

RSSBC: Chester Long-Distance Sculls

Wednesday 1 October 2014

On Sunday 28th September, eight pupils raced in the 5000m Chester Long-Distance Sculls on the River Dee.



The conditions were great with little wind, stream and the sun was out throughout the day. There were some good sculling performances from both the boys racing in the morning and the girls racing in the afternoon. George Patterson came 2nd in the J18 single and Henry Thomas came 3rd in the J17. Claudia Kimpton-Smith came 2nd in the WIM3 category.

The boys are now looking forward to the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, USA in a few weeks.

Claudia Kimpton-Smith

Senior Challenge Oars Trophy returns to Rigg's

Wednesday 1 October 2014



The winning Rigg's quartet who brought home the Senior Challenge Oars trophy at the Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculling competition on Saturday 20th September.



George Patterson also retained the individual title.

Rigg's enjoyed a four-year run in the competition, winning the Senior Challenge Oars Trophy between 2008 and 2011. The trophy briefly spent time at School House and Moser's before finding its way back to its rightful owners!

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Alex Wilson Appeal/ Young OS London Ball - Saturday 13 September

Wednesday 1 October 2014



A total of 320 young Old Salopians and friends of Alex Wilson packed into the Plaisterers' Hall for a fundraising ball, organised by Henry Wilson, brother of Alex and pictured, left with his family, and The Alex Wilson Appeal Committee.

Guest speaker was **Richard Bevan (DB 1974-78)**, Chief Executive of the League Managers Association and Guest of Honour was Max McClure (Rb), current holder of the Alex Wilson Dayboy Scholarship and Captain of Football.

The evening raised a staggering total of £45,000 for the Alex Wilson Appeal Fund.



Hockey: Shrewsbury's 1st XI perform well in the Wrekin 7s Tournament

Thursday 2 October 2014

A report by their coach, Katie Collins.



L - R: Mary Parrott, Molly Beharrell, Amy Mobley, Millie Dean, Jess Moeran, Georgia Bruce, Esmé O'Keeffe, Cecy Price and Phoebe Ingram

The annual Wrekin 7s Hockey Tournament was a close one for Shrewsbury's 1st XI team this year.

The teams were split into two pools and we were drawn to play Shrewsbury Sixth Form College, Moreton Hall, Hereford Cathedral, Wolverhampton Grammar School and last year's champions, Denstone – our first match. It was clear from the offset that the girls knew what was being asked of them and were brimming with enthusiasm. Mary Parrott (Captain) led from the back with her clear leadership skills shining through. Her strong defence was backed up by the rest of the team playing at their full intensity throughout. With a constant toing and froing battle, both teams were determined to win their opening match. After both sides had numerous chances, Denstone managed to score a breakaway goal, counteracting from a Shrewsbury School opportunity. With



our new lead goal-scorer Amy Mobley upfront, we were unlucky not to equalise before the final whistle blew.

The first game demonstrated our passion and fight for the game, which would drive us on in our matches to come. After a break we were back on to face Shrewsbury Sixth Form College. Having beaten them convincingly 12-0 in our opening match of the season, the girls were keen to build on this high and secure their first win of the day. After a breakaway from Cecy Price on the right and a through ball to Amy Mobley upfront, Amy managed to beat three players before slotting the ball into the goal. This was shortly followed by us dominating play again and forcing an attacking short corner, which Amy smashed into the bottom corner. Not to be outdone, Phoebe Ingram made an excellent lead onto the left post, where she deflected a cross past the keeper. With a 3-0 win under our belts and some similar closely fought games occurring elsewhere, the tournament was hotting up and each game was a must-win opportunity.

Next up were Moreton Hall, who are always put up a good fight. Georgia Bruce in goal made some outstanding saves to ensure that we didn't concede. With strong performances from both sides, the game ended in a 0-0 draw. After a short break, we then had back-to-back games. First up was Hereford Cathedral, who had been looking strong so far in this tournament. After conceding a short corner they managed to score, and despite some chances, their goalkeeper ensured the score line remained 1-0.

Our final pool game against Wolverhampton Grammar was therefore a must-win game. Our girls dominated play with numerous chances up the wings. However, the Wolverhampton defence stopped several crosses and as a result, we only managed to score 1 goal.

As a coach, I was very pleased with the performances of all the girls involved and am very excited to play many of these teams again next week in the County Tournament at Moreton Hall.
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Sailing round Anglesey

Thursday 2 October 2014

“If you can navigate round Anglesey, you can navigate round the world” is the old adage. Shrewsbury School now has a posse of world-capable navigators! Last weekend six Salopians and two adults sailed around Anglesey - ‘The Devil’s Island’ - in pretty much one go.



Toby Thomas and Brendan Parsons

Departing from Conwy at Friday at 2230, which was the earliest the water was high enough to cross the cill in the marina, the strong tide against as we exited the estuary slowed the boat to a few knots and deepened by the minute; just as well, since taking a new crew in an unknown boat out for the first time, at night, is one of the more challenging situations facing a skipper.

Having cleared the fairway buoy, a 3 watch system saw 3 hours on and 6 off, though the brightness of the stars and the path-like quality of light from the Milky Way kept many of the crew on deck for longer than was strictly necessary; so did the phosphorescence in the water, which was activated by the passage of the boat. The bow wave and the wake positively glowed – it was quite ethereal.

Slack water through Red Wharf Bay turned to a galloping tide behind us past the Skerries and Holyhead, and over some lumpy overfalls; it was akin to something out of Alton Towers under stars, with the loom of two lighthouses sweeping us regularly.

We cleared South Stack by 0430 Saturday morning as the tide was slowing and about to turn against. A short hop past Rhosneigr to Caernarfon bar got us there too early to cross immediately, for lack of depth, but a two-hour tack towards Porth Dinllaen and back allowed us to use the last of the flood at 1130 in the ideal conditions of a light following wind to tie up in Victoria Dock soon after.



It would have been possible to complete the circumnavigation non-stop, but for a bit of tiredness and the desire to see the Castle. Also, I had read about Ainsworth's fish and chips – they were indeed good!

On exit from the dock next morning, there was a moment of concern as the helm became totally locked, just as the tide picked us up and hurled us past the famous Change Buoy in the Caernarfon Channel. It turned out that the odd placement of the autohelm had allowed a passing limb to brush past the 'on' button, locking the wheel: it was relief to get it back, though not until we had explored the use of the emergency tiller!

Navigation through the Menai Strait and the Swellies was entirely undertaken by the boys; accuracy to within a few metres was the order of the day, and it was successfully done, using all the various cross-checks for proper placement in the channel.



Once under the bridges, we dodged past the mussel dredger and headed across the sandbanks of the Penmaen Swatch, over 'the Pool' with a back-bearing on the radio tower, and on, under sail, past Penmaenmawr to Conwy. Great weather had meant less sailing and more motoring, but it hardly dampened the mood on board.

Toby Thomas, Brendan Parsons, Dan Lo, Ed Chamberlain and Paddy George formed the crew, with Hugo Morgan as a watch leader. Tim Osborne and I were the adults. I'd normally use the adjective 'responsible' at this point, but Tim always bursts out laughing for some reason.

