



The news this week 100 years ago: 1st - 7th June 1918

Friday 1 June 2018

Second Lieutenant John Basil Palling Simms, 4th Sqdn. Royal Air Force.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), left in 1916 and began service in 20th Battn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

Returning to France after leave in May 1918, he joined the RAF as an observer, intending to get his wings as soon as possible. He was shot down over France by five enemy scouts on 4th June 1918, aged 19.

He is remembered on Arras Flying Services Memorial, France.



OTC Camp at Rugely in 1914. Simms is front centre, wearing a cap.

Shrewsbury School Foundation Annual General Meeting, 14th June 2018

Friday 1 June 2018

The Shrewsbury School Foundation AGM will be held at 4pm on 14th June in London.

If anyone would like to attend, please contact Joanne Hutchinson 01743 280889
or foundation@shrewsbury.org.uk for further information.

The Schools Putting Competition

Monday 4 June 2018

The OS Putting Team had a successful evening in the Schools Putting Competition and finished in a comfortable 4th position. The scoring at the top was quite tight with a few weaker schools down at the bottom.



The photo on the right shows the team, and the photos below show: an action shot of Will Hawksley lining up a putt and a shot of Laurie Briggs over his putt as David Umpleby concedes a putt to his opponent.

A fun evening as always and enjoyed by all.





Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Tuesday 5 June 2018

This week, Mr Dalton's Badminton Club.

As a philosopher, Andrew Dalton is best known for sitting in his classroom in a comfy chair and looking wise. "I sometimes worry that people will see through me," he says. "Then I would be the invisible man and that would be cool."

I wondered if Mr Dalton would miss anything about the School when he retires at the end of this term. "I will miss the amazingly lovely students I have met through running the badminton club," Mr Dalton said with a wistful look in his eye.

There are some high profile sports at Shrewsbury. The cricketers are having a good season and it's difficult to miss them as their pitch is right in the middle of the School. They are attracting big crowds through their fine performances, but the bank that surrounds the 1st XI pitch is also the perfect place on a sunny day to enjoy an ice-cream, purchased from the adjacent school shop, whilst chatting to one's friends.

A long-time retired colleague (he's 99), recently told me that he really enjoys eating ice-cream whilst chatting to his friends. "I really like eating ice-cream whilst talking to my friends," Mr Whippy said. Other members of the community like the ice-cream and the cricket. "I think both are really cool," said Mr Shantry.

The Badminton Club is possibly not so high profile, as it tends to be played in the gym which is where people go to exercise or take exams but not generally to enjoy ice-cream. Captain of the Girls' Badminton Team, Linda Zhao, told me that she thinks not being able to buy ice-cream in the gym has kept spectators away. "Not being able to eat ice-cream whilst watching badminton has led to less support for us," she told me. Fiona Lim was very frustrated by the lack of ice-cream eating opportunities. "It has been frustrating at times," she told me.



Mr Dalton started the Badminton Club when he arrived. “I wanted to leave a lasting legacy at Shrewsbury School and I quickly ascertained that there was no Badminton. I felt I could correct this situation by starting a Badminton Club.” Mr Dalton does not offer much court advice. “I am no lawyer,” he tells me.

There is a coach from Telford known as Kirsty as that is her name. “Kirsty is a very good coach,” Keita Nakumura informs me. “I have learnt a lot from her; I know that she comes from Telford and that Telford is near Shrewsbury.”

Mr Dalton suddenly gets very passionate and tells me that Badminton has never been cancelled. “I am always there for my Badminton players,” he tells me. “If it rains I am here, if it snows I am here, if it hails I am here, if there is strong wind, I am here. Nothing will stop Badminton practice.”

He has called a practice session to emphasise his point. We meet up at the Gym, where I notice it is set out for exams.



“I am very flexible in my approach to this sport. It is important that there is always a chance to lift a racquet in anger, especially at this time of year when the boys and girls need to let off steam before and after exams.”

I notice that it will be difficult to play a proper game owing to the desks and the fact that an exam is due to start in a few minutes’ time.



A very perky Mr Hughes arrives in high spirits. “I love invigilation,” he tells me. He also has nothing but admiration for Mr Dalton’s determination to offer Badminton even when the gym is apparently being put to other uses. “I have nothing but admiration for Mr Dalton,” he tells me. “Any teacher who is prepared to offer sport in difficult circumstances has my admiration.” Mr Hughes is a PE teacher.

Once the practice has finished and the net has been put away, I wonder if Mr Dalton was conscious of his Christ-like pose whilst holding the net. “As an RS/PT teacher, I am always thinking of my next lesson. I think when you are as dedicated to the job as I am, you subliminally live and breathe the subject. And yes, it can be exhibited physically at times without me even thinking about it.”



I guide him back to this year's team and squad. "Girls' captain Linda Zhao has been playing for four years. Her banter is much stronger now and she can hit the shuttlecock. I ask her team mates if she is any good. They all tell me she is the best, although Karen Li is not present and apparently she is quite good. Next year's captain Kiwi Chan tells me she has a lot to live up to. "I have a lot to live up to," she informs me.

I ask the team what Badminton means to them. Kiwi tells me she likes squash. Sophie Li explains that the racquet is very light compared to tennis. This means less effort is required when playing the game. Fiona Lim tells me she is only playing the game because of Linda. "Without Linda I would be doing something else; she is an inspirational captain." Linda tells me that she only plays the game to inspire others. "I play the game to inspire people like Fiona".



The boys' captain is Jonathan Tan. Jonathan was not the intended captain at the start of the year but the man originally appointed has not been seen all year. It emerged that he saw himself as a managerial appointment who would inspire from a distance and would win matches through the performance of others. For Jonathan, Badminton is quite simply his life. "Without Badminton I am nothing!" he told me. Keita is also passionate about his Badminton. "It's in my blood," he said.



I finished by asking Mr Dalton what he felt was important in preparing for the Badminton Season. He told me that he holds trials at the start of the year. “I got the idea from the Badminton Horse Trials. I noticed that no horses get into the team but they still hold the trials every year. I guess the horses must be very keen on the game even though they are not very talented. I thought it sounded like a good idea to hold trials. Then for fitness we do a lot of shuttle runs.”

He went on to say that he would like to thank Mr Welch and Mrs Adams for their expert help with the team. “It helps to have some knowledgeable teachers as back up, in case I am away.”

I was assured this year has been a successful year for Shrewsbury Badminton. On the House front, Moser’s won the girls’ competition and Ridgemount won the boys’ trophy. Mr Dalton reminded me that when he was a tutor in School House, School House dominated. At this point Mr Dalton began to reminisce about past star players. The School House trio of Sean Lim, Pao and Ban Tantipiriyakij and Hong Kong champion Samson Yick, who was in Moser’s.

It is clear that Mr Dalton has a great affection for the Badminton Club and all who have played the game while he has been here. He has certainly managed to create an atmosphere where Badminton can be played and enjoyed with a smile on the face of all those involved. “Some of my happiest memories at Shrewsbury School have been watching Badminton,” he tells me. “It is an important sport for many of our pupils and I have met some genuinely lovely students through it.”



Mr Dalton will be passing on a thriving club to Miss Woo, who takes over next year. Thank you, Mr Dalton, for being far from invisible! The last word must go to Linda who said of Mr Dalton: “He is a very kind and considerate man. He has given us the chance to play the game we love and he knows the rules now!”

GJFB



The news this week 100 years ago: 8th - 14th June 1918

Tuesday 5 June 2018

This week we remember Thomas Nadin, a gifted oarsman and former Huntsman, who died on 8th June 1918.

Captain Thomas Nadin, 2nd/5th Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment).

Moser's. Coming to the School in the Michaelmas Term of 1891, he achieved between that date and the Summer of 1896, when he left, a great reputation both as an oarsman and as an athlete. The son of a Rowing Blue, he took to the water naturally, was three years in the crew, won the Sculls and the Challenge Oars and finally stroked his House Head of the River for the first time in 1896.

Going on to Pembroke College, Cambridge, he rowed in the Varsity Trials and subsequently in an excellent crew from Burton-on-Trent, with which he won the Wyfolds at Henley Royal Regatta in record time.

As a runner he won many athletic prizes and finally became Huntsman.

By profession he was a solicitor in Derby.

He died in the United Kingdom from pneumonia after wounds received in action on the Western Front, 8th June 1918, aged 40.

He is buried at Highgate Cemetery, England. Grave 79. 41007.



National Schools' Regatta 2018

Thursday 7 June 2018

Over 1,000 crews took part in this year's National Schools' Regatta at Dorney Lake, with 17 RSSBC crews competing in the top racing divisions.



J14A Octuple

A total of 113 pupils took part over the three days of the event and there were some strong performances across the age groups, but disappointingly no medals to celebrate.

The Friday of the Regatta saw the J14 boys and girls competing in A & B octuples and the J15 girls racing in the coxed four. All the events had a large number of crews competing for honours, so it was encouraging to see three of the crews near the top of their class with two winning the B final.

J14A Octuple: 7th of 26

WJ14A Octuple: 6th of 26

J14B Octuple: 12th of 28

WJ14 B Octuple: 14th of 17

WJ15 A four: 7th of 19



WJ14B Octuple



The stiff crosswind conditions on the Saturday made results of the time trial crucial in order to gain the favoured lanes for the semi-finals and finals. Some very close margins separated many of the crews in the time trial, in the Boys' 1st VIII's event the times of crews placed 3rd to 8th were separated by 0.9sec after five and a half minutes of racing.

There was some disappointment after narrowly missing out on podium places, but well done to all who raced on producing a fairly strong club performance.

J15 A VIII: 5th of 26

WJ15 A four: 7th of 19

J15 B VIII: 8th of 21

J16 VIII: 9th of 18

1st VIII: 8th of 25

G1st VIII: 11th of 15

2nd VIII: 5th of 10

G2nd VIII: 2nd of 2

3rd VIII: 4th of 8

The Sunday provided the best conditions for racing. Only four crews raced on the final day with the following results:

1st 4-: 8th of 17

1st 4+: 12th of 20

G1st 2-: 18th of 25

J16 4-: 17th of 22

Photos from: <http://rowingphotography.co.uk/>

The Shrewsbury School Book Award: celebrating the best in YA fiction

Thursday 7 June 2018

Now in its second year, the Shrewsbury School Book Award celebrates the best fiction published for young adults in the last 18 months.

Library staff announced a longlist of nine titles at the beginning of term. The longlist was carefully chosen to include a range of genres, subjects and writing styles to appeal to the broadest range of reading tastes. Staff and students were then invited to select the six titles that most appealed to them. The resulting shortlist, announced this week, is an exciting selection of great YA books.

Staff and students will be encouraged to read the six shortlisted books over the coming months and we plan a series of promotional events throughout Michaelmas and Lent Terms to persuade as many people as possible to engage with the book award. Voting will take place in March 2019 and the winner will be announced on World Book Day (7th March) 2019.

Multiple copies of each of the shortlisted books are available in the School Library. Our new Third Form entrants will also be offered one of the shortlisted books as a welcome gift from the Library (an initiative generously funded by the Shrewsbury School Parents' Association).

Please find further details of the shortlisted titles below:



After the Fire by Will Hill

Inspired by the real-life events at Waco, Texas, this thrilling page-turner follows the story of a young girl born into a religious cult.

The things I've seen are burned into me, like scars that refuse to fade. Father John controls everything inside The Fence. And Father John likes rules. Especially about never talking to

Outsiders. Because Father John knows the truth. He knows what is right, and what is wrong. He knows what is coming. Moonbeam is starting to doubt, though. She's starting to see the lies behind Father John's words. She wants him to be found out. What if the only way out of the darkness is to light a fire?

Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean

An uplifting, beautifully written survival story based on true events.

Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stack to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home. Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned – cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive?

A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge

A wonderfully original adventure story with a great plot and fabulous characters.

When a creature dies, its spirit can go looking for somewhere to hide. Some people have space inside them, perfect for hiding. Makepeace, a courageous girl with a mysterious past, defends herself nightly from the ghosts which try to possess her. Then a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard for a moment. And now there's a ghost inside her. The spirit is wild, brutish and strong, but it may be her only defence in a time of dark suspicion and fear. As the English Civil War erupts, Makepeace must decide which is worse: possession – or death.

Thornhill by Pam Smy

A deliciously creepy story told partly through pictures and partly through text.

As she unpacks in her new bedroom, Ella is irresistibly drawn to the big old house that she can see out of her window. Surrounded by overgrown gardens, barbed wire fences and 'keep out' signs, it looks derelict. But that night, a light goes on in one of the windows. And the next day she sees a girl in the grounds. Ella is hooked. The house has a story to tell. She is sure of it. Enter Thornhill, Institute for Children, and discover the dark secrets that lie within. But once inside, will you ever leave?

Moonrise by Sarah Crossan

A real tear-jerker – this incredibly moving novel, written in verse, follows a teenage boy in the traumatic months leading up to his brother's execution.

Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years, and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. But now Ed's execution date has been set, and Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with him, no matter what other people think ... This poignant, stirring, huge-hearted novel asks big questions. What value do you place on life? What can you forgive? And just how do you say goodbye?

Saint Death by Marcus Sedgwick

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A hard-hitting novel about the very real dangers facing Mexican men and women living in poverty. For more mature readers.

Anapra is one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the Mexican city of Juarez - twenty metres outside town lies a fence, and beyond it, America - the dangerous goal of many a migrant. Faustino is one such trying to escape from the gang he's been working for. He's dipped into a pile of dollars he was supposed to be hiding and now he's on the run. He and his friend, Arturo, have only 36 hours to replace the missing money, or they're as good as dead. Watching over them is Saint Death. Saint Death (or Santissima Muerte) – she of pure bone and charcoal-black eye, she of absolute loyalty and neutral morality, holy patron to rich and poor, to prostitute and narco-lord, criminal and police-chief. A folk saint, a rebel angel, a sinister guardian.



Metropolitan Regatta 2018

Thursday 7 June 2018

The 1st VIII enjoyed a training camp at Henley over the second weekend of half-term in order to familiarise themselves with the 2,112m Henley Royal Regatta course and to race at the Metropolitan Regatta.



The crew put in some good mileage on the course and enjoyed the opportunity of training out of Leander Club.

On Sunday they raced at the Met, starting with a time trial which saw 66 crews taking part. The crews were made up predominately of senior men's club and university crews. The 1st VIII put in a strong result to come 10th in the time trial and secure themselves a place in the A/B semi-finals alongside some impressive competition.

The crew missed out on a place in the A final but put in a very strong performance in the B final to come 2nd, which was no mean feat given the quality of the crews in the event.

Athol Hundermark

Director of Rowing

Launching ShrewsMUN 3

Friday 8 June 2018

The committee of Sixth Formers who are busy putting together plans for the next Shrewsbury School Model United Nations Conference 'ShrewsMUN 3' have published a fabulous 'Save the Date' video.

Please click [here](#) to view it.



School House Barbeque Spit Roast Duck

Friday 8 June 2018

Good ideas are quick to become traditions. Two years after spit roast duck was first suggested by two SH fourth formers, it has become the standard way for the lower school to celebrate the end of their internal exams.

Contrary to rumour, the two birds that have been enjoying themselves on Top Common whenever there are puddles to be seen were not involved and are, to the best of my knowledge, alive and well (yer 'onour).

So, Friday 8th June saw the delivery of 8 large fowl and various accompaniments to SH, where the roasting began a little before 4pm. Around 6, a number of the 3rd and 4th form were put to work shredding the birds as they came off the spit. The first scavengers had at this stage already been spotted loitering outside the gate; they were sent off to do some more GCSE revision!

Despite predictable inefficiency – about 80% duck removed from bones arrived on a plate rather than being mysteriously diverted – we ended up with a substantial roasting pan full of shredded meat and eight remarkably clean skeletons (Mrs Besterman proving very patient in cleaning the last shreds of meat from the bone). This excellent work done with good patience from the boys, the queue was not slow to form when we announced that Donald, Daffy, Huey, Dewey and Louie plus three friends and relations were now ready to fulfil their destiny. There ended up being enough for 2nd and 3rd helpings and still some left over for the scavengers. Well done those ducks!

As is of course also traditional, as many duck-related puns as possible were exchanged before the boys wound up with some giant jenga, croquet and football.

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Shredding in progress



The resident School House master chef at work



Matron Tania and Mr Cooley enjoying a post-duck glass of wine



Croquet with a fairly liberal interpretation of the rules



At the end of a week of exams, the boys used up the last reserves of concentration in a highly competitive giant jenga competition



Relaxing in the School House garden



Contemplating lighting a fire, but not quite agreeing on the best way to do it...



A letter from Charles Darwin to Sir Philip Sidney

Friday 8 June 2018

The winning letters in this year's Michael Schutzer-Weissmann Letter-Writing Prize are small masterpieces. Please read on.

In memory of the late Michael Schutzer-Weissmann (MASW), former Head of the English Faculty, the Michael Schutzer-Weissmann Letter-Writing Prize was established in 2017, generously endowed by Aidan Hartley, a current Shrewsbury parent and himself a former pupil of MASW at Sherborne College. The prize is open to members of the Third and Fourth Forms.

This year's brief was as follows:

You are the statue of Charles Darwin on Central.

Write a letter to your friend Philip Sidney, at the other end of Central, reflecting on your feelings about the lives of the 21st century Salopians who swirl around your base.

The letter had to be written by hand on pre-printed writing paper and posted to the judge, former Head of Biology Andrew Allott.

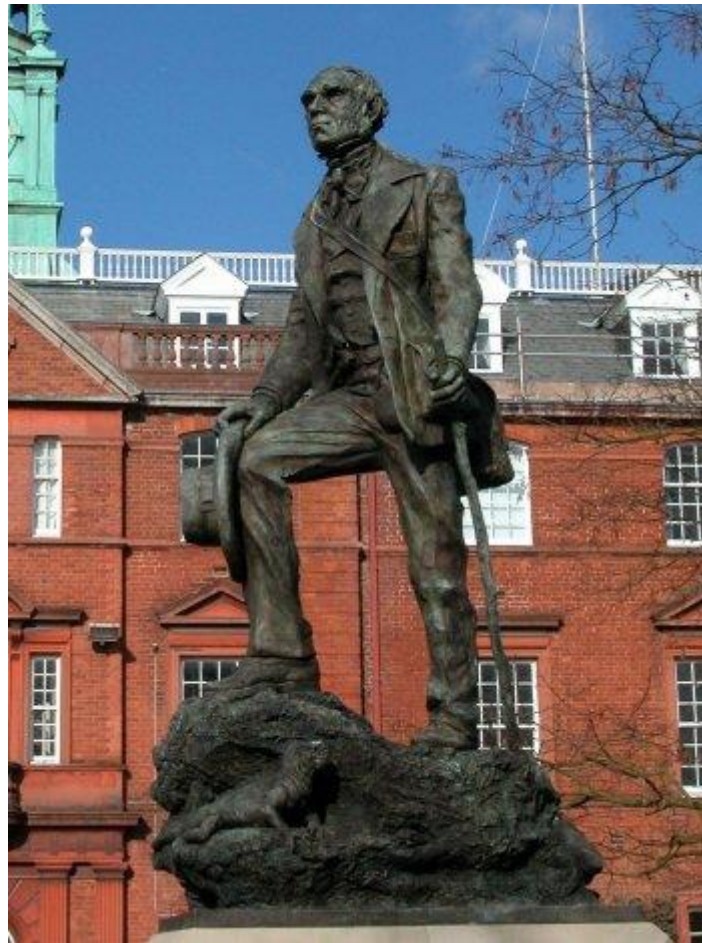


The winner was **Tom Allen** (4F) and the runner-up **Issie Urquhart** (3F).

The texts of their letters are set out below:

Dear Sir Philip,

For many years we have stood facing one another – Shrewsbury's proudest sons – but not until now have I thought to write to you.



Aside from our physical closeness, we have very little in common. You, the epitome of chivalry, the Elizabethan polymath, poet, knight, gentleman, a true Renaissance man. I, the beetle-obsessive adventurer, the rational naturalist, visionary, biologist, science's towering figure. You look up to the divine; I, down to the mundane – so it is ironic that it is the opposite in the case of our statues.

But we are together here, common in that sense. I hear the parting voices of Benjy-runners, pupils dashing late to lessons with their files tucked under their shoulders, and the climax of our summer festivities. While – standing next to Churchill's and Rigg's – I suspect you see Shrewsbury's intimate side: football on the lawn, music spilling out of house windows and end-of-term picnics.

Shrewsbury in the 21st century seems rebranded and reformed, with an explosion of change in recent years, as houses are gender-swapped and the school modernises. Gone are the beating and the birching, while the fagging has been forgotten and the more absurd parts of the dress code have passed out of memory.

Yet for all this, some things never change. We have seen three centuries of youth – generation after generation of the same family even. We grow fond of those who pass by – watching them mature and grow wiser. Then comes the last summer and they are gone – we are forever, they are but fleeting: to leave us for the wider world or – as you too, bitterly commemorate – to be cut down in some far-flung field – while we are left to mourn their passing. Yet what lies beneath those boyish faces? A statesman or a poet, a surgeon or an admiral? We try to read them, but a face is not always the expression of a soul and a glance and a smile are nothing to judge by – yet we try to learn and ask ourselves, what latent ambition lurks within? What hidden talent? What passion flourishes in that mind?

We both know that schooldays can be tough; that it can often be a struggle but after all 'ignorance is bliss', and here at Shrewsbury we are – and always were – all at least sheltered and secure, safe from life's battering storm



outside. A place where we were given time to find ourselves and learn about others, here within our haven beside the Severn.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Darwin
Tom Allen



Dear Sir Philip,

I would like to formally introduce myself, as a fellow Salopian and member of the honoured order of 'Statuam Salopia'. I am Charles Darwin, a naturalist, biologist and geologist.

I'm sure, Sir, that you experience many of the inconveniences and boredom that being a statue brings, the endless unchanging view. So many times have I wished for a plinth with the more captivating view of the river, or Quarry, or even the charm of the cricket pitch. It seems, regrettably, I am doomed to an unwavering view of a straight road with you, Sir Philip, in the distance.

I stray from my point. The reason for my letter to you after all these years of stony silence, is that I would like to invite you to join our select band in a voyage of discovery and freedom. We, the Statuam Salopia, who are a group



of the finest quality statues in Shrewsbury, are planning a short visit of approximately six months to explore Borneo. This is an area that is newly discovered since your times, Sir.

Our varied but gifted group includes the great Clive of India, Lord Hill, Hercules, St Michael the Archangel, a large lion, a small eagle, and the Goddess Sabrina.

I have learnt, from overhearing the students debate, that there is an issue of the destruction of forests in Borneo. This is leading to a loss of habitat for orangutans. I have been interested in these animals since I observed them in the Zoological Gardens in London. I am concerned that humans are using their limited resources in an unsustainable way, and destroying the planet that is vital for their own survival. Human evolution is in crisis; rather than becoming fitter and more intelligent, our development has halted. I'm sure, Sir, that you haven't the faintest idea as to my meaning, and are probably still under the impression that the world is flat and that we may disappear over the edge.

All the more reason to join us on our undertaking. We need to join together to save orangutans, stop the destruction of the forests, ban palm oil production and help the humans to evolve into more sensible creatures who do not destroy their own habitat. Philip, a knight and poet of your abilities is needed for this task.

We will be leaving Shrewsbury at midnight on 30th June, after Speech Day, and travelling by Octo to the Thames where we will meet with the London members. We will board the Cutty Stark at midnight on 2nd June of this year, 2018, and from there sail on to Borneo to save the orangutans and set human evolution back on the right path.

I await your reply by return post, or hawk, as preferred.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Darwin

PS We have not invited the 'Slinky' aka Quantum Leap, as he has the backbone for adventure but not the sea legs.

Issie Urquhart



Shrewsbury Saracens vs Repton Pilgrims

Saturday 10 June 2017

Shrewsbury Saracens thrash Repton Pilgrims by 209 Runs



Despite some wet weather the day before, the Shrewsbury Saracens won the toss and elected to bat first. Recent leaver Olly Westbury (S 2013-15) walked out to open the batting for the Saracens, accompanied by the seasoned Ben Chapman (Rt 1995-00), with newly appointed captain Ben Williams (Rt 2008-10) hoping that the combination of youth and experience at the top of the order would get the team off to a solid start. With the pitch offering some assistance to the Repton seamers, Westbury and Chapman negotiated the first few overs sensibly, before Chapman fell to a good catch at first slip. The fall of Chapman brought Ed Pollock (I 2011-13) to the crease, with both showing their professionalism to take the Saracens up to the 20 over mark at close to a run-a-ball. Shortly before drinks, Westbury edged a quicker ball from the off spinner to depart for a classy 43, bringing Williams to the crease.

Pollock and Williams continued to press ahead before Pollock was caught at short mid-wicket, departing for a destructive 78 at better than a run-a-ball. Tom Cox (M 2000-05) joined Williams, with the pair looking to continue where Westbury and Pollock left off. Wickets fell at a faster rate towards the end of the Saracens innings, with Williams and Cox both dismissed in the 30s, before some good striking from Jack Brydon (O 1999-04) and George Panayi (Ch 2011-16) in particular in the final few overs took the home side to a very competitive 276-7 in their 50 overs.

After a well-earned break, and with a few of the Saracens bowlers making use of the lunch time refreshments to loosen-up, Mike Barnard (Rb 2006-08) and George Panayi took the new ball in the second innings. Barnard was at his usual best, finding rhythm with ease and inducing the outside edge of the Repton batters on two occasions, as well as finding the top of off stump with another ball, to return figures of 3-19 off his 10 overs. Panayi was destructive at the other end, with his pace far too much for the Repton top order, picking up two very impressive wickets. Whilst Repton batsman Paul Borrington managed to stick around for some time, the first change



bowling attack of Steve Barnard (Rb 2009-11) and Alasdair Pollock (I 2010-12) proved too strong for the Repton middle and lower order. Barnard picked up two wickets, both clean bowled, whilst also bowling his fair share of feisty short pitched bowling, refusing to let the Repton batters to settle down. Pollock picked up two wickets at the other end off just three and a bit overs, proving guile can pose just as much a threat as the raw pace of Panayi and Steve Barnard, before a final run-out from Panayi wrapped up the match with Repton dismissed for 67 all out.

A comprehensive 209 run victory for the Saracens, with notable performances in both innings. If the Saracens can field the same four-man seam attack in the coming rounds it is difficult to see how any side will be able to post a match-winning score with the bat. That said, with the second round - at home on the 25th June versus Stowe Templars - clashing with a National knockout fixture and certain county commitments, the Saracens will need to demonstrate strength in depth if the dulcet tones of "hoist up the flag" are to be heard at Arundel in this year's Cricketer Cup final.

Ben Williams

Please download the full score card [here](#).

Shrewsbury School Athletes qualify for Regional Finals

Wednesday 13 June 2018

On Saturday 9th June, a number of our athletes competed in the County Schools Athletics Competition at Telford AC. Well done to everyone - and especially to all those who qualified for the Regional Finals (The Mason Trophy) next Saturday.

The stand-out performances were:

Abi Watkinson – 1st in the Senior Girls Long Jump

Aaron Lewis – 1st in the Senior Boys Javelin and 2nd in the Senior Boys Discus

James Crewdson – 1st (and a PB of 1:85m) in the Senior Boys High Jump

Matt Brinkley – 2nd in the Senior Boys 100m and the High Jump (with a PB of 1:80m)



The following Third, Fourth and Fifth Formers have all qualified for the The Mason Trophy:

Francesca Harris – 1st in the Intermediate Girls 1500m

Tom Jackson – 2nd in the Intermediate Boys 1500m Steeplechase and 800m

Fadi Masri – 2nd in the Intermediate Boys High Jump and 3rd in the 100m Hurdles

Jonathan Price – 2nd in the Junior Boys 100m

Seb Price – 2nd in the Junior Boys High Jump

Sam Western - 1st in the Intermediate Boys 1500m Steeplechase





Old Cholmeleians at Hadley Wood

Friday 15 June 2018



A warm, sunny day at Hadley Wood Golf Club in Hertfordshire saw 5 Salopian pairs assemble to re-join battle with the Old Cholmeleians in what has become an annual fixture. Despite being the 'locals', Highgate's numbers were somewhat depleted and a 4-pair fourball match – involving a 'loan' from the Salopians - was agreed for the morning, with the spoils being shared: Richard Holt (Ch 1969-73) and Frank Higham (O 1968-72) suffered a reverse at 1st pair, coming up against a very strong, established pair out top for Highgate, as did the Phillips brothers, Tim (Rt 1966-71) and Stanley (Rt 1970-73), turning out together in this fixture for the first time. Good wins by Allan Wright (O 1972-77) and David Umpleby (SH 1990-95), and Jonathan Brooke (S 1962-67) and Charles Hill (SH 1980-84), the Society's new Hon. Sec., secured our two points. Alas the afternoon was a 3-pair affair, as a couple of Cholms absented themselves (one for a haircut, would you believe?) and the 14-hole Greensomes went their way 2–1, with the loan of one of our better players ironically working out in our favour. A good day's golf was enjoyed by all, at a Mackenzie Course that is in excellent condition and is now firmly in the top-100 in the Country. The series stands at 4–3 in our favour.

Thanks to Simon Shepherd (O 1977-82), OS and Hadley Wood Member, for all his hard work in organising this fixture. All those who played enjoyed a magnificent Hadley Wood Afternoon Tea which re-fuelled us all for our journeys home.



Third Form Outdoor Week

Friday 15 June 2018

The School House Third Form took a break from their studies and a big breath of fresh air to take part in a series of constructive outdoor activities this week. The following are a few photos of the action:



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Third Form Outdoor Week

Friday 15 June 2018

The whole of the Third Form have been out of school this week on an extensive outdoor education programme, taking full advantage of Shrewsbury's fantastic location in the heart of one of the most rural and unspoilt counties in England.

An account of their experiences will be published on the website shortly, but in the meantime here are a few photographs of some of the things they've been up to.

Click on the image below to see it enlarged and to scroll through the photo gallery.



Salopian trumpeter wins place in CBSO Youth Orchestra Academy

Friday 15 June 2018

Congratulations to Fifth Former Frank Coughlan, who has been awarded a place in the City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Orchestra Academy this summer.



He will perform with them in Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday 22nd July in a concert conducted by Michael Seal.

Their repertoire will include Bartok's Romanian Dances, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 and Symphony No. 5 and 'Summer Evening' by Kodaly.



Cricket news highlights

Friday 15 June 2018

Congratulations to the Boys' U17 XI and to the Girls' U15 XI who both won important matches this week to reach the final stages of their national competitions.

The U17s beat Sedbergh on Wednesday to progress to The Cricket Paper National U17 Cup Semi-Final next week, where they will be away to either Bedford School or Trent College.

Man of the Match Dan Humes scored 120 (his second century of the season) and Xavie Clarke scored 63, in a Shrewsbury total of 271-5. Sedbergh were then restricted to 207-5 (Peter Clark 2-12).

The previous day, the Girls' U15s beat Leicester Grammar School. They now progress to the National U15 Cup Quarter-Finals away to St Peter's Wigan.

They made 136 for 8 in their 20 overs (Harriet Shuker 37, Adelaide Sillar 34*)

In reply Leicester Grammar scored 67 for 8 (Lisette Barden 2/14, Alice Hughes 2/10, Ellie Kynaston 2/9). Shrewsbury won by 69 runs.



Old Salopian Adam Booth climbs Everest - again...

Friday 15 June 2018

... And climbs the fourth highest mountain in the world the following day.

And the day after that, he very nearly became only the third person in the world to complete the hat-trick of reaching the summit of a third mountain.

“Many people are dead on their feet after climbing Everest, but I was fortunate in that I was feeling pretty good, and I was ready to do the next one, Lhotse,” he explained. “The next day I got within 200 metres of the top of Nuptse. The conditions were very difficult at that point. Some people might have ploughed on, but you can get killed doing that, and my experience as a climber told me to stop.”

Nevertheless, scaling Everest and Lhotse on consecutive days still puts him in an exclusive group of climbers; it is a feat that has been achieved by fewer than 50 people in the world.



Adam (PH 1995-2000) first climbed Everest in May 2013 as part of an expedition to mark the 60th anniversary of the first ascent by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. He had been invited by a friend to join the group as the expedition doctor, and he was honoured to carry with him Sir Edmund Hillary’s climbing goggles, loaned to him for the trip.

He was thrilled to be invited by the same friend to climb Everest again, five years later, this time as one of the expedition guides.



Speaking publicly following both expeditions, Adam has paid tribute to members of staff at Shrewsbury who ran the Rovers mountaineering club during his time at the School – and in particular to Master-in-Charge Martin Hansen and Mark Twells – for "lighting the flame" and encouraging him in what quickly became a passion for climbing. Adam's expeditions with the Rovers included camping overnight on the summit of Ben Nevis in 1997 when he was 15 and climbing the highest mountain in the Picos De Europa in Spain the following year. He wrote vivid and enthusiastic reports of many of the expeditions for the School magazine.

He was also inspired during his time at Shrewsbury by stories of other former pupils who had attempted to climb Everest. Andrew 'Sandy' Irvine, who was in Severn Hill from 1916-21, famously took part in the 1924 British Mount Everest Expedition with George Mallory. Whether or not they reached the summit still remains unknown. And the Deputy Leader of Hillary and Tenzing's expedition in 1953 was another Old Salopian: Sir Robert Charles Evans (DB 1932-1937), who made it to within 300 feet of the summit the day before Hillary and Tenzing.



Sandy Irvine on Everest

When not climbing, Adam works as a GP near Shrewsbury and specialises in high altitude research. He also has two young children. We are grateful that over the years he has made time to keep in touch with his former school. He returned in 2015 to speak in a Whole School Assembly about his first Everest expedition and to help relaunch the Rovers - which is once again a popular and thriving adventure club. And shortly before his most recent expedition, he spent a day with Film Fellow David Clifford and Salopian Club Administrator Kate Hodge talking about life as a doctor for a Careers Film aimed at current pupils.

To scroll through some of the photos from his 2018 expedition, please click on the image below:





The news this week 100 years ago: 15th - 21st June 1918

Friday 15 June 2018

This week we remember Kenrick Burton, one of several Salopians who left school in 1914 and enlisted a few months later with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry at the outbreak of the First World War.

Lieutenant Kenrick Hammond Burton, 6th Bn. The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

Pickering's (now Churchill's), left in 1914. He was one of the gallant band who, on the declaration of war, came back to Kingsland and marched from the school gates to the Depot of the KSLI to serve in the ranks.

He was commissioned into the 2/6th (Rifle) Battalion of the King's Liverpool Regiment, he went to France. He was killed in action by a machine gun bullet at close quarters in Belgium, 16th June 1918, aged 22,

He is remembered on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Panel 31 to 34 and 162 and 162A and 163A.



OS enlisting with the KSLI in 1914

A Staggering Effort

Sunday 17 June 2018

Shrewsbury School comes together for the Shrewsbury Half Marathon.



A team of 63 pupils, teachers, parents, support staff and Old Salopians came together as a team to run in the Shrewsbury Half Marathon in support of the Andrew Grene Foundation, which supports a school in earthquake-hit Haiti. All their hard work was not in vain: they blew the lid off their £10,000 target - and the total raised now stands at £11,800. The total raised over all by the School team (which includes other charities) stands at £18,783.50.



Kate Hodge, running for the Salopian Club and pictured below on Wyle Cop, said: 'There was a real team spirit amongst the Shrewsbury School runners, and we were delighted that everyone made it past the finishing post. We were particularly proud of Mr Hudson (M 1967-72), (pictured right with his daughter, Katherine), who had spearheaded the fund-raising effort, trained ruthlessly, and crossed the line in a really respectable 2 hours and twenty minutes.'

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A huge thank you to all the runners, friends, contributors and supporters along the way. A great success all round.



Athletes Eat and Train, They Don't Diet and Exercise

Monday 18 June 2018

Our Sabrina 8 continue to train hard in preparation for Henley qualifiers on Friday 29th June (they race at 3.10pm). Any support for the crew will be greatly appreciated; results will be posted here when available.





Marathon effort

Tuesday 19 June 2018

A record Salopian team of 63 pupils, teachers, parents, support staff and Old Salopians came together to run in the Shrewsbury Half Marathon last Sunday, raising over £19,000 for a variety of charities, including £12,000 for the Andrew Grene Foundation, £6,000 for Medic Malawi and £500 for the Shewsy.



Nineteen Sixth Formers from one House alone, Churchill's Hall, ran the notoriously hilly 13.1-mile course inspired by their Housemaster Richard Hudson, running his first ever half marathon.

Richard takes up the story. "Having visited the Andrew Grene High School in Haiti last October at the invitation of former Churchill's parent Tim Perutz, who co-founded the school, I conceived the idea of using the half marathon to raise funds for this inspirational place of hope and aspiration in one of the world's most unfortunate countries. The idea took hold and most of my Sixth Form willingly signed up to the venture. I was then delighted that the School adopted the Andrew Grene Foundation as the official charity for this year's Shrewsbury School half marathon bid.

"My older daughter Katherine, pictured below, normally a very serious marathon runner, ran the course with me at my rather more sedate pace as a Father's Day present. The whole experience was absolutely marvellous. I think I smiled all the way! I will be 65 next week and was pleased with my time of 2.20."



Some excellent times were recorded: Deputy Head (Co-curricular) Peter Middleton led the Shrewsbury School effort, coming 6th overall in a time of 1.17, first in his age category, with Tom Hughes (U6) the leading boy with a time of 1.30 and Immie Evans (U6) the leading girl, with a time of 1.50.

Congratulations to all runners. The aim is to increase the number of Shrewsbury School participants further next year.



'Summer' SUPA Outdoor Polo Tournament

Tuesday 19 June 2018

A final report on the fortunes of the School's Polo players by Teacher-in-Charge Jim Sheppe.

The microclimate at the Longdole Polo Club in Birdlip seldom fails to disappoint. After the arena tournament in March (snow, ice, damp and chilling air) the weather gods again turned the thermostat down as far it would go, released some shivery Westerlies and sprayed us with grey and mist on Sunday. Spectators and officials were woolly and bobby-hatted; others drew their Sunday papers around their ears.

Yet little of this had any effect on the hardened players of the Shrewsbury School polo club. Bilal Anwar scored his first pair of goals in combat, making himself a most useful mercenary member of a Bradfield team. Ben Henderson knocked an elegant penalty goal in on behalf of a combined SUPA team to which he was assigned alongside Will Blanchard-Butter.



The Shrewsbury A team, comprised of Milo Herbert, Ned Moreau, Fred Blanchard-Butter and Scott Walker gritted their teeth in the first chukka, beat a notionally stronger Marlborough team by a single Milo-goal, fell to a highly trained and colourfully performing side called Heathfield/Langley in the second (0-2) but recovered their wits to send a Seaford side packing

(4-0: three Milo-goals, one Neddish one, all methodically set up and assisted by the rest): in the end this team came second in its league and brought much joy to parents, to their trainer Glynn Henderson and to their manager.

Thus, with gratitude to players, parents and coach Glynn, the season concludes to the sound of bagpipes, tin whistles and the happy laughter, human and equine. We look forward to further progress in years to come.

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Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Competition

Thursday 21 June 2018

The Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Competition is traditionally a modest but treasured event that promotes foreign language and culture and celebrates the art of reciting poetry.

It gives Salopians of all ages the opportunity to engage with the cultural offering of their chosen languages, whilst developing their memorising skills, expanding their vocabulary and promoting more competent and confident speakers.

This year's event was held on Tuesday 19th June in Hodgson Hall, where over 25 keen linguists representing four different languages shared a favourite poem. Judges Mr Sheppe and Miss Bordi commenced the evening by establishing the success criteria for the competition: controlled and clear delivery, sensitivity to idiomatic pronunciation and intonation, and variety in dynamics and pace. Most importantly, the winning performance would be the one which most powerfully conveyed a personal conviction and involvement in the poem's meaning and sentiment.

Aspiring future contestants should therefore select their poem well in advance – it takes time to internalise the words and imagery, to learn to assume the writer's voice and to embody the feeling. Our winners were very successful in this respect, and treated us to some impressively stirring performances, such as Victoria's Kazachkova's recitation of Alarcón's *Las palabras son pájaros*.

Many congratulations to our winners, whose names are listed below. It is a challenging task to convey the meaning of a poem in a second language, and it was a very enriching evening for all those who attended. Special thanks must go to our judges, to our organisers, and to our many contestants.

We hope this event will continue to grow in participation and prestige in the years to come. As Mr Sheppe poignantly reminded us at the end, when we deeply engage with the task of memorising and reciting a poem, the connotations and images that it evokes will remain part of us forever.

Emily Higgins

Winners:

Spanish: Victoria Kazachkova (4F) and Grace O'Mara (L6)

French: Rhys Woodward (4F) and Ali Davis (L6)

German: Milton Tai (4F) and Oscar Mattinson (L6)

University Ahoy!

Thursday 21 June 2018

As part of the Higher Education programme, during the penultimate week of term Shrewsbury held two conferences on making successful applications to university.

On Wednesday 20th June, the 190 members of the Lower Sixth took part in a UCAS Application day with lectures from Liverpool and Leeds Universities on writing personal statements and selecting the right course. They also set up their UCAS applications, a process that could be likened to wading through a Stygian marsh or navigating past Scylla and Charybdis.



This was followed by the Biennial US Universities Conference on Thursday, where over 100 Salopians, parents and visitors from other schools heard a range of eminent speakers discuss all elements of the American system.

We were delighted to welcome back Jon Tabbert of Dukes Education, who has a 20-year relationship with Shrewsbury, to offer an overview of the admissions process, which is both unique and complex.

Chloe Godsell and Charlotte Thew of Crimson Education provided an excellent insight into making the right choice from the 4,500 institutions on offer. In slick fashion, Michele Collias of Studyworks, explained the Admissions Testing processes. With the cost of US universities being a major stumbling block, we were fortunate that Rob Thomas of Sporting Elite USA was able to convey the funding available for our elite sportsmen and women, many of whom could gain significant bursaries.

As a nominating school, a fair number of Salopians have been lucky enough to gain the Morehead Cain Scholarship to the University of North Carolina, and Ed Perkins, an alumnus of the programme and a BAFTA award-winning director, described the potential.

We topped off an excellent conference with a student perspective, as Abi Reynolds (OS) returned to Severn shore to offer her view on the whole process.

In all, the Lower Sixth have a lot to be thinking about as they go into the summer break.

Toby Percival, Higher Education Adviser



School charity fundraising total reaches **£71,000** - and still climbing!

Friday 22 June 2018

A huge thank you to everyone who has given so very generously of their time and cash to help Shrewsbury School raise more than £71,000 (and still counting) for 19 different charities this year. And particular thanks to members of the Charities Committee for all their hard work.

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Academic Extension Programme – 'Controversy' series

Sunday 24 June 2018

The 2018/19 Academic Extension Programme focuses on the theme of 'Controversy'. Here's a brief overview of the eclectic mix of speakers who will be speaking during the Michaelmas Term on some thought-provoking subjects.

The Academic Extension programme is designed to broaden our pupils' interests and thinking beyond the strict confines of the specifications in their classroom subjects. It is open to all year groups and to all abilities.

Each year the programme is put together with the help of a small group of Sixth Form students who also choose the theme. For 2018-19, I am grateful to Ludo de Falbe, Oscar Kanan, Grace O'Mara and Veronica Munday for their efforts in setting up our 'Controversy' series.

The lecture programme for Michaelmas 2018 includes:

Friday 7th September: Karen Attwood and Diana Nammi in conversation – 'Revolution in Iran'

Friday 14th September: Daniel Kawczynski MP – 'Russia, Brexit and the political landscape'

Thursday 4th October: Graham Hoyland – 'Everest – Death or Glory?'



Monday 29th October: Dr Helen Pankhurst – 'Controversy and the disruption of social norms – the story of women's rights then and now' – talk followed by Q&A

Thursday 29th November: Henry Corbett – 'The Hillsborough Disaster 1989: stories and aftermath'

Thursday 6th December: Ben Sparkes – 'Numbers – Man-made or fact of nature?'



Parents and the wider Shrewsbury community are welcome to attend these events, which will be advertised nearer the time on the school website and in the weekly eNewsletter.

Please email me, Stuart Cowper (Director of Teaching and Learning), if you would like to attend – shc@shrewsbury.org.uk

Shepherds Bush CC v Saracens

Wednesday 27 June 2018

Shepherds Bush CC, 186-7, Thomason 3-22, 20 overs BEAT Shrewsbury Saracens, 179-6, Chapman (B) 66, Blofield (A) 53, 20 overs by 7 runs*

Following the abandonment of the fixture against the School due to torrential rain, the second edition of this friendly was the Saracens opening game of the season. With fellow Saracen Will Speer (G 1990-92) in charge of the Shepherds Bush outfit and smarting from defeat in the 2017 fixture, there was no hesitation from him in electing to bat first on winning the toss. A powerful start from 15 year old Otto-Mian had the Saracens collecting the ball from the wrong side of the rope on frequent occasions as Seb Shukla (I 2005-10) and Charlie White (G 2009-14) came in for some heavy early punishment, the 50 coming up from 4 overs. Saracens captain Ali Pollock (I 2010-12) kept himself out of the firing line in the early overs but did stem the tide when he finally came on to bowl with the wicket of Speer for 18. The tide turned on some careless running with Otto-Mian needlessly running himself out for 50 from 24 balls and the Saracens started to pull things back from the initial run rate of 12+ an over. James Kidson (O 2003-08), Henry Lewis (I 2007-12) and Rob Hillman (M 1994-99) all bowled spin through the middle overs mixed in with George Thomason (G 2006-11)'s wily medium pace which remarkably claimed 3-22. Shepherds Bush finished on a slightly above par 186-7 from their 20 overs.



A gloomy evening necessitated a pink ball for the Saracens innings which Ben Chapman (Rt 1995-00) smashed to all parts in making 66 from 40 balls in reply and despite the loss of Richard Mackay for an ungainly 5, George Lewis helped keep up with the rate with an attractive 26. With Chapman's fitness predictably falling apart, the gun middle order sadly failed to fire with Tom Cox (M 2000-05), Charlie White (G 2009-14) and Ali Pollock all falling cheaply leaving Alex Blofield (PH 2005-10) to fight a lone battle to take us close. That we took the game to the last over was solely attributable to Blofield who made 53* from 29 balls striking some lusty blows to leave the game in the balance but the lack of a boundary in the last over meant the Saracens fell 7 runs short in near dark conditions.

A huge thank you to Will Speer and the Shepherds Bush team for hosting us so magnificently and we look forward to returning in 2019 with the series tied at 1-1. An honourable mention to Nicholas Barber for supporting the side in his capacity as OS Club President.



School House boys smash records in the inter-house athletics competition 2018!

Wednesday 27 June 2018

Sports Day was held in the middle of a heatwave this year, but the temperature was nothing in comparison to the blistering heat of the School House boys' performances! Medals were won across the board, but what makes the success extra special this time are the three school records that fell at the hands of our athletes.



Just a few of our gold medallists (L-R): Reuben Denison (LVI) won the Senior Discuss, Louis Street (V) won the Inter Discuss and Arron Lewis (LVI) won the Senior Javelin

Arron, who is our Senior Captain of Athletics, led by example with an enormous throw of 43.99m, more than 5m further than the second place; he is the only boy to break the 40m mark since the school's records began. Also breaking records were Roman Khidirbekov (V) in the shot put with an impressive 10.98m and Fadi Masri (IV) in the high jump.



Fadi is one of the school's top athletes and has been competing at county level this term. Here he is, enjoying running for School House, before leaping over the school's high jump record (below) with 1.67m - a particularly impressive achievement given that he was jumping against boys in the year above him.



Congratulations to all competitors!



The 2nd VIII claim their third victory of the season at Marlow Regatta

Wednesday 27 June 2018

The 1st VIII and 2nd VIII travelled to Dorney Lake to race in their penultimate race of the year at the Marlow Regatta.

With both crews disappointed with their showing at National Schools, there was a point to prove and a clear squad determination to get themselves into the best position to contend at Henley Regatta.

The 1st VIII made the best possible start with a very strong performance in the time trial to take the top spot out of 35 crews, including many who will be racing in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta.

The 2nd VIII were not going to be outdone and also claimed first place in their timetrial.

In the side-by-side finals both crews put out impressive displays, with the 1st VIII falling just short of Eton to claim second, a length ahead of the National Schools silver medal winners Radley College.

The 2nd VIII put on a clinical performance to claim a first place and a third big win this season, setting themselves up perfectly for Friday's Henley Royal Regatta Qualifiers.



*Mr Hundermark
Director of Rowing*

Historic first at Henley Women's Regatta

Wednesday 27 June 2018

There were some tremendous performances from current and former Salopian oarswomen at Henley Women's Regatta (HWR), the premier event for women's rowing in the country.



The RSSBC entered two boats in the Junior Quads and Junior Fours categories. Both crews had to race a time trial early on Saturday morning, with the fastest 16 in each event qualifying for the knock-out stages.

Our four raced well, but unfortunately finished as the fastest non-qualifier.

The quad did qualify, and in the first round were drawn against Henley Rowing Club, who were winners at the National Schools' Regatta one month ago. Despite the girls' best efforts, Henley won by 3.5 lengths; they went on to win the event overall.

Old Salopian Cesca Molyneux (EDH 2012-14) was racing for Oxford Brookes University in Aspirational Academic Eights. Having lost to Newcastle in the final last year, Cesca and her crew were delighted to beat them by 1.25 in this year's final.

Cesca learned to row at Shrewsbury. Ten years on from the beginning of co-education at Shrewsbury, she is the first of hopefully many Salopians to win at HWR.

*Mr Hundermark,
Director of Rowing*



Honestron have re-formed....

Friday 27 July 2018

...into this!



In just a blink it was over. After years in feverish anticipation, die-hard Honestron fans were treated to a moment of esoteric bliss as the cult band of Dayboys circa 1984 returned to Shrewsbury for a reunion concert. Looking rather the worse for wear [shouldn't that be 'as fabulous as ever'? - ed] the infamous triumvirate of Steve Lister (PH 1979-84), Charlie 'the paint' Adlard (Rb 1979-84) and J J Mitchell (PH 1980-84) thrilled their audience into rapturous applause. Begging letters for a return performance have been received at the Salopian Club office. [Now you're just being ridiculous - ed]





Magnificent Molyneux

Wednesday 27 June 2018

Cesca Molyneux (EDH 2012-14) was in the Oxford Brookes University crew which won the Colgan Foundation Cup (Academic Eights) in the record time of 4:46, at Henley Women's Regatta 2018. Cesca is the first Salopian oarswoman to win at HWR.





School House celebratory meal

Thursday 28 June 2018

To celebrate the end of another successful year for School House, we took everyone out for a curry. With boys, tutors, matrons and all our support staff present, it truly was a whole-house event; 95 of us descended on the curry house - I don't think the waiters quite knew what had hit them when we arrived! It was very special occasion, which gave me the opportunity to thank the School House community for their enormous contributions over my time as housemaster, as well as to say goodbye to other leaving staff and students.



Mr Balcombe marking the end of 36 years of tutoring in School House as a special guest on the ladies' table!



Showing our appreciation for the fantastic team of School House tutors and support staff



Newly appointed Head of House (and Deputy Head of School!) Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (LVI) and Assistant Housemaster Morgan Bird presenting me with a surprise gift. I have been very touched by everyone's generosity; thank you. I am certainly going miss the amazing, unique School House ethos and the whole community, but I'm delighted to be leaving it in Morgan's incredibly capable hands



Khun Chatri Sophonpanich (1934 - 2018)

Thursday 28 June 2018

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death of Khun Chatri Sophonpanich, a founding Governor of Shrewsbury International School Bangkok and a very generous supporter of Shrewsbury School UK.

In his message to the Shrewsbury Bangkok community, Principal Chris Seal said, “As a regular visitor to the school site, Khun Chatri was always passionate about the achievements of the students and very proud of what had been achieved at Riverside. At Board Meetings, Speech Days and Graduation Ceremonies, Khun Chatri’s presence always lent a special dignity to proceedings and we will miss very much his quiet and unflinching support for our work.”

Mark Turner wrote to Khun Chatri’s family to express the sincere condolences of the staff and pupils at Shrewsbury UK. He concluded: “Every day, as I walk round the school site, I admire the Chatri Centre as a magnificent home for our Information Technology and Design & Technology faculties. I hope that it will be some small comfort to you to know that Khun Chatri’s life’s work is enabling the next generation of students to unlock their potential and make a contribution on a global stage.”





Life as a legionnaire

Thursday 28 June 2018

Best-selling Author Ben Kane's talk to the Third Form Latinists.

The Roman Empire's infrastructure may have relied heavily on those famously straight roads (they weren't all straight, actually), but it was the toughened soldiers of the legions marching on them that provided the iron-edged backbone. Ask any Roman general of the time - you could get further in those days with a smile and a heavily armed legion, than you could with just a smile.

But what was life in the army really like? Only one way to find out...



This week to mark their final Latin lesson of the academic year, the Third Form were treated to a whirlwind tour of life in the legions by best-selling author Ben Kane, suitably dressed in accurately researched and painstakingly recreated uniform.

Not only has Ben written more than a dozen novels based in the ancient world, but he has also walked the walk, as well as talked the talk. Back in 2014, he and two colleagues spent seven days in full Roman legionary kit marching 130 miles along the Via Appia Antica from Capua to the Colosseum in Rome. If anyone knows what it feels like to carry around 45kgs of kit on your back, Ben does.



Third Formers heard about the brutal punishment in store for any soldier who deserted his duty: death by being beaten by your comrades. And thank the stars for toilet tissue! The legionaries were known to use *stones* when it came to using the toilet on campaigns. How do we know?

Archaeology - with microscopic remnants of evidence still on the stones.

Thirty-five minutes of rapid-fire facts complemented by excellent pictures and five minutes of Q & A was a fun and fitting ending to a classical year. Thank you, Ben!

Mr Fitzgerald, Head of Classics



The news this week 100 years ago: 29th June - 5th July 1918

Thursday 28 June 2018

This week we remember Gilbert Johnson, a protozoologist at Birmingham University, who joined the Army in September 1914, fought at the Somme and in Flanders and died in Italy on 4th July 1918.

Captain Gilbert Ernest Johnson, XIV Corps Cyclist Bn. Army Cyclist Corps.

Day Boys, Praeposter, left in 1907. After graduating from Birmingham University with a B.Sc. and M.Sc., he was placed on the staff as a protozoologist. He obtained a Board of Agriculture biological research scholarship under the terms of which he worked for time at the Kaiserliche Biologische Anstalt at Dahlem, near Berlin.

He joined the Army in September 1914 as a private in the Birmingham (University) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, being promoted Temp. 2nd Lieut. In May 1915 and transferring to the Cyclist Corps in the following October. He served on the Somme and in Flanders, for which he was mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He went to Italy with the first contingent of British troops in November 1917.

He was drowned in Lake Garda trying to rescue a comrade on 4th July 1918, aged 29.

He is remembered on Giavera Memorial, Italy.





The 150th Bumping Races – Day 1

Thursday 28 June 2018

The 150th Bumping Races got underway in hot and clear conditions.



The three crews at the head of each division rowed over, but in division 1 Rigg's I moved to bungline 2 so will challenge Churchill's I tomorrow, and in Division 3 Radbrook III will now take on Rigg's III for the headship.

The Grove remain the highest placed girls' house in Division 2 and 3, looking to retain the Elizabeth Cup for the third straight year.



The Grove, Mary Sidney and Moser's had the most successful day with all their crews bumping up, so they are the early leaders for the Bumpers Cup competition (where points are awarded for bumping).

Confirmed bumps were as follows:

Division 1
R bpd PH

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SH bpd S

Rt bpd I

Division 2

O bpd SH

G bpd Rt

MSH bpd EDH

M bpd I

Division 3

Rb bpd Ch

G bpd S

MSH bpd O

EDH bpd PH

M bpd I



Revd Keulemans' World Cup Beard Dye for Headway UK

Thursday 28 June 2018

Shrewsbury School's Chaplain, Revd Andy Keulemans, is currently sporting a startling new look: a beard dyed in the England colours, with a bit of Scottish blue thrown in.



Although Revd Keulemans is an avid football fan and England supporter, this is no mere World Cup gimmick, however. Just over a week ago, he underwent neurosurgery in London to remove an extradural haematoma from his brain. On his way to a conference in the capital, he had suffered a seizure and fell and cracked his head on the pavement. He was rushed off unconscious to hospital where, as he describes it, “The wonderful people of our great NHS at the Royal London Hospital then worked their magic with me. Ward 12E has the best and most diligent nurses, doctors and auxiliaries you could possibly imagine!

“The upshot is that last Monday evening, I came round after brain surgery, in my bed on the ward, just as Harry Kane scored the winner against Tunisia!”

Revd Keulemans is now safely home and continuing to recover from brain injury – and he is determined to raise as much money as he can in honour of the people who prayed for him and helped him towards such a rapid recovery.

“I have a largely unwanted beard as a result of not being able to shave whilst in the hospital,” he wrote in an email to friends and the staff and pupils at Shrewsbury School last weekend. “If you collectively donate a grand or more before Monday, I will gladly have the beard dyed the national colours of the most generous nation and keep it thus until England get knocked out of the World Cup. All funds raised are to go to Headway, the brain injury charity.”

He met that target within hours of sending the message. The total he has raised now stands at almost £2,800, once HM Treasury have chipped in their few penn’orth.

True to his word, he headed off to The Barber Shop in Shrewsbury, natural habitat of dapper gents, where Vernon Page spent an hour of his Tuesday dying Revd Keuleman’s beard in the red and white of England. Revd Keulemans and his family have spent several years living and working in Scotland, and as that was the second most voted-for nation in his online appeal, he asked Vernon to add an extra blue stripe.



Revd Keulemans and Headway are greatly appreciative of the many generous donors and especially of the time and friendly support given to the fundraiser by Vern at the Barber Shop.

He is still gathering money for Headway UK, a charity that supports brain injury survivors and their families: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=AndyKuulemans&pageUrl=1>

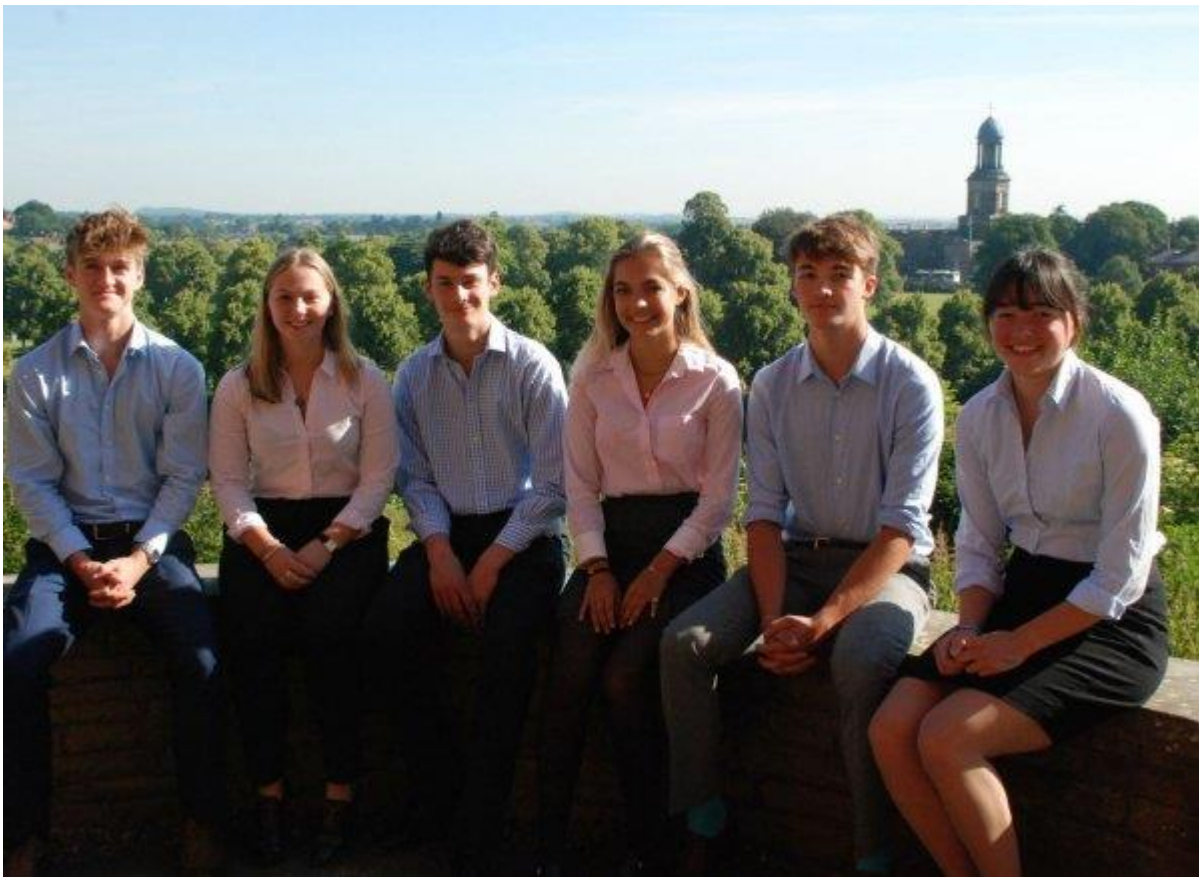
The page will be open for donations until England are knocked out of (or preferably win) the World Cup.



Shrewsbury School pupils crowned global winners for supporting local refugees

Friday 29 June 2018

A group of pupils from Shrewsbury School were named at the Festival of Education 2018 as the winners of an international competition that asked young people to tackle the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in their local community.



Under the Global Social Leaders initiative, the team of five Lower Sixth pupils have been working with a group of unaccompanied young refugees in Shrewsbury alongside Refugee Action, with the aim of helping them integrate into the local community. Inspired, driven and led entirely by the pupils, the project has seen the teenagers meet regularly to allow them to get to know each other better, playing regular football matches in mixed teams and going to Shrewsbury Town matches.

Their project 'Refugee Help' beat other finalists to claim first prize, with the judges inspired by the way that they are "breaking boundaries and reaching across divides, based on compassion and understanding".

Jonathan Harper, CEO of Future Foundations, the organisation that runs the GSL initiative in collaboration with the Wellington Leadership Institute, was full of praise for the group. “The students have identified a clear need in our society, and at a time when it feels we are increasingly a disconnected society, they have created a project and implemented initiatives that help bring us closer together and give us hope for the future. The students truly have been leaders in their local community, and I congratulate them and believe their project will inspire other schools and young people.”



Toby Percival, the teacher who supports the group, said, “I couldn’t be more proud of what the students have achieved. Their determination to make a difference is an inspiration for us all. The team have big plans for the future and have plans to share the project with other schools.”

The judges said the following about the project;

“I loved this project as it was inspired by personal experience and a desire to act in an effective as well as compassionate way. We need more projects like this in the world!” *Cara Flowers, Global Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Network*

“You started by asking what these kids wanted/needed, listening to their answers, and planning accordingly. You’d be surprised how rare that is. Please keep this going! This work is more important than you can imagine!” *Dr Pamela Collins, Conservation International*

Further information is available

at https://www.globalsocialleaders.com/refugeehelp_winning-project/



Saracens vs the School 2nd XI

Friday 29 June 2018

School Boys, 207/9, C White 3-39, Moore 2-29 BEAT Saracens, 206/10, Gregson 64, Milligan-Manby 44

Where to begin?... On a beautiful Friday morning the Saracens returned to the picturesque grounds where many of them used to play in their 'better' days. The team filled with many cricketers, some not so known for their ability on that sort of pitch, arrived with a sense of optimism and with the top five the Saracens possessed, it was assumed that batting first would be the best option. A slow start saw the Old Salopians quickly reduced to 29-2 before the pair of Gregson (Rb 2006-11) and Milligan-Manby (M 2008-13) wrestled back control by swinging from the hip and putting on a much needed 67-run partnership. After these two, it was only really the more recent leavers of Newbould (Ch 2011-16) and Jacob (PH 2012-17) that seemed to know where the bat was, let alone the middle of it and they helped get the total up above the 200 mark, which many believed to be defendable.

After a heavy lunch and somewhat drained by the unrelenting heat, it was the Saracens turn to field. The School boys only had to watch the ball go past as the extras mounted early, and it was only after throwing the ball to an arguably part-time medium pacer that the breakthrough came with Ed Moore (S 2011-16) picking up two wickets caught in positions fit for Jimmy Anderson. Despite Gregson offering to play the Chris Gayle role of batting and then watching from the pavilion, he was required to bowl, but not even the combination of his left-arm orthodox and pace from his 'long run' could trouble the third wicket stand as Moore Jnr. and Grandhi took advantage of some slack fielding and bowling. The hosts progressed to 180-6 with five overs to play, and despite C. White (G 2009-14) picking up three quick wickets, they had the batting to get them over the line with two balls and one wicket remaining.

Despite the loss I know all the Saracens loved the fixture and really enjoyed playing back at the stomping grounds, so thank you to them and Seb Cooley. I know many of the Saracens look forward to trying to overturn this result next year.





Success for School House in the Bumpers!

Saturday 30 June 2018

At the end of a beautiful Salopian Week, in perfect conditions to be out on the water, the School House first and third boats finished the 150th Bumping Races higher than they started and the second boat held its position. Overall, across the three days and 12 races, School House “bumped up” 6 times, “rowed over” 4 times and were only caught twice. A great effort – congratulations to all involved!



The first boat basking in the glory of having just bumped Radbrook on the second day of racing. L-R: Mill Luangamornlert, James Joseph, Christian Cavenagh-Thornhill, Scott Walker, David Wright (all UVI). I'm particularly grateful to all the Upper Sixth who contributed to School House events over Salopian Week when many from other houses had taken an early holiday – great house spirit – thank you!



The Third Boat enjoying the atmosphere on Speech Day before their final race, while receiving a few last minute motivational words from new Head of House Lucas Jones-Polanco (showing impressive dedication to his new role by risking the murky waters of the Severn)! L-R: Milton Tai (IV), Tom Tarlton (V), Lucas (LVI), Peter Crews (III), Charles Bane (IV), Theo Gabb (IV)