



## Exchange visits of Sports Directors between Shrewsbury (UK) and Shrewsbury International, Bangkok

Monday 2 May 2011

*Paul Greetham, our Director of Sport, travelled to Shrewsbury International School in Bangkok this February to view and experience the teaching and playing of sport in an international environment; Nick Dunn came over to the UK for a return visit in March. Their accounts of the trips is below.*

### **Paul Greetham's visit to Shrewsbury International School, Bangkok: A Diary and reflections**

#### **Day One**

As usual, no sleep on planes – particularly 12 hour flights! This meant a tough morning ahead as I'd arrived at 6.30am. By 8am I was in my accommodation for the week – the delightful Chatrium Suites, opposite Shrewsbury International School. Three high rise buildings dominate the skyline in these parts – the end one and the 16th floor my abode for four nights.

After a little power nap, which was to do me no good at all, I ventured into the International School to meet my host for the week Nick Dunn, Director of Sport and Activities. Before leaving for a GCSE PE trip into Bangkok to the world famous Bodyworks exhibition, Nick kindly showed me around some of the fantastic facilities on the eight year old campus. Most impressive were the two outdoor swimming pools, triple size sports hall (9 badminton courts) and gymnastic training hall. Swimming, gymnastics, badminton, volleyball and basketball form a large part of the competitive sports on offer at Shrewsbury international. On the sports hall roof were three tennis courts, and recently installed around the perfectly manicured back playing fields was a brand new tartan running track. So good first impressions of the use of space in an urban setting, and also the impressions of the PE staff I soon met by wandering around with Nick and going on the PE trip. All appeared incredibly enthusiastic about their roles, and my first impressions were of a youthful, dedicated and committed staff. The Bodyworks exhibition only lasted an hour but was fascinating and brought human anatomy to life – excuse the pun. Real bodies form the basis of the exhibition and one cannot fail to learn a great deal, given these are not rat or frog dissections – they are the real deal!

On our return to school, the afternoon sport and activities programme got into full swing, and I observed swimming, gymnastics, football, and volleyball sessions going on with a variety of age groups. The gymnastics and swimming was of a very high standard indeed, and back in the UK, this would have been considered more of a club / representative standard. Nick explained that dependant on the term and age group, at the end of each term the school enters the FOBISSEA competitions. These are the focal point to each term for the pupils doing sports excellence, as well as the fairly regular fixtures against other international schools in the region.

I bumped into Stephen Holroyd this evening when going for supper. He was on good form and clearly Shrewsbury International is keeping him terrifically busy, perhaps more so than Severn Hill ever did (though Mr Vicars might contest this!).



## Day Two

With jetlag still a slight issue (two hours sleep this time round), a long shower and a big breakfast was just what was required for the long day ahead – this time the Senior School Sports Day at the Thai Army stadium about 15 minutes drive from the school. The whole senior school was bussed there (à la ISFA Final to Milton Keynes) but for a House event of great magnitude and organisation. Every pupil had to take part in something whether it be the tug of war or the throwing of a softball to the more traditional athletic track and field events. Events commenced at 8.45am and carried on until 2.30pm and by mid-morning the grand stadium was somewhat of a sun trap, and the thermometer was well into the 30's. The discipline and support from the 700 pupils was superb. It also gave me the opportunity to speak to many members of staff about their experiences of the International School. Without hesitation, views were entirely positive – the School appears a happy one. The event motivated me even more to ensure we re-commence a Shrewsbury UK Sports Day from 2012 onwards. It has a huge whole-school benefit and I am sure would prove incredibly popular with the Houses.

On our return to School, Nick Dunn met with parents of pupils who had been selected for the FOBISSEA U13 tournament in two weeks in Malaysia. FOBISSEA has a membership of 37 international schools in South-East Asia that compete regularly against each other at tournaments annually at various age groups. Each tournament focuses on four sports, and schools are only allowed to select a team of eighteen boys and eighteen girls, so a team of all-rounders are inevitably selected.

Dinner was with Nick Dunn, and a whole host of topics was discussed included PE curriculum, excellence vs participation, timetabling, staffing and sporting priorities.

## Day Three

An 8am meeting with Nick Dunn first up on the subject of a sports tour to Bangkok for Shrewsbury UK pupils, using Shrewsbury International as a base for training, fixtures and accommodation. A couple of good opportunities emerged for next academic year for a ten day trip incorporating football, basketball, badminton, golf and swimming. It should be a fantastic opportunity for establishing very firm relationships between both schools, and also a chance for academic and cultural exchange – attendance in lessons and sight-seeing would also feature on the tour schedule. This is building upon John Moore's links with the music department in Bangkok and his work as conductor at the annual Last Night of the Proms event in October.

The next meeting was with the Director of Studies Simon Power. One of our discussion topics was Physical Education as a subject on the curriculum, as a core subject and as an option / examined subject. Interestingly all pupils in Years 10 and 11 in Bangkok are entered into either the short or long GCSE course for Physical Education, whereas in the UK, it has only just become an option subject with 20 or so candidates.

Next to a meeting with Simone O'Connor, the Head of Curriculum PE. Nick Dunn's role is the establishing of an extra-curricular and activities programme throughout the whole school. Separate to this is Simone's role of co-ordinating all Physical Education (core and examined) at International. We compared schemes of work, methods of assessment, and the implementation of GCSE. This was a very useful meeting and reassured both of us, that although our timetables and time for extra-curricular are very different, we are both on the right lines!

After a quick run, it was time to experience something other than sport, and the first ever Shrewsbury International House Music Competition. A far cry from the pre-half term UK equivalent, but nonetheless a great spectacle and well supported. Each of the six houses had to



sing and play one song of their own choice and a Beatles classic. Schwitzer House won hands down with their rendition of Poker Face (Gaga) and I Wanna Hold You hand (some guys called Lennon & McCartney). The sports day and music event demonstrated that even though the House system is in its infancy at International, very quickly pride, spirit and a sense of community and support for one's peers has established itself. Fantastic to see so many pupils enjoying time at their school.

## **Day Four**

My final full day at International and first of all some more discussions on the tour provisionally planned for October / November this year, to include cultural and coastal visits, as well as time to study.

Then to the highlight of the day – an awards luncheon for members of Team Shrewsbury and their parents. Team Shrewsbury is the equivalent of our gifted and talented programme, whereby those deemed to be the very best are afforded additional support with regards to sport. I was asked to address pupils and parents and I hope to have encouraged with the few words I had to say. The pupils' main sports appeared to be gymnastics, swimming, basketball, golf and athletics – in contrast to Shrewsbury UK's rowing, football, cricket, etc. I was delighted to note so many girls involved in the programme and throughout the week I have spotted a healthy culture of girls' activity and sport – much more so than my experiences of the UK. I wonder if this is the same throughout Asia?

On my return to School campus, I was interested to see sixth form pupils taking part in timetabled PE – all year groups receive Physical Education as a core subject. Only third form (Year 9) at Shrewsbury receive compulsory Phys. Ed. To finish the day, some more time with Simone O'Connor, Head of Curriculum PE. A very organised woman – she took me through the specifics of how the department assess across all year groups, reporting and the detail of the Analysis of Performance component of the GCSE.

The department have been very kind and hospitable all week, not least on the final evening with them. They were kind enough to take me to a local restaurant (battling through an evening torrential storm!) to wrap up an extremely worthwhile stay.

## **Day Five**

Following final goodbyes at Shrewsbury early morning, I made the hour or so journey to Bromsgrove International School, which is a little distance out of Bangkok. Shrewsbury has the advantage of having a central location, and right on the Chao Praya River – many pupils take the boat into school. However Bromsgrove has just built a brand new (five star standard!) boarding house and concentrates more on the Thai boarding and overseas (mainly Korean) boarding market. On arrival I met a former colleague from Bromsgrove UK Jon Wingfield, who is Acting Headmaster until July. Jon has steadied the ship brilliantly there since September as a couple of Heads have come and gone in recent times. In general, one thing that has been evident all week is the high level of staff turnover at International schools – most staff are on two year contracts. I guess there are a few reasons for this. Some staff are looking for a change of scene and experience if in the UK for a short time; some Headmasters see the turnover as healthy with fresh ideas coming into any school constantly, and due to a change in environment and culture, very quickly some staff may find that the lifestyle and school is not for them, in which case there is a quick exit route! Turnover is low at both Shrewsbury and Bromsgrove this time round, which has pleased both Headmasters.

Scheduled into my visit to Bromsgrove International was some quality time with the Director of Sport Dean Barrick, a former professional footballer. He took me through the curriculum, examined PE and Bromsgrove's extra-curricular strengths. Bromsgrove attracts some of the top junior golfers in Asia and in the world. It is set in the Windsor Park Golf Club, and pupils have access to some superb facilities and coaching. There are many pupils off scratch, and once again a strong contingent of female participants. Other facilities included tennis courts, two football pitches, six lane outdoor swimming pool, outdoor covered basketball court, fitness suite and air conditioned sports hall. Dean and I exchanged ideas, particularly on ideas for recruitment of pupils through scholarship programmes.

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### **Nick Dunn's account of his visit to Shrewsbury (UK) in March:**

In February 2011, Paul Greetham, Director of Sport at Shrewsbury School, UK, travelled to Bangkok to visit Shrewsbury International School and view the teaching and playing of sport in our international environment. He was extremely impressed with what he saw of our school and students. I was invited to make a return visit to Shrewsbury in the UK to further the links with our sister school. I have been working at Shrewsbury International School since it opened eight years ago so this visit was overdue and one I was extremely excited about.

When I arrived at the school I was met by the familiar face of Mr Chris Conway, who has been to Thailand many times in his role as Bangkok Liaison Officer. My first impressions were of amazement at the vast size of the school campus which is steeped in history and tradition. The focus is very much on traditional British sports such as Rugby, Football, Cricket and rowing. This is a little different to our school which is contemporary in look and set in the centre of bustling Bangkok. Our sports are focused on the international system - basketball, football, swimming, gymnastics and softball.

During my visit I stayed at Ridgemount boarding house which had a beautiful setting overlooking the River Severn. This houses 65 boys under the leadership of the House Master Mr Will Hughes. Shrewsbury School has 10 houses which, as well as being where the boys aged over 13 and girls aged over 16 live, also form the focal point for competitions and other and other house events. This was similar to our house programme and there were clear comparisons of passion, enthusiasm and loyalty that each of our students have for their house.

During my tour I met many members of staff who were highly involved in sport at Shrewsbury School. All of the Masters in Charge of sports made me feel exceptionally welcome and I enjoyed discussing comparisons and contrasts between our two schools.

We also discussed the possibility of making further links with the two schools in sporting events and virtual fixtures.

I learnt a lot about the school during my brief visit which I am delighted to share with the Shrewsbury community here in Bangkok. I came away from the campus feeling that Shrewsbury School has an exceptional high calibre of staff who are committed to the students' learning and development both in the classroom and in the sporting arenas. I also felt that the students were exceptionally receptive and focused and had very good values. This was clearly a huge comparison with Shrewsbury International School and one where the Shrewsbury School ethos and work ethic is mirrored in Thailand.

Many thanks to Paul Greetham who set up my schedule and made me feel very welcome. He is a busy member of staff at Shrewsbury School and a great role model for any Director of Sport.



As I made my way back to sunny Thailand I was already planning the Shrewsbury School tour of 60 boys who will visit Bangkok to compete against Shrewsbury International School and some local schools in October.

*Nick Dunn*

*Director of Sport and Activities, Shrewsbury International School, Bangkok*



## Cricket: Twenty 20 Tournament

Monday 2 May 2011

*On Sunday 1st May Shrewsbury School 2nd XI welcomed players, staff and supporters from Denstone College, Cheadle Hulme & Cheshire U17's.*

Shrewsbury School were very happy to host this annual event that is now in its third year. Cheadle Hulme originally hosted it in 2009. In 2010 Denstone did the honours and this year Shrewsbury School took on the responsibility.

### **Shrewsbury School Results:**

#### **Match 1 vs Cheadle Hulme**

- Shrewsbury 161-5 (Mason 72, Hanmer 35, Thomason 20no)
  - Cheadle Hulme 162-5 (18.4 overs) Darroch 2-29, Styles 2-28)
- Cheadle Hulme WON

#### **Match 2 vs Cheshire U17**

- Shrewsbury 123-10 (20 overs) (Thompson 39, Cox 31)
- Cheshire U17 95 all out (17.5 overs) (Darroch 3-15, Prescott 2-17, Morris 2-15, Leigh-Bramwell 2-19)

Shrewsbury School WON

In the other matches – **Denstone College** beat Cheshire U17's and Cheadle Hulme to rightly claim a tournament victory.



## Cricket: 1st XI results w/c 26th April

Monday 2 May 2011

### **Shrewsbury School 1st XI v King Edwards Birmingham Tuesday 26th April**

- Shrewsbury 236 all out ( R.Smith 51, S.Barnard 32)
  - King Edwards 133 all out ( J.Aston 4 for 28,H.Blofield 4 for 26)
- Shrewsbury WON by 103 runs

### **Shrewsbury School 1st XI v Warwickshire U17's Sat 30th April**

- Shrewsbury 278 for 7 ( S.Barnard 117 not out, S Leach 65)
  - Warwickshire U17's 173 for 6 ( R.Smith 2 for 14 , H.Lewis 2 for 35)
- Shrewsbury WON by 105 runs

### **Shrewsbury School 1st XI v MCC Sun 1st May**

- MCC 248 for 4 ( H.Lewis 2 for 28)
  - Shrewsbury 178 for 8
- Match Drawn



## CCF: Escape and Evasion Nitex

Monday 2 May 2011

With only three days back in school after the Easter Break, it was no mean feat to launch the annual CCF Night Navex on the Shropshire Longmynd.

Three teams took up the challenge and assembled on Saturday evening for briefings and safety kit issues. The exercise involves navigating through eight checkpoints at night, and completing a task at each check point to gain the grid reference for the onward move. The tasks involved general knowledge questions, answering a telephone call in a public telephone box and solving the coded message, raft builds and subsequent bartering for chocolate and supplies. The teams managed to get to the safe house at 3.30 am in the morning for a well earned four hours of sleep, before rising to a two hour mountain bike challenge ending up at the cafe in Cardingmill Valley for bacon sarnies and juice.

It was a great night, only hampered a little by the icy cold gale force winds. Well done to all.

*By Maj Billington.*



## Celebrations for the Royal Wedding

Monday 2 May 2011

Changes to the timetable and a few cancelled periods on Friday meant that all pupils had the opportunity to watch the Royal Wedding Service. Most chose to return to their houses, but the day boys were able to watch it on a big screen in the Ashton Theatre, and a few pupils watched in Quod with some of our support staff. Each house marked the grand occasion in their own way, and KH put on a themed lunch (Chicken Windsor, involving haggis and a whisky sauce) alongside the traditional Friday favourite of fish and chips. Lifesize cutouts of the happy couple, bunting, flags, flowers and some royal masks helped to make this a really enjoyable day for all.





## DofE Gold Sea Kayaking Expedition over the Easter holidays

Monday 2 May 2011

This year's Gold Sea Kayaking Practice expedition was a huge success. Blessed with sunshine, calm winds and warm temperatures the team were able to achieve all they had set out to.

The week started with a half day in school drawing out kit from the stores, pitching tents and writing menu plans for the obligatory supermarket shop for expedition food. Based out of Anglesey Outdoors Independent Youth Hostel, we were best placed to travel to any side of Anglesey Island depending on tide and weather.

During each day, the students completed a journey of about 16km, having planned every detail themselves. Evenings were spent brushing up on the theory of tidal planning, boat safety, seamanship, radio procedures, flares and emergencies to name but a few of the many topics.

The last three days of the trip was spent entirely self sufficient living out of the sea boats which have over 100 litres of capacity for equipment. We beached each evening to supper on the beach and a beautiful sea side campsite.

The students did extremely well, and in addition to being ready for their Gold DofE assessment, they are also ready to undertake the British Canoe Union 3 Star Intermediate Sea Paddler Award!



## **Eventing: Patrick Kenyon (LVI G) competes in a one day event at Badminton**

Monday 2 May 2011

During the Easter break Patrick Kenyon (LVI Grove) competed in the long-awaited, and much anticipated Mitsubishi Grassroots Championship 2011 at Badminton. This was a one day event that took place only a day before the start of the world famous 4\* international 3 day event which was ultimately won by Mark Todd from New Zealand (age 55!)

Despite the pressure of his first major Championship competition, Patrick achieved his best ever dressage score of 29, jumped a clear round showjumping and was clear round the cross country course, which had been built to reflect the technicality that a Championship warrants. His horse never faltered, and in fact was so confident round the course that sadly the pair picked up time penalties for exceeding the optimum time allowed for the course, which then put them out of the rosettes.

However, Patrick should be extremely proud of a very polished and professional performance, which certainly suggests that he and Lottek (Ned) have a bright future ahead of them as they progress from pre-Novice to Novice during the remainder of this year's eventing season. We all wish him the very best of luck.



## Athletics v Bromsgrove School, Ryland Centre

Monday 2 May 2011

Just under 30 Shrewsbury athletes competed at the Ryland Centre in Bromsgrove on Saturday against Bromsgrove School, Rugby, Clifton and Bromsgrove Preparatory. There were some encouraging performances, particularly at U17 level, with the highlight being an impressive victory in the U17 4x100m where Chike Kandi clawed back over 5m in the anchor leg to just dip at the line ahead of Rugby School's quartet. Performances of the day are below:

### U15:

James Plaut: 2nd 100m (12.5)  
2nd 200m (26.0)

### U17:

Chike Kandi: 1st 100m (11.3)  
2nd= High Jump (1.6m)  
Matt Davies: 2nd 200m (25.0)  
Ed Mallett: 3rd 1500m (4.49)  
Rob Cross: 2nd= High Jump (1.6m)  
Ivan Sanin: 1st Long Jump (5.57m)

4x100m (Ivan Sanin; Matt Davies; Stuart Brown; Chike Kandi) - 1st (47.4)

### U20:

Jon Au-Yeung: 3rd 800m (2.18.1)  
Nick Douglas: 2nd Triple Jump (11.38m)  
George Mallett: 1st 1500m (4.35.5)

*Mr P J Middleton*

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## Press coverage: Shropshire Magazine May edition

Monday 2 May 2011

Once again, Shrewsbury School features quite large in the latest issue of Shropshire Magazine. There is a 3-page article on OS artist Max Baccanello (Rt 2001-2006), a page in the Social Diary section on the opening of Charlie Bouflower's exhibition in the Art School, and a double-page spread on the Unicorns' T20 matches being played at Shrewsbury School on June 7th and 8th. The Unicorns team was only formed last year, and includes many former county cricket professionals, captained by former Somerset allrounder Keith Parsons.

The forthcoming concert in Chapel by The King's Singers on 8th May is also given much prominence in the What's On section.

At the time of writing, Shropshire Magazine's website did not yet have any of May's features on it, but they do generally cover a few of their latest articles here: [www.shropshiremagazine.com](http://www.shropshiremagazine.com).



# Old Salopian Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal and a former president of the Royal Society, awarded the 2011 Templeton Prize

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Old Salopian Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal and a former president of the Royal Society, was awarded the 2011 Templeton Prize on 8th April 2011.

The Templeton Prize honours a living person who has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works.

Lord Rees is an acclaimed astrophysicist. The remit of his work includes authoring and co-authoring more than 500 research papers and books. His investigations into cosmology and issues in scientific epistemology have redefined the ambit of our knowledge. He is currently Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Lord Rees said: "Some people might surmise that intellectual immersion in vast expanses of space and time would render cosmologists serene and uncaring about what happens next year, next week, or tomorrow. But, for me, the opposite is the case.

"My concerns are deepened by the realisation that, even in a perspective extending billions of years into the future, as well as into the past, this century may be a defining moment."

HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, will award the prize to Lord Rees in a private ceremony on Wednesday 1st June 2011 at Buckingham Palace.

The Templeton Prize for Progress Toward Research or Discoveries about Spiritual Realities, is awarded annually to an individual who promotes and advances understanding of spiritual matters. The prize itself was created by the philanthropist and investor, Sir John Templeton in 1972.

Previous recipients include Professor John Barrow, of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at Cambridge University

More information is available on <http://www.templetonprize.org>.



# Fives Awards 2011

Tuesday 3 May 2011

*The Annual Fives Dinner took place on Saturday 30th April, after which the following awards and announcements were made.*

## **Individual Awards 2011**

### **U14 Top Performers**

GEORGE LEWIS (I) & NICK PEARCE (I)

### **U14 Most Reliable Players**

JAMIE HUMES (I) & SAMSON YICK (G)

### **U15 Top Performers**

HENRY BLOFIELD (PH) & CHARLIE WHITE (G)

### **U15 Most Reliable Players**

HARRY FLOWERS (I) & ANTHONY PEEL (PH)

### **U16 Top Performers 2011**

Guy Williams (Rb) & Will Miller (Rb)

### **U16 Most Reliable Performers 2011**

Alex Richards (SH) & Elliot Christie (PH)

### **Senior Top Performers 2011**

George Thomason (G) & Jack Hudson-Williams (PH)

### **Senior Most Reliable Performers 2011**

Jason Tse (I) & Jack Flowers(I)

### **Girls Top Performer 2011**

Hanna Blofield MSH

### **Girls Most Improved Player 2011**

Alice Long MSH

### **Girls Most Determined Player**

Alice Brett MSH

### **Williams Team Cup Winners 2011**

George Thomason (G), Jack Hudson-Williams (PH), Jason Tse (I), Jack Flowers (I), Tom Elliot (I), Ben Jones (PH), Henry Lewis (I).

### **Captain of Fives**

(George Thomason (G)) 2010



George Thomason (G) 2011  
Jack Hudson-Williams (PH) 2012

**Captain of Girls' Fives**

(Alice Walker (MSH)) 2010  
Hanna Blofield (MSH) 2011  
Alice Long & Izzy Barber (MSH) 2012

**COLOURS AWARDED (or reawarded) 2011**

G.Thomason (G), J.Tse (I), J.Hudson-Williams (PH), J.Flowers, T.Elliot (I), H.Lewis (I),  
B.Jones (PH), L.Rands (MSH), H.Blofield (MSH), A.Brett (MSH), W.Miller (Rb) & G.Williams  
(Rb).





## French study trip to Montpellier over the Easter holidays

Wednesday 4 May 2011

Eighteen intrepid lower school pupils, from the 3rd, 4th and 5th forms spent just under a week in Montpellier at the start of the Easter holidays - leaving early on Saturday 2nd April and returning on Thursday 7th April. They were accompanied by Mr Warburg (TDJW) and Dr Brydon (JAB).

Blessed with beautiful weather, they spent their mornings in intensive French lessons with native speaker teachers at a local language school and their afternoons on excursions. Evenings were spent with their host families - the boys were billeted there in pairs. Here is a selection of their diary entries, kindly provided by five of the third formers on the trip.



# Greenpower Racing: Season Opener 'Allcomers Race' at Silverstone

Wednesday 4 May 2011

*The Young Engineers group of Third and Fourth Form boys spend their Wednesday afternoons building a race car. The car has to be built to Formula 24 Regulations to take part in the National Greenpower Electric Car Racing competition, competing against over 160 teams of 11 to 16 year olds from across the country.*

As the term began "Evolution" our car was complete, but with the new Specifications and new batteries it was untried. Shrewsbury Town Football Club allowed us to use part of their Car Park for an initial test before we set off to Silverstone on Sunday 1st May.

With the 3rd Form involved in a D of E practice expedition, it was 4th Formers Andrew Humpish and Will Minshall who drove the car at the Season Opener at Silverstone. Over 60 teams attended the event 45 schools teams and 21 Corporate teams. The car passed scrutineering without a hitch, but due to delays we missed the grid call for our race so we started from the Pit Lane. The weather was fine and conditions were ideal as the cars soon became spread out around Silverstone's International Circuit, some driving as fast as possible, others maintained a steady speed so as to last the full race time. As the race progressed, pit stops were made and the drivers changed, "Evolution" continued with a steady lap time of around 4 minutes.

As the race came to an end "Evolution" was still going, but slowing down. As this was an endurance race we had to wait for the final results. When published we were satisfied with our position of 22nd, but a closer look at the results gave the boys a real sense of achievement as "Zebedee" last year's top car was in 23rd place.

*John Holloway*





## New Director of Old Salopian Club at the helm

Wednesday 4 May 2011

*Alex Baxter took up the position of Director of the Old Salopian Club on May 3rd 2011.*

Alex has lived in Shrewsbury for the past seven years with his wife Carol, who was born in Shrewsbury.

Born into an Army family, Alex likens his childhood to a whistle stop tour various locations in the UK and overseas (including a three year stint in Hong Kong) before settling down in Oxfordshire, where he attended Magdalen College School, Brackley. On leaving, he decided on a military career, initially enlisting in the Royal Navy as a Radio Operator in 1978. While in the Navy he met his future wife Carol (who was serving in the Wrens). In 1985 Alex was commissioned into the Royal Air Force as a flying officer, in the logistics branch. Tours in Germany, the Falkland Islands, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia have contributed to Alex's relaxed view on life and fascination with other cultures. He retired as a wing commander in 2004, before taking up an appointment with British Aerospace Systems, working out of the Royal Air Force Aeronautical Engineering College at Cosford. More recently he filled the post of bursar at Adcote School for Girls, before taking up his present appointment at Shrewsbury School.

Two days into his new role, Alex comments "It's an exciting time to be joining Shrewsbury, with the Old Salopian Club embarked upon a major transformation programme, developing even closer ties between the School at its alumni. I have already been made to feel very welcome by those Old Salopians that I have met to date, and my new colleagues."

Alex has 3 grown up children. His daughter Helen is an officer in the Royal Air Force, son Richard is currently training to be an Army officer at Sandhurst and other son, David works in recruitment in London. Alex's main interests include sport, especially rugby union, visiting National Trust properties and attending the theatre when time allows.

Alex can be contacted on 01743 280891 [abaxter@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:abaxter@shrewsbury.org.uk).

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## Tennis: 1st IV & U15 IV v Old Salopians & Parents: Saturday 30th April

Wednesday 4 May 2011

The 1st IV and U15 IV had a very enjoyable match vs OS and parents. The teams lost 7 sets to 3 overall. Outstanding efforts from Aubrey Higgin and Harry Bromley-Davenport who have excelled in all practices this term as well.

The 6th form squad beat the U16A team.

George Bates U15 VIII beat Huw Wheeler's U15 VIII.

U14 VI beat Girls VI.

A very good start to the term's tennis.

*Mr M J Harding*

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# Gregynog Young Musician Competition - Three Salopians through to Finals Day

Thursday 5 May 2011

Three Shrewsbury pupils are through to the final day of the Gregynog Competition for Young Musicians, to be held on June the 4th at Gregynog in Wales near Newtown, the home of the annual Gregynog Music Festival and part of the University of Wales. They are Henry Kennedy- Saxophone, Mark Lee - Saxophone and Galin Ganchev - Piano.

This prestigious competition is UK wide in its competitors, and attracts an extremely high level of entrant, including many from specialist music schools. It is a major achievement to make it through to the finals, and quite astounding to get three finalists from one school in the same year - we wish them all every success.

There is a semi-final round during the day, and then the final with five competitors in the evening, competing for the coveted £1000 first prize.

*JFM*



## Inter-house badminton competition

Thursday 5 May 2011

The House Badminton is an annual competition, and the current holders are School House. It is a simple doubles competition, with team members selected on merit (so The Grove, for example, have a 3rd-former playing). The first two rounds were played yesterday, each match being one game up to 21, but the semi's and final next week will be the best of 3 games up to 21 points. Those ties are School House v. Moser's, and Ingram's v. The Grove.

The final will be umpired by Matt Appleby, who is in charge of coaching Shropshire's youth teams. He also coaches at the school once each week, and will be accompanying the school tour to Thailand in the autumn.



# A Week in the Life of Stephen Leach (M LVI)

Thursday 5 May 2011

*Steve is the younger brother of Joe, who left Shrewsbury in 2009. Joe's gap year was based around cricket, playing for Worcester in the summer and coaching in New Zealand (Howick-Pakuranga Cricket Club, Auckland) in the winter. He is now Vice Captain of the Leeds Bradford University team, and at the weekend he took 5 for 50 against Derbyshire in the MCC's Universities Challenge. He will return to play for Worcester this summer holidays. Steve looks set to follow in his brother's footsteps, and already plays for Worcester U17 Academy.*

Normally, the last week of the Easter holiday is one of relaxation and anticipation for the upcoming term. However for the 1st XI cricket squad this is far from the truth as we were called into action a week before term started for our pre-season tournament against Worksop College, Worcestershire Academy and Millfield.

We had our pre-season curry on Monday night in which a certain, unnamed menacing member of the team decided to order an extra hot curry for our opening bowler....

After a long night for some we were ready for our first match against Worksop College. With conditions favouring the bowlers we batted first and struggled for much of our innings. On a personal level I was pleased to make 40 on what I considered to be trying conditions however what was to happen in the upcoming overs was remarkable. Jack Bailey smashed a rapid 100 and in doing so not only made the conditions look easy but also made their opening bowler, who had made his first class debut the week before, look remarkably amateur. We reached 270, and after a disciplined bowling and fielding performance Worksop never really threatened our score.

Wednesday came and with it a new challenge of Worcestershire County Cricket Academy. Once again we batted first and we slumped to 30-3 after a combination of trying conditions and good bowling in the initial overs. After a period of consolidation we began to find our feet and the bat began to dominate the ball. We finished on 280 in our 50 overs as I was pleased to pass 100 before being dismissed for 115 in the 48th over. Once again we bowled with relative control and in taking wickets at crucial times we made it difficult for Worcestershire to ever challenge our score.

After a successful opening two days our greatest challenge to date awaited us as we prepared to face Millfield on Thursday. Now at this stage I feel it is necessary to explain our 'Dick of the Day' award. The award consists of wearing a pair of pink tights and a sleeveless top to wear to warm up in. This originated in our winter tour of Australia where we elected Charlie Farquhar as 'Dick of the Tour' and his punishment was to wear the pink tights and top from Perth until our return at Shrewsbury. This proved to be a gruelling journey as he was challenged by the comfort of the plane seats and then by crowds people taking pictures of him as we landed in Brunei. Needless to say after stitching various team mates up with various 'curry like' pranks and behind-the-scene antics, it was my turn to wear the tights. Of course this led to no end of remarks from our opposition and caused me no end of grief out in the middle.... back to the game!



Once again we batted first and scored slowly on the hardest conditions to date. Henry Lewis fell for 30 in the 19th over as I continued to occupy the crease for very few runs. We continued to score at a slow rate until the match burst into controversy as Steve Barnard was adjudged lbw despite the ball hitting only his bat. The umpire then decided to change his decision after consultation much to the anger of the Millfield side. This sparked us in to life as runs began to flow. Steve Barnard smashed the ball to all parts and continued to do so after I was run out for 74 in the 46th over. Steve saw us to a more than respectable score of 230 and we felt positive about our chances.

Unfortunately we suffered from one of those days best forgotten when we fielded. Millfield batted exceptionally well, and reached our score for the loss of only one wicket.

We returned to school a day early for a fixture against King Edward School Birmingham. We won the match convincingly, with Ruaidhri Smith's half century a highlight of the match.

Truth be told I was glad to be back at school after a stressful week and hear of exciting Easter holidays and of course lots of revision ahead of our upcoming exams! The week to come threw up its own exciting moments as we all watched affectionately the Royal Wedding. After being gently eased back into the school routine we had the weekend to look forward to.

This time we would play host to a strong Warwickshire U17 XI. The pitch played similarly to the previous week and once again we batted first and lost early wickets. We managed to consolidate once again set a platform for some powerful hitting later on in the innings. I fell for 64 and then Steve Barnard set about the opposition in fine form. He smashed an unbeaten 115. Warwickshire were restricted by tight bowling from our seamers and never looked like getting close to our total.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the tiring weeks playing cricket leading up to term and I feel as though we have a great team spirit and lots of fun both on and off the pitch. This combined with testing fixtures will hopefully lead to a successful season for us. In the meantime the focus has shifted to 'exam season' as anxious faces stare into textbooks for the upcoming weeks until our exams.





## Girls' Sport: An overview of the Lent Term

Friday 6 May 2011

The Lent term is dedicated to netball, but unfortunately due to the heavy snow fall it was a few weeks before we really got going. Earlier in the year Shrewsbury netball team had had its best ever performance at the county tournament by reaching the semi finals and so we were optimistic at the start of the season. Unfortunately, due to 2 serious injuries, we were depleted for much of the season. However, early wins against Moreton Hall, Bedstone and Kings Chester were pleasing and demonstrated a good strength within the team. The middle part of the season was a little less successful, but Shrewsbury worked hard in the latter part of the term to record wins over Bromsgrove 3rd's, Priory and Shrewsbury High School. School First's were awarded to Lois Davis (C), Hannah Blofield, Annabel Brentnall, Becky Corkill and Ellie Kettle.

In Fives, we have had more girls' pairs than ever before and the first challenge for ladies was the EFT Ladies Championships at Eton on Sunday 20th February, alongside the Old Salopian Fives team who were playing in the final of the Barber Cup and the semi final of the EFA Trophy too. Many congratulations to Alice Brett and Lucy Rands who reached the FINAL of the Plate and found themselves up against Old Salopian Alice Walker who was playing for Oxford University in the Second Pair. OS Alice Walker (MSH 2010 leaver) has just been awarded a Half Blue in Fives, and has been appointed Oxford's Captain of Girls' Fives from September. Girls' Fives at Oxford was only awarded a Half Blue status last term, so Alice is one of the first girls with this coveted award. Alice (B) and Lucy lost narrowly, 15-14 to the Oxford pair.

In the mixed pairs at Eton in March, Shrewsbury entered a record number of eight pairs in and returned a number of successes. In the final, Shrewsbury quickly established a lead and never let go to win both games: Alice Brett & Jason Tse (Shrewsbury) beat Anna Snowden & James Lawson Baker (Haberdashers Aske's/Harrow) 12-2, 12-7 to become EFA Schools' Mixed Champions. Also, Shrewsbury's First and Second Girls Pairs both made it through to the Final of the inaugural Under 17s Beginners Ladies Championships at Eton: Issy Barber and Alice Long won the title, defeating our 2nd Pair Sophie Walker and Sarah Lim.



## The Shewsy's best ever visit; 9 Shewsy youngsters trialling DofE awards

Friday 6 May 2011

*The latest annual visit deemed to be the 'best Shewsy visit ever' by our visitors!*

Every year in May a large group of young people, staff and volunteers from Shrewsbury House ('The Shewsy'), a youth and community centre in Liverpool, spend a weekend at the school. This follows on from the visits that Lower Sixth pupils made earlier in the year to Liverpool as part of their Social Studies, working with the young people and learning about life in the inner city, social care, crime and Liverpool's great maritime tradition.

Shrewsbury House is unique in being the only institution of its kind in the UK, and Shrewsbury School is also unique in offering social studies courses in its own youth and community centre.

The group of 28 from The Shewsy arrived last Saturday. The 13 boys and 8 girls were all aged between 11 and 18, and they were accompanied by 7 members of staff. After lunch in the Ashton Theatre, they all took part in an activity - either horseriding, mountain biking or doing archery - followed by a swim in our pool.

In the evening the whole group travelled out and walked over the Stiperstones in the most glorious weather. Everyone took part in very good spirits and ended up at The Stiperstones Inn for supper.

On Sunday morning, the group all came into chapel, where the chaplain of Shrewsbury House church, Henry Corbett, and the Youth Leader Dave Brereton, spoke to everyone about the Shewsy. Following brunch they all went on tours of the boarding houses, being hosted by our pupils who had been to the Shewsy earlier this year on social studies courses. Cricket in the cricket school with Ross Stephen, our Australian Cricket Professional and Coach, was then followed by a gripping football match: Shewsy v Shrewsbury School. At full time, the score was 5-5, but The Shewsy scored the winning Golden Goal. This was quite an achievement, as they had been subbing players of all ages and standards, and were up against our team of mainly Sixth Form boys.

After some more swimming and supper in KH, The Shewsy then left, tired and happy after a very enjoyable and successful weekend. We were delighted to hear from Dave Brereton afterwards that the feedback from The Shewsy was that it was the 'best visit ever'.

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We are delighted that 9 male youngsters from The Shewsy are working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards - the first time that anyone from The Shewsy has taken part in this scheme. They will be visiting Shrewsbury School this weekend, doing some outdoor DofE expedition work around the site on Saturday morning, and then joining our Third Form DofE groups at the Long Mynd campsite for the walking phase of the training.



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*Andrew Petch May 2011*

## Churchill's Hall Prize BBQ with celebrity chef

Monday 9 May 2011



As winners of the House Challenge 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' last term, Churchill's Hall were given a House Barbecue by our caterers, Avenance, with celebrity chef Anton Edelmann.

Housemaster Richard Hudson chose to have the barbecue on Friday 6th May, so that guests could go on to the Maidment to enjoy the annual Churchill's Musical Soiree.

Celebrity chef Anton Edelmann also attended the barbecue, where he prepared a special dish of Fillet of Beef with Pesto and Mediterranean Vegetable Ragout with the two Churchill's boys who had won the competition, Alasdair Bird (LVI) and Will Heyes (V). During his time as Head Chef of the Savoy Grill, a position that he held for over 20 years, Anton often found himself cooking for the Queen Mother, the Queen, Princess Diana and even President Clinton. He is the author of more than 10 books, has judged Master Chef and is also a part owner of the 'Brompton Grill' in Knightsbridge,

The rest of Churchill's, and the many parents who were there, thoroughly enjoyed a meal cooked by our own Head Chef, Mark Johnson. They then all went on to enjoy the Musical Soiree in the Maidment Building.

## Old Salopian's book is published

Monday 9 May 2011

Old Salopian Alex Brown (O 1978-1982), now living in Pennsylvania, examines the inspiration and legacy of the great racehorse Barbaro in his book "Greatness and Goodness: Barbaro and his Legacy", that was published in The States earlier this year.

More information can be found on [alexbrownracing.com](http://alexbrownracing.com).

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# Mathematics: David Harrison Prize Final - Thursday 5th May 2011

Monday 9 May 2011

The David Harrison Prize is awarded to a pupil from any year group who presents the best 10-12 minute talk on a mathematical topic. This year's final featured five excellent mini-lectures on topics as diverse as Sukoku puzzles and Godel's Incompleteness Theorem's (or why we can never know everything).

This year the winning talk was given by 5th former Ed Elcock (Rb) on the topic of Private Key Encryption. Other finalists were: Ed Carroll (Ch, 3), Amina Alderazi (MSH, L6), Kiran Morjaria (I, L6) and Stephen Lilico (SH, U6).



## Severn Hill chefs in the kitchens of KH for supper

Tuesday 10 May 2011

Following the success the House Challenge 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' last term, the KH team were joined by a team of chefs from Severn Hill on Monday evening.

The visiting chefs - Max Lilley (UVI), Charlie Straw (LVI), Guy Cooper (UVI), Al Wager (LVI), James Harris (UVI), John Annan (V), Alex Yale (IV) and Mark Lawley (V) - chose an American Diner theme, so their menu included cheese burgers, chicken wings and macaroni cheese, and a white chocolate cheesecake for dessert.

The boys all helped to prepare, cook and serve supper that night, under the expert guidance of the KH Masterchef for the evening, Mr Paul Vicars.

The team in KH thoroughly enjoyed working with them, and were particularly pleased that the unusual amount of mess surrounding the boys' workstations was all neatly tidied up afterwards. The only problem was that all the burgers were eaten up, so the chefs never got to have one themselves - but that's catering for you!

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## Cricket: Shrewsbury's results and statistics all on the play-cricket website

Tuesday 10 May 2011

Please see the website [www.shrewsburyschool.play-cricket.com](http://www.shrewsburyschool.play-cricket.com) for news of all results throughout our teams, including up to date stats, scoresheets and averages.

Click on 'Matches' on the blue bar that shows beneath our crest and photo to see results - or 'Stats' for more details.



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# Royal Society of Chemistry Schools' Analyst Competition 2011

Tuesday 10 May 2011

*Shrewsbury achieved a credible 4th place in the Midlands heat of the RSC Schools' Analyst Competition held at Keele University on Thursday 28 April.*

The team of three L6 chemists, Kiran Mojaria (I), Emerald Storey (MSH) and Howard Stringer (PH) represented the school in this tough competition. The competition involved pupils conducting team based research using sophisticated analytical techniques used by university research scientists.

This year saw students analysing polluted water. Pupils measured the naphthalene content by HPLC (high performance liquid chromatography), the concentration of the  $Al^{3+}$  ions in the water by a back-titration and the  $PO_4^{3-}$  ion concentration using UV-Visible Spectroscopy.

*Andrew Briggs*



## RSSBC: Birmingham Regatta

Tuesday 10 May 2011

*Shrewsbury dominate the water, coming away with Four Golds and a Silver medal.*

The J15 and J14 squads were out in force at Birmingham Regatta, along with a double scull from the Girls' squad.

The J15s had a straightforward win in the VIII in the morning. In the afternoon division, racing in three coxed fours they managed to make it an all Shrewsbury final (the third crew getting knocked out by another Shrewsbury boat). Unsurprisingly, in the final they brought home the gold and the silver medals.

The J14s had entered four categories - the squad came away with the gold medal in three (J14 Octuple, J14 Quad Div 1 and J14 Quad Div 2); dispatching crews from the Oratory School, Pangbourne College, RGS Worcester, Cheltenham College and Monmouth School.

The girls double were unfortunate to get knocked out in the first round to the eventual winners.

All of the crews will have benefitted from plenty of race practice, and will now look forward to our home fixture at Shrewsbury Regatta on the 14th and 15th May.

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# Cricket: Shrewsbury School HMC Festival Sunday 8th May

Tuesday 10 May 2011

## *SHREWSBURY SCHOOL: GROUP WINNERS*

Oswestry 61 for 9 ( 20 overs) Shrewsbury 62 for 1 ( 3.4 overs)

Ellesmere Collage 54 all out ( 18.1overs) Shrewsbury School 58 for 2 ( 8.1overs)

Adams' Newport 99 for 5 Shrewsbury School 102 for 2 (11.5 overs)

Adams' Newport 112 - 8 (20 overs) Ellesmere 115 - 5 (17.1 overs)

Ellesmere 202 - 4 (20 overs) Oswestry 90 - 9 (20 overs)

Adams' Newport Oswestry



## Jeremy Goulding: guest of honour at Shrewsbury International School's Speech Day

Tuesday 10 May 2011

Jeremy Goulding was the guest of honour at Shrewsbury International School's Speech Day, held on Friday 6th May. As Headmaster of Shrewsbury School from 2001 to 2010, Mr Goulding was one of the driving forces behind the creation of Shrewsbury International School in Bangkok. Mr Goulding has said of his time as Headmaster of Shrewsbury:

"Looking back, there have been many highlights, but undoubtedly one of the most important was the opportunity, in 2002, to collaborate in the founding of Shrewsbury International School.

"The relationship between the two schools becomes increasingly significant and better understood, year by year. The link between Shrewsbury International School, one of the finest international schools in Thailand, and Shrewsbury School, one of the most distinguished schools in England, is characterised by our shared pursuit of excellence – and nothing less than excellence – in education in its fullest and richest sense."

Speech Day at Shrewsbury International School Bangkok is an important event for everyone in the school community and, as such, was a fitting event for Mr Goulding to say his final farewell to students, staff and parents – many of whom he has met during his visits to Bangkok over the years.

Both the Prep School and Senior School were treated to an address by Mr Goulding and Mr Holroyd, School Principal. Mr Holroyd delighted the students with stories from his trip to the Eastern Seaboard with Chris Conway earlier this year, where they visited a number of prestigious American universities, including Yale, Brown, Harvard and MIT.

Mr Goulding drew on his years of teaching Classics to recount the story of Midas and his 'golden touch' and demonstrate to the Junior School the importance of trying to make the right choices.

At the Senior School Speech Day, Mr Goulding recounted his own experiences of Shrewsbury International School Bangkok from its inception and highlighted the many examples of international partnership that exist between the two schools 6,000 miles apart. Mr Goulding invited the students to share in the history of the school that was founded in the same name 450 years ago in England, with this he chose to make the focus of his speech one of the most famous Old Salopians, Charles Darwin.

He concluded by asking the students to study by the principles that Darwin imparted to his children: love your subject; be patient in accumulating knowledge; work hard in observing and collecting facts and use your common sense, with a touch of imagination, in making connections.

Jeremy and Isobel Goulding travelled out to Bangkok together, and for once were able to have a bit of time to relax and take in some of the sights of this fascinating city. During his tenure as Headmaster here, his visits to Bangkok rarely lasted longer than 24 hours!



# House Quiz Finals: A great evening's entertainment, followed by a tremendous win by School House

Tuesday 10 May 2011

The third series of the House Challenge quiz took place during the first two weeks of term, culminating in the semi-finals and final in the Ashton Theatre on Friday evening. The tournament, played under the rules of University Challenge (of which our own quiz guru, Dr Charles Oakley, is a former winner and current question-setter), tests not only general knowledge, but also nerve and a degree of teamwork. The standard of answering was generally impressive, and in the end it was a sparkling display of swift intervention that proved decisive.

Having conducted the earlier rounds single-handed, Dr Oakley withdrew to the “technical area”, keeping the score and providing the occasional ruling on the acceptability of an answer. In the chair was Toby Percival of the Classics Department, a more genial host than the acerbic Paxman, but no less rigorous in requiring prompt and precise replies. He struck the right balance between fun and firmness. Every now and again it was necessary for him to repeat something which had been delivered to him in a sotto voce aside, and it would be worth reminding contestants to address the audience, and not only the Chair. For the most part, however, they did speak out confidently and appeared to be enjoying themselves. So did the audience, though classroom habits die hard, and hands frequently shot up in a bid for recognition. Fortunately, supporters refrained from spoiling the game by prompting.

In the first semi-final, Severn Hill saw off the challenge of a competitive Rigg's quartet, and in the second, School House defeated an Oldham's team which had impressed in a closely-fought quarter-final. The margins of victory raised hopes of an exciting climax, but it was not to be. School House, with enthusiastic backing from their peers, had the wind in their sails from the start, and Severn Hill were for long periods reduced to the role of spectators while their opponents racked up the points. It was not as if they didn't know any answers; they had registered the highest score in the semi-finals, and they could be seen to wince as they listened to bonus questions they had missed out on, all because of the hair-trigger response of the School House team. Time after time the latter got in first, eventually reaching the spectacular total of 310 points in just twenty-two minutes. They were worthy winners and on this showing will take some stopping next year.

To those who have not attended a round of this expertly organised event, I send a strong recommendation to do so at the next opportunity. If, like me, you enjoy pitting your wits against the participants, be prepared for competition. They are very good!

*Martin Knox*

## Results

Semi-finals	Severn Hill	205	Rigg's	140
	School House	170	Oldham's	130
Final	School House	310	Severn Hill	135

Finalists	SH	Seb Kidson, James Humpish, Jamie Nugent, Henry Dashwood
	S	George Mallett, Rob Cross, Mark Huang, Daniel Edwards



## A Week in the Life of Rob Cross (V S)

Wednesday 11 May 2011

The dreaded GCSE exams are drawing ever closer and apprehension is starting to set in the minds of a great many in our year. People were putting so much effort into the early French and Spanish orals that we have been partially disregarding other, perhaps, more important and longer exams. (No offence to the French or Spanish faculties).

With less than a week until our English Language exam Shrewsbury School motors on, and seemingly more competitions and concerts of some sort or other seem to be arranged. Severn Hill did fantastically well to finish as runners-up in the inter-house quiz competition overcoming the so-called 'favourites' in the semi-finals. I was proud to be a part of that four-man team and receive Dominos for our valiant efforts from PRV! Earlier that afternoon we battled our way into the semi-finals of the 1st house cricket competition. I made little contribution to the match, and a 1st XI pace bowler swiftly ended my short stay at the crease with a classy third ball duck which sent me trundling back to the bench with a clap from the rest of the team. (An innings that took less time than it took me to pad up). Amidst my lack of cricketing prowess, I am however, thoroughly enjoying my athletics. In an attempt to gain fitness for the coming football season I made the choice, amidst the vast array of sporting choices the school offers, and signed up to athletics, not really knowing what to expect. But thankfully my Easter gym sessions seem to have paid off and it is not as gruelling as expected.

We have had two athletics meets so far, and only last Thursday we made the journey to Oxford and Iffley Road racetrack for an afternoon of all relay events: a prestigious event with a total of 29 schools competing, among which were prestigious schools such as ourselves, Rugby, St Paul's, Uppingham, Millfield and Radley to name a few, and other minor schools to make ourselves look good, with Abingdon and Eton being the most obvious examples!

On Saturday evening, a group of nine boys and girls accompanied by PAF and JFM made the short journey to Ford, and the house of Richard Burbidge (Chairman of Governors) to perform songs and poems from A Shropshire Lad. Despite the rain battering on the roof of the large gazebo, no one would say that it dampened the mood of a delightful evening of entertainment. Many of the pupils were keen to get on with their coach weekends, and enjoy whatever kind of break they could, but we received many compliments which were all gratefully accepted considering our lack of practice due to all our various public exams! We were told that we came across as professional and confident, and a good advertisement for Shrewsbury School!

During Tuesday lunchtime I was involved in another musical event - one of the weekly concerts that takes place in the chapel. I sang 'We'll to the woods no more', by John Ireland, which I had also performed at the concert on Saturday in Ford. We enjoyed performing to a larger than average crowd, who had come in from the sun to listen to us perform. We all then scuttled off to lessons, but forgetting it was in fact week A not week B, I was left sitting in a Biology lab wondering where everyone was!

I can't help but imagine it's full steam ahead now until the end of June, and the end of exams. If I'm being honest I don't have much motivation for revision but the last thing I want is regrets during the summer holidays. I don't want to be depressed by a set of mediocre grades in Edinburgh whilst performing the school musical 'What you Will' at the Fringe in August. I intend to take full advantage of everything Shrewsbury has to offer, and I heartily encourage everyone else to do the same.



## Stephen Leach (M LVI) makes a dream debut for Worcester 2nd XI

Wednesday 11 May 2011

Stephen Leach, in our 1st XI squad as well as Shrewsbury Cricket Club's 1st XI, made a dream winning start in his debut 2nd XI match for Worcestershire CCC. Stephen playing in the North Division 2nd XI Trophy Match: Worcs 2nd XI v Derby 2nd XI at Kidderminster May 10, 2011 (12:00 local | 11:00 GMT) made an unbeaten 54 to see Worcestershire home in the one day match. Stephen has been in fine form this season and has already scored two centuries in accumulating nearly 400 runs for the school 1st XI.

Stephen's older brother Joe is a former Shrewsbury School 1st XI captain and a present member of Shrewsbury Cricket Club's 1st XI squad and Leeds & Bradford UCCC. Joe is currently on a summer contract with Worcestershire CCC, as is Alex Blofield, another former Shrewsbury School captain and present member of Shrewsbury Cricket Club's 1st XI.

All three boys have benefited greatly from the excellent facilities and coaching, led by ex Worcestershire CCC player Paul Pridgeon, provided at Shrewsbury School.

*Andy Barnard Master IC Cricket Shrewsbury School*



## Headmaster's consultation with OS Club

Friday 13 May 2011

As part of a wide consultation programme, the Headmaster, Mark Turner, recently briefed Old Salopian audiences on the future plans for the School, referred to as Shrewsbury's "2020 Vision". The first briefing took place in the distinguished surroundings of the Royal Automobile Club in London on 9 May. This was followed by a second event on 11 May at Gawsworth Hall in Cheshire, the delightful 13th century home of Tim and Elizabeth Richards.

On both occasions the Headmaster was eloquently introduced by the OS President, Richard Barber, who also took the opportunity to inform Old Salopians of the ongoing governance review within the Club.

Mark Turner's presentations covered a wide range of topics. He described the broad engagement strategy he had embarked upon and the need to reflect on his findings before considering any changes. The School was rated as "outstanding" in all respects, following two high profile inspections. An extensive survey had been carried out incorporating the views of parents, pupils, staff and Old Salopians. Some of the headline banners were as follows:

- 56% of parents have attended boarding school.
- The 3 most popular words to describe Shrewsbury are: "Rounded, Welcoming and Sporting".
- The 3 least popular words to describe the School are: "Pompous, Unapproachable and Unresponsive".
- 95% of pupils are well-disposed to the School.
- 90% of parents feel that the School had met or exceeded their expectations.
- Areas for improvement included academic achievement, the quality of food and improvement of the facilities within some of the boarding houses.

The Head highlighted that there was now overwhelming support for the co-educational Sixth Form at Shrewsbury. The School's governors had taken the decision to opt out of league tables, as these did not represent a true measure of a first-class, all round education. This was very much in line with leading academic schools including Winchester, Eton and St Paul's. The School continued to achieve huge success in the fields of sport, drama, music and art. He viewed the OS Club as resurgent and that the current review provided a great opportunity for positive changes.

The School was keen that Old Salopians continued to recommend a Shrewsbury education to others, based on their knowledge and affection for the School. The "2020 vision" is a "road-map" setting out the type of School Shrewsbury will strive to be over the next decade. Mark Turner concluded his presentation by stating that in all of the feedback to date, the one thing that must definitely not be changed about the School is the "Spirit of Shrewsbury" - that indefinable mix of history, geography, culture and comradeship that binds Old Salopians, staff, parents and pupils to Shrewsbury School.

At each of the events the Headmaster threw the floor open for questions - Old Salopians were not backwards in coming forwards! Questions covered assistance to those unable to afford full fees, league tables, opening entry up to girls in all age groups, adoption of the International Baccalaureate and international, national and regional links. A fuller description of the Headmaster's presentation and the questions and answers from both events are available from the OS Club.



# Music: A record Four pupils pass Diploma exams

Monday 16 May 2011

Four of our pupils have passed their Trinity Guildhall ATCL Diploma exams:

- Henry Kennedy (IV I)
- Mark Li (LVI SH)
- Eugene To (LVI SH)
- Christopher Hardman (LVI SH)

The standard of performance is equivalent to the performance component of the first year in a full-time undergraduate course at a conservatoire or other higher education establishment. It is therefore a real achievement for all the candidates, but is quite exceptional for Henry at fourteen years old.



## Fives: EFA's Young Player and Coach of the Year awards to Shrewsbury

Monday 16 May 2011

Following a season of outstanding success, the EFA have awarded Shrewsbury School two national awards:

- George Thomason (Fives Captain, G UVI) has been named EFA Young Player of the Year 2011
- Grant Williams (Head Coach Shrewsbury School) has been named EFA Coach of the Year 2011



The accounts below are taken from the EFA website: [www.fivesonline.net](http://www.fivesonline.net)

### **Young Player of the Year: George Thomason**

This has been one of the best and most successful seasons in the history of Shrewsbury School Fives and the school team has been led from the front all year by their first pair of George Thomason and Jack Hudson-Williams. Either could have been the choice for this award after their winning of the Schools'

Championships without dropping a game and their reaching the quarter-finals of both the Northern Tournament and the Kinnaird Cup, but George's excellent contribution to the Old Salopians run to the final of the EFA Trophy means that he just edges it. A talented attacking player, the Old Salopians will be hoping to see a lot more of him on court over the next few years.

### **Coach of the Year: Grant Williams**

Grant has been at the forefront of an exceptional year for the whole coaching team at Shrewsbury School, which has brought success in the Williams Cup and at the National Schools' Championships, where Shrewsbury won the Open, Under 16, U17 Ladies and Mixed titles. The passion and level of involvement of Grant at the back of the court watching some of those finals was truly a sight to behold.



# RSSBC: Shrewsbury Regatta - wins at all levels for Salopian crews

Monday 16 May 2011

*Crews from far afield compete in the annual Shrewsbury Regatta, on the picturesque town-centre course which comes right past the school boathouse; indeed without the use of the school facilities the regatta could not happen in its present form. It is a great opportunity for parents to watch their sons and daughters of whatever standard racing, and many friendships are developed and renewed over an informal lunch or tea on the riverbank. This is spectator rowing at its very best - the crews race past a few feet from the supporters. This year, there was a record RSSBC entry, with over 100 races involving Salopians.*

## **SHREWSBURY REGATTA. SATURDAY**

The School 1st/2nd and 3rd 8's had plenty of racing over the Weekend at their home regatta.

The 1st 8, for the second year had arranged a private match against King's Chester; although King's had come 9th at Schools Head this year, there were rumours that they had picked up speed recently, so the competition was eagerly anticipated. In the first of the two races the King's crew were dispatched by 3 lengths, a margin that was a good indicator that our good long distance speed has been transferred to good sprint speed over the last four weeks. In the 2nd of the two races, the margin was only a length; some would have thought this strange after the first result. The reason for the change of fortune was that one of the lane buoys had got caught around one of our riggers and been dragged down the course acting like an anchor! Only the quick thinking of Rupert Chitty at seven and Jamie Lambie the Cox, who worked together to disentangle said buoy and the three bricks attached to it, saved the day!

The 1st 8 also entered the top fours event over the weekend, both crews ending up in the final. A great race ensued with no quarter given, the victory of one length the margin, but nevertheless a fine effort from the losing crew who had not rowed in this line up before. Junior 4's was also won by a 1st 8 4, but this time by a large margin!

The 2nd 8, fresh from a really fantastic training camp where their boat speed and moral grew on a daily basis had a potentially tricky set of races, firstly against King's Chester J16 8, whom they had narrowly beaten at Schools Head, and then against RGS Worcester 1st 8 - again, a crew that they had just beaten. The results were all positive, the crew dispatching their opposition comfortably, which bodes well for National Schools in two weeks. Congratulations to Doug Tennison-Collins, Christian Randall, Peter Gadsden, Aut Antpanitcharoen and Camilla Aylwin for their first rowing victories!

The 3rd 8, again a much improved unit, raced hard to reach the final of novice 8's only to be undone by King's Chester by 6 feet. However, their spirits should be high to go forward to National Schools and a chance to bring home the West Cup.

## **SHREWSBURY REGATTA. SUNDAY**

Always a quieter day, with most School Crews not competing. The 1st and 2nd 8 were racing in 4's only on Sunday, the 1st 8 being split in to different units from the Saturday, two hard fought

races followed over the shorter 500 meter course which always makes for close and exciting racing.

The 2nd 8 entered into a senior event and after four races one of our boats came in victorious after a series of well paced races.

Congratulations to our J16 star Max Kimpton-Smith, who had been plucked from the 1st 8 to try to win this event and secure his first regatta victory!

All in all a very satisfactory day's racing! On to a slightly more important matters now with National Schools in two weeks' time.

*Paul Manser*

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# Cricket: Superb results against Repton

Monday 16 May 2011

## 1st XI vs Repton School

Shrewsbury 224 for 8 (50 overs)

Repton School 190 all out

Shrewsbury won by 34 runs

Victories vs Repton for the 2nd, 3rd, U16A, U15A, U15B and U14A XI's

Scorecards and more results can be found at [www.shrewsburyschool.play-cricket.com](http://www.shrewsburyschool.play-cricket.com)

The 1st XI play Bromsgrove School in the next round of the HMC U18 20/20 Competition.  
Details to follow.

*Mr A S Barnard*



## Athletics: Tremendous results from Bromsgrove

Monday 16 May 2011

A total of 30 boys competed in a schools' athletics fixture at Bromsgrove on Saturday, participating against Bromsgrove, Uppingham, Oundle and RGS Worcester. Once again, our strength showed in the U17 events in particular, though there were some strong performances at both Junior and Senior level. A number of pupils competed for the school in athletics for the first time and did extremely well. Highlights of the day are as follows:

U15:

James Plaut: 1st 100m (12.6) and 1st 200m (25.6)

Nick Pearce: 1st Javelin (30.74)

U17:

Chike Kandi: 2nd 100m (11.5)

Seb Pope: 3rd 800m (2.12.5)

Ed Mallett: 3rd 1500m (4.41.6)

Rob Cross: 1st High Jump (1.6m) and 3rd Triple Jump (11m)

4x100m (Ivan Sanin; Stuart Brown; Oli Roberts; Chike Kandi): 1st (47.2)

U20:

Roy Chatterjee: 3rd 200m (24.3)

Matt Davies: 1st 110m Hurdles (18.5)

Congratulations to Howard Stringer who competed in the Shropshire AA County Championships and won the U20 400m title (53.0 seconds) as well as a silver medal in the 200m final, with a PB of 23.1 seconds.

*Mr P J Middleton*

## Tennis: Mixed results vs. Oundle

Monday 16 May 2011

1st VI Lost 9-0  
2nd VI Lost 6-3  
U16A Lost 8-1  
U16B Lost 8-1  
U15A Won 6-3  
U15B Lost 7-2  
U14A Won 6-3  
U14B Lost 7-2

Well done to the U15A and U14A VI's.

*Mr M J Harding*



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# Swimming: Shropshire Secondary Schools Gala

Monday 16 May 2011

A team of nine boys attended the Shropshire Schools gala last week and produced some outstanding results. In terms of importance, this gala ranks as just two levels below National Schools' standard. They all had to submit a qualifying time and all managed to reduce their times by at least three seconds.

Two members of the team came away with silver medals, James Morris gained second place in the 200m individual medley and 100m backstroke, while Howard Stringer gained a second in the 100m breaststroke. These two swimmers will be invited to represent Shropshire in the Three Counties competition to be held later this term. Once again, the team showed great spirit with some excellent swimming and determination.

*Mrs D K Wood*



## Basketball: Third place in the County Cup

Monday 16 May 2011

### *U19 Basketball Cup Finals at TCAT*

Shrewsbury had a very tough opening game against TCAT (Telford College of Arts & Technology) who were effectively playing their full academy team in a game that we lost 30 pts to 12.

In the third and fourth play off game Shrewsbury had an excellent victory against SCAT (Shrewsbury College of Art & Technology) which we won 26 pts to 10 meaning that we finished 3rd overall in the County cup.

This has been a very good season for the U19 and U16 Basketballers and they are all to be congratulated for their performances. Particular praise goes to Jason Tse (Ingrams) and Ambrose Cheng (Mosers) for achieving School 1st's for their outstanding service to Shrewsbury basketball and performances in the last five years.

Mr W A Hughes



## An outstanding concert at the Maidment Building for the Friends of Shrewsbury School Music last Sunday

Tuesday 17 May 2011

The built-in flexibility of the Maidment Building came to the rescue on Sunday evening. Forced indoors by inclement weather, the organisers were able to use the hall in conference mode for the reception, before a quick restoration of the seating made it ready for the concert. A large audience was soon in place for first item, “Now is the month of Maying”, given by a quintet of singers under the direction of John Moore. This was ensemble singing of the highest order, the several voices blending as if they had been together for years. Their shared understanding of the spirit of the period was a delight.

That the Music Department has an exceptional crop of flautists was apparent in an arrangement of the Andante from Mendelssohn’s “Italian” symphony, a novel idea which came off after a tentative start. There was a further woodwind contribution from a quartet of experts familiar to regular concert-goers, and in between we had two numbers from the Chamber Choir. Not for the first time, there was evidence that this group is heard to greater advantage in early music, though both pieces were delivered with the clarity which is the hallmark of Dymphna Nightingale’s elite group.

It is always a pleasure to see David Joyce’s name in the programme, and on this occasion his breezy manner as he set up the stage promised something special. So it proved, for I have never heard David play better than he did in this Schumann Sonata. Rich in tone and inspired in identification with the music, his performance was a personal triumph, enhanced by his rapport with John Moore at the piano. This is a good moment to mention what a fine accompanist we have in our Director. However little the chance to rehearse and whatever the style required, week after week he provides responsive and idiomatic support for pupils and colleagues. This particular instance of collaboration was a gem.

So, too, was Laurence Jeffcoate’s flamboyant rendition of “Luck be a Lady Tonight”. Here is a singer who is developing his baritone voice at an astonishing pace. Earlier in the year, I thought the transition might take a couple of years, yet only months later we find him secure and resonant - and completely at home on stage. We know he has done it before, but it is encouraging to see that he has a future as well.

Rob Collins is further on in his career, on his way to a prestigious academy in America, and his performance on saxophone showed us why he gained acceptance.

Younger, but already making his mark professionally, is Ali Webb, who sings to his own accompaniment. Even as he got ready the sound system, one could detect the poise of an experienced artist, an impression confirmed by his relaxed and flexible delivery. So assured is he that it can escape notice that he is also playing the piano very well indeed.

Before him at the microphone, Paul Greetham, Director of Sport, had demonstrated that he, too, was no stranger to the platform, though he admitted to being nervous about appearing before members of the School. If he was, it didn’t show. Power and panache were there in plenty and he was equally in control of an impressive upper register.

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These virtues of Paul's and Ali's singing survived the layer of distortion introduced by excessive amplification. "Too loud" appears to be a minimum setting for the technician, but to my ears, it only puts up a barrier between audience and artist.

It is another of the excellent Maidment Building's party tricks that the acoustic can be adjusted to suit the occasion, and the promoters of this concert had got it just right.

At the end of the concert, JFM made a short(ish) speech, thanking Friends for their continued support. He stressed the importance of private generosity at a time of diminishing state funding, and re-affirmed the School's commitment to providing quality live music in Shropshire.

*Martin Knox*

## Another Inspection Success

Tuesday 17 May 2011

Shrewsbury School was delighted to play host to a team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) during the period from Tuesday 10 to Wednesday 11 May.

The process of the inspection went without hitch, allowing the team to depart effusive in their support for the holistic education provided at Shrewsbury School. We are now eagerly awaiting the final report, which we very much hope will confirm the results of the Ofsted inspection, completed in November 2010, which found Shrewsbury to be 'Outstanding' in all areas.

*Mark Turner*



## Stunning memorial stained glass window unveiled in Churchill's Hall

Wednesday 18 May 2011

A specially commissioned stained glass window was installed above the boys' entrance to Churchill's Hall earlier this week. The window, which depicts symbols of Salopian endeavour, was designed by Old Salopian James Wade of Arrol & Snell Ltd and made by Keith Brettle in Bridgnorth.

Heraldry experts and historians will be glad to know that the crown depicted is the correct crown of Edward VI. Commenting on this aspect of the window, Housemaster Richard Hudson said, 'We had quite a big debate about whether to replace the generic crown usually depicted on the School crest with the correct crown, and I am very pleased that the interests of historical accuracy have prevailed.'

The window is to be dedicated to the memory of the late legendary F.M. ('Fred') Hall, a much-loved tutor in Churchill's for over 30 years. A formal dedication will take place next term.

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## Third Form Salopian silver medallist in British Orienteering Championships

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Third former John Dempsey (Ch) has won a silver medal in the Mens' 18 relay event in the British Orienteering Championships held in Tankersley Wood near Sheffield last weekend. His team of U16s, representing the Manchester District Orienteering Club competed in the adult relay as there was no youth event. John ran the final leg, with his team achieving a time of 32 minutes for the 10.5 km course.

John is a multi-talented young man who achieved the iron man challenge before coming to Shrewsbury School. He is an All Rounder and Music Scholar at Shrewsbury, also playing the flute to distinction.



## A Week in the Life of Henry Clay (3 Rt)

Thursday 19 May 2011

Monday: First day of a new week, with a spelling test in English first period – great start! Had my first of 5 tiring tennis sessions this week, in the afternoon with Mr Harding where we worked a lot on our footwork. Sadly though, the weather was not quite as nice as the weather on tennis tour in Majorca at Easter, which was great fun and got my friends and me into great practice for the term. We spent 6 days training and working on all aspects of our game and then put it into a competitive situation – it was a great experience and helped my tennis enormously. I also made some good friends from other houses.

Tuesday: Ridgemount had our second A leagues cricket match of the term and the rain held off luckily until after the match. We had a good win against Radbrook, and I bowled and batted but sadly took no wickets! It is great to have the opportunity to keep playing cricket for the House amongst all my tennis commitments. Our Housemaster was pleased as we still are an unbeaten side in the competition. Top Schools in the evening was spent completing my geography essay, followed by some cage cricket and then bed.

Wednesday: Another tiring day as I had a tennis match against Magdalene College, Oxford. It was a long drive away, but worth it to be able to play on the grass courts they have there, which was great experience. We won the match, but had some hard battles and I was pleased with my overall game. We had a nice cooked meal before the journey back and some sleep and iPod on the coach.

Thursday: We had a tennis match against Packwood, which we also won, but may have been down to our extra size and power, as they were all good players. I served and volleyed well and so did my partner Tom Robinson. However, much of the remainder of my day was taken up by doing the Quinn History prize. This is 1500 word 3rd form essay prize, where we have to interview relatives and family about a historical event that they have lived through or witnessed. I wrote about my father's tour of duty in Northern Ireland, which I found fascinating, but it also made me proud at the same time.

Friday: A surprisingly good day, despite the fact it was Friday the 13th. Chapel in the morning, my last one before my confirmation service. I had a my second guitar lesson of the term and I am learning a Guns n Roses piece, which I hope I will be able to play for the house at the "Ridgemount Battle of Guitars" at the end of term! More tennis practice in the afternoon before Saturday's fixture.

Saturday: Had a practice confirmation service in lessons one and two. In the afternoon had my third and final tennis match of the week against Oundle. We won two out of three matches, so sadly did not get a fully unbeaten week! Pizza and DVDs in the house in the evening before a reasonably early night before the big Confirmation Day.

Sunday: The day of my confirmation, my Godparents and Grandparents came up to school and it was great to see them all and I was proud to show off my house and some of my friends to them. The chapel was nearly full and it was a great service led by Reverend Dobbie and the Bishop of Shrewsbury amidst downpours of rain outside. It was a scary feeling going up to the altar alone with just my confirmation partner and I imagined that's what it's like to be a celebrity, all eyes on you! We went out to a delicious lunch afterwards and I got back to school around 5 o'clock, to the gossip that my Housemaster and his wife had helped capture a thief who was running across the school site!





Overall, a very full and tiring week, full of cricket, confirmation, tennis, music, more tennis, as well as the classic house camaraderie! I never thought there would be time in a week to have so many opportunities!



## RSSBC: Two boys invited to GB final trials

Friday 20 May 2011



Sam Lapage and Fred Day, both in Rigg's, LVI, have been invited to GB final trials at the end of term.

This is the final test before crews are selected to represent GB at either the Junior World, or European Championships during the Summer.

Many congratulations to them both!

*Paul Manser*

# The Old Salopian Football Club's AGM and dinner

Friday 20 May 2011

The Old Salopian Football Club's AGM and dinner was held on 13 May 2011 in the Princess Alexandra Room of the Overseas League in St. James's, London.

The event was attended by over 60 Old Salopians, many of whom were joined by their partners. The evening proved to be a joyous occasion, with entertaining speeches from each of the team captains. Despite a patchy season, Old Salopian football is in good health and continues to be well managed.



This year it was the 2nd team that pushed strongly for promotion, sweeping all before them in the first half of the season, only to fall off the pace in the latter part of the campaign. The Club is keen that the next crop of Salopian soccer stars step forward in the next few months, so that a concerted effort can be made for honours during the 2011/12 season. David Cookson officiated at the AGM

and acted as MC during the dinner.

Following the meal, prizes were awarded. Jack Brydon (1st XI) was nominated most improved player of the year and James Dobbs received the 2nd XI player of the year award. In a delightful last minute gesture, Richard Raven (at the ripe old age of 79) was awarded the veteran's team award, for services to Old Salopian Football.



## The First Ever School Triathlon

Friday 21 May 2010

Thursday 20th saw the first ever Shrewsbury School triathlon complete with blue skies, over 100 determined entrants and very vocal spectators. After a 400m swim the traditional bike leg was replaced with an equally gruelling 2000m rowing ergo that sapped the legs of energy before heading off for a 2km run around the campus. Swimming stars set Porthill on a winning lead in both the senior 'tag-team' competitions while The Grove and Ingram's shared the spoils in the Junior team event.

However, special mention and congratulations should go to those who dared to complete all three legs themselves with James Halliday (Junior Boys), Huw Vaughan-Jackson (Senior Boys) and Abi Miller (Senior Girls) picking up gold medals in their events.

The hope is that the event next year will be even bigger and better.

[RJJ]



# Old Salopian Fives - 2010-2011 Season Report

Monday 23 May 2011

It was a mixed season for the Club this year. There were some encouraging individual achievements, but this wasn't enough to collectively tip the balance in our favour in any of the major competitions and tournaments.

The Barber Cup demonstrated the talent that the Club now has at the top level. Again meeting the Old Olavians in the final, for the first time in recent years we managed to win one pair, but this isn't enough to win the match. The results were:

H.Wiseman & P.Markkanen lost to E.Taylor & T.Cox 1-3 (4-12, 3-12, 12-8, 5-12)

S.Cooley & D.Mew beat R.Nichols & T.Gerrard 3-0 (12-4, 12-2, 12-2)

M.Wiseman & P.White beat R.Griffiths & M.McKeever 3-0 (12-1, 12-7, 12-7)

On paper, this was one of the strongest Barber team's that we've for some time. It demonstrates our potential, but also shows that to win top competitions we need to get players playing more regularly to achieve results. It's a shame that our top players are by and large located outside the London playing centre. We now have the players to win the Barber, but we need to be playing consistently throughout the season in the League and major competitions if we are to stand a chance of beating the Olavians. Ed Taylor and Tom Cox deserved their win at 1st pair. At second pair, Rich Nichols and Tom Gerrard faced arguably the strongest pair on the day. Their score doesn't quite reflect how close the game was and with Seb Cooley going on to win the Kinnaird Cup later in the season their performance against him was encouraging. In 3rd, Rory Griffiths and Matt McKeever, who have only recently left Shrewsbury fought well against multiple Kinnaird winner Matt Wiseman but didn't have the experience to quite pull it off.

In the EFA Trophy, the Club was pipped at the post by Bekhamsted in a nail biting final. The scores were:

A.Theodossi & A.Joyce beat G.Williams & D.Blofield 3-1 (12-9, 4-12, 12-8, 12-10)

D.Smith & J.Fagan lost to G.Thomason & T.Welti 0-3 (5-12, 5-12, 3-12)

J.O'Neill & A.Rattan beat M.Quinn & C.Webster 3-2 (8-12, 11-15, 12-6, 12-4, 12-6)

Grant Williams and Dave Blowfield fought hard to share the first two games 9-12, 12-4 but the morning's efforts caught up with them in the end and Theodossi and Joyce won 3-1 in four hard-fought games. Second pair saw Welti and Thomason in fine form, recording their second win of the day with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Smith and Fagan. The early signs at third pair were good for the Club with Marc Quinn and Craig Webster establishing a 2-0 lead. The third game was the turning point, however, as O'Neill began to take control of the contest and with solid support from Rattan won it 12-6. Once the momentum had turned there was little Marc and Craig could do, and the Berkhamstedians went on to win in five games.

In the League, the Club came second to last in both Divisions. A change in strategy next season with the Club entering just one team in Division II should help improve our performance next year.



In other tournaments, the South won the inter-club Harding Trophy at Shrewsbury on the day of the formal opening of the refurbished Fives courts at The Schools. The season also saw a strong Salopian presence in the Aberconway “Father and Sons” Cup. After an essentially all Salopian semi final, the final saw current holders Peter and Rex Worth beaten by Mike and Chris Hughes. In what was a closely fought game throughout, Mike’s fine form on the day just gave them the edge, and prevented Rex from dominating the court. Mike and Chris carved out a good victory in what was a fantastic final to watch.

A new competition this season saw Old Salopians pairing up with current pupils from Shrewsbury in the Oldboy/School boy competition. A fantastic day of Fives saw the Shrewsbury team just miss out on the cup, losing to St Olaves in the final. The scores were:

S.Cooley & C.Self beat T.Walters & G.Thomason 2-1 (1-12, 12-5, 12-6)

H.Wiseman & T.Barker beat M.Hughes & J.Tse 2-0 (12-7, 12-8)

D.Mew & H.Ravi beat G.Williams & B.Jones 2-1 (12-3, 5-12, 12-4)

Despite the result, it was a great opportunity for the Club to establish ties with the Club’s players of the future and congratulations to Thomason, Tse and Jones for playing so well against such strong opposition.

By far the greatest event of the season was the October day opening of the newly refurbished Fives courts at Shrewsbury; now known as ‘The Worth Courts’. Richard Barber’s speech from that day was published in the November 2010 edition of the Salopian magazine. Attempting to summarise this momentous project in just a few words here would not do it justice. I would however like to personally thank all those involved in the project. It was a fantastic achievement and you have successfully secured the future of Fives at Shrewsbury.

With the newly refurbished courts in place, it was great to see such an outstanding performance from the Shrewsbury School team in the National Schools Championships this season. You’ll be able to read the account of this competition in the School News section. On behalf of the OSEFC, I’d like to congratulate all the players and coaching staff on their almost total domination of the competition across most age groups. In particular, congratulations to Jack Hudson-Williams and George Thomason who won the Open Competition, without dropping a single game – a feat almost unique in the annals of Eton Fives.

On a final note, I am passing on the secretarial baton for the Old Salopian Eton Fives Club to Peter Nichols from the end of this season. I’ve enjoyed my 9 years as Hon.Sec of the Club and I’d like to thank all those who have helped out during my tenure. In Peter I’m pleased to be passing on the management of the Club to such a dedicated Old Salopian and committed Fives player.

If anyone is interested in playing Fives either in Shrewsbury or London they should contact Peter via the Old Salopian Club or visit [www.fivesonline.net](http://www.fivesonline.net)

Floreat!

Anthony Walters  
Hon.Sec. OSEFC



## Old Salopian Hunt - 2010-2011 Season report

Monday 23 May 2011

The annual race against the RSSH and Staff took place in arctic conditions on Saturday 27th November 2010. Temperatures remained below freezing throughout and there was a decent covering of snow and ice all around the course, making running conditions particularly tricky.

The OSH fielded 15 hardy runners, many of whom can be seen modelling the latest OSH vest in the pre-race team photo. This is the closest the OSH team packed all day, as, despite our gallant efforts, we were soon strung out by a very fast RSSH team.

*Team: Ed Bolland, Damien Scott, Robin Brooke-Smith, Charles Tongue, Richard Hudson, Anthony Hickson, Cliff Simpkin, Peter Howells, Nigel Miller, Will Painter, Tony Power, Tim Bedell, David Thomas, Peter Birch, Ian Young*

The RSSH won with 27 points, ahead of the Staff with 87 and the OSH with 110 points. These results exclude approximately 20 runners who took various routes other than the official one to reach the finish, with runners approaching the finish from 3 different directions at one time!

Ian Howarth (Staff) was the overall winner, closely followed by the Huntsman, Cal Winwood, for the RSSH. The first OSH runner home was Tony Power in 8th place, with Charles Tongue our second scorer in 11th. Special congratulations go to Annabel Brenthall and Lucy Birt who were the first two RSSH girls ever to compete in and finish this race, and to Imola Atkins who led the girls for much of the race but was one of the 20 taking an imaginative route to the finish.

After the race, tea was held in the New Hunt Gym, housed in the Stott Pavilion. Cups were presented by the Headmaster, who also unveiled the New Hunt Honours Boards, containing the names of all the Huntsmen since records began.

In the evening the annual OSH dinner was held in Kingsland House, where Dr David Gee was our guest of honour in recognition of his completing 51 Tucks.

Two weeks later, for the first time this century (and possibly longer), the OSH fielded a team at the Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race on Wimbledon Common. This race is held annually over a challenging and muddy course of 5 miles, attracting upwards of 20 school teams.

In the open competition our scoring team of Ben Hebblethwaite, Charles Tongue and David Thomas finished 7th out of 20 teams, with Ben finishing one place and two seconds ahead of Charles, in 17th position. In the over 50s our team came in 3rd of 11 closing teams, a remarkable feat given the average age of our team was 65! Many congratulations to David Thomas, and in particular Michael Johnson and Anthony Hickson.

The 2011 race against the RSSH is scheduled for Saturday 26th November, and will be followed by dinner in Kingsland House that evening. All members of the OSH will be e-mailed with details closer to the event, and with the date of the Thames H&H race when it is confirmed.



## Cricket: w/c 16th May 2011

Monday 23 May 2011

*Unfortunately the weather got the better of the away fixtures at Sedbergh on Saturday. Both the 1st XI and U15A matches were abandoned half way through the afternoon, with the 1st XI in a strong position, following Stephen Leach's **third** century of the season. Congratulations to Stephen who also made a fantastic debut for Worcestershire CCC 2nd XI last week, scoring an unbeaten fifty in his first innings.*

*There were wins at home for the 3rd XI, U16A and U14B XI's. The 1st XI may well play Bromsgrove in the HMC U18 20/20 Competition this week, day and time to be confirmed.*

*The U15's have progressed to the Semi-Final of the ESCA County 20/20 Competition following a convincing 58 run win over Ellesmere College this week, thanks to a brisk 90 not out from U14 Freddie Earlam and 44 from in-form James Hulton-Harrop. The winners of this competition compete on Shropshire's behalf in the National Rounds following half term.*

### **1st XI vs Sedbergh School**

Shrewsbury 216 for 6 (45 overs) – S. Leach 116\*

Sedbergh 93 for 2 (27 overs)

Match Abandoned due to rain

### **Other Matches vs Sedbergh**

WON - 3rd XI, U14B XI

LOST - 2nd XI, U15B XI

U15A XI – Match Abandoned due to rain vs Sedbergh

Win vs Newcastle-under-Lyme School 1st XI for U16A

### **ESCA U15 County T20 Competition**

Shrewsbury 184 for 4 – F. Earlam 90\*

Ellesmere 127 for 8

**Shrewsbury won by 57 runs** and now play in the County Semi-final

All other results can be found on [www.shrewsburyschool.play-cricket.com](http://www.shrewsburyschool.play-cricket.com)

Mr A S Barnard





## Athletics: w/c 16th May 2011

Monday 23 May 2011

### *Match vs Repton vs Worksop vs Welbeck*

Saturday saw a number of terrific performances at both U17 and U20 level as the Athletics team travelled to Repton, joined by Worksop and Wellbeck.

The U17's finished second overall, marginally beaten by a strong team from Worksop. There were several individual victories in this age category, among them Chike Kandi in both the 100m and the shot put, Ivan Sanin in both the 100m hurdles and the long jump, and Stewart Brown in the javelin, as well as a stunning victory in the 4x100m relay.

In the senior category, Howard Stringer won the 400m in a personal best of 51.92. Howard also came third in the 200m, behind Roy Chatterjee in second. There were also strong performances in the middle distance events from John Au-Yeung and George Mallett.

Mr I P Haworth



## Tennis: w/c 16th May 2011

Monday 23 May 2011

### Senior House Tennis Final

Ingrams 270 – Riggs 265

After two hours, the match came down to a five point difference. Most spectators agreed it was the best House Final in years at Shrewsbury.

### Matches vs Uppingham

1st VI LOST 8.5-0.5

2nd VI LOST 5-4

U16A LOST 6-3

U16B WON 6-3

U15A LOST 5-4

U15B LOST 5-4

U14A WON 5-4

U14B LOST 8-1

### Girls Tennis vs Bromsgrove

Two pairs set off for Bromsgrove on Wednesday. It was billed as a 'friendly' fixture due to many being on study leave from both schools. Our first pair played well together and managed to take both sets. It was the opposite story unfortunately for our second pair, who played well and had some moments of good tennis, but lost both of their sets to make it 2-2 and a draw.

### Boys Tennis – U14/U15

A phone call from Bradford Grammar School on Wednesday afternoon asking for a tennis fixture for this Saturday for their girls tour team was unexpected, but turned out to be a great opportunity for some of our 3rd and 4th form boys. Bradford were in the Midlands on a 'mini tour' and had been let down at the last moment, so a group of 12 boys went over to Wolverhampton to play. It was a great afternoon of tennis, with many matches being very close. All boys played a set against two or three different pairs and in the end Shrewsbury won 7 sets to 2, with 6 out of the 9 sets going to a sudden death 6-5 finish. A very enjoyable afternoon, with some good tennis played.

Mr M J Harding & Mrs N Bradburne



## New catering firm appointed from September 2011

Wednesday 25 May 2011

*Nick Howe, Managing Director of Holroyd Howe Independent, writes...*

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*"Holroyd Howe Independent is a privately owned organisation that caters solely in the independent schools market. We are a business built around some fundamental principles. We are totally committed to providing fresh home made food using the best ingredients that are in season. We always look to buy our food locally whenever we can to minimise food miles and we commit fully to designing menus that are nutritious and wholesome. We are very much looking forward to getting to know and working with the existing catering team and in doing so we promise to take into account the views of as many pupils and staff as we can. Your ideas and opinions about the services are most important to us and will always try to incorporate them into our menus and how we cater for you.*

*"When we launch the services at the beginning of the new term in September, we will be introducing a range of new ideas and features which we hope you will enjoy. We have also been preparing with the School some really exciting design plans for Kingsland Hall that will introduce a number of new service initiatives and give a 'new look' and excellent environment for everyone to benefit from. Once these plans are agreed and dates finalised, we look forward to expanding further on the details to you. At the same time, we will be working on ideas to expand the food offering in both The Grot Shop and Quod, to be enjoyed by pupils and of course parents on match days.*

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## Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch IV) wins second place(s) at Alderley Edge Festival

Thursday 26 May 2011

Laurence took part in the Alderley Edge Festival last weekend. On Friday night it was the recital class "Alderley Young Singer of the Year" for years 10 - 13. Each singer (there were 12 of them) performed three pieces (one classical, one folk and one musical theatre) to a full house in the Alderley Edge Festival Hall. All were in evening dress and Laurence looked suitably dashing in a dinner suit with a beige waistcoat!

He sang "Sento Nel Core", "Black is the Colour of My True Love's Hair" and "Luck Be a Lady". The competition was stiff - Laurence was the youngest entrant, and some of the girls had very mature soprano voices singing difficult songs such as Dido's Lament and the big aria from Madam Butterfly.

The adjudicator was Marilynne Davies and she was really fabulous with all the performers, giving some very good encouragement and advice to each of them. Laurence was told, amongst other comments, that he 'seemed very natural on stage', and he was awarded second place.

On Saturday morning Laurence sang "By Mendip Side" in a classical class, also for years 10-13. There were 13 entrants and he got placed 2nd again.

Laurence has been singing in the National Youth Choir since he was 9, and started off in the Junior section for trebles. Now he is in the Cambiata section for boys with changing voices, and he will be auditioning for a transfer up to the Training Choir in September.



## ...the best science lesson that we have had in a LONG time

Thursday 26 May 2011

- *"The lesson was really interesting and taught us loads!"*
- *"It was the best science lesson that we have had in a LONG time!!!"*
- *"...science can be a bit boring sometimes. That wasn't the case with the type of science you did."*
- *"I found it funny that you liked to put everything in liquid nitrogen - I hope you don't do the same to your pupils if they get a bad result in a test."*

Just some of the comments from 58 Year 6 pupils (aged 10 to 11) at Coleham Primary School, who came for a demonstration by Steve Adams and John Balcombe where much use was made of bananas, squash balls, balloons and an air cannon - and a boy who rode on a hover board.

Coleham Primary School have identified a group of sixteen pupils for their 'Gifted and Talented' programme, who have been taking part in three follow-up sessions - one in each science. The Biology and Chemistry sessions have already taken place, and the remaining Physics workshop will take place later this term.



## A Week in the Life of Kait Weston

Thursday 26 May 2011

*Breaking with tradition, we asked a member of the Common Room to write our 'Week in the Life of' article this week; we thought an insight into the frantic life of an Assistant Housemaster, Housemistress-in-waiting (house still being built) and full time Biology teacher might be interesting. I don't think any of us realised quite how frantic that life was...*



All the members of the Shrewsbury School Common Room have a number of metaphorical hats – the guises and responsibilities that we have in our day-to-day lives at school. My personal hat collection consists of one “Biology teacher” hat – green and leafy with goggles perched on top; “Assistant housemaster of Port Hill” hat – eye poppingly bright in the red and gold stripes of the mighty Port Hill; one “Listening team” hat – warm and cosy with ear flaps permanently propped up; a “J14 Rowing coach” hat – weatherproof; the “RSSH hat” aerodynamic in regulation navy blue and a new hat which I added to my collection last March – “Housemistress-in-waiting of Emma Darwin Hall”, the second VI form girls’ house in Shrewsbury School. This is a bright yellow construction helmet lined in the Wedgewood blue and apple green of EDH. A typical week at Shrewsbury involves a lot of dressing up!

### Friday 20th May

Friday morning starts off in Port Hill, a relatively quick cycle from home made even faster without the drag effect of a 2-child trailer towed behind the trusty bike. I check any notes left for me by Struan, PH Housemaster, look at emails and phone messages and walk around the house chatting to the boys to find out how exams are going. The third form have chapel on a Friday so I see them as a group to talk about items that affect them and send them on their way – can’t be late for Rev. Dobbie. Callover is a rather minimal affair, all the lower Sixth are on study leave, so we whiz through that and I make my way to chapel.

I teach 3 upper sixth lessons in the morning, all with the same set – we go through exam questions, topic revision and a few quick-fire questions. This is a necessary evil as they are starting exam leave in a week’s time and need to be fully prepared even though they won’t sit their paper until June 22nd. With several potential medics and top biologists/ biochemists in the group it is important that they are in the best possible position to attain As and A\*s in this increasingly competitive university market. Between lessons, on the way back home from the supermarket shop, my dear husband drops off a coffee and some flapjacks (drink for me, cakes for upper sixth).



After lunch, a light spot of marking, lesson planning and emailing local parents about the Day Parent's Association Jazz Evening on June 9th (get in touch with me if you would like tickets)! I see the fifth form for a revision lesson, for some it is their last Biology lesson ever. With goodbyes and "Good Lucks" I move across to a marketing meeting to discuss girl numbers for 2012. A very productive meeting was made even better by delicious scones baked by Mrs. Llewelyn-Jones. I then spend the next hour or so researching material – snooping on other independent school's sixth form admissions processes – and write more fifth form tutor reports. Two of the MSH Lower Sixth girls who are transferring across to EDH next term have been selected to apply for Praepostorship, I must remember to send them my best wishes.

At 6.45pm I pop over to Port Hill to report for duty. A few third formers are knocking a cricket ball about outside and one fourth former is in the house tonight. At this stage of the exam season it can feel a little like the Marie Celeste, but at least the quiet house allowed some solid revision to be completed. At half past eight I clamber aboard the trusty steed and cycle home – 'tis rather chilly now. I arrive home to my husband who is delighted to see me, he can now hand over the babysitting reins and watch Shrewsbury Town (lose).

## **Saturday 21st May**

A genetics and ecology revision lesson with the Upper Sixth followed by an AS revision session with a couple of my Lower Sixth students, they sat trial exams at the end of last term and have vastly improved upon their previous grades. I hope that all goes according to plan when they sit their papers on Thursday. After a bit more report writing and a couple of letters to families that have visited recently I return home for a bite to eat. Later on my younger son and I walk/ scoot back to school to watch the cricket and rowing – aged two and a half he shamelessly makes new friends, particularly with the sixth form girls!

## **Sunday 22nd May**

My husbands' birthday, we spend the morning getting buffeted by gales in Nantwich whilst watching him compete in the Cheshire Triathlon - I wonder to myself if we can get some of the VI form competing in this event next year? Port Hill has had a number of talented triathletes in recent years and did brilliantly in the first School Triathlon last summer. We pop back to School in the afternoon as I have a few more reports to write and have a look at the EDH site through the private side windows. My sons hope that the diggers in the courtyard will still be there when we move in, I don't.

## **Monday 23rd May**

The fourth form sat one of their Biology GCSE modules last week, and have been in revision mode for several weeks now. Today they started learning about the nervous system, they were certainly a little nervous when I asked them to do a blind-folded taste test with dried fruit! A quick meeting with the Director of Studies followed, talking about timetables and schedules for next year, followed by another revision session with a lower sixth former. Mick the tiler interrupts the session to ask me about tile choices and borders for bathrooms. During a 6 mile run later we stop in the curtain shop to catch our breath and find out how the curtains are coming along for EDH and the private side.

## **Tuesday 24th May**

The day started with a tutorial with my fifth form tutor group, discussing exams and recent reports. They are right in the middle of an incredibly hectic exam season so it is important to keep up the momentum in revision whilst allowing them a little down-time too. Exam invigilation next, I must remember to wear softer soled shoes in the future, followed by a quick PR meeting and a discussion with my newly appointed Assistant, Clare Wilson, about sporting events next term. Another invigilation session, then a revision lesson and then over to MSH to





meet a girl who is thinking about joining us in September 2012. Over a lovely platter of sandwiches, fresh fruit and cakes our conversation evolves from discussing the layout of EDH to evaluating the merits of chickens, mediaeval house renovation, summer trips to Russia and Greece and dinner parties in the South-East. Spending time with prospective students and their families is a lovely part of the job.

Later in the afternoon we meet to discuss the official opening of EDH in September. Esteemed poet and author, Ruth Padel who is Emma and Charles Darwin's great – great – granddaughter will be cutting the ribbon and addressing the guests. The discussion revolves around food, drink and music – it looks set to be a lovely afternoon – now if only someone can ensure that the weather is kind to us....

### **Wednesday 25th May**

A typically busy day starts with teaching, another revision tutorial and a quick trip to the building site to see how things are progressing there (very well, by the way). Lesson planning, marking test scripts, writing a letter to the family I met yesterday follow. I then take a call from a prospective relief matron and move off to lunch. The girls' Hunt (cross-country running) photo follows, more EDH and PH admin and then 75 minutes of GCSE CDT invigilation.

### **Thursday 26th May**

Up early to bake chocolate buns for an Upper Sixth set, we have our last lesson today and some students are also retaking their AS biology this afternoon. I drop off the boys at nursery, walk up to School, discuss with Ellie, one of our lovely Biology technicians, the acid rain practical I will be doing with the third form later this morning. Head of department has had news on the external moderation of GCSE practicals, I have 3 papers to send away so need to double check the admin. During my one "free" period this morning I have a meeting with the architects, builders and project manager, a few finishing touches to discuss. At lunch a small group of us meet to discuss Medic Malawi, a new charity project that the School is planning to get involved with. With 2 small children and a full time job, I can't see myself getting to Malawi in the near future, but I would love to be involved in raising awareness and funds for a community in this devastatingly poor country. When rushing from one meeting to another and fretting about reports, it is sobering to consider those whose very existence is a daily struggle. Now, I need to rush off to join members of SMT to talk about the EDH opening....one more day until half term, when I dispense with my hats and ... put on my war paint for a wedding and armour for a week of fun with the family!



## Rigg's 150th Celebrations - seen through the eyes of the OS Office

Thursday 26 May 2011

*The Rigg's 150th anniversary celebrations took place on Saturday 21st May 2011. Please click on the image below to see a short slideshow of pictures taken on the day.*



Despite rather cloudy and blustery weather conditions, the Rigg's House 150th Birthday celebrations went with a real swing. Up to 170 Old Salopians of vintages ranging from the 1940s to the "noughties" dropped in during the day. The event began with a service in the School chapel followed by drinks on the Kingsland House lawns. A magnificent luncheon ensued and for the vast majority this was the centrepiece of their day. The meal provided the platform for several keynote speeches.

- Adrian Kemp delivered an entertaining oration in which he described the souls of "Riggites" being akin "to the guardians of the school gates, a bit like The Lifeguards, but without the horses...". He also commented that the girth of some of his schoolboy colleagues reflected the proximity of Rigg's to the School tuck shop. Finally Adrian lamented the unfortunate colours of the House (Chocolate and Gold) which were often referred to as something unprintable (coloured yellow and brown) when playing football against Oldham's boys!
- Mark Turner's speech paid tribute to Rigg's housemasters past and present. In remembering the great "Brookie" (housemaster from 1947 to 62) held in such great affection by generations of Rigg's men, he was able to thank the former housemaster's 2 daughters for honouring the occasion with their presence. He thanked Matthew Mostyn the current Rigg's housemaster for his sterling efforts in organising an excellent event. (Matthew steps down at the end of this term, after a 10-year spell at the helm).
- Charles Foster responded to the Headmaster's address. Charles is a former Cambridge graduate with a background in veterinary medicine and now a barrister specialising in medical law. His thoughts centred on how Rigg's men were encouraged to do the things they wanted to do, rather on what others felt they should. His toast of "Happy Anarchy" rounded off a memorable meal.

Afterwards "Riggites" were given the freedom of the site and many took the opportunity to explore some of the new buildings as well as visiting their old House. Those who congregated in Rigg's Hall were able to appreciate the extensive collection of old school photographs and reports that had been gathered and exhibited for perusal. Later that evening, a black tie dinner took place in Kingsland House - 33 Rigg's men attended, rounding off a most successful and memorable day.

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## Old Salopian (boy and master) appointed Headmaster of Dauntsey's

Tuesday 31 May 2011

Mark Lascelles, SH 1982-87 and Staff 1992-2009, has been appointed Headmaster of Dauntseys, Wiltshire. Mark and Amber (staff 2000-2009) will move with their three daughters to Wiltshire in 2012.

Mark returned to Shrewsbury to teach Geography, after University at Durham. In his time on the staff, Mark was Master in Charge of Cricket, Football and Fives and Housemaster of The Grove. He was appointed Lower Master (Deputy Headmaster) at King's Canterbury in 2009, and has been acting Headmaster there since 2010.

Mark succeeds Stewart Roberts, another former Salopian housemaster (Rigg's 1987-1993).