Philip Lapage

Photos by Dan Lo (SH UVI)



The Grove – the official re-opening

Thursday 2 October 2014

The beginning of The Grove's new era as a girls' house was formally marked on Friday 26th September at the start of Coach Weekend, when the new girls and their families gathered with Housemistress Clare Wilson and her House support team and Tutors for a celebratory drinks reception. It also provided an opportunity for Clare Wilson to thank publicly all those involved in helping to set up and establish The Grove (Girls).



Clare Wilson, Sara Hankin and Head of House Charis Virgo

The formal proceedings were introduced by Sara Hankin, Deputy Head (Staffing) and Housemistress of Shrewsbury's first girls' house, Mary Sidney Hall, from 2008 until 2012.

In her reply, Clare Wilson paid tribute to her House team and to her new girls: "It is almost bewildering to consider that it just four weeks since we welcomed 45 girls to the house. As we embark upon the first Coach Weekend, life seems very settled and familiar. Helped by some significant Grove Team wins in the Hunt, Netball and Debating, we are well on our way."



“My sincerest thanks do go to Head of Estates Jon Taylor and his team for all they did over the summer months (with a few last-minute surprises to contend with), my House Support Team who worked tirelessly in the final week before the first arrivals, and my Tutor Team and Matrons who have helped establish a warm, friendly and welcoming house to live in.”

Clare also thanked Head Groundsman Andy Richards and his team for their preparations and for kindly providing a bench for the House, which was officially unveiled as part of the proceedings.

Clare’s final thanks were to her husband, Rob, who teaches Maths and coaches Rowing at the School and “has found new levels of patience this past month”, and to their young daughter, Elsie.

The inscription chosen for the new bench is ‘Though she be but little, she is fierce’ – hopefully a hint of what is yet to come from the new generation of The Grove.





Shrewsbury's show jumpers win through to NSEA Championships

Thursday 2 October 2014

Many congratulations to Ned Moreau (Rt 3), Tom Tulloch (Rt V), Milo Herbert (R 3), Amelia Ashworth (EDH 3), Jack Ashworth (S V), Scott Walker (M IV), Tristan Lywood (Rt V) and Hugh Davies (Rt V), who have won through in fine style to the National Schools' Equestrian Association Championships to be held later this month.

They came away from the regional qualifiers at the South View Equestrian Centre, Cheshire last weekend with a fistful of team and individual rosettes.

They won not only the Team Jumping with Style 90cm and 1m classes but also the Team Show Jumping 90cm and 1m classes.

Hugh Davies won the 1m10cm Show Jumping - the biggest show jumping class of the day - and Tom Tulloch came 2nd. A great result for Shrewsbury, filling the top two qualifying spots.

Tom Tulloch won the Jumping with Style 90cm class and came 2nd in the 1m class.

Jack Ashworth came 3rd in the Jumping with Style 90cm class.

The riders now look forward to the NSEA Championships, which will be held at Addington Manor, 24th – 26th October.

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Old Salopian Football - Saturday 20 September

Thursday 2 October 2014

No less than five Old Salopian Football teams came up to Shrewsbury to face the School on Saturday 20 September. a keenly contested and high quality match saw the 1st XI draw 0 - 0 with the School and the 2nd XI were eventually outgunned 2 - 5 by a useful School 2nd XI.

The remaining three matches were all won by the Old Salopians, with experience and guile gaining the upper hand over youth!

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Shropshire Open Fencing Championships

Friday 3 October 2014

Our senior fencers took part in the Shropshire Open Fencing Championships last weekend and gave an excellent display of fencing in a field of top class competitors.

Ross Viljoen finished in 6th place in the Men's Sabre.

Scott Reynolds finished in 8th place in the Men's Foil.

Award-winning author Meg Rosoff visits Shrewsbury School

Friday 3 October 2014

An entertaining account of Meg Rosoff's visit by Third Former Rory Leslie (Ch).

Award-winning author Meg Rosoff visited Shrewsbury on Tuesday 30th September. She gave an amazing and really unusual talk to the whole Third Form, as well as running a group for some of us who are particularly interested in creative writing.

When I first met the author of several books I had read, she was not at all what I expected. I had imagined a more formal lady who was rather self-obsessed; I thought she would probably want to tell us how great she was at writing and how we should all try to be like her. She was not like that at all. In fact, she was more like one of the characters in her books. She encouraged us to think differently; she did not want us to answer her questions quickly and she wanted us to be ourselves. She encouraged us to think about the big things that get blocked in the colander of our brains, rather than focusing on the everyday stuff that slips through the holes.



During her talk, she basically shared her life story – with a lot of details we weren't expecting! She was born and brought up in Boston, USA and went to Harvard (which she hated) and St Martin's Art School in London (which she loved). She worked in advertising agencies in New York and London before buying a "life-changing hat" which led to her meeting her husband and settling in the UK permanently. She became a writer quite late on in life (46 years old) and so she encouraged us to think about the choices we make when we come to T-junction type moments; sometimes you can't just keep going straight on.

Her books, which include *How I Live Now*, *Just in Case*, *Picture Me Gone* and *What I Was*, are fantastic and I would recommend them to anyone, especially teenagers. They are funny and full of adventure and not always what you expect – don't count on a happy ending that you get with most books and films!

The day I met Meg Rosoff was really fun and taught me that it's OK to think differently; you don't have to plan your life and follow a particular path – you can see what happens and work it out as you go along.

Rory Leslie (Ch)



Chapel Choir sing Evensong in Southwell Minster

Friday 3 October 2014

On Wednesday 1st October, the Chapel Choir were invited to sing Choral Evensong at Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire. Charis Virgo (G UVI) reports on a memorable and uplifting occasion.



It is a beautiful building noted for its soaring Norman columns, intricate stone carving and resonant acoustic. Upon arriving, we had the chance to explore Southwell before we started rehearsing in the Quire.

We sang Mendelssohn's sonorous 8 part Kyrie as the introit for the service and the antiphonal writing for two choirs sounded glorious in the Minster's acoustic. Then we went on to perform Dyson's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F. The soloists Ursule Taujanskaite (MSH LVI), Henrike Legner (MSH UVI), Loren Kell (EDH LVI) and Henry Craig (M UVI) were all excellent.

To finish off a wonderful service, we sang the anthem *How Lovely are Thy Dwellings Fair* by Brahms. This complicated piece was great fun to sing and was the perfect end to the service.

Before returning back to school, we were treated to a buffet supper in The Residence in the Cathedral Close. This historic house is normally the home of the Dean, although at the moment in a piece of Salopian good fortune it happens to be the home of Theo and Fintan Simmons (Ch). Clearly designed with functions in mind, the Choir party of over 80 pupils and staff eased into The Residence to enjoy superb food and relaxation. The crumble was especially good and some of the younger pupils made use of the grounds for an ad hoc game of football!

Badminton News

Saturday 4 October 2014

After being frustrated by Ellesmere College last week, the badminton squad showed their quality with a convincing victory against Wrekin College on Wednesday 1st October.

Well done to all, especially newcomers Pak Yin Lee, Sherry Xu and Catheline Wang. This bodes well for future matches.

The 2014 Alex Wilson Memorial Football Match - Sunday 21 September

Sunday 5 October 2014

Two squads of Old Salopians managed to shake off any injury niggles sustained from the Old Salopian v School matches the previous day (and, possibly more relevantly, the festivities of the previous evening) to produce a highly entertaining, skilful and competitive display for the the match.

