

# Sixth Form Chapel Interviews - James Humpish

Wednesday 1 May 2013

*In the second of this term's Chapel Interviews with Sixth Form Leavers, James Humpish (SH) reflects on his time at the School.*



*Above left to right: James with other members of the Model United Nations team at the Royal Russell MUN 2012, where he won two Distinguished Delegate Awards; presenting the Senior House Debating Trophy 2012; running in the Tucks, October 2012*

## ***Can you say a bit about your background and upbringing?***

When I was around eight years old I was beginning to discover that the world was unpredictable and that situations that exist at one minute won't necessarily be there the next. At around that time I moved from a state school in Telford, Priorslee Primary School, to a prep school near Wolverhampton, named Birchfield, a school which some of you here will have attended. I have fond memories of Birchfield, and am lucky in having maintained ties with them, both last year and this year having been asked to judge their annual creative writing competition.

## ***Why Shrewsbury?***

Something which I am quite pleased about is that my parents didn't really try to affect which school I went to. I chose Shrewsbury. I'm sure they were quite pleased I did but I remain pleased that it was my own choice to come here. In all honesty, I hadn't actually been to see a great deal of secondary schools apart from Shrewsbury...Repton and King Edward's in Birmingham being the only others. It worked well for me in that I was struck by the character and promise of the environment and it gave me a chance to board and be myself, whilst also being in proximity to Telford, so I wouldn't initially feel out of proximity from home.

On my first trip to Shrewsbury, I recall being intrigued by two things which never really came to light. I was given a 40-minute Russian lesson which to me seemed like a Shrewsbury norm...as though I'd casually be learning Russian whilst here just because. Then I also remember being impressed by the School's rowing facilities, to the point that my imagination saw me becoming a rower myself. But as fate would have it, rowing remained quite firmly in my imagination.



***Do you recognise the person you were at 13 and do you think you are now 'you'? Or might you surprise yourself in the future?***

If I saw my 13-year-old self today, I'd definitely struggle to identify him if he wanted to go rowing. I'd also struggle with seeing his reaction if I asked him to go for a run. My 13-year-old self running would have been quite a comical sight, and I don't think he'd be running for a particularly long time before collapsing from exhaustion.

On the other hand, I think I would recognise a bit of me in my 13-year-old self. I remember wanting to have fresh starts...to try new things and have a diverse range of pursuits. I'm sure the 13 year-old me and I are the same person but I think I change in little ways day-by-day and find no end to development, even if some of the basic essence is still there.

***You devote a lot of time to running. Can you tell us why that is important to you?***

As I've suggested, when I first arrived in Third Form I was absolutely horrendous at running. I came 103rd in the New Boys' Race and 500th in the 2008 Tucks, even though I think I was actually trying.

I tried running with the Hunt shortly after that and came in the top 150 in the 2009 Tucks. As folklore has it in the Hunt, I've been able to halve my Benjy time in the last five years from over 16 minutes to 8 minutes and 12 seconds in my last ever official Benjy on 21st March 2013.

The Hunt has been important to me because initially I was utterly hopeless at cross country running - nearly more than anything else and I think I wanted to transform myself. Looking back on it, the year I joined the Hunt was the final year that there was no compulsory sports for those with tact and so it must have been out of choice that I joined.



The two RSSH captains just after The Hunt's Bromsgrove fixture:  
Ed Mallett and James Humpish

There are a few moments which stand out amongst the vast array of moments with the Hunt. The first is my first ever training session, which was a four-kilometre run with other Third Formers of the time, the only one of whom still running with the Hunt today being Ed Mallett. I don't think I'd ever run four kilometres before and the prospect seemed mortifying. In the Tucks I had been able to walk when the body demanded it. This Mr Middleton character I was just getting to know didn't seem like he'd support the idea of me walking in the session. I developed a massive stitch and felt justified in asking to walk it or possibly even to walk back to school. Mr Middleton simply said the best way to get rid of a stitch was to keep running. It sounded really bizarre, but he was right. I managed to finish.

Another moment was my first race, which was the Sutton Relays in 2010. I think it's sincerely doubtful that I managed to gain us any places. But I think at the

same time, it's true that I didn't lose the team any places and I felt like I'd done my bit in maintaining the position.

Since then I've had plenty of moments where I've been able to enjoy the company of fellow runners such as Ed Mallett, Seb Blake, Rory Fraser and Mark Huang. But there's been one moment that stands out, which was being made captain of the School's second VIII squad. In

the last couple years I've been made a postor, the Governor of the Bastille Society, President of Quizzing and a couple of other things, but this was by far the most meaningful one, realising the difference between my overweight, relatively static Third Form self and myself today.

Running's been able to make me feel freer generally, whether running with a group having others motivate me, or sometimes training by myself, in which case having embarrassing ipod music motivates me.



*James in the centre (RSSH vest) at the top of the Lawley*

***Do you have a philosophy of life? An attitude that works, that might work for others?***

Amongst the embarrassing ipod music I listen to when training is 'Harder, Better, Faster, Strong' by Daft Punk, which I think about to stop myself from ever trying to feel complacent or arrogant about anything that I try to do. There are a number of philosophies which are all quite valid, but I'd say that improvement is one of the better ways to avoid being full of yourself, which might be a risk in certain, safe environments like school in which we're constantly told of our success but sometimes neglect the fields we can pursue.

It's also important to try and be true to yourself and stick to your beliefs, generic as it sounds. It seems that the biggest regret you can have in life is bottling up and never taking the chances you actually want to take. Not taking chances is potentially one of my main regrets so far and sometimes I can't help but ask a long string of 'what if' questions when thinking about them. Both those philosophies might sound like a bit of an effort, but I'm sure they're worth going for, if not something else.

***What of the future?***

I can't decide. Shrewsbury has set me in quite a good position which I'm grateful for. I might go to York next year to do Politics, Philosophy and Economics, or I may reapply and try again for Oxford and LSE which have rejected me next year.

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In the long term I don't know what I'd like to do. Law maybe. Or politics. Something with no guarantees, challenging lifestyle and the need for risks. Something which might be able to make a difference.

My role in heading the Creative Writing Society for the last couple years has helped me in getting events and meetings actually running and operational and I enjoy meeting diverse selections of people. So I think a career like the ones I've mentioned would be something I would enjoy.

***If you had one message for those in front of you, what would it be?***

I think to draw on some of the things I've said so far, an appropriate message might be to do things you might regret, as it's better than doing nothing at all.



# GCSE Astronomy trip to Greenwich

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*Finn McCormack (Ch IV) gives an entertaining account of last weekend's GCSE Astronomy trip.*



With Mr Lapage as our clock expert and Mr Adams to make sure we were still being educated on the subject about which we set out to learn, this year's GCSE Astronomy trip was set to be a success. At 11:30 last Saturday, with only a KH packed lunch each on which to survive, we began our quest for astronomical knowledge.

Our first stop was at the National Space Museum. I, never having a clue what's going on, thought we were in London already and that I had slept the whole journey. Only after we had set off for the hotel did Mr Adams tell us we had another two hours to go. Inside the museum were some great exhibits; the highlight was a huge planetarium/cinema with a dome-shaped screen. From our chairs we could look up at the "sky" and listen to Rupert Grint talk about something he obviously has no idea about. Another great feature was the Rocket Tower which was, as the name suggested, a huge tower with two fifty-metre high spacecraft beside it. Using the lift, we scaled the structure and explored the various exhibits on each floor.

A few hours later, we arrived at the hotel; I was surprised at how good it was. We each got a two-man bedroom with free Wi-Fi (probably the highlight of the trip for a certain Josh Wong). After getting ourselves comfortable in our new rooms, we went for dinner at Café Rouge, where we enjoyed the break from KH food as well as talking to the teachers about, well, all kinds of topics.

We started the next day by walking up a hill to the world-renowned Royal Greenwich Observatory; at the top we got an amazing view of the London skyline; Canary Wharf, the new Shard, the Olympic stadium and the O2 Arena were all visible. Inside we looked at how the most accurate clocks ever made created, with working examples. Hand-made masterpieces which could even account for temperature changes that would be experienced by seamen were on show, as well as the more modern atomic clocks. After a snack at the observatory we once again entered a planetarium. Although it was much smaller than the previous one, we were given a tour of the sky live commentator who actually knew where to find the pole



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Moving on to the less topical Maritime Museum, we had lunch while taking on the challenge of driving a virtual ship into the docks of New York, eventually getting beached. It seemed that seamanship was not really for any of us. After a quick tour around an 18th century trade ship, we departed from the capital and made our way back to School. Stopping on the way back for a burger, we agreed it had been a successful trip and both the teachers had been great lads for the whole two days.

*Finn McCormack (Ch, IV)*

*Pictured: back row (l to r)- Finn McCormack, Billy McHale, Sam Mitchell; middle - Joshua Wong; front row (l to r) Tom Dodd, Sasha Arridge*



## Cricket: w/c 22nd April 2013

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In our first ever block fixtures vs Millfield School on Saturday 27th April there were victories for the **2nd XI**, **U15B XI**, **U15C XI** and **U14C XI**, whilst the **3rd XI**, **U14A XI** and **U14B XI** lost. Both schools can feel happy with the venture but it is a great shame that Shropshire is not closer to Somerset. The 1st XI and U15A fixtures were planned for in the pre-season festivals.

In the **2nd XI** match there was a half century for captain Ben Gould in a thrilling three-run victory, with George Lewis, I (46) and Alex Richards (40\*) also chipping in. In the U15B XI win, Ben Jones scored a solid 43 and Barney Seager took 4 wickets.

Hamish Foden took five wickets including a hat-trick in the **U15C** victory, with James Attenborough (47), Tom Hart (48\*) and Leighton Webber (40\*) starring with the bat. Despite the losses, there were half centuries for George Hargrave (51\*) and Tom Atkin (50) in the **U14A** and **U14B** matches respectively.

On Sunday 28th April, the **1st XI** played a strong Marylebone Cricket Club side made up of many Old Salopians and other players with experience of top level club cricket. As with tradition, the visitors batted first and made 220 runs for 5 wickets before declaring. Unfortunately heavy rain started to fall and the umpires abandoned play with the match finely poised and Shrewsbury on 83-2 with around 28 overs left in the match.

Earlier in the week, the **U15A XI** and **U14A XIs** both recorded victories over the Shropshire U15s and U13s squads respectively, whilst the **2nd XI** lost out to a Freddie Earlam (Rt)-inspired Shropshire U17s' performance. The highlight of these county matches was George Panayi's 103, scored from 63 balls. Harry Adair scored 66 in the same game, which he followed up with an unbeaten 53 in Thursday evening's T20 game vs Shrewsbury CC.



# Inter-House Athletics Tournament

Thursday 2 May 2013

*Competition was fierce for trophies, medals and house bragging rights at last Friday's Inter-House Athletics Tournament. It was great to see so many parents and friends there, who bravely muffled themselves against a biting wind to enjoy an impressive display of strength, skill and speed – and some thrills and spills. Ian Haworth, Master-in-Charge of Athletics, reports on a highly successful and enjoyable afternoon.*



Many pairs of eyes were nervously scanning the weather reports last week as our second annual Inter-House Athletics event approached. Heavy rain had initially been predicted, evoking memories of last year, but over the course of the week optimism swept through the BBC's Met Office. By Friday morning, the signs were very good that this year would be significantly brighter than last (though prayers for a mini-heatwave went unanswered, perhaps to the relief of the San staff!).

As coaches made their way through school-run traffic to drop off the athletes at London Road's track, tension built over who would be able to break last year's records and which house would emerge victorious. Old scores were revived and needed settling. Bragging rights were at stake, not to mention several trophies and medals. Could Severn Hill hold on to their near clean-sweep? Could the Grove mount a challenge for the Senior trophy, given that many members of its Inters-winning side of last year were now in the Lower Sixth?



The **sprint hurdles** kicked off the event, and a range of interesting techniques were exhibited by the competitors, many of whom were entirely new to the discipline. In the Juniors, Hugh Davies (Rt) put in a great effort, using all his flexibility to surmount hurdles which were almost equal to him in height. In a dramatic final he was just pipped by 1/100th of a second by Angus Drummond (O), who ran a very strong race indeed to secure the first gold medal of the afternoon. In the girls' race, Libby Naylor (EDH) unsurprisingly



retained her gold medal in her favourite event, leading by more than two seconds from Alice Sykes-Waller (MSH). An entertaining race in the Inters category was won by Nick Entwisle (SH), demonstrating that he's retained his sprinting ability since last year's success. In the Seniors, Matt Davies (M) just about pipped Joe Carrasco (Rt) in a very close finish.

In the **800m**, the Junior race was won by Will Hayward (R) in 2:26, while in the Inters, Fifth-former Charlie Godman (M) proved a point to his Fourth-form rivals by taking the gold. Charlie may well be one of the most improved athletes since last year's event, having had two very successful terms with the Hunt. In the Senior race, Seb Blake (S) set an electric pace that no other competitor could match, and led from start to finish, crossing the line in 2:11. Angus Hayward (Ch) put in a very good effort to finish second, only three seconds behind Seb. In the girls' race, Amy Stockdale (EDH) ran a very sensible race to finish in 2:55, well ahead of her nearest rival, Lizzie Collins (MSH) in 3:10.

The **400m** was next; notorious for being one of the hardest athletics disciplines, both mentally and physically. And so it proved: some blistering starts resulted in some very tired finishes indeed! Charlie Tait-Harris (Rb) showed his x-country stamina in winning the Juniors race in 62 seconds, while in the Inters, Anton Nelson (S) just pipped Sam Mitchell (Rb) to the line in 58.6 seconds. In the Seniors, Rob Cross (S) ran a commanding race to take the gold ahead of Ed Barnard (PH) in a time of 56.1 seconds. The girls' race was won by Izzie Croft (EDH) in 74 seconds.



The mass participation of the **1500m** made for an entertaining race, which in the Juniors category was won by Charlie Tait-Harris, showing great versatility having just completed the 400m only half an hour before. In the girls' event, Amy Stockdale showed that her legs were still fresh after the 800m and won in a time of 6:08. The Inters event was a cracking race, with the revival of the Dickins/Remnant rivalry which reminded some of the older spectators of a Coe/Ovett battle. Ben

Remnant (Ch) once again managed to get one over Oscar Dickins (R) to take the gold in 4:45, despite Oscar being the (imaginary) bookies' favourite going in to the race. The Seniors race was won by Seb Blake, beating Rory Fraser (Ch) by three seconds to cross the line in 4:27, taking the glory in this event for the second year in a row.

In the **200m**, some fantastic battles were fought, especially among the Seniors, where there was a real breadth of talent competing at a similar level. Jonty Binns (G) and Ian Yeung (R) both showed some fantastic pace in the heat, but neither could quite maintain the speed into the final, and the race was won by Seb Pope (PH) who finished in 25 seconds flat. In the Inters, James Plaut (S) showed superb form to come through the field to take gold in 22.4, ahead of Nick Entwisle in 24.3. It is interesting that both these times would have won the Senior race! In the girls' event, Libby Naylor secured her second gold with a time of 27.9 seconds.





And finally on to the **4x100m relays**. In a nail-biting finish in the Juniors race, Radbrook only just beat Rigg's by eight hundredths of a second to cross the line in 55.37. Honours in the Inters event went to Severn Hill, who managed an astonishing time of 48.5 seconds, over two seconds closer than their nearest rivals, Ingram's. The girls' race was won in 62 seconds by EDH, while the Senior's race - the last event of the day and the climax of the track programme - was won by Rigg's, who

managed to complete the lap in 48.8 seconds ahead of Severn Hill. The latter house can take some comfort in considering that their Inters team achieved the fastest time of the day.

In the field, some terrific performances in the **Long Jump** pit resulted in wins for Cameron Bates (S) in the Junior event in 4.11m, Ben Smith (Rt) in the Inters with 5.25m, Elen Murphy in the Girls' event with 3.73m and Alex Styles (S) in the Seniors with 5.20m.

The **Triple Jump** is a very difficult, technical discipline and given that, the distances managed by many of the competitors was truly impressive. The winner of the Juniors event was Reuben Arkwright (O) with a jump of 9.32m. The Inters was much closer, with another Oldhamite, Gene Ratanadaros, just managing to pip Samson Yick (S) by two centimetres with a terrific jump of 11.21m. Both these boys should be congratulated on truly huge jumps here in this age category. The Seniors event saw sixth-form entrant Joe Carrasco triumph with a massive jump of 11.60m, though three other competitors managed to jump well over 11m. The girls' event saw something of a domination by EDH, who managed to claim all three spots on the podium, with Daisy McConnell taking gold.



In the **High Jump**, Angus Drummond took his second gold (and third medal) with a jump of 1.45m in an impressive afternoon for the Oldhamite. The Inters event was won by Jonathan Hurcomb with a jump of 1.55m, while in the Seniors, the honours went to Rob Cross (in his favourite event) with a jump of 1.60m. The girls' event saw Cressida Adams take victory with a jump of 1.40m, ten centimetres higher than her nearest challenger.

Bridget Lapage (MSH) won the Girls' **Shot Put** with a fantastic effort of 6.35m, while in the Juniors category, Jacob Rand (R) blew the opposition away with his attempt landing at 10.62m. Neither the Inters nor the Seniors could top this distance (though to be fair they were using heavier shot) - Giles Holroyd (S) managing to see off his rivals in the Inters with his best effort measuring 9.69m. The gold medal in the Seniors went to Ivan Sanin (G) whose effort measured 9.82m.



The **Javelin** is another very technical discipline, and for novice competitors is extremely difficult to get right. However, some real ability was on display here, with a great throw by James Long (Rt) of 25.6m to take the Junior gold, while Alice Sykes-Waller achieved her second gold medal with her throw of 21.3m in the girls' event. Among the Inters, the best throw of the day went to Nick Pearce (I), who managed a fantastic 34.40m. The Senior event was won by George Day (R), whose effort of 39.90m showed just how much he has improved at this discipline (last year his best was 31.80m).

In the **Discus**, the honours went to Ridgemount in the Juniors, with Tristan Lywood's effort of 18.41m proving unassailable. The Inters' event was won by Anton Nelson who picked up his second gold after the 400m, with a throw of 23.40m. Immy Richardson of MSH threw a terrific 20.85m in the Girls' event to take gold, while Ivan Sanin (G) grabbed his second gold medal by throwing a distance of 26.86m.



While all of these track and field events have been contested, on the other side of the paddock a fierce battle was going on for the victor in the **Tug-of-War** competition, won last year by Ingram's. Once again they managed to overcome the opposition and took the title with a series of victories. Congratulations to them!

Everyone who participated in an event contributed to their house points total, and it was a very close-run thing indeed this year. Rigg's Hall claimed

the Senior Boys' Trophy this year and Emma Darwin won the Girls'. The Headmaster will be presenting these trophies at the next School Assembly, together with those for the Victor and Victrix Ludorum in their categories - going to the individual who scored the most points for their house. I won't give things away by announcing the winners before the Assembly - suffice to say that it really couldn't have been closer!

Several of last year's records were broken, and it is to be hoped that I will be able to say the same after next year's event. A really competitive approach was adopted by the vast majority of pupils, and it was fantastic to see so much effort put into the events by so many participants. With the exception of some rather biting temperatures at times, I think that this proved a memorable day for most Salopians for all the right reasons. Well done to everyone who competed and thanks to everyone else for coming along to support this very enjoyable event.

*Thanks to Mark Twells, Mike Wade and Andrew Spicer (M LVI) for their photographs and to Dr Charlie Oakley for his analysis of the results (below).*

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## House Athletics Competition 2013 - Final Standings

### Overall

	Points	Rank
<b>R</b>	341	1
<b>S</b>	331	2
<b>Rt</b>	277	3
<b>PH</b>	264	4
<b>Rb</b>	256	5
<b>I</b>	251	6
<b>SH</b>	245	7
<b>O</b>	244	8
<b>Ch</b>	242	9
<b>M</b>	224	10

### Junior

	Points	Rank
<b>R</b>	127	1
<b>Rt</b>	116	2
<b>O</b>	113	3
<b>Rb</b>	102	4
<b>PH</b>	99	5
<b>S</b>	87	6
<b>Ch</b>	80	7
<b>I</b>	68	8
<b>SH</b>	67	9
<b>M</b>	66	10

### Inter

	Points	Rank
<b>S</b>	139	1
<b>R</b>	108	2
<b>I</b>	102	3
<b>SH</b>	99	4
<b>Ch</b>	94	5
<b>Rb</b>	79	6
<b>M</b>	77	7
<b>Rt</b>	77	7
<b>PH</b>	72	9
<b>O</b>	71	10

### Senior

	Points	Rank
<b>G</b>	107	1
<b>R</b>	106	2
<b>S</b>	105	3
<b>PH</b>	93	4
<b>Rt</b>	84	5
<b>I</b>	81	6
<b>M</b>	81	6
<b>SH</b>	79	8
<b>Rb</b>	75	9
<b>Ch</b>	68	10
<b>O</b>	60	11

### Girls

	Points	Rank
<b>EDH</b>	176	1
<b>MSH</b>	135	2



# AS Physics Challenge: Salopian among top 5 in the country

Thursday 2 May 2013

*Arthur Kung (R LVI) has been awarded a prize as one of the top five students in the country in the AS Physics Challenge set by the British Physics Olympiad organisers.*

More than 4,000 students from around 400 schools and colleges entered the competition, which is designed to challenge and stretch the most talented young physicists. This is a fantastic achievement, although Arthur is in fact the second Shrewsbury student to have won this prestigious award in the last decade.

He was invited to the Royal Society to receive his prize and had the honour of meeting Astronomer Royal and Old Salopian Lord Rees (S 1956-60), who is also the President of the British Physics Olympiad Organisation (*pictured*).



Arthur is also a member of our International Young Physicists Tournament team who are representing the UK in Taiwan in July.

## **Shrewsbury Medal Winners in the AS Physics Challenge:**

### *Gold*

Arthur Kung  
Christopher Papaioannou  
Clive Lam

### *Silver*

Jonathan Shaw  
Crystal Chan  
Daniel Hart  
Ilya Lapan  
Denton Lee  
Taiding Yang  
Derek Law

### *Bronze*

Irene Kwan  
Michael Cheung  
Helen Ho  
Cindy Lin  
Khairah Besar

## 'Carmen' is a triumph

Thursday 2 May 2013

*The two concert performances of Bizet's 'Carmen' last weekend surpassed the high expectations that we always have of our musical productions, as Richard Hudson describes. Photos by Andrew Spicer (M LVI).*



*Above, left to right: Leonel Pinheiro (Don Jose), Sienna Homes (Micaela), Kathryn Turpin (Carmen) and Sam Ansloos (Escamillo)*

In 2011 Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*; last year Mozart's *The Magic Flute*; last week the most ambitious project yet, a concert performance of Bizet's *Carmen*, slipped in just before the exam season really kicks in.

The scale of this production was staggering, and testimony not only to the rich seam of talented young singers with which the School is currently blessed, but also to the quality of its orchestral players who tackled this long and complex score with a verve and sensitivity which often made it difficult to believe that one was listening to (or in this case playing in) a school orchestra.

Maestro John Moore, never one to take an easy route, keen to give as many as possible of the School's singers experience of grand opera, involved no fewer than 12 pupils as soloists over the two performances, entailing of course, double the vocal coaching. Their performances were undoubtedly given a lift by the inspirational singing of the two professional soloists, Kathryn Turpin (*Carmen*), who teaches singing at the school, and Leonel Pinheiro, looking every inch the love-crazed Don Jose, whose superb Latin tenor is already in high demand.

*Below, left to right: Connie Osborne, Emily Hay, John Moore, Ali Webb, Laurence Jeffcoate*



Members of the Shrewsbury School Community Choir sang the choruses with professional aplomb, and the rapture of the audience's applause from a full house on both nights, not to mention the relief on the conductor's face (this reviewer was sitting in the trombone section), was testimony to the success of this very ambitious project.

Thanks also to so many others involved in bringing this production to life: singing teachers Jonathan May and Kathryn Turpin and assistant chorus master Alex Mason in particular. One wonders what next year will bring?

*RTH*





## Cricket: w/c 29th April 2013

Tuesday 7 May 2013

Six teams were in action on Wednesday 1st May. The **1st XI** hosted a very strong Free Foresters XI, fielding a couple of Old Salopians and a number of players with very recent 1st Class experience. The game had a thrilling finale with the School losing by just 6 runs when the last man was bowled off the penultimate ball of the match, the 1st XI having previously bowled out the visitors for 198.

The **2nd XI** hosted the Forty Club, a cricket club for players over the age of 40. Once again this was a good test for the School, as the opposition included a former New Zealand test player. The match ended with an honourable draw, with Shrewsbury 30 runs short of the visitors with 3 wickets in hand.

The **3rd XI** were in action against an Ellesmere College A XI and had an easy win. The **U16A XI** squeaked a narrow victory against Oswestry School 1st XI, while the **U15C XI** overwhelmed Oswestry's U15A XI, though the **U14C XI** didn't have the same success against Oswestry's U14 A XI.

The **U14A XI** started their County Lord's Taverners campaign with a comfortable win over Belvidere School on Friday.

On Saturday 4th May, in a reduced programme vs Trent College, there were wins for the **U16s** and **U15A XI** but losses for the **2nd XI** and **U14A XI**.



## Shrewsbury's 2013 Wind Prizes

Tuesday 7 May 2013

This year's **Junior Woodwind Prize** was held on Thursday 25th April and was adjudicated by local clarinettist, Hollie Whittles. The junior class was for students working up to Grade 6 on their respective instruments.

The following prizes were awarded:

**First Prize - Jesse Mattinson (*Rb 3*) - Saxophone**

**Highly Commended - Michael Hoare (*I 3*) - Saxophone**

**Commended - Ben Higgins (*S 3*) - Saxophone**

The **Intermediate Prize** was held on Tuesday 30th April and was adjudicated by Matthew Jones, freelance oboist based in Manchester. This class catered for students between Grades 6 and 8.

**First Prize - James Plaut (*S V*) - Saxophone**

**Highly Commended - Jack Fox (*PH IV*) - Clarinet**

**Commended - Harry Cox (*RB UVI*) - Recorder**

The **Senior Prize** was held on Thursday 2nd May and was adjudicated by Rob Buckland, Principal Saxophone Teacher at the Royal Northern College of Music and freelance saxophonist. This class was for students working at Grade 8 and above. There were some stunning performances and the awards were made as follows:

**First Prize: Dorit Hasselberg (*UVI EDH*) - Clarinet**

**Highly Commended: Henry Kennedy (*I LVI*) - Saxophone**

**Commended: Dominic Craven (*Ch UVI*) - Saxophone**

**William Dodson-Wells (*SH LVI*) - Saxophone** was also mentioned as someone with promise.

The evening finished with a performance of a piece written by Rob Buckland himself, which was inspiring for all to watch.



## Chemistry: Shrewsbury win 3rd place in the RSC Schools' Analyst Competition Midlands Heat 2013

Tuesday 7 May 2013

Shrewsbury finished a strong third in the Midlands heat of the Royal Society of Chemistry Schools' Analyst Competition held at Keele University on Friday 26 April.

The team of three LVI chemists, Crystal Chan (MSH), Chris Papaioannou (PH) and Ben Quirk (PH) narrowly missed out qualifying for the National Final of the competition, to be held at Reading University.

The competition involved pupils conducting team-based research using sophisticated analytical techniques used by university research scientists. This year students analysed a 'contaminated' pharmaceutical tablet. They measured:

- the amount of caffeine in the tablet by HPLC (high performance liquid chromatography)
- the quantity of aspirin in the tablet by a pH titration, and
- the quantity of the dye (sunset yellow) in the tablet by UV-visible spectrophotometry.

*ADB*



## Sports results w/e 4th May 2013

Wednesday 8 May 2013

Week 3: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013



Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Basketball	U18s	Shrewsbury 6 <sup>th</sup> Form College	H	L	28-45
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Cricket	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Free Foresters Cricket Club	H	L	By 6 runs
		2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	XL Club	H	D	
		3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Ellesmere College 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	H	W	By 69 runs
		U16b XI	<u>Oswestry School</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	A	W	By 7 wickets
		U15c XI	<u>Oswestry School</u>	H	W	By 88 runs
		U14c XI	<u>Oswestry School</u> U14a	H	L	By 8 wickets
		Athletics	Juniors	Wrekin College	A	Please see sports reports.
	Inters		A			
	Seniors		A			
	Tennis	1 <sup>st</sup> VI	King Edward's School, Birmingham	H	L	4-5
		2 <sup>nd</sup> VI		H	W	8-1
		1 <sup>st</sup> VI (G)	Newcastle-Under-Lyme School	A	W	6-0
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Athletics	Juniors	Achilles Relays, Oxford	A	Please see sports report	
		Inters		A		
		Seniors		A		
	Tennis	2 <sup>nd</sup> VI	Rugby School	A	L	2-7
		1 <sup>st</sup> VI (G)		A	L	0-4
		U15a VI		A	L	0-9
		U14a VI		A	L	3.5-5.5
U14b VI		A	W	5-4		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cricket	U14a XI	Belvidere School	H	W	By 108 runs
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Trent College	H	L	By 2 wickets
		U16a XI		H	W	By 8 wickets
		U15a XI		H	W	By 6 wickets
		U14a XI		H	L	By 4 wickets
	Rowing	J18 (G)	Wallingford Regatta, <u>Dorney Lake</u>	A	Placed 6 <sup>th</sup> after qualifying for the final.	



# Rigg's are crowned the 2013 Inter-House Athletics Champions

Wednesday 8 May 2013

At a recent Assembly, the Headmaster discussed a number of the attributes required to succeed in life, whether it be in the academic arena or the sporting field of play. Qualities such as determination, focus, and perseverance are virtues that will set our pupils up for success in all areas of their life, both in their years as Salopians and indeed in the wider world beyond.



Such qualities were in clear display at the recent Inter-House Athletics Day where Riggites proudly represented the House and put in some superb athletic performances along the way. We went into the event with high hopes for our Juniors (even without the mercurial Freddie Huxley-Fielding) and felt that we had a good chance of challenging for the Junior trophy. This optimism proved to be well-founded, with immediate dominance seen in the middle distance events where there was a Rigg's 1-2 in the 800m with Will Hayward taking gold and Jonty Schofield just behind him for the silver. Will 'doubled up' to run the 1500m, and despite being the only runner to

have done so, he still managed to take silver, just a second behind the winner with a commendable 4.58. Speedster Alex Webb (*pictured in full flight in the junior 4x100m relay*) gained a bronze in the 200m, with Bentley Moss and Tim Robinson-Boulton just outside the medals in the 400m and the 100m respectively.



The field events saw Rob Hartwell (*pictured right*) gain two silver medals in the triple jump (9.30m) and the High Jump (1.40m). Will Hayward also decided to have a go at the discus, where he also ended up being pretty useful, taking the bronze medal with a throw of 17.19m. The performance of the day, however, had to be Jacob Rand's huge 10.36m in the shot putt, nearly a metre longer than the record established last year with the revived Sports Day. A team bronze in the 4x100m did enough to secure an overall points tally of 127, 11 points clear of Ridgemount in second, and it was therefore with great pride that Rigg's

Hall were crowned Junior champions for 2013.



In the Intermediates, Rigg's were always going to struggle against an impressive Severn Hill outfit, but our team were able to secure 108 points to take runners-up spot in the age-group. Points came from the likes of George Patterson (*pictured above*), whose silver medal in the Hurdles demonstrated his ability once again, and he went on to place just outside the medals in the 400m. Oscar Dickins was our star man in the distance events, and like Will Hayward, he was asked to double up in the 800m and 1500m, one of only two runners in the age-group to do so. His stamina came through, though, and he was able to secure a bronze in the 800m (2.19) and a silver in the 1500m (4.55). Out in the field, Hugo Morgan threw 8.65 to take bronze in the shot putt, with Alex Seager and Reiss Rashid just outside the medals in the other throwing events of javelin and discus. The relay team of George Patterson, Will Schofield, Charlie Johnston and Henry Binns achieved further medals with another team bronze.

The Rigg's Senior team were also amongst the leading athletes on the day, with an exceptional 11.12 in the 100m beating last year's fastest time over the sprint distance to take gold. Further speed on the track was shown from Lower Sixth entrant Ian Yeung (*pictured right*) who was the second fastest in the 200m heats though wasn't quite able to hit the pace for a medal in the final. There were, however, medals in the field for George Day, with gold in the javelin (39.33m- a record over last year's distance), and a silver in the high jump with a leap of 1.55m. The final event of the day – the 4x100m relays – saw Rigg's dominant once again, with our quartet of Ian Yeung, Harry Tomkinson, Josh Mason and Nick Douglas storming home to gold. Sadly, we were 1 point away from winning the Senior trophy, narrowly behind The Grove, but our 106 points pushed our overall team total to 341 points, ten points clear of Severn Hill in second.



Rigg's were duly crowned 2013 Inter-House Athletics Champions, and The Tisdall Cup will be proudly displayed in the House cabinet!



House Captain of Athletics Michael Adeyefa (with the Tisdall Cup) and gold medallists from the House.

Left to right (back row): George Day (Senior Javelin Gold); Harry Tomkinson (Senior 4x100m Gold); Jacob Rand (Junior Shot Putt Gold)

(front row): Ian Yeung (Senior 4x100m Gold); Nick Douglas (Senior 100m Gold); Michael Adeyefa (House Captain of Athletics); Will Hayward (Junior 800m Gold); Josh Mason (Head of House and Senior 4x100m Gold)



## Salopian wins international rowing gold

Wednesday 8 May 2013

*Harry Lonergan (O UVI) returned from the 1st International Junior Regatta of the German Rowing Federation (DRV) in Munich (4th/ 5th May) having won gold for Great Britain in the Junior VIII's race.*



*The GB Junior A VIII proudly wearing their gold medals - Harry Lonergan is third from the right. They are flanked by Germany (silver) and Croatia (bronze).*

*Photo: ©2013 by Olympia Regattaverein München: Wolfgang Walter*

The GB Team recorded its best ever results, coming away with seven titles over the two days of the Regatta. Harry was a member of the VIII that recorded an impressive victory, holding off strong challenges from Germany and Croatia to win the showpiece event on Sunday afternoon.

This was one of the largest junior regattas, with more than 700 rowers from 13 European and African countries competing. It was held on the Olympic regatta course of 1972.

Harry, a Cassidy Scholar, was also a member of the Great Britain Coxless Four that came fourth at the Junior World Championships in August last year.

He will be hoping to secure a seat in one of the top boats for this year's Junior Rowing World Championships that are to be held at Trakai in Lithuania in August.



*Harry (at no.3) celebrating victory with the rest of the GB Junior VIII*

Many thanks to Harry for his vivid account of the weekend:

"Having been selected in the top two boats (the coxless four and the eight) for the Munich Junior International Regatta, I knew there was going to be pressure on me to win my first international gold medal.

Waking up on Friday morning before my flight to Munich, I felt an excited nervousness, so much so that I lost track of time and arrived at the airport, in true salopian style, five minutes before check-in closed. When we arrived in Munich, we were on a very tight schedule and amid the panic and rush that the team felt (as the manager gave us 15 minutes after arriving at the hotel to check in, unpack and get changed into kit, before being back on the bus) I did feel a sense of calm.

We eventually got the course, where the final selection for boats was announced, and headed out for a quick paddle (just before the forecasted storm arrived) to get 'the journey' out of our legs.

At 6am on Saturday morning my alarm went off, and I knew it was time to head down to breakfast to get ready to race. However, Saturday morning brought with it a certain amount of disappointment, missing out on the 'A' final of the coxless fours event, being beaten to the line by Austria by 0.8 seconds, with our boat posting the second quickest time of the day.

Racing in the 'B' final, later that day, we knew we had to win to stand any chance at the World Rowing Junior Championships later this year. However, we neither won nor lost. Instead we dead-heated with the Croatian top four. Whilst this may be a very rare feat, for the other three members of my crew, exactly the same thing had happened the week before at the GB Trials!

Saturday evening brought with it many talks with coaches about how we could improve on the day's performance when we go out and race the Germans, Croatians and Swiss (to name a few) the next day in the eight. Whilst we all came up with ideas as to how we may be able to overcome them, the simple truth was that we needed to go out harder, row better and be stronger.

Sunday morning at 6.30am my alarm went off. A lie in! Following the same routine as the morning before, we went out and raced our semi-final in the morning, winning convincingly over five other crews, pushing three of them into the 'B' Final. Whilst our confidence was built up with the knowledge we were fast, during our warm down paddle we saw the German national eight dominating their field. We knew it was us versus them. A one on one to put everything that went wrong the day before right.



3.20pm came around fast, and we were paddling up to the start for our 4.00pm final. Sitting on the start line, people were slapping their legs, hitting the boat, trying to get into that racing state of mind. The umpire called for people to get ready to row, the red light switched on, and turned to green. We were away, and a length up on Germany. From after the 500m mark, it is difficult to remember much, until we were standing proud on the podiums with gold medals round our necks.

We had done what we needed to do. However, the season is not over yet, there is much more racing to come; National Schools' Regatta, Henley Royal Regatta and the Junior World Rowing Championships. The feeling of winning a gold medal has made me hungry for more. The rest of the season is going to be hard, but I believe working at 100% for all of it will truly be worth it.

As our coach, Mr Hundermark says, "Perfection is not a sometimes thing, boys"."







## Sixth Form Chapel Interviews - Rosie Parr

Wednesday 8 May 2013

*In the third of this term's Chapel Interviews with Sixth Form Leavers, Rosie Parr (EDH) reflects on her two years at the School. During her first year, she won the 2012 National Fives Ladies Under-17 Beginners Championship with her partner, Hannah Pritchard. Earlier this year she won first prize in the national Omnibus Gladstone Competition - the UK's premier essay prize in Classics. She has been given a conditional offer to read Classics at Christ Church College, Oxford.*



### ***Where are you from?***

I wouldn't really be able to say where I was from seeing as I've moved around so much. My Dad's job in the Navy has meant he's been posted all around the UK and Europe, and we had to move with him until my parents decided that my sisters and I should go to boarding school in Somerset instead. When I started I cried every night for a term, but once I stopped being the annoying child who threatened to tell on the dorm if they were talking after 9.00pm, I loved boarding and have ever since.

### ***Why did you choose Shrewsbury?***

I chose to leave my last school after I decided a change was definitely necessary. The realisation came after the day I realised I was fat and annoying. The wake-up call I needed was when I had to buy a new school skirt... I guess I just decided I wanted a fresh start, and Shrewsbury was the perfect place. It only had girls in the Sixth Form so all of us would be new and in the same boat, which was just what I wanted.

### ***What are the highlights of your time here?***

I've had two real highlights of my time here so far. The first was the Fives Nationals last year, which was just such a good week. Fake tan, Travelodges and McDonald's Monopoly are probably the ultimate combination, and although it sounds a bit clichéd, it was so nice to have all years, boys and girls together as a team. Getting into Oxford was the other highlight, mainly just because I was so relieved that all the hard work in the first term had paid off! I proved to myself that I could get in and now I get to go to the best uni probably in the world for the subject I love.



*(pictured right: Rosie with Hannah Pritchard after winning the National Fives Ladies Under-17 Beginners Championship)*

### ***Why Classics?***

It's hard to explain why I, or anyone for that matter, would love Classics so much they would decide to spend two weeks of their summer at Greek Camp, but I started loving Classics when I was younger because I just really liked translating Latin. As you've probably already gathered, I was a really cool child. As I started learning about all the background and the history, it was hard not to be interested by Emperors making their horses consuls, and murdering their mothers. It's a subject that for me doesn't get boring.

### ***Do you have any regrets?***

Currently, I'm really regretting agreeing to do this interview as this is the scariest thing I've ever done! My biggest regret at Shrewsbury though is probably not what you would expect or what you've heard before. Everyone says they regret not making the most of the opportunities Shrewsbury has given them, and doing as much as possible with their time here, but I regret doing too much. I mean I joined Chapel Choir and although some people really enjoy it, it wasn't for me. It's great to try everything but I think that sometimes having time to do nothing is just as important.

### ***Given that boys' experience at this school lasts (normally) five years, how has a short two years coloured/affected your own experience? Has it made it more intense? More manic?***

Having only two years here definitely made the experience more intense. There's only a short time to make friends and make your mark. Before I came to Shrewsbury, one of my teachers told me it would be a bad idea to move, because there wasn't enough time to settle in, get to know your teachers and make a good start on ASs in that first term. I think she was ultimately wrong, but trying to do everything I wanted to do at Shrewsbury in two years has definitely been hard. I don't think any of the girls will have made such a lasting impression on the School as the boys have. Girls have won all sorts of awards and done great things here, but that's not the same as growing up with your house and your teachers.

### ***What makes you angry?***

When people are horrible to my sisters. I remember in prep school my six-year-old sister was crying because she missed my parents in breakfast and Matron dragged her out of the room telling her they were crocodile tears. I honestly could have punched her.

### ***What makes you laugh?***

Stalking Max Mason on Facebook.

### ***Do we find ourselves or invent ourselves?***

As Revd Dobbie pointed out when we were considering questions that could be asked, in Latin the word 'invenire' means 'to find', and it's also where we get the word 'invent' from. I personally think that the two mean the same thing in this context. If you invent a persona for yourself that isn't the 'real you', who is it? People become who they try to be, even if they change again the next week.



***If you could have a super power for the day, what would it be and why?!***

I would have the power to control people's minds, I think. It sounds really creepy but you could spend the majority of the day solving world issues, like making Kim Jong Un sign a peace treaty with South Korea or making huge corporations invest in Africa and then the time you have left you could do all the funny stuff.

***Do you have one thing to say to those here this morning, what would it be?***

Try and do something to make your mark. It could be in football or drama or something academic. You don't even have to be good at anything necessarily; just try and do something.

*Below: Rosie (front right) with the Headmaster and 12 of the other 14 pupils who have gained offers from Oxford and Cambridge universities this year.*



# Rowing: Girls' quad reach the final of the Wallingford Regatta

Thursday 9 May 2013



*Girls' 'A' Quad in training*

*From stroke: Bridget Lapage, Amy Stockdale, Izzy Tenison-Collins, Lizzie Collins*

The Girls 'A' Quad had an extremely successful day competing at the Wallingford Regatta on Sunday 5th May. Their success at qualifying for the final amongst the best junior crews in the country, beating Headington School, Molesey Boat Club and Weybridge in the process, was underpinned by a time in the final.

Whilst the crew can take much confidence that they are keeping company with the best, they have also learnt many valuable lessons to take forward into the coming weeks as they prepare for National Schools, Women's Henley and Henley Royal Regatta.

## Young Engineers Group race at Mallory Park

Thursday 9 May 2013



The Young Engineers Group of Fourth Formers took their car built in the Design and Technology Department to Mallory Park Circuit for the Season's opening event in the Greenpower national competition. For most of the boys, this was the first experience of driving the car on a race circuit. As this was the first opportunity for teams to test and race the cars, we took to the circuit not only with teams in our 11 -16 Formula 24 class, but with 16 -25-year-old and corporate teams.

The boys and the car performed well throughout the day, racing with no breakdown and managing pit stops with driver changes. When the final flag dropped and the printouts were analysed, we were pleased to have completed a total distance of 84 miles and performed better than many older teams, including corporate teams from MIRA and Jaguar Land Rover.

*JEH*



## "Why I'm running the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon" by Mark Yale (S 1976-81)

Thursday 9 May 2013

*This year's inaugural Shrewsbury Marathon and Half-Marathon on June 23rd will see a team of over 50 donning a Shrewsbury School vest, including staff, pupils, parents and Old Salopians. Amongst their number will be Mark Yale, who will be flying all the way over from New York to compete in the event alongside his son Alex (S LVI). We are grateful to him for agreeing to be the first contributor to a series of short articles from members of the Shrewsbury team that we will be featuring on the website in the build-up to the event.*



*Mark is himself an Old Salopian (S 1976-81), and whilst an occasional runner with the Hunt during his time here, it was as an oarsman that Mark distinguished himself. As stroke of the first VIII that won the Special Race for Schools in both 1980 and 1981 (Shrewsbury did not race the Princess Elizabeth Cup those years due to A levels) and member of the Great Britain team at the World Junior Championships in those same two years, Mark experienced sport at a very high level as a Salopian. As evidenced in the construction of The Yale Boathouse, Mark's keen interest in the sport and the School remains, and we are delighted that he will be joining the School's team for the Half-Marathon.*

Better be ready for it...! What is "it" I hear you ask. Surely not the Shrewsbury Marathon? Well, actually not exactly, although I do recommend some training. "It" is the benign scepticism, mild disapproval and questioning of sanity that every registered runner of the Shrewsbury Marathon and Half-Marathon on 23rd June 2013 is sure to experience from spouses, relations, friends and passers-by in the coming weeks up to the great day itself. With this in mind I thought I might provide some ammunition in the way of thoughts to stay these Jobs' comforters, and simultaneously hold off misgivings during those training runs on a cloudy morning.

Why would anyone in their right mind run either 13.1 or 26.2 miles through the highways and byways of Shrewsbury on a Sunday in June? The answer is because they can. In doing so every runner, supporter, well wisher and organiser is participating in something immensely positive. I have run NY City Marathon seven times and Boston once, and the reason each time is the same. Rain or shine, because I want to be one of those people who love to continue to prove something to themselves, to raise money for charity and do good in the community. Marathons have widely been described as "Everyman's Everest" and I reckon this is true.

Think about this expression of freedom and goodwill, played out time after time in the major cities and now country towns in the free world. Small wonder then that those who oppose freedom and goodwill, who have let their minds be overthrown by hate and bigotry should try to destroy and undermine such an event. That bile and religious fanaticism should boil over onto the streets of Boston last month, shows how much those who really think about how expressions of freedom should be crushed, are drawn to such events as these.

So... I run and will continue to run until I can run no more. My recent trail race was the North Face Endurance Challenge last weekend at Bear Mountain NY (just south of West Point) – Alex Yale (S LVI) will join the throng in June. We were training together along the banks of the Arno in Florence during the Easter Holidays and he has been training with the Hunt this term along the Shropshire Way, only this week traversing the Long Mynd to Church Stretton.

Why not join us? It's not too late to register; you might just learn something about yourself, and do some good as well.

*Mark Yale*



*Putting their best foot forward... a few members of the School's Shrewsbury Marathon Team and supporters*



# Match report: U16A XI vs Denstone College T20, Wednesday 8th May 2013

Friday 10 May 2013

A Shrewsbury U16 XI made their way out of various exams, etc to assemble, eventually. Conditions: overcast, stiff breeze. Just about 11 players arrived (thanks to **Ollie Nolan** and **Charlie Beckett** for stepping in).

Shrewsbury won the toss and, not yet being quorate, chose to bat. **Charlie Adams** and **Freddie Rowley** opened and looked solid – Charlie looked to be accelerating when he nicked one to the keeper for 16; Freddie followed in the same over, so we went from 35-0 off 5 to 40-2 off 6.

**George Birt** and **Rishi Trivedi** took over. George was going nicely and playing his shots, picking and punishing the poor ball (and the ball that was so much slower it sent the field – and George – into fits of giggles). No sooner had I mused that we needed these two to stay for 6 or 7 overs and we'd make a decent total, than Rishi was caught ambling lazily backwards into his ground – the wicketkeeper's throw hit from 7 yards before he got there. Careless!

**Evan Rolfe** – he can bat a bit... bowled. Ah. In fact the middle order between them managed 10 runs. From 50 off 7 overs we got to 100 off 18. We were rescued by an extras column of 51, which took us to 117 for 9 (a good cameo from **Ollie Nolan** who, in at 10, actually just stayed there for 5 overs and made sure we batted out 20, scoring 20 on the way. It could have been a different story if any of 4, 5, 6 had got a start.

Anyhow, 117 to defend, with the pitch offering a bit of movement and reward for pitching the ball in about the right place. We did this in phases, but even our usual metronomic bowlers seemed to drag it in short and Denstone helped themselves – or rather, their opening bat and captain did. We might have had him caught at mid-off early on but the chance went down and he made it count, scoring an unbeaten 59.

At the other end, we were rewarded by a few edges (**Roan Kirkby** behind the stumps held the chances well) and each wicket gave us some hope, but the total was not enough with their opener still there. Though our lines were tighter and we kept extras down to 24, they knocked off the runs in 15 overs, making use of the short square boundary on which we might have cashed in with a little patience.

In summary, I think their better lengths beat our tighter lines.

**George Birt** the pick of the figures: he top scored with a swift 22, opened his bowling account with a wicket maiden, and finished 4-1-15-3.

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*Shrewsbury 117-9 (20 overs)*

*Denstone 122-5 (15.3 overs)*

*Denstone won by 5 wickets*



## RSSBC: Shrewsbury Regatta success

Monday 13 May 2013

*It was a busy weekend for the RSSBC at the Shrewsbury Regatta (11th - 12th May), with 28 crews racing on Saturday and 17 crews racing on Sunday. The Regatta drew club, school and university crews from all over the country.*

*On Saturday there were wins for the following crews: 1st VIII, Girls 1st IVx, 2nd VIII, J16A VIII (twice), J15A VIII, J15B VIII, J15 IV, and the J14A Octo.*

*On Sunday there were also terrific performances and wins in the following categories: IM1 4+, IM3 4+, J15A 4+, J16 4-, Elite 2-, J18 2-, and the J14A 2x.*

### Seniors

The Seniors enjoyed a successful weekend of racing with both the 1st and 2nd VIIIs winning both of their invitational races. The 1st VIII took on eights from Agecroft and King's Chester and did well to take full advantage of the staggered start to maintain the lead and stretch away in the closing stages.

The 2nd VIII (*pictured right in action*) had similar success against Trafford and King's Chester's 2nd VIII.

On the Sunday a variety of small boats took to the water. The following crews deserve special mention for winning their events:

**Elite Pairs:** Harry Lonergan and Niall Barrow

**IM1 4+:** Max Kimpton-Smith, Judah Rand, Peter Gadsden, Will Angell-James and Luke Koch De Gooreynd

**J18 Pairs:** Ed Chapman and Sebastian Blake

The double scull of Charlie Clarke and Luke Koch De Gooreynd also deserve special mention. They won two tight races to make the final of novice doubles, which they lost in a close race.

### J16s

On the Saturday of the Regatta, the J16A VIII won both J16 (beating the Grange School) and IM3 (beating Agecroft RC and Pengwern), the result of which is that the crew (which started the day as "novice") have now well and truly lost their novice status.

The J16B VIII, racing up an age group in J18, raced very well against King's Chester's 3rd VIII, but unfortunately just lost out. Splitting into two coxed fours later in the day, one half of the eight made it to the final of J16 fours but came up against a very strong Royal Chester crew.



The J16C four lost in the first round of Novice coxed fours to King's Chester.

On Sunday, Alex Powell (M) started off the day racing in J16 single sculls. A powerful showing in the semi-final put him up against a St Ives sculler who proved too strong in the final. Four boys from Rigg's Hall combined in IM3 fours, beating Bewdley RC and then Liverpool Victoria to win their event. The J16 pair of George Patterson (R) and Toby Thomas (SH) lost out to a pair from the 2nd VIII in J18 pairs. Lastly in an invitational race against a Sabrina crew, the J16 coxless four won by an official verdict of two feet in the penultimate race of the day.

Particular congratulations go to Charlie Johnston (R) and Elliott Robinson-Boulton (R) who finished the weekend undefeated in four separate categories.

### J15s

Both A and B eights were to race their North of England rivals, King's School Chester in straight finals on Saturday. As expected, the A crew dispatched King's A Crew with relative ease by a margin of around 3 lengths. However, the Bs had a much tougher task, having been beaten by their opposition by 2 lengths at Nottingham in April. A victory by our crew by a length shows how much the boys have come on over the last three weeks. Both crews were also racing in smaller boats, the Bs in a coxed four that lost in the semi-final of Novice fours to an Oxford college crew, who went on to win the final. The other half of the crew raced as a quad; they lost to a King's School Worcester crew, who would certainly have had more than one practice in the boat!

The A crew were split into two crews of around the same speed. One had to race a club crew from Northwich in a semi-final before a big grudge match against their own team mates. This race was eventually raced on Sunday; the margin two-thirds of a length.



*Members of R.S.S.B.C J15 squad after collecting their first pewter Regatta tankards on Saturday*

The Sunday is always taken as more a fun day and over a very short 500-metre course, our group of boys were set to race in three coxed fours and a quad. The two A boats again set to race each other. After a tactical crew change, the result was down to 1/2 a length. Verdict: great close racing!

The B coxed four made a great effort to race through two rounds successfully, in the novice four category (an open event for adults) before losing the final by a canvas (approx 8 feet!). The quad, after a fantastic effort in the closing stages, had an even closer verdict, losing out by 2 feet!

**J15 A 8:** Cox Guy Cabral. Harry Lane-Fox, Jake Carter, Alex Matthews, Wilf Deacon, Alfie Grocott, Joe Davies, Paddy George, Henry Thomas. WINNERS

**J15B 8:** Cox ED Jones. Doug Major, Mischa Manser, Nick Watkins, Charlie Rassmuss, Tom Sykes, Alex Brinkley, Hector Kaye, Rhys Elliott-Williams. WINNERS

**J15 4:** Cox Guy Cabral, Paddy George, Wilf Deacon, Alfie Grocott, Henry Thomas. WINNERS

**J15 4:** Cox Ed Jones, Harry Lane-Fox, Jake Carter, Alex Matthews, Joe Davies

**Novice 4:** Cox Guy Cabral, Nick Watkins, Charlie Rassmuss, Tom Sykes, Rhys Elliott-Williams

**J15 4X+:** Cox Ed Jones, Doug Major, Mischa Manser, Alex Brinkley, Alfred Mitchell



*Winners of J15 4+ both days, left to right: Henry Thomas, Alex Matthews, Wilf Deacon, Paddy George*

### **Girls' Squad**

A good weekend for the Girls' Squad culminated in a win against an Elite crew from Guildford Rowing Club for the A crew of Bridget Lapage, Amy Stockdale, Issy Tenison-Collins and Lizzie Collins. The B crew put in a tidy performance against a slick Grange School who were the eventual winners.

A girls' novice VIII were out-powered by a crew from De Montefort University, whilst Poppy Crowe sculled herself into the WJ18 1x final, where she lost to Lettie Tay of Pengwern, who will arrive at Shrewsbury in September as the first female rowing scholar.

After Nottingham City next weekend, all crews head for the National Schools Regatta in Nottingham in two weeks' time.



# Global Perspectives and Independent Research reports – Presentation Evening

Tuesday 14 May 2013

*Students completing their Independent Research Reports for the Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives course (GPR) joined Lower Sixth Formers completing the Global Perspectives Short Course (GP) for an evening of presentations in the Science Lecture Theatre on Thursday 9th May 2013.*

The Lower Sixth Formers each presented a 15-minute presentation based on a research question stimulated by pre-release documents which dealt with different approaches to parenting and education and gender issues in employment. Recordings of these presentations will be sent to Cambridge where they will be assessed as part of the Global Perspectives Short Course (GP) Course.

The Upper Sixth Formers gave a brief summary of their own Independent Research Reports (IRRs). This was based on a research question selected and formulated by the student and then developed under the guidance of a tutor (several tutors were present in the audience). The IRR is a 5,000 word dissertation worth 50% of the full Global Perspectives course (GPR).

The variety of ideas and styles of presentation resulted in a stimulating and entertaining evening which was followed by a good dinner and excellent intellectual discussions (and arguments!) over a glass of wine in the Hardy Room.

The Lower Sixth presenters and their topics were:

- Tom Rowe (M) – *To what extent has the trend for later pregnancies affected maternal and infant health?*
- Chris Papaioannou (PH) – *To what extent do children owe their parents?*
- Toby Harvey-Scholes (R) – *Is 'Chinese Parenting' an ethical philosophy for raising children?*
- Derek Law (O) – *Do different parenting styles influence societies' politics and economics?*
- Andrew Spicer (M) – *To what extent should parents choose the education of their children?*
- Daniel Hart (Rt) – *To what extent should parents be able to control their children's lives?*
- Stephen Chandler (Rb) – *Should gender be used to discriminate between candidates for employment?*

Upper Sixth IRR presentations:

- Meredith Lloyd (MSH) – *To what extent was the 19th century the most revolutionary era for literature?*
- James Brent (Rb) – *To what extent does an explanation of consciousness require an alteration of the current dominant scientific worldview?*
- Alfonso Rius (G) – *To what extent should the principles embodied in the European Convention on Human Rights be relevant in the fight against terrorism?*
- Ed Elcock (Rb) – *Is the Turing Test a valid test for consciousness?*
- Seren Kell (MSH) – *Regarding human health, to what extent should we endorse the use of genetically modified crops for human consumption?*

The Global Perspectives Short course is equivalent to a bit more than an AS qualification and the full GPR course (GP+IRR) is equivalent to a full Pre-U or a bit more than a full A-level (AS+A2). These are complementary courses offered alongside a full Sixth Form curriculum, so the students who complete them have to be prepared to work independently and efficiently in order to succeed.

# British Youth Fencing Championships 2013: impressive results for Shrewsbury pupils

Tuesday 14 May 2013

Five members of the School's Fencing Club won through to the British Youth Fencing Championships. Held in Sheffield at the English Institute of Sport, the event brings together the regional finalists at all three weapons (foil, epee and sabre) and boys and girls compete in four age group competitions: Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.

The competitions were held over three days Saturday, Sunday and Monday (4th-6th May 2013), with Shrewsbury School representing the West Midlands region.



## Under 18 Boys' Foil

**12th Marco Lee (I IV)** *(pictured with Scott Reynolds)*

Marco Lee had recently finished 5th in the Public Schools event. Nevertheless, reaching the last 16 in the Nationals was even more than had been expected of him - an excellent result. He lost his last fight 15-9 to his close friend Jordan Tam (North West), who is also from Hong Kong and eventually finished in 5th place.

## Under 16 Boys' Foil

**28th Scott Reynolds (Rb IV)**

Scott Reynolds lost his last 32 fight to Harry Bird (London) 15-7, who finished in 7th place. Excellent fencing from Scott in this his first national competition.

## Under 18 Boys' Epee

**25th Charlie Godman (M V)**

**32nd Arthur Cheng (SH V)**

Arthur Cheng fenced Tomas Curran-Jones (London) in the last 32, losing 10 - 2 to Curran-Jones, who went on to win the event. A slow start from Arthur meant his seeding was low and he had to fence hard to get back on track. All credit to Arthur for showing such tenacity.

Charlie Godman fenced Thomas Hoffmann (Scotland



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North) in the last 32, losing 15-9. Hoffmann went on to finish in 8th place. This was an excellent performance from Charlie.

## **Under 16 Boys' Sabre 32nd Ross Viljoen (PH V)**

Ross Viljoen fenced Simon Dacey (South East) in the last 32, losing 15-7. Dacey eventually finished in 3rd place. A slow start from Ross meant he had to call on all of his resources to win his first D/E fight 15 - 12 against Matteo Morresi (London) in a very tense encounter. Excellent fencing from Ross.

*Ken Holding, Fencing Coach*



## "A cold coming they had of it..." - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award training expedition, 11th – 12th May 2013

Tuesday 14 May 2013

This weekend saw the second of two practice weekends for our new Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award candidates. It was the culmination of a very comprehensive training programme which included first aid training, an in-school theory day and a navigation day on the Shropshire hills.

All 58 students arrived on Saturday evening at Womerton Farm near All Stretton for a 24-hour practice expedition, where the students had to demonstrate their knowledge and ability in skills such as menu planning, cooking on a camp stove, pitching a tent and establishing a campsite, emergency planning and handling, navigation and map reading.

Despite the freezing cold and a bitter wind, the boys did exceptionally well and all passed the final training hurdle. The assessment expeditions will be carried out during Outdoors Week in June.

Many thanks to an excellent team of instructors.





## Radbrook are crowned House Quiz Competition champions for the second year running

Tuesday 14 May 2013

The sight of many contestants in formal evening wear for the final stages of the Inter-House Quiz competition brought back memories of TV panel games in the Fifties, when such was the norm. It was not that Dr Oakley was intent on turning the clock back, but rather the result of a “fixture clash”, which meant that a number of those competing were going straight on to the annual dinner of Model United Nations team. Coincidental it may have been, but it brought a certain gravitas to the occasion – not always evident among the audience.

In the first of the semi-finals, School House easily defeated a below-strength Churchill's, but in a thrilling second match, the girls of Mary Sidney Hall recovered from a slow start to come very close to overtaking Radbrook. As it turned out, this was the highlight of the evening, for the final was unexpectedly one-sided. On their showing thus far, School House might have been favourites, but for most of the time they were reduced to the role of spectators, as a rampant Radbrook piled up the points. It was a classic demonstration of hair-trigger “buzzing” to deny their opponents the chance of showing what they knew. Having seen them in previous rounds, I can vouch for the considerable fund of knowledge in the School House quartet, but the interventions of Radbrook's James Brent and Ralph Wade in particular were virtually instantaneous – and hardly ever wrong. With additional contributions from their junior colleagues, their total of 300 points in twenty minutes was a staggering achievement.

Credit for managing this enjoyable competition over two terms goes to Dr Charlie Oakley, who conducts it single-handedly until finals day. Retiring to the technicians' box to act as producer and adjudicator, he hands over the duties of question-master to Mr Toby Percival, who chairs proceedings with a blend of urgency and good humour. Thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

The successful Radbrook team: James Brent (UVI), Ralph Wade (LVI), Sasha Arridge (IV), Ed Chapman (III).





## Martin Downer, Old Salopian Author: Reading at Literary Gathering in Woburn on 6 June

Wednesday 15 May 2013

On Thursday 6 June, Old Salopian author, Martin Downer (DB 1944-49) and his wife, Anne Evans, will be reading from their recent works at a literary gathering in Woburn.

Martin will read a short story entitled 'Incident on a Freeway' (part of his material for a new anthology) and Anne will be reading an excerpt from her novel 'Absent Child' shortly to be published by Mardi Books.

Martin says that he would be delighted to see any old friends who might like to attend.

For more details please click on this

link: <http://www.mardibooks.com/forthcoming-literary-events-in-herts-and-bucks-join-in-details-below/>

Pictured, the cover for Martin's World War II novel, 'Over There'.





## James Taylor (OS) captains Nottinghamshire CCC

Wednesday 15 May 2013



James Taylor (R 2003-08) is today captaining Nottinghamshire CCC in their match against Surrey.

James joined Nottinghamshire ahead of the 2012 season and wrote his name into the county's record books by scoring a century in the second innings of his debut match against Loughborough MCCU.

A former England Under-19 international, James joined Leicestershire CCC when he left Shrewsbury in 2008. He scored maiden centuries in both four-day and one-day cricket a year later. The same season also resulted in him becoming the youngest player for Leicestershire to score 1,000 runs in a season and also the youngest to register a double century after an innings of 207 not out against Surrey.

James made his Test debut for England against South Africa last summer and has appeared regularly for the England Lions since 2010.

## OS Michael Palin has been awarded a BAFTA Fellowship

Wednesday 15 May 2013



Presenter, writer and Monty Python star Michael Palin (R, 1957-61) has been awarded a BAFTA Fellowship.

The Fellowship, BAFTA's highest honour, was presented to Michael by his fellow Python star, Terry Jones, at the Arqiva British Academy Television Awards on 12 May, 2013.

Michael said: 'I'm well aware that any success I've had is down to team-work. I've been blessed throughout my career with the inspiration and support of others. The Fellowship is for all of

us.' He went on to say that he felt slightly guilty for accepting an award for thoroughly enjoying himself for the last 48 years.

A full report can be found on the [BAFTA website](#).

## Old Salopian sportsmen and women - winning performances at the Sports Awards Lunch

Wednesday 15 May 2013

*The School's Sports Awards lunch was held on Sunday 12 May at the School to honour Upper 6th leavers. The major prizes will be re-awarded on Speech Day.*



Representatives of Old Salopian Sports Clubs were there in strength: Sports Committee Chairman Paul Nichols, Past President and Foundation Chairman and Fives player, Peter Worth, plus representatives of most of the major sporting clubs attended the lunch along with several former masters and sportsmen. The Golfing Society was particularly in evidence with President Anthony Smith, Secretary Tim Lewis, William Painter and Robert Lanyon all attending along with their guests.



The Keynote speaker was Tim Lamb (SH 1966-71). A former County Cricket player, chief executive of the of the Sport and Recreation Alliance and former Chief Executive Officer of the England And Wales Cricket Board. Tim gave a lively and inspiring speech, regaling the 130 guests (pupils, parents, teachers and Old Salopians) with anecdotes from his career. The 'serious' part of his speech - i.e. the argument that sport is for life, not just for schooldays was very persuasive and he is a good personal advertisement for it.

John Scott (with glasses at the back of the group photo) who was a life-long friend of the late David Spencer (SH 1948-53), who died in 2012, has presented the School with a stunning silver ewer (seen, pictured, with the winner, Charlie Farqhar, pictured left, above) in memory of David. John asked that the trophy be given to the most outstanding sportsman of the year and Charlie is the first recipient, for Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Sport. Shrewsbury School and the Salopian club were delighted that Sara Spencer, David's daughter was able to attend the lunch along with John in order to present the trophy in person. She can be seen on the left of the group photo, above.

Another new trophy - a beautiful silver salver - was awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Sport. This was named after Elle Gurden (MSH 2008-10), herself an outstanding

sportswoman, and who can be seen standing to the right of the group photo. Elle also attended the lunch to award the prize to its first recipient, Hannah Pritchard (EDH) - pictured right, above.

The Awards were as follows:

Service to Sport Awards: Bridget Lapage, Edward Mallett, Edward Lloyd, James Humpish, Max Kimpton-Smith, Alistair Fisher

Sportsman of the Year: Max Pragnell

Sportswoman of the Year: Libby Naylor

The David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys Sport: Charlie Farquhar

The Eleanor Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Girls Sport: Hannah Pritchard



## School Sports Awards 2013

Wednesday 15 May 2013

*Ten of the School's most gifted and committed sportsmen and women from among a very talented year group were honoured at the inaugural Sports Award Lunch for Upper Sixth pupils on Sunday 12th May.*



*Left to right: Sara, daughter of the late David Spencer (SH 1948-53), Charlie Farquhar (winner of The David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Sport), Tim Lamb (SH 1966-71), Hannah Pritchard (winner of the Eleanor Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Sport) and Eleanor Gurden (MSH 2008-10)*

The celebratory lunch was attended by Sixth Form pupils, parents, staff and representatives of OS sports clubs, who enjoyed an entertaining keynote speech by guest-of-honour Tim Lamb (SH 1966-71), former first class cricketer and current Chief Executive of the Sport and Recreation Alliance.

During the presentation ceremony, Director of Sport Paul Greetham and EDH Housemistress Kait Weston (standing in at the last minute for Head of Girls' Sport Nicola Bradburne who was sadly unable to attend the lunch because of family illness) paid tribute to each of the Award winners. The testimonials are included below and give an insight into the strength of character, commitment and hard work that have made each of them such an inspiration for their peers.

## Winner of The David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys' Sport – Charlie Farquhar (S)

*This trophy has been generously given to the School by John Scott, a life-long friend of the late David Spencer (SH 1948-53), who died in 2012. John asked that the trophy be given to the most outstanding sportsman of the year. We were delighted to welcome John to the Sports Award lunch, together with David's daughter, Sara, who presented the trophy to its first recipient.*

*David Spencer played for the School's 1st XI football team for four seasons and captained the side for two seasons, an extremely rare feat in the 20th century at Shrewsbury. He also enjoyed three seasons as a 1st XI cricketer and a season as one of the top four Fives players. He is remembered as one of the great team men at Shrewsbury; he understood the value of sport at School and knew it might never be the same again. Historically, there are not many other Salopians more worthy of having an award named after them. He was a true gentleman, a truly honest sportsman and a proud Salopian.*



The first recipient of the David Spencer Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Boys Sport is admired by all. He is held in such high esteem and was easily the most nominated person for this honour by staff and his peers. He has an impeccable school record on and off the sports field – quite simply an outstanding role model for younger pupils in his House Severn Hill, and those who watch from the sidelines. Sport has not only made this young man many friends, but it has hardened him, and he is a tough competitor but always fair. He has always been an obvious choice as a Captain – capable of calculated strategic decisions as a cricket captain and also barking instruction as a leader on the football and rugby field. As a leader of pupils, he maintains strong and trusted relationships and stays loyal to both his friends and staff, which is one of the most testing paths to tread. “If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch” – he does it all with aplomb.

One of his teammates when nominating him wrote this: “I think he deserves this if not simply for the fact he has played in the football, rugby and cricket 1st team for two years, but that he has done so without being a sports scholar and has been crucial in all the sports teams he has played for. I can't think of a more worthy winner for a school sports prize, and for that side-step if nothing else”.

On a personal level, I have been proud to be associated with him and to have coached him for all but one of his years at Shrewsbury. My first ever duty as Director of Sport was the pre-season football tour to La Manga, and he was one of the first of the lads to say hello and make conversation. He made a lasting impression on me then. He was an obvious choice as captain of my first cricket team at Shrewsbury, and more recently I have valued him terrifically



on the many, many sports tours we have enjoyed together and as a 1st XV rugby player for two years. I cannot be more pleased that he becomes a role model to many more young people as a gap student at Southport School, Queensland from July this year.

### **Winner of The Eleanor Gurden Award for Outstanding Contribution to Girls' Sport – Hannah Pritchard (EDH)**

*Eleanor Gurden (MSH 2008-10) made an unbelievable impact on the introduction of girls' sport to Shrewsbury School. Her interests and involvement were vast – she played hockey, netball, tennis, athletics and rounders at 1st team level, and played to international level in the latter. She was the first ever Head of Girls' Sport and Captain of Boats. Since leaving in 2010, Elle has been getting as involved at Manchester University where she reads Chemistry, still plays hockey and tennis, whilst furthering her interest in ballet and yoga. She could not contain her delight when I asked her to name this award, which says a great deal about the pride she feels as one of the first stars of girls' sport at Shrewsbury, and also about her as a person. I am indebted to the Gurdens as a family for donating this beautiful trophy, which I hope will be presented to many down the years who live up to Elle's spirit, enthusiasm and sporting ability.*

Hannah Pritchard has been heavily involved in sport since she started her career at Shrewsbury. She has played at the highest level and represented the School in hockey, netball, fives, tennis and rounders and she has always done so with enthusiasm and determination. It's this determination that makes her the outstanding sportswoman she is and which has also meant she has been one of the driving forces of house sport this year. Her motivational character enables her to encourage people to get involved in sport at all levels, whilst always striving for perfection herself and never satisfied with anything less.



She is a very good hockey player and an exceptional netballer. On the hockey pitch she works tirelessly, supporting through midfield and setting up the forwards. She is an excellent team player and a strong, positive character who people look up to. She is an effective communicator and has the ability to get the best out of everyone. On the netball court she has the ability to turn over play quickly through her reading of the game and quick reactions which can then totally change the direction of the match. These qualities transfer brilliantly to Fives, where this year she was part of the first pair. At the Ladies Open Championships at Eton this year, the pair made Salopian history by making it through to the semi-finals, which was a phenomenal achievement. At the National Schools Championships there was yet more history made, as the pair claimed Shrewsbury's highest ever finish and a plate trophy.

The commitment and dedication to sport continues into the summer term, where she plays first pair tennis, producing some excellent performances against a variety of opposition. This demonstrates her ability to manage her academic life with regular training sessions, lectures and team fixtures. She has a positive approach to every task she undertakes, she has the respect of those around her, she is extremely hard working and deserving of all the praise and recognition she receives.



### **Sportsman of the Year – Max Pragnell (G)**

Our Sportsman of the Year is one of the best footballers Shrewsbury School has ever seen; indeed, he is one of the best all-round sportsmen the School has seen. He possesses fantastic athleticism and can turn his hand to all sports. He does not do average – whatever sport he plays he will only do to the very highest standard. He is a very good swimmer, cricketer, athlete, gymnast and basketball player – to name but a few.



His major sport at Shrewsbury School has been football. He has hardly missed a match in the five years he has been here; testament to his strength and fitness levels, as he plays in one of the most injury-prone positions on the pitch. His attitude to all training sessions is nothing less than first class, no matter the climate, pitch conditions or workload. He is quick, skilful and brave, and possesses the ability to score with both feet as well as being excellent in the air.

As an Under-15 he gained national recognition and played for the ISFA team. In his final year he was unlucky not to be selected again and many coaches from opposing schools could not believe he had been omitted from the squad, as he is held in such high esteem around the Independent Schools circuit. He has recently played for the Shropshire Schools FA U18 team who reached the semi-final of the ESFA Inter-County Trophy.

He has played 1st XI football for three years. As a Fifth Former and whilst playing against boys two years older, stronger and wiser than him, he still scored 21 goals. In total in three seasons he has played 88 matches and scored 91 goals. This is a new school goal-scoring record which could stand for many years.

He now moves on to attend a soccer scholarship at Davidson College in America, where we wish him all the best with the next stage of his life.

### **Sportswoman of the Year – Libby Naylor (EDH)**

Libby Naylor is one of the most driven, enthusiastic and deeply committed sportswomen I have ever come across. She puts all her energy, heart and soul into every performance, whatever the sport, and ensures she never gives anything less than 100%.

She is an exceptional hockey player, taking apart oppositions with her speed and skill regularly. On sports tour she was quickly identified by the Spanish coach as the ‘one to watch’ and the strength within the team that should be utilised as often as possible. He told the girls, don’t be afraid to use the same play regularly if that’s your strength and it’s obvious that this player is your strength. Use her again and again. It doesn’t matter if the opposition are expecting it; she



will go past them anyway. She is well respected amongst coaches and players due to her exceptional talent, but also because she is hard working, determined and genuinely one of the most thoughtful and considerate girls I have ever met.

Although hockey is her major game, she is happy and more than capable of turning her hand to other sports with similar success. She has represented the school in the Hunt, fives and more recently netball – much to her own surprise – which demonstrates, as ever, her modesty when it comes to her sporting ability. However, the sport she really excels in is athletics. She arrived at Shrewsbury as an established athletics champion and has maintained her high level of training whilst still participating in full academic life along with school practices and fixtures. This demonstrates her determination to get the most out of her time at Shrewsbury and push everything to the limit. She was the recipient of the Victrix Ludorum for both years in the school Inter-House Athletics championships, dominating the field.

She has been described as determined, thoughtful, positive, fearless and her housemistress describes her as a ‘pocket rocket’!

### **Service to Sports Awards**

#### **Bridget Lapage (EDH)**

Bridget Lapage is a leading light at the Boat Club. Girls’ rowing has developed rapidly over recent years, testament not only to the hard work of a committed bunch of girls but the dedication of our coaches Clare Wilson and Nathan Williams.

Bridget has demonstrated a drive and passion for the sport above all others. The youngest in a long line of outstanding oarsmen, she has flown the family flag admirably, and then some. She has been the one the other girls have looked to, to feed off. She was the one who approached me earlier this year to ask for more time to train. She has not always found it easy but has always bounced back harder and stronger.



With National Schools and Henley on the horizon and a great performance in illustrious company recently at Wallingford, these are exciting times for Bridget and her crew.

### **Ed Mallett (S)**

Ed Mallett has truly given outstanding service for his Club and his achievements in cross-country running and athletics over five years have been exceptional. Having won the New Boys' race in the Third Form, despite there only being fewer than half a dozen Hunt runners in the whole School, he stuck with the Hunt the whole time. From the very outset he was a pivotal member of the squad, steering the Junior County Champs team to victory in his first year, the only trophy the Hunt won that year. The considerable success of The Hunt since then on a national level is due in no small part to this young man, who



has developed into one of the leading athletes on the cross-country schools' circuit, winning the Midlands Championship individual title (one of only two Salopians ever to have done so), becoming county champion for a staggering three years in a row, and running the second fastest time in the country (out of over 300 runners) in the national relays last year. Tucks winner, Paperchase winner, club championship winner - the list goes on, and where there has been a title to win, he has got it! His ambition and determination have been huge assets and he has been an inspiration to many in the Club, not least his coaches. He does not boast or brag of his achievements, ever modest, and cares deeply and passionately about The Hunt, its traditions and its success. He is one of the most talented athletes we have seen at Shrewsbury for some time, and it will be a very sad day for us when he leaves the school and moves on to Oxford University where he will read Chemistry at Hertford College.

### **Edward Lloyd (Rt)**

Ed Lloyd has given five sterling years of service to Shrewsbury School sport, notably in Fives, the Hunt and Football, and was made Captain of the 1st XI for the 2012-13 season. He has given up hundreds of hours for training and matches in these sports. He has always played for whichever team he has been selected and has always turned out for the Hunt even during a hectic football schedule. He has also played a good level of Squash and Cricket and memorably scored a fifty against some fairly hostile bowling from Steve Barnard in a House match.



He is a no nonsense sportsman who plays sport in exactly the right way and has never got it wrong on or off the pitch in terms of his attitude or behaviour towards team mates, opponents or coaches.

What makes his contribution to Shrewsbury School all the more remarkable is that he has a serious stomach condition of ulcerative colitis, which causes him a good deal of pain and discomfort. Yet he never makes a fuss.

### **James Humpish (SH)**

There is a photograph taken after the 2008 New Boys' Race of a slightly overweight boy from School House looking very red-faced and brandishing a can of coke. He had placed not quite last, but certainly not far off it. Nobody - not even him - would have guessed back then that this was a Salopian who would go on to run in the Hunt for the full five years of his time at the School, and what's more, would be named as captain of the 2nd VIII in his final year.



He is one of the most inspirational and enthusiastic runners that Peter Middleton has come across in his time as coach. Back in the Third Form, he would run a Benjy in over 16 minutes, a time that most people would be able to beat with a brisk walk over the 2.3km course. It was something of a surprise to Peter that this same boy rocked up to the new junior elite Hunt training group a week later. It is fair to say that initially he was very much out of his depth. Yet he didn't give up; he went on that first training session, and what's more he came back the following week, and the next week, and in fact, he began to run more and more, and by the end of the year, he had taken over 4 minutes off his Benjy time. The following year he dipped under the elusive 10-minute barrier. Astonishingly, the 9-minute mark was broken by the Lower Sixth, and then in his final year, he posted a time that was the 15th-fastest out of the whole School, threatening sub-8 minutes. He had almost halved his time during the five years of his time here, and what's more, he had become a regular member of the Hunt squad, competing in many races across the country. Whilst there have been others who have achieved success on a more national level, and whilst he will never compete against the likes of Mallett and Blake, what he has shown is as much - if not more - determination than any other runner in the Hunt, and the improvements he has made have been quite startling. He is an inspirational figure - a true unsung hero if there ever was one - and his passion for running and The Hunt will no doubt last a lifetime. He will certainly be sorely missed, and I doubt there will ever be anyone quite like him.

### **Max Kimpton-Smith (O)**

Max's Housemaster reckons that if he had been told he would be receiving an award for services to School sport some years ago when he was in the Fourth Form, he would have been somewhat surprised. At that time his father, a Cambridge Blue himself, had been in touch with the Director of Sport and his Housemaster regarding a fitness regime for his son who, following injury, was struggling to push his way into the J15A boat.



Max began work and grew from cygnet to swan (his Oldham's peers refer to him as the "Golden Boy") and now the rest is history.

Max is a dedicated oarsman whose personal modesty and sportsmanship made him the perfect candidate for Captain of Boats. To combine this responsibility with other major School duties, namely Head Boy, is no mean feat and he very much deserves this award for service to sport and the Boat Club in particular.

### **Alistair Fisher (PH)**

Our final service to sport award goes to somewhat of an unsung hero. He is the type of lad that can go under the radar and be taken for granted. He has an amazingly mature head on his shoulders and has made a great deal of his opportunities in football, rugby and cricket at Shrewsbury. He became a terrifically solid and dependable member of the 1st XI football squad after deciding to concentrate solely on football following an injury that prevented him from continuing to 1st XV standard as a rugby player.



He has made the most progress in cricket perhaps. Having been a B team player for most of his junior years, he blossomed into a pacey opening A team bowler in the Fifth Form and forced his way into the 1st XI tour party this year to South Africa with his left-arm swingers. It is his impeccable attitude, loyalty and service to Shrewsbury sport that we reward today. He would never admit to being the most naturally gifted player in any of his teams, but his peers and coaches value his tenacity, courage and sportsmanship above all else.

## Fifth Former wins a bronze medal in the British Orienteering Championships

Thursday 16 May 2013

*John Dempsey (Cb) tells his own story...*

On a warm day after camping I set off proudly to race for Manchester District Orienteering Club (MDOC). We had come second two years previously and hadn't done as well last year, so my two friends and I set off with one goal in mind: the podium.

The area was in the South of England with complex terrain, which offered hard navigation. The fast and furious nature of the relay made us all nervous as we gathered in the club area to talk tactics and review the area.

My two other team mates had run a gruelling 11-kilometre course the day before in the long-distance, which I sadly couldn't attend. However, this did not phase them and I was our 'secret weapon'. I saw my first leg run off with the next of the 20-odd teams running in the Men's 18. The five-kilometre course took around 25 minutes and my first leg runner came storming by in third place. He tagged the second leg runner, who stormed on in pursuit of the other two teams ahead. It was my turn to head into the waiting pen and collect my map.



After a quick warm-up and talking to fellow orienteers about their runs and what the area was like, I saw my team mates run past the spectator control, which meant he had nearly finished. He was third. Before I could shout with excitement, fellow club members, including my father, screamed to "hurry up and keep going". I soon saw him run up the last hill and 'punch' the last control. I stayed calm and as he ran down the 'run-in' and 'tagged' me. I set off. "I must keep third," I thought to myself.

I returned to the spectator control as my team mates had, to be welcomed with shouts of encouragement (I presume!). Eventually, after nearly collapsing from exhaustion, I was met by a roar from the MDOC crowd and finished. After a quick debrief about my run to my team, I realised I had kept third place even though I made some mistakes and had an interesting race with another competitor along the course.

I was more than happy to receive the bronze medal and I went back home to rest, after a longed-for podium place.



## Harry Sargeant (M LVI) wins first prize in a competition for young composers

Thursday 16 May 2013



Harry Sargeant has won first prize in the Nock Deighton Challenge 2013 with his musical composition 'Colonel Custard and Major Mustard'. His piece will be performed by the Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band during the Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival in July.

*"To enter I had to write a piece fully scored for a brass band. I decided to have a fast, upbeat section that also returns at the end, and a middle, slower section with more interesting harmonies and rhythms - and I very much enjoyed doing it."*

Director of Music, John Moore said of Harry: *"Harry is one of our most talented music scholars, playing trumpet, cello and piano all to a very high standard. Increasingly he is finding a voice too as a composer and arranger for ensembles of various sizes and combinations. He has an innate gift as a composer which we hope to nurture*

*over the next year or so, and given his ability at a relatively young age, I'm sure there is much more to look forward to hearing from Harry. He is currently working on a piece for the School's Symphony Orchestra, and is to be congratulated on winning the Nock Deighton Award."*

# Old Salopian Rugby Mockumentary at the Edinburgh Fringe (2 - 26 August)

Thursday 16 May 2013

Tom Magnus (Rt 1999-2004) will be taking his show 'Don't Drop the Egg' to the Edinburgh Fringe. The show, which became a Youtube sensation, is a rugby mockumentary about a spoof club called Clapham Falcons and entirely set in the changing rooms.

Tom says: 'The last time I went to the Edinburgh Fringe was in 2002, with the Shrewsbury School Musical Production of 'The Bubble'. It was an incredible experience and a highly successful show. Somehow despite my shocking singing I managed to scavenge a part in the chorus, I also had a brief cameo as a drunken brothel keeper, which was fun. I am delighted that I am going to be giving the Fringe a second go, this time with a show that I have written with my mates Dan Jones and Orry Gibbens. The show pokes light-hearted fun at rugby boys and the culture that often accompanies them.

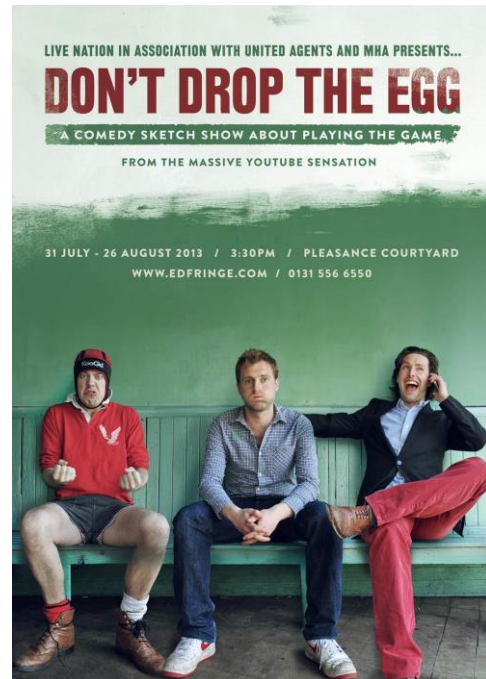
At the moment we have finished writing our first draft and have just started rehearsing. It's quite a challenge as we all have full-time jobs but things are starting to take shape and hopefully we will have a very funny show by the time the fringe comes around.

If any Salopians, old or current, are thinking of venturing up to Edinburgh this August I would urge you come and watch us, I guarantee you will be highly entertained...!

Pictured, L - R: Dan Jones (Character name Ollie Blazeby), Tom Magnus (character name Freddie Shepherd), Orry Gibbens (character name Archie Curzon).

More information and booking details (from early June)

at: [https://www.edfringe.com/search?q=show\\_performer%3Adont%20drop%20the%20egg&fq=dates%3A%5B2013-08-01T06%3A00%3A00Z%20TO%202013-09-05T06%3A00%3A00Z%5D](https://www.edfringe.com/search?q=show_performer%3Adont%20drop%20the%20egg&fq=dates%3A%5B2013-08-01T06%3A00%3A00Z%20TO%202013-09-05T06%3A00%3A00Z%5D)





## Sixth Form Chapel Interviews – Ali Webb

Thursday 16 May 2013

*In the fourth of this term's Chapel Interviews with Sixth Form leavers, Ali Webb (S) looks back on his time at the School and, in particular, on a highly successful musical career.*

### **Can you say a bit about your background and upbringing**

I was born on a snowy winter's night in March 1995. I am the youngest of three boys and have lived in rural Worcestershire all my life. Dad is an IT salesman, Mum teaches languages, I have one brother in New Zealand on a gap-life and the other studying in America. I have an aunt who has done some in depth research into family history, and she unearthed that my family is descended from Ethelred the Unready, King of England from 978 to 1016, so that's pretty cool – if you believe it. From a very young age I loved music - whether it was singing "Eternal Flame" by the Bangles on a table tennis table, or playing the drums very loudly, all the time. I attended a small rural primary school until I moved to Abberley Hall Prep School at the age of eight, where I then stayed until Shrewsbury. It was there that my passion for music was nurtured and developed under a fantastic teacher, Jane Whittle, to whom I owe a great deal.



### **Why Shrewsbury?**

My eldest brother, Michael came here so I had an 'inside' view of what it was like and how good it was. I also knew how incredibly strong the Music Department was and the style and ethics of the school are very similar to Abberley, so it seemed like a logical step.

### **Tell us a bit about your music.**

Put simply, music is my passion. I live and breathe the stuff. I came to Shrewsbury with a love of the arts, and I'm leaving with musical ambitions for life. I owe so much to the Music Department for helping me develop my passion, and also to the House for putting up with my consistent excuses: "Sorry, got a piano lesson", "Sorry, can't come out, got a concert". People have often joked that the Maidment Building is my second home. It scares me to think how many hours I've actually spent there in five years, but for me that's been time well spent. Music is a universal language that we all speak and are affected by. There is a poster in Mr Peach's room of a quote by the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, which translates as "Without music, life would be a mistake".

### **You spent some time at Berklee College of Music last summer - could you tell us a bit about your experiences?**

I was fortunate enough to attend Berklee's Five Week Summer Performance Programme in Boston, America. It was possibly the best five weeks of my life - I was surrounded by amazing



music, awesome people and a great city. I had never been totally immersed in music for such an extended period of time before, but I can definitely say that I didn't want to leave. Rob Collins, who left two years ago, went to Berklee to study full time, but chose to transfer to a more traditional music degree at Durham. The 'American way' may not suit all, but I fell in love with the place, the community of musicians and teachers, the way of life - everything - and I hope to return one day. I cannot recommend the Five-Week highly enough to any budding musicians out there.



### **As well as being passionate about music, you're also quite talented! Which came first?**

As I said, I was into music from a very young age - but the spark that ignited my passion, as it were, was the beat of a Caribbean steel band that visited my primary school when I was six years old. That inspired me to take up the drums and I remember even now how frustrated my family and neighbours would get at the volume of noise coming from the Webb household! The piano followed suit, and then trumpet and voice. I practised ferociously, and I'd often get very upset

because I wasn't as good as Elton John... but I stuck at it and proved to myself that if you practise, you get better. I did some quick back-of-the-envelope calculations and I estimate that since coming to Shrewsbury I've probably done in the region of about 2000 hours of practice. There was an article published in 'The Week' in 2008 which said that researchers have estimated that 10,000 hours of practice is the magic number for becoming a 'true expert', so if this is the case, I've still got a fair amount to do!

### **And what about sport?**

In my first two years here I was a keen fencer and J15 rower. Despite making the decision, which to some extent I regret, to reduce the amount of sport I did to make more time for music, I still enjoy a rare game of football on the house pitch or an afternoon bike ride. In fact two years ago I did cycle 1,000 miles in 9 days from John O'Groats to Land's End, so you can do anything when you put your mind to it!



### **What are your thoughts on co-education, and where do you see Shrewsbury in ten years' time?**

When I joined the school in 2008, Sixth Form girls were also introduced. This was great. I have fond memories of singing Elton John's "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" in a school assembly, joined by four gorgeous Sixth Form girl backing singers. Similarly I remember being coddled in



'private' rehearsals which were for no other reason than for female attention. I came from a co-educational prep school, so the move to an all boys' school was the only downside to Shrewsbury. Having now spent two years in co-education once more, I can say that it is much better – for all the known reasons that I shan't bore you with. As for the future, I have no doubt that Shrewsbury will continue to thrive in full co-education, but if Severn Hill is the next house to be converted for small girls, well, then I might have something different to say!

### **Do you have a philosophy of life?**

There is a wooden sign in my room that reads "The harder you work, the luckier you get", another that says "He who dares wins" and a small card containing the motto of the clothing company, Life is Good - "Do what you like. Like what you do". We are surrounded by different philosophies, different ways of doing things. This is a good thing because it lets us observe them, see how well they work and we can try them for ourselves. I'm still working out what works for me, but in the meantime, these are good ones to start with.

### **What have been some of the highs of your time here?**

There are so many I wouldn't know where to begin! But I guess there's one that stands out: organising and performing my own solo gig in the Ashton Theatre earlier this year was the most stressful yet enjoyable few months of my life. The buzz I got from singing to a packed house, accompanied by great friends and musicians is an emotion I want to keep feeling for the rest of my life. Beyond that: two Edinburgh tours, numerous House Singing victories...the list goes on!



*Ali performing with Severn Hill in the House Singing Competition 2012 and (right) with Rob Cross and Izzy Osborne in 'What You Will', 2010*

### **What of the future?**

I'll be spending next year at Shrewsbury International School, Bangkok teaching music as a gap student. After that, the finer details are as yet unclear, but I'll be pursuing a career in the music industry.

### **What will you miss?**

I will miss a lot about Shrewsbury - the music, facilities, staff, friends etc . But to tell the truth, I actually can't wait to leave and get out into the real world. Now that's not a negative comment - Shrewsbury is preparing you to do just that and I think the Headmaster and all the staff would be disappointed that they hadn't done their job if you weren't chomping at the bit after five years to get out there into the next phase of your life. I certainly am!



## If you had one message for those in front of you, what would it be?

When I arrived in Third Form, I was offered some wise words from my brother which came in the form of a letter sent from Delos Island, Greece, dated Saturday, 6th September 2008:

*Dear Ali,*

1. Don't be a prat. You may find that some of your fellow new boys in the house are prats. I certainly found this. After five years, however, I guarantee you will count them all as among your very best friends. People change a lot in this time, much more than in the prep school years.
2. Don't be a prat yourself. This consists principally of saying bad things about people behind their backs. It can be hard to avoid sometimes, particularly regarding somebody everyone dislikes, but just don't do it.
3. Salopian slang is important and you should master it as soon as possible.
4. Don't forget to enjoy yourself!

During talks with my Tutor, Mr Moore, he briefly touched on the fact that school is a place to make mistakes, and this is something that has stuck with me. Now, I'm not encouraging people to be naughty, and you should "get it right, lads". But you need to be yourself. And in order to do that you need to find out who you are. So, don't be afraid to try new things. Don't be afraid to push boundaries. Most of all, don't be afraid to make mistakes. You owe it to your family, to your friends and, most of all, to yourself.

Note: A DVD of the concert Ali mentions in his talk is available to purchase for £6. Please contact [webbac@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:webbac@shrewsbury.org.uk)



## Sidney Gold Medal Winner, David Kell, returns to Shrewsbury to receive his award

Thursday 16 May 2013



On Saturday 4th May, David Kell (SH 2005-10), accompanied by his family, was presented with the Sidney Gold Medal. Several of David's former teachers were delighted to be present and welcome him back to Shrewsbury. David had been awarded this prestigious academic award in 2011 for his prowess in Physics and shares the medal jointly with Max Emmerich (Rt 2008-10) who was presented with his medal for Biology in 2012.

David was both a Butler Scholar and Music Scholar. After achieving outstanding GCSE results, David also achieved the top mark in the country for the Physics Pre-U course. After

Shrewsbury he went on to read Physics and Philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford.

David was an outstanding all-round scholar while at Shrewsbury, winning all but one of the top Mathematics prizes, and prizes in Physics and Debating. David helped Shrewsbury to reach 8th place in the country in the annual national team Maths Challenge, while his gold medal winning performance in the UK Physics Olympiad gave him the first place for a Shrewsbury pupil in 15 years on the UK team for the International Olympiad, winning a bronze medal.

David's interests and abilities are wide-ranging and include music and singing. Steve Adams (Head of Science) writes, 'It was characteristic of David that after a hard day arguing about Physics with gifted students from other nations, he settled down in the evening to read Plato's dialogues'.

David's reputation as a polymath continues: At Oxford, he wrote and produced a play based on C.P. Snow's 'Two Cultures' essay, reflecting on the divide between scientific and literary intellectual cultures. David is considered to be one of Shrewsbury's finest academics in recent years.

*Pictured, above with David are, L - R: Jerome Armstrong (Head of Maths) Giles Bell (SH Housemaster), David, Martin Cropper (Deputy Head – Academic) and Steve Adams (Head of Science)*



## "Under the cosh for the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon" by Dan Nicholas

Thursday 16 May 2013

*With six weeks to go before the Shrewsbury Marathon and Half-Marathon, the 50-strong Shrewsbury School team are training hard. Dan Nicholas, Housemaster of Severn Hill, reflects on how he came to be included among them.*



Being married to a personal trainer some years younger than her middle-aged mid-life crisis, fast-paunch-developing retired Army Officer husband would put a certain pressure on anyone. For ever being accused of “never listening” (am I alone in this?) I got my comeuppance when I was caught by a left-flanking, late evening proposal, up to my guts in marking, lost pencil-cases, and hugely important chapel missing site service issues. “Darling, shall I sign us both up for the Shrewsbury Half Marathon in June?” I am not sure I actually answered with the words “yeah, whatever!” but whatever I did say, shortly after that moment, the entry fee was paid on line and I was committed. When the reality of what I had inadvertently agreed to set in, Fenella was already up to 8 miles in her training programme and it was clear that I had a lot of catching up to do!

Don't be disillusioned! Of course as a housemaster I am an excellent listener, so clearly I knew what I was letting myself into from the start.....! This will not be my first half marathon: I was squarely beaten by Fenella in the Windsor one in 2005 and you can imagine the banter I received from my 500 or so under-command at Middle Wallop. Like childbirth, I suspect, I swore then that there would not be any more. So why have I signed up? My failing memory is probably one of the reasons, but also that I do need to retain my part of the pre-nuptial agreement which we agreed to in those heady days of pre-wedding euphoria.

“The Taylors have never had dogs, but of course, you can have a puppy, provided that you keep to the same weight on your 50th birthday as you have on your wedding day!”

“Of course, my fairy blossom, darling child bride, anything you say!” I retorted as I zipped out to collect Labrador puppy Tarka.

So another reason for entering is to maintain a certain status quo to which I am contractually bound. But more importantly, perhaps is the real and continued desire to maintain a minimal level of personal fitness as I get older and this regime is something which was inculcated in my psyche from my days in officer training at Sandhurst 30 years ago, competing in those days in endurance log races against a certain 2nd Lieutenant Mark Turner of Marne Company. This taught me early that during one's working life, maintaining the right balance between work and play, the sedentary and the active, and keeping mental fitness as well as physical, has unquestionably helped me to work better, keep stress levels low and to fit into my original mess dress for Shrewsbury's Strictly Come Dancing event last term. Sadly it has not prevented me from going bald AND grey. But there again, being a housemaster to some 60 teenage boys was



never going to be the best recipe for preventing that. Already the acute focus of the training regime and having a deadline on the horizon which cannot be extended has provided me with the extra impetus and motivation needed. The daily extra endorphin release is also most welcome, providing a high almost comparable to surviving an engine-out emergency landing in a military helicopter and avoiding being the first on the scene of a nasty accident.

As a born and bred Shropshire lad brought up amongst “Onny and Teme and Clun” as well as being a Salopian by virtue of my education at Shrewsbury, I strangely felt compelled to compete in this most honourable event as a fitting way to celebrate my half century year. It is also a good opportunity to try to lose a few pounds at the same time as raising a few for charity. Having spent many months in various parts of Africa over the years witnessing at first hand some of the poverty and deprivation gave me no hesitation in deciding to donate any sponsorship gained to the School charity Medic Malawi.

Anyway, in the words of many a true Salopian, I am sorry that this essay is not longer, but I have numerous excuses. The main one being that if I don’t get out to my training session, Mrs N will have something to say. I will, of course, do my best, but in the back of my mind, I rather look forward to the opportunity of being beaten by my wife again!

Did I really write that?

*Floreat Salopia*

*Ducere est Servire*

# Adam Booth (OS) reaches the summit of Everest

Friday 17 May 2013

At 6.40am on 13th May 2013, Adam Booth (PH 1995-2000) reached the summit of Mount Everest. The achievement marked the 60th anniversary of the first ascent by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in May 1953; the Deputy Leader of Hillary's expedition was Old Salopian Sir Robert Charles Evans (DB 1932-1937), who made it to within 300 feet of the summit himself. Adam was honoured to carry with him Sir Edmund Hillary's climbing goggles, loaned to him for the trip by Stuart Cathcart, owner of the Shrewsbury climbing equipment shop, High Sports.



In reply to a congratulatory email from the Director of the Salopian Club, Adam said he would like to thank the staff who ran the Rovers mountaineering club during his time at Shrewsbury for "lighting the flame": Martin Hansen, Michael Hall, Mark Twells, Stuart Cowper, Stuart Wellings and Graham Barnes.

Martin Hansen, who was Master-in-Charge of the Rovers during Adam's time at the School and, with Mark Twells and Stuart Cowper, still teaches at Shrewsbury, expressed their utter delight and pride. "The news that he's summited on Everest has quite stunned me. The pupil has certainly exceeded the master. I am so proud that he has achieved this amazing goal. It has brought back many memories of what a happy time we all had bagging much smaller peaks with the Rovers."

Adam's expeditions with the Rovers included camping overnight on the summit of Ben Nevis in 1997 when he was 15 and climbing the highest mountain (Torre de Cerredot) in the Picos De Europa in Spain the following year. Adam wrote vivid and enthusiastic reports of many of the expeditions for the School magazine. He ends his account of climbing in Norway in 1999 with a prophetic question: "When standing on Galdhøppingen, the highest peak in Norway, I stopped to consider where I might be in a year's time... who knows?"

Shrewsbury has a proud association with Everest mountaineers. Andrew 'Sandy' Irvine was a pupil at the School from 1916-21 and famously took part in the 1924 British Mount Everest Expedition with George Mallory. Whether or not they reached the summit remains unknown.

In 2005, another Salopian, Julian Thompson, who had been in the same House as Irvine, (S 1989-94) reached the summit of Everest early in the morning of 30th May. In 2004, the Salopian Club donated a memorial plaque to Irvine and Guy Lovatt (Ch 1988-93) a would-be Everest mountaineer who had recently died tragically young and this was placed at Everest Base Camp



by a team which included several Old Salopians including Martin Slocock (Rt 1948-53), Dan Morris (PH 1987-92) and Allister Hagger (PH 1986-91).

Adam Booth is a doctor at Jiggins Lane Medical Centre, Birmingham and has provided medical support to several high altitude climbing teams in the past few years. His blog of his Everest ascent can be read at <http://www.boothybrothers.blogspot.co.uk/>





## What a catch!

Monday 20 May 2013

*Keen angler, Hamish Foden (O IV) with his exceptional 10lb 4oz trout caught at Ellerdine trout fishery on 5th May.*





## Tremendous haul of medals in the Shropshire County Swimming Championships

Monday 20 May 2013

*Shrewsbury swimmers returned from the Shropshire County Swimming Championships on Wednesday 15th May sporting four gold medals, three silvers and one bronze.*

Phil Yue, Peter Evans, Stanley Hau, Harry Fox, Daniel Schwenkert, Benny Wong, Tom Sykes, Nat Chumbala and Kwaku Antwi all swam fantastically well, with the majority achieving personal best times. Stanley, Tom, Daniel and Phil have now been invited to represent the county in the Three Counties Championships on Saturday 15th June.

Stanley Hau built up a solid lead in both of his races (100m breaststroke and 100m front crawl) with the other Salopians trailing not too far behind. His times were above and beyond the other competitors', drawing very close to his personal best time.

Tom Sykes was also way ahead of the field in his 100m breaststroke, being less than a fifth of a second off the Championship record. This secured him a gold medal, and he then won a second gold in the 100m front crawl.

Daniel Schwenkert won silver medals in both of his events, the 100m backstroke and 100m front crawl.

REP

## RSSBC: Final preparations for the National Schools' Regatta on Saturday 25th May

Tuesday 21 May 2013

J15A eight paddling at Shelton, two miles upstream on Monday. Most of the work is now under the belt and hopes are high for a good result at the National Schools' Regatta on Saturday...



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## Moser's Hall Grand Prix

Tuesday 21 May 2013

Superb weather prevailed for this year's Moser's Hall Grand Prix - plenty of tyre screeching on the corners and fast lap-times for the bravest drivers.

2012 winner Matt Davies fought hard to retain the title but was unable to prevent rookie Jonty Small from getting his nose in front. Fastest of all, and 2013 champion, is Nikolai Heydel, setting some blistering lap-times despite the additional drag of carrying two "GoPro" cameras to record the racing. We are all looking forward to seeing the video to pick up some driving tips for next year.

Mr Adams took the 'burned-out clutch' award, Jamie Rees earned the 'buried in the tyre-wall' trophy and James Laishley and George O'Brien shared honours for most collisions - though not with each other.



# 2013 Scholarships

Tuesday 21 May 2013

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

## **THIRD FORM SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Butler Scholarships:**

T. Brennan (Abberley Hall)

A. Moore (Abberley Hall)

### **Kennedy Scholarships:**

O.M.R. Hodges (Abberley Hall)

A.M.J. Warburg (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)

### **Moss Scholarships**

O. Bureau (Packwood Haugh)

J.B. Channon (Packwood Haugh)

H.M. Mayhew (Bilton Grange Preparatory School)

### **Alington Scholarships:**

E.G.S. Acton (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)

S.C.G. Bayliss (Packwood Haugh)

F. Blanchard-Butter (S Anselm's Preparatory School)

N. Hari (Prestfelde)

D.P. Schofield (Packwood Haugh)

### **All-Rounder Scholarships:**

A. Howard (Shrewsbury High Preparatory School)

A.C. Moore (Abberley Hall)

W.J. Shawe-Taylor (Papplewick)

E.C.P. Stapleton (Prestfelde)

L.O.J. Paul (Prestfelde)

H.R. Wasdell (Packwood Haugh)

### **Art Scholarships:**

S.L.L. Ingram (Abberley Hall)

M.G. Moss (Packwood Haugh School)

### **Drama Scholarships**

W.J. Shawe-Taylor (Papplewick)

B.C. Elliott (Malsis School)

### **Music Scholarships:**

H.M. Mayhew (Bilton Grange)

E.G.S. Acton (Shrewsbury High School Preparatory School)

### **Music Exhibition:**

A. Howard (Shrewsbury High School Preparatory School)

### **Sports Scholarships:**

G.A. Garrett (Lockers Park)

G.C.L. Sandy (Winchester House)

## **SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Academic Scholarships:**

O.A. Bradley (Sedbergh School)

C.S. Chen (La Salm College, Hong Kong)

L.Y. Chu (Marymount Secondary, Hong Kong)

E. O'Keeffe (Casterton School)

C.R. Price (Shrewsbury High School)

E.A. Sankey (Brine Leas School)

N.R. Spruyt (Merchant Taylors' Girls' School)

C.J. Virgo (Grove School)

M.S. Woods (Prior Park College)

### **Martin Rees Science Scholarship:**

N.J. Champion (Bridgnorth Endowed School)

### **Music Scholarships:**

K.L. Elcock (Shrewsbury High School)

H.E. Legner (St Hildegardis Gymnasium)

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**Music Award:**

Q. Luk (St Mary's Canossian College, Hong Kong)  
C.R. Price (Shrewsbury High School)

Y.S. Jang (Concorde College)

**Art Scholarship:**

E.B.J. Whittingham (Shrewsbury High School)

**Drama Scholarship:**

J.M. Walker (Ratcliffe College)

**Sports Scholarships:**

D.J. Durman (Ellowes Hall Sports College)

V.A. Mobley (Tudor Hall)

L.N. Tay (Wrekin College)

**Margaret Cassidy Scholarship:**

O.E. Westbury (Ellowes Hall Sports College)

**Alex Wilson Scholarship:**

M.P. McClure (Idsall School)



## Sports results w/e 19th May 2013

Tuesday 21 May 2013

Week 5: Beginning Monday 13th May 2013

Date	Sport	Team	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Athletics		English Schools' Cup	A	Please see sports bulletin	
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket	U15c	Old Swinford Hospital U15b	A	W	By 10 wickets
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Sedbergh School	H	L	By 5 runs
		2 <sup>nd</sup> XI		H	L	By 5 wickets
		3 <sup>rd</sup> XI		H	L	By 43 runs
		U15a XI		H	W	By 70 runs
		U14a XI		H	L	By 10 wickets
	Athletics		King Edwards School	A	Please see sports bulletin	
	Tennis	1 <sup>st</sup> VI	Uppingham School	A	L	3-6
		2 <sup>nd</sup> VI		A	W	5-4
		3 <sup>rd</sup> VI		A	L	3.5-5.5
		U15a VI		H	D	4.5-4.5
		U15b VI		H	W	8.5-0.5
		U14a VI		H	W	5-4
		U14b VI	H	L	3.5-5.5	
	Rowing		Nottingham City Regatta	A	Please see sports bulletin	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket	U14a XI	Staffordshire U13	H	W	By 6 wickets





## Music Workshop with Christian Forshaw and the Sanctuary Ensemble

Wednesday 22 May 2013

*A number of Shrewsbury's outstanding young instrumentalists, singers and composers attended a fascinating and inspiring workshop on Friday 17th May led by saxophonist Christian Forshaw and the Sanctuary Ensemble, who performed in Chapel later that evening.*



Christian Forshaw is one of the leading saxophonists in the UK and Professor of Saxophone at the Guildhall in London. He founded the Sanctuary Ensemble in 2002 and has released four albums to widespread critical acclaim.

In addition to Forshaw on saxophone, the Ensemble is made up of three other musicians: Grace Davidson, singer and member of 'The Sixteen'; Rob Farrer, percussion and for many years drummer with pop group 'The Divine Comedy'; and Alex Mason, organ and Director of Chapel Choir here at Shrewsbury.

During the workshop Christian demonstrated some of the unique timbres of saxophone and ensemble and illustrated many of his compositional processes. Almost all of the music performed by the Sanctuary Ensemble is composed or arranged for the group by Forshaw, so it was of considerable interest to staff and pupils alike to hear about his compositional fusion of ideas as diverse as mediaeval music and Elton John!

The concert in the evening was attended by an appreciative audience, many of whom came not knowing quite what to expect! By the end of the concert Forshaw had certainly won a new band of fans.



# "Why I'm running the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon" by Lucie Cornwell-Lee (MSH LVI)

Wednesday 22 May 2013

*Lucie Cornwell-Lee (MSH LVI) will be Captain of Girls' Hunt next year. We are grateful to her for taking time in between exams and training to pen a few lines on why she has volunteered to run in the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon on Sunday 23rd June. The Shrewsbury School Marathon Team will be raising money for the School's charity Medic Malawi. Details of how you can sponsor them are included at the end of Lucie's article.*

Staring down at the email asking me if I could write a short article on why I am running the Shrewsbury Marathon, realisation is slowly kicking in. In just over a month from now I will have to run 13.1 miles across Shrewsbury – a somewhat daunting prospect.

Other than Miss Farris slipping the topic lightly into conversation during a Hunt session back in February, a key reason for understanding what possibly could have influenced me to take on such a challenge is the fact that of course it will be raising awareness and money towards a good cause – the School's charity Medic Malawi. But I suppose it's also just to prove to my slightly doubtful friends (as I'm never one to turn down a lift from MSH to main school) and to myself that simply, I am actually capable of doing it.

As for training, I'm a member of the Hunt and so for some bizarre reason actually find running enjoyable at times, but motivation has been slightly lacking. Being in MSH, let's just say we're not a house most famous for our sporting abilities. A perfect example being Mrs Peak having to use numerous boxes of chocolate bars to bribe the House just into running the Tucks at the beginning of the year, which now to me seems a 'mere' 4k(ish).

So a combination of being unsuccessful in persuading someone to get out and train with me, plus not exactly knowing many running routes around Shrewsbury, means that the task of completing 13 miles in an acceptable time is certainly not going to be easy. On the bright side, however, I'm just grateful the age restriction stopped my naively ambitious self from committing to running the full 26.2 miles.

Luckily there is some form of hope: persistently being reminded by Miss Rule every Thursday that the day is looming closer and that she is advancing towards her aim of 'seven-minute miles'. The idea of letting her beat me is just not a viable option and it provides me with all the motivation I need. So hopefully it will ensure my crossing over the finish line – with my ego still intact.





## **MEDIC MALAWI**

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# The Headmaster's Commendations

Thursday 23 May 2013

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

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

## FIFTH FORM

Aue Angpanitcharoen (Ch)

George Birt (PH)

Elliot Robinson-Boulton (R)

## FOURTH FORM

Tom Dodd (Rb)

Tom Breese (PH)

## THIRD FORM

Jesse Mattinson (Rb)

# Sixth Form Chapel Interviews - Christie Knight

Thursday 23 May 2013

*The penultimate of this term's Chapel Interviews with Sixth Form leavers is with Christie Knight (MSH).*

## **Can you say a bit about your background and upbringing?**

I have lived in Glasgow all my life, with my mum, my dad and my younger brother and sister. I attended a day school in Glasgow from the age of five until moving to Shrewsbury in Lower Sixth. Glasgow and Shrewsbury really don't have many similarities...

My family upbringing wasn't the most conventional. When I was younger, my mum worked very regularly on the television. I spent a lot of time with a nanny and my dad, although I wouldn't want to give the impression that my mum wasn't there. Watching my mum work hard was a real inspiration to me and she was a great role model for a young girl to have.

## **Why Shrewsbury?**

Having wanted a change for my last couple of years at school, I decided to start looking for a new sixth form. I liked Shrewsbury, and being shown round by Jack Hudson-Williams and introduced to Henry Lewis on my first visit perhaps helped too; kind of a shame that when I got here they were the only couple of good-looking ones and they ended up leaving.



## **Were you nervous before joining?**

In some respects, yes. I remember after being shown around Shrewsbury, I received a friend request on Facebook, from a boy who was extremely quick to tell me about his ten houses in Abersoch, about his new modeling contract with Superdry and about his clothing line which he had just designed for Topman. To tell the truth, I was pretty worried before I came that all the boys I was going to be at school with would be like this... But thankfully, this boy didn't make it back for Sixth Form, and the rest of the boys in my year were much more normal.

## **Have you been happy here and if so what makes you so?**

I really believe that it's the moments of humour at Shrewsbury that make me happy here. There are of course plenty of other things in school that make me happy, for instance the Ashton Theatre and my drama group have been a huge part of my time here. The theatre is a place I can relax and the plays I have been involved in have been so much fun. For the younger ones here, I would really recommend getting involved in some of the house plays.



*Christie (front left) in the 2012 School Play 'Henry IV'*

One of the things that's been central to my time here is the strong friendship group I know I've made with the individuals in my year, I really hope I'll keep in touch with them for the rest of my life. I'm specifically speaking to the Fifth Form here, when I say that I would strongly encourage you to mix with the new girls and boys in Lower Sixth when they arrive; it has made a huge difference to my time here. I do think you're missing out on a huge part of school if you don't.

**So we know from the house play and your A level Theatre Studies that you are not shy of dramatic talent. You seem a fairly sorted kind of person - is that a good act or do you see yourself as such?**

I am an organised kind of person, I'm probably too anal in some ways... but I don't think I would change that because it has helped me get the most out of my time here at Shrewsbury. For example, the beginning of the Michaelmas Term saw me at the beginning of my A-levels, the start of my beloved postor duties, possibly the most stressful period of my life to date was organising the Quod Fashion Show with Cressi, as well as the start of devising my theatre A level piece. Finding time to spend with friends and living in a house with a whole new group of Lower Sixth girls were all on my plate at the same time. But even during this time, I thrived off my busy schedule and managed to have time to do all the things I love.

*(Right: Christie with her mother Carol Smillie and fellow Quod Fashion Show organiser Cressida Adams)*



**If you had one message for those in front of you, what would it be?**

Without sounding extremely clichéd, I would advise you all never to give up. I am the kind of person who likes to know what I am doing. When applying to uni, I had set my mind on Edinburgh from a young age and applied twice, without sounding completely arrogant, thinking I was sure to get in. When I got my 4 As at AS level and did all my relevant work experience, I was devastated when I received two rejections. I tried countless times to contact the uni to ask for feedback on what I could do better to re-apply, and through two and half months of seriously pushing to speak to the right person, the uni reconsidered my application, realising that there had been a mix up. They then decided to offer me a place – possibly one of the best and

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most relieving feelings to date. I really believe that it is important to keep trying in everything you do, as you never know what could happen.

### **And what of the future?**

I am going to uni to study French and Spanish, languages that I love and am extremely passionate about. I will be going to Edinburgh as long as I get the grades, but to be completely honest, I am unsure of what after. I can tell you all now that my true dream would be to live in South America, on a diet of steak and red wine, with my own personal pool boy named Santiago.



## Win a ride in a hot air balloon on Speech Day!

Thursday 23 May 2013

*We're delighted to announce that there will be a tethered hot air balloon at Speech Day. Raffle tickets are on sale now for the chance to win a five-minute ride for three people. Fifty prizes available.*



We are extremely grateful to Shrewsbury School parent Simon Pollard and his company, the Independent Schools Catering Consultancy and to Shrewsbury's contract caterer Holroyd Howe for their generous sponsorship of the hot air balloon.

All the raffle money will go directly to The Shewsy, our youth club in inner-city Everton, Liverpool and to Medic Malawi, which supports an orphanage and hospital in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Raffle tickets are 5 for £10 – on sale now from Dawn Dunn at Reception, email [reception@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:reception@shrewsbury.org.uk) or tel. 01743 280500. Please make any cheques payable to Shrewsbury School.

The draw will take place on the Saturday before Speech Day, so that the winners will know what time

to go for their ride.



## KH Food File: All things smooth and fruity!

Monday 27 May 2013



We have just come to the end of yet another great Food File here in the dining room of Kingsland Hall with a fabulous display of Fruit Smoothies and Frozen Yogurt. This time we asked our local fruit and veg supplier, Rowlands, to show off a mouth-watering array of fruit and vegetables. A taste of the elusive summer was ushered in as we welcomed the opportunity to display and sample a wonderful range of low fat frozen yogurts from a small Brighton-based company called 'Lick'.

Our talented chefs went about creating two flavours of fruit smoothies – Banana & Chocolate & Peach, Ginger & Honey – for the students and staff to try. The display of frozen yogurt also went down a storm with scoops of Natural and Banana & Honey sampled and enjoyed by all. The smoothie recipes were handed out to the students to try at home over the summer holidays.

As the end of the academic year approaches, bringing with it the inevitable exam season, we realise just how important it is to be able to inject a lot of fun as well as flavour into our food, and this is just one of the reasons why we love the Food Files so much! We all know that our children learn much more effectively when they are well fed, and fruit smoothies are a quick, tasty and fun way of increasing their vital Five-a-Day fruit intake.

C'mon Summer!

*Carrie Zeiler*  
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# Don't Miss: London Student Drama Festival - 19 June at The Bloomsbury Theatre

Tuesday 28 May 2013

Eoin Bentick (Rb 2005-10, who has been a prime mover in organising the inaugural London Student Drama Festival on Wednesday 19 June at The Bloomsbury Theatre in London reports that arrangements are going well and all Old Salopians and members of the Salopian community within reach of the Bloomsbury Theatre are encouraged to attend.

The Festival hopes to showcase the emerging artistic talent hidden around London's universities. The evening will see UCL, KCL, LSE, and SOAS performing 30-40 minutes plays that have been written, directed, produced and acted by students of the respective universities.

The evening will be presided over by guest judges from the theatre, film and television industries. The judges will distribute awards at the end of the evening as well as giving short lectures and Q&A sessions on the industries in which they work.

Confirmed judges:

Andrew Tidmarsh - 'Foundation Course' leader at RADA, Author of An Attitude for Acting, Director of short films 'The Babysitter' and 'Rocky's Bike'.

Susan Vidler - Actress in 'Trainspotting'.

Rob Watt - Director at the National Theatre.

Tickets £12, students £10 - more information at <http://www.thebloomsbury.com/event>



## ITN features Shrewsbury's association with Everest

Thursday 30 May 2013

*Wednesday 29th May 2013 was the 60th anniversary of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's first successful ascent of Everest. Shrewsbury School were delighted to play a part in commemorating the event on the ITN Central News bulletin at 6pm.*



ITN interviewed our archivist, Mike Morrogh, who gave a brief but enlightening account of Old Salopian, Sir Robert Charles Evans (DB 1932-1937), who was Deputy Leader of Hillary's successful expedition in 1953 and made it within 300m of the summit himself. Mike was filmed in our Moser Library, looking through school photos of both Sir Charles, and of Sandy Irvine (S 1916-1921). Andrew 'Sandy' Irvine famously took part in the 1924 British Mount Everest Expedition with George Mallory. Whether or not they reached the summit remains unknown.

We are very grateful to Mike, who interrupted his holiday to come in to source photos for the piece, unaware that he would be televised!

The cameras then turned their attention to the room in Severn Hill which contains Everest memorabilia and Irvine's famous pick axe with the three notches, found at 27,700 feet by Wyn Harris during an expedition in 1933.



It was a great honour to be able to contribute to the Everest news stories yesterday and even more fitting as the piece began with an interview with Old Salopian, Dr Adam Booth (PH 1995-2000), who conquered the summit on 12th May 2013 (please see our [separate news story](#) for more about Adam's achievement).

We believe that Julian Thompson (SH 1989-94) was the first Old Salopian to be known to have summited Everest in 2005, but several others have got very close too.

Please also see [ITN's summary of their news bulletin](#).

## Medic Malawi

Friday 31 May 2013

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