

Birmingham Dinner - 26 April

Tuesday 1 May 2012

The annual Birmingham Dinner, hosted by Richard Woodgate and organised by the Birmingham and West Midlands Branch, proved to be a lively and celebratory affair amidst the comfortable confines of the St Paul's Club. Forty-two guests enjoyed a sumptuous five-course meal, served with fine wines and port and were royally entertained by the excellent saxophone quartet from Shrewsbury School. Special guests included the Headmaster, the current President of the Salopian Club Peter Worth (S



1965-70), as well as current and former masters from the Schools; Mr John Alford (Art), Mr Chris Conway (Careers) and Mr Will Hughes (Housemaster Ridgemount & G 1988-90). Richard Woodgate (Rt 1954-59) and Mr Anthony Blakemore (St Paul's Club) officiated.

Following the loyal toast, speeches were given by Peter Worth and the Headmaster. In toasting the School's health Peter Worth highlighted the Salopian Club's efforts in developing effective careers support for Old Salopians of all ages, as well as the big challenge facing the Foundation to raise funds for the proposed development programmes at the Schools. In responding the Headmaster, Mark Turner, reported the School to be in "rude health", with numbers at their highest ever levels and competition for girls' places in the 6th form being particularly fierce. He explained that Shrewsbury's 2020 Vision Plan, endorsed by the governors, recognised the need to compete with schools of similar ilk, including Rugby, Oundle and Radley hence the need to invest in new educational facilities and to improve existing infrastructure. The Headmaster referred to the extended Shrewsbury family and the huge value the School places on its relationship with the Old Salopian community. He thanked those present for their continued support for the Schools and encouraged as many Old Salopians as possible to attend the Old Salopian Day on 22nd September. ADMB



Sports results: w/c 23rd April 2012

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A very wet first week of term meant that a lot of fixtures had to be cancelled.

Week Beginning 23rd April 2012

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Sat 28 th April	Tennis	Midlands Girls Lawn Tennis Tournament Malvern College	1 st Couple	A		See Bulletin
			2 nd Couple	A		See Bulletin
	Tennis	Repton	1 st VI	H	L	See Bulletin
			2 nd VI	H	W	See Bulletin
			U15A VI	H	L	See Bulletin
			U15B VI	H	W	See Bulletin
	Athletics	Bromsgrove	Senior and Junior	A		See Bulletin
	Rowing	Birmingham Regatta	J14 Quad	A	W	See Bulletin
			J15A VIII	A	W	See Bulletin
			J15A Quad	A	W	See Bulletin



A Week in the Life of Dan Edwards (S 4)

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Monday 23rd April

The dream was going swimmingly but as ever it was rudely interrupted by Shrewsbury's early starts. Nevertheless the day had broken and was to be tackled head on. I was up and off to breakfast. After running through my speech for the Junior School Debating final and prepared myself for the day I was walking on that long voyage that is the distance from Severn Hill to the main school building. First thing of the day was heavy subject of the Hitler Youth in History, with a double dosing of French grammar to follow just to test my stamina! Maths and Chemistry followed, a quick lunch and then I was off to a Junior School play rehearsal in the Ashton Theatre. The day continued but as I got to the final lesson, Chemistry again, the tiredness started to creep in. Luckily, Doc. Samworth saw this coming and so prepared a lovely mixture of hydrogen and oxygen which, when ignited, made sure we'd be awake for a long time yet!

And so the day ended. No, I tell a lie it had only just begun. Now the academic day was over I could focus all my remaining energy on the big debate [Junior House Debating Final]. After tea, our team of three went up to the Ashton Theatre. Within ten minutes the judges and the audience had taken their seats and so it began. The topic to be debated: People who lead unhealthy lifestyles should pay for their healthcare.

Churchill's began; Sonny Koh's speech was sharp and full of vigour. Then it was my turn. I stood up, looked out into the great sea of light, and tried to think I was in Prime Minister's questions! I risked it speaking without notes, just hoping the facts would keep flowing and that what I said got to the heart of the matter being debated. After three minutes fervently putting our side of the argument across, I sat down feeling momentarily content. But there was still 2 avid Churchillians to go.

Churchill's argument was good, Theo Simmons retaining his flare throughout. Luckily though, James Plaut and my brother Tom were loaded with enough content and fatal rebuttal that by the floor debate it seemed mostly even. The floor debate was interesting; Mr Sheppe dealing what could have been a disastrous question. But we were not deterred, I went into the summary speech sure that a victory could be achieved, if we only highlighted what Churchill's had crucially missed. My summary speech was packed with rebuttal, and was a rather harsh attack on Churchill's argument. But that is essence of true debate I suppose!

And so it finished and as we waited for the judge's result, I was still very uncertain of the outcome. They returned, and the headmaster dealt out his judgement. We'd won! The feeling was fantastic. I slept well that night.

Tuesday 24th April

Tuesday broke, and the success of the night before gave me the very anti-Salopian feeling to jump straight out of bed. After a filling breakfast the day began with Mr Bell's all you need to know guide to the ethics of Euthanasia in RS. After break was curriculum games which was the delightful sport that is golf. After chipping and putting my way into lunch, I now found myself at a junior concert band rehearsal. Following this was German and Maths and then a mad dash back to house to change into cricket gear. The weather being dismal this was in the conveniently nearby location of the indoor cricket centre. After tea I was off to a lecture about the world of



media. The talk was very interesting but the idea of being a “runner” for the first five years of my career didn’t really appeal! Anyhow I returned to house to finish off work and try and get a good night.

Wednesday 25th April

The weather was dismal, and would continue to be for the next few days. But the greyness of the sky didn’t reflect into my life. Things were, as ever, busy! After a solid morning of lessons I was at least partially relieved to find I had a half day. Half day however does by no means equate to a rest. After a quick lunch I was having my weekly clarinet lesson with Mrs Landon, which although they are very productive, they also manage to leave me gasping for air as if I’d just been on a run. So after returning through the torrential downpour back to the house, I finished off some work and had a rare moment of rest.

Thursday 26th April

Thursday arrived but it kept raining. At first I wasn’t too bothered, but when in my first lesson I asked someone what we were doing in CCF that afternoon and I got the haunting reply of “the river run” I was not the least bit comforted.

Lessons drove smoothly into lunch and following this I got changed for the last CCF of the year. After a lecture from Colonel David, the marines began with drill. After marching our fair share it was time for a marine’s favourite activity (although it certainly isn’t mine), Physical Training. For this we were to embark on a river run. This 2 mile walk and swim was to test my stamina to the limit. Our team set off and as we approached the boat house everything seemed to be going well... too well. We then arrived at the “stream” which because of the rain had become a river. I jumped in and immediately felt an ice rod pierce itself up my back. Nevertheless I trudged through and eventually arrived at the other side. Now was the long run back up the school bank and the eventual crossing of the finish line. By now we were so wet, that sitting in a very large puddle was not a hindrance, but a cooling and refreshing experience.

After returning to house, getting dry and having tea I made my way up to the Maidment Building for the Junior Wind Prize. Having slipped up in style in the previous year’s competition I was determined to go out there and do well! Eventually my turn came to play and it seemed to go as well as I could have hoped, but with so many other great woodwind players around me the chance of getting an award looked hit and miss. So I was pleasantly surprised when I was awarded 3rd prize by the judge. A very positive end to a non-stop day.

Friday 27th April

Last day of the week for most people, but not at Shrewsbury! Friday was very unusually, a very normal day consisting of a long line of lessons. By the final lesson, French, the heat and sweat of a hard working classroom was seeping into my veins, and so I was relieved to have an hour in the cricket centre bowling in the nets! After returning to house that evening, end of the week syndrome had sunk in deeply. But there was Saturday yet.

Saturday 28th April

It was the weekend but still there was a morning of lessons to get through. This morning however, Period 1 was non-existent as the Rev Dobbie had called the confirmation candidates for a run through before the next day’s service. After knowing what I was in for the following day, I returned to a portion of *The Great Gatsby* in English, and before I knew it I had found myself in the final lesson of the day, and what a surprise, it was French!

Saturday afternoon arrived and the sun came out. After a swim and a routine visit to the grot shop I had a rare portion of time to myself. I was planning on using this time somewhat wisely



but eventually found myself waking up six that evening having collapsed onto my bed and slept for 3 lovely hours.

And so I settled down that evening with my Domino's Pizza and one of those action packed, explosion filled, lack of a story films feeling shattered, but in a very good mood.

Sunday 29th April

Severn Hill is usually dead to the world until around 10 on a Sunday. But this was no ordinary Sunday, today was to Confirmation Sunday. After a term of lessons every Tuesday evening, now was what it had all come down to.

So I woke at around 8:30, got ready and went down to meet my family in the Severn Hill private side. After drinks and a catch up with the family I made my way to the Library. Once here the Chaplain gave us a name card so the Bishop knew what to call us. From here we dashed to the Chapel through the hammering rain and took our seats in the first two rows. The service started and the choir, the Headmaster and the Chaplain processed up the aisle. Behind them was the person who was to conduct the service, the former Bishop of Stockport who happened to be the Headmaster's father, and whose hat Dobbie described affectionately as "a large tea cosy."

The service began and after the opening hymns and blessings the Bishop gave a sermon about what actually being a true Christian means and also how confirmation is a great strengthening of faith in which we choose to follow God for the rest of our lives.

Now it was our turn. All the candidates stood and answered questions about our faith and if we wish to follow Jesus Christ. We then went in pairs to the altar where the Bishop was sitting in a chair. We then knelt in front of him and he confirmed us individually placing his hands on our heads with a particularly firm grip I must say!

Following this there was a final hymn and silent prayers, a part of service I particularly like, giving me time to reflect over things. The congregation departed and all the candidates stayed behind for a photo. I then joined my parents in the Alington Hall and returned home with the family for the afternoon exhausted, but in no way said no to the buffet lunch that was on offer!

And so I returned to school late that evening after a successful week. Life at Shrewsbury continuing as always. As you can probably see life as a Salopian is busy, but that is what I think makes it so appealing. You never stop but you absorb all the wonderful things it has to offer on the way.



Inaugural 'Young OS' event a fantastic success

Tuesday 1 May 2012



On Saturday 21st April, The Salopian Club held its first Young OS event at Bunga Bunga in London. The event was a fantastic success with about 100 old boys and girls venturing down to Battersea's number one late night venue.

The evening kicked off with a free glass of champagne for all our guests and it wasn't long until the party was in full flow, and there were certainly a few things to celebrate, including a recent engagement, and of course the recent promotion of the 2nd XI OS football team.

The brilliant turnout also enabled us to donate some money to the charity Help For Heroes by sponsoring OS, Kit Schutzer-Weissmann, who this summer is attempting to cycle from London to Istanbul. A fantastic challenge and one we are proud to support. If you would like to sponsor Kit please visit the following website: <http://www.justgiving.com/KitSchutzer-Weissmann>.



With a good mix of ages at the event, ranging from recent leavers to those who haven't graced the Shrewsbury School site for over 10 years, it seems there is plenty of opportunity for many more Young OS events to come, and we look forward to revealing details of the next get together with you all shortly.

Floreat Salopia.

Hugh Faith (O 1997-2002)
Young OS Chair



Rosie Parr (EDH LVI) commended by Fitzwilliam College Cambridge

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Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, has recently started to run annual essay competitions for Lower Sixth Formers, and this year's competitions were in Ancient World, Classics, and Land Economy.

Rosie Parr (EDH LVI) chose to compete for the Ancient World prize, and started researching her essay on '*Women in the Ancient World*' over the Christmas holiday, completing it during the Lent half term. Although Rosie did not win the prize itself, her 2,000-word essay evidently impressed the judges, who awarded her a Certificate of Commendation.

Rosie hopes to continue her Classical studies beyond school; her dedication is such that she has enrolled in a two-week crash course in Greek over the summer holidays, as she did not have the opportunity to learn Greek before she started at Shrewsbury last September.

Rosie is intending to enter the national [Omnibus Gladstone Competition](#) next term. This is the UK's premier essay prize in Classics, which Shrewsbury has an extraordinary record of success in, culminating in 2011 when both the First and Second Prizes were awarded to Salopians.





RSSBC: Junior Inter-Regional Regatta (JIRR) Nottingham

Tuesday 1 May 2012

JIRR, Nottingham WJ162X



The past 3 weeks have seen Bridget Lapage (EDH LVI) join forces with local Pengwern Junior Issy Tenison-Collins (due to join MSH next term) to form a West Midlands crew for the National Regional team event.

With Holme Pierrepont presenting its typical water the crew were understandably anxious. However any anxiety was more than met with excitement and a determination to produce a solid row. Conditions were tricky, but with the focus on strong finishes and quick catches it meant the crew were able to take advantage of the conditions, and that they did, easily.

After a slow start, the crew, stroked by Tenison-Collins, steered by Lapage, steadily rowed through from 6th place to a point where they were challenging an experienced Grange School for 2nd place in their heat. On this occasion it was not quite to be the case, but the Pengwern/RSSBC composite secured in a stylish fashion a place in the A final with a time of 6:07. With scores on the doors there were just 4 seconds separating 4 crews for the bronze medal position, making for a tantalising and exciting final.

Unfortunately afternoon racing was cancelled leaving two rather despondent individuals only contemplating their 'potential' for the final.

A fantastic race day experience marred only by the weather. Thanks must go to Margaret Sayer and Pengwern for all their help with the occasion.

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The Old Salopian Office View - 1st May 2012

Wednesday 2 May 2012

This is the text of the latest e-newsletter from The Salopian Club Director, Alex Baxter:

Dear Old Salopian,

The start of the cricket season at Shrewsbury coincided with the wettest April in Shropshire in recent years thus little action has taken place on top common. The damp weather has had less of an impact on the Old Salopian social calendar however, with two successful events being held in recent weeks. Over 100 young Old Salopians attended a party at the Bunga Bunga nightclub in Battersea on Sat 21st April, while a smaller group of 42 Old Salopians and guests attended a more formal black tie dinner at the St Paul's Club in Birmingham. Reports on both events appear on the Club website: <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/os-news>

Old Salopian Careers

Following on from the previous e-bulletin, there has been another super response from Old Salopians and parents who work in the legal profession with many offers to come to talk at the Schools on 26th June. We will be firming up the details for this event over the next few days and will write to all who have been in contact on this topic. As a follow-up to the successful medical talk and dinner in March, the Office contacted all medical professionals with an e-mail address, with a view to forming an OS Medical Society. Again, we received a very positive response from OS and parents, with many offers of assistance with future talks at the Schools, professional advice, mentoring and work experience.

Old Salopian Sport

Football

Rarely out of the headlines this season, the OS 2nd XI has capped a terrific run of 9 consecutive victories to earn promotion to Division 2 of the Arthurian League. This is certain to ensure lively celebrations at the forthcoming OSFC annual dinner on 17th May! Many congratulations to the team. The OSFC website can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.oldsalopianfc.com/default.aspx>

Alex Wilson Foundation – Football Match

The squally conditions on Easter Sunday afternoon did not dampen the spirits of the crowd that witnessed the class of 2008 (in Barcelona colours) take on the mighty class of 2009 (garbed in Real Madrid kit). An entertaining football match ensued with the latter side winning by 2 goals to 1. The event was organised by Hugo Tapp (PH 2003-08), James Trelawny (G 2004-09) and Henry Wilson (brother of Alex Wilson). The event raised the sum of £1500 towards the Alex Wilson Foundation. The organisers wished us to extend a big thank you to the 150+ spectators that turned out, despite the damp conditions and also to the Butter Market nightclub for its generous contribution to the eventual total, secured by Jimmy Wallace (PH 2003-08).

Fencing

After almost 40 years' association with the Schools, Ken Holding, the fencing coach will retire in the summer. To mark Ken's departure, current Salopian Chris Williams and George Lane Fox



(Rt 2005-10) are trying to raise money for a gift to ensure that Ken goes out in style. They are also hoping to arrange a fencing match between Old Salopians and the School, on Speech Day, 7th July and would like to mark the occasion with a presentation to Ken. George has set-up a Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/groups/370713092967850/> to promote the event. If you are interested in making a donation, Chris Williams can be contacted at chriswilliams14.williams@gmail.com.

Hunt

Those with an interest in RSSH will be pleased to learn that Kukri, the kit provider for the RSSH and the School, has made a video about the RSSH, featuring contributions from Peter Middleton, Master in Charge, the Huntsman and the Senior Whip. This can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/KukriSports>

Golf

The Golfing Society's Devon Tour has been postponed until October – details will be promulgated on the Golf Club web-page and on the sports news pages in the near future. <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/os-golfing-society>

Forthcoming Events

Sat 9th June - England vs. West Indies (Edgbaston, Birmingham) – The 3rd Test between these two sides should be a great occasion. Tickets are just about sold out, but we may be able to arrange extra places provided we hear from interested parties by 14th May. Tickets cost £125 providing spectators with a private dining area, viewing balcony, dedicated seating, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and a free bar throughout the day.