Henry Wilson, brother, of Alex, led the Alex Wilson XI to a narrow 1 - 0 victory over an Old Salopian XI and the match was followed by the traditional reception in the Alington Hall.





Fencing: Shrewsbury School v Stone FC and Shrewsbury Club

Monday 6 October 2014

Following their success in the Shropshire Open last weekend, the School's fencers achieved a 6 - 3 victory over Stone FC and Shrewsbury Club on 4th October.

Results:

Foil	Shrewsbury School A	42	Shrewsbury Club	13
	Shrewsbury School A	45	Stone FC	27
	Shrewsbury School B	13	Shrewsbury Club	45
	Shrewsbury School B	35	Stone FC	45

Epee	Shrewsbury School A	36	Shrewsbury Club	28
	Shrewsbury School A	45	Stone FC	18
	Shrewsbury School B	33	Shrewsbury Club	45
	Shrewsbury School B	39	Stone	28

Sabre	Shrewsbury School	14	Shrewsbury Club/Stone FC	11
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Shrewsbury School win 6 - 3

Rugby: 1st XV fixtures on the Isle of Man

Monday 6 October 2014

Well done to the 1st XV Rugby squad that travelled to the Isle of Man on Saturday 4th October for two fixtures.

They lost 45-10 to King William's College and won against an Island representative team 41-24.

Girls' hockey teams win again

Monday 6 October 2014

Congratulations to the U14 and 1st XI hockey teams, who both played well and won in convincing style against Bedstone College on Saturday 4th October.

The U14 team won 7-0, with goals from Phoebe Wasdell, Lizzie Ware, Daisy McMullen, Tilly Reynolds (2) and Amelia Maunder (2).

The 1st XI won 6-0, with two goals apiece from Amy Mobley, Cecy Price and Maddie Phillips.



The news 100 years ago: 7th October 1914

Tuesday 7 October 2014

On the Eastern Front the Russians fall back and try to recoup their losses; German and Austrian forces initiate a slow pursuit. Russian forces try to mobilise fully but are hampered by poor logistics.

On the Western Front, with the French and British forces having fallen back to the outer defences of Paris, Joffre rallies the Allied armies and checks the German advance at Marne. Seven days of bitter fighting result in one of the first successes in the war for the French and British as the Germans are thrown back from the outskirts of Paris. The race to the sea begins.

In order to get more troops to the front in the midst of the battle for Marne, the French Government enlists the aid of the taxi drivers of Paris, ferrying 5,000 troops to the front in this fashion. Letters from the soldiers involved in this operation express a certain boyish glee at the relative luxury of the taxis compared to slogging it on foot.

As a stalemate develops, the first diplomatic overtures are made to the Ottoman Empire by both sides; neither side is initially successful in drawing the crumbling Empire into the War.

No OS lost their lives in this week 100 years ago.

Shrewsbury's Senior Saxophone Quartet perform at the Leeds International Music Festival

Thursday 9 October 2014

Shrewsbury's Senior Saxophone Quartet performed to a capacity audience in the prestigious Leeds International Concert Series on Wednesday 8th October.



Henry Newbould, Cecily Price, Ben Sansom and Alexander Bird

They were awarded this wonderful opportunity after being named Chamber Champions as part of last year's Pro Corda Chamber Music Festival.

Henry Newbould (Ch IV), Alexander Bird (S UVI), Ben Sansom (PH LVI) and Cecily Price (EDH UVI) were joined in Leeds by Henry Kennedy, part of the Senior Sax Quartet last year, who left Shrewsbury in July and is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music.

Their lunchtime concert was given in The Venue at Leeds College of Music in front of a full concert hall, where they performed alongside a Trombone Quartet from Nottingham High School and Pro Corda Leverhulme Fellow Alice Pinto.

The Senior Saxophone Quartet rounded off the concert in great style with a diverse programme: Prelude from *Le Tombeau de Couperin* by Ravel, arranged by the Saxophonist Christopher Enzel, followed by *Tango* composed by Karen Street, and finishing with *An American in Paris* by Gershwin arranged by Nigel Wood.

Their performance was professional and hugely enjoyable and they all demonstrated a flair for playing and performing for such a high profile concert.

Henry Newbould described it as "a memorable day that tested our professionalism and composure".

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Henry Newbould, Alexander Bird, Ben Sansom and Henry Kennedy



Old Salopian Weekend: Friday 3 October - Saturday 4 October

Thursday 9 October 2014

Old Salopian weekend turned out to be one of the busiest in recent times with over 300 Salopians, family members and former members of staff attending one or both days. Friday 3 October saw a Reunion Dinner to mark the 20th Anniversary of the founding of Port Hill and Radbrook, with guest speaker, David Gee (the last Housemaster of Dayboys) giving a masterful history of Day Boys from the founding of the School.

The following day, Old Salopian Day itself, was designed to appeal to Salopians of every vintage but particularly to those who left the School between 1985 and 1995 together with their families. A range of children's activities were successfully organised, while those of more senior years were treated to Dr Mike Morrogh's memorable talk on 'Shrewsbury School in World War 1.'

The Club is pleased to welcome several new Committee members, notably Peter Stewart (Ch 1958-63) as new Chairman, taking over from David Thomas, Peter Birch (DB 1966-71), replacing Paul Nichols as Sports Chairman and Peter Fanning (former staff), taking over from Nigel Davies as Arts and Activities Chairman. David Thomas is pictured, below, with Peter Stewart in the centre and Peter Birch on the right. Also pictured, below, are two Salopian Club Treasurers in earnest conversation. Johnny Arthur (O 1970-75) on the left and Richard Boys-Stones (SH 1968-73, current Hon. Treasurer) in the middle of the photo.

The Club also has a new President, Sir Eldryd Parry (Sh 1944-48) who takes over from the late Nick Bevan and the Acting President, Hugh Ramsbotham.

The parrot is called Fitzroy and lives in the Biology Lab. He entertained our younger guests during the afternoon.



County U18 Hockey Tournament

Friday 10 October 2014

After their strong performances in last week's Wrekin 7s Tournament, our 1st XI hockey team were keen to get the upper hand in what promised to be a closely-fought contest on Wednesday.

We were first on against the hosts Moreton Hall. Having drawn 0-0 against them last week, we knew we were in for a close match. Moreton started the better of the two sides, with the majority of attacking play in the first few minutes. However, some solid defence from our back line meant that we were able to hold the score-line whilst we woke up and began to play our own game. Once we switched on we had numerous chances, with play toing and froing between both Ds. Moreton finally managed to gain a short corner, which at first Edie fiercely closed down. However, after conceding another, we unfortunately went 1-0 down just before the final whistle.

After a brief break, which we spent trying to keep warm and dry in what can only be described as monsoon weather, we were back on to face our toughest opponents of the day, Ellesmere College. This time we started well and broke first, with some excellent transition play from Jess Moeran who had stepped into the central mid role for the day. Despite having the majority of attacking play and possession, we failed to convert our chances and with 20 seconds to go Ellesmere managed to squeeze a goal, to take the match 1-0.

Up next were Shrewsbury Sixth Form College. We have had a good season against them so far, and we were keen to continue in such good form. Slightly disheartened from our match against Ellesmere, the girls showed tremendous fight and determination to display just how well they could play. With some fantastic attacking cohesion, Amy Mobley, Molly Beherall and Maddie Phillips managed to put some points on the board, with Amy scoring 1 and our new addition Maddie sneaking 3 into the back of the net to win the match 4-0.

