



The Severn Hill House Play 2013: 'The Real Inspector Hound' and 'After Margritte'

Friday 1 March 2013

This unprompted critique of the Severn Hill House Plays came through from one of the fathers who attended the first night's performance.



This season's Severn Hill play can be accurately summarised as a game of two halves. Tom Stoppard was the game – that once risqué playwright in the hands of two student directors. Debutants both, I understand, Rob Cross and Seb Constantine were tasked with keeping a good crowd of Salopians entertained for two hours, which they accomplished admirably.

The first half, 'The Real Inspector Hound', is an old chestnut of a play-within-a-play, viewed through the eyes of two critics who then become immersed in it. Sharply observed by a superb Ali Webb as Birdboot – "all panache, élan and éclair" I wrote – and his more thoughtful colleague Dan Edwards as Moon, this play cracked along at a great pace. Amy Stockdale as Mrs Drudge was accurate, Harry Bullock as Simon Gascoyne slightly flighty, both projected really well. Vicky Horbach played Felicity Cunningham as nicely naïve, could have been a little more waspish, before Ed Holroyd arrived in drag to pour energy, verve and a good dose of lipstick credibility into Cynthia Muldoon. House plays are great for indulging in a bit of cross-dressing, but it was nice to see that Ed had shaved too: the director's attention to detail to be commended. More gravitas, and fine comic timing was supplied by Matt Waterworth's Major Muldoon, borrowing from Blackadder's General Melchett perhaps, before another pastiche, this time distinctly Fawltian, burst onto the scene with Mark Huang as 'The Hound' – positively barking. Made one consider how many classic comedies are being enjoyed during Top Schools...A resounding A* for Mr Cross – and I never saw the Body (Ed Mallett) twitch once.

Following up we were treated to the delightfully bonkers 'After Magritte'. Apparently Charlie Farquhar, huge in this play and gaining in stature each time I see him, suffered a concussion the previous day on the rugby pitch. I was concerned to see a bucket on the stage (chundering a nasty side effect of concussion, and I was pleased to sit next to Matron for the performance), but fortunately this was simply a prop. Charlie, as Harris, carried the scene with good support from Daisy McConnel as Thelma. This is a difficult piece of theatre, tricky for Daisy to pull off as the sniping is pretty surreal between the two leads and needs to click, but they both did well. More gender bending for Jack Nelson as Mother who needed to get more into character and hold the stage a little more, although that will come with age and confidence. No lack of confidence however from Lisle Gannon as a convincing Inspector Foot, good delivery and comedic timing

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that improved throughout the performance, while his sidekick Holmes was played by Ed Plaut with all the enthusiasm of an Andrex puppy. I felt overall the flow was not quite as slick as 'Hound', but the players gave a worthy performance and Mr Constantine deserves an 'A' for some capable direction of a difficult subject.

The telly is rubbish in the evening. That was ostensibly my last viewing of a Severn Hill play, certainly where I have a connection with the cast and crew, but it made me reflect on what cracking entertainment is available, week in week out in the Ashton Theatre and what fools we are to disregard it.

Robert Boutflower



The Grove House Play 2013: 'Hidden Meanings' – Two views from the audience

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Comedy and farce, say the drama critics, are hard to play, and even harder to pull off successfully.

What the critics would have thought of the Grove's House Play 'Hidden Meanings' this week is anyone's guess, but judging by the audience's reaction to the first night, the cast got it right and tickled the collective ribs of the spectators very successfully indeed.

Having a short duration (this lasted only 40 minutes) can be a mixed blessing; you have to take hold of the audience and not let them go; and the 6th form players did just that, as each character tried to lay claim to the murder of Charles Meaning - whose body remained hidden in a cupboard on stage for the whole duration. A short film to lead into the live action paved the way for an entertaining evening.

James Halliday and Alex Moore complemented each other perfectly as the Holmes and Watson re-enactors, living out their hobby through real life – and death.

Dressing up in drag for a role takes courage, or foolishness, or a bit of both; Sam Ansloos, James Moulson, Charles Kidson and Oliver Brown relished their roles and played them with gusto. They clearly enjoyed themselves and the audience was happy to enjoy their wonderfully funny pastiches as (respectively) 'wronged' woman, char-lady, adulteress and pregnant mistress. (Don't ask – go and see!)

Ben Gould's detective with his 'geographically extensive' accent (Birmingham meets Bangladesh, via Bradford) gave Russell Crowe's Robin Hood a run for its money, but the audience again was content to go with it and simply enjoy his comic turn. Grace James from Shrewsbury High School provided pace, poise and projection.

Congrats to director Jack Hodges, and his crew. Behind the scenes, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bovill, Mrs. Leach and Mr. Cowper provided the trouble-shooting skills needed for a successful production.

'Hidden Meanings' is the play that The Grove boys performed on the 28th February. It was a much anticipated performance with whispers of top comedy and multiple boys in drag - a show not to be missed! The play followed two men who enjoyed role-playing Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson in their spare time, played brilliantly by James Halliday and Alex Moore. Ironically, they were trying to solve a mystery outside their fantasy: who killed Charles Meaning?



The play was directed by the very talented Jack Hodges whose excellent vision moulded the play into a successful comedy. He also managed to play an extremely realistic dead man. The cosy set gave the play a comforting feel but the highlight of the play has to be the brave boys who agreed to dress up as women. Both Charlie Kidson and Sam Ansloos stood out as worryingly realistic women; obviously many hours went into perfecting their look, along with Ollie Brown and James Moulson who also gave smashing performances with high comedic value. The story line followed these characters who each thought they had killed Charles Meaning. The timing of the performance was spot on, leaving the audience wanting more. Although the ending may have been a little predictable, it did not take away from the fine acting of these young gentlemen.

Overall, the play was a delight to watch, with each character contributing to its success and, in my opinion, definitely the funniest play so far!

Gaby Byrne (EDH LVI)



Field Day February 2013: Photography

Saturday 2 March 2013

Fifth former Charlie Beckett writes about his Photography Field Day. Clicking on his photo of Shrewsbury prison will open a slideshow of 25 selected photos that were taken by the group during the day.



For my field trip I visited Shrewsbury town in order to take some photos. In the morning we visited the library where we took photos of the Charles Darwin statue. We also took photos of the benches and the gargoyles. There were many Gargoyles and statues within this area and so to find photos wasn't very hard. This is a photo of Charles Darwin after we had edited it in the dark room. You may think that it is not very good editing however John was going for this style when he changed the photo to look like it does.

After visiting the library, we moved down to the station where we took photos of the gargoyles and also the stonework. Some of the gargoyles had metal sticks in their head in order to prevent people from climbing up the station wall.

After admiring the station for a while we moved on to the prison which was surprisingly nice considering it was a prison. The architecture from the outside of the building was very interesting and had many sculptures around it. After finishing at the prison we headed back to Starbucks for a quick coffee and then continued to take photos of the old market and the statues which were located within this area. Then at 12.30 we met with our teacher in order to show off our photos.

After this we progressed up to The Quarry where we took many photos of the statues and also took some photos of the lovely scenery. Once we had finished in The Quarry we headed back up to school where we met our teacher. We then went to the dark room and edited many of the photos to produce a collage.



Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my day, and learnt a lot about the town and also how to edit good photos.

Charlie Beckett (1 V)

Fifth Formers have a Field Day in the Shrewsbury School Kitchen

Sunday 3 March 2013

Every Thursday a group of Fifth Formers get to spend the afternoon in the kitchen learning to cook as part of their Thursday Activities programme. But this Thursday we threw them a bit of a challenge. They were split up into small groups and under the watchful eye of our chefs, they had to prep, cook and serve lunch!

The menu (chosen just for Field Day) consisted of grilled steaks served with mushrooms, chunky onion rings and skinny fries. Creamy Hollandaise, Diane & Pepper sauces accompanied the steaks. Chicken Kiev was the second hot choice on offer, along with a “Subway” themed Theatre Bar. Vegetarians were catered for with a lovely Ratatouille. The boys were even roped into the pastry section to produce a mouth-watering chocolate bread and butter pudding served with a rich hot chocolate sauce.

After a busy Field Day it was a treat for the School to return to such a delicious lunch cooked and served by their contemporaries!

Carrie Zeiler
KH





Field Day February 2013: An overview of some of the many activities that took place

Sunday 3 March 2013

On Thursday Afternoons pupils take part in a huge variety of activities - which are neither entirely sporting, nor academic. The emphasis for the Fourth Form is on physical skills such as CCF, Outward Bound or Leadership Skills; in the upper years, there is a wide range of choice from Mountain Biking and Gliding to cookery, Community Service or bird watching. Field Day offers pupils and staff an opportunity to spend an entire day on this activity, which in most cases means going off site, and we were lucky that last Thursday, this term's Field Day, turned out to be mild and quite sunny.

Basic Year - Martin Hansen and Mark Twells (MHH & MT)

The Fourth Form's leadership skills course involved a Mortimer's Forest, in gentle sunshine, testing mapreading skills.



CCF - Nick David (NPD)

All 100 Salopian cadets in the CCF battled it out to win the coveted 'Kemp Trophy' - a fine piece of historic silverware (accompanied by a large tin of Quality Streets) that is awarded to the highest performing section. For the past 4 years the trophy has been won by the Royal Marines, and this year it was won by RM 'Taunton' Section.

The competition was held at Swynnerton Camp - in fact a disused wartime ammunition

dump - and all sections faced a variety of challenges: first aid, orienteering, shooting, leadership and so on. A sunny day helped, but a busy day out of the classroom doing something quite different was the real success of the day.

Climbing - Richard Hudson (RTH)

A glorious spring day for the climbers at Trevor Rocks high above Llangollen. We set off shortly after nine with our select group of two Lower Sixth and two Fifth form boys, and during the course of the next few hours climbed a total of four routes of varying difficulty up this impressive near-vertical 120 foot cliff whose most dramatic feature is the horizontal overhanging gash which bisects it and provides the biggest challenge for climbers.



This was a committed and good-humoured group, and although not all succeeded in getting past the 'gash' on each of the four routes, everyone tried their hardest and there was some impressive climbing. Mr Hudson had the advantage of prior knowledge of all the sneaky moves and hidden holds which make these climbs a little easier than they might seem at first sight! On the other hand, he was climbing in trainers, having forgotten his rock-climbing boots ...

Community Service - Kristina Leslie (KL)

The Lower Sixth students doing Community Service spent the whole day at their placements.

When I went to visit them it was really encouraging to see them getting stuck in to a variety of tasks - ranging from sorting clothes, cleaning and helping with routine tasks, to chatting and entertaining the residents of care homes and joining them for activities such as Tai Chi! Nearly all the placement staff were very keen to praise our students for their good manners, reliability and willingness to take on any tasks, however menial, with a positive attitude and a smile.



Cookery - Head chef Mark Johnson, and Carrie Zeiler

The group of Fifth Form boys spent the morning in the KH kitchens cooking, and then serving, lunch. Those who returned from their Field Day activities in time (or were on site anyway) were treated to a choice of steak with various sauces, chicken kiev or ratatouille, followed by chocolate bread and butter pudding.

DofE Bronze Training - Major Jo Billington

The Third Form Field Day was a huge success with the first phase of DofE Bronze Training. The students were based on site for the day and worked with an instructor who took them through the basics in preparation for a training day in the hills. The boys undertook lessons in campcraft and campsite management, kit packing, tent pitching, nutrition, cooking, team work, and expedition planning. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all...the sunshine helped!

The 16 DofE teams are now ready for the next phase of instruction: a day hike on the Shropshire Long Mynd learning to navigate, followed by a practice weekend involving a night's camping.



Gardening Club - Lionel Barré (LB)

After a quick trip into town to buy seeds and soil, the newly-formed Gardening Club spent the afternoon back on site doing groundwork in the sunshine or in the DT department building cloches.



Golf - Mark Schofield, with Tim Foulger and David Joyce (MS, TRF, DMJ)

Fourteen Sixth Formers, together with Mr Schofield, Mr Joyce, Dr Foulger and parent Mr Major, headed to the exclusive Astbury Hall, near Bridgnorth, for a day of golf in the spring sunshine, followed by prize-giving and supper.

Please see the [full report by MS](#), in which he particularly thanks the support and sponsorship of the Old Salopian Golf Club (OSGC), through the secretary Tim Lewis, for making this day possible.



Mountain Biking - Paul Kaye (PAK)

The day was spent at Antur Stiniog bike park, high above Blaenau Ffestiniog, amidst the slate quarries [and dragons!?] of darkest North Wales. An uplift service delivered us to the trailhead where a choice of Blue, Red and Black runs awaited. It was fast and rocky, the weather was kind and the injuries to bikes and riders thankfully minimal.

There followed a hearty meal at the Berwyn Arms on the way home.

A great day out.

Ornithologists - David Law (DAL)

The Ornithologists did a six mile walk through the Golden Valley and Long Mynd, during which they spotted the following: nuthatch, fieldfares and redwings, red kite, buzzard, treecreeper.

The day finished with a round of cokes in the Horseshoe Inn at Bridges.

Outdoor Week preparation - Vicky Kirk (VLK)



The 10 boys in the Third Form who are not doing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award will be doing a separate programme during Outdoor Week at Tally next term, so they spent the Field Day getting to know each other and working as a team.

They learned how to do archery and took part in a competition won by Bertie Calvert. The Jacob's Ladder task was rather scary for those without a head for heights and the teams of three had to work together to get to the very

top. Angus Drummond, George Holder and Ivan Shiskarev were the only three to get to the top.

Great teamwork shown - in particular Tom Scott Bell and Henry Lai!

Please click on this photo of the Jacob's Ladder, to open a slideshow in Flickr of 25 selected photos that were taken by the group during the day.



Photography - Christine Jacks (CJ)

A successful field day trip saw the photographers heading into Shrewsbury town on a mission to capture certain elements that are normally overlooked by passing visitors. The groups were split up, all armed with notes of what they were to achieve during the visit.

Pictures, coffee and cake were all achieved and we returned to school in the afternoon with plenty of

images which were then edited.

Charlie Beckett (I V) has also written a [full account of his day](#) with the photography group. ***Please click on his photo of Shrewsbury prison, to open a slideshow in Flickr of 25 selected photos that were taken by the group during the day.***



Physicists - Martin Kirk (MAK)

A group of 19 Upper VI Physicists were taken to the Medical Physics Department at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, as part of their A2 studies. They were given a guided tour of Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy and Diagnostic Radiology - an excellent informative

visit!

Public Nose - Laura Whittle (LJW)

The Public Nose team worked all morning and early afternoon on a number of articles for the School newspaper, with subjects ranging from the Emma Darwin House Play and Soirée to the Half Term rugby tour. Other topics included the School's recent Oxbridge success, the Ancient Library and the upcoming Charities Day.

After a lot of writing they were rewarded with a late pizza lunch!

Salopian Ventures - Colm Kealy (CWK)

The Salopian Ventures team visited Logo Work and Leisurewear in Telford in order to try and understand the process behind the design and development of the ever popular Shrewsbury School hooded sweatshirt.



The rest of the day was spent developing plans for Shrewsbury School 'Monopoly' and the forthcoming Charities Day, where Salopian Ventures will be selling Krispy Kremes, yum!

Skills Year - Steve Clancy (SMC)

Field Day saw 38 of the Fourth Form take part in a paralympic themed day, in order to raise awareness of disability sport. Activities involved in the day included Boccia, an Oscar Pistorius debate, but without doubt the highlight of the day was wheelchair basketball. We were extremely fortunate to be able to invite into school an ex-GB basketball player who ran a wheelchair workshop for us. All pupils involved were able to attempt playing wheelchair basketball and fun was had by all. An invaluable experience for all involved, with many pupils wishing they could have extra time to play.

Well done to all those involved in this fantastic day.



Historic double win for The Hunt

Monday 4 March 2013

On Saturday 2nd March, the Hunt took the trophy (for the first time since 1998) at the Northern Schools' Championships held in Manchester; the following day our runners went on to win the Midlands and Northern Schools' Championships at Oundle - only the second time that Shrewsbury has won both events, and the first time in the same weekend!



Start of the seniors race with Seb Blake (010) and Ed Mallett (009) already in a commanding position. Seb would come third on the day, and Ed would win the race. In the back right of the photo is Moser's Charlie Godman (013) who ran a startlingly brave race to come home as our sixth 'counter' in 11th position, a terrific result for a fifth former running against largely sixth formers.

It is very easy with hindsight to pass judgement on key strategy decisions, but it was certainly a risk for the Hunt this year to enter both the Northern Schools' Championships in Manchester and the Midlands & Northern Independent Schools' Championships in Oundle both on the same weekend. Indeed, we needed to ensure that our Saturday squad was strong enough to challenge to win an event we haven't won since 1998, but at the same time not detracting from our chances of retaining the Midlands championship that we have won for the past two years. Huntsman Ed Mallett and Lower Sixth former Rory Fraser were given the unenviable task of competing in both races with the instruction not to burn out on the Saturday and thereby hindering their chances on Sunday. IPH's report on the race will provide a fuller picture of the unfolding of the race, but needless to say Mallett and Fraser did their job perfectly, comfortably running home in 6th and 7th respectively. However, with St Anselm's having three counters placed very highly, the team championship was going to be extremely close and came down to our final counter in the end. With Ed Lloyd securing a solid 14th place, it was Mark Lawley's 16th place that won the title for the Hunt, with St Anselm's final counter only managing 33rd. A



jubilant quartet travelled back down from Manchester with IPH with the first of the trophies secured. Relief all round!

Sunday saw a much larger group of runners take the coach to Oundle to compete in the 54th running of this well-established championship. Shrewsbury has competed in a significant number of these races since 1960 and has hosted the event twice, most recently in 2011 when the Hunt took the championship titles at both Senior and Colts level.



The Colts went into their race with a squad largely from the Third Form competing a year 'young' due to a disappointing raft of illness and injury that left four of our key runners out of action. Nevertheless, our team would gain valuable experience, and so it proved with rising star Charlie Tait-Harris from Radbrook's Third Form challenging amongst the lead runners from the start. Despite lacking in the muscular build of his older competitors, Charlie fought hard and came home to secure the bronze medal, an excellent achievement and one that suggests he could be in contention to challenge for the title next year and replicate the performance of Rory Fraser who won the Colts event in 2011 (a title that was won back in 2002 and 2003 by a certain Master Brownlee of Olympic fame!) Behind Charlie a resurgent Oscar Dickins of Rigg's Hall made

his way through the field in the final lap of the 3.5-mile course to come from 6th to 4th by the end, all the more impressive given that he had played a full match of rugby against Old Swinford Hospital the previous day! Excellent support running came from Third Formers Dan Orchard and Nicky Davis (both of Port Hill) in 20th and 22nd respectively, meaning that our team score of 49 points was enough to secure team silver medals behind a strong, more experienced side from Sedbergh. However, beating the likes of Repton, Rugby and Wellingborough will give our young athletes plenty of confidence and we will look to next year's race to target a team victory.



In the Senior race, we were quite clear in our objectives, with the aim of winning the team trophy for the third year running being the principal focus. Only three other schools have ever done this (Manchester GS, QEGS Wakefield, and Ampleforth), and whilst the Hunt have won the title six times since 1960, we have never managed 'three in a row'. At the end of the first lap of the 5-mile course, it was clear that the Hunt were packing well and looked difficult to challenge with four of our six 'counters' in the top 10. Ed Mallett and Seb Blake were comfortably running in the lead pack of four, with Rory Fraser just

one place behind. The lead pack split into two groups by the second lap with Ed Mallett and Rugby School's Ben Sutherland pushing on to battle for top spot, with Seb Blake tucking in behind Oundle School's Charles Hutchinson. A very tense and hugely exciting final lap saw both pairs go head-to-head and push each other to the limits, though with 1.5km to go Ed had



managed to stretch a slight gap of 3m on Sutherland, and it was a gap that looked to be extending. However, Sutherland came back hard and going into the final 500m was back on Ed's heels, no doubt exhausted having competed in the Northern Champs the day before. Nevertheless, Ed wanted this title badly and made a final kick with 400m to go, one that finally broke his challenger, and a jubilant Mallett crossed the line raising his fist in the air in triumph. It was a very proud moment for us all, and a superb achievement from one of the finest athletes the Hunt has seen in recent years. Only one other Shrewsbury runner has ever taken the individual title (Oli Laws in 1996 and 1998), so Ed's name will live on in history with this victory.

PJM's notes on the photo above right: 'Photo from the mid-way stages of the Seniors 8km race. I know Ed Mallett is out of shot here a little, but I like this photo as it demonstrates just how astutely Ed and Seb ran this race. The final lap saw Ed take on the race leader from Rugby Ben Sutherland (057) and eventually break him in the final km to take the individual title (only one other Hunt runner has ever won the individual title since the race's beginnings in 1960). Seb would also time his push perfectly to take third place from the Oundle runner (005).



A similarly astute race was run by Seb Blake who timed his kick perfectly and easily shook off Oundle's lead runner. In fact, such was his pace in the final kilometre that Seb very nearly closed in on Rugby School's Sutherland. A third place was nevertheless a terrific run, and we were delighted to have two Hunt runners on the podium. With three of our four 'counters' all placing in the top ten (Rory Fraser 5th; Ralph Wade 7th; Toby Lansdell 10th) and our final counter Charlie Godman in 11th (a brilliant achievement from a 5th former running against a mainly sixth form field). The team total of 37 points was an exceptionally low score and well clear of Sedbergh in 2nd place with 93 points. This was a well-deserved victory, and testimony to the depth of talent coming through.

With the trophy secured – the second championship title of the weekend – we now look to next year and our aim to become the first school ever to win the championship four years in a row.

PJM

Match Report: Old Salopian Veterans v School A XI on Saturday 2 March

Monday 4 March 2013

A glorious, sunny Spring afternoon greeted the Old Salopian Veterans for their annual match against the School A XI. From the kick-off it was apparent that the school side had plenty of pace, frequently attacking down either wing and creating plenty of scoring opportunities. The linesman's flag frequently came to the aid of the Veteran's defence meaning that the visitors were lucky to reach half time with just a two goal deficit.

The second half was a more even affair, with both sides creating good chances. The School side scored a third goal early on, which spurred the Old Salopians to ever greater efforts to put a score on the board. Despite the pressure exerted by the Veterans, it was the School side which scored again, converting a penalty just before the final whistle.

The final score was 4-0 to the School. The match was played in a friendly, sportsman-like spirit and was much enjoyed by the players and spectators alike.

Alex Baxter



The OS Veterans pictured:

Back row Left to right: Julian Record, John Davies, Nick Bevan, Henry Farmer, Adam Fletcher, Jim Davies, Pat Dixon

Front row Left to right: Dan Millar, Will Hughes, Matt Bevan, Julian Smout, Nick Tasker



Review of the Big Band's concert at 'The Edge'

Monday 4 March 2013

Martin Knox reviews the Big Band's recent concert at the Edge Arts Centre in Much Wenlock. The Big Band will be competing in the Final of the National Concert Band Festival at the Birmingham Conservatoire on 13th April, after returning to school for a couple of days of rehearsals beforehand. Details will be available here shortly of a video of the event.

On Friday evening Maria Eglinton and the Big Band made the short journey to the very impressive community arts centre in Much Wenlock. The facilities at The Edge are in every respect excellent and it is only a pity that advance publicity around Much Wenlock itself was lacking. A fair turnout of friends and relations saved the day, but local residents missed a treat and one can only hope that next time the promoters will let them know.

The sixteen-strong ensemble has been winning awards and admirers this season and in this, their first full-length outing, one could see why. Individual expertise was apparent in the many solos and, playing together, they created a richly-blended sound. At the end of every number, they signed off with an exuberant flourish, precise, spontaneous, irresistible. Behind the scenes, the trumpeters grumbled about having to stand throughout, but they didn't let it show in performance. They brought off some marvellous effects, as did their colleagues on trombone. Playing of this calibre can cause one to overlook how difficult these instruments are.

The programme also included a quartet for saxophones, a quirky piece skilfully handled by the chosen four. Given that there appear to be several hundred learners of the instrument in the school at present, you have to be good to reach the top. Even then, they could afford to "rest" two of the soloists from the band.

There were vocals, too, from Ali Webb and Teresa Fawcett Wood, the latter gamely shaking off recent illness to sing with a fine sense of the jazz idiom and great dynamic range. Ali's main role in the band is behind the drum-kit, but he slipped in a few vocal numbers with his usual poise and charm. It was a good move to give him a slot after the interval, singing to his own piano accompaniment. Has he ever done it better? This was a tour de force indeed, in itself worth the journey.

In the absence of the regular pianist, choirmaster Alex Mason stepped in for what he said was his debut in a jazz band. It didn't sound like it. Straight away he entered into the spirit which Maria has instilled in this talented group. They play to a standard of which she - and the School - can be proud and they go forward to the National Concert Band Festival with our best wishes.

Martin Knox



RSSBC: Preparations for the Schools' Head, and J14s at Dorney

Tuesday 5 March 2013

Ninety-four Salopians – girls and boys – will take to the water later this week at the first 'majors' of the 2013 season: the Schools' Head of the River Race on Thursday, and the J14 Head at Dorney Lake on Friday.

On Thursday, our 1st, 2nd, J16A, J16B, J15A and J15B eights, plus 2 girls' J18 quads, will race the 4.5 mile Boat Race course in the Schools' Head, which starts at 1pm. Hopes are high for a solid performance from our athletes. Supporters will gather from 12.15 at the Blue Anchor at Hammersmith.

On Friday, three J14 octuples and a quad make the trip to Olympic venue, Dorney Lake, for the J14 Head.

Girls attend their first Dance Workshop

Tuesday 5 March 2013



As part of a new initiative, Brian Parsons organised a dance workshop with Sian Archer – a local dance teacher and choreographer – at the Body Tech gym on Sunday. This first workshop was a resounding success, with the girls spending nearly 2 hours learning contemporary dance moves.

Much fun was had by all, and we hope these workshops will become a regular feature in our Fasti in the future.



Music: Piano Recital by Peter Donohoe

Tuesday 5 March 2013

Martin Knox reviews Shrewsbury's annual celebrity piano recital; the 2013 recital was given by Peter Donohoe, CBE, in the Alington Hall.



Once again, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Bradley family, we had the opportunity last Saturday of hearing a pianist of international repute in the Alington Hall. This annual event is keenly anticipated and it was a pleasure to welcome back Peter Donohoe for what was a substantial programme of 19th and 20th century music. With his long silver hair and beard, Donohoe looks every inch the popular image of a classical pianist, but any sense of remoteness, of other-worldliness, was dispelled in his brief and helpful introduction to the evening. A bond between performer and audience was established as he guided us through his choice of pieces, each the composer's Opus 1, and instructively, but not didactically, he invited us to see the music in the light of subsequent development. His powerful, lucid playing did the rest.

In the Tchaikovsky, a fearsome upward surge in the left hand was just one example of his mastery of detail and it was fascinating to hear the fundamentally Romantic Prokofiev of 1910 hinting at astringency to come. Likewise, in Bartok's "Rhapsody", a naïve folk-tune would be given a sardonic twist, as if the composer was dissociating himself from what had gone before.

What ferment there was in European music in those days and how searchingly did this thought-provoking recital explore the several strands. Berg's Sonata was a vivid example of a composer at the cross-roads, like Prokofiev, giving us pointers to the direction he would take. Even a century later, it still appears "wrong" to the ears of many, but our guest was a persuasive advocate.

The final work, the C major sonata by Brahms, made a more familiar sound – and what a sound when in the hands of Peter Donohoe. However loud, however complex the music, he never lost sight of the lyrical thread and the audience responded ecstatically to the triumphant conclusion.

Martin Knox



RSSH: Northern Schools Championships - the first half of The Hunt's 'double' this weekend

Tuesday 5 March 2013

The strategy and planning behind this win was absolutely crucial to The Hunt's double success this weekend - and it all depended on just four boys...

In our attempt to achieve a unique 'double' at the weekend by winning both the Northern Schools Championships on Saturday and the Midland and Northern Independent Schools Championships on Sunday, we knew that taking a very small squad up to Manchester on the Saturday was a necessary gamble. Allowed to enter a team of up to ten members, with only four to count, our strategy of only taking four relied on all of them doing their bit and finishing high up the order. One poor performance would have resulted in catastrophe.

It was with a sense of some trepidation, then, that we headed north up the A5 in glorious winter sunshine. Any nerves were quickly dispensed with on our immediate arrival at the venue, however, when we heard the loudspeaker call for all senior runners - the wrong information had been sent out to schools the week before - so the team had no time for any pre-race jitters and instead threw their tracksuits to the ground and sprinted to the start; not an ideal race preparation, especially given that they had no idea how long the race was or where they were going!

Ed Lloyd and Mark Lawley, both experienced U6 Hunt runners, had the luxury of knowing that they weren't running the following day, and could run as hard as they liked. Ed Mallett and Rory Fraser faced a rather different task; 'to place as far up the order as possible without having to work too hard' - easier said than done! Informed by IPH of the distance and route around halfway round the first lap, the early signs were encouraging; all placing comfortably in the top 20. However, St Anselm's College looked very strong with two runners in the top five.

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IPH



RSSH: Northern Schools Championships - the first half of The Hunt's 'double' this weekend

Tuesday 5 March 2013

The strategy and planning behind this win was absolutely crucial to The Hunt's double success this weekend - and it all depended on just four boys...

In our attempt to achieve a unique 'double' at the weekend by winning both the Northern Schools Championships on Saturday and the Midland and Northern Independent Schools Championships on Sunday, we knew that taking a very small squad up to Manchester on the Saturday was a necessary gamble. Allowed to enter a team of up to ten members, with only four to count, our strategy of only taking four relied on all of them doing their bit and finishing high up the order. One poor performance would have resulted in catastrophe.

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Nail-biting second round in RSC Chemistry Schools' Quiz

Wednesday 6 March 2013

In a closely fought tense competition, four Shrewsbury school students narrowly went out to KES Stratford 52-54 in the 2nd round of the Royal Society of Chemistry Midlands Chemistry Quiz Competition.

KES Stratford were last year's runners-up, so it was a tremendous achievement by our boys.

Our team consisted of two 5th formers: Oliver Hope (Ch). Sonny Koh (Ch), and two 4th formers: Sasha Arridge (Rb), Hector Kaye (Rb).

The Chemistry Quiz is for school teams of four students - 2 in Year 10, and 2 in Year 11 (Fourth and Fifth Formers at Shrewsbury). Questions are put either to individuals or to whole teams.

ADB

RSSBC: Runcorn Head

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Four RSSBC crews took to the water at the Runcorn Head on Saturday.

We were treated to excellent weather to tackle the 6000m course. The 1st VIII put in a strong performance to come second overall losing out to an impressive row from King's Chester by 3 seconds.

The 2nd VIII fared better coming third overall and winning the IM3 Eights by a good margin.

The J16/J15C eight put in a solid performance against several University crews in the IM3 division and completed the course in a time of 24:13.

The girls novice eight took to the water to race for the first time for many of the crew. They performed extremely well, beating three other crews in the same class.

ATH



A Week in the Life of Carys Gittins (EDH 2010-2012), from Shrewsbury International School, Bangkok

Wednesday 6 March 2013

We asked Carys for her 'Week in the Life' to hear a bit about our International School in Bangkok, where she is working as a Music 'Gapper', along with Chris Hardman (SH 2007-2012). Carys will be continuing her studies in September, when she starts at the Welsh College of Music and Drama.



An early start greeted me as this was the week where the teacher who I usually work with, Stewart McClenaghan, was away in London and as a result Christopher and I were teaching all of his classes to sing the Book Week song and others all week. As well as an early 7.15 staff meeting, preparation for classes was needed so it was six o'clock when we were out of the door where a taxi was waiting patiently. It was dark. Leaves were blowing along the empty playground. The school was as I'd never seen it before. The rest of the day consisted of dancing around the class room and singing very loudly to a revamped book related version of 'I've got a feeling' by Black Eyed Peas and drinking coffee with a quick lunch and a quick choir practice. After the school day was over it was time for the full choir to rehearse for Tuesday morning's assembly. After a long day at work I was back at the apartments and thought a gym session was in need. Fifteen minutes on the treadmill and it was most definitely time to stop. Then came the difficult decision of what to have for tea that night. After a long, hard think we came to the conclusion that we were in need of 'The Shack' which is a space on the pavement with tarpaulin over top and an outdoor kitchen by the road. The food is some of the best in Bangkok and the cheapest I've ever had for such a big and tasty meal.

Tuesday morning and it was important to be in school early again to be there in time for a choir run-through before the Senior School assembly. Alarm was set for 5.30am but this had to be the first day in the whole time I've been here that I slept through it. I woke up in a panic as it was an hour and a half after I was scheduled to wake. In less than five minutes I was out of the building and in a taxi - a record breaker! I made it in time with two minutes to spare and ten missed calls off Chris who was in choir wandering if I was ever going to turn up. The choir sang well and I was back to the office with some photocopying and other jobs looming over me. The rest of the day was similar to Monday with some more classes but an earlier finish. A slightly longer run on the treadmill was achieved this afternoon before the daily decision of what to have for tea.

Wednesday was somewhat a less hectic day with only one class to teach so I managed to catch up with my flute practising which was falling behind schedule. With the teaching of the songs for Book Week and International Day in full swing, it was very difficult to not sing them in the office. We decided that whenever one of us would sing one of the class songs in the office we had to put ten Thai Baht in the chocolate fund (let's just say we might put on weight next



week!). The intermediate recital was after school today and so I went along to watch. The talent that was presented in such a young age group was incredible. The performers were mostly playing strings and piano and were aged around six to twelve and there were even accompanists who were members of the prep school.



Thursday was the busiest day of the week with five lessons to teach out of six. However, I had a big shock after walking up four sets of stairs up to the usually freezing cold music department where I wasn't met with a cold rush of air when opening the door. There was a power cut. The air con had failed. The day had just become ten times more stressful than it should have been! We were rescued by the technicians and we finally cooled down. Chris and I decided to bribe the children to be quiet with some games to play at the end of the lesson, mostly consisting of 'who stole my chickens and my hens' which they went crazy over and which Chris and I really enjoyed too! We got home around four in the afternoon and

accidentally fell asleep straight away and woke up at 7pm! I think it showed how tiring teaching really is.

On Friday we had to lead the singing in the Book Week Assembly. It went terribly wrong with Powerpoint and the slides, but we did quite well to keep everyone going on a big stage and some very confused people. With the stress over we returned to our class room to teach some more singing to the year four, five and sixes. That evening we ventured out of our area to go to a famous German restaurant but after a hectic week we didn't stay out for long. The week was not over yet. We had to go to school for 7.30am Saturday morning to do the very important job of time keeping for the internal swim trials which felt like it went on forever. The rest of the day consisted of lots of sleeping and film watching for a total relax. Sunday was also very chilled. After a lie in I went outside to the 'Chicken Woman' who cooks tender chicken with rice and sauces on a stand on the side of the road which is my substitute for a roast dinner. It was amazing and fuelled me for the rest of the day. I then spent some time at the big local shopping plaza while it rained and returned while it was clear. It was quite nice when it rained as it reminded us all of home for a brief moment! I then 'skyped' my family and some friends and had a rejuvenating face mask before having an early night and the week started again.



The Richard Hillary Essay Medal

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Last Thursday evening saw the inaugural staging of the Richard Hillary Essay Medal, launched to provide an opportunity for sixth formers to spend two hours pitting their wits against a one-word essay title. The event was modelled on the historic competition undertaken to select fellows of All Souls College, Oxford, and provoked considerable interest around the school.



Thirty-four pupils volunteered to take part, intrigued by the prospect of sitting a paper for which it was impossible to revise, and each competitor opened an envelope on their exam desk to reveal this year's one-word title, "Luck". Essays covered a vast range of references, examples and quotations, from History to Chemistry and from Mathematics to the Bible, passing through languages ancient and modern, and touching also on the observation by the golfer, Gary Player, that "the harder I practise, the luckier I seem to become". The essays will be marked by an external examiner, and results are eagerly awaited.

The prize is named in honour of Richard Hillary (Old Salopian) and has been launched in association with the Salopian Club. Hillary was born in 1919 and joined Churchill's Hall in 1931. He went on from Shrewsbury to study at Trinity College, Oxford, and while at Oxford he was president of the university rugby club and secretary of the university boat club. He was called up to the Royal Air Force in October 1939 to train as a Spitfire fighter pilot. He joined 603 Squadron and moved with them from Scotland to join the Battle of Britain on 27th August 1940. Within a week Hillary had shot down five German fighters, but he himself was shot down on 3rd September 1940 and was very badly burned while escaping from his aircraft.



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

He is remembered today at Trinity College, Oxford by an annual literature prize, a portrait outside the college library, and an annual lecture in his honour. At Shrewsbury, his name appears on the War Memorial and his name is also on the Battle of Britain memorial in Chapel.



Sports results w/e 3rd March 2013

Thursday 7 March 2013

Week 6: Monday 25th February – Sunday 3rd March 2013

| Date | Sport | Team | Opposition | H/A | Result | Score |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Tuesday 26 th February | Netball | 2 nd VII | Harper Adams' Evening League - JLC | A | W | 25-7 |
| | Hockey | U14 XI | Meole Brace | H | L | 0-3 |
| | | 1 st XI | Madeley Academy | A | W | 8-0 |
| Wednesday 27 th February | Rugby | 1 st XV | Welbeck College | A | L | 10-43 |
| | | 2 nd XV | | A | L | |
| | | U14a XV | Stowe School | A | L | 52-28 |
| | | U14b XV | | A | W | 7-5 |
| | Football | 1 st XI | Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby | H | W | 7-4 |
| | | B XI | | H | L | 1-3 |
| | | 2 nd XI | Idsall School | A | L | 2-7 |
| | Netball | 1 st VII | Newcastle Under Lyme School | A | L | 9-41 |
| | | 2 nd VII | | A | W | 21-12 |
| | Basketball | U18 | Wrekin College | H | W | 28-24 |
| Hockey | 1 st VI | Malvern College | A | D | 2-2 | |
| | U15 XI | Wrekin College | A | L | 0-3 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Friday 1 st March | Netball | 1 st VII | Shrewsbury High School | A | W | 26-20 |
| | | 2 nd VII | | A | W | 23-18 |
| Saturday 2 nd March | Rugby | 1 st XV | Old Swinford Hospital School | A | L | 87-58 |
| | | 2 nd XV | | A | L | 0-22 |
| | | U15a XV | | H | W | 33-19 |
| | | U14 a XV | | A | W | 34-5 |
| | | U14b XV | | A | W | 46-12 |
| | Netball | 2 nd VII | Bedstone College | A | W | 31-13 |
| | | 3 rd VII | | A | W | 16-11 |
| | Fencing | | Harper Adams University and NewportGHS | A | W | 13-12 |
| | Hockey | 1 st XI | Ellesmere College | H | W | 5-2 |
| | | U16 XI | | A | L | |
| | Fives | Seniors | Eton College | A | L | 1-2 |
| | | U16 | | A | W | 2-0 |
| | | U15 | | A | L | 1-2 |
| | | Senior | St Olaves | A | D | 2-2 |
| | | U14 | | A | W | 3-2 |
| Sunday 3 rd March | Squash | 1 st op squad | Malvern College | A | W | 4-1 |
| | Rugby | 1 st VII | Colstons' Sevens Tournament | A | Went out after the group stages. | |
| | Fives | | Kinnaird Cup: Festival A Plate | Won by J. Humes and G. Panayi | | |
| | | | Best Losers Plate | Yick and N. Pearce | | |
| | Hunt | Seniors | Midlands and Northern Independent Schools Cross Country Cup | A | Ranked 1 st | |

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Shrewsbury School Chapel Choir visit to Hereford Cathedral

Thursday 7 March 2013

The Chapel Choir sung Choral Evensong at Hereford Cathedral yesterday evening performing works by Stanford, Sanders and Bullock. Joined by the boy trebles of Shrewsbury High Prep School the sound of the choir soared in Hereford's wonderful acoustic. Dr John Godwin provided excellent support for the choir on the Cathedral's fine 'Father' Willis organ. In addition pupils were able to explore a little the architecture of this ancient building, home of the world famous 'Mappa Mundi'.

AEM

D&T supports Comic Relief

Monday 11 March 2013

All this week, pupils have the chance to create their own pens in D&T, either in their lessons, or if they drop into the Workshop on Wednesday afternoon. For just 50p and a few minutes of their time, pupils can create a unique pen and support Comic Relief too.





A Week in the Life of Daniel Powell (Ch 3)

Monday 11 March 2013

Monday

Wake up at about 7:15 and go over to KH for croissant and a hot chocolate. The walk back to house is cold but wakes me up. Lessons start at 9:00. English: nice and easy but I get set a 700 hundred word essay (not so good). Biology is much better; learning about fungi includes making beer! Then I head off to a singing lesson with Mr May. We work through some new songs and plan ahead for a possible concert which sounds exciting. After lunch there is a chance to catch up with some overdue work and then rush off to Spanish and Latin. More rushing to get changed and down to the boathouse for an outing and then back for supper. After some music practice there is time to watch the Big Bang Theory before top schools. I collapse into bed and stay there until Tuesday. It was a busy day.



Tuesday

Monday and Tuesday are quite alike. They had similar lessons and sports. I liked history because of my teacher and because were studying my favourite topic, Napoleon. After this, it's almost a complete replica of Monday. Same sort of work and same sort of top schools.

Wednesday

When I woke up at 7:00 I was thinking about the day ahead. The best lesson of the day was definitely Chemistry. We saw the alkali metals exploding and reacting with water. Art was calmer as we finished our drawings and began to paint them. I enjoyed that a lot because it helped me relax. Then after lunch I got changed for rowing. I'm coxing the C octo for our first competition of the season. We did a short piece of racing and then loaded the boats on the trailer for Friday. Bring on the schools sculling head!

Thursday

The thing that is in my mind is that I'm tired. Almost coach weekend but I'm still tired. Breakfast doesn't wake me up and nor does my shower. Assembly starts the cogs and I'm up and running for period 1 and 2. Then we have a really interesting Geography lesson where we talk about the blood on our phones caused by our need for resources from the Congo which results in war and suffering. I'm much more awake after that. The afternoon passes quickly with music and IT, followed by choir practice. Before bed I watch my house play which is a comedy of misunderstanding and growing chaos. It was absolutely hilarious and certainly worth it. The day then ends as I collapse on my bed

Friday

From early on I was nervous and excited. The day of the sculling head and the coach weekend ahead. We set off at 9:00 and after a three hour coach journey we arrived at Eton Dorney where it was wet, cold and grey. We unloaded and rigged the boats and soon watched the first of our crews row off into the mist and waited for our turn. Soon a marshal called "crew 432 to the landing stage". We got our oars in and we set off. Down the racecourse we went. We were a

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powerful boat. We kept a steady pace. Then on our way back, disaster struck. A blade came loose and we only just managed to get it back in. We then pushed harder and eventually got to the end. Our coach was proud of us. And we were proud of ourselves. We had made a mistake and come up standing and had kept going. No matter where we came, it felt as if we had won.

The Weekend

The coach weekend was a nice break from all the work and pressure of school life. I slept in late, played games, did some music practice (for my piano exam next week), and spent time with my family. We had a nice pizza meal on the way back to school to celebrate Mother's Day and then it was back to Churchill's to catch up on all that stuff needed for Monday morning.



House Sport: Finals taking place in the last weeks of term

Monday 11 March 2013

A summary of the various finals that are due to take place before the end of term.

The two girls' houses enter teams into many of the house sporting events - Hunt, Hockey, Ergos, Bumps, Fives etc. - as well as competing against each other as part of their house sport programme. So far this year this has included Ergos, Netball, Hockey, Swimming, and Hunt, and a round of 'net/wall' sports where girls have competed against each other in Squash, Fives and Badminton. At the moment they are doing Football, and in the summer term they will do Tennis and Rounders.

Basketball – 11.30am Sunday 17th March

We're expecting there to be teams from 6-8 houses taking part in the house basketball tournament in the Gym on Sunday.

Senior House Hockey – 1.45pm Friday 22nd March

This will be a 6-a-side tournament, with no goal-keepers, and the first matches will start at 1.45pm. The previous three winners have been:

2012 School House

2011 The Grove

2010 The Grove

This year, the favourites are The Grove, but Severn Hill will challenge strongly, as will School House. Other houses with 1st XI players are Rigg's, Moser's, Churchill's, Ingram's and Oldham's, so these all have an outside chance....

RSSH: The Steeplechases – 2pm Wednesday 20th March

The inter-house Steeplechases race goes back more than 150 years, and is a 2km relay run around Top and Bottom Commons. Each team consists of 5 members, one from each year group, with the Third Form boys running the first leg, Fourth Form the second leg, etc., which makes it a really interesting one to predict and watch!

RSSBC: Hope Simpson Ergo Championships – 1.30pm Friday 22nd March

The second part of the Hope Simpson Ergo Championships, for the J15s, J16s, Girls and Top Squad, will take place in the Gifford Room of the newly opened Yale Boathouse.

Rugby: Senior House Rugby Sevens – 3.30pm Friday 22nd March

The Grove will be hoping to retain their title in this tournament, which starts off in a round-robin format.

Squash - Thursday 7th March

In the Squash House Final that took place last Thursday, Severn Hill beat The Grove in all 4 matches to retain their title.



Severn Hill in the back row: Anton Nelson (IV), Rob Cross (UVI), George Carver (UVI), George Bates (LVI)

Grove in the front row: Charles Kidson (LVI), Benjamin Gould (UVI), Jak Hannaby (UVI), Timothy Bird (UVI).

Success in Chemistry Olympiad 2013

Tuesday 12 March 2013

Three gold, five silver and three bronze medals from the first round of the 2013 Chemistry Olympiad, and Anna Oleryinova's score has taken her through to the second round.

Eleven students took part in Round 1 of the International Chemistry Olympiad in February. This year, there were six students from Lower Sixth and five students from the Upper Sixth.

The results were outstanding. We were delighted to hear that it is our best ever medal tally with every student obtaining one of the top three medals. Anna Oleryinova (MSH) had such a high score that she is now through to the second round and still has a chance to represent the UK at the International Final in Moscow this July.



This competition is designed to challenge and stimulate the most talented young chemists in the country, and is open to all post-16 students in the UK. There are three rounds to the competition, at the end of which the UK team is selected to train for, and compete in, the International Chemistry Olympiad. Further information is available on www.rsc.org/Education/events-and-competitions/Olympiad/.

The paper itself is based on the core of the chemistry A-level specifications, so that students taking any of the different exam board A-levels can compete fairly. The exam lasts two hours and is composed of a series of structured questions designed to stretch able students by making them apply the principles they have learnt to new and often more complex situations than they would meet in their A-level course. Thus, in order to score marks, it is essential to have a very sound base of knowledge and understanding, but also have the ability to think and reason - often "outside the box" - at a high level.

The students concerned had worked at this with a weekly session going back to the previous June. Initially taking the on-line LVI Chemistry Olympiad, and then beginning intensive preparation for the more demanding Olympiad itself.

Gold Medals were awarded to:

Anna Olerinyova (MSH UVI)

Ratanon Suemanothorn (G UVI)

Crystal Chan (MSH LVI) - an exceptional result for someone in the Lower Sixth.

Silver Medals were awarded to:

Clive Lam (O LVI)

Fiona Lau (MSH UVI)

Denton Lee (S LVI)

Edward Mallett (S UVI)

Jonathan Wu (S LVI)

Bronze Medals were awarded to:

Yee Lok (Michael) Cheng (I LVI)

Alun Vaughan-Jackson (Ch UVI)

Tai Yang (Rt, LVI)

ADB



Sports results w/e 10th March 2013

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Week 8: Monday 4th – Sunday 10th March

| Date | Sport | Team | Opposition | H/A | Result | Score |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|---|-----|--|-------|
| Tue 5 th March | Netball | 1 st Team | Harper Adams' Evening League: | A | W | 35-24 |
| Wed 6 th March | Rugby | U16 | Stowe U16 Sevens Tournamnet | A | Tournament winners of the Vase Cup | |
| | | U15a XV | Wolverhampton Grammar School | H | W | 44-10 |
| | | U14a XV | | H | W | 44-5 |
| | Football | 2 nd XI | Madeley Academy | H | W | 4-0 |
| | | A XI | Shelfield Community Academy | H | W | 5-2 |
| | Hunt | Seniors | Shrewsbury Relays | H | Placed 1 st | |
| | | Senior (G) | | H | | |
| | | Inters | | H | Placed 1 st | |
| | Netball | 2 nd VII | King's School, Chester (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd) | A | W | 2-1 |
| | Fives | Juniors | Wolverhampton G.S | A | | |
| | | Seniors (G) | Oxford University | A | L | 1-3 |
| | Hockey | 1 st XI | Adam's Grammar School | H | L | 0-5 |
| | | U15 XI | | A | L | 0-11 |
| | Squash | Top Squad | Wrekin College | H | W | 3-2 |
| | Tennis | 1 st IV | Aegon Cup: Idsall | A | L | 1-5 |
| | | 1 st IV (G) | Aegon Cup: Moreton Hall | H | L | 0-6 |
| Thu 7 th March | Rowing | Top Squad | Schools Head | A | Placed 8 th in 1 st division | |
| | | 1 st VIII | | A | Placed 5 th in 2 nd division | |
| | | Top Squad (G) | | A | Placed 7 th /19 | |
| | | | | A | Placed 15 th /19 | |
| | | J16 | | A | Placed 7 th in 2 nd division | |
| | | | | A | Placed 4 th in 2 nd division | |
| | | J15 | | A | Placed 3 rd /12 | |
| Fri 8 th March | Rowing | J14 A VIII | Head at Dorney Lake | A | Placed 11 th /70 | |
| | | J14 B VIII | | A | Placed 16 th /70 | |
| | | J14 C VIII | | A | Placed 46 th /70 | |

RSSBC: National Junior Sculling Head at Eton's Dorney Lake

Wednesday 13 March 2013

The J14 crews competed at the National Junior Sculling Head at Eton Dorney on Friday. Mist, rain and freezing temperatures were no match for gutsy Shrewsbury performances from three Octuples and a Quad. All crews performed very well with overall combined results placing Shrewsbury among the best in the country.

Rugby: Stowe Sevens Tournament

Wednesday 13 March 2013

he U16 Sevens Squad competed at the Stowe School 7's Tournament on Wednesday and won the Vase Final.

Shrewsbury had an exceptionally tough group, playing the Oratory, Warwick, Aylesbury Grammar and Millfield in what is a very high quality tournament.

They progressed to the semi-final of the Vase competition where they beat Wisbech before going on to beat the Royal Latin School comprehensively in the final. Roan Kirkby (Rb V) played every second of every game (6 games!)



Back row, left to right: James Plaut (S), Ben Smith (Rt), Sam Mitchell (Rb), Rufus Litchfield (I), Alex Shaw (Cb), John Dempsey (Ch), Alex Seager (R)

Front row, left to right: Harry Schofield (O), Charlie Adams (S), George Birt (Ph), Roan Kirkby (Rb), Stamos Fearnall (I)

RSSBC: Schools' Head Report

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Eight crews travelled to London for the annual Schools' Head of the River which is run over 6.8km from Chiswick Bridge to the Putney embankment. The pick of the results came from the boys' J15 VIII and the Girls' 1st Quad.

All the boys' eights were affected to some degree or another by flu which was disappointing having put countless hours on the water in preparation for the event. The J15A VIII showed the way by overcoming a late crew change to pick up bronze in their category. The J15B VIII came in 6th and weren't far off a top three placing despite the disruption.

The J16A & B VIII were also subject to last minute alterations and did well to come in 7th and 4th respectively. While it will be little of consolation to the crews they should take pride in the progress they have made in recent months.

The 1st VIII had a day they would probably prefer to forget coming in 8th in Championships Eights. The crew did well to hold off the challenges of Eton and St Edward's who closed up on them steadily over the first half of the course but couldn't stave off the two quicker crews in the closing minutes. They were unfortunate to be given a time penalty for a blade clash in the final stretch that added to disappointing result for the crew. The crew will be hoping to put in a strong performance next weekend at the North of England Head to get back on track.



The 2nd VIII produced a strong row, coming in 5th in 2nd VIII's and inside the top twenty school crews in the country.

While the girls avoided illness the 2nd Quad had to face challenges of their own after a vehicle took the bows off their boat only hours before their race. Our thanks go to St Paul's School who kindly stepped into the breach to provide them with an excellent boat for the race. With the girls' programme making significant gains in recent months it was great to see the 1st Quad performing on a National Stage and coming in 7th out of 19 crews. The girls' second boat raced extremely well to come in 15th.

ATH

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Fives: Girls v Oxford University

Wednesday 13 March 2013

The girls' squad took on the top university in the country on Wednesday 6th March and found the going tough despite our 1st pair playing a great match against OU 3rd pair. The match ended with our pair dominating and getting stronger.

The girls now have a mini break before competing in the School Intra Mixed Tournament and preparing for the Nationals in a couple of weeks. The commitment, application and progress have all been outstanding to date.

Rosie Parr & Hannah Pritchard drew 1-1 (12-13, 12-7), Cressida Adams & Holly Free lost 0-2 (2-12, 2-12), Becky Home & Tilly Whittingham lost 0-2 (6-12, 8-12).

Football: Max Pragnell (G UVI) smashes the 1st XI goal scoring record

Wednesday 13 March 2013

It was during the 1st XI's match against Repton on 23rd February that Max scored his 84th goal for Shrewsbury School's 1st XI, thus taking him beyond Roy Chaterjee's record* of 83 goals that was set in 2011.

Max has since gone on to score a total of 91 1st XI goals – a remarkable record that is going to take some beating. Over the three years that Max has been in our 1st XI, he has had 80 starts, and was substitute in 8 matches.

Max has also been playing in the Shropshire U18 team this season, and his contribution to the county's success in the ESFA Inter County Trophy has been described as 'impressive'. In the tough quarter-final match against Kent earlier in March (after a 6-hour journey for the Shropshire team) Max scored 2 of the county's 3 goals, taking Shropshire through to the semi-finals on a 3-2 win.

Unfortunately, Shropshire went out of the ESFA Inter County Trophy after losing the semi-final against Cleveland, which was played at Shrewsbury School on Monday 11th March - a bitterly cold day.

Max has been awarded a soccer scholarship to the prestigious Davidson College in North Carolina, where he will be studying for the next four years. Although he has chosen to make Football his major sport here, Max is an outstanding all-round sportsman with a tremendous future ahead of him.

** Roy Chaterjee retains the record of the highest average number of goals per 1st XI match. Roy joined Shrewsbury's Sixth Form in 2009; his 83 goals were scored in the 60 1st XI matches that he played, over just two seasons - he was substitute in one match.*





Relay success for The Hunt

Thursday 14 March 2013

As the competitive season comes to a close, and with many miles of mud, sweat and tears already logged, the final fixtures for The Hunt provide focus going into the last weeks of term. With a number of our athletes preparing for the English Schools' National Championships in Derbyshire on the 16th March, the fast, sharp running of relay racing provides an excellent preparation for the highly competitive field that will mass on Saturday.



On Wednesday 6th March, The Hunt hosted the annual Shrewsbury Relays though this year on a new course following the sweep of the River Severn from Suspension Bridge to English Bridge and back. The 2 mile flat course was set to be fast and with the competition not likely to challenge our squad this year, it was all about the lap times. The Hunt entered three teams, but chose to rest the key figures of Seb Blake, Rory Fraser, and Ralph Wade, all 1st VIII runners but not required for this race. Instead, new recruit to the 2nd VIII Jake Samuel led off our 'A' team with an 11.13 lap, which put us in the mix in third place, though a full minute behind Adams' Grammar whose captain Arthur Charlesworth set up a commanding lead. Not far behind Jake were Theo Clarke back from injury in his first race posting 11.20, and rising star Charlie Rogers with 11.24 (one of three runners who were 'blooded' in their first Hunt race at the event). By the end of the second leg, Adams' lead had shrunk with KHVIII and

Wrekin just four seconds behind, and The Hunt closing the gap with an impressive 10.39 from 1st VIII runner Toby Lansdell, putting the Hunt as defending champions just 22 seconds behind. The damage came in the third leg with 5th Former Charlie Godman demonstrating why he too has recently been awarded his 2nd VIII squad top with a storming lap of 10.28 that launched the Hunt into the lead for the first time, a lead that Mark Lawley easily maintained in his lap with a swift 10.26 to open the gap up to a sizeable minute and a half. All that remained was for the Hunt to maintain this lead and build on it, and following Charlie Davis's leg where the gap stretched slightly, Huntsman Ed Mallett set off at lightning speed to post the fastest time of the day, coming home in 9.43. The Hunt retained the trophy for the fourth year running, and looked a class apart. Particularly impressive on debut were Tom Lloyd from Ridgemount (whose elder brother Ed has been a valiant contributor to The Hunt's major races over the years), and the find of the season in the Juniors, 3rd Former George O'Brien from Moser's, who ran an excellent 12.23 in his first ever race.



Spring Relays - The winning teams for Shrewsbury pose in front of Attingham Park

The following week the relay circuit took The Hunt to Attingham Park, a new location for an old established fixture - The Spring Relays. The course at Sutton Park was an old favourite for The Hunt, so in many senses we were disappointed not to race on the fast Sutton loop, however the course at Attingham proved an excellent one, not least from a spectator's point of view. Taking three relay squads again, and a Colts team, we were pleased to welcome the support of Chairman of the OS Peter Birch, and former RSSH coach Bob Parker. This perhaps put a little extra pressure on The Hunt to ensure they retained the trophies at both Senior and Colts level that we won last year.

The Colts trophy had been won in both 2011 and 2012, though this year the flu bug had ravaged our team, and this combined with the absence of Freddie Fielding meant we took a somewhat untested squad to Attingham.

However, we took the decision to go out hard and put our top runner out first, so Oscar Dickins was given the task of establishing a lead that we could hopefully maintain. Oscar did just that, posting 7.33 for the 2.2km course, a time that would in fact be the fastest lap on the day out of all runners. Our concerns about the probable strength of Marling school coming up from Gloucestershire were unfounded, and they trailed a full minute behind after the first leg, though we had Thomas Telford to worry about not far behind us, with their opening leg runner also posting a sub-8 time. Adams' Grammar and King Henry VIII lurked ominously, though Queen Mary's GS looked out of it from the very start.

Into the second leg, 4th former Dickins handed over to 3rd former Dan Orchard, who had impressed both at the county champs with a top 10 placing, and a top 20 placing at the Midlands Champs. As one of our county-selected runners for the forthcoming Nationals we were keen to give the multi-talented Dan (rugby, Fives, squash, running, you name it!) the opportunity for a quick run-out. His time of 8.19 ensured the lead was maintained, and in fact the gap edged



slightly wider over Thomas Telford to 23 seconds. The gap still hadn't moved one way or another by the end of the third leg when 3rd former Will Hayward concluded his 8.21 lap, an excellent effort given he has been out of action for over a week due to the flu. The fourth leg, however, saw the lead change hands for the first time, with a very swift time from one of Thomas Telford's fastest runners creating a gap of 13 seconds over Nicky Davis who fought hard to ensure that the gap was no bigger than this.

Concerns did begin to grow as the penultimate Thomas Telford runner went off at impressive speed and looked to be stretching the lead further.

Given that this was only Charlie Rogers's second ever Hunt race, we feared that his lack of experience might mean the Hunt would be out of it going into the final leg. However, we should not have doubted him, for Charlie ran an exceptional race, and the dynamics began to change going into the second half of his lap when in fact he looked to be starting to reel in his opponent. Indeed, Charlie came home with the gap now down to just three seconds, and his 8.34 was a full 9 seconds quicker than the Thomas Telford runner. Established star Ben Remnant took over in the final leg and made quick work of closing the gap on Evan Rochele from Thomas Telford, though Rochele was up for the fight and dug in deep to push the lead on again going up the hill section.

Ben must have been a little nervous at this point, not least because he too was just back from a period of the flu (and a back injury) but also because he had previously been beaten by Rochele. However, whilst it looked like Thomas Telford were stretching away, by the time the runners appeared coming over the brook-spanning bridge, it was Ben in the lead, and having powered down the hill, he was in no mood to relinquish the lead, stretching out to come home a full 7 seconds ahead, running the second fastest lap of the day in 7.40. It was a thrilling race, and one of the highlights of the season for us. We were extremely proud of them, and delighted to have won the trophy for the third year in a row.

The Seniors event was set to be a fierce encounter with a much-anticipated head-to-head between The Hunt and Marling, who had two of the fastest runners at the national relays in Coventry earlier in the season, and who would have won that event had they been able to field a full squad of six at the event. Whilst the Hunt were without a flu-ridden Ralph Wade, his replacement in an ever-improving Charlie Godman and excellent form from the others in the squad meant that we felt we had a chance of taking them on. However, the eagerly-awaited battle wasn't to be, for Marling did not in the end bring up their senior squad, perhaps resting their runners after the UK Inter-Counties at the weekend and the Nationals this weekend. Sadly, it looked again like The Hunt wouldn't have a great deal of competition to push themselves against. This is unfortunately one of the downsides of the recent successes of the club, for if we are to be truly challenged, we really need to be facing top-class opposition at the very high end of national competition.

That said, strong opening laps from both Wrekin and Thomas Telford placed The Hunt only in third after the first leg from Ed Lloyd (7.33), and the positions hadn't changed by the end of Charlie Godman's lap (7.51), though we had deliberately placed the artillery in the middle section. Indeed, Seb Blake took command in the third leg, and his scintillating 7.09 blew the field apart, and having begun his leg with The Hunt trailing by 13 seconds, by the end of his lap, the Hunt were not only in the lead, but winning by nearly a minute and a half! Our 'B' team had also steadily pushed up to fourth place, with strong opening laps from Tim Atkins (7.59), Jake Samuel (8.10) and Freddie Hill (7.58). With the race all but over, it was Huntsman Ed Mallett's job to extend the lead further and wrap the race up, which he did by pushing the lead up to

almost two minutes. His time of 7.31 on the official results seems questionable given his form, and in fact we suspect he was nearer the 7 minute mark. In any case, it looked like job done, particularly after Mark Lawley knocked out a typically robust 7.40 to hand over to the ever-reliable stalwart figure of Rory Fraser, who ran the second fastest time of the day (7.10) to bring The Hunt home a full three minutes ahead of Thomas Telford, with Wrekin in third. James Humpish for the 'B' team ran a brave 8.15 but wasn't likely to catch Wrekin's Haydn Gleave, who had only a few years before been county champion, the same year that James was running 16 minutes for the Benjies course of 2.3km! Humpish's development as an athlete is the stuff movies are made of, but that's another story!



Spring Relays - Mark Huang in full flight, Third Former Nicky Davis for the Colts, Seb Blake on course to run the fastest lap at The Spring Relays

Another successful afternoon, then, for The Hunt, and collecting the Senior trophy for the second year in a row, we were able to reflect on what has been a hard and competitive season, and certainly another vintage. The afternoon running was demonstrative of the strength in depth of The Hunt and the sheer dedication and enjoyment the boys get out of their running. 24 runners competed during the afternoon, including a debut from lower sixth former Alex Walker. The pleasure in working with these runners is not just in seeing the victories and the successes, but seeing the developments they make as athletes and as young men.

PJM



Fives: Old Salopians reclaim the EFA Trophy

Thursday 14 March 2013

The Monday Knights' spectacular debut run in the EFA Trophy was finally halted at Eton on Sunday by the Old Salopians, who reclaim the trophy for the first time since 2004.

The morning semi-finals saw old EFA Trophy rivals the Old Salopians and the Old Etonians go head to head. The Salopians drew first blood with the father and son Williams duo at first pair seeing off Fritz von Guionneau and Hamish Mackenzie in straight games. Victory was sealed when second pair Marc Quinn and Henry Blofield defeated Martin Fiennes and Charlie Fairbanks-Smith - briefly seconded from the 24 hour Fives marathon next door and looking somewhat bleary eyed as a consequence - by three games to nil. Some honour was restored by the vastly experienced Etonian third pair of Jonathan Asquith and Tim Best who were 2-1 ahead of Peter Nichols and Sam Jarvis when the other two pairs finished.

The other semi-final featured defending champions the Old Wulfrunians and the surprise package of the 2013 EFA Trophy the Monday Knights. Wulfrunian skipper Sid Simmons led from the front at first pair as he and Andy Husselbee cruised past Marco Rimini and Paddy Gibbs, but the Knights were hoping that their strength in depth would pay dividends and second pair Bill Emlyn Jones and Johnny Saunders duly obliged, recovering from losing the first game to defeat Mark Yates and Phil Bullock in four close games. With Mike Skjott and Tom Emlyn Jones 2-0 ahead of schoolboys Matt Pritchard and Tom Husselbee in the third court, the result seemed done and dusted but the Wulfrunian youngsters showed they are made of stern stuff as they began to get to grips with a style of Fives from their opponents that they will not have seen much of at school level. To their great credit they came back to level at 2-2, including a 15-14 fourth game nailbiter and a large crowd gathered at the back of the court for the decider. Skjott and Emlyn Jones could easily have become downhearted having been pegged back and then seen chances to win the match in four pass them by, but they dug deep and began to reimpose their game on Matt and Tom, finally coming through in five tough sets to clinch a place in the final for the Knights.

The Wulfrunians won the 3rd/4th place play-off 2-1 over the Etonians but the attention for most of the afternoon was focused on the final. Grant and Guy Williams once again got the Salopians off to a flyer as they rushed out to a 2-0 lead over Rimini and Gibbs. The Knights pair finally began to find some form in the third game and came agonisingly close to taking the match into a fourth, before going down 14-13 and putting the Salopians one up. The other two pairs were proving to be much closer; the Knights had the initial advantage, going 1-0 up at both second and third pair with 15-14 and 12-11 wins respectively. Quinn and Blofield then took the Salopians to the brink of victory by taking the next two games at second pair 12-8 and 14-12. In the third court, the match was beautifully poised at 2-2, with every game 12-8 or closer and with Bill Emlyn Jones and Johnny Saunders 11-9 up in the fourth game at second pair it looked like the match would be going to the wire. If ever there was a moment for Marc Quinn and Henry Blofield to step up this was it and they responded perfectly to the challenge; some fine cut returning and a slight tiring from the Monday Knights duo saw the Salopian second pair level at 11-11 then go on to win 14-11, take the rubber 3-1 and win the EFA Trophy for the Salopians.

The third pair agreed a 2-2 draw at that point and everyone took the opportunity to reflect on a terrific contest and a tremendous day's Fives.

Thanks go to the team captains for their organisation, to Eton for hosting the tournament, and to all of the players who showed exactly how it is possible to play Fives in a highly competitive but extremely friendly and sporting way.

Semi-Finals

Old Salopians beat Old Etonians 2-1

G.Williams & G.Williams beat H.Mackenzie & F.von Guionneau 3-0 (12-5, 12-2, 12-7)

M.Quinn & H.Blofield beat M.Fiennes & C.Fairbanks-Smith 3-0 (12-1, 12-2, 12-9)

P.Nichols & S.Jarvis lost to J.Asquith & T.Best 1-2 (7-12, 12-5, 5-12)

Monday Knights beat Old Wulfrunians 2-1

M.Rimini & P.Gibbs lost to S.Simmons & A.Husselbee 0-3 (5-12, 0-12, 3-12)

B.Emlyn Jones & J.Saunders beat M.Yates & P.Bullock 3-1 (8-12, 12-9, 12-9, 12-5)

T.Emlyn Jones & M.Skjott bt T.Husselbee & M.Pritchard 3-2 (12-7, 12-3, 8-12, 14-15, 12-8)

3rd/4th

Old Wulfrunians beat Old Etonians 2-1

S.Simmons & A.Husselbee beat J.Asquith & F.von Guionneau 2-0 (12-5, 12-6)

M.Yates & P.Bullock beat M.Asquith & T.Best 2-0 (13-11, 13-10)

T.Husselbee & M.Pritchard lost to M.Fiennes & C.van der Hout 0-2 (9-12, 7-12)

Final

Old Salopians beat Monday Knights 2½-½

G.Williams & G.Williams beat M.Rimini & P.Gibbs 3-0 (12-5, 12-1, 14-13)

M.Quinn & H.Blofield beat B.Emlyn Jones & J.Saunders 3-1 (14-15, 12-8, 14-12, 14-11)

P.Nichols & S.Jarvis drew with T.Emlyn Jones & M.Skjott 2-2 (11-12, 12-10, 8-12, 12-8)



The EFA trophy winning side left to right:
Mark Quinn, Henry Blofield, Guy Williams, Grant Williams,
Peter Nichols, Sam Jarvis.



Fives vs Rydal Penrhos

Thursday 14 March 2013

Two pairs of U15s and two of U14s travelled up to Colwyn Bay again today to face Rydal – when we had left last time, George Panayi and Tom Breese had been battling back in the 4th game to turn around a 0-2 deficit when the opposition had conceded injured. Now, Tom being focused on playing at 1st U16, it was Jack Fox's first school game with George Panayi in this top pair and a test of him at the next level. Both played well, with George managing to dominate the court very effectively in phases and Jack sometimes retrieving remarkably. They were not consistent enough early on, permitting Rydal to take a few runs of points. Conversely they did not return quite enough cuts to put pressure on the opposition. They lost the first and second games but looked to have turned a corner in the third, putting together some runs of their own and cutting down the Rydal pair well. Consistency failed again in the fourth, though, which was a very close game as the second and third had been. Jack, bizarrely, played wonderfully when under pressure but made a few errors when not; nonetheless it is promising to see him clearly at home at this level of the game.

Matt White and Luke Lloyd-Jones at second pair won a close first game and never looked back, consistently increasing their margins. They then played against Rydal's top U14 pair, despatching them for the loss of just 6 points.

Our U14s had lost last time we were here, but have been on a steep learning curve and were looking to reverse the result. They succeeded with some aplomb, Ed Chapman and Adam Aslam-Baskeyfield conceding 16 points and George Hargrave and Sam McLoughlin deciding that best of 5 was just not enough and playing best of 9 instead!

Further highlights included Sam's tangential thought processes on the return journey. The boy is a hive of surrealism!

Panayi & Fox 5-12, 8-12, 13-10, 10-12 Lost 1-3

White & Lloyd-Jones 12-10, 12-5, 12-3 / 12-2, 12-1, 12-3 Won 3-0, 3-0

Chapman & Aslam-Baskeyfield 12-3, 12-6 12-7 Won 3-0

Hargrave & McLoughlin 12-1, 12-2, 12-1, 12-6, 12-10 Won 5-0!

Fives vs Highgate

Thursday 14 March 2013

Highgate travelled to us over coach weekend with eight pairs. A good number, mostly of day boys, were still happy to turn out and play against them, for which many thanks! Our top pair were at times competitive but have still not quite found their consistency: they lost 0-3. Grant Williams stepped in to make up a second senior pair and he and Elliott Christie won. James Warburg and Tom Breese played a good competitive game (against Highgate's U16 pair) which they won having lost the first game.

Highgate are the national powerhouse of junior fives: they have 10 courts in the playground of the junior school and start to play the game very young. It is, therefore, very difficult to compete with them at U14 and U15, though we do gradually reel them in. It was therefore very pleasing to see Jack Fox and Luke Lloyd-Jones run them very close in game 3 and even more impressive for Ed Chapman and Adam Aslam-Baskeyfield to do the same at 1st U14.

While we lost all games at the bottom end, the match was a very positive one for us.

Overall result 6-2 to Highgate.

Senior

1. Guy Williams & Henry Blofield lost 0-3
5-12, 13-14, 4-12

2. Elliott Christie & Grant Williams won 3-0
12-5, 12-4, 12-8

U16

James Warburg & Tom Breese won 2-1
7-12, 12-9, 13-11,

U15

1. Jack Fox & Luke Lloyd-Jones lost 0-3
5-12, 8-12, 11-13

U14

1. Ed Chapman & Adam Aslam-Baskeyfield lost 0-3
1-12, 2-12, 11-14

2. Dan Orchard & Ross Orchard lost 0-3
0-12, 3-12, 1-12

3. Jesse Mattinson & Max Morris lost 0-3
0-12, 4-12, 3-12

4. Sam MacLoughlin & Guy Morris lost 0-3
4-12, 3-12, 0-12

Fives: A frantic week, during which our 1st pair helped the OS win the EFA Trophy at Eton

Thursday 14 March 2013

On Wednesday 6th March, our girls played a match against Oxford University - the best university team in the country - in which our 1st pair drew against Oxford's 3rd pair.

On Saturday 9th March, over our coach weekend, some of our day boys played a home match against Highgate with encouraging results. Overall, the result was 6-2 to Highgate, described by Seb Cooley as the 'national powerhouse of junior Fives' as there are 10 courts in its Junior school. We always struggle against them at the J14 and J15 level, but do eventually 'reel them in'.

On Sunday 10th March, our top pair - Guy Williams and Henry Blofield - played for the OS team in the EFA Trophy Tournament at Eton, and on Wednesday 13th March our U15s and U14s had an away fixture at Rydal Penrhos, and won 3 out of their 4 matches.



The EFA trophy winning side left to right:
Mark Quinn, Henry Blofield, Guy Williams, Grant Williams,
Peter Nichols, Sam Jarvis.



Severn Hill win the inaugural Junior House Hockey League

Thursday 14 March 2013

This term saw the inaugural Junior House Hockey League - a 5-a-side tournament on Monday afternoons, open to any 3rd to 5th former not already committed to a Monday afternoon Sports change option.

Each Monday afternoon, snow permitting, around 50 boys met to play their various Group matches, until the top two from each Group went forward to a Semi-final. The strongest sides during the Group stages were clearly School House and Severn Hill, so it seemed only right that these two were able to dispatch Oldham's and Rigg's in their respective Semi-finals to meet in the Final.



Thus, with the sun setting on an ever-freezing afternoon - so cold that the match ball became too brittle and broke in two from a well-hit stroke by Henry Fletcher-Wilson! - the two teams gave battle. That the match went into extra time was a reflection of the even-ness in teams, but finally, in the dusk, Severn Hill, under the captaincy of Alex Bird, scored the winning goal, to win 3-2 and receive the first ever Junior House Hockey Trophy.

JVL



Tom Bland (Rt UVI) named as winner of the Hawksley-Burbury Science Competition

Thursday 14 March 2013

Winner of the Hawksley-Burbury Science Competition: Tom Bland (Rt UVI)

Prox accessit: Chris Papaioannou (PH LVI) and Daniel Hart (Rt LVI)

The Hawksley-Burbury Science Competition is open to any scientist in the Sixth Form, testing skills of observation and scientific deduction.

It consists of three sections (Biology, Physics, Chemistry) in each of which candidates are set a number of short tasks requiring careful observation and analysis. It is not necessary to be studying these subjects at AS or A2 level to take part – they will not require specialised knowledge.

Tom will be presented with his prize at the Academic Prize Giving during Speech Day at the end of next term.

Shrewsbury School sponsors Test Matches in New Zealand

Friday 15 March 2013

Shrewsbury School is proud to sponsor the 2nd and 3rd Test Matches in New Zealand.

As one of the leading cricket schools in the UK, with strong links with the ECB, we were delighted to be offered the opportunity to sponsor a perimeter board at the final two Test Matches that are being played in New Zealand.

The photo on the right is from the Second Test, at Hawkins Basin Reserve in Wellington, NZ, which is being held from Thursday 14th to Monday 18th March.



The Third Test will be played in Auckland from Friday 22nd to Tuesday 26th March.

Our Director of Sport, Paul Greetham, was interviewed on BBC Radio Shropshire on Friday 15th March about Shrewsbury's growing international reputation in the world of cricket, and our ambitions for girls' cricket at Shrewsbury when the school becomes fully co-educational in 2014. Please listen to the mp3 clip: [Paul Greetham on BBC Radio Shropshire.](#)

Rugby: w/e 17th March 2013

Sunday 17 March 2013

RUGBY: Two excellent victories over Abraham Darby School yesterday for the U14 and U15A XV's. The U15's remain unbeaten this season. The final matches of the regular season are this Wednesday against Shrewsbury Rugby Club U14's and U15's. The Senior & U16 sevens squads head for the National Schools 7's at Rosslyn Park this week - we wish them well.

Senior House 7's take place on Friday from 3.30pm.

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House Basketball: Ridgemount triumphant

Monday 18 March 2013

The House Basketball took place in great spirits on Sunday morning, in the Gym. Full results are below, but Ridgemount were victorious after defeating Moser's in the Final 20-6.

Allegations of match fixing, based on the fact that Ridgemount's housemaster selected the referee, were strongly refuted by WAH, Master i/c Basketball.



Leonard Ma drives to basket evading defender Michael Cheung (O) in the semi final

Leonard was player of the tournament scoring 29 points in 3 games

Photos by Paul Pattenden

QUARTER FINAL 1: GROVE 13 v RIGG'S 4
QUARTER FINAL 2: RIDGEMOUNT 10 v SEVERN HILL 9
QUARTER FINAL 3: MOSER'S 6 v SCHOOL HOUSE 4
QUARTER FINAL 4: OLDHAM'S 18 v INGRAM'S 4
SEMI FINAL 1: GROVE 7 v MOSER'S 10
SEMI FINAL 2: RIDGEMOUNT 12 v OLDHAM'S 11
FINAL: RIDGEMOUNT 20 v MOSER'S 6



The Headmaster's Commendations

Monday 18 March 2013

The aim of the Headmaster's Commendations is to recognise and reward outstanding academic achievement and intellectual curiosity.

The following pupils have been awarded the Headmaster's Commendations in the second half of this term:

UPPER SIXTH

Tom Bland (Rt)

Matthew Davies (M)

Anna Olerinyova (MSH)

Hannah Partington (MSH)

LOWER SIXTH

Khairah Besar (MSH)

Stanley Hau (SH)

Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch)

Isabelle Turney (EDH)

FIFTH FORM

Edward Carroll (Ch)

Chris Thomas (M)

FOURTH FORM

Sasha Arridge (Rb)

Tom Edwards (S)

Ben Sansom (PH)

THIRD FORM

Edward Chapman (Rb)

Ben Jones (Rb)



George Carver (S UVI) wins Shropshire U19 Squash Championships

Monday 18 March 2013

The 2013 Shropshire Junior Squash Championships took place at Shrewsbury School over the weekend of 16th/17th March, with over 130 competitors taking part from across the county.



36 of our pupils entered the championships, and George Carver (S UVI) won the coveted Shropshire U19 title - watched by his parents and the Headmaster.

A number of other Severn Hill boys also excelled themselves in the competition: Rob Cross (UVI) won the U19 Plate, Tom Edwards (IV) won the U17 plate, and 15-year-old Anton Nelson (IV) got through to the semi-finals in both the U17 competition (against Moser's Tiger Vechamamontien (IV)), and the U19 competition.

Anton Nelson also won the Sportsmanship Award.

This was a tremendous end to a very successful season for Shrewsbury School squash, during which we have won matches against Cheltenham (for the first time in recent school history), Wrekin, Malvern and

Bromsgrove, and our 1st V have lost only 3 of their matches:

Saturday 12th January 2013 Staff vs Top Squad LOST 8-2

Wednesday 16th January 2013 Concord College vs Top Squad (a) LOST 4-1

Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at Bromsgrove WON 3-2

Saturday 2nd February 2013 vs Cheltenham (home) 2pm 1st V WON 3-2 & 2nd V WON 5-0

Wednesday 20th February 2013 2nd V vs Repton 1st V (a) LOST 5-0

Saturday 23rd February 2013 Shrewsbury Club Staff vs Staff & Top Squad (h) LOST 10-2

Saturday 2nd March 2013 vs Malvern (a) Won 4-1

Sunday 3rd March 2013 vs Old Salopians (h) Drew 1-1

Wednesday 6th March 2013 2nd V vs Wrekin (h) Won 3-2



Henry Kennedy (I LVI) describes his experience with the CBSO Youth Orchestra

Monday 18 March 2013

Henry has been playing in the Youth Orchestra of the CBSO – the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra – over the last two half terms. Here Henry writes about his time with the CBSO in February, and Martin Knox has written a footnote to his piece.



Wow – what a fantastic start to the year I have had!

On Sunday 24th February I had the opportunity of playing Bass Clarinet and 3rd Clarinet with the CBSO Youth Orchestra at Birmingham's Symphony Hall. My first time with the orchestra was in October half term, when we performed the whole of the Nutcracker Ballet.

From the 16th February through to the Sunday 24th February, I was in six-hour daily rehearsals with the CBSO Youth Orchestra. The selected programme was Mahler's fifth symphony and Ravel's Piano concerto for left hand in G major. Both of these pieces are undoubtedly very eminent and difficult works. Therefore as one can imagine, rehearsals were very intense. For the first half of the week, we were with the

Assistant Conductor of the CBSO – Michael Seal. Then for the second half of the week, we had the pleasure of being under the baton of the renowned American conductor, Andrew Litton. By the end of the week, with the mix of frantically practising my parts and catching up on schoolwork, I was totally exhausted!

However, I soon forgot my exhaustion on the day of the concert; the Symphony Hall was almost full to capacity (2,262), and even tuning up felt exhilarating. The programme order was Ravel's piano concerto, and then the Mahler. The Ravel set off with a fine start with the renowned Contra Bassoon solo, and then I soon followed with my solo on the Bass Clarinet, which was nerve-racking to say the least! But then the famous pianist, Jean-Efflam Bavouzet of Paris, soon took over. Having the opportunity to play with Jean-Efflam was really exciting – he's well known for playing this piece (he did it at the previous BBC Proms) – but I think we managed to pull it off!

The second half was the Mahler, which was 1hr 15 minutes – a long time to be performing and it was definitely the longest that I had ever performed in a concert. When the Symphony Hall was completely silent, the concert commenced with the very famous trumpet solo. Mahler had begun. By the end, as the piece reached its peak, the feeling was unimaginable; seeing about 2,000 people watching you, playing in one of the most acoustically innovative music halls in the world and watching Andrew Litton giving every strain of energy into the music. It was a feeling that will remain with me forever.

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Henry obviously enjoyed himself during this hectic week, of which I had the pleasure of hearing the end product on the Sunday night. Since he modestly refrains from commenting on how they played, permit me to add a verdict. They were very, very good. As it happens, I have never heard a Mahler symphony played by an inferior orchestra. The situation hasn't changed.

MWK



RSSBC: J15s win at the North of England Head

Tuesday 19 March 2013

A pleasant spring morning greeted us on the Dee upon arrival at Chester for the annual North of England Head on Saturday 16th March. Although this is one of the last Heads of the season, it is a very testing run over 5000 metres.

Our A crew knew this would be their last chance to shine before moving into regatta mode for the summer term and shine they did, not only winning their event by a considerable margin, but also coming 10th overall meant that they beat 25 adult mens 8's. Not bad, with three 14-year-olds in the boat

The boys now have a stiff ergometer test this week and then a 5 day training camp on the Thames during the Easter holidays.

J15A 8: P George, W Deacon, A Matthews, J Davies, A Grocott, J Carter, N Watkins, H Thomas. Cox E Jones



The J15 8, on their way to victory at the North of England Head



RSSBC: Junior Inter Regional Trial at Worcester

Tuesday 19 March 2013

Wins for the J16s and J15s, who will now have 2 boats each entered into the Inter Regional Regatta at Nottingham in April.

J16

Despite being depleted by illness the J16 squad raced in both the J16 8+ and J16 4+ categories, with 4 boys doubling up. Not only did the eight win their category by 18 seconds, they were also the fastest boat of the day by 10 seconds beating a number of J18 quad sculls. In the four the winning margin was slightly smaller – only 7 seconds – but considering it was their second race, and in a scratch combination it was a fine performance.

As a result of the trials Shrewsbury will represent the West Midlands in the eight at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta at the start of next term.

All round, an excellent end to the term!

J15

Our B group was split into a coxed 4 and coxed quad for this event, with the aim of qualifying both boats for the Inter regional Regatta at Nottingham in April. Both crews did exactly what was asked by winning their events. Many congratulations to our boys as the crews were very last minute, one actually changed on the morning of the event!

Many thanks to Paddy George for stepping in to the four, Alex ‘Sid’ Brinkley for racing twice and for Ed Jones who won 3 gold medals over the weekend!

A great finish to a very successful term.

J15 4+ P George, C Rassmuss, T Sykes, A Brinkley. Cox E Jones

J15 4X+ D Major, M Manser, A Brinkley, J Walker. Cox E Jones



J14

Quad of Barny Fox, Fintan Simmons, Harris Huntsman, Harry Marshall, coxed by Alex Lawson were 2nd out of 5 losing to RGS Worcester by 5 seconds. RGS have been in the same quad for some time training in the same combination for the National Junior Sculling Head.



Quad of Matthew Hedges, Rob Hartwell, Ben Jones, Jake Elliot were 3rd out of 5. Only five seconds behind their Shrewsbury counterparts. Both crews raced very well considering having only 1 or 2 sessions in their crews before racing, compared to the RGS crew who have training consistently in their quad for the National Junior Sculling Head.



Sports results w/e 17th March 2013

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Week 9: Monday 11th – Sunday 17th March 2013

| Date | Sport | Team | Opposition | H/A | Result | Score |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|
| Tue 12 th Mar | Netball | 1 st VII | Harper Adams' Evening League | A | W | 32-9 |
| Wed 13 th Mar | Football | A XI | Liverpool College | A | W | 1-0 |
| | | 2 nd VI | Thomas Telford | A | W | 5-2 |
| | Hunt | Seniors | Spring Relays, Attingham Park | A | Ranked 1 st | |
| | | Inters | | A | Ranked 1 st | |
| | Netball | 1 st VII | Bromsgrove | A | L | 23-25 |
| | | 2 nd VII | | A | L | 17-29 |
| | Fives | U15 Pairs | Rydal Penrhos | H | D | 1-1 |
| | | U14 Pairs | | H | W | 2-0 |
| | Hockey | 1 st VI | Kings' School, Chester | A | W | 4-3 |
| | Basketball | U18 | Wrekin College | A | L | |
| | Badminton | U18 | Wrekin College | H | L | 1-3 |
| | Squash | Top Squad | Wrekin College | A | W | 3-2 |
| | Sat 16 th Mar | Rugby | U15a XV | Abraham Darby | H | W |
| U14a XV | | | H | | W | 46-5 |
| Hunt | | Seniors | Midlands League, Stamford | A | Ranked 2 nd | |
| Rowing | | Top Squad | North of England Head, Chester | A | Ranked 1 st | |
| | | Top squad (G) | | A | Ranked 2 nd | |
| | | J16 | | A | Won 4 Golds | |
| | | J15 | | A | Won a Silver and Bronze | |
| Netball | | 1 st VII | Wrekin College | A | L | 69-9 |
| | | 2 nd VII | | A | L | 27-11 |
| Hockey | | 1 st XI | Wrekin College | H | L | 0-1 |
| | | U15 XI | | H | W | 1-0 |
| Basketball | U18 | Old Swinford Hospital | H | L | 24-60 | |
| Sun 17 th Mar | Squash | Top VI | Shropshire County Championships | G. Carver U19 County Champion | | |
| | | | | R. Cross won U19 Plate | | |
| | | | | T. Edwards won U17 Plate | | |
| | | | | A. Nelson gained the 'Sportsman's Award' having qualified for the semi finals at both U17 and U19 | | |
| | | | | Tiger V. Qualified for the U17 semis | | |



Charity Day raised over £1,700 last Friday

Tuesday 19 March 2013

There was something for everyone on Charity Day. If you like gladiatorial combat, where pain is inflicted, and the tough men of the school barely flinch, then 'Leg Waxing the First Eleven' was for you.



Hot dogs and Krispy Kremes; photos by Andrew Spicer (M UVI)

If you enjoy fierce House competition, with House honour at stake, and the best and biggest mouths in the House are representing you, then the Mary Sidney Hot Dog Eating Competition was right up your street.

If no doughnut is good enough for you unless it's that mellow, sweet, scrumptious Krispy Kreme doughnut, then the Salopian Ventures team had you in mind.

In the design department, you could make your own personalised pen, in the staff room you could treat yourself to some duck eggs, and, if you wished, everyone could dress down for the day.



A little bit of Bruce Forsyth more your cup of tea? An afternoon with the man himself, looking remarkably young for his years, and bearing a strong resemblance to Mr Fitzgerald, bantering with the three quick-witted judges, was laid on for your delectation and delight. 'Mrs Registrar', Kathy Campbell, the instigator of the whole cunning plan, had taught the dancers, who learnt routines in lightning-quick time, and they entertained us royally. For the

record, Miss J for Jive Maths and Mr Elvis Geography won the coveted trophy.

And to round it all off in style? Paul Greetham sang. His set was a mixture of old and new, upbeat, melodic and moving. He's got a beautiful voice, and chose great songs. He took time

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between to remind us why we'd spent all day doing daft things for cash – to support those who have demetia and head injuries, inner city children, children in Malawi and Kenya without parents to care for them, and to support teenagers with cancer.

We're still counting, but it looks like over £1,700 was raised for the six charities that the Charities Committee chose this year: Alzheimer's Society, Headway, The Shewsy, Sanata Trust, Medic Malawi and Teenage Cancer Trust. The House Charity Reps sold tickets, cajoled late payers, swept up, counted money and cheered on the participants. It wouldn't have happened without them. Thanks, too, for the forbearance, and encouragement, of all the Housemasters.

What do you fancy next year? Ideas on an email to ljd@



Churchill's Hall House Play: 'Black Comedy'

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Des Hann's review of Churchill's house play was worth waiting for...



L-R: Laurence Jeffcoate & David Vaughan-Jackson; Rory Fraser; Will Heyes & Laurence Jeffcoate

Churchill's Hall are in a fine vein of thespian form at the moment. One has only to cast an eye down the programme of a full school play to see how many of their number fill the key roles – so it is that they are able to boast a house play full of experienced actors. Of late they have turned their considerable talents to farce and, on the back of last year's superb *Noises Off* the pressure was on to re-produce a play of high quality...which is exactly what they did!

Black Comedy was wonderfully done – a real fun-fest for the audience as the cast competed to produce the most outrageous characters and moments. The clever central ruse, of course, is that the play begins – in a modest bed-sit – in the dark (which is actually the light) then a few minutes later a fuse blows and, though the stage-lights come on, the characters are plunged into 'darkness'; thus, we get to enjoy an hour of them groping (yes!) around in the dark.

Alessandro Rebecchi plays Brindsley the struggling artist, giving us a clinic in farcical timing and physical control as he struggles to return his camp neighbour's furniture in the dark, 'borrowed' to impress a visiting art collector. He and current, middle-class girlfriend Carol, 'dragged' to worrying perfection by Laurence Jeffcoate, also wish to impress 'Daddykins' in order that they might have a chance of tying the knot. Everything crumbles around them, literally, as phones, tables, stools and future dreams get laid to waste. Daddy is a Colonel, the spectacular life-force that is Will Heyes, drawing heavily on his CCF (Combined Cadet and Farce?) training. Neighbours seek refuge, the dainty Harold played by Rory Fraser with top-drawer, camp chic – soft r's and a softer handshake – and the initially uptight Miss Furnival who ends her self-declared temperance by getting not-so-quietly tight in the corner. David Vaughan-Jackson (once again) comes close to stealing the show with rising falsetto and sinking standards!

The play comes to a chaotic crescendo when former girlfriend, Clea – played by Guy Cabral full of black wig, mascara and self-righteous petulance – comes to wreak havoc and revenge. In the midst of this bedlam the nicely understated Jack Cooper arrives as the electrician and, in a wonderful 25 second cameo, Richard Hudson, as the art collector Bamberger, has his light extinguished by electrocution as the real lights are restored - a much more satisfactory ending than the original trap-door, deus-ex-hole-in-the-ground.

Churchill's this year bid farewell to a number of very talented and experienced thespians but it is clear that the new ones have already risen to take their place!

Des Hann



RSSBC: J15's medal haul

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The J15 group after receiving medals from recent wins:

Hammersmith Head (8) GOLD

Schools Head (8) BRONZE

Chester Head(8) GOLD

Inter Regional Trials (Coxed 4) GOLD

Inter regional Trials (coxed quad) GOLD



The launch of Lifelong Learning at Shrewsbury School

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Building on its reputation as a centre of learning, Shrewsbury School is extending its offering far beyond the age range and scope of its pupils through 'Lifelong Learning' – a new initiative for 2013.



Led by our Head of Careers, Chris Conway, Lifelong Learning is being launched in the Summer Term 2013 with a pilot scheme including:

- An evening lecture series on 19th Century French Art – 4 lectures in the Summer Term, and 4 at the start of the Michaelmas Term. There may also be a short guided visit to Paris during the summer vacation.
- A String Orchestra Play Day.
- An afternoon conference on Admissions to Universities in the United States.
- An afternoon conference on Classics.

After the Summer Term trial, we hope to expand the programme from September to include further lecture series on Art, History, English Literature, and one on Music. In addition, a number of cultural trips are also proposed.

All Lifelong Learning events are open to members of the public.



Music: The End of Lent Term Concert, reviewed by Martin Knox

Wednesday 20 March 2013

The welcome from the Brass Ensemble that traditionally opens major concerts was missing this year, for a very good reason, of which more later. We were not to be denied the sound of the trumpet, however, as Henry Thomas, only in his second year at Shrewsbury, but already an established star of the music department, stepped up to play a movement of the Haydn concerto. He would probably have appreciated the chance to warm up in a fanfare, but once he got into his stride, there was much to admire in his nimble, authoritative playing. His contribution did not end there, for his incisive attack and diamond-bright tone illuminated the many subsequent items in which he participated.

From a familiar work to one that is by comparison a rarity. We should be grateful to Dorit Hasselberg for giving us the chance to hear a clarinet concerto by Louis Spohr, in his day a well-known composer, but now fallen into neglect. Similar to Hummel and perhaps Weber, his work makes a pleasing sound and the soloist was equal to all its demands. It was not the fault of Dorit or of JFM that some of the accompaniment is too heavily scored for the solo part to come through, but when the way was clear, the assurance with which the most difficult passages were handled by the virtuoso performer was a delight. Dorit is a strong contender in the Shropshire Concerto Competition.

Inspired by the success of last year's "Magic Flute", the department is putting on another full-length opera next term and, as a trailer, presented two numbers here. A full review will follow in due course.

Up to this point, the orchestral playing had been inconsistent. Would they rise to the occasion in the symphony (Rachmaninov No 1)? What followed was not so much an improvement as a transformation. From first to last, this was one of the finest performances I have ever heard from the school orchestra. Technically secure and utterly committed, they responded to John Moore's fiery, urgent direction in an interpretation that made nonsense of the work's early failure. There was not a weak link, not a slack moment in a performance of which all concerned should be proud.

In the absence of the Community Choir (on operatic duty) there was a chance to hear Alex Mason's Chapel Choir in concert, though their chosen piece, Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" was still from the ecclesiastical repertoire. It would probably have sounded even better in the Chapel, but it still came across effectively in the Alington Hall, for there was a movingly ethereal quality about the pianissimo singing and the diction was exceptionally fine. Such clarity from a large group must take hours of practice. Solos, resonantly delivered by Teresa Fawcett Wood, Jonty Binns, Laurence Jeffcoate, and Rob Cross, were further evidence of the current strength of this core institution. The applause went on until the last performer had left the stage.

Having already made a hit last month with the Big Band, Maria Eglinton showed that she could conjure spirited and disciplined playing from an ensemble twice the size. The "Yiddish Dances" by Adam Gorb, witty and uplifting, were well worth hearing, the complex score holding no terrors for the Wind Orchestra. There were some striking "special effects", particularly from the trumpets and the clarinets.



Finally, enter the Brass Ensemble to the rousing strains of “Stars and Stripes Forever”. In their midst, not conducting, just joining in, was Nigel Gibbon, who leaves us after twenty-six years of cheerful and dedicated service. He has taught hundreds of pupils and in the process driven thousands of miles, so it was appropriate that he should top the bill on this occasion.

After a couple more numbers, he announced an extra item, which seemed to cause total confusion in the band. Chaos, I thought. How embarrassing. But I had fallen for a practical joke. The moment they began “The Bugler’s Holiday”, it was obvious that everything was under control, Nigel and three fellow-trumpeters, Henry Thomas, Harry Sargeant, and Brendan Parsons, leading the way with such gusto, such joie de vivre, such flair as brought the house down. It was a fitting send-off for this hugely popular man.

MWK

Junior inter-house debating final: Churchill's v Ingram's

Wednesday 20 March 2013

In a tense but highly civilised stand-off between Churchill's and Ingram's on Monday night, Churchill's emerged victorious in the final of this term's inter-house debating competition with a scholarly team consisting of the barrister-in-the-making Guy Cabral and Ben Remnant, both in the 4th form, and Fintan Simmons in the third form. Pitted against them were the irrepressible Tommy Adeyefa, Stamos Fearnall and Jack Lock who put up a stylish fight resulting in a very stimulating and enjoyable debate.

The motion, the first ever which this writer did not initially understand, was 'The House believes that the music industry should boycott the American singer Chris Brown'. By the end of the debate, however, thanks to the clear exegesis provided by the Churchill's proposers, I felt something of an expert, even to the extent of venturing a question in the floor debate. I felt like the judge who notoriously asked 'What is Gazza?' in a 1990s case involving footballer Paul Gascoigne!

Particular thanks to Mike Tonks, who led the astute and discerning (!) team of judges, and to Laura Whittle for organising the whole competition, of such benefit in training pupils to think logically and on their feet.

RTH

Pictured right:

The victorious team enjoying breakfast on the private side of Churchill's





RSSH: Ed Mallett marks end of his Hunstman career with double trophy win

Wednesday 20 March 2013

The annual Inter-House Steeplechases took place on Monday of the final week of term, and the Hunt Club Championships (up and down Earl's Hill) was just a day later.



Left: Seb Blake ensures that the victory is in no doubt for Severn Hill who retain The Steeplechase trophy in 2013

Middle: Bunched up runners at the start of the race

Right: Ralph Wade anchors the Radbrook relay squad with typical steel and determination as he comes home at the end of his leg

The annual Inter-House Steeplechases took place on Monday of the final week of term, with an impressive 22 relay squads taking to the start line (including 9 'B' teams out of the 13 houses). The modern version of this historic event is a 6-man relay of 1.5mile legs (4 legs for the girls) with the first leg runner being a Third Former, second leg runner a Fourth Former, third leg runner a Fifth Former, fourth leg runner a Sixth Former, and the final leg coming from any year group. In recent years, Severn Hill have proved dominant in the event, and the 2013 running looked to be a final swansong for the house as the core of their runners would be departing at the end of this year. Their aim, no doubt, was to secure not only the team trophy, but the 'B' team shield and at least one of the fastest lap trophies.

After the first leg, Severn Hill were in a good position nestling in around 7th place, though the early leaders saw Will Hayward of Rigg's Hall in first place at the end of the opening leg, closely followed behind by Charlie Tait-Harris for Radbrook (recently voted Junior Runner of the Year by the Hunt), Dan Orchard for Port Hill (recently voted Most Improved Runner of the Year by the Hunt), and Jonty Schofield for Rigg's 'B'. Alas, this would be the last we saw of Rigg's at the top of the field due to an injury to their second-leg runner (himself a replacement for the injured Oscar Dickins, who had the day before been voted Inters Runner of the Year). Port Hill took over in the second leg with a strong effort from Tom Sykes, but a mesmerising final 400m from rising star and new Hunt recruit Charlie Rogers saw Radbrook on the heels of their dayboy rivals. Rather ominously, Severn Hill had surged forward to third place by this point with an excellent lap from Lisle Gannon, though the lap that caused the biggest stir was that of Churchill's Ben Remnant who brought RTH's squad right back into the mix having been out of



the picture after the first lap. Indeed, Remnant would later be awarded the fastest junior lap of the day.

In the girls' race, Emma Darwin Hall had taken an expected early lead with the ever-dependable Amy Stockdale and Makiko Nishikawa (voted Senior Girls Most Improved Runner of the Year the previous evening).

Despite MSH clawing back in the third leg with a surging run from Lucie Cornwell-Lee (Senior Girls Hunt Runner of the Year), Emma Darwin Hall's Libby Naylor and Rosie Parr secured victory for the house, and a delighted squad lifted the salver for the second year in a row. Both houses fielded 'B' squads, and here Mary Sidney Hall could claim the honours, with Alice Paul bringing their 'B' squad home first.



By the final stages of the boys' race, the eagerly anticipated showdown between Severn Hill and Churchill's looked to be brewing. As Senior Whip Seb Blake took over in the penultimate leg, Severn Hill were lying in second place following a strong run from Theo Clarke. Port Hill and Oldham's were still in the mix after solid performances from regular Hunt runners Charlie Davis and Jake Samuel. Radbrook, too, were not far behind after Josh Leese fought hard to stay on their wake. However, it didn't take long for Blake to launch Severn Hill into the lead, and having begun his lap 10 seconds behind Churchill's, by the Maidment building (roughly 600m) he was now 15 seconds ahead. Oldham's pushed ahead of Port Hill and Radbrook held fourth ahead of Ridgemount. Into the final lap, all Ed Mallett needed to do was stretch out the lead and confirm victory again for Severn Hill, with Churchill Hall's Rory Fraser (the newly-announced Huntsman for next year) cementing Churchill's in

second. Severn Hill would also take the 'B' team shield with a swift anchor leg from Mark Lawley, and Churchill's took 2nd 'B' squad. Ed Mallett and Rory Fraser shared the trophy for fastest lap time.

- 1st Severn Hill
- 2nd Churchill's
- 3rd Oldham's
- 4th Port Hill
- 5th Ridgemount
- 6th Radbrook
- 7th Moser's
- 1st 'B' team Severn Hill
- 2nd 'B' team Churchill's
- 3rd 'B' team Oldham's
- 4th 'B' team School House
- 8th School House
- 5th 'B' team Rigg's Hall
- 6th 'B' team Ridgemount
- 9th The Grove*
- 10th Rigg's Hall
- 7th 'B' team Ingram's
- 11th Ingram's



The start of the Hunt Club Championship

The following day members of The Hunt travelled to Pontesbury and Earl's Hill for this year's Hunt Club Championship, set to be a gruelling effort given the steep ascent of Earl's Hill, and the treacherous downhill on return! Illness and injury prevented many from competing, but a hardy bunch of 19 runners took to the start line with a typical blend of good cheer and competitive energy. Ed Mallett looked a little doubtful beforehand due to a niggling back issue, but the prospect of defending his trophy and securing one final 'kill' meant, unsurprisingly, that he not only started, but bolted from the off and took an early lead. As much of the course is concealed from the casual observer and a roving reporter is needed, I'm afraid I can't offer too much in the way of description of the fluctuations in race position, but needless to say, the race seemed to be summed up by Ridgemount's Tom Lloyd, who having crossed the line with a look of either sheer pain or utter incredulity declared, "My calves are on fire!!!" Port Hill's Sean Sawyer had no such observations to make, preferring instead to allow his muddied body and bloodied vest to do the talking.

Ed Mallett got that all-important final 'kill' and can add the notch onto the baton he received as a leaver on Sunday night, a fitting end to what has been a startling Hunt career and a glittering running CV. Second home was Churchill's Rory Fraser with Ralph Wade for Radbrook in third. It was a good day for DMH's boys with Charlie Tait-Harris of Radbrook winning the Mark Mortimer Cup for 1st Junior (even though he was up against 4th formers), and fellow housemate Charlie Rogers as third junior (with Rigg's Hall's Will Hayward splitting the pair with silver). The girls event was won by next year's captain Lucie Cornwell-Lee, and thus for three years in a row a Mary Sidney Hall athlete has won the Willie Jones Cup.



Left: Club Championships first-timer, Ridgemount's Tom Lloyd crosses the line after the gruelling climb of Earl's Hill and announces to anyone within earshot, "My calves are on fire...!"

Middle - the winners: The Junior Championship was won by Radbrook's Charlie Tait-Harris who won The Mark Mortimer Cup; Huntsman Ed Mallett from Severn Hill retained the Birley Cup in the seniors event, and Mary Sidney Hall's Lucie Cornwell-Lee wins The Willie Jones Cup for Girls Champion.

Right: Port Hill's Sean Sawyer takes things literally as he is 'blooded' in his first Hunt Club Championships...

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|-------------------------------|-------|---|
| 1st Ed Mallett (S) | 17.13 | 1st Senior, Winner of the Birley Cup |
| 2nd Rory Fraser (Ch) | 18.09 | 2nd Senior |
| 3rd Ralph Wade (Rb) | 18.59 | 3rd Senior |
| 4th Charlie Tait-Harris (Rb) | 20.03 | 1st Junior, Winner of the Mark Mortimer Cup |
| 5th Toby Lansdell (PH) | 20.36 | |
| 6th Jake Samuel (O) | 20.37 | |
| 7th Will Hayward ® | 21.24 | 2nd Junior |
| 8th Charlie Davis (PH) | 21.32 | |
| 9th Seb Blake (S) | 21.34 | |
| 10th Sean Sawyer (PH) | 21.56 | |
| 11th James Humpish (SH) | 22.10 | |
| 12th Alex Walker (O) | 22.53 | |
| 13th Charlie Rogers (Rb) | 24.11 | 3rd Junior |
| 14th Sam Watts (SH) | 25.52 | |
| 15th Tom Lloyd (Rt) | 26.51 | |
| 16th Ben Remnant (Ch) | 27.14 | |
| 17th Lucie Cornwell-Lee (MSH) | 27.19 | 1st Girl, Winner of the Willie Jones Cup |
| 18th Finn McCormack (Ch) | 27.23 | |
| 19th Henry Carter (O) | 28.31 | |



Third Form Bronze Duke of Edinburgh - Summer Term expeditions

Thursday 21 March 2013

The DofE expedition season starts in earnest next term and all Third Form parents (and in particular the parents of day boys) should be aware that their sons are likely to be taking part in expedition training. By the end of term the boys will have completed their walking expeditions, and may even have done enough to complete Bronze entirely.

Boys doing DofE Bronze must attend one of the two Practice Expeditions on offer; please see which practice weekend your son will be on: [2013 Bronze Walking Groups](#). Please note this placing is now fixed and takes into account sport fixtures, with boys starting their expedition weekend on the Saturday evening and continuing through to Sunday. We would be grateful if any 'outdoorsy' families could raid their cupboards for walking boots, waterproofs and sleeping bags; we do have outdoor gear; but if pupils provide their own it puts less pressure on our stores.

Nick David
Director of Activities



Severn Hill - A double win in The Steeplechases

Thursday 21 March 2013



Severn Hill Steeple Chase Winners - both A and B teams - ably lead by Huntsman Ed Mallett



Ed Mallett - A team, and Mark Lawley bringing home the B team victors



A Week in the Life of Will Bridges Webb (Rt UVI)

Thursday 21 March 2013

Monday

Unlike my usual late wake up of 8:45, I had to wake up bright and early to prepare for possibly one of the most terrifying things I have done at



Shrewsbury School. Like most things, it sounded like a great idea to volunteer to take part in a small stage production in front a few peers, until it was revealed to me that In fact that this less than prestigious event was to be performed to the whole school. 8 o'clock arrived and pulling a sickie seemed the only other option to massacring myself on stage. However, 15 minutes later I found myself standing In the Alington with my fellow actors. Through re-enacting a game show, we planned to advertise the events which were happening during the

upcoming Charities day. I drew the short straw by having to act like the village idiot, which I would just like to say is not my normal role in society. By 8:30am the hall was nearly full and nerves had finally hit their peak. I needn't have worried though as my part was done quickly with the only embarrassment being the unintended double entendre. Soon 'Shrewsbury's Cleverest' was crowned which to many was a rather controversial result! Within no time I was out of the hall and my rather meagre day commenced. I spent the rest of the day trying to avoid the general population of Shrewsbury in an attempt to prevent any reminder of earlier events. But, rugby training arrived and the onslaught began. Fortunately being off games due to eye meant it lasted only a short time. The day finally came to a close with the remaining interesting event being the talk from Mr Turner about the future developments in callover in Ridgemount.

Tuesday

Back to my usual routine, this included a rather rushed cup of tea, and according to my year, a disgraceful double Windsor knot tie. Double history beckoned, with the infamous 'Zoo set', Doc Morrrough was ecstatic to see his favourite group of history lovers as usual and soon the delights of Irish history began and then ended. The relief of a PR arrived at 10 25am and I was soon watching the new episode of the Walking Dead while frantically trying to search for my copy of the Aeneid for my lesson with Mr Clark after break. Lunch arrived within no time and the prospect of one remaining lesson helped add a positive light to the day. Before my last lesson started we had our sports options, with team tennis being my only choice. After lessons had finished and sport began, I had time to go to town pick up some essentials. Top schools arrived, and the joy of my history coursework sunk in.

Wednesday

Wednesday started and making use of my double PR in the morning I was showered and ready at 9am to commence some work. RS with Mr Hellier was my first lesson, followed by double history with Mr Cook which consisted of flicking through copious amounts of history books to use in our essays. Lunch was welcomed and Ridgemount's usual highly philosophical, intellectual and unsettled debates surrounding whether Usain Bolt or The Koran are more widely



known in the world (outside opinions would be very much welcome). I filled my afternoon with grot shop and a trip to the gym which consisted more of socialising rather than exercising.

Thursday

The day before Charities Day had arrived and as Vice-Chairman of the Committee (probably should have mentioned that earlier), I was being bombarded with instructions from Mrs Drew about Friday. There was a certain amount of anticipation building over how smoothly the day would run as along with the rest of the Committee, a huge amount of time had been put into a day which had never really been seen at the school. Thursday is my only day without a PR and the early wake up for Chapel does add to the fatigue. Mr Clark presented to us his theory of life, fortunately we had a double lesson with him that afternoon and so were able to quiz him over the bicycle escapade during his first year at the school. Coursework filled up most of the day along with a tutorial with Doc Godwin at lunch with our usual talk of UCAS and oddities in the ancient world, dampened only by the disappointment of our fellow tutee, the Head of School, failing to join our gathering.

Friday

The big day had arrived and there was much to look forward to. I had volunteered myself to be the wing man for Oscar Lewis in the prestigious Hot Dog eating competition. However, lessons were still on. A test on Medea was the first order of the day. Next I found myself outside RS listening to a self-proclaimed student of the Hot Dog eating champion Takeru Kobayashi, Charlie Farquhar. Still, my faith lay in Oscar and the tension started to build. On the way out of the Lyle Building madness confronted me, the line for the Krispy Kreme Donuts. The wait was worth it and soon I was in possession of 3 original Glaze. Lunch arrived quickly and the anticipation was high. We soon arrived at the Ashton Theatre, which was jam-packed with the many sadists of our school. We disappeared behind the curtain along with the rest of the competitors. The rules were simply whoever ate the most hot dogs by the time the music stopped won. In true underdog fashion, none other than Alastair Duffield won; my friendship with Oscar had been destroyed along with an unhealthy amount of frankfurters and bread. However, the day was not yet finished, The Leg Waxing and Shrewsbury's version of 'Strictly Come Dancing' brought about a huge amount of laughter and embarrassment with Miss Burge and Dr Foulger being the victors. Unfortunately I was unable to gain a ticket for the highly sought after 'Mr Greetham gig', but everyone was soon raving about the performance and I think another would be highly welcome. It was a relief at the end of the day that it had gone so well and bed beckoned.

Saturday

The weekend was finally here and we were all looking forward to having a curry that night. I had 4 lessons in the morning which were Class Civ, History and RS. I took that afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on some much needed work. 7 o'clock arrived and the routine of preparing for a night out arrived. Curry House was our destination and we were immediately surrounded by a rather depressed lot of English rugby fans when we arrived back (at 10 o'clock on the dot). We soon settled down in front of a film.

Sunday

Sunday brought the prospect of redoing my history coursework. Fortunately I had Chapel out, but my ideal 11am wake up was destroyed by the high pitch chatter of the 3rd and 4th forms leaving for their paintballing trip at 8 o'clock. Brunch was duly welcomed and soon work was

laid before my eyes much to my dismay which was the backbone for the rest of my day. Evening Chapel was as relaxing as usual. My week was finally over and Easter was starting to beckon.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 2 years in the sixth form at Shrewsbury, following my move from Uppingham. I feel I have grabbed all the amazing opportunities on offer here and the school has set me up for the next stage in my career.



House Basketball runners-up

Monday 25 March 2013



Mr Hughes set up an excellent Sunday afternoon basketball tournament in the gym - and a rare chance for the School's best basketball players to compete in their House colours.

There were no easy matches in this tournament and indeed the Moser's team were trailing 2-9 against The Grove at half-time in the semi-final.

A stupendous second-half rally, led by an in-form Sam Kandi and School captain Silas Tsui, brought us level and then ahead with just seconds to go.

Ridgemount were just too strong for us in the final but finishing runners-up was a fine effort.

Maybe next year....

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Spanish Faculty theatre visit to Liverpool: 'Bodas De Sangre'

Tuesday 26 March 2013

The Sixth Form members of the Spanish Faculty went to see a student production of Lorca's 'Blood Wedding' at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, which is reviewed here by Christie Knight (EDH UVI).



I went to see a student production of Lorca's play, 'Bodas De Sangre' in March 2013 at the Unity Theatre in Liverpool. The story is based on a newspaper fragment, which told of a family vendetta and a bride who ran away with the son of the enemy family. Lorca uses this story to create a play investigating the subjects that fascinated him: desire, repression, ritual, and the constraints and commitments of the rural Spanish community in which the play is set.

The Unity Theatre itself really suited the production of Blood Wedding, allowing the actors to use the stage space in an interesting and varied way. Whilst the audience began to fill up the theatre, there were actors moving around on stage, through chairs and doors. They moved silently, yet beautifully, without interacting with each other, creating an interesting stage picture before the play had even begun. The audience was instantly captivated by what was happening on stage.

The play began with music. Throughout different points in the play there were two women dressed in black, one playing a small Spanish guitar and one who was singing in Spanish. As well as reminding the audience that this play is set in rural Spain, the two women conveyed the theme of inevitability and fate through the eerie tones that they played during scene transitions.

At the beginning of the play, the audience was quickly able to identify with the story and the relationships between the different characters. Whilst speaking to the maid about her soon to be husband, the Novia engaged in a short but intense movement sequence centre stage, where the character of Leonardo ran on and held her tightly. The passion conveyed between the two characters on stage showed the audience that the Novia was completely enchanted and mesmerized by him.

This particular production of Blood Wedding gave me a new insight into the play, as they played the Novia's father as a comical character, whereas he normally plays the role of a proud and formal father. The actor successfully played the part and made moments between him and the mother of the bride more light-hearted. I thought that this made the ending even more of a shock to both characters, creating tension among the audience.

Most of the special effects added into this production successfully enhanced the action on stage and made the play more exciting to watch. Special effects included clever lighting and the on stage music, both adding an element of suspense and drama to the plot. There was stage smoke, mainly used around the character of the Moon, which at times detracted from the performance of the actress. Despite this, the personification of the Moon was done extremely well, as in some productions it can appear a peculiar addition to the script. The Moon was an actress dressed in

white bandages, similar to the costume of an Egyptian mummy, adding suspense and an ominous atmosphere to the play.

On the whole, I found this production of Blood Wedding to be a strong and well-portrayed version of Lorca's original. With little change to the script, and well cast actors, they were able to perform the play to a high standard.

Christie Knight



Oldham's: Third Form trip to Talargerwyn - and adventures on the high-ropes course

Tuesday 26 March 2013



Earlier this term, Messrs Wade and Haworth took the entire Oldham's 3rd Form to the School's Snowdonia cottage, Talargerwyn for a weekend retreat and some excitement at the nearby high-ropes course in Betws-y-Coed. After a rather late departure necessitated by sports fixtures on the Saturday afternoon, the weary bunch arrived at the uninvitingly dark and cold cottage around 8.30pm, before getting stuck into some chilli-con-carne round the fire to warm us all up. A good night's sleep (including something of a lie-in, very welcome to pupils and staff alike) followed, after which the party tucked into a solid breakfast of cereal and bacon butties and plenty of tea, before clearing off for our activity at nearby Betws-y-Coed.

Having been given our safety equipment and shown the ropes, as it were, the group headed off into the forest with a mixture of excitement (on the part of the boys) and barely concealed dread (on the part of Mr Haworth).

A brief induction followed to inspire a bit of confidence before all set off individually to negotiate their own way through the course (which progressed from around 30 to 80 feet above the forest floor). Most seemed to manage this without much trouble at all, nonchalantly skipping from one tree trunk to the next. Ollie Clarke, Tom Atkin and Reuben Arkwright in particular displayed a chimp-like affinity with tree-dwelling that few had suspected. Others (most notably Mr Haworth, whose previous experience apparently counted for nothing) looked far less confident, tangled up in a mass of tyres and ropes, looking down from time to time and suddenly wishing they hadn't...

The course finished with a flourish - an 80-foot drop to the floor on a winch, just decelerating enough to allow stylish and graceful landings.

After a quick lunch most of the group were ready for more adrenaline, and the high swing beckoned. Groups of five waited to be winched up into the sky (all held in place by straps around the groin, to great discomfort) before one of the braver members of the party pulled a string which sent them all tearing down towards earth, and then back up into the sky again the

other side, amid much screaming and hilarity. Nearly twenty minutes of preparation for around 15 seconds of fun - just about worth it!

With nerves wrecked and voices sore from the screaming, we all headed back to Shrewsbury just in time for tea.

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Back Lawn Trophy

Wednesday 27 March 2013

Rain and snow at the end of term made the Back Lawn unplayable, so the weekly trip to the Powerleagues courts at Shrewsbury Town FC took on an even more competitive edge than usual. Fuelled by a very large number of chocolate Easter Eggs that the boys discovered hidden around Moser's earlier that evening, four teams braved the sleet to battle it out for the fabulously precious "Back Lawn Trophy". The round-robin league yielded our two finalists, while the 3rd/4th place play-off was won 9-8 with a goal in the final seconds of the match. The final was even closer, finishing at 6-6 after regular time.

With the Powerleagues staff threatening to turn the lights off, and all the other pitches long since empty, a sudden-death 'golden goal' by Tim Atkins' side was the deciding factor.

More Easter eggs for the winners!

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Hockey: w/e 17th March 2013

Wednesday 27 March 2013

The 1st XI lost to Wrekin College 1-0 yesterday, however the U15's won 1-0.

On Wednesday the 1st XI defeated King's Chester 4-3 in the dying minutes, with Henry Fletcher-Wilson scoring a hat-trick.

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Dorit Hasselberg (EDH UVI) wins Shropshire Concerto Competition

Thursday 28 March 2013

Dorit Hasselberg won the Shropshire Concerto Competition on 27th March with a stunning account of Spohr's Clarinet concerto in E flat major, accompanied by the Shropshire Sinfonia – a fine local orchestra made up of professionals and young local student musicians.



Dorit was one of four finalists, and the standard of her co-competitors was extremely high. One was fellow Salopian Henry Kennedy (I UVI) whose performance of the Tableaux de Provence for Saxophone and orchestra was also quite superb. The other two finalists were both fine instrumentalists from Concord College.

All four finalists received well-deserved praise from the adjudicator – the newly appointed Head of Strings at the Birmingham Conservatoire of Music – but Dorit was singled out for her mature and detailed account of the concerto, for which she was awarded her first place.

This is the second year in a row that the winner of the County Concerto Competition has come from Shrewsbury School. Last year's winner was Galin Ganchev (M V). Dorit is a pupil of Donny MacKenzie at the school.

The competition was recorded live by BBC Radio Shropshire in the Alington Hall, and will be broadcast at 6.45pm this Easter Sunday on BBC Radio Shropshire.

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Please tune in to BBC Radio Shropshire on Easter Sunday at 6.45pm...

Thursday 28 March 2013

... to hear the final of the Shropshire Concerto Competition that was held in the Alington Hall on Wednesday 27 April – that was won by Dorit Hasselberg (EDH UVI).

For those that are listening outside the region, you can listen live online (and should be able to hear the recording after the broadcast too): www.bbc.co.uk/radioshropshire.

Please see our separate news article on the Final of this prestigious competition and Dorit's win.



Adam Cosgrove about to compete in the hardest marathon on earth - for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Sunday 31 March 2013



Adam Cosgrove (S 98-03) is competing in the gruelling Marathon des Sables from 7th until 13th April 2013. Renowned as 'The Hardest Footrace on Earth', the ultra-marathon is a 156-mile multi-stage, self-sufficient race through the Sahara desert carrying all the kit and food necessary to make it through the seven-day race. The longest single day is 52 miles.

Commenting on his upcoming feat, Adam Cosgrove (pictured, in red), Senior Surveyor in Jones Lang

LaSalle's West End Agency team, said: "The training has been tough and very time consuming so we are all looking forward to getting out to the desert and getting started – it will be a real test of mental as well as physical endurance."

Andrew Hynard, Deputy UK Chairman, Jones Lang LaSalle, concluded: "With runners coming from all over the world, the MdS is a truly international event that has a positive impact on the local environment and in local communities. All the best to Adam and Rob in undertaking this amazing challenge, and in their fundraising efforts."

If you wish to support Adam's effort to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital, visit <http://www.justgiving.com/AdamCosgrove-MarathonDesSables2013>