Sat 16th and Sun 17th June – Mary Sidney Hall reunion weekend - to mark Sara Hankin's departure as housemistress. This will take the form of an evening function and will possibly feature a sports fixture the following day. Details will be posted on the MSH Facebook page.

Sat 30th June – Churchill Hall Reunion Dinner – details can be obtained via Richard Hudson, Churchill's Housemaster on rth@shrewsbury.org.uk. Tickets are selling fast.

Sat 30th June – Henley Royal Regatta – Sabrina Club drinks, canapés and food at Henley Cricket Club – more details will be promulgated when known.

Sat 22nd Sep – Old Salopian Day at the Schools. An insert giving details of the OS Day programme will be included in the forthcoming edition of the Salopian magazine. In addition to the thanksgiving service for Richard Raven, Old Salopians will be competing against School sides at football, fives and cross country. The new boathouse will be opened during the afternoon and the day will conclude with a supper in Kingsland Hall.





work in progress: the new boathouse (April 2012)

29 Nov – City Drinks – 2012 marks the return of this event to its spiritual home of the City of London Club – details will be posted on the Club web-pages soon.

29 Nov – Birmingham Christmas Drinks – details to be announced in a future e-bulletin.

7 Dec – Christmas Drinks – The Schools, Shrewsbury – details will be provided in the near future.

Also In the Pipeline – During Oct and Nov 2012 we hope to confirm details of events in Yorkshire, Herefordshire and Somerset.

Link to events page: <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/os-events-0>

News

We are still seeking short news items concerning Old Salopians for the forthcoming edition of the Salopian magazine. We are working to a slightly amended deadline for copy, which has to be received by 11th May 2012. Please contact us if you have any news items that you feel might be of interest. These can be sent

to admbaxter@shrewsbury.org.uk, mwalton@shrewsbury.org.uk or annabelwarburg@uwclub.net (deputy editor of the magazine)



Advisers needed for Challenge of Management Conference 21-22 June

Thursday 3 May 2012

Colm Kealy, master in charge of Challenge of Management is recruiting advisers for this year's Challenge of Management Conference will be held on the **21st and 22nd of June** at Shrewsbury School.

There are no specific skills or qualifications needed. Advisers just need to be willing to give up two days of their time and be prepared to enjoy themselves. There is a training meeting for advisers on the **Wednesday evening, 20th June**.

I will also place new advisers close to experienced advisers during the conference.

The letter of invitation is available [here](#) and the guidance notes for group advisers are available [here](#).

Colm is available by email at cwk@shrewsbury.org.uk or on 07815 793 132 for anyone that would like to know more about the conference.

There has been a good response to the email request but please get in touch if you are interested - even if we have enough for this year, there is always next!



Memories sought by Old Salopian author for book about Liverpool Ramblers

Thursday 3 May 2012



Jonathan Russell (O 1959-64) is asking for any Old Salopian with memories of playing against Liverpool Ramblers to get in touch with him about his forthcoming book on the history of the Liverpool Ramblers:

I am writing a book on the history of the Liverpool Ramblers, probably the world's oldest amateur football club in existence which has never played in a league. Founded in 1882 (by amongst others, Bruce Ismay of 'Titanic' notoriety), it did play in the FA Cup for three years before professionalism. The club began before the Corinthians, was the first to test out John Brodie's goal nets in 1890 prior to their use being sanctioned by the FA, appeared in probably the first European Cup Final in 1907 and undertook the first ever football tour to Ireland.

Liverpool Ramblers played Shrewsbury in its first season which the school lost 4-1 in March 1883. For as long as anyone can remember up to five teams have come down to Shrewsbury every September with an early rendezvous at The Boathouse. Last season was no exception as this photo of 55 Liverpool Ramblers shows, proving the popularity of this annual fixture and the close connection with the school.

Most Salopians who have played in a school football team will probably recall playing against the dark blue and gold halved shirts of the Ramblers. Since 1945 the membership has been dominated by Old Salopians who have heavily contributed to the Club's colourful history both on and off the pitch.

The School's football masters have starred at the Ramblers Easter Festival. Robin Mouldsdale brought the Shrewsbury Moles to the Ramblers Easter Festival and Robin Trimby scored a record number of goals which has not been surpassed. Mark Dickson played many times in goal for a Barry Burns XI.

I would very much like to hear from any Old Salopian who has memories of playing against the Liverpool Ramblers at school or for the Club at any time. Any photos would be a bonus. Please contact Jonathan Russell at jhrussell@umbria.eclipse.co.uk. The book will be published during the Autumn.'



The Magic Flute

Thursday 3 May 2012

When a truly exceptional performance is put on by the Music Department, we have got into the habit of asking Martin Knox, after the event, to write the review. Martin has an extraordinary ability to capture the essence of these events, and to write such a gripping piece that anyone reading it will wish that they had attended.

The two semi-staged performances of The Magic Flute last week surpassed the high expectations that we always have of our musical productions, and we hope that you'll agree that Martin has done justice to them here.

These are good times for the Music Department, with performances individual and collective winning widespread acclaim. It has already been noted in these columns that singing has made particularly rapid progress, to the extent that John Moore was inspired to include a full-length opera in this season's programme. I confess that when I first heard about the planned "Magic Flute", I envisaged a cast of professionals, with some student participation, giving us a few extracts, nothing more. It was a serious underestimation of the Director's vision and of the resources in which he had faith. A bridge too far? Not a bit of it. The adaptation for concert performance, with narrators filling the gaps left by discreet editing, worked a treat in the Alington Hall, never once seeming too long, for all that it lasted over two and a half hours.

For this semi-staged production, the orchestra was placed behind two slightly raised platforms either side of the conductor. The cast, otherwise seated along the walls, came and went with admirable efficiency. First to make an entrance was one of the two guest artists, Robyn Lyn Evans, who brought a superb tenor voice and much charm to the role of Tamino. His impassioned rendering of the lovely portrait aria set the tone for the evening. I hope we will hear more of him.

In this opera, villainy seems to be associated with top notes, and it was not surprising that the part of the Queen of the Night also went to a professional, Natalie Clifton Griffith, whose vocal agility won rapturous applause. In concert attire and without make-up, she was far from being a Wicked Witch in appearance, but she captured the menace in the score and never sounded in any danger of falling off the musical high wire.

Conversely, the Queen's opponent, Sarastro, is given the deepest imaginable bass part, and for this, Ed Chapman had the range, if not always the control of pitch. Some of the serene benevolence that lies in the great arias was missing, but the acting was authoritative, helped by excellent diction.

Sienna Holmes is firmly established as the School's leading soprano, with achievements in recital and oratorio to her credit. To these she added a splendid operatic debut as Pamina, singing and acting with mature command of every aspect of the role. We know she has ample power, but on this occasion it was particularly impressive to hear how movingly she held attention in the quietest passages.

From the moment he strode jauntily onto the stage, Rob Cross *was* Papageno. Not even the longest round of applause (there were several) could deflect him from his total commitment to the character – and what a mature interpretation it was, rich in wit and pathos. Mastering the art of *Singspiel*, he slipped seamlessly from speech to song and *vice versa*, every word and gesture



comprehensible and relevant. Months of preparation must have gone into making it all seem so natural on the day.

Similar attention to detail was evident in the acting of Sam Ansloos as Monostatos. His mocking of Papageno's bells, embellished by a scornful pirouette, was a gem, and his flexible tenor voice was projected with appropriate vehemence. Occasional loss of clarity can be put down to the speed at which he was sometimes required to sing; the overall effect was impressive.

Gus Haynes played the Speaker of the Temple with impeccable diction and an imposing stage presence. He made a valuable contribution to the drama, as did the excellent singers who took the walk-on parts of Armed Men (Tom Fletcher-Wilson and Will Heyes) and Priests (George Fowler and Ali Webb). The Three Ladies, Teresa Fawcett-Woods, Shannon Morgan, Kate Harrison, and Meredith Lloyd (one of the parts was doubled), also made a beautifully blended sound, though the hazard of projecting words in ensemble was not always overcome. With smaller voices, the Three Spirits, Angus Warburg, Edward Acton, Alex Howard (from Shrewsbury High Prep) nevertheless did manage to get their meaning across - with commendable confidence in what must have been daunting circumstances.

Papagena, sung by Carys Gittins, who was unfortunately omitted from the programme, has not been forgotten here. Her interaction with Papageno was one of the highlights of the whole performance and their final duet was a joyful tour de force, setting up the exhilarating conclusion in which Light triumphs over Darkness, Good over Evil.

The orchestra was very much part of this triumph, as it had been throughout. In spite of restricted rehearsal time, in spite of the length of the work, John Moore managed to conjure sensitive and authentic-sounding accompaniment from his players. Huge credit to the conductor and the music staff. Before the event, I had wondered pessimistically if a piano arrangement might not be safer, but from the first chords of the overture, it was apparent that all would be well. They were truly inspired in the Queen of the Night's second aria and the Trial by Fire (not enacted) was created for us by a glowing quartet of trombones and the magic flute of Eugene To.

And so to two names that have been saved for the final bow, Jonathan May and Kathryn Turpin, the singing coaches responsible for bringing so much talent to the stage. That they had confidence in their charges is best illustrated by the fact that they resisted the temptation to put themselves forward, content instead with reading the narration – and, along with choirmaster Alex Mason, adding weight to the chorus. Congratulations and gratitude are due.

It is believed that this operatic venture was a “first” for Shrewsbury; let it not be the last. Next year is the Wagner Bicentenary. Now there's a thought.

Martin Knox

Old Salopian singer celebrates another success

Friday 4 May 2012

Henry Southern (G 2003-08) who leads the a capella singing group 'All the King's Men' reports another success.

Henry reports:

'To add to our recent success in becoming Voice Festival UK 2012 Champions, we are delighted to have been awarded Third Place at the International Championship of Collegiate A cappella Final in New York. If you want to pre order our new EP, featuring our multi-award-winning set, you can do so by sending us an email.'

Their website is at: <http://www.all-the-kings-men.com/>



The Shewsy's annual visit to Shrewsbury School

Friday 4 May 2012

The club had its annual visit to Shrewsbury School on 21st – 22nd April and a fantastic time was had by all. Twenty-four young people and eight members of staff took part in the trip and as always the school offered a packed programme of activities and exceptional hospitality. Club members participated in horse riding, mountain biking and the obligatory Stiperstones Walk. The annual football match resulted in a keenly contested 7-6 victory for the club with some great football played by both teams.

Henry Corbett delivered a powerful address in Chapel reminding us all of the value of remaining non-judgmental as formal and informal educators and club member Ruby Molloy's reading to the 700 people in Chapel was beautifully spoken.

Many thanks to Jenny Burge, Colm Keeley and all the staff and pupils at Shrewsbury School for making our stay so enjoyable.

In other news, twelve members gave up their Easter Saturday to raise £624 for the club by bag-packing at Sainsbury's Rice Lane. Well done to all those young people and a big thanks to Cathy and Phil at Sainsbury's for allowing this to happen.

Liverpool Housing Trust continue to fund several projects and activities in the club including boxing training, go-karting, a trip to Chester Zoo and a photography project. LHT have been great supporters of the club and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support.

If you would like to know more about the Shewsy and how you can get involved please contact dave.brereton@shrewsburyhouse.org.uk or john.dumbell@shrewsburyhouse.org.uk





House Athletics 2012: Final Standings

Friday 4 May 2012

A full report and photos of our first Inter-House Athletics day (for almost 20 years) will be available at the beginning of next week.



Many congratulations to Severn Hill who won the inaugural Tisdall Cup on Thursday afternoon, as overall boys' winners, and to Emma Darwin Hall who won the girls' trophy. Severn Hill won both the junior boys and senior boys categories, and The Grove won the intermediate category. Congratulations to Howard Stringer (Senior Victor Ludorum), Libby Naylor (Senior Victrix Ludorum), Stuart Brown (Inter Victor Ludorum) and Nick Entwisle (Junior Victor Ludorum), as the outstanding all-round athletes in their category.

House Athletics Competition 2012 - Final Standings

Overall

	Points	Rank
S	348	1
PH	287	2
R	284	3
G	278	4
SH	265	5
Ch	261	6
M	257	7
I	249	8
O	238	9
Rb	195	10
Rt	178	11

Junior

Final Score		
	Points	Rank
S	135	1
O	119	2
Ch	109	3
PH	107	4
SH	105	5
R	90	6
Rb	65	7
I	64	8
M	63	9
G	54	10
Rt	43	11

Inter

Final Score		
	Points	Rank
G	130	1
M	115	2
I	94	3
S	90	4
Ch	87	5
SH	79	6
R	78	7
Rb	77	8
Rt	68	9
PH	67	10
O	54	11

Senior

Final Score		
	Points	Rank
S	123	1
R	116	2
PH	113	3
G	94	4
I	91	5
SH	81	6
M	79	7
Rt	67	8
Ch	65	9
O	65	9
Rb	53	11

Girls

Final Score		
	Points	Rank
EDH	79	1
MSH	67	2

Fives: End of Season Dinner and Awards 2012

Tuesday 8 May 2012



The Fives Club held an end of season dinner in KH on 3rd May 2012 with a great season to look back on and another solid haul of silverware. Attendance was excellent – close to 100 in total, with a number of parents and guests representing all generations of the Old Salopian Fives Club as well as 70 boys and girls. As well as the obvious air of celebration of the season, the dinner had a strong sense of looking at recent successes as the club thanked Andy Barnard for the huge contribution he has made to Fives over his nine seasons as Master in Charge.

As has become the tradition at these dinners, the coaches of each year group spoke to summarise their season and to give awards for the best and for the most consistent players. Matt Barrett celebrated another strong year for the U14s and “the most exciting prospects since our current Upper 6th were in

the 3rd form”; high praise indeed and we hope to see them continue to achieve great things! Torin Morgan looked back on a season that saw fresh and very competitive players enter the squad and which saw good performances throughout the season and very, very nearly the desired result at the National Championships. The U15s are also to be commended on their cheerful demeanour throughout: these boys are guaranteed to be good value on any trip! The U16s had a season of changes at the top of the order but of consistent good performances throughout as we catch up with Highgate around this age group. While we didn’t win the U16 Nationals, we had beaten the eventual victors during the season so we know what the job to be done is; our top U16 players will also be looking to the first few pairs next year. Grant Williams as senior coach reviewed a season of arranged marriages, divorce, diplomacy, mediation, negotiation and almost everything else which finally ended up in two Salopian pairs reaching the Schools’ Nationals final. The huge amount of work leading up to it made the result all the sweeter for the players and coaches. My nerves are still not quite recovered some six weeks on. Chris Conway spoke of the enthusiasm of a big group of girls fives players who are making themselves ever more prominent in the club and are enjoyed national successes too in beginners tournaments. There is a real groundswell of girls enjoying their fives and taking it seriously, which bodes well for the future.



The captains (Izzy Barber and Alice Long for the girls, Jack Hudson-Williams for the boys) spoke memorably in their thanks to the staff who run the sport; Jack reflected on the arrival of Seb Cooley lifting the level against which the top players learn to compete and on the work that Andy Barnard has done; it is clear the Andy gives a huge amount to the players – who are often also cricketers – both on the sporting side and personally.

Despite protestations from Andy, the rest of the staff did feel it appropriate to thank him publicly for the tremendous time and energy he has directed towards the fives in his nine years in charge. Having arrived at Shrewsbury as a non-player of the game, he was positive about it from the start and the club has enjoyed tremendous success during this time. He hands over the reins to Seb Cooley next year, but we are delighted that he will continue to be involved with fives: we will not be losing him altogether from the club!



The awards made during the evening

Guy Williams (Rb) and Rosie Parr (EDH) were confirmed as next year's captains of fives.

<i>U14 Top Performers</i>	Tom Breese & George Panayi
<i>U14 Most Improved</i>	Jack Fox & Stéphane Cotty
<i>U15 Top Performers</i>	George Lewis & Jamie Humes
<i>U15 Most Reliable Players</i>	Freddie Earlam & Freddie Adair
<i>U16 Top Performers</i>	Harry Flowers & Henry Blofield
<i>U16 Most Reliable Performers</i>	Charlie White & James Warburg
<i>Senior Top Performers</i>	Jack Hudson-Williams & Henry Lewis
<i>Senior Most Reliable Performers</i>	Adam Morris & Henry Lewis
<i>Girls Top Performers</i>	Izzy Barber & Alice Long
<i>Girls Most Improved Players</i>	Elen Murphy, Alice Paul, Cressida Adams & Holly Free
<i>Girls Most Determined Players</i>	Rosie Parr & Hannah Pritchard

Inaugural Intra School Mixed Pairs

Winners : Sam Welti & Izzy Barber

Runners Up : Harry Bromley Davenport & Rosie Parr

School 1sts Colours awarded (or reawarded) 2012

Boys

Jack Hudson-Williams (PH), Henry Lewis (I), Sam Welti (I), Connor Jones (PH), Guy Williams (Rb), Jack Flowers (I), Henry Blofield (PH), Adam Morris (Rb).

Girls

Izzy Barber (EDH), Alice Long (MSH)

Junior School First 5th

Henry Blofield (PH), James Warburg (PH), Anthony Peel (PH), Henry Gittins (Rb), Edward Holroyd (S), Harry Flowers (I), Charlie White (G), Ben Quirk (PH), Charles Marques (Rt).

U15 Fives Commendations

George Lewis (I), Chris Pearce (I), Jamie Humes (I), Oliver Nolan (I), Freddie Earlam (Rt), Freddie Adair (Rt), Samson Yick (G), Dan Delikatny (O).

U14 Fives Commendations

Tom Breese (PH), George Panayi (Ch), Jack Fox (PH), Ben Sansom (PH), Stephane Cotty (S).

National Awards 2012

EFA Schools U14 Beginners National Champions

Tom Breese & George Panayi

EFA Schools U15 National Runners Up

George Lewis & Jamie Humes

EFA Schools U17 Girls Beginners

Rosie Parr & Hannah Pritchard

EFA Schools Open Schools National Runners Up

Sam Welti & Guy Williams



EFA Schools Open Schools National Champions

Jack Hudson-Williams & Henry Lewis

Open Champions

For the first time in Shrewsbury history (and it has been done only once before) we had two pairs in the SCHOOLS OPEN FINAL which was an absolute thriller, the quality of fives was amazing. Jack Hudson-Williams and Henry Lewis (JHW hadn't dropped a game in two years at the Nationals - he has won it twice) beat Sam Welti and Guy Williams...9-12, 12-4,12-7,12-9.

Jack Hudson-Williams had previously won the title with George Thomason in 2011 – Jack therefore becomes our first ever double OPEN WINNER.

EFA U21 National Champions

Jack Hudson-Williams & Henry Lewis

Williams Team Cup Winners

Jack Hudson-Williams (PH), Henry Lewis (I), Sam Welti (I), Connor Jones (PH), Guy Williams (Rb), Jack Flowers (I), Henry Blofield (PH), Adam Morris (Rb).



Press coverage: Mail on OS Jimmy Taylor's determination to support Alex Wilson's family foundation

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Lions star Taylor determined to make it count in tribute to friend

By PETER HATCHER
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Whenever England Lions captain James Taylor walked during his sporting school days, his mate Alex Wilson was just a step away.

When Taylor played scrum-half in the Shrewsbury School Under-14s, slipped his marker up front for the football side, or made the hundreds for the cricket first XI at the age of 15, that first earned him national recognition. Wilson was always alongside him in the team.

And when Taylor was waiting at the National Academy in Loughborough one evening three years ago, preparing to fly to South Africa with the England Performance Programme squad, and Alex contacted him via Skype to wish him luck, the call lasted an hour-and-a-half.

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Captain of the England Lions team, Jimmy Taylor (R 2003-2008), is featured in The Mail in a moving article about his friendship with Alex Wilson who died so tragically in his first year at St. Andrew's. Jimmy returned to The Schools earlier this term for a fundraising football match in Alex's memory to watch the match and draw the winning raffle ticket. The Mail Online: [James-Taylor-determined-make-Alex-Wilson](#).

Since the inaugural football match last November, the Shrewsbury School Foundation has been working with the Wilson Family to raise sufficient funds to create an athletic bursary in the name of Alex Wilson. The appeal targets donations from a variety of events including an annual football match and reception. All funds raised are matched by generous support from the Kruth family. If you would like to support this effort please contact the Shrewsbury School Foundation at foundation@shrewsbury.org.uk.

This year's football match and reception is scheduled for the 23rd of September 2012 at Shrewsbury School.



RSSBC: Wallingford Regatta - Sunday 6th May

Wednesday 9 May 2012

For the first time in three years, the weather at Dorney for the annual Wallingford Regatta was benign - such a bonus!



RSSBC 1st 8 leading the pack (far side) in IM2 8's Wallingford Regatta

Our 1st and 2nd 8 left on Saturday afternoon, in preparation for their early races on Sunday. The 2nd 8 were first up at 8.56AM; not surprisingly, not too many parents had managed to reach Dorney by this hour!

Entered into IM3 8's, a senior event, meant that it would be extremely difficult to gauge the speed of our opposition as this event would attract School 1st and 2nd 8's, club senior crews as well as University entries.

Our heat went well, 2nd to St Georges College 1st 8 and safely through to the semi final. This proved one step too far with a 4th place, behind Eton 2nd 8, Bedford 1st 8 and Caius College.

The 2nd 8 were also racing in the afternoon, so no rest for them. Again opposition was tough in J18B 8's as many lesser rowing Schools enter their 1st 8 into such events. However, practice is the name of the game, especially on this multi lane 2K track. Again, progress to the final was not possible, but there was only one defeat by a 2nd 8 in the process.

The 1st 8 were entered into Senior events, to gain valuable close racing experience. Firstly IM1 8's, where we managed a win in our heat, with Eton 1st 8 winning the other semi, this setting up a good final. Honours went to Sport Imperial, with RSSBC 2nd and Eton 3rd. The boys were certainly not pleased with 2nd, even to one of the UK's most prestigious Rowing programmes.

So to IM2 8's, another heat win and then a good final race giving us victory over St Paul's and Radley.

All in all a great day for experience, certainly both crews will gain boat speed with this kind of close racing.

Shrewsbury Regatta will hopefully be taking place next weekend (river conditions allowing), and then to Nottingham City Regatta on Saturday 19th as final race experience before National Schools.

Paul Manser



CCF: Welbeck Leadership Challenge

Wednesday 9 May 2012



On Friday 27th April, a group of nine IV Form cadets left school to take part in the Welbeck Leadership Challenge, an annual competition held at DSFC Welbeck. This is one of the largest CCF/ACF competitions and there were 31 teams involved.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday the boys competed in a range of physical and mental challenges that included; command tasks, code breaking, tug of war and the Jacobs ladder (a high ropes obstacle).

Despite the appalling weather conditions (the competition was called off early for the first time in 20 years), all the boys competed with tremendous enthusiasm and demonstrated excellent teamwork and leadership skills.

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Please also see [A Week in the Life of Henry Binns](#) for an insider's account of the 2012 weekend at Welbeck.

Inter House Athletics 2012 - Grove success!

Wednesday 9 May 2012

The Grove not only managed to win the Intermediate trophy in the first whole-school inter-house athletics challenge for almost 2 decades, but Stuart Brown also collected the coveted Victor Ludorum award.



George Nugee, House Captain of Athletics, in action



Will Street, Ollie Brown, Harry Croft and Max Pragnell



Stuart Brown - Victor Ludorum - in action in the 400m, and collecting the Intermediate trophy for the Grove



A Week in the Life of Henry Binns (G 4)

Wednesday 9 May 2012

Henry gamely agreed to write up his week, starting with the CCF Leadership Challenge weekend at Welbeck. Unfortunately, injury at the end of the Welbeck weekend put paid to his hopes of competing for The Grove in the House Athletics.

Friday 27th April

It was Friday. The signature day for tiredness and KH fish and chips. The rain was unnaturally light as I stumbled along the distant road from The Grove to breakfast, where bacon, eggs, hash brown, toast, porridge with brown sugar, cereal, preferably coco pops, and three cups of hot chocolate awaited patiently. Breakfast and the morning lessons flew past, and in an extremely short time I found myself half asleep in Mr Lapage's double chemistry lesson, learning about the wonderful world of hydro carbonate bonding and the modern methods for extracting these vital liquids.

That was Friday over. Two more lessons and the day was mine. If only. In true M&S fashion, that was no ordinary Friday. That was a Friday in which I and eight other fourth formers were to journey to Welbeck College to compete against thirty other schools. After two hours of listening to Jack Casey attempt to sing along to numerous radio tunes, we arrived cautiously at the front gates of the secure facility, equipped with their very own helicopter and tank.

The hindrance of the day was definitely the tent, in which the whole group (minus Mr Simper and his accomplice) would sleep under, attempting to shelter ourselves from true British weather. Rain. Picture this: all these schools clustered into a field, with their minute plain tents, and then Shrewsbury school rocking up, playing loud music and requiring the most room for our monstrous, multicoloured tent, complete with its very own porthole themed window. Classy I know.

Dinner was served hastily in the College lunch hall and after wolfing down dessert, we trudged back to the tent, through the marsh that was once the First Pitch. We setup our own little shared compartments and realised that we hadn't showered for twenty four hours. I don't need to say the stench of soggy clothing was severely unpleasant.

Saturday 28th April

I cannot remember the dream stopping, I thought I was still somewhere in Africa, being chased by rabid mongooses when I realised. I was in fact awake, at the unholy hour of quarter to six, with the morning dew (the natural kind, not the drink) seeping through the tent, and drowning my bundle of clothes for the day. My hopes of the alarm clock dying seemed pointless. I just had to face the day. I am still wondering if the early wake up was even necessary, as breakfast wasn't even for another hour, however I decided that I should set the example of simply zipping back up the sleeping bag and covering my ears. After a failed attempt of pretending to be completely unconscious, I changed into my military gear, minus the weapons of course, and set off towards the temperate breakfast hall. The morning was a total blur, I still can't remember to this second what exactly happened.





I can just about remember numerous command tasks, in which we fared rather well, as our group had inside help from two college chaperones, who were to aid us for the weekend. I also remember having to launch an egg through rugby posts, using bamboo and elastic bands. Luckily none of ours exploded in our team-mate's face, though it would have been humorous and would have relieved part of the tension of this intricate task. The team performed very well in the later tasks and I was pleased with how well they coordinated the skills our team possessed, and that was reflected in the scores we achieved at each station. That wasn't the day though, it wasn't even close. We still had our most important task. The social. We changed into our nicest clothes and followed our mentors into a room, much resembling Quod. It was an extremely relaxed but cramped atmosphere, as we were shunted about by crowds, and there was even an arena in which our very own Arthur Cheng break-danced, to applause of the slightly tipsy College students. What a night it was.



Sunday 29th April

Supposedly Sunday is the day of rest, so waking up again at the ridiculous time of six; I felt that this contradiction was rather too extreme for my liking. Rebellion against the day was futile, even though it would mean peeling me out of my sleeping bag, in which I was cocooned. The final day of this leadership challenge would mean the harder tasks are now in sight. It wasn't this that dampened the spirits of the pupils and staff. It was the torrential rain. I found out that it had been raining since midnight, which was apparent when we opened the tent and a mini tsunami flooded the compartments of the tent. The day's schedule was as dismal as the weather. Physical training, medical, high ropes, swimming/kayaking and many more extreme tasks were between the team and the finish of this great event.

After much dread, the Physical training was the next activity we had to face. To our surprise, it didn't entail the three-mile run we were dismayed by, instead, squash rallying, sit and press ups, basketball and medicine ball passing were the tasks we were given. It was slightly amusing to see our team score so brilliantly, especially as our fitness compared to the Marine section is shockingly poor. It was a good day for Shrewsbury. We scored very high marks in the high ropes, while our command tasks and swimming were very confident. The medical for me was the best task out of them all. It involved three casualties with multiple injuries, from cuts and bruises to loss of limbs and amputations. The effort they put into making the injuries as realistic as possible was very impressive, if not a bit gut-wrenching. My casualty had shrapnel wounds to the face and a chunk of metal lodged in his arm. We dealt brilliantly with all the problems and were highly commended on our success as a group.

The award ceremony was the final part of our journey, as the rain and rain had halted the outdoor activities. All the schools were stuffed into the sports hall and individual awards and speeches created an anticipation that causes horrific shivers to run through the crowds. Although we didn't win, I felt that the fact we had never before attended, yet still beat the majority was a great effort, and the members of staff were very proud of our position. This meant one thing. A celebration meal.

Monday 30th April

Monday morning is the one time in the week that getting up is such a great effort, that it is best



to ask your friends to help you out of the warm bed, and along to the cold hall that is KH. After showering, changing and fetching the relevant books from my study, I began the trek to my first lesson. Religious studies. Mrs Wilson explained the Christian views on euthanasia and suicide, while the rain hammered the window, creating faint shadows which throw indistinct blurs on the pages of my file. After that, PSE with Reverend Dobbie. This is by far the most relaxing lesson of the week, as we talk, not about dull textbook conversations, but modern issues that our generation will face. His theories on life and creation are mixed with slightly odd comments from my class mates. After lunch, I rush back to house to get my books for next lesson. After ceramics and physics, the day is finally mine, if I didn't have A-leagues. Unfortunately The Grove lost to Ridgemoor, so the team has been revised to achieve better results. Next game should be interesting.

Tuesday 1st May

Tuesday begins with the absence of the heavy rain, a fact that gave everyone an improved morning mood which is needed to complete the morning until break. Double art then biology stood between me and a Grot Shop hot chocolate, a much needed beverage best taken with cream and marshmallows. My next challenge was Curriculum Games, emphasis on challenge, as this week consists of Gym and running in circles on the Astro. It is worse than it sounds, especially if you cannot run and instead limp.

After a filling lunch of gammon, it is onwards and upwards, as the day cruises on through Religious studies and the final lesson of the day, maths. My sport option for the day was tennis, in which the group marvel at my perfect Andy Murray serve, and my expert returns. Mr Clarke sets up a game of 'around the world', where the aspects of the School Hunt and Wimbledon are merged into a continuous marathon.

Wednesday 2nd May

Waking up and walking to breakfast, I realise that my weeks at this school are hectic but extremely short. Already I'm sitting in chapel, pondering on the same thoughts. Chapel is the most interesting forty minutes of my Wednesday, due to Reverend Dobbie's ability to create laughter in the most dismal situations. Chapel is almost immediately followed by double English with Doctor Law. His lessons give a great insight into the life of a staff member at Shrewsbury. The lessons are quite enjoyable on Wednesdays, and I find myself already walking back from Main School Building, and back to The Grove, where my books and seven pieces of chocolaty toast are waiting.

Biology and then physics are the last hurdles, in which the set is studying diffusion and plant structure, and the differences of mass and weight in physics. After lessons, the afternoon is mine, so I got my topschools out the way, including an essay given out from Doc. Law. That's my Wednesday out the way. Thursday here I come.

Thursday 3rd May

Thursday means I can finally have a lie-in, so breakfast is toast, grabbed just before lessons. After the walk to lessons, my housemaster, Mr Nicholas teaches us about Nazi-ideology and eugenics. After that, double physics and lunch. CCF would have been next on the agenda, if it hadn't been for the Inter-House Athletics Championships. The whole school buzzed as we waited patiently to be shuttled off to the stadium, a short two minutes down the road.

The whole assembly of staff and pupils were cheering on the hurdlers when the majority of The Grove boys arrived in the penultimate coach. The sight of all these track and fields, and the tug of war, showed just how diverse the range of skills this school houses.



Grove fared well in the seniors and juniors, and even came top in the intermediate category, showing just how important the under dogs can be. After consuming numerous mars bars, a cup of coffee and half shortbread, I leaned against the railing and wondered if all this would change in 2014. Perhaps it will only solidify the links of the pupils and the staff. As I was injured, I supported The Grove's many attempts in achieving any form of victory in the tug of war. That was not to be as we were up against sixth formers and top squad rowers. The final position for The Grove was fourth, which reflected the house spirit and all the brilliant achievements that we gained.

Friday 4th May

The day before Coach Weekend is always a long but exciting day, due to the teachers and pupils both keen on relaxing but not under-working. My lessons on Friday flew past, in the usual blur that is common to Fridays. My topschools was considerably light, as the teachers felt that we deserve a break from coursework. Even Doc. Law didn't set the usual thousand word essay, instead, he wished us a happy weekend and the bell outside the classroom deafened us all. Sports next, and it was back to tennis where I rallied on the Astro until it rained, and everyone fled back to their houses to escape the torrents of water. Luckily The Grove isn't far away. The coach weekend is always a good way to reflect on the previous weeks at this school. It had been a busy but exciting couple of weeks.



Cricket: w/c 30th April 2012

Thursday 10 May 2012

The 1st XI hosted Trent College on Saturday 5th May, as Shrewsbury finally saw some quality cricket this term. After winning the toss and batting first, Shrewsbury posted a very competitive total of 253-5 off their 50 overs faced. Jack Hudson-Williams (70 not out) and Jack Bailey (46 off 45 balls) adding the bulk of the runs, after Stephen Leach (41 off 77) and captain Henry Lewis (18 off 59) had given Shrewsbury a solid start. Ruaidhri Smith was then the pick of the bowlers with figures of 9 overs bowled, 6 of which were maidens, gaining 4 wickets for the loss of only 9 runs. Stunning figures, which helped Shrewsbury bowl Trent College out for 135.

On Sunday the 1st XI comfortably won their first pool matches in pursuit of defending the National HMC T20 competition that they won in 2011. Strong performances against Ellesmere College, Adams Grammar and Oswestry School ensured a comfortable passage into the next round of pool fixtures.

Other matches saw the dominance against Trent College continue as all age groups, 2nd XI, U16A, U15A, and U14A won their matches. This ended a fine week for U14A XI who also progressed in the Lord Taverner's Competition (county rounds) on Friday. Shrewsbury posted 146-1 from their 20 overs, and a fine bowling display saw William Brookes whittled out for a measly 12 runs! Charlie Cooke the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 4 runs. Not so good news for the U15A side - in their first match of the season they were narrowly beaten by 7 runs in the 1st Round of the National Lord Taverner's Competition on Wednesday against Denstone College, despite a brave 69 from Freddie Earlam.

Mr A. Barnard

Shrewsbury

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Tennis: 1st team defeat Ellesmere 8-0

Thursday 10 May 2012

Our 1st team defeated a much weakened Ellesmere side 8-0 on Saturday 5th May, who had their top eight missing through national competitions. Despite this fact, the boys played extremely well, with our seniors really showing signs of becoming leading examples.

Mr M. Harding

Shrewsbury

CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL



Fencing: British Youth Championships Sheffield

Thursday 10 May 2012

The weekend saw some of Shrewsbury's finest fencers take on the best in the country. Some excellent displays on show, with the pick of them being Harry Cox in the U18 Sabre competition. In the U16 Epee, Charlie Godman came a very respectable 25th, just above Arthur Cheng who finished 26th. Charlie Godman fared not so well in the U16 Foil, where he finished 48th.

Mr K. Holding

Shrewsbury

CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL



Rounders v Old Swinford

Thursday 10 May 2012

Shrewsbury hosted their first rounders fixture this term against Old Swinford Hospital at Shrewsbury on Wednesday. Shrewsbury demonstrated their skill both in the batting and fielding aspect of the game, with Katy Mason-Jones scoring the most rounders (3). Shrewsbury played immaculately with quick, concise passing of the ball when fielding, as well as excellent placement of shots into space whilst batting. It was a well deserved win of 10.5 - 1.

Miss A. Hartsborne



Sports results: w/c 30th April 2012

Week Beginning April 30th 2012

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Wednesday 2 nd May	Cricket	Denstone College	U15A XI	A	L	SEE BULLETIN
	Tennis	Ellesmere College	1 st VI	H	W	8-0
	Rounder's	Old Swinford Hospital School	1 st VIII	H	W	10-1 10-5
Saturday 5 th May	Athletics	Rugby School	Junior/Senior	A		SEE BULLETIN
	Cricket	Trent College	1 st XI	A	W	SEE BULLETIN
			U16A XI	A	W	SEE BULLETIN
			2 nd XI	H	W	SEE BULLETIN
			U14A XI	H	W	SEE BULLETIN
RSSBC	Wallingford Regatta	Top Squad	A		SEE BULLETIN	
Sunday 6 th May	Cricket	HMC T20 Festival	1 st XI	H	W	SEE BULLETIN
	RSSBC	Wallingford Regatta	Top Squad	A		SEE BULLETIN



Rugby Athletics Meeting: Saturday 5th March

Thursday 10 May 2012

In addition to a number of silver and bronze medals that were brought home from Rugby, five Salopians were also awarded six gold medals: Howard Stringer (Senior 400m), Rory Fraser (Inter 800m and 1500m), Ivan Sanin (Inter discus), Chike Kandi (Inter 100m) and James Plaut (Inter 200m).

Due to the coach weekend, we were forced to take a much depleted team to Rugby on Saturday. Those boys who made the trip, however, performed very well indeed, with several victories in the U17 and U20 categories in both track and field. Some fantastic individual performances meant that this was a very enjoyable and encouraging afternoon for Shrewsbury's Athletics team, despite the low team score which resulted from not being able to field a full complement of athletes.

The U17 category was always going to be our best chance of success, and while windy conditions made fast track times hard to come by, there was a season's best 11.3 for Chike Kandi in the 100m, taking 1st position, with James Plaut not far behind to take 3rd position in a personal best 11.8. James continued his excellent start by winning the 200m in a blistering 23.8 (all the more impressive when one considers that he was competing against boys who were mostly a year older). In the middle-distance events, Rory Fraser looked very sharp indeed in coming 2nd in the 800m with a personal best of 2:14.4, and then going on to take victory in the 1500m with another personal best of 4:47.9.

A very strong 4x100m team ran very well in 47.8 to take 2nd place, with a blistering final leg by Chike Kandi.

In the U15 category, we were heavily reduced in number, but there were good performances nonetheless from Finn McCormack, who showed great promise in the 100m, coming 5th in 13.7, and Barnabus Seager who ran a very strong 400m in 61.5 seconds to take 4th in a very quick race for this age group. In the 800m, Oscar Dickins and Ben Remnant ran well, coming 3rd and 5th respectively in times of 2:26.2 and 2:29.5. They both performed in the 1500m later in the afternoon, Remnant this time just pipping his team mate by taking 2nd place and Dickins 3rd in very encouraging times of 4:55.5 and 4:57.3. In the field, Alex Seager threw shot and javelin convincingly, taking 6th in both events, while his brother Barnabus competed in the discus, throwing 18.84m and placing 6th also.

In the seniors, Howard Stringer dominated the 200m and 400m, running 23.3 and 53.4 respectively to take first in both events. Rob Cross took 4th position in the 400m, and also competed well in the high jump, clearing 1.70m. Charles Cameron threw terrifically well in the discus, earning 2nd place with 29.45, and also came 4th in the shot with a throw of 9.50. Seb Blake ran both the 800m and the 1500m, and came second in both, with times of 2:10.9 and 4:32.2 respectively. In the latter he was joined by Ed Mallett, who ran a strong 4:35.8 to take 3rd position.

Well done to all who competed.

Mr I. Haworth



Old Salopian designer makes good use of time!

Friday 11 May 2012

Andrew Jennings (I 1998-03), Chairman of the recently revived **Old Salopian Rugby Club**, has been turning his life-long interest in vintage watches to good use. In partnership with a Swedish friend, Joakim Larsson whom he met on a skiing trip when still a student, he has launched a specialist watch design company called **Larsson and Jennings**.

Andrew (pictured, right) has managed to achieve this while holding down his day job as an investment manager. His entrepreneurial flair was already in evidence while he was at Shrewsbury: His contemporaries will doubtless remember that he ran an eBay business, buying and selling mobile phones. Andrew is also using the internet, including social networking sites, to good effect in developing his new project.

Andrew says: ' I have always been particularly fond of vintage watches and I think this shows through with our design. The process was a lengthy one with Joakim and myself negotiating and developing every design feature. He wanted to make it as minimalistic as possible whilst I wanted to show my particular love of vintage watches - hence our catch phrase "British heritage with Swedish minimalistic style". We think the watches look great when worn with more formal attire and wouldn't look out of place accompanying a suit.





MSH: Inter-House Athletics 2012

Friday 11 May 2012





Young Engineers Group: Greenpower F24 Racing

Monday 14 May 2012

Following the disappointment of not racing at Silverstone due to the atrocious weather conditions, the 3rd Form Young Engineers Groups took their new car to Mallory Park Circuit in Leicestershire last Tuesday for track testing.



After scrutineering, where the car was checked thoroughly to make sure that it met all the regulations, and the drivers' briefing, the boys were ready to take to the track with 36 other teams from across the country. The day started conservatively with each team member taking to the track, experiencing pit stops for battery changes and driver changes. By the end of the last session in the afternoon the lap times had come down and the car was lapping in 11th position behind cars from last year's National final and the Peugeot Citroen Apprentices.

The day was a success with the car proving reliable, a few areas identified for improvement before the next race and a good time was had by all.

JEH



RSSBC: Impromptu Regatta, Saturday 12th May

Monday 14 May 2012



After the cancellation of Shrewsbury Regatta (first time in my memory) and the disappointment of all that entailed, heads were put together to resurrect an event on a smaller scale.

With crews from Pengwern, Guildford and even a few from Paris, together with boys from the J16/J15 and J14 group and the Girls squad, we raced a time trial over the Sunday Regatta course and then proceeded to race crews of a similar speed, rather than boat types. The aim was to get some close competitive racing!

It was an interesting spectacle to see a double scull racing an 8 or a single race a coxed 4!! However, what a great success, all our crews had some fine racing, possibly better than they would have had at the real Regatta!

In fact, such a success that we may try and squeeze a similar event in to the programme next year...

Many thanks to all the coaches for their help in running the event and the many parents who came down to the river.

PM



Preparing for the time trial



J14B 8X v Girls 8



J15A 8 v J14A 8X



J14B 8 v Girls 8



Celebrity Piano Recital by Freddy Kempf on Thursday 3rd May

Tuesday 15 May 2012

Freddy Kempf ended his piano recital at Shrewsbury School with a dazzling encore, Liszt's transcription of the Liebestodt from Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde". This final, virtuosic performance summed up a remarkable evening of pianism of the very highest quality. Through Liszt's amazing, extravagant writing the lyrical beauty and intensity of Wagner's composition soared majestically.

Mr. Kempf, once a winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition, combines pianistic fireworks with a remarkable lyrical, poetic gift. His well planned programme showcased works by major 19th century composers -Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin and Schumann.

Beethoven's "Les Adieux" sonata opened the recital. It is a challenging work, not least because Beethoven wrote some moments of intense emotion, emotion which finds more mature expression in his final sonatas. The final section, described as "The liveliest time measurements", was wonderfully jubilant, ending with a typically brilliant ending.

Kempf's pianistic control throughout the Beethoven was equally apparent in the rest of the programme. His moments of quiet, reflective playing were as impressive as those at full volume. In particular, his use of pauses when time seems to stand still was breath taking.

Sixteen Waltzes by Brahms, Op.39, and two Ballades by Chopin showed Kempf's talent for investing popular, much loved music with the respect they deserve. Humour and vivacity in Brahms contrasted nicely with the poetic virtuosity of Chopin's 4th Ballade.

Schumann's "Kreisleriana" was the final programmed piece. Eight pieces, alternating slow and fast, major and minor keys, "Kreisleriana" is a marvellous vehicle for the pianist. Kempf's dynamic control was superb, emphasising the dualistic nature of a fictional musician, sometimes manic, at other times dreamy and introspective. It would be hard to imagine a more impressive interpretation of Schumann's master piece.

Andrew Petch

The 2012 Inter-House Athletics

Tuesday 15 May 2012



Thursday 3rd May saw the School's first Inter-House Athletics event for nearly twenty years. Almost every member of the School turned out at the track on London Road for an afternoon of track and field events, as well as a tug-of-war competition.

After the School demolished its own track in the mid-90s, a whole-school event like this hasn't been attempted, due to the logistical challenges of ferrying everyone down to an external venue and back. Nonetheless, the day was a great success, despite trying weather conditions, and it is hoped that this will once more become a regular feature in the Summer Term Fasti.



In the Junior category (3rd form only), there were some terrific talents on display which suggest that Shrewsbury can look forward to several years of success in Athletics. Nick Entwisle (SH) dominated the sprints, winning the Hurdles and 200m and coming 2nd in the 100m behind Max Paronage (S). Gene Ratanadaros won the Long Jump and came second in the Triple Jump, as well as earning 2nd place in the 800m behind Oscar Dickins. Oscar also ran in the 1500m, coming second behind Ben Remnant (Ch), who won in a very impressive 4:51.5. Tom Breese (PH) showed great athleticism with a first place in the Triple Jump, second place in the High Jump and third place in the Long Jump. In the throwing events, Giles Holroyd showed great promise in the Shot, winning with a throw of 9.80m, while Leo Sartain won the Javelin with a throw of 25.30. Anton Nelson took gold in the discus, managing 27.15m - an excellent achievement in this age group. The relay was won by Severn Hill in a very quick 52.7. Indeed, overall honours - and a rather handsome trophy - went to **Severn Hill** in this age group, winning from their closest rivals Oldham's by 16 points.

In the Intermediate category (4th and 5th form), **Grove** were victorious, with excellent displays in both track and field. Stuart Brown (G) took gold in both 400m and Javelin, while Ivan Sanin (G) secured first place in the Discus and second in the Shot. Samson Yick (G) earned gold in the Triple Jump, and Grove also won a very dramatic 4x100m relay, which went right down to the wire on the home straight against Moser's. It was Moser's who took second place overall in this category, with some fine performances on the track from Chike Kandi who took gold in the 100m in a blistering 11.1 seconds - the fastest time of the day (and, incidentally, around the national standard in this age group). Chike also won the Hurdles in 16.0 seconds, while fellow Moserite Misha Lepekhov earned silver in the 200m behind James Plaut (S), who won in 24.4

seconds. In the middle-distance events, Otto Clarke (S) took first place in the 800m with a very quick 2:15.7, while Rory Fraser (Ch) led from the start to take first place in the 1500m in 4:50.8.



The Senior category (Sixth form) saw some exceptional performances, but once again it was **Severn Hill** who took the overall trophy, defeating their closest rivals Rigg's by just seven points. This victory was largely down to their dominance in the middle-distance events and the jumps. Seb Blake (S) took first place in the 800m, while Ed Mallett (S) took the honours in the 1500m, in times of 2:09.9 and 4:36.6 respectively, Alex Styles (S) won the Long Jump, and Rob

Cross (S) the High Jump. In the Hurdles, Matt Davies (M) was victorious in 17.9 seconds, while Jack Hudson-Williams (PH) took first place in the 100m, in a time of 11.5 seconds. Howard Stringer (PH) dominated the 200m and the 400m, winning both comfortably, while the relays was also won by Port Hill in an exceptionally quick 47.5 seconds. In the field, Charles Cameron (M) took gold in the discus and second in the shot, behind Sam Lapage (R) who threw 10.84m. The Javelin was won by James Kynaston (Ch), who managed to throw 32.50.



The girls' event was a closely-fought contest, with victories for both houses in both track and field. The sprints were dominated by Libby Naylor (EDH), who won both the 80m Hurdles and the 400m. Issy Barber (EDH) took gold in the 100m with a time of 14.9, and Anna Thompson (MSH) won the 200m in 32.9. Imola Atkins (MSH) ran away with victory in the 800m in 2:50.2, over 12 seconds ahead of her closest rival Becky Home (MSH). The 1500m was much closer,

between Amy Stockdale (EDH) and Imola Atkins, with Amy just taking it in 5:47.3. In the field, there were victories for Polly Bingham (MSH) in the Long Jump, and Daisy McConnell (EDH) in the triple jump, while Cressida Adams (EDH) took gold in the High Jump, clearing 1.35m. Lucy Emms (MSH) secured an impressive victory in the discus, managing to throw nearly two metres further than second place, while Holly Free (EDH) took the honours in the Javelin. **Emma Darwin Hall** just took the overall prize from Mary Sidney Hall, winning by just eight points in total.



The overall boys' victor on the day was **Severn Hill**, who showed great athletic skill and talent in all three age groups. Congratulations to them and to all 13 houses, each of whom took part with great spirit and energy.

The tug-of-war provided some light relief for the spectators, but it was a gritty contest for the several dozen competitors, and victory eventually went to Ingram's in a dramatic final on what was, by the end, a rather muddy pitch!

Each age category, as well as comprising an Inter-House competition, was also the chance for individuals to shine, and the competitor who had won the most points for his/her House was awarded with a trophy: the Victor Ludorum (for the boys) and the Victrix Ludorum (for the girls). In the Junior category, **Nick Entwisle** (SH) picked up the trophy, for his two gold medals in the 80m Hurdles and the 100m, his silver in the 200m, as well as his part in the 4x100 relays, in which School House came third. In the Inters age group, **Stuart Brown** (G) took the



honours, winning both the 400m and the Javelin, and also competing in the winning Grove 4x100m relay team. The Seniors Victor Ludorum was awarded to **Howard Stringer** (PH) for winning the 200m, the 400m, and helping Port Hill to win gold in the 4x100m. The first-ever Shrewsbury School Victrix Ludorum was awarded to **Libby Naylor**, for winning the 100m Hurdles, the 400m, and her part in the victorious Emma Darwin Hall 4x100m relay team. Huge congratulations to these four athletes for their tremendous performances.

Thanks to everyone who supported this event and well done to all participants on a great day for sport at Shrewsbury School.

IPH





Henry Newbould (Ch 3) selected for the National Youth Jazz Collective (NYJC) Summer School

Tuesday 15 May 2012



Henry Newbould (Ch 3) has been selected for the 2012 National Youth Jazz Collective Summer School (Junior Course). This success comes on the back of Henry's achievement winning the Senior Woodwind prize. Henry's main instrument is the Alto Sax, but also plays the Baritone and Soprano sax in a number of school orchestras, bands and ensembles as well as the Bassoon and piano. Outside of school, Henry is a member of the Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra where he plays lead Alto. The National Youth Jazz Collective is a vibrant National Youth Music organisation designed to support the creative and educational needs of the young jazz musician through regional outreach projects and an annual national summer school. Summer School students are selected by competitive audition, auditions having taken place during the Easter holidays across the country.

The 2012 National Youth Jazz Summer School will be held at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, from 12th to 19th August and culminates in a performance involving all participants on 18th August, preceded by a seminar hosted by Jazz FM's Helen Mayhew on "Good Practice for Young Jazz Musicians". The Summer School consists of 30 participants on the Senior course and 20 on the Junior course and is made up from the UK's most gifted and talented young jazz musicians aged 14 - 18 who will work on small group improvisational jazz with some of the country's leading performers and educators including NYJC's Founder and Executive Artistic Director Issie Barratt, Nic France, Nikki Iles, Mark Lockheart, Liam Noble, Jeremy Price, Percy Pursglove, Nick Smart, Martin Speake and Mike Walker.



Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch 5) wins Alderley Young Singer of the Year

Tuesday 15 May 2012

Laurence Jeffcoate (Ch 5) took part in the Alderley Edge Music Festival last weekend. Alderley Edge is a large Festival running for five days in several venues and includes classes for choirs and ensembles as well as solo instrumentalists and vocalists. One of the highlights of the Festival is the Alderley Edge Young Singer of the Year recital class for years 10 -13 which is held on the Friday night and requires each competitor to sing three different songs - one classical, one folk and one musical theatre. Laurence sang "O Del Mio Dolce Ardor", an unaccompanied folksong, "Manx Lullaby", and "A Bit of Earth" from the musical The Secret Garden. He sang two of these pieces for his recent grade 8 singing exam, in which he was awarded a Distinction.



Last year Laurence came second in the competition, but this year he went one better and won First prize. The adjudicator, soprano Lynne Rogers, said it was "an extremely musical performance". In particular she liked Laurence's rendition of "A Bit of Earth", which she described as a "tingling performance - exciting and moving". In summing up she said, "This really was a complete recital as it showed you singing in three completely different ways."

Laurence was asked to sing in the gala concert on Saturday night and chose to sing "A Bit of Earth". This is the same piece which he sang when he won the Shrewsbury School Senior singing competition earlier in the year.

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New location for lunchtime drinks at Henley Royal Regatta - Wednesday 27 and Saturday 30 June

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Lunch-time drinks for all supporters and parents of the competing 1st VIII and 2nd VIII - Wednesday 27 June 12 noon until 13.30

Please note that the drinks will now be held at Henley Cricket Club Ground - postcode RG9 3DB. The entrance is at Remenham Lane and Matson Drive between Butlers Field and the known landmark of the Little Angel Pub, 200 yards from the Leander Club main road entrance.

This is an opportunity for parents, crew members, coaches and supporters to meet at the opening day of the Regatta and also provides a useful rendezvous location.

Sabrina Drinks Party - Saturday 30th June 12.00 noon to 14.15

The Sabrina Club Henley Drinks Party at the Henley Cricket Club Ground (as Wednesday above).

For more details of these events, please contact Nick Randall (Sabrina Captain) nick@ruthinsim.co.uk or telephone 01824 707 953



'Non-rower', Dan Howie, to enter the Toughest Rowing Race on Earth

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Dan Howie (Ch 1998 - 03) - pictured left on the photograph - who never rowed at Shrewsbury or indeed ever until earlier this month, has entered for the toughest rowing race on Earth. As one of a 2-man crew, along with his rowing partner, Will North, Dan hopes to successfully compete in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, 2013.. The race will start in December 2013 on the island of La Gomera in the Canary Islands and will finish approximately 3,000 miles away in English Harbour, Antigua an estimated 40 – 70 days later. Dan is aiming to raise £100,000 for three charities; Cancer Research UK, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and St Anna's.



It is one of the ultimate tests of endurance which will require the two men to take approximately 720 two-hour shifts on the oars, a total of 1440 hours, facing 40ft waves, attention from sharks, shipping lanes and extreme temperatures.

A challenge like this is an expensive undertaking (an estimated £80,000 will be needed to fund the campaign) and therefore Dan is currently seeking corporate sponsorship to enable him to get to the start line. If your business, or the company you are employed by are interesting in being a part of this campaign in some way, then please contact Dan on 07793 970 598 or email atlanticrow2013@gmail.com. He would be delighted to hear from you.



More information available from their website: www.atlanticrow2013.com and a factsheet which gives more details can be downloaded [here](#).



Churchill's: A weekly blog by Finn McCormack

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Third former Finn McCormack has undertaken to write a weekly blog on life as a Churchillian, as part of his DofE Bronze award. He will be writing up each week over three months, which will be published on the Churchill's News page: www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/churchills-news-and-photos.

Finn's first blog covers the thrilling House Quiz Finals, and the tiny injury to Rory Fraser's toe that ended up with Rory hospitalised and having an operation before septicaemia set in - with photographic evidence.

A Week in the Life of Brendan Parsons (SH 4)

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Monday

Ahh Monday.... The start of a new week. Fortunately for me, Monday is not a bad day; after a trek to the music department for period 1, I feel invigorated and full of life (generally) – in tune with the world! After this wonderful start the day continues averagely with a few lessons until sport. My sport is rowing and I am in the J15 A crew. Today's session is particularly good as we get to go out in small boats, a single scull or a pair. I generally get my work done early and spend my evening relaxing. My dorm is frequently entertained by Mr. Bell's 'high quality' jokes, his latest being 'What do you call a girl with a pint of beer on her head?' 'Beatrix!' and then, 'what do you call a girl with a pint of beer on her head who is playing snooker?' 'Beatrix Potter!' Oh dear!!!



Tuesday

Another early start and this time it is for tutor groups. My tutor is Mrs Wordie who is an expert in German as she is German! We discussed what film to watch on our tutor trip. My first lesson is DT, sometimes referred to as a 'beef' but this is not always true as you have to work hard to get things done on time. On Tuesdays I have very little free time, at lunch I have concert band, in which I play the clarinet. It is taken by Mrs Landon another School House tutor so I cannot escape! After periods 6 and 7 I have just enough time to change before rowing. It is known as 'torture Tuesday' as we often use the rowing machines or ergos. Having finished this I go straight to tea and then to the music school for Big Band. After this I have just enough time to finish my work before bed.

Wednesday

Another 8:30 start, this time it is chapel. First lesson is English with Mr Middleton followed by German. Wednesdays have the added bonus of being half days and there is no music which means I can actually do some work! Wednesday is also an opportunity for me to rest and catch up on missed sleep, although it is one of the longer rowing sessions.



Thursday

On Thursday I have to be ready for School by 8am as it is Brass Quintet. I then have Double German with Dr Minns which is always a truly uplifting experience. I then have maths with the amiable Mr Lucas followed by Double Chemistry with Mr Schofield who has only been here a year. In the afternoon I become half of the dual coaching team (along with Toby Thomas) helping Mr Bell to train our mighty novice four crew. Although there is still room for improvement I am confident of success! I then have a hard rowing session myself followed by wind band in the evening. This is the hardest of all my ensembles especially when there is not much wind left in me after rowing!

Friday

No early start today. Friday lessons are nice and relaxing! Periods 4 and 5 I have IT and PSHE with The Reverend Dobbie. This is the high point of the week! I also look forward to fish and chips for lunch and then it is Maths and French. In the afternoon it is rowing again. We are preparing for a regatta tomorrow. I go straight to tea and then it is clarinet quartet immediately followed by brass band. A hectic evening!



Saturday

Once again I have to get up early, (it is lucky I sleep well as I am in a typically well-ordered School House dorm), this time it is for the marching band. We can be heard sometimes playing in the Fives courts as people go to lessons. On Saturdays in English we have a resetting test this time on our study book, 'The Custody of the Pumpkin' by PG Wodehouse. At 1:45 I have to be down at the boathouse for a regatta. It is between the RSSBC, The Pengwern Boat club, Guildford and a crew from Paris – the vestiges of the Shrewsbury Regatta which was cancelled due to wet weather. To select our categories we do a timed 'head' type race. My eight happily set the fastest time of the day. In our first side-by-

side race we are up against the 5th form four. It was the second fastest crew and we beat it easily. There followed a long wait and then we raced the under 14 A octuplet. They would have the advantage of the inside and twice the oar surface area, but we were not going to let them win! After a short but intense race we beat them by about a length of clear water, a great success indeed. Following this I went home for a weekend with my family to celebrate my birthday!



House Quiz 2012 - a thrilling final between Radbrook and Churchill's B

Thursday 17 May 2012

16 teams entered this year's house quiz. 12 matches therefore decided the final four to take to the stage of Ashton Theatre on the evening of Friday 11th May. With School House, the defending champions, beaten in the quarter finals, not one of the three houses represented in the semi-finals had won the competition in its current format.

The first semi-final was between Mary Sidney and Churchill's B team. Mary Sidney started strongly but Oliver Hope (4th form) continued his dominant form from the earlier rounds and enabled Churchill's B to secure a place in the final with a score of 200-120.

The second semi-final saw Radbrook against Churchill's A team. The combined force of Ralph Wade (5th form) and James Brent (L6) proved too strong for Churchill's as they powered towards a resounding 225-85 victory.

The final match between Radbrook and Churchill's B was set. The lead changed hands on several occasions, 105-105 at the halfway stage and 205-205 with 3 minutes to play. Churchill's B were narrowly in the lead when Hope buzzed in after the first seven words of a question 'Which is the odd one out of?'. Clairvoyance is sadly not Oliver's strong suit (he was very impressive on a whole array of other subjects though). This handed the advantage to Radbrook who sealed the victory with the final 85 points all going their way. Final score: 290-205.

Congratulations to the Radbrook team consisting of James Brent (L6), Ralph Wade (5th), Greg Bunting (4th) and Sasha Arridge (3rd). It should be noted that Oliver Hope was the 'most valuable player' buzzing in correctly 33 times throughout the competition, with James Brent successful on 26 starter questions.

I hope that those involved in the evening will be inspired to take on King Edward's Birmingham and others at the Schools' Challenge in November.

CWO

The House Quiz finals are also written up by Finn McCormack (Cb 3), who has just started writing a weekly blog of House life as part of his DoJE Bronze award. His blog can be found on the Churchill's News page: www.shrewsbury.org.uk/page/churchills-news-and-photos.



Cricket: w/c 7th May 2012

Thursday 17 May 2012

1st XI

The 1st XI side faced Repton at home on one of the rare occasions Senior has been playable this term. With some players keen to avenge the football defeat to Repton earlier in the season, the 1st XI went about executing their work in devilish fashion. Repton batted first and the hosts restricted them to a measly 102 all out from 42 overs. Ruaidhri Smith was the pick of the bowlers taking 5 for 24 off his 10 overs. Shrewsbury then set about the low total in stylish fashion, with captain Henry Lewis not out on 52. Knocking off the total inside 30 overs confirmed Shrewsbury's dominance in this fixture and ensured a comfortable 9 wicket victory.

The dominance over Repton continued as the U16A XI posted 160 on the board and whittled their opponents out for just 84, with captain Charlie White taking 3 wickets in an over. The U15B XI side was narrowly beaten by Repton as they attempted to chase down their opponents total of 145. Falling four runs short on 141 all out, Shrewsbury put in a valiant attempt with Henry Craig scoring a fantastic 70. Earlier in the week the U15B XI beat Wrekin College by nine wickets in a comfortable game.

The U15A XI were not so fortunate against Repton, with a poor display resulting in a nine wicket loss. The U14A side were set a total of 116 to win against Repton, however a very poor start on a bad pitch saw them 6-4 at one point. They did manage to recover however through Max Parsonage (29 no) James Harris (23) and Tom Breese (23) yet they still fell just four runs short of their target. Fairing better against their Repton opponents were the U14C team who defended their total of 92, whittling the opposition out for 61. This was the only bright spark in the junior section as the U14B XI side were also defeated by Repton.

Mr A. Barnard

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Tennis v Shrewsbury High School

Thursday 17 May 2012

Shrewsbury School took three pairs of girls to play Shrewsbury High School away last week.

The first pair consisted of Katy Mason-Jones and Alice Paul and they came up against very strong opposition playing at a high level. However Shrewsbury fought well and played to the best of their ability but lost 6-0, 6-3. Our second pair of Imola Atkins and Helen Harris won 6-3, 6-2 dominating the play, demonstrating great team work but also movement around the court. Third pair Becky Home and Elen Murphy also won 6-3, 6-3 and once again came up against good opposition but executed some superb ground strokes from the back of the court.

Overall Shrewsbury won 3-2.

Miss A. Hartsborne

Rounders v Bedstone College

Thursday 17 May 2012

Saturday 12th May saw Shrewsbury School go away to Bedstone College for a rounders fixture.

Shrewsbury played extremely well and dominated the first innings winning 11-3. The second innings Shrewsbury won 10.5 - 7. Throughout the game Shrewsbury demonstrated precise and immaculate fielding and strong bowling; it was a pleasure to watch. Overall score 21.5 – 10.

Miss A. Hartsborne



Athletics: Shropshire County Track and Field Championship

Thursday 17 May 2012

Eleven individual gold medals, and a good collection of silver and bronze too!

On Saturday we took a number of athletes to the Shropshire County Track and Field Championship at Oakengates in Telford. Several athletes were hoping to defend the titles they won at last year's event, which was particularly successful for us, while others were hoping to make a name for themselves on the local athletics scene in their first county event.

In the U15 category, Anton Nelson performed well in the field, picking up three medals: bronze for javelin and shot, and gold for discus, while Leo Sartain picked up silver in the shot. Gene Ratanadaros won gold for the triple jump and silver and bronze in the long jump and 1500m respectively. Ben Remnant also ran the 1500m, picking up silver with a personal best time of 4:49 - a very impressive time indeed for a third former, and a great platform to build on. Nick Entwisle was arguably the star performer in this age category though, with excellent sprinting performances to take gold in both the 100m and 200m, as well as taking bronze in the high jump. Finn McCormack and Sam Mitchell also ran well in the sprints and 400m respectively.

In the U17 category, Ivan Sanin was rewarded for some aggressive and determined throwing with gold medals in both the shot and the discus. Chike Kandi won the 100m by several metres in 11.5 seconds, while James Plaut took bronze. James had another chance to shine later in the afternoon, taking gold in the 200m in 23.5 seconds, with Stuart Brown unluckily placed just outside the medals. Chike also competed in the high jump and triple jump, gaining gold and bronze respectively in these events.

At senior level, Seb Blake ran a very quick 1500m to take silver in 4:19 (a personal best by several seconds), while Matt Davies picked up a bronze in the 110m hurdles. Howard Stringer stunned everyone by winning gold in both the 200m and 400m Junior Men events by a comfortable distance in his age group, despite running these events within 20 minutes of one another. After a 5-minute break, Howard then took part in the relay team, to win his third gold medal in half an hour! Admittedly, the opposition in the relays were in the U17 category, but they were all fully-rested, and their team included the individual gold-winning sprinters!

Charles Cameron, Rory Sykes-Waller and Josh Mason all threw well in the field events, but were pushed outside the medal positions by some national-level talents from Telford AC.

Well done to all who competed on this very enjoyable and successful day of athletics.

Mr I. Haworth



Finn's Blog: Finn McCormack reflects on House life over the last week

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How many times have you been annoyed to the point of frustration when watching quiz shows such as University Challenge or Mastermind, knowing the answer to a question that the contestant has no idea of? Don't you wish YOU were on that show rather than that annoyingly ignorant graduate? Well, eight intellectual Churchillians were given that chance in this year's inter-house Quiz Competition. Two teams, Churchill's A and Churchill's B, set out to classroom M1 on various weeks to put their superior general knowledge skills to good use in a University Challenge-style quiz against another House. My first match was against Rigg's, who I must say put up a fairly mediocre effort considering their supporters were sitting behind them, whispering all the answers into their ears. Nevertheless, the first round of the competition, with questions presented by a former University Challenge winner himself, maths teacher Dr. Oakley, was a fun one and we managed to win by around fifty points. As it was my first time, and having never seen University Challenge on television before, I made a few basic and embarrassing errors which earned me a few laughs from my superiors: buzzing on a bonus question, discussing on a starter and other "rookie errors", as they are often called.



Two of our quiz stars: Henry Newbould and Oliver Hope

Later in the competition, when I had been kicked out and replaced with fellow third former Henry Newbould for not answering any questions in a round against Emma Darwin Hall (whom we still beat), we came to the semi-finals. Both Churchill's teams had got through, alongside Mary Sidney and Radbrook. Thanks to Oli Hope's jaw-dropping knowledge, and Henry Newbould's wit, the B team beat MSH and got through to the final. However, our A team wasn't so lucky; lurking on the Radbrook table were two general

knowledge legends-to-be: Ralph Wade and James Brent. Our genius Hope, in whom we had indeed invested all our hope, was happily answering question after question until with the cores at 205-205 these two, with the other two members of Radbrook, came along and won the competition 280-205. But very well done to everyone in both our A and B team, great effort.



One thing I noticed in the semis was the absence of Rory Fraser from the B team table. Unfortunately, as many Churchillians know, he has been very ill in hospital with an infected leg. Charlie Gillow came round with a card which was signed by the whole House. I think Rory has got to be the first person in the Hunt injured enough to have to go to hospital during training – I never realised the Hunt was such a macho sport! Luckily he arrived back in school just in time for his GCSE exams, with a bandage around his foot, but looking just as happy as ever. Let's hope he can start running for the Hunt again as soon as possible!



Tennis v Oundle

Thursday 17 May 2012

The Shrewsbury boys travelled to Oundle on Saturday in high spirits.

The 1st VI came up against strong Oundle opposition and despite close matches the final score came out to a disappointing 9-0 defeat. The 2nd VI didn't fare much better, losing out 7-2, with the U16B (4-5), U15B (1-8) and U14B (4-5) following suit. The bright lights were victories for the U16B VI (5-4), the U15A VI (7-2) and U14A VI (5-4) who all defeated their Oundle opposition.

Overall the Shrewsbury squads were defeated 3-5.

1 st	A	L	0-9
2 nd	A	L	2-7
U14A	A	W	5-4
U14B	A	L	4-5
U16B	H	L	4-5
U15A	H	W	7-2
U15B	H	L	1-8

Mr M. Harding



Leavers' interviews in Chapel: Charlie Straw (S)

Thursday 17 May 2012

Each summer term a small number of leavers are interviewed in Chapel about their time at Shrewsbury by their housemasters or tutors. Charlie Straw spoke movingly in his interview with his tutor, Kristina Leslie, earlier this month, and we have chosen to publish the interview here in lieu of a 'Week in the Life' article.



Can you say a bit about your background?

I was born in Chester and was brought up on the Wirral. I went to Birkenhead School, an all boys' day school. I have a Dad, Mum and Sister: Jonty, Debby and Bryony. Jonty is a Quantity Surveyor, Debs is a Cordon Bleu cook for her own company and Bryony is at Uni in Reading. We're a pretty standard family. My interests growing up were Rugby, Fancy Dress, Sailing and Ray Charles.

Why did you come to Shrewsbury?

I found out fairly recently that it was my parents' intention all along to send me here, therefore I didn't really look at any other schools. Furthermore, my uncle came here and my Mum went to Moreton Hall, so they will have been aware of the school for years. There is a history of a few boys coming here from Birkenhead, Jamie Bradshaw and I are the only representatives in the U6th.

What were your first impressions of Shrewsbury?

My First impression was probably the same as everyone else's: it was huge. Birkenhead was fairly large, but there were only sixty boys in a year, it seemed strange that I didn't know everyone's name in my classes when I came, having to make friends wasn't something I was used to as I'd been at the same school for 10 years before I came.

The U6th were demi-gods. They seemed to be fully grown adults who were unbelievably comfortable in their surroundings, riding their bikes, going into town and wearing their High School and Moreton Hall hoodies. They were feared but respected: I liked that.

The teachers were mad. Teachers were boring at Birkenhead. Here they had character and actually cracked the occasional joke (and I am not referring to Mr. Bell). I'll never forget my first latin lesson, with Mr Sheppe coincidentally. It was a resetting test and once we had finished the paper he asked us to write a short story of a pigeon that was found dead on the floor. Being the overly keen 3rd former I was I poured my heart in that essay, I thought it was quite profound. Sadly I have never seen it since...

What three moments have defined the last five years?

The first moment actually came before I arrived at Shrewsbury. It was when my mum was battling cancer for the second time that a group of old friends decided that they didn't like me



any more. I was already down, and now didn't have the support of my friends. I wouldn't say I had a rough time, but I certainly felt excluded and a victim. I still don't know to this day what I did wrong but for some reason they don't feel that way towards me. The good thing that came out of this time was that I made the conscious decision to be friends with every person I met here. I'd like to think that to this day I could have a chat with anyone in my year as a friend, if of course they like me back. It makes me sound very self righteous, as of course everyone falls out with people and some point, but I'm talking more about not judging someone because they're not popular or 'cool' or if you do fall out, get over it and move on.

The second was playing the song 'Driftwood' in the house soiree in Third Form. It was the first time I'd ever sung for an audience and I loved it. It led to being called 'drifters' by my house for a few years, but that was just banter. Now music is a huge part of my life; I play with a variety of people, all of whom are far more talented than me and have played in some great venues. I also took the first cringey steps of writing my own songs. In short, if I hadn't come to Shrewsbury I'm not sure I would have found my passion - even though that passion isn't sport.

Another moment I won't forget came last year. This was not being made a postor. Prior to the selection people would say to me that they I hoped I was Head of School etc etc. I wasn't. Firstly this was great as my ego exploded. The whole of my school career I had wanted to be a postor, but just because something is assumed to be a good, doesn't necessarily mean that it is the right thing for you. I do what I do because I love doing it.



What are you favourite parts of the school, what makes this school special?

Location wise, probably that bit at the bottom of Oldham's gap where you look down on The Quarry, the river and the boathouse. We all over time forget how great the location of this school is and how picturesque this area is.

I also think the art building has got the best atmosphere in the school and I would recommend studying art to anyone here who enjoys being creative.

Apart from that, I love the things that the school does that aren't designed to get you and A in your exams, such as Thursday afternoon activities and Societies' Hour. I really enjoy debating and have done so for most of my Shrewsbury School life. I also learnt useful skills on a Thursday such scuba diving, cooking and even riding a horse.

As you're in your final term, any regrets?

It'd be great to stand here and say I don't regret anything I've done or not done here, but I think I regret not doing art for GCSE; not going on any Spanish exchange trips; spending so much money in the grot shop; not working hard enough for AS (retakes are a pain); signing up for morning swimming;

getting a cringe-worthy quote on the back of my iPod AND misspelling it; not getting a hair cut over coach weekend.

What does the future hold?

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MAGALUF! After exams I'm going for a lads' holiday with Severn Hill. All being well and I get the grades I hope to go up to Leeds Uni to study Graphic and Communication Design as I hope to end up in the world of advertising in the future. If not, I would love to become a musician and play songs for my dinner. Yet that dream is on the back burner for now as exams are probably more important.

Any messages?

Yes, I would just say that don't hold grudges with people, as you'll only end up a bitter person. Be nice and smile! We don't live a *Made in Chelsea* or *Only way is Essex* world so don't get hung up on small things, as a famous person said: 'Great minds talk about ideas, average minds talk about events and the worst minds talk about people'.



2012 Scholarships

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*The following **Scholarships** have been awarded by Shrewsbury School:*

THIRD FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

Butler Scholarships:

J.A. Himsworth (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
T.A.W. Tulloch (Packwood Haugh)
E.L. Chapman (Prestfelde)

Kennedy Scholarships:

C.M. Speed (S. Anselm's)
M.X.A.M.C. Schützer-Weissmann (Prestfelde)

Moss Scholarships:

F.J.J. Simmons (Aysgarth School)
J.J. Mattinson (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
M.H.J. Morris (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
B.M.W. Jones (Prestfelde)

Alington Scholarships:

N.W. Davis (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
W.S. Bedson (Prestfelde)
A. Kim (Terra Nova Preparatory School)
P. Cope (S. Anselm's)
G.C. Morris (Packwood Haugh)
R.W.R. Davies (Packwood Haugh)
S.T.F. Russell (The Elms)
W.J. Lugo (The Ryleys)

All-Rounder Scholarships:

E.L. Chapman (Prestfelde)
N. Davis (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
D.J. Orchard (Prestfelde)

Art Scholarships:

W.A.F. Biggs-Lovell (Terra Nova)
C.A.S. Barratt (Moor Park)

Music Scholarships:

N.W. Davis (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
J.A. Himsworth (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)
B.C.P. Higgins (Elstree School)
D.J. Orchard (Prestfelde)
R.J. Orchard (Prestfelde)
J.S. Thevathasan (Prestfelde)

Music Exhibitions:

J.G. Eccleston (Pinewood School)
G.W. Holder (Aysgarth School)
C. Kathuria (Packwood Haugh)

Sports Scholarships:

G. Hargrave (Packwood Haugh)
C.E. Home (Birchfield School)
F.D. Fielding (Packwood Haugh)
J. Malyon (Yarlet School)
C.J. Tait-Harris (Birchfield School)

SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships:

Gabrielle Byrne (Merchant Taylor's School, Liverpool) -
Academic & Drama
Crystal Chan (St Paul's Co-educational College, Hong Kong)
Elizabeth Collins (Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls)
Elinor Dolphin (Shrewsbury High School)



Stanley Hau (Reed's School, Surrey)
Arthur Kung (St Paul's College, Hong Kong)
Irene Kwan (Maryknoll Convent, Hong Kong)
Denton Lee (St Paul's Co-educational College, Hong Kong)
Thomas Miller (Priory School, Shrewsbury)
Ella Williams (Alderley Edge School for Girls, Cheshire)
Awen Blandford (Ysgol Maes Garmon, Flintshire)
Michael Cheng (Wah Yan College, Hong Kong)
Charlotte Harris (Cathedral School Llandaff, Cardiff)

Music Scholarships:

Sports Scholarships:

Niall Barrow (King's School, Chester)
William Cook (Bridgnorth Endowed, Shropshire)
Joanna Cull (Winchcombe School, Gloucestershire)

**- Margaret Cassidy
Scholarship:**

Joseph Carrasco (Llanfyllin High School, Powys)

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RSSBC Girls: WJ17 2X Notts City

Monday 21 May 2012

Amy Stockdale and Bridget Lapage took to Notts City as part of their preparations to qualify for the National Schools Regatta (on the same course) on Saturday 2nd June. There will be around 25 boats in a time trial on the Saturday morning, competing for the 12 places to race in the Regatta.

They were racing amongst established crews and despite being dropped off the start, eventually rowed down Kings School Worcester to finish in a time of 8:25. A promising result highlighting some key areas to work on over the next few days.

CHLW

Weekend Activities: Mountain biking on the Long Mynd

Monday 21 May 2012



We enjoyed a day on the Long Mynd mountain biking with boys on a weekend activity. The sun came out as we dashed about the many varied trails. There were a few tumbles, but we all ended the day with smiles and aching legs.

Many thanks to Matt and Rich from Gateway Outdoors for guiding and bike hire.

PAK

RSSBC: Nottingham City Regatta

Monday 21 May 2012

1st VIII defeat Radley in the Final!

The 1st and 2nd 8's made the trip to Nottingham on Saturday to compete on the water that they will re-visit in two weeks' time at the National Schools' Regatta.

The 1st 8, racing in Junior 8's, had stiff competition in their event - notably from Radley and Hampton. Radley we had already raced and beaten, but Hampton, 2nd at Schools' Head, we had not.

Our crew was in the first of 2 heats, 3 from 4 to the final; after 500m our crew were heading Hampton by a canvas when they decided that 2nd place was good enough for them. Radley won the other heat, setting up a juicy final. However, due to an illness within their crew Hampton withdrew from the final and left our crew to win the event by a length over our old adversaries Radley.



1st 8 leading Radley, Final J8's

So, still unbeaten as we proceed to NSR, it is certainly going to be an interesting Regatta!

The 2nd 8, competing in the senior age group IM3 8 had another hard day's training, however, every time they do compete they learn more about how to race the long 2K form of our sport. Having failed to reach the final directly from their heat, our boys won the recharge, leading the race from start to finish.

The final involved another battle against Shiplake 1st 8, who had beaten us in the heat, aim now, to beat them in the final. As normal the race started with our crew near the back of the pack, however, only 1/2 length down on Shiplake at 1000m and then several pushes brought us ahead. Unlike previous races we were able to maintain this position to the line!

The 2nd 8 (Elsenham Cup) at NSR is going to be a very tough event this year with a few really good 2nd 8's. However, provided the next 2 weeks go to plan, we hope to be in the mix for honours in 2 weeks' time.

PM



2nd 8, at the start, final IM3 8's



Shrewsbury's 2012 Wind Prizes

Monday 21 May 2012

The three classes of Wind Prize competitions took place earlier this term, starting with the Intermediates - for performers of Grade 7 / Grade 8 ability - which was won by Harry Fox (PH 5 - Saxophone), Highly Commended by Christopher Pearce (I L6 - Clarinet), and Commended by Joe Davies (M 3 - Saxophone).

Junior Wind Prize, for performers from Grade 1 - Grade 6 ability, was won by George Panayi (Ch 3 - Saxophone) who has only been playing since September. Highly Commended was awarded to Brook Plumptre (SH 4 - Saxophone) and Commended to Jake Samuel (O 3 - Saxophone) and Daniel Edwards (S 4 - Clarinet).

Both the Intermediate and Junior Classes were adjudicated by Oboist, Anna Powell.

The culmination of the Wind Prizes this year was the Senior Class - for performers of Grade 8 and above - which was adjudicated by Douglas Mitchell, ex-Co-Principal Clarinet of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. This class was won by Henry Newbould (Ch 3 - Saxophone). Highly commended was awarded to Martin Chow (SH L6 - Clarinet) and Commended to Carys Gittins (EDH U6 - Flute).

MLC



Ridgemount: Sunday's trip to the Climbing Centre

Monday 21 May 2012



The view from Ridgemount one summer's evening





RSSBC: J14 Private match at Abingdon School

Monday 21 May 2012

22 Third Form rowers travelled to Oxfordshire on Saturday, to compete against their opposite numbers from Abingdon and Bedford schools.

Racing was conducted as a round robin, between A, B and C crews. In the A crew event, our crew comfortably dispatched Bedford, and were then involved in a titanic contest with Abingdon - Abingdon got the nod on the line by the smallest of margins. Our B crew, slightly weakened by absences, still beat Bedford B, but lost out to Abingdon B. We didn't quite have enough boys for a full C crew, so, bolstered by some boys from Abingdon, the 'Abingbury C' crew boated. The composite crew overcame Bedford C, and was much closer to Abingdon C than we might have expected - a top performance.



The day was finished off with some fun scratch races with crews made up from all three schools. Many thanks to Abingdon School and their coaches for being such excellent hosts.

Now just two weeks to go until National Schools, where all three clubs will be competing for honours against the best crews from around the country.

RMW



Swimming: Shropshire Secondary Schools' Gala

Tuesday 22 May 2012

Two gold medals, two silver, and one bronze.

Howard Stringer, Alex Facey, Darren Wong, Koden Lam, Benny Wong, Tom Sykes, James Attenborough and Nat Chumbala represented the school this week in the Shropshire County Swimming Championships. All eight of them swam brilliantly with the majority achieving personal best times. We returned home proudly with two gold medals, two silver and one bronze.

Tom annihilated both of his personal best times for the 100m breaststroke and 200m individual medley. In both events, he was way ahead of the field and so secured us the two gold medals. Howard swam extremely well in both of his events - the 100m breaststroke and 100m front crawl - to bag us the two silver medals. Koden clinched the bronze medal for his superb performance in the 100m front crawl. He broke the minute, swimming 59.61 seconds. He also competed in the 100m fly and just missed out on a medal position.

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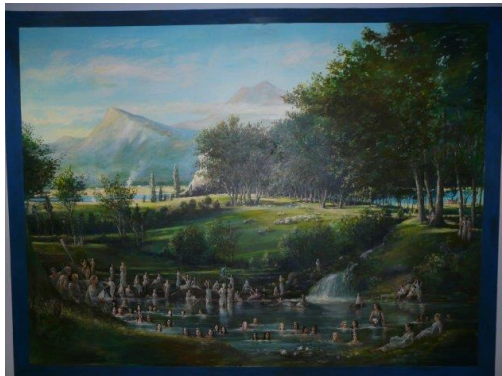


MSH: Peter Hankin's reworking of his 'Arcadia' mural, with all the girls and house team

Tuesday 22 May 2012

Sara Hankin's appointment as Housemistress of Mary Sidney Hall (MSH) was a momentous occasion in Shrewsbury's history. Not only would Sara become our first Housemistress (a post for which she was ideally suited, having already broken one glass ceiling when she was appointed Housemaster of Port Hill, which she ran for five years), but she was going to be in charge of our first girls' house, Mary Sidney Hall.

Mary Sidney Hall was named after the sister of Sir Philip Sidney - renowned poet, diplomat, courtier and soldier of the Elizabethan Age, and one of our most famous Old Salopians. Arcadia is undoubtedly Sidney's most ambitious literary work, a romance that combines pastoral elements with intertwined stories of jousts, political treachery and kidnapping. Sidney dedicated Arcadia to his sister Mary Sidney, and several versions of it were published posthumously after his death in 1586 - one of which was a reworking by Mary Sidney herself, now known as the Countess of Pembroke, in 1593.



By the time our first cohort of girls arrived into our newly co-educational Sixth Form in September 2008, Sara and Peter Hankin had made themselves at home in Mary Sidney Hall. After considerable research, Peter undertook to paint a stunning mural of Arcadia in the hall of Mary Sidney Hall, which has been much admired ever since.

Every so often, Peter has made a small change to his mural here or there - some of the sheep have shifted positions, a bit more detail has been added - and at one point for fun he recently he painted in one of the girls. This caused a flurry of requests from the other girls, and has resulted in Peter spending days poised on the floor, painstakingly painting every one of the current cohort of girls in MSH, along with all the house team.

Clicking on the photo above right will show the whole painting in more detail, as well as some close-up shots.

As Sara moves on from MSH at the end of this term, to join the school's Senior Leadership Team as Deputy Head (Academic Staff), this mural has particular significance. Peter has even painted in Sara's successor, Anna Peak, with her family, who appear to be walking slowly down from the North towards the centre of the picture.



Oldham's newest recruit: Edward Charles Borthwick Johnson

Tuesday 22 May 2012



Edward Charles Borthwick Johnson, born 10.47am, 8th May 2012 - a brother for Lizzie.



MSH: More detail on Peter Hankin's 'Arcadia' mural

Wednesday 23 May 2012



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Seven pupils with offers to study Medicine

Wednesday 23 May 2012

We are absolutely delighted that seven of our current Upper Sixth pupils have managed to secure conditional offers to study Medicine next year.

Our successful candidates have had to go through an extremely competitive selection process, needing a strong academic track record, and having to perform well in the stringent UKCAT entrance exam common to most UK medical schools. At interview they had to demonstrate a commitment to the vocation of medicine through a portfolio of caring and voluntary work, as well as being able to describe experiences in clinical settings.

As members of the School's [Medical Society](#), they attended many talks and seminars to prepare for the realities and rigors of this most demanding but rewarding of professions. Along with their likely destinations, our future medics are:

Tom Cousins (PH) to Birmingham
Tom Fitzpatrick (R) to Southampton
Kate Harrison (EDH) to Edinburgh
Will Hunter (Rt) to Newcastle
Kiran Morjaria (I) to Leeds
Emerald Storey (MSH) to Cardiff
Howard Stringer (PH) to Birmingham

We wish them all every success in getting their required A grades at A Level, and beyond.

One of our leavers from last year, Jack Houghton (I), has also secured a place to start studying Medicine at Southampton this year, thus bringing our 2011 total of pupils with places at Medical School to seven as well.

TSM





Cricket: w/c 14th May 2012

Thursday 24 May 2012

1st XI

The 1st XI took on Sedbergh on Saturday as part of the block fixture against our northern rivals. The game didn't disappoint as Shrewsbury posted 160 from their 50 overs. Not the huge total we have come to expect from our 1st XI, however losing the toss and being inserted meant we batted through some tough damp conditions. Sedbergh set about their chase in effective fashion and looked to be heading for victory. However a collapse of major proportions and some superb bowling saw Sedbergh bowled out for 145. Snatching victory from the jaws of defeat again just highlighted the strength of character in our current crop.

The following day saw the continuation of the HMC T20 National Cup, and as defending champions Shrewsbury went in as favourites against Denstone College. Chasing a total of 96, the match was over within 13 overs which saw Shrewsbury progress comfortably through to the next round.

The **U17 XI** finally, after many postponements due to weather, completed their cup game against Bromsgrove. Batting first Shrewsbury made 153 for 4, with Harry Flowers notching a half century (54) ably supported by Ed Pollock (41). Bromsgrove never looked in serious danger of reaching the total and finished their 20 overs on 88 for 8. Henry Blofield the pick of the bowlers taking 4 wickets for 13 runs. The U16B side took on Lucton during the week and recorded a comprehensive victory. Batting first, the hosts put 210 on the board for the loss of 4 wickets. Ben Lyster-Binns the outstanding batsman on 80 not out. The visitors were all out for 47 giving Shrewsbury a 163 run victory.

The **U15A XI** were involved in an outstanding match at Sedbergh on Saturday, coming out 4 wicket winners. Needing 17 off the last over, and with the help of two no-balls and a six & four from incoming batsman Nick Pearce, Shrewsbury won from the last ball. Freddie Adair was the mainstay of the Shrewsbury innings completing a well-deserved half century, with support from Freddie Earlam. This followed a dicey fielding performance from Shrewsbury, whereby only Nick Pearce and George Lewis were the only bowlers demonstrating control over the Sedbergh batsmen. Earlier that week, the U15A XI defeated Wrekin College in the County rounds of the National ESCA T20 Trophy. They now play Ludlow School in the semi-final.

The **U14A XI** had a mixed week. First up was a dominant victory over Wrekin College in a Shropshire Cup match. The visitors batted first putting 166 for 3 on the board. James Harris (40 no) and Harry Adair (35no) were the pick of the batsmen. Wrekin were whittled out for just 24, with George Panayi and Ed Moore both claiming 3 wickets apiece.

Next up was Sedbergh on Saturday in the block fixture, and after losing the toss, Shrewsbury were asked to bowl first. Sedbergh went on to put 140 for 5 on the board, but only after a superb hat trick by Eddie Hemmings saw Sedbergh at 25-5 at one point. Chasing this total proved too much for Shrewsbury as the boys were bowled out for 94, therefore losing by 46 runs. A disappointing chase ended a mixed week for the side.

The **14C** side comfortably beat Lucton during the week to continue their unbeaten start to the season.

Mr A. Barnard



Tennis: w/c 14th May 2012

Thursday 24 May 2012

Boys U15 VI vs Corbet School

The U15 XI side travelled to Corbet School in the Aegon U15 Championships. They came away 4-2 victors, and progress into the next round. Well done to all.

Mr M. Harding

Girls vs Ellesmere College

1st pair Alice Paul and Katy Mason-Jones, 2nd pair Imola Atkins and Katie Williams.

Ellesmere, renowned for their strong tennis players, brought two very skilful pairs. The 1st pair match was fought superbly by Shrewsbury School and unfortunately the score does not demonstrate the good level of tennis played by Alice and Katy (3-6, 2-6).

Imola and Katie also came up against powerful opposition who from the base line demonstrated great power. However Shrewsbury played well as a pair and movement around court and at the net enabled a well deserved win (6-2, 6-2).

Overall, a draw 1-1.

Miss A. Hartsborne



Rounders v Shrewsbury High School and Ellesmere College

Thursday 24 May 2012

Wednesday 16th May - Shrewsbury High School

This week Shrewsbury School made the short distance to Shrewsbury High School to take part in what proved to be an outstanding rounders match.

Shrewsbury lost the toss and were inserted and batted very well, placing the ball into space and stretching the Shrewsbury High School fielders to take 7 rounders. Shrewsbury High came back strong and batted well, however Shrewsbury School demonstrated their strong fielding skills both in deep field and at the post. First innings score 7-7.

Shrewsbury School started off poorly in the 2nd innings going into the batting 4.5 down. Shrewsbury High fielded excellently and got 4 players out. However Alice Long struck a superb left hit and got Shrewsbury School up and running. The 2nd innings was very tight and came down to the final bowl where Shrewsbury School marginally lost out by ½ rounder, with the score being 4 - 4.5.

Final Score Shrewsbury High 11.5 v Shrewsbury School 11.

Saturday 19th May - Ellesmere College

Saturday saw Shrewsbury School girls play both rounders and tennis against Ellesmere College at Shrewsbury.

The rounders fixture was quite heated with Ellesmere getting 6 out to Shrewsbury 1 out, however Shrewsbury came back in the batting to take the first innings 4.5 - 3. The tension continued into the second innings where both teams increased their game, Shrewsbury school getting all 9 out to take a clear swipe before 30 good balls. Ellesmere retaliated demonstrating their consistently good batting skills and coming back to draw the second innings 5-5.

Overall, a Shrewsbury School win 9.5- 8.

Miss A. Hartsborne

John Dempsey (Ch 4) selected for Junior Orienteering Team

Thursday 24 May 2012

Fourth former John Dempsey (Ch) has been selected for the North West Junior Orienteering Squad, after a trial two weeks ago and a run that highlighted him as a potential squad member at the British Orienteering Championships at the beginning of May. He will now be going on to train in Scotland and also in Norway this summer, and hopes to get selected for the Development Team in the future, with his eyes set ultimately on becoming part of the England Orienteering Team and competing at the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC).

John is a member of the Manchester and District Orienteering Club (MDOC), and has been competing for many years with his father and his brother. Last year, his team won a silver medal in the Mens' U18 relay event in the British Orienteering Championships - despite the fact that all the team members were under 16.

John is currently ranked no. 17 in the national Mens 16s, but orienteering isn't his only talent - he came to Shrewsbury in 2010 as an All Rounder and Music scholar and plays the flute to distinction.





Kit seeks help for his Alpine Charity Ride (summer 2012)

Thursday 24 May 2012

Kit Schutzer-Weissmann (PH 2005-10) will be part of a team of 14 students + 1 driver cycling the 4,400km route over the Alps, through Northern Italy, and down The Adriatic Coast to Istanbul in aid of Help For Heroes.



The team is trying to raise £40,000 and Kit is asking the Old Salopian community for help in finding corporate sponsorship to help cover the cost, in return for fairly extensive publicity. They are hoping to get an article in each team member's local newspapers, as well as radio coverage/website/etc.

Cycles: Finally, Kit says that if there are any OS Club members who run bike companies or work for one, it would be great if they would get in touch!

For more information, the website is: <http://london-istanbul2012.com/> and Kit's Just Giving page is at <http://www.justgiving.com/KitSchutzer-Weissmann>.

Cricket: An (almost) clean sweep vs Malvern

Sunday 27 May 2012

All cricket teams performed superbly vs Malvern College on Saturday 26th May, and apart from a narrow 20 run loss at U15A level, all other teams were victorious - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U15B, U15C, U14A, U14B, U14C.

Following an encouraging start to their innings, Malvern's 1st XI batted folded under significant pressure from an outstanding spell from Ruaidhri Smith. Malvern ended 181 all out. Shrewsbury never looked in any trouble on a beautiful day in Malvern, and openers Stephen Leach and captain Henry Lewis both scored half centuries to help Shrewsbury towards an eight wicket victory.

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All rounder stars: 'Sax and Bats' (or whites, at least)

Monday 28 May 2012

Time was (writes Churchill's housemaster Richard Hudson), for example when I was myself a boy at Shrewsbury, that the stereotypical musician was thought to be a pale, spotty, weakling, occasionally emerging blinking from the music buildings (now the classics faculty) into the sunlight. The stereotypical sportsman was exact opposite: hearty, culturally illiterate, not-very-bright. In reality, of course, such stereotypes rarely existed in practice. They most certainly do not now, and musicians can be found in all the top sporting teams.

Two such all rounders are pictured here. Both boys are approaching the end of their first year at Shrewsbury, and have only just turned 14. Henry Newbould (Ch), formerly at Winterfold House, a breeding ground for some of our top musicians, has recently won the senior wind prize, beating off competition from several sixth formers. In his spare time he is captain of and wicket keeper for the U14B cricket team, currently enjoying a very successful season. George Panayi (formerly at Lockers Park), also a Churchillian, took up the saxophone six months ago and has just won the junior wind prize. George captains the U14A cricket team and is a fearsomely fast bowler with a considerable tally of wickets to his name in what is also proving a very successful season.



Both boys are music and all-rounder scholars.

RTH



An Evening of Song with Jamie McDougall, accompanied by John Moore - a review

Monday 28 May 2012

It takes an artist of exceptional versatility to bring off a sequence of pieces as varied as those which Jamie McDougall presented to an appreciative audience on Friday evening, but such was his command of the several genres that everything fell into place. Between items he added perfectly judged linking narrative, always to the point and never too long; not for nothing is he known as “the voice of classical music” on Radio Scotland.

Beginning with three of the 429 (!) Scottish folksongs arranged by Haydn, he made an immediate impression as a communicator, putting to good use the fact that he was singing from memory, as he was to do throughout. Some prefer to hold the music in front of them as a prop, but here was a performer who had such control of facial expression and body language that his every move enhanced the effect of his glorious voice. For a tenor, he has a remarkably strong lower register, without any loss of power in the high notes, which were thrillingly secure.

To Schumann’s *Dichterliebe* he brought all these qualities, projecting the German text with deep understanding across a wide range of emotion. In this, as elsewhere, he was superbly accompanied by John Moore, whose playing, even when he is sight-reading, always goes to the heart of the score. The duo cannot have had even a day’s rehearsal, but to hear them, you would have thought they had been touring for ten years. Coming after all the *angst* of the verse, the long coda, in which the piano seeks alone the consolation denied to the poet, was movingly realised. The performance, dedicated to the memory of the work’s most celebrated exponent, the late Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, was worthy of the occasion.

After the interval, some Vaughan Williams, followed by a rarity, Britten’s “Who are these children?” A chill wind blows through the poems of William Souter, their stark anger reminiscent of Blake, and the setting is of uncompromising difficulty, often pitched uncomfortably high (the Peter Pears factor). This was bold programming, adding spice to the evening.

A gentler breeze prevailed in the finale, a set of traditional Scottish folk songs, lovingly delivered. “The White Heather Club revisited” might have been the heading, as our guest evoked memories of Kenneth McKellar, in his day the Bonnie Prince of Scottish tenors. Can there in the present generation be a more persuasive, more charming advocate of this repertoire than Jamie McDougall? Backed by JFM’s authentic accent on the piano, he was in his element, entertaining us with anecdote and humour to complement his graceful, effortless singing.. It would be worth a trip across the Border to experience such quality; to have it brought to our doorstep is a cause for gratitude and rejoicing. Will ye no.....?

Martin Knox



A Week in the Life of Clare White, Examinations Officer

Monday 28 May 2012

Having decided that it was unfair to ask anyone in the Fifth Form upwards to contribute a 'Week in the Life' article at this time of year, we asked possibly the busiest member of staff instead for a bit of an understanding of what her job entailed.



Clare White was appointed Examinations Officer in January 2011, taking over from Bob Kendall on his retirement in July 2011. Bob had been working here as a Maths master for many years, before taking on the (then part-time) additional role of Exams Officer in 1990, but the job has grown steadily since then.

To give an example of the size and complexity of the role, Clare rattled off a few facts and figures based on the first week of public exams this term (GCSEs and AS levels):

1,482 papers were sat during the week.

142 separate invigilation duties needed to be timetabled with, and carried out by, 78 members of teaching staff, and 12 external invigilators. All of them, obviously, have to be in the right place at the right time.

14 different rooms were used for exams that week.

5 members of the teaching staff are assistant exam officers - and Bob has dusted down his jacket and come out of retirement to help out too. Each paper is started by either an exam officer or a lead invigilator, who have to be fully briefed before each exam session. At the end of each one, scripts are returned to the Exams Office for collating, checking, and despatching via courier.

30 individual supervised lunches were arranged during the week. Inevitably, pupils will find that they have clashes in their exam timetable; when this happens, the pupil has to get collected by a member of staff immediately after their first exam, and kept out of contact with anyone else until they sit the next exam. Quite often, they will be taken to the library or a classroom before having a supervised lunch, and then escorted back to the exam hall to sit the paper that they had missed that morning. If they wish to do some last-minute revision for their second paper during the supervised period, any notes etc. that they want to look at need to be handed in before they sit their first exam.

80 packed lunches had to be given to pupils in the Ashton Theatre when GCSE French clashed with English Literature. The pupils then had to be escorted to the Gym, San or Library for their afternoon exam.

On that same day, our annual inspection from [JCQ](#) (Joint Council for Qualifications) took place - unannounced. The inspectors needed to see all the exam rooms and check our seating plans, access arrangements (extra time etc.) and school policies.



IT and a member of the Library staff help out. Pupils needing to use a laptop for their exams have to sit in a separate room. The staff set up each laptop, which is linked wirelessly to a printer in a neighbouring room - with a member of staff in both rooms. Pupils need to print out their work, which they have to check and sign.

IT also have to check that all the CDs needed for language listening exams are working correctly. They also provide technical back-up as necessary.

The San staff help out. One room in the San is set up as an exam room, for any pupils who are unwell. Pupils sustain last minute injuries, fall ill or have other personal circumstances which can make it necessary for special provisions to be put in place. This could involve organising a scribe or using a laptop if injuries prevent them from being able to write for themselves.

Although the Summer Term is the busiest one for our Exams Office, there are other peaks too - a lot of work is done in the few days leading up to the official publication of GCSE, AS and A2 Level results in August, after which requests for re-marks need to be put in and then processed - something that carries on well into the Michaelmas Term. Then there are the Oxbridge entry exams, other admissions tests including, for example, BMATs (BioMedical Admissions Tests, required by many universities as part of the application for medicine, veterinary science or biomedical sciences). Entries for the public exams in January need to be processed during the Michaelmas Term. In addition, our trial exams that take place in January for the Fifth Form and at the start of the summer term for the Sixth forms, have to be arranged. Later, the internal end of year exams for our Third and Fourth forms start just after the Summer half term exam.

These are just some of the practicalities of organising examinations, but there is another aspect of the role of the Examinations Officer which is just as important. The public examinations are the culmination of years of work and preparation by the pupils. It can be a very stressful time, particularly when an unforeseen situation occurs for a student. It is essential we offer not only the correct advice, but also support and understanding to the pupil and/or parents to help calm situations. Our main aim is to give our pupils the best possible environment in which to demonstrate their true ability in the exam room.

KH Food File: Say Cheese!

Monday 28 May 2012



The dining hall here at Shrewsbury School saw the latest in our highly popular “Food Files” series. At lunchtime, our cheese supplier, Cheese Cellar brought along a fabulous array of different cheeses for the students and staff to sample. The cheeses were accompanied by a range of chutneys, breads and crackers. The helpful and knowledgeable Cheese Cellar staff was on hand behind the display counter to serve and answer questions about all things cheesy!

Not to be outdone on the other side of the counter, our very own Chefs had prepared homemade tagliatelli and tortellini pasta with Italian breads for the students to sample. Such a wonderful spread in the dining room coupled with the tasty lunchtime offer on the serveries, meant that the students faced the puzzling dilemma of what to choose to eat – the serveries versus the Food File fodder! Most students popped over to the display tables to “graze”, whilst those with heartier appetites (and with the aid of an extra plate!) managed both choices!

The wonderful atmosphere at lunchtime today certainly reminded us of the need to keep injecting some fun into food, and with the students tackling some rather challenging exams this week, we were pleased that we were able to provide some informative yet light relief. The only negative comment we received was from a rather hassled teacher who asked “Where is the wine to go with all of this cheese?” Sorry about that! Perhaps that could be the topic of our next Food File?

Holroyd Howe

<http://holroydhowe.com/>



Old Salopian Rugby 'Rocks'!

Tuesday 29 May 2012

Andrew Jennings (I 98-03) - Chairman of the recently revived Old Salopian Rugby Club writes:

"This was the Old Salopians' first rugby action in near to a decade and it was always going to set the benchmark for how the newly re-formed club would find its direction.

After a strong response from OS's we chose a squad of the maximum 12 players, all of whom were equally involved throughout the day. With a good mix of experience and speedy youth we were all set to test the water.



Our first game started and we didn't play pretty 7s but managed to grind out a two try victory with some great pace on display from the younger lads; George Ellis in particular, but knowing we could have scored more. The second match was against a much stronger team who ended up advancing to the final of the main competition; we lost by one try in a game we knew could have easily gone either way.

Our final group match was a must win game and this is when we really started to 'click' as a 7s team. We ended up winning comfortably and played some great 7s rugby; defence wasn't rushed, we were patient in attack as we waited for gaps in the opponents defence to appear.

This victory left us in 2nd place in the group stages and, unlucky not to go through to the main cup competition, we advanced to the quarter-final of the plate. This was easily our best performance and spectators commented that it was the best match of the day. OS continued to play calm and controlled 7s whilst some good breaks from recent school leaver Alex Collins and some heroic hits from Rob Picken and Linley Portsmouth left the score at 19-19 with just 2 minutes to go. After some continued attack in the opposition's 22, we were able to grab a match winning try in the dying seconds.

OS continued their form into the semi final and after a tightly fought match with great running rugby from both teams coupled with some questionable referee decisions we were unlucky not to win.

Tournament MVP: Alex Collins for playing the majority of every match and running some excellent attacking 7s.

Overall it was a great start to OS rugby 7s and we are only going to improve going forward.

We have entered a team into the "Blazing Saddles" 7s competition (<http://www.facebook.com/events/348732751813395/>) on 7th July at Wimbledon RFC and **Andy Jones (Ch 97-02)** is co-organising a team for us.

Well done to everyone involved and thanks to those who came to support.' **Andy Jennings.**



Old Salopian Football Club AGM and Dinner on 17th May 2012 - Report from Salopian Club Director

Tuesday 29 May 2012

Alex Baxter writes: 'This year's annual Football Club AGM and dinner was held in the imaginatively named "First Floor Dining Room" on Portobello Road, London. There was a gratifying large turnout of nearly 70 current and former players. The main guests including Robin Mouldsdales (I 1942 to 46), former master at the Schools and OS football stalwart, Steve Biggins, head coach of Shrewsbury School football, and Alex Baxter, Director of the Salopian Club.



The AGM was held in the main bar of the public house and proved to be a lively affair. The review of the season noted that the 1st XI ended-up 3rd in Division 1 of the Arthurian League and was knocked out of the Arthur Dunn Cup competition semi-finals by a well-organised Tonbridge side. The surprise of the season was the late surge by the 2nd XI, which secured promotion to Division 2 in the very last game of the season. Afterwards, during a very jolly and noisy dinner, the following awards were made; 1st XI player of the year - Rob Hawkin (PH 2001-06), the 2nd XI player of the year (known as the Matt Sasse Memorial Award) - Zang Greiner (Rb 1999-2001) and the Craig Buchanan Shield for long term contribution to the club was awarded to David Cookson (Ch 1993-96).'



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Charity Pop Concert and Barbecue in aid of Blue Chairs (Teenage Cancer Trust) on Wednesday 4 July

Tuesday 29 May 2012

Rising pop performers including **Ali Webb** and **Charlie Straw** from Shrewsbury School's current crop of musical talent will be performing at an end-of-term charity Pop Concert and Barbecue on Top Common at Shrewsbury School on **Wednesday 4 July**.



Musings from our Head of English: Why reading is the future...

Wednesday 30 May 2012

How well he's read, to reason against reading! (Shakespeare)

Reading is the future; reading is the present; reading is the past. In this digital age it is all too easy to assume that reading is losing its place in contemporary society. How often do parents complain that their children never read! However, the reverse is actually the case. We are now reading more than ever – on line, on our phones, on our ipads or kindles and even – in books! We read, and continue to read, for the same reasons we always have: for entertainment; for information; for communication. From reading we learn not only about the world we live in now, but also about the world as it existed in any given era. Most importantly perhaps, reading literature allows us to develop an understanding of ourselves. As CS Lewis explained, “We read to know we are not alone.”

So whether you want to develop your understanding of yourself and society, or prefer simply to be entertained with a great story – keep reading!

KRL





Oldham's First Leagues Finalists 2012

Wednesday 30 May 2012



Back row: E. C. Shawe-Taylor J. M. Ross F. Stj. S. Jackson

Front row: J. A. S. Hunter O. H. M. Greig D. N. Gibbons J. G. R. Wood (Capt) F. C. Fullerton

Absent: T. L. L. Koch de Gooreynd



Finn's Blog: (nearly) 10 things you didn't know about your housemaster

Thursday 31 May 2012

In the first week of writing this blog I was lucky enough to have the House Quiz to talk about. However, the next big challenge was finding something else that would be of interest. Since there was not much going on in the house, I decided to do something different: instead of writing about the house, I would interview its housemaster, Mr. Hudson, about what went on in his house, Moser's, when he was here, all those years ago.



1. What were your first thoughts of Shrewsbury school?

A bit frightening, but I loved it, right from the start. Although many people got homesick, I didn't. I remember even the senior boys in the House as being friendly.

2. Did you choose your house? Which one was the "best" in your time?

I had no choice. Moser's was chosen for me – my father went there, but I wanted to go to Rigg's at the last minute because I had got to know some prospective Riggites from staying there during the scholarships (the Moser's housemaster had five children and no space). I think Moser's was actually the best house then; we won all the prizes in music, sport and academics. At the beginning, our year was tiny, as we only had five people (Cooper Davies Hudson Robinson Sharp), but that's because in those days some people would come in September and some in January. We definitely had the best housemaster. He's 85 now and I'm still very close to him. He believed everyone was equal and senior boys weren't allowed to fag, so we were known as the "Communist State".

3. Were you very involved in sport?

I was never a very good cricketer, footballer or rugby player, but I enjoyed playing them all for fun except for rugby. With football I never rose above house leagues. I was very into my running, though, and I have just remembered that I was the 2nd VIII cox and we went to Henley one year. I don't think we won anything.

4. Did you win any prizes?

I think I won a music orchestral prize, and maybe a Bentley Elocution Prize one year, but maybe this is false memory syndrome. I definitely won the Hall Mathematics Prize three years running. Each year I shared the prize with the only other competitor, Richard Vaughan-Williams. I entered with him for fun. You had to write a mathematical essay. I've still got one of them somewhere at home. It is called 'Some interesting curves!' Richard Vaughan-Williams was the nephew of Vaughan-Williams the famous composer.

5. Were there any eccentric teachers you liked?

There were loads more teachers then than now whom you would call ... let's say unemployable in any other walk of life. There was Frank McEachran for starters, whom you probably know from the McEachran prize. We called him "Kek". He never followed any syllabus and was not allowed near any exam set. He wouldn't even teach in a classroom; he would take his set in his flat and encourage us to chant poetry standing on a chair. I loved his lessons.



Then there was “Morty”, whose real name was Mark Mortimer, our form master. He taught classics, and so far as we could see he actually thought in Latin. He was proud of never having once been to Rome or Greece. Later in life I published a book of his poetry, much of it written in Latin.

Then there was Mr Charlesworth, a great English and History teacher. The irony here is that I later published his autobiography. For years he had read and corrected my grammar, and now I was doing the same for him! His book was pretty well-written, I thought!

6. What was the highlight of your school career?

Mmm ... it's the worst moments that stand out. Actually, I think it was leading the house to victory in Senior Paperchases, even though, after a furious argument, which I lost, I had had to surrender two of my best runners to 1st House football which we won on the same day.

7. And what was your lowlight?

I think it would have to be my first house dance, the first ever House dance actually. When the girls came in, it was literally like a cattle market, with the boys on one side and the girls on the other. There were some pretty girls, but I came too late and I ended up with a girl who was at least a foot taller than me. I went out with her once and that was it.

8. How did you feel about leaving Shrewsbury? Did you have any idea you were going to come back?

I was very sad – and quite frightened about going out into the real world - but I had no thoughts of return.

9. And with the Olympics coming up: if you were in an Olympic event, which one would you choose?

Oh, crikey

Mr. Hudson thinks for a while.

I think underwater tiddlywinks, because I'd have about as much chance as anyone else would, even Dr Oakley.

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Tennis vs Uppingham

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Many congratulations to the 1st VI yesterday who defeated Uppingham 5-4 in a pulsating contest on the Gorswen courts. This is the first time in some years we have defeated Uppingham at this level and shows the progress of our tennis squads recently. Michael Cheung and Jack Hodges (both 5th form) won all four of their sets and this bodes well for the next couple of seasons. There were also wins for the U16B and U14A squads, however despite these victories Shrewsbury were defeated overall 3-5.

Mr M. Harding



Athletics: Shropshire County Track and Field Championship

Thursday 31 May 2012

An excellent victory for the junior team of James Plaut, Nick Entwisle, Sam Mitchell, Jiro Wongsrisuk, Gene Ratandaros, Oscar Dickins, Anton Nelson, Leo Sartain, Tom Flowers and Jonathon Hurcomb at the Repton fixture over the weekend. The senior team were third up against teams from Repton, Welbeck College and Worksop College.

On Saturday we took two teams to the Moorways Stadium in Derby, for a four-way competition against Repton (the hosts), Welbeck and Worksop. Due to small numbers in the 6th form because of exam leave, the usual junior, inter and senior teams were merged into two: Under 16s and Over 16s. We had considerable success in the Under 16 category, winning the event, with some terrific performances on a very hot afternoon. The over 16s were less fortunate, with a weakened team through injury and absence, but still managed a respectable third place. Again, there were some notable individual performances in this category.

In the Under 16s, James Plaut (S) and Nick Entwisle (SH) forged a dangerous partnership in the sprints, taking second and third places in the 100m and first and second in the 200m (James just pipping Nick in both cases). James will be very pleased with his 11.13 in the 100m, a personal best over this distance. Further success came in the 400m, where we took first and second again, this time with fantastic running by Anton Nelson (S) and Jiro Wongsrisuk (O), taking the top two places with a comfortable gap in front of their nearest competitor. In the 800m and 1500m, Freddie Hill (Rt) ran very well in spite of an injury, taking 2nd in the 800m (after a somewhat ill-advised 59-second first lap) in a time of 2:21, ahead of fourth-placed Gene Ratanadaros (O) in 2:24 - rather a conservative performance from him, but understandable in the heat! The 1500m saw Ben Remnant (Ch) put in another commanding display, taking second place from Freddie in third, in a time of 5:00 exactly. Jiro Wongsrisuk and Charlie Rogers (Rb) were pushed hard in the Hurdles, taking 4th and 6th in a non favoured event for both of them. In the field, there were strong efforts from Gene Ratandaros in the long and triple Jump, winning the long but only managing sixth in the triple, behind James Plaut in 5th. Jonathan Hurcomb (I) put in a fine performance in the High Jump, taking second, ahead of Nick Entwisle in fourth. Anton Nelson threw the discus very well, taking second place with a throw of 25.25, but could only manage sixth in the Shot. New Recruit Tom Flowers (I) also threw well, taking fifth in the discus and fourth in the javelin, while Ben Remnant took sixth in the latter event. The relay team managed a very creditable second place in 49.53, which is very quick indeed for a team with two third-formers in it, up against generally older and larger opposition!

In the Over 16s, there were good runs from Seb Blake (S), who took second in both the 800m and 1500m, in 2:14 and 4:40 respectively. Chike Kandi won the 100m in a blistering 10.75 seconds which, if accurate, sets a new course record and a personal best at that distance. Another personal best went to Stuart Brown in the 400m, who came second in a time of 56.44, a fantastic effort from him. Nick Douglas also ran very well in the 100m and Hurdles, picking up valuable points and a very decent time in the case of the 100m - 11.43. Rory Fraser came back from injury to run well in the 800m and 1500m, but the heat took its toll and he placed fifth in both events. In the field, Chike Kandi picked up second in both the High Jump and Triple Jump, while Ivan



Sanin came fourth in both the Shot and the Discus, which considering he was up against competitors up to two years older than himself, is a significant achievement. The same goes for Stuart Brown, who added to his 400m success with a very impressive 3rd place in the javelin. Our Over 16s relay team was once again a force to be reckoned with, but without two of our regulars in Howard Stringer and Matt Davies, were always going to find it difficult. They managed third place in 46.88, which is actually the fastest our relay team has run this season, so well done to them.

Overall, we were extremely pleased with our performance this weekend, and the signs are there among the Junior years that we could be in for some real successes in years to come as they progress. Well done to all who participated.

Mr I. Haworth

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Fencing vs Wrekin College

Thursday 31 May 2012

Shrewsbury travelled to Wrekin College this week, and came away 2-1 victors. In the Foil matches Shrewsbury won 13-7 with some good displays from Stephen Li, Marco Lee, Scott Reynolds and Charles Wade. The Epee matches saw another victory 12-8, with the only blip coming in the Sabre matches where Shrewsbury was beaten 6-10.

Mr K. Holding



Rounders vs Moreton Hall

Thursday 31 May 2012

Shrewsbury School hosted the rounders fixture against Moreton Hall with a large supporting crowd. Shrewsbury School played an outstanding match, taking a lead of six from the batting stages. They followed up this performance into the fielding with quick reactions and superb catching to get six Moreton players out. This lead culminated in an exceptional 11-4 victory. Shrewsbury then went onto play Moreton 2nd's, and having lost the toss again ended up batting first. Shrewsbury did not get off to a good start, but still took 4 rounders into the fielding and then demonstrated superb communication and fast movement amongst the fielders to get Moreton all out at 9.

Shrewsbury School vs Moreton 1st Won 11-4

Shrewsbury School vs Moreton 2nd Won 14-3

Miss A. Hartsborne



Cricket: w/c 21st May 2012

Thursday 31 May 2012

vs Malvern College

The block fixture saw nine squads come up against Malvern College this weekend to resounding success. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U15B, U15C, U14A, U14B and U14C teams all recorded victories, with the only blip being the U15A side who were narrowly defeated by 20 runs. In the 1st XI game, Malvern batted first and started well losing their first wicket for 113. Despite this positive start Malvern collapsed to 180 all out after some heavy pressure from Ruaidrhi Smith and Ed Pollock, both of whom took 3 wickets. In reply, both of Shrewsbury's openers recorded fifties, and the target was reached with just the loss of two wickets inside 40 overs. Stephen Leach was the standout batsman finishing on 71 no, whilst Henry Lewis also scored 71. There were impressive knocks by Will Mason (2nd XI, 99) and Charles Kidson (3rd XI, 121) helping their sides to victories.

The U14A XI had an impressive week, firstly beating Cheshire U13 by 5 wickets, thanks mainly to 59 from Harry Adair, but then also beating Malvern where a knock of 59no by Max Parsonage helped Shrewsbury to a 6 wicket victory.

Other results saw the U17 side beat Aldersley by 74 runs in the U17 National Competition, after posting an impressive 228 for 4 off 25 overs. Aldersley were never in danger of reaching the total, finishing on 154 for 4 off their 25.

Mr A. Barnard





Cricket: U15A win county T20 Competition

Thursday 31 May 2012

The U15A XI were crowned Shropshire T20 Champions yesterday, defeating Ellesmere College by 62 runs.

Jamie Humes scored 39, Max Parsonage 34, and Freddie Earlam 28 in Shrewsbury's total of 163, after losing the toss and being inserted. Ellesmere were never up with the run rate required and finished on 101 for 5.

Shrewsbury now represent Shropshire in the regional rounds of the ESCA / ECB U15 T20 Competition, and play the winners of either the Worcestershire or Derbyshire competition after half term.

Shrewsbury's U15s have quite a record of success in this competition - we were the runners up in the 2011 National Final, and the outright winners in 2009!