Our final game of the day was against Wrekin College. With both sides fighting for a place through to the Regionals, everyone coped with the pressure very well – in particular our keeper, Emily Skelton, who played an absolute stormer all day. The game ended 0-0, with both teams happy not to concede and hold a positive goal difference.

Although we did not progress through to the Regionals, the team put out another fantastic set of performances and can be very proud of themselves.

Katie Collins



£3000 raised for charity on the catwalk

Friday 10 October 2014

A report by Mrs Drew on the hugely successful Sixth Form Fashion Show.



Jean Woods and Siobhan Connor

A fantastic Fashion Show took place at Shrewsbury School on Saturday night. There were clothes from Jaeger, modelled by Sixth Formers from the School, and also by those who work in the Shrewsbury branch. There was jewellery by Boodles, and menswear from, among others, Harry Mundy, who was a boy at the school himself and is now established on Savile Row as a clothes designer.

The evening included canapés with Tanners' Cava, a musical interlude and a raffle.

The entire event was organised by two members of the Sixth Form, Georgia Bruce and Miranda Woods. Georgia was delighted with the support that local shops and businesses had given, while Miranda was pleased to introduce her own grandmother, Jean Woods, who was featured in Channel 4's documentary 'Fabulous Fashionistas'.

The models are all currently studying for their A levels and tackled the catwalk with great panache, introduced by Siobhan Connor, who has worked with Comic Relief, so was ideal for this charity event.

The charities which benefited were Ethiopiaid, which provides healthcare and education to the poorest in Ethiopia, and The Brain Tumour Charity.



Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 10 October 2014

After a two-week absence, Team of the Week returns with a focus on the 1st XI Football Team.



It is always tense when a decision is taken to examine a particular team ahead of an important game. Could I in all honesty write about the 1st XI as team of the week if they had lost their ISFA cup match against Harrow? Possibly not! The joyous news, however, is that they did win their match 3-2 and are now in the last 16, where they have been drawn away at Highgate.

I remember playing for Lancing under-14s at Highgate. It was an extremely tedious afternoon for me as I was in goal and we won 7-0. I barely touched the ball and the only excitement that came my way, if you can call it that, was when a wasp flew towards me, stung me on the neck and flew off. Obviously I rolled around on the ground in agony, hoping the ref or someone would notice and give me the recognition my torment demanded. No; the game continued to be played in the opposition's half and no one noticed my plight. I had to man up and carry on watching everyone else have fun with no sympathy at all. This is probably partially why I am renowned for being so mentally tough today. I will obviously be telling our coaching team to pack some wasp repellent in case the current Highgate teachers are still training wasps to attack visiting goalkeepers.

The 1st XI have had a very good season so far. They have only lost one game and that was against Bradfield away, when they were beaten 4-2. Right back Jake Morris told me that he would not make any excuses for the defeat. "I will not make any excuses for the defeat," he said. He continued, "However there were no linesmen, the referee was clearly the father of most of the

Bradfield team and we were on the receiving end of two very harsh penalty decisions. A draw would have been a fair result.”

Harrow were unbeaten this season and had knocked Bury Grammar School out of the competition in the previous round 1-0 away. Bury had themselves knocked Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School, Blackburn out in the first round of the ESFA Cup, and so Harrow were clearly not to be underrated. The days of a team of rugby players trying to cope with the artistry of the beautiful game are clearly past, as Harrow has bowed to popular pressure and embraced the national pastime.

The match was put back by an hour as the Harrow bus struggled to find Shrewsbury. This might have been down to a number of reasons which I will put forward and you dear reader can select the one that you consider to be appropriate:

- 1) The driver was using Satnav.
- 2) They used an ancient map from their school library which was from the 1870s (the last time a Harrow team ventured to Shrewsbury).
- 3) Ex-professional footballer and Shrewsbury Town Legend, Shrewsbury 1st Team Coach Steve Biggins suggested they would enjoy the country route, adding hours on to their journey and ensuring they were a little slow to start the game. (Interestingly Shrewsbury scored in the first minute).
- 4) They were stuck on the motorway and driving through Bridgnorth seemed a good idea at the time.
- 5) The Harrow coach’s family come from Bridgnorth and he wanted to pick up a jar of homemade marmalade from his mum.



A large crowd had assembled to cheer on their favourites. It turned out that the crowd were to play an important role in the match. Not only did they notice that Rufus Litchfield in goal for Shrewsbury had an enormous kick but they also noticed the linesman waving his flag for an offside. They drew this to the attention of the referee who had just awarded a penalty to Harrow, which could have led to an equalising goal. Upon spotting the linesman’s raised flag, the referee changed his decision to a free kick for offside to Shrewsbury and the home crowd let out a collective sigh of relief.

There was still drama left in the match. ‘Hat-trick Hero Humes’ had headed (students of English, please notice the alliteration) in a brilliant third goal to put Shrewsbury 3-2 up, when Rufus ‘the cat’ Litchfield made a brilliant save, despite playing on in some pain having dislocated one of his



shoulders. With no reserve keeper on the bench, he went through the pain barrier for the team and was typically modest after the event. “I went through the pain barrier for the team but it was not a very thick barrier if I am honest; in fact I didn’t see it at all,” Rufus said. After the game I caught up with a couple of the players. Max McClure (centre back and ISFA player), told me he was delighted for the team and that he felt right-winger Anton Nelson’s rap song “Welcome to my Island” had been significant in inspiring the team on to victory. Certainly Anton was ‘rapid’ - or is that ‘rappin’ - down the right wing. Anton was one of two Cayman Island youth internationals on the pitch. His friend was playing for Harrow. Anton told me, “My friend is a good player but he is not such a good rapper, and that was probably the difference on the day.”



Hat-trick Hero Jamie Humes

First team coach and ex-Town Legend Steve Biggins felt the team could probably improve. “I feel the team could improve,” the Legend told me. Sadly at that point, the Legend was whisked off for a Sky interview, but I imagine if he had continued talking to me, he would have said something along the lines of “I am over the moon that the lads have done the business over the 90 minutes. I would have been sick as a parrot had we gone out after being two up, but we have shown some character after they equalised and battled back to win the game. You can’t say fairer than that”. (Actually I can, but I decide not to tell the Legend that.) I asked the Legend if he was looking forward to the next round and Highgate away. “We will just be taking it one game at a time. It is important not to look too far ahead – unless you are driving a large vehicle such as a jumbo jet or a cross-channel ferry. If we were in a league I would say that it is back to our bread and butter on Saturday as we entertain Millfield, however we are not in a league so I will not say



that.” Assistant coach Will Hughes concurred with this interpretation. “How can I add anything to those Legendary words?” he said.

From this fan’s point of view, it was an excellent match and it was good to see football being played at such a high standard on a magnificent pitch. The team do appreciate the high standard of coaching and facilities they have here and last year’s under-16A captain Jake Morris confessed he enjoyed the high intensity training, the dedication required and the faster pace of the game at this level. Good luck at Highgate – and don’t get stung!



The 1st XI squad are:

1. William Hargreaves
2. Jamie Humes
3. George Lewis
4. Max McClure
5. Anton Nelson
6. Gene Ratanadaros
7. Jake Morris
8. Calvin Cheung
9. Lisle Gannon
10. Max Parsonage
11. Rufus Litchfield
12. Ben Jones
13. Harry Schofield
14. Ben Smith



Royal Northern College of Music Visit and Piano Masterclass at Shrewsbury

Friday 10 October 2014

The Music Department were delighted to welcome Helen Krizos, Deputy Head of the Royal Northern College of Music Keyboard Department, who led an inspiring Masterclass with some of the School's most talented pianists on Thursday.

Six of our students had the opportunity to play to Helen, and received advice and tuition on their repertoire in front of the other performers and music students who do music as a Thursday afternoon activity.

We have a strong link with the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), and this was the third such visit from the college, the previous two featuring the RNCM's Heads of the String and Woodwind Departments. Awen Blandford, who left last year, has just begun her studies at the Royal Northern on Cello with Chris Hoyle, Head of Strings.

The standard of pianism currently achieved within Shrewsbury School is of a very high standard and the depth of ability is very strong at the moment - indeed there were many other pupils who could have played. Helen was extremely impressed by what she heard and was able to work with, and said afterwards that it was a much generally higher standard than she is used to finding in comparable schools, which was heartening to hear.



After Sally Joyce had started proceedings with a lovely account of *Clair de Lune* by Debussy, Galin Ganchev played Rachmaninoff's *Etude Tableau op.30 No.9*, a work that he is currently preparing for both auditions and recitals. It is a complex and virtuosic work, and he received great advice from Helen, as did all the other participants.

Henrike Legner performed Chopin's *Revolutionary Study*; Queenie Luk played the opening section of Chopin's massive *Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise*; Henry Thomas showed great musicality in the opening of Tchaikowsky's *Dumka*; and Reuben Denison and Nateewat Ruechuseth performed works by Bach and Chopin. Others attended, and everyone present will

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have had their love for the instrument rekindled and went away with new ideas about their approach to their piano playing.

The event was testimony to the work being done by our team of piano teachers at Shrewsbury, led by Peter Bradley-Fulgoni, one of the finest pianists of his generation in the UK, who still pursues an active career as a concert recitalist and recording artist. He could not be with us yesterday as he is putting the finishing touches to his latest Piano CD, soon to be released. Our other piano teachers are Pauline Reid, Susie Allen, James Taylor and Ruth Theobald, all of whom give their students such a love for the instrument and its repertoire.

The session ended with a short recital by a post-graduate student from the RNCM, who is a pupil of Helen's. She ably demonstrated what four years of study at the RNCM can bring to a student, playing three beautiful pieces by Scarlatti, Debussy and Ravel.

All in all, a wonderful visit and event.

JFM

Football: Victories against Millfield

Monday 13 October 2014

Following their excellent win against Harrow in the third round of the ISFA Cup last week, the 1st XI continued their fine season with a win against Millfield (2-1) on Saturday.

There was success also for the 2nd XI, who beat Millfield 4-0 and a draw for the 3rd XI (1-1).

The Hunt welcomes running legend John Ngugi as Coach-in-Residence

Monday 13 October 2014

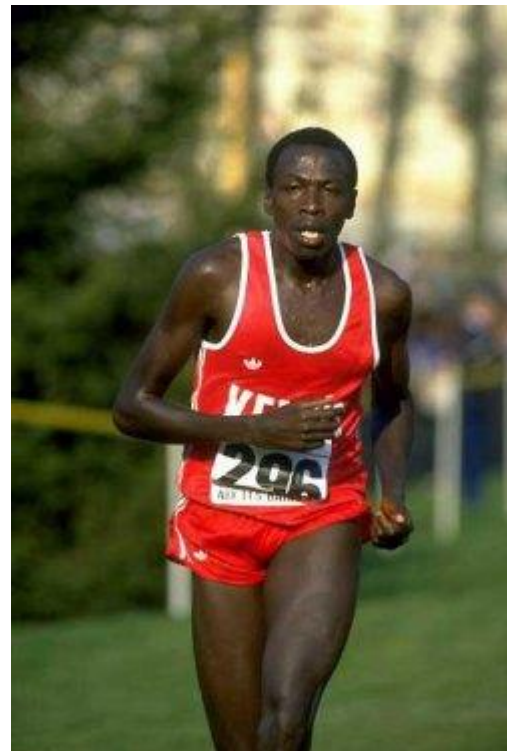
Pupils and staff at Shrewsbury School are thrilled to welcome former Olympic Gold Medallist and five-time World Cross-Country Champion John Ngugi. The Kenyan running legend arrived in Shrewsbury on Saturday 11th October and will be spending a week as Coach-in-Residence for the Hunt, the School's cross-country running club.



Running has a long and proud tradition at Shrewsbury, dating back to 1831, and the Hunt is the oldest recorded cross-country running organisation in the world. It currently includes more than 60 boys and girls at the School and has re-established itself as one of the leading cross-country squads in the country. Last season they were medallists in all the national cross-country championships.

Teacher in Charge of Running, Peter Middleton, has put together a packed programme for John Ngugi's visit. "John was the most successful athlete of his generation and it is a true honour to be able to welcome him to Shrewsbury School. It has been an inspiring experience for our boys and girls to learn from one of the true greats of the sport."

John's visit has been funded by an Old Salopian and made possible through an ongoing partnership between the School and [Running Across Borders](#), a not-for-profit social enterprise focused on grassroots athletics, education and sports travel.



Apart from several training sessions throughout the week with members of the Hunt, John Ngugi has also been leading sessions with runners from other schools. His presence at the School caused much excitement among the 200 or so young runners who came to take part in our annual Prep Schools Cross-Country Championships on Sunday, where he presented the prizes. And on Tuesday evening, a group of county-level young athletes from local schools and running clubs joined some of the Hunt's top runners for a specialist coaching session at the London Road Athletics Track in Shrewsbury.

On Wednesday, we hosted 'An Evening with John Ngugi' in the Ashton Theatre, when members of the public, parents, staff and pupils enjoyed the unique opportunity to hear John Ngugi discuss with Peter Middleton his extraordinary life and career and to ask him questions. Running Across Borders' founder Malcolm Anderson and GB marathon runner Dave Webb also joined John in a fascinating discussion about cross-country running on the international stage. The evening raised funds for the work of the [John Ngugi Foundation](#) which supports the development of young athletes in Kenya.

On Friday 17th October, John Ngugi's visit concluded in style at the Tucks, the historic annual race in which all the pupils and many of the staff compete. It has taken place over roughly the same 3.5-mile course since 1831. This year was the first, however, when a winner of Olympic gold and World Championship medals presented the prizes.





Lacrosse: Strong performances by the senior and junior teams

Monday 13 October 2014

The senior girls' lacrosse 1st XII played at the U19 Northern Schools' Tournament at Queen Margaret's School, York on Saturday 11th October. Despite being one player down, the girls won three out of seven of their games. The remaining four games were close matches that could have gone either way.

This is a brand new team that includes both novice and more experienced players. The students and coaches were delighted with the outcome of their first tournament and are very optimistic about future matches.

Good luck to the five senior players (Abby Attenborough, Laura Cooke, Antonia Wordie, Olivia Papaioannou and Georgia Bruce) who will be participating in the county trials at Moreton Hall on Wednesday 15th October. If chosen, the girls will represent Shropshire in tournaments played throughout the academic year.

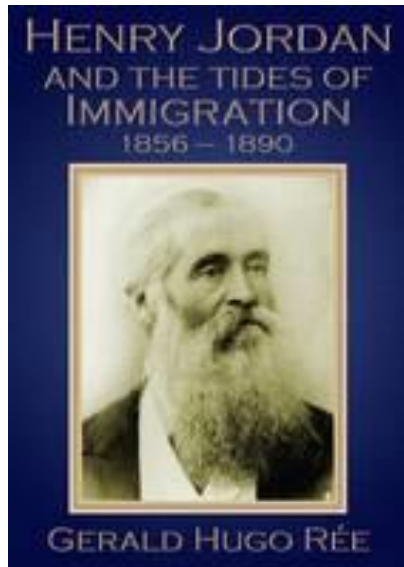
The U14 lacrosse team played a brilliant match against Birkenhead School last week and won 13-5. Again we had a mixture of experienced players alongside novices, which makes the result even more pleasing.

Sophia Breese, a new player, shot 2 of the 13 goals, and Mimi Ashworth was named Player of the Match.



New Book: Henry Jordan and the Tides of Immigration by Hugo Rée (SH 1952-57)

Tuesday 14 October 2014



Hugo Rée's (SH 1952-57) new book, *Henry Jordan and the Tides of Immigration, 1856-1890*, has been published by Zeus-Publications of Burleigh Waters, Queensland.

Henry Jordan, a bachelor aged 37, came to Queensland in 1856 to establish a dental practice in the small town of Brisbane. He soon became involved in local politics and was elected to the first parliament following the separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859. He also met and married Sarah Elizabeth Turner, whose father Nathaniel had been instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the people of New Zealand and Tonga. Soon after the election, Henry came to London as Queensland's first Agent-General for Immigration. For six turbulent years, he struggled, in the face of difficult masters at home, and financial difficulties in London. On his return to Queensland in 1866, he attempted to establish a sugar cane farm, which, unusually for the time, he tried to work entirely with white, not indentured South Sea Islander, labour. His scheme failed, largely due to adverse natural conditions.

He joined the civil service, and became Registrar-General. Appalled by the high infant mortality rate (and four of his eleven children died in infancy) Henry argued for the need for a proper sewerage system for the rapidly spreading towns of Queensland. In 1883, he was re-elected to parliament, rising to the post of Secretary for Public Lands in the Griffiths Ministry. He endlessly promoted the need for immigration, which he understood was intimately linked to the disposal of land. His tenure was to be a short one as the Liberals were defeated by the conservative Sir Tomas McIllwraith in May 1888. In the assembly between 1884 and 1886, he argued passionately (and unsuccessfully) for the repeal of the Queensland Contagious Diseases Act, 1868, which was based on the English Contagious Diseases Act of 1864 and 1866. He was sustained throughout his life by his faith; a Methodist, he took an ecumenical approach to religion, leading Anglican services in the local jail when no one else was prepared to do so.

Available from Foyles and other online outlets: <http://www.foyles.co.uk/witem/history-politics/henry-jordan-and-the-tides-of-gerald-hugo-ree-9781922229496>



Michael Palin to Lecture on 11 November at the RGS - '25 Years of Travelling'

Tuesday 14 October 2014

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The lecture will begin at 7.30pm
A reception will be held from 6pm
The Royal Geographical Society
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Alex Darroch (M 2001-06) reports that **Michael Palin (R 1956-61)** will be speaking at the Royal Geographical Society, London, on Tuesday 11th November in aid of the Protimos Educational Trust, which empowers marginalised communities in developing countries to use the law to protect their social, economic and environmental interests..

There will be a reception from 6pm and the lecture will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are £25 and can be purchased through Just Giving:

www.justgiving.com/Protimos-Educational-Trust

Please look at the left hand side of the page for details of how to go about purchasing the tickets.

More information on the charity can be found through www.protimos.org.



Bedford Small Boats Head, 12th October 2014

Tuesday 14 October 2014

On a lovely calm autumn day, the J16 squad and two J15 coxed fours travelled to Bedford for this early season race to blow away some cobwebs on the River Ouse.

The majority of the J16s were racing in coxed fours, pairs and single sculls. The main priority of the day was to learn something about racing the smaller boat types (this being the first time that most of the boys had raced them externally) and to put into practice some of the technical points that we've worked on in the first few weeks of term.

It was a positive day of competitive training. A special mention must go to Barney Fox (PH) who finished 3rd in a field of 30 J16 single sculls.



The winning J15 4+

The J15 boys performed well on the short 2K course, racing in both J15 and Novice 4s they recorded a 1st and 2nd place, so a great start to their season!

The crews ended up in a very close race, being separated by only 3 seconds over the 8-minute course.

Winners: A Stopnevich, T Shepherd-Cross, S Walker, B Lo, B Rutter (cox) (pictured)

2nd place: M Craik, T Brennan, E Lewis, B Kwok, F Mason-Hornby (cox)
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Pringle Trophy success

Tuesday 14 October 2014

For more details, please see the fuller report on the website: [Pringle Trophy runners-up](#)





The news this week 100 years ago: Old Salopians in WW1

Tuesday 14 October 2014

In August we launched a four-year joint project with St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury to commemorate all former boys and masters of Shrewsbury School who gave their lives in the First World War. This is the latest instalment in our weekly commulative archive that records the progress of the First World War and the names of the Salopians who were killed.

For more information about the project and to view the weekly news reports posted since August, please see [The News 100 years ago - OS in WW1](#) section of the website.

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Reginald Fydell Walker, 2nd Bn. Manchester Regiment.

Ingram's, Maths Scholar, Head of House for more than two years, 1st XI football in 1912, and was Choregus. Left in 1913. He was gazetted from Sandhurst just as war was declared.

Died of wounds in France, 21st October 1914, aged 20

Buried at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, France. Grave VII. F. 39.

He wrote a letter to *The Salopian* which was published on 10 October 1914:

“Here I am now at the front and have been since about Sept. 10th. I am at present some 5 miles from the actual firing line in reserve. We came here on Thursday morning. Tuesday evening we spent in trenches 500 yards from the Germans. ... At 8pm on Wednesday night we sallied out to within about 400 yards of the enemy and dug trenches till 2.15am. ... We are now in billets. Food is very good here but there is a dearth of note paper so if you want letters you must send an envelope and paper for reply!!”

He fell, mortally wounded, in the charge upon Les Trois Maisons. His Company Commander writes “He did most excellent work, so good indeed, that I intend to bring his name before the Commanding Officer...He led several bayonet charges, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.”

His obituary, written by Headmaster Alington, appeared in the 7 November edition of *The Salopian*: “...he was a boy with many friends, as was inevitable for anyone so cheerful and so good natured. He had that charmingly happy-go-lucky manner which attracts us all when we meet it, and makes us all better content with the world. ... It is no surprise to hear that his Regiment had already learnt to value him, and that when he was mortally wounded he was leading his men in the charge and that “he bore his pain most bravely and cheerfully....”

In the photo below, Walker is seated far right. Three other members of that 1912 team were killed in the War: Matthews (14 April 1916), Dwyer (17 November 1916) and Partridge (20 January 1918).



The news 100 years ago: 15th October 1914

On the Western Front the Indian Expeditionary Force has arrived in France to great fanfare from papers at the time. *The Times* hails their arrival, as the rest of the Empire girds itself for war. French and British troops begin a series of skirmishes which are intended to unsettle the German forces before pushing forward.

Italy, despite being allied to Germany, has so far stayed out of the conflict. This is partly to do with calculation as Italy is the weakest of the colonial powers at the time but the delay is far more to do with Italy's political strife. Both the King and Parliament wish to act but are hamstrung by radicals within the Italian legislature.

Grim news, however, is coming out of the Eastern Front where pogroms are reported to be taking place. Jews are being attacked indiscriminately by Russian troops whose anti-semitism perceives the Jews as a threat to their military.

The German commander, Moltke, is convinced that the Allied forces are one push away from the retreat. Pressure is mounting on him from the Kaiser and his more gung-ho officers to launch an all out attack in order to break the allied lines and march on Paris. However the Allied retreat is over and the running counter-attack along a long front from near Reims to near Oostende leads to the first battle of Ypres.



Extracts from the History of the 2nd Bn. Manchester Regiment

On 4th September the division marched through the night to reach Touran, only 15 miles from Paris. In the afternoon of that day the men heard the news that the retreat was over and the advance north began two days later. On 13th September, the brigade crossed the Aisne on rafts with the Manchesters leading and attacked St Marguerite, which was taken with little loss. The battle of the Aisne came to an end on 28th September. On 12th October 1914, the battalion marched off and that evening formed a line near the La Bassee Canal.

On the 13th a general advance was ordered on Richbourg l'Avoue; the advance was slow as every yard of ground was fought for. The village became a ruin as it was fought over for the next two days but on the 16th, patrols reported the Germans had withdrawn, and the division was to advance again. By the 19th the battalion was at Les Trois Maisons and was attacked in force by the Germans. On the 20th there was heavy fighting all day, including two gallant bayonet charges by the men of A Company. At dusk the battalion withdrew to their support trenches.



Euripides' 'The Trojan Women' - a groundbreaking production by Jessica Walker (EDH UVI)

Wednesday 15 October 2014

A review by Director of Drama Helen Brown.

The performance history of Euripides' Trojan Women is the history of human conflict; originally written to explore Athenian guilt at its treatment of prisoners of war in 411BC, it crops up whenever a society is uneasy about its conduct in war. Caroline Bird's 2012 adaptation, coming on the heels of revelations about American mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners, is the latest version in this pattern.

The play tells the story of the women left behind after the sack of Troy: Hecuba, the defeated queen, her mad daughter Cassandra, her perfect daughter-in-law Andromache, and, of, course, the woman who started it all, the beautiful and manipulative Helen.

Bird's adaption is set in the mother and baby unit of a hospital where the women are being guarded by the hapless herald Talthybius, played with dry wit by Jack Kinnaird. The director, Jessica Walker, chose to stage this production in the round, bringing the audience on stage with the prisoners. Played through at a breakneck hour and ten minutes, the production maintained a level of emotional tension broken only by occasional moments of bitter humour.

The production hangs on its central character, Hecuba, who never leaves the stage. Phoebe Ingram (EDH) gave an astonishingly mature and passionate performance, capturing the essence of the Trojan grande dame brought low. Self-centred, arrogant and often cruel, the audience must nonetheless sympathise with Hecuba as she loses her kingdom, her husband and her children. Ingram gave the final scene, in which Hecuba prepares the body of her grandson for burial, genuine pathos and dignity.

Although female characters take centre stage, their destinies are dominated by men. Tom Knight played Menelaus as a power-hungry tyrant, obsessed with his own machismo yet twisted around the beautifully manicured finger of Helen (Elaina McAllister).

This was a groundbreaking production for Shrewsbury in many ways; entirely conceived of and organised by the students, it showed the standard of theatre which they are capable of creating. I hope there may be many more such projects in the future.





Shewsy Trip 7th – 9th October

Thursday 16 October 2014

By Catrin Harvey, Jess Moeran and Ruchika Scott

Last week, we were lucky enough to visit the Shewsy youth club in Everton, Liverpool, which has very strong connections to Shrewsbury School. While there we helped out in the youth club, as well as learning about law, and were fortunate enough to meet and speak to many of the local people, whose hospitality was amazing.

On the first day we were greeted with a very warm welcome to the youth hostel attached to the Shewsy. That night we were able to attend the senior club, for young people aged 13-17, and meet the staff who run the place. The Shewsy itself is lovely building, with a sports centre, snooker and ping pong tables and an amazing music room. It was there where we were able to meet the band 'The Stars of '99', who had only formed six months ago but sounded amazing. Everyone at the Shewsy was self-taught and displayed an incredible passion for music. Everyone we met was friendly and easy to talk to. It was clear that all the people there seemed to have fun as well as a very strong sense of community. That night the President of the Salopian Club, Sir Eldryd Parry, also talked to the Shrewsbury School students and the Shewsy about his time in Africa as a doctor and the incredible life he has led so far.

On the second day, we were able to visit Liverpool Crown Court and listen in on some cases. It was interesting to learn about the justice system process and experience real life court cases. In the afternoon, we helped out at the junior club at the Shewsy. The children who ranged from ages 4-9 were full of energy, and as with everyone in the Shewsy, spoke to us openly and honestly. That evening we attended senior club as well. This evening they had a showcase from some of the local talent as well as a French band. This was a highlight, as it was clear that everyone was very passionate about music, played beautifully, as well as collaborating with each other at the end.

On the final day that we were in Liverpool we had a tour of Everton. It was clear that Everton was an area that had quite a dark history, but also an area in which the community helped each other and fought for Everton with great pride. After this tour we got to speak to Mark Hedley, a local high court judge; it was very interesting. We then had the opportunity to talk to some of the people who worked at the Shewsy, who had all attended the Shewsy themselves, and asked them about the area and how the Shewsy gave the kids who attended an opportunity to escape the darker aspects of life for a few hours. Then, finally, we attended the junior club one last time. After it was over, it was very hard to say goodbye to the people we had met, who had become our friends over the last couple of days.

The time we spent at the Shewsy was one we will never forget. It was extremely useful careers-wise and understanding the lives of others in Liverpool. Definitely a worthwhile experience and we would happily volunteer to visit again.

Shrewsbury's Royal Marine cadets come second in the Pringle Trophy

Wednesday 15 October 2014

Shrewsbury School's CCF Royal Marine Detachment achieved their greatest success in over ten years in the prestigious Pringle Trophy last weekend, coming a very close second overall and winning a total of four trophies – for Best Physical Exercise, Best Weapons Handling, Best Military Skills and the Runners-Up Trophy.



The Pringle Trophy is the annual competition between all Royal Marine CCF Detachments from schools throughout the UK and marks the culmination of all the previous 12 months of work and training. Directed by a team of RM instructors who set a ruthless pace and look for the same levels of skill, determination and teamwork as they would in regular Commandos, the gruelling competition takes place over two days on Woodbury Common, the training ground for the Royal Marines near Lymington in Devon.



2nd Lt Tom Corbett was delighted with the boys' performances:

“Saturday’s set of ten stances began better than last year, with the cadets making their way to the first stance on time. (Last year they got lost as they stepped off the minibus!) They made their way through all ten stances, gaining many plaudits from the Commando training staff along the way. One Corporal exclaimed: “I almost dropped all my paper work and ran down and joined them. That was so good!” However, some critical points were dropped in the Leadership stance and the Camouflage and Concealment, with the Head of School being spotted hiding in the undergrowth within five seconds of the stance starting!

“Nevertheless, they held their good form through Sunday morning, looking immaculate for the Drill stance. The Physical Serial involved the re-introduction of the infamous Endurance Course. The Cadets ran well through underwater tunnels, rivers, peat bogs and trenches to post the fastest time. Bertie Gilliat-Smith looked a ghostly shade of white as he emerged from the smallest underwater tunnel!

“During the prize giving the team knew they were on the edge of success, as Shrewsbury School appeared more times than any other school as individual stance winners. However, hopes for an overall victory were dashed at the last, as our overall average was just lower than that of Canford’s, with Canford scoring 192 to Shrewsbury’s 188. Nevertheless, the team can feel justifiably extremely proud of their Runners-Up Trophy and the four stance trophies they won.”

The team were: John Dempsey, Bertie Gilliat-Smith, Rob Hartwell, Will Hayward, Guy Morris, James Plaut, Ben Remnant, Alex Shaw, Chris Thomas.





Watch RSSBC race the Head of the Charles Regatta live

Friday 17 October 2014

Our senior rowers are now in Boston, busy preparing for the Head of the Charles Regatta on Sunday.

For those interested, you can watch the races live via the internet.

Just follow this link (crews and approx times below):

<http://www.hocr.org/the-regatta/live-webcast/>

Sunday 19th October

14:13 BST - Men's Youth Fours

#34

H. Morgan/H. Rassmuss/J. Davies/A. Grocott (G. Whitehead)

15:08 BST - Men's Youth Eights

#35

A. Powell/F. Bonthronne/C. Johnston/U. Cappelen/G. O'Dwyer/N. Cabot/T. Thomas/G. Patterson (T. Shiels)

17:31 BST - Director's Challenge Quads

#19

C. Duckworth/T. Carter/R. Relovsky/A. Matthews (composite with St. Joe's Prep)

#22

E. Robinson-Boulton/P. George/H. Thomas/H. Lane Fox



U14 girls' hockey team - still unbeaten this season

Friday 17 October 2014

The U14 girls' hockey team remain unbeaten this season, after a 2-0 win against a strong Moreton Hall side on Wednesday. The squad were confident going into the match, having recorded stunning results to date: played 6, won 6, goals for 40, goals against 3.

However, we knew this would be a tough game against strong opposition, so had to play well from the start. Shrewsbury did just that and spent the majority of the first half in attack. A goal came quite early on from a strong drive into the D, Phoebe Wasdell scoring.

Shrewsbury continued to dominate the first half, with a number of short corners being awarded that just fell short of scoring. We did convert one of the short corners just before half time, but unfortunately the umpire had already blown for another Moreton infringement, leading to another short corner which this time we were unable to convert.

In the second half, Shrewsbury took their foot off the gas a little and allowed Moreton into the game. There was some excellent end to end hockey played, despite the weather taking a turn for the worse and rain beating down on the pitch and players. Shrewsbury remained strong though, keeping a clean sheet, and a break from Daisy McMullen led to Lizzie Ware scoring our second goal.

A fantastic team effort and great result against a strong Moreton side. This gives us huge confidence going into the county tournament next week, though we are a depleted and weakened team due to it falling during half term.

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Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Friday 17 October 2014

This week, despite numerous other sporting triumphs, Mr Bell's focuses on a whole School event: The Tucks.



The Tucks is a running race over about three and a half miles, which will occupy most of the School for varying amounts of time on Friday afternoon. There are four waves of runners to ensure that the tighter parts of the course do not get subjected to too many bodies at once. The fastest members of the community will be racing round in about 20 minutes, whilst the more athletically challenged amongst us might take nearer half an hour, or in some cases up to an hour.

There is a trophy for the fastest boy and girl back and a house trophy for the team that has the highest placed first eight runners home. So what is in it for the average runner, one might ask? How are the majority of the School to derive any satisfaction from trailing round a cross-country course that starts with a long incline and ends with a long slog through a muddy, boggy field?

I have surveyed a number of athletes of disparate sizes, ages and abilities to unearth the legend of the Tucks. A number of top athletes will be forgoing the opportunity to run this year so that others can enjoy the experience.





William Allott, the Hunt Secretary was keen to tell me of his deep disappointment at not being able to run the race due to his onerous responsibility as Official Timekeeper. He has, however, been training by flexing his fingers at regular intervals; “As the official timekeeper, I have been practising my index-finger action for a couple of weeks. I found timing the Prep Schools’ Championships last weekend a great warm up for the big day. I will be getting an early night to cope with the pressure.”

Miss Peak will not be running this year for a very important reason. “My personal battle has been put on hold because it's my birthday tomorrow and as a present to myself I am not running this year. Happy birthday me!!” Mrs Leslie told me, “My personal mission, you could call it a battle, is to ensure the safe passage of Salopians across Roman Road. It's a challenge, but one I am prepared to face for the fifth consecutive year, only with the help of Dr Morgan.”

Mr Harding wore the frown of a worried man. His slight groin strain was a concern to him as he looked to maintain his run of top 50 finishes. He felt there was a chance of slipping down the staff rankings. Headmaster Mark Turner has a sore back and will not be risking aggravating the injury. He was very despondent about not running but felt it would enable him to cheer enthusiastically as the runners came in!

There are some students for whom the Tucks does not engender great excitement, no matter how much encouragement they receive from Mr Middleton, Mr Howarth, Housemasters, Housemistresses, teachers stewarding the course, peers, Simon Cowell or their parents. Joe Lafferty was looking forward to a pleasant afternoon stroll in the country, as was Huda Husan, who described the Tucks as a very sociable occasion. She went on to tell me that she did have to run for 30 seconds last year when a teacher shouted at her (*encouraged her!* - Ed) but managed not to die and is hence back for another try this year.



The David Family

There are a number of interesting staff v offspring duels. Nick David is so confident of beating his son Archie that he has offered him a £40 pay day should he defeat his old man. Archie has to pay his dad £10 if he loses! There was a certain confidence displayed by young Archie who told me, “The good thing is that every year Dad gets a bit slower!”



The Clark Family

Matthew Clark has been training all year as he bids to defeat his sons David Samuel and Marcus. He told me he was gutted when he felt his calf playing up recently. "I am gutted that I am out of the Tucks this year. My calf has been playing up. When I was reffing my 2nd XI team in their 4-0 win over Millfield on Saturday, I had to limp through the pain barrier. But the score line took the pain away! Then I aggravated it again in a tough 0-0 draw with Bolton. I am just devastated, as I think it might be my last chance for family supremacy." There was a feeling among the younger Clarks that perhaps Dad may have seen the writing on the wall!



The Law, Nicholas and Peach Families

Dr David Law was confident that his fitness regime modelled on that of his beloved Manchester City would be enough to see off Martha. "I am confident that my fitness regime modelled on Manchester City's will be enough to hold off Martha." Martha felt that only an 'unlucky accident'

would prevent 'The Law' from prevailing and she also felt that she would not want to dent his image of invincibility by surging past him as he 'slipped' into the nettles!

Dan and Fenella Nicholas were keen to beat each other and young Zak. Dan was philosophical about his chances of defeating his wife and as a well mannered Old Salopian he told me, "I was brought up to let ladies go first." Just as well Dan!

Huw and Sophie Peach will be running with Sam in something resembling family loyalty. