was that another keen beekeeper, William Cowper (Rb IV) took the swarm for his own hive at home, a nice present to his family on his 15th birthday!

Nick David (Director of Activities)

Photos by Kate Bronner



Chad, William and a boxful of birthday bees



School House wins inter-House tennis competition for first time in a generation!

Wednesday 21 June 2017

Whilst the School House trophy cabinet is very well stocked, any silverware related to racket sports has been conspicuous in its absence for many years... it's fair to say that we are not known for our prowess on the tennis court. However, all that changed this year with the arrival of Byron Lee in the Fourth Form, who has proved himself to be one of the top players in the School. Despite his outstanding ability, it was a team competition so Byron could not have claimed the Junior Tennis title for us without the help of three other Fourth Form boys who, until now, have been modestly hiding their racquets under a bushel.

Euan Cooper, Ben Stewart and Artur Sarsenov joined Byron to sweep aside Oldham's, Severn Hill and Radbrook on their way to victory. In doing so, they won every game they played in both the singles and doubles phases of the competition.

With Wimbledon just around the corner, we're wondering how far this winning streak might go!



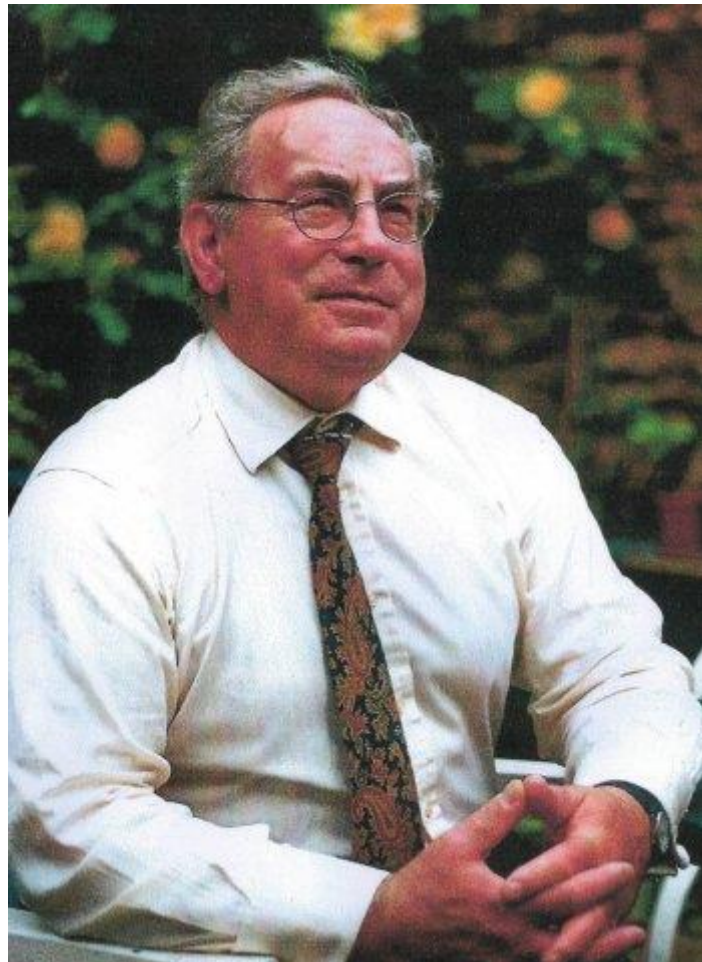
School House Junior Tennis champs (L-R): Euan Cooper, Byron Lee (Captain), Artur Sarsenov, Ben Stewart



A Chamber Concert for Schütz

Thursday 22 June 2017

Last Friday, Shrewsbury School music teachers John Moore, David Joyce, Jayne Robinson and Richard Lewis were joined by the renowned French cellist François Ragot for an evening of chamber music dedicated to the memory of Michael Schützer-Weissmann. 'Schütz' was a much loved and admired member of staff at Shrewsbury School from 1988 to 2015 and a great friend to many. He died in December 2015.



Peter Hankin writes:

One of the universal experiences about losing someone whom you loved is the business of them continuing to talk to you in your head. If I close my eyes I can still hear Mike's voice. We are driving back home from one of our many October trips to the vineyards of south-western France. We have just finished listening to eight hours of Samuel Pepys' Diary and he is slotting in a CD of a Bach Cello Suite. After a while he turns to me and says, "You know, there was very little great music written after this". It is one of those moments – and they were all too frequent with Schütz – when you either nod and turn away or take him on. The problem with the latter option is that he almost always won. Contrarian though he was, he always knew so much more than you did. I nodded dutifully.



It was therefore with some trepidation that on that warm tender June night last week we went to his Memorial Concert at the Maidment Building. After all, it was Mendelssohn and Schubert. What would he have said about that? All heart on sleeve stuff! Too much sentiment! I can hear him now. And yet, he was one of the most tender human beings I have ever met; a man capable of a vast spectrum of emotions.

But I admit, I was anxious on his behalf.

And then the magic began!

The Mendelssohn was instantly remarkable. Not just technically demanding but intensely emotionally affecting. The musical empathy of the trio was abundantly evident from the outset. They played as if they had been with each other for years, yet it was their first time together in concert. John Moore's brilliant virtuosity on the piano was exhilarating. There was a real charge of excitement in the audience. We stamped the floor when it was over! I looked down at Mike's children and his widow on the front row. They were clearly entranced.

The Schubert was, if anything, even more of a treat. The quintet produced music that flowed like clear chalk-stream water. We stood and cheered!

In the true Spanish Flamenco tradition, there should come a moment when the dancer transcends the formal structures of the dance and music and enters into the mystery of the moment. At such a time the audience must shout 'Duende!' in recognition of a shared ecstatic experience. I know that there was such a moment at Mike's Memorial Concert last week! We all felt it!

I know too that the dear old chap would have loved it – though, of course, he would never have admitted it. That was his style – that was his mystery! How we miss him!

Shrewsbury School SparkPoint - 'The Problem of Being'

Thursday 22 June 2017

This week's edition considers some deep philosophical questions about the nature of 'being'. It also includes a fascinating article on Teleportation written by Ebrahim Jamshid (SH V).

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL | SPARKPOINT

Are we nearly here yet?

All of us have lain awake at night at some stage in our lives and pondered what it really means to 'be', wondered whether we can prove our own existence, let alone that of anybody else. In many ways, it's a sobering and very isolating thought to have. We are so locked in to our own perceptions and thoughts, that we can't perceive the world through the eyes of someone else.

This week's SparkPoint can't really help you with any of those grand questions, but it can demonstrate how others have dealt with and processed these thoughts in creative, poignant and sometimes even amusing ways. Dealing with who we are, what existence really means and how we ought to go about it is the prime problem of life so it's worthy of fifteen minutes thought, isn't it? I am also enormously grateful to Ebrahim Jamshid for providing his own thoughts on a related matter – turn the page to read them.

SP77 – Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

For an amusing insight into what it means to 'be' take a look at [Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead](#) from Tom Stoppard's pen. Set around two very young characters in Hamlet as they wait to work out the meaning of their own lives, the play takes some very serious points about the purpose of the universe and asks if it is to make rational judgements about a situation which cannot do it.

5 Minutes

SP78 – Stone Henge

It is, of course, one of the most iconic landmarks of the nation – an absolute must-see for any tourist visit and considered to be a wonder of the world. But how much do we really know about this circle of stones? What does it signify about the existence of our ancestors and what has it come to mean in the centuries since it was first built? Click [here](#) to discover more.

5 Minutes

SP79 – Simone de Beauvoir

Although she herself never considered herself a philosopher, Simone de Beauvoir's essays, novels and biographies are widely regarded to have been profoundly influential within the existentialist movement. A founder of contemporary feminism her work was controversial and highly political. Click [here](#) to watch an analysis of her work 'The Second Sex'.

5 Minutes

Playing the Game

Whether Cozzani intended his series of Oil Paintings (shown collectively at The Courtyard) to move forward the work of existential thought is a matter of some debate. Nonetheless, these compelling images of men engaged in a common activity, but all completely absorbed within their own individual worlds has spawned a wealth of highly accredited philosophical works about perception, selfishness and the isolation of life.



Mr Walters | Deputy Head (Academic)

Interpretation of Murder

Whether into psychology and you're looking for a good murder and then why not try the 'murder' novel 'The Interpretation of Murder'. A fictional account of Freud's only visit to the USA, this exciting murder mystery contains the thoughts and processes of the great psychologist in an accessible and enjoyable way. It's also an exciting and addictive packed story – what's not to like. The book is available in the school library.



June 2017

Shrewsbury School cricket teams reach national finals

Thursday 22 June 2017

It has been an exciting week for Shrewsbury School cricket, with the U17s, U15 Girls and U15 Boys all winning through to the final stages of national competitions, the 1st XI being crowned West Midlands Champions in the U18 HMC T20, the U14A XI reaching the semi-finals of the County Cup, and the Girls' 1st XI beating Malvern College by ten wickets in their first ever match on Senior.



Peter Clark (Rb IV) (U15, U17 & 1st XI)

On Monday, the **U17 XI** claimed an emphatic victory away against Sedbergh to win through to the Semi-Finals of the U17s School Sports Magazine National Cup. They will play Bedford at home on Tuesday 27th June.

The **U15 Girls** continued their outstanding season with their best performances on grass to date at the Quarter-Finals of the National U15 Cup on Tuesday. In a triangular fixture against Ormskirk School and Wakefield Girls' High School Schools, they finished as overall winners and now look forward to National Finals Day at Felsted School on Monday 4th September.

Having been crowned ESCA T20 County Champions last week, the **Boys' U15A XI** beat a powerful Bromsgrove team on Wednesday (Shrewsbury 131 for 7/ Bromsgrove 126 for 7) and have now qualified for the Midlands Finals Day on Wednesday 28th June, which will be played at Trent College.

On Thursday, the **Girls' 1st XI** played their first ever match on Senior on Thursday and rose magnificently to the occasion, beating Malvern College by 10 wickets.

On Friday 23rd June, the **U14A XI** beat Adams Newport in the Semi-Final of the County Cup. The Final against Bridgnorth Endowed School will be played at Shrewsbury next Tuesday, 27th June.

Next Monday (26th June) the **1st XI** will play either Beford or The Leys Cambridge in the Regional Finals of the U18 HMC T20. They won the West Midlands T20 title last Friday, beating Newcastle-under-Lyme School by 70 runs.



The Girls' U15s with the Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Runners-Up Trophy that they won earlier this season



Physics Olympics

Thursday 22 June 2017

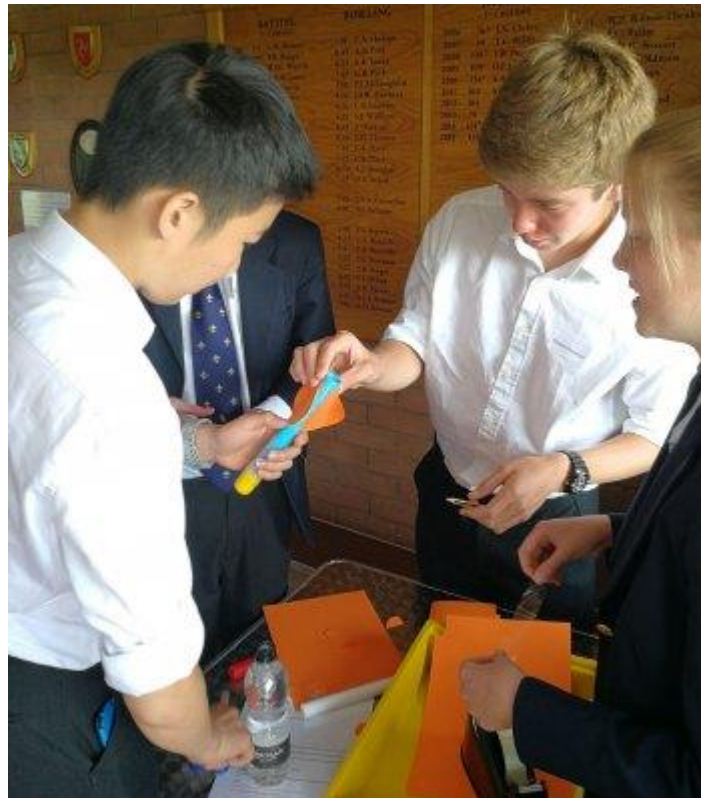
Launching rockets, constructing catamarans, building electromagnets - just some of the challenges faced by a team of four Third Form physicists who represented Shrewsbury School at the annual Physics Olympics on Tuesday.

This was the first time a team from Shrewsbury has taken part in this prestigious and competitive event, which was held at King's School Chester.

The four students selected for the team had previously demonstrated outstanding aptitude for the subject based on internal testing and a five-week series of workshops in preparation for the event. The final team consisted of Euan Parr (Rb), Tim Ng (R), Bertie Shepherd-Cross (O) and Charlotte Russell (G).

The team set off on Tuesday feeling a little apprehensive about the day ahead. However, once the first of five challenges was underway they quickly hit their stride. Showing excellent team skills, practical dexterity and a good working knowledge of different areas of physics the team went about their work with gusto.

In the first challenge they were asked to build a rocket that would land near to a specified target. The team were commended on their use of rifling to aid the accuracy of their design and managed to get within 2.5 m of the target.



Building the rocket...



... and launching it

In the second challenge the team we asked to build an electromagnet that would be capable of transporting a maximum possible amount of paperclips. Having not looked at electricity yet they were certainly out of their comfort zone. However, they worked through a series of practical steps in order to register a commendable score.

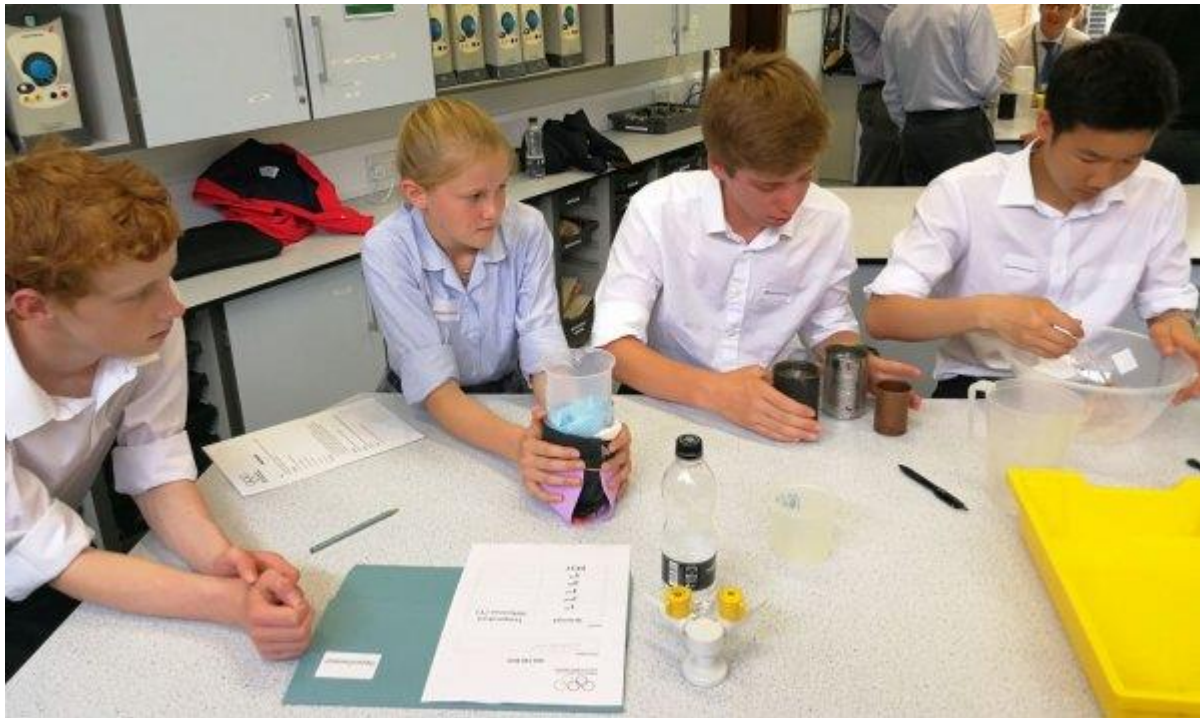
The third and fourth challenges first tested the team's ability to build a catamaran that could be powered by capacitors, and then their understanding of heat transfers and insulation to get the maximum possible temperature difference between two liquids.



The catamaran challenge

In the fifth challenge, the team were asked to use Hooke's Law to estimate the mass of ball of plasticine and to build a boat, using the plasticine, that could carry the maximum number of marbles.

Finally, throughout the day the group were tackling a series of brain teaser puzzles that tested their ability to approximate and evaluate physical parameters. For example, one question asked them to calculate how many Olympic swimming pools it would take to hold all of the water in the Atlantic Ocean.



The team testing their knowledge of heat transfer

This variety of activities certainly tested the full range of abilities of each member and on the bus home the team decided that the biggest lesson to take away from the event is that physicists need to be adaptable!

Overall the team came 6th out of 24, which a fantastic effort given that this was the first time Shrewsbury has ever competed at this event. They all displayed qualities that suggest that they have a bright future within physics and, perhaps more importantly, have developed into strong team players who overcame their initial trepidation to face new challenges head on. An excellent effort from all involved!

Richard Barrett

Third Form Battlefield Tour

Thursday 22 June 2017

"Fresh from our DofE expedition the day before and after a 4.15 start in the morning, we set sail for Calais on the way to the First World War battlefields of Belgium and Northern France." Tom Allen (Ch III) gives a thoughtful account of last week's Third Form Study Trip led by the History Faculty.



Our first stop was the town of Ypres, unfortunate enough to be the site of four separate battles during the conflict, which left no building undamaged and the city in ruins. What we were all surprised to hear was that all the elaborate buildings around us were not in fact medieval but rebuilt in 1923 with German money. A new addition in this renovation was the Menin Gate, where at 8pm every day the Last Post is played and wreaths are laid. We all witnessed this and it was a thought-provoking start to our trip.



The next day we crossed the border into the Somme district of France, poppies growing on the roadside, where we visited the many memorials and cemeteries that were seen all over the landscape: the Ulster Tower, the Newfoundland Park Memorial (remembering the many Commonwealth troops that took part) and most spectacularly the magnificent Thiepval Memorial, where we conducted a short service to remember the many Salopians and relatives that so many of us had found inscribed on the walls.



After this we were treated with a visit to Arras, where the Allies had mounted their attack by emerging out of the medieval mines that lay below the town. Here we experienced something of the life of a soldier being ‘90% boredom and 10% sheer horror’ down in the mines where they were forced to live before the battle in which 285,000 died.



On the final day of our trip we saw the war from the other side’s point of view, visiting one of the only four German cemeteries on the Western Front at Langemark. We were struck with the contrast between the bright and elaborate Allied cemeteries and the harrowing, macabre German ones, where the granite headstones were laid flat on the ground as the French government refused them the honour of standing up.

The visit was not complete, however, without a visit to a chocolate shop in Ypres before heading home via the Channel Tunnel.

It is fair to say that we came away understanding the ‘war to end all wars’ in a much deeper way, and the horrific experiences that men on all sides had to go through made us feel more than ever grateful for what they did a hundred years ago.

Tom Allen (Cb III)



Schools and Universities Polo Association (SUPA) National Championships

Friday 23 June 2017

For once this season, Shrewsbury School's Polo players were not able to complain about rain-sodden pitches and last minute match cancellations...

The intense blue of heaven was disrupted only by clusters of sky-divers in the distance, whereas the almost infernal heat was subdued only with buckets of water streaming off the horses on their lines.



Milo Herbert and Freddie Blanchard-Butter sweep round Radley

Yet Esther McLaughlin and her Shrewsbury Polo players acquitted themselves well at the SUPA National Championships, held at Kirlington Polo Club near Oxford on Saturday 17th June. With an about equal number of wins and losses, the two teams earned middling rank places in the Prize-Giving.

The A Team, captained by Scott Walker (SH) and assisted by the Brothers Blanchard-Butter (SH) and Milo Herbert, to our happy surprise beat a Stowe team in their first chukka. Thereafter the Goddess of Victory averted her gaze. They did well to hold the ultimate champions of the class, Radley, to a two-goal win. Scott and his men also, alas, succumbed to Uppingham later in the afternoon, conceding a goal.



Scott Walker

Esther's B Team, reinforced by Ned Moreau (Rt), Paddy Barlow (R) and Lyonel Tollemache (Rt), fell to another Stowe side in their first chukka but went on to win against a combined side (Esther's goals) and Felsted (Ned's goal). Bertie Speed's (I) combined more or less Bradfield team lost their first two chukkas but in perhaps the most vivid aristeia of the afternoon he seized control of the ball from a Marlborough side and led his team to an elegantly achieved victory.

Glynn Henderson, our ever supportive trainer and mentor, was largely pleased with the progress and achievement of the team. He hopes that next year there will be a breakthrough into the upper ranks of Schools Polo.

Thanks are, as ever, due to the parents who sweltered in their support and to all who have helped sustain this enterprise.

We are also grateful to Dr Butter for the photographs.

JAS



L-R: L-R: Lyonel Tollemache, Paddy Barlow, Scott Walker, Freddie Blanchard-Butter, Will Blanchard-Butter, Bertie Speed, Esther McLaughlin, Jim Sheppe (Master in Charge), Ned Moreau (Milo Herbert not pictured)



Shrewsbury Saracens vs Stowe Templars

Saturday 24 June 2017

Shrewsbury Saracens defeated by Stowe Templars in the Second Round of the Cricketer Cup



With the start of the match delayed due to wet weather, and with the forecast looking mixed for the rest of the day, Shrewsbury won the toss and elected to bowl first in their second round fixture against Stowe Templars. The pace attack of Ruaidhri Smith (Rt 2010-12) and Steve Barnard (Rb 2009-11) were entrusted with the new ball for the Saracens and were unlucky not to pick up an early wicket, beating the bat several times and unsettling the Stowe openers with several short-pitched deliveries. Stowe's opening pair successfully negotiated the first 12 overs from the Shrewsbury pacemen unscathed, before Cricketer Cup debutant Charlie White (G 2009-14) picked up the first wicket, courtesy of a good catch from Henry Lewis (I 2007-12) at mid-on. Thereafter White and Matt Gregson (Rb 2008-13) bowled well from either end, containing the Stowe batters to bring down the run rate to inside 5-an-over. However, Stowe opener Rob White continued to prove a thorn in the side for the Saracens attack, batting well throughout the innings to bring up his 100 before striking a couple of big blows in the latter stages. Mention must also go to the Lewis brothers, with Henry Lewis picking up 2 wickets whilst younger brother George Lewis (I 2010-15) bowled a nice spell from the other end at a tricky stage in the innings to be bowling spin. White was eventually removed for 149, and despite some good bowling at the death, Stowe pressed-on to close their 50 overs on 278-4.



Having struck a similar score themselves in the first round, the Shrewsbury Saracens went into the run-chase confident that Stowe's 278 would be within reach. After a rain delay early in the Shrewsbury innings, the Saracens top order struggled to build partnerships. Ben Chapman (Rt 1995-00) was the first to be dismissed, followed by Joe Carrasco (Rt 2012-14), who was unlucky to fall to a ball that didn't bounce. Jack Brydon (O 1999-04) and Ben Williams (Rt 2008-10) looked to re-build against the Stowe spinners, however both fell in relatively quick succession, caught in the outfield as they tried to increase the run-rate. Unfortunately, at 4-down and with the required run-rate increasing, the Saracens middle order of Ruaidhri Smith, Henry Lewis, and Tom Cox (M 2000-05) were left with too much to do, not helped by a pitch that was progressively deteriorating. The Saracens were ultimately bowled out for 152, despite some entertaining hitting from the lower order.

The curse of the second round strikes once again for Saracens. However, despite a disappointingly early exit from the 2017 Cricketer Cup, this year's campaign saw 5 recent leavers make their Cricket Cup debuts, which should stand the team in good stead for future years. Thoughts now shift to the August Tour in Devon, with Henry Lewis hoping to lead the 30-plus man squad to success on the pitch, and, no doubt, plenty of opportunity for some team building off the pitch as well.

Ben Williams



Old Salopians Battle the Seas in North Wales

Saturday 24 June 2017

Two races, two dates, two boats and hard-fought battles to the bitter end!



Pursuit races are some of the most exciting in the yachting diary. Boats have a staggered start, based on their handicaps and a fixed finishing time. This means that the slowest boats start first and in theory all will end together in a photo finish. It makes the end of the race heart-stoppingly challenging as all the boats converge together.

Two such races took place on the 29th April and the 24th of June 2017, and a strong group of 1976 leavers (and brave partners) could be found taking part in each. Both took place in the choppy waters off Conwy Bay, with the racing circuit taking in Conwy and Anglesey in fantastic sailing conditions. The winds on both days came from the South West at 15 to 20 knots which gave us some fast sailing - and we managed to prove that despite the rumours the sun does shine in Wales!



Making up the crew of the April race were Nigel Pemberton (SH 1971-76), Nigel Johnson (Ch 1971-76) with his wife Charlotte and myself Steve Gorst (I 1971-76) as Skipper. The race started out in typical pursuit style, with our boat, a Moody 33, the second to start. In true bumpers fashion we overhauled the leading boat quite quickly and waited for the faster boats to close in on us. We held on to the lead for over an hour until we reached the very last mark, but in the final 5 minutes of the race we were overhauled by 'Pinch of Thyme', a Moody 35, and had to be content with a well-deserved and well-fought second place.

The June race boasted a larger crew. Nigel Pemberton helmed with Brian Maudsley (Rt 1971-76), Stuart Patterson (Ch 1971-76) Rich Keenlyside (DB 1971-76) and his wife, Nik, making up the crew. We were now the fourth boat to start and once more quickly overhauled the boat in front of us. But our success was short-lived: we were overtaken by a much faster boat before we reached the coast of Anglesey. On the plus-side, we had otherwise held our position. Puffin Sound provided some challenging seas in which to improve our tacking, as the currents here are famously strong and we needed to make last minute adjustments to make it round the large, unforgiving concrete pillar which created our mark. Although this could have cost us our position, we quickly realised the following boats all had to do the same, so our final position was fourth overall. More thrillingly, we were the first club boat home so won the cup!

As well as Old Salopian races, our group has also taken part in 'Barts Bash' and raised money for the Andrew Simpson Foundation to facilitate a wider participation in sailing by encouraging children from a wide range of backgrounds. We have set up a website for people that may wish to donate <http://www.bartsbash.com/united-kingdom/north-wales-cruising-club> and next year I would like to invite Old Salopians from any year to join us either as crew or by bringing their own yachts. The date for the diary is the 15th of September 2018.

School House wins the double in the Inter-House Athletics!

Sunday 25 June 2017

Having won the Overall and Junior trophies last year, School House had its eye on the other two major pieces of silverware this time around. The boys did not disappoint and were victorious in both the Senior and the Inter categories! School House dominated the event and thoroughly deserved their success; we have now won all four trophies in the last two tournaments. Congratulations!



A small selection of our Senior and Inter medal winners (L-R): Scott Walker (LVI), Ian Lau (LVI), Josiah Chilaka (LVI), Andrew Chan (UVI), James Wong (UVI - Senior Captain), Artyom Kutuwoy (LVI), Arron Lewis (V - Inter Captain), Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill (LVI), Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (V), Mark Pangin (V)

It was a great team effort, with more than half the House competing in one or more events. Amongst many medals, there were a couple of outstanding individual victories.

First, Arron Lewis, our Inter Captain, led by example and smashed the school record in the javelin with a massive throw of 43.12m, which was 13m further than 2nd place. It's worth noting that this would also have won the senior competition comfortably: no senior contender exceeded 30m.

Second, Nifemi Okusanya (UVI) cemented his reputation as the quickest boy in the School by winning the 100m in a blistering 11.4s. He then went on to take gold as part of our 4 x 100m relay team, which also included James Wong, Josiah Chilaka and Archie Kutovoy.



Nifemi speeding his way to victory in the 100m final and on the podium with his gold medal

Apart from the individual successes, our relay victories showed great team-work. None more so than the mad-cap and infamous Cannon Relay... This nail-biting and exciting event comprises 20 boys from every House, including at least four from each year. The team is split; 10 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 coordination are crucial and our victory in front of a cheering crowd of students, staff and parents was one of the highlights of the afternoon!



L: Punn Vajrabhaya (IV) nailing the triple jump; R: Koby Ferdinand-Okpala focussed on getting School House off to a flying start in the first leg of the gripping Cannon Relay final.



RSSBC: Impressive wins for the J15s at the Ironbridge Regatta

Monday 26 June 2017

On Saturday 24th June the J15 squad travelled to Ironbridge for their last race of the season at a traditional side by side course on the picturesque River Severn. This report by their coach, Tom Fitton, also includes a link to a video made by cox Archie Duckworth, which chronicles their preparation for the National Schools' Regatta.



The J15 boys entered five events through the day and came away with four wins, which was an excellent way to finish the season.

In the morning, Frank Kelly, Nick Yale, James Weir, James Martin and cox Tom Jackson won the J15 boys quads event in comfortable fashion with a two-length victory over Derwent Rowing Club in the final. Also in the morning, the crew of Connor Hickey, Archie McKirdy, Nathan Mielczarek and Louis Nares, coxed by Archie Duckworth, won the Novice coxed fours event in very comfortable fashion, dominating the competition to win both of their rounds by easily verdicts.

In the afternoon, the two boats combined to race in the IM3 eights category against two good quality eights from Minerva Bath and Huntingdon. Coming from behind in the final against Huntingdon, they won by one length to finish off the season on a high.

Also in the afternoon, the double of James Sykes-Waller and Tom Tarlton combined to win Novice doubles by four lengths, which was an impressive achievement.

J15 awards for the season:

Best performer: Connor Hickey with 11 wins



Most improved: Archie Duckworth

Best Pairs rower: Archie Mckirdy

Clubman award: Tianci Wang

Rower's rower: Connor Hickey and Frank Kelly

To view Archie Duckworth's film, please click on the image below:

Careers Bulletin for Sixth Formers

Monday 26 June 2017

Please click [here](#) to open the latest bulletin as a pdf.

School House bands rock the summer pop concert!

Tuesday 27 June 2017

On a keenly anticipated evening in the last week of the academic year, the School was in a celebratory mood and gathered in a crowded marquee on Top Common to hear some of Shrewsbury's most talented groups perform. School House featured prominently on the stage in the groups B13 and The Strand; they played energetic covers from bands such as Green Day, Oasis and the Arctic Monkeys. Judging from the enthusiastic "dancing", a great time was had by the audience as well as the musicians... Who needs Glastonbury?!



The Strand (L-R): Llyr Heyward-Jones (LVI - drums), Peter Stanley (UVI - guitar), Fred Blanchard-Butter (LVI - vocals), Will Blanchard-Butter (LVI - bass guitar)



SH UVI band B13 (L-R): Eccles Cheong (drums), Peter Stanley (guitar and vocals), Tom Kirk (bass guitar)

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Update from Henley Royal Regatta

Wednesday 28 June 2017

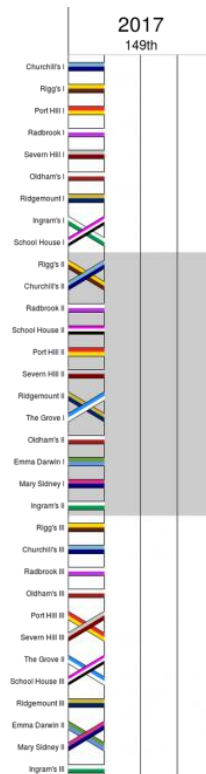
Following a victory for the Shrewsbury 1st VIII against Tabor Academy in the morning, there was a jovial spirit in the Salopian Marquee for lunch on Wednesday 28 June. The weather was over-cast, but not the atmosphere, as OS gathered to enjoy a bite to eat and a little fizz too. Please see attached photos.

Sadly, Shrewsbury's success came to an end against Eton College on Thursday, but undaunted, there will be another lunch - all OS and families welcome - on Saturday 1 July (gratis). Please find us from 12.00 in the Marquee with the Maltese Cross, Henley Cricket Club Ground, Remenham Lane.

Bumpers - Day 1

Wednesday 28 June 2017

The 149th Bumping Races got underway today in still, but wet, conditions.



Churchill's and Rigg's continued to do battle at the Head of each division, with Churchill's coming out marginally better – but it looks like the racing will be intense right through to Speech Day.

The Grove bumped up to maintain their position as the highest placed girls crew in the competition for the Elizabeth Cup.

School House and Churchill's are the early leaders for the Bumpers Cup competition (where points are awarded for bumping).

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division 1

SH bpd I

Division 2

Ch bpd R

G bpd Rt

Division 3

S bpd PH

SH bpd G

MSH bpd EDH

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



Junior School Play: 'All My Sons'

Wednesday 28 June 2017



"My only accomplishment is my son. I ain't brainy. That's all I accomplished."

Joe Keller seems to have everything: his business is thriving, his wife adores him, his son is a war hero.

However, behind the white-picket fences of American suburbia lurk sinister secrets that can destroy a man's dreams...

Arthur Miller's classic depiction of a family in crisis was performed over three evenings during Salopian Week (Wed 28th - Fri 30th June) by students from the Third and Fourth Forms .

Please follow the links to view a gallery of photos: ['All My Sons' - photo gallery](#) and to read a review by Peter Middleton (Deputy Head - Co-Curricular): ['All My Sons' - review](#)

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

OS Dinner at the Methaiga Club Nairobi

Thursday 29 June 2017

On Thursday June 22 a very select group of people met for what might be the first Official Old Salopian dinner in Nairobi



The Old Salopians gathered were Ed Cunynghame (S 1996-01), Alex Wield (R 1997-02) and Ed Hewitt (Rt 1998-03). Ed and Alex were joined by their wives Hannah and Di but Ed Hewitt has only been married a week and clearly felt it was too early in his marriage to be exposing his new bride to an evening where some of his darker school exploits might have been revealed! Current parents Aidan Hartley and Philip Coulson were our very kind hosts; indeed without them we would have had to search for an alternative venue as you can only pay at the Muthaiga club if you are a member; which is why I have yet to join! Peter Middleton and I completed the merry throng.

I have only been to the Muthaiga once before in 2005. On that occasion I was with the sister of an Old Salopian, (Andrew Francombe's (G 1993-98) sister Julia and her husband Mike) and by chance the only other people in the restaurant were Tom and Ben Orde-Powlett (O 1992-97 and 1994-99 respectfully). So as we sat down under a painting by David Marrian (SH 1970-74), I felt we were very much in a place which attracts Salopians.

A very convivial evening was had by all and Aidan's oratorical skills brought the night to a rousing crescendo. Aidan and Philip have been very generous in their support of a bright Tanzanian boy, who is a Beacon scholar (look it up!), coming to the school in September and are looking for some help with his air fares and pocket money. If anyone still reading this would like to be involved I can put you in touch.

After we had said our goodbyes Peter and I returned to the Fairview Hotel where we bumped into ex Rigg's Housemaster Matthew Mostyn who left this parish some time ago to go to Stonyhurst as Deputy Headmaster. Matthew was in excellent form and the second social engagement of the night then took place!



If anyone is wondering what Peter and I were up to in Kenya we did have permission to be there! We visited The Banda School and Kenton in Nairobi and then travelled up to Gilgil to attend the Ndume 7s at Pembroke House. We were royally entertained by the headmaster Jason Brown who used to teach at Prestfelde amongst other places but a massive thanks must go to MJ Nuijten who is a current parent and Registrar at Pembroke. MJ ensured there were no hitches in our itinerary and allowed us to stay with her mother Mary Coulson MBE; the founder of Restart. Restart is an orphanage which we visited with some Manchester United kit to give out. This was courtesy of Tony Whelan who has brought the Manchester United youth teams to stay in School House in the second week of August for a number of years. Several Old Salopians have volunteered there and do please have a look at the website, <http://www.restartafrica.org> or Facebook page, (<https://www.facebook.com/restartafrica>). It is an incredible place and does a huge amount for children who have had the worst possible starts in life. If you know anyone who would like to volunteer or you would like to volunteer yourself please do contact me at gjfb@shrewsbury.org.uk .

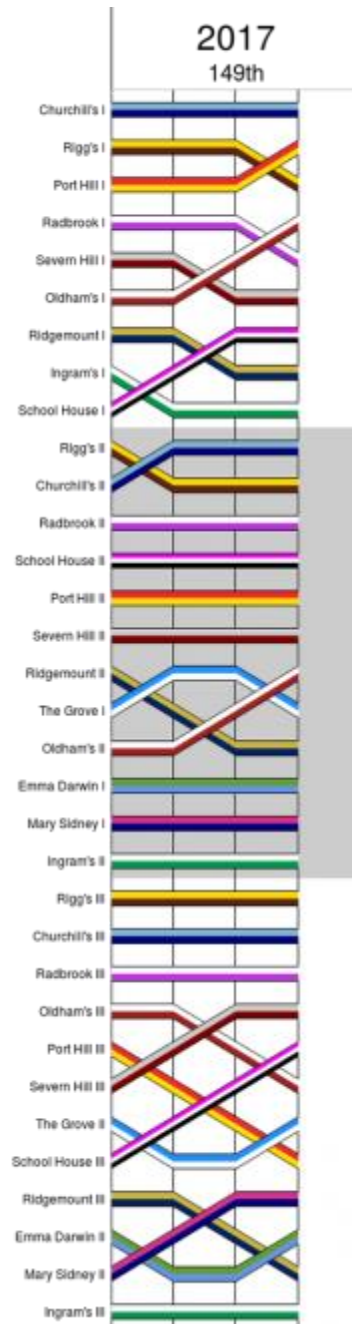
We stayed for a chapel service at Pembroke on the Sunday and the Restart choir joined the Pembroke choir to sing most movingly. Then a little girl stood up and gave the Restart choir a purse containing 3,000 shillings which a group of very young Pembroke children had collected by selling knitted bands at the Ndume 7s. It was a touching moment and somehow encapsulated the spirit of our visit. I could certainly work for the Kenya tourist board and I am very much looking forward to another OS dinner in Nairobi next year.

Giles Bell

Bumpers – Day 2

Thursday 29 June 2017

The dull weather continued, but the racing today was far from dull!



In Division three, School House maintained their charge up the charts and are now the only crew in contention for 'blades', with three bumps out of three.

In Division two, Oldham's were the only house to bump up; in fact they did so twice! The Grove maintained their position as the highest placed girls' house – despite moving down one position.



In Division one, Oldham's I weren't to be outdone by their second boat; they bumped twice as well. The big move of the day came as Port Hill bumped Rigg's to move to bungline 2 tomorrow, giving them a chance to win their first Headship since 1990. (Or maybe Churchill's will hang on to retain it for the first time since 1937?)

Round 2

Division 1

O bpd S

SH bpd Rt937

Division 2

O bpd Rt

Division 3

S bpd O

SH bpd PH

MSH bpd Rt

Round 3

Division 1

PH bpd R

O bpd Rb

Division 2

O bpd G

Division 3

SH bpd O

G bpd PH

EDH bpd Rt



Celebrations to Commemorate the 10 Year Anniversary of Henley Greatness

Thursday 29 June 2017

On an English summer evening during Henley Week, all those involved with the Princess Elizabeth Cup victory at Henley Royal Regatta ten years ago came together to celebrate their achievement.

It may only have been by one foot, but all the sweeter for it! For the celebratory reunion, all nine of the crew were present; several travelling from overseas for the purpose. It was a great pleasure to welcome their inspirational coach, Todd Jesdale and his talented assistant Nick Henderson (later Head Coach) as well as former Headmaster Jeremy Goulding, who by appointing both Todd and Nick to the staff, was instrumental in the win. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Miles Preston, President of Sabrina.

Accompanied by wives, partners, most parents and some siblings, the crew, their coaches, Headmaster and guests enjoyed a convivial evening over dinner. Miles Preston proposed a toast to RSSBC, with replies from the joint Captains (Sean Duncan and Luke Taylor) and Todd Jesdale.



From Left to right: Sean Duncan (SH 2002-07), Luke Taylor (Ch 2002-07) – Joint Captains, Richard Putnam (M 2002-07), Ed Whitehead (SH 2003-2008), Jeremy Goulding (former Headmaster), Todd Jesdale (Coach), Patrick Lapage (R 2003-08), Harry Davies (S 2004-09), Dan Turner – Cox (I 2003-08), James Davenport (2005-07), Tom Hanmer (Rt 2002-07) and Nick Henderson (Assistant Coach that year and later Head Coach).

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Shrewsbury School SparkPoint - 'Not Nice, Not Good - Just Right'

Thursday 29 June 2017

This issue celebrates those who have done the right thing, irrespective of personal cost. It also includes two articles by pupils: 'The Greek and the Good' by Ebrahim Jamshid; and 'Don't Blame it on the Sunshine' by Nick Yale.

Please click on the image below to open 'Shrewsbury SparkPoint - 'Not Nice, Not Good - Just Right' as a pdf:



Bumpers - Day 3

Friday 30 June 2017

For Speech Day and the final round of the Bumping Races, the sun shone. With the 1st VIII returned from Henley, a number of Houses were able to strengthen their crews, so the racing was set to be competitive.



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After racing, the following prizes were awarded:

- Head of Division 3 medals (boys) – Rigg's Hall
- Head of Division 3 medals (girls) – The Grove
- Head of Division 2 medals (boys) – Churchill's Hall
- Head of Division 2 medals (girls) and the Elizabeth Cup – The Grove
- Head of Division 1 medals and Head of the River trophy – Churchill's Hall
- Bumpers Cups - awarded for average bumping points per crew:
- 4th (Mill Cup) – Oldham's Hall/Rigg's Hall (tied)
- 3rd (Dickens Plaque) – Mary Sidney Hall
- 2nd (Bower Cup) – School House
- 1st (Friends Cup) – Churchill's Hall
- Birt Trophy (overall girls' House rowing prize) – Mary Sidney Hall
- Leadbitter Cup (overall boys' House rowing prize) – Churchill's Hall



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



The Grove, winners of the Elizabeth Cup

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division 1

I bpd Rt

Division 2

PH bpd SH

O bpd S

Rt bpd G

Division 3

SH bpd S

G bpd O

MSH bpd PH

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



Hats-Off to Philip at Henley

Friday 30 June 2017

On a beautiful day for messing about beside the water, Old Salopians congregated at Henley on Saturday for a glass of refreshment and a bite to eat.

There was an excellent turn-out of alumni, including a reunion of the 2007 victorious Henley VIII (of which more news will follow here shortly).



However, on this occasion, particular honours were awarded to Philip Wood (M 1992-97) as the person responsible for coordinating, orchestrating and steering the Sabrina boat over the past three years.

In 2015, the crew tried to qualify for Henley Regatta but failed by a second in the time trial. 'Undaunted by this,' commented Miles Preston (DB 1963-68), Chairman of Sabrina, 'Phil got most of the crew to come back for the 2016 season. This time the crew did qualify to row in the Thames Cup - which was the first time Sabrina had an eight which qualified to compete at Henley.' The eight was knocked out in the first round of the regatta by a good under-23 Chinese eight, some of whose crew members may well be in the running to represent China at the next Olympics. More significantly, the crew won at Marlow in a thrilling final where they were lying fourth of six crews at the halfway mark and managed to row through the opposition to win by a margin of two thirds of a length over the runner up.

This year, Philip has had to work very hard to get a crew together - partly because a number of the 2016 crew retired and partly because the crew's coach, Paul Manser (DB 1974-79), took a well-earned sabbatical to the Far East. But there are a number of much younger Sabrina members coming up through the ranks to give great hope for the future. Please contact Philip Wood (philip.wood@stantonralph.co.uk) if you are able to assist his endeavours to create a new VIII in any way.



Sabrina Club

The Head of the River
Thames Tideway, 19th March 2016

Photo: Rob Jones, 2016
Shrewsbury School Rowing Club

Marlow Regatta
Denley Lake, 28th June 2016

Photo: Rob Jones, 2016
Shrewsbury School Rowing Club

Windsor Royal Regatta
Windsor, 29th June 2016, Thames Challenge Cup

Photo: Rob Jones, 2016
Shrewsbury School Rowing Club

	Row	R O Manser	198 08 16	[19] 2008-10	
1	F R Wood	199 09 15	[20] 2009-11		
2	S C J Smith	199 09 16	[21] 2009-11		
3	J R J Kayson	199 09 16	[22] 2009-11		
4	F H G Skelton	199 09 16	[23] 2009-11		
5	F H G Skelton	199 09 16	[24] 2009-11		
6	S J Simpson	199 09 16	[25] 2009-11		
7	J R Wood	199 09 16	[26] 2009-11		
Stroke	J R Wood	199 09 16	[27] 2009-11		
Cox	L N Fry	199 09 16	[28] 2009-11		
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Cox	F H G Manser	199 09 16	[30] 2009-11		

2016 was the first occasion Sabrina Club has qualified and competed in an eight event at Windsor Royal Regatta. Previous Sabrina Club eight competing include:

- 1991: The Silver Goblet and Medal Challenge Cup
- 1992: The Wright Challenge Cup

Wins also recorded on 2016 by:

- F H G Skelton
- Secretary Junior (Scull)
- Member 40M (Scull)
- L N Fry

Other Long Distance Scull (Dinner's 2011 eight 4x4)

- Shrewsbury Regatta (Head 8/4x Double Scull)
- Shrewsbury Regatta (Head 8/4x Quadruple Scull)

To mark Philip's considerable contribution to OS rowing, the Chairman presented him with a magnificent tryptic of pictures of last year's crew, with grateful thanks from all at Sabrina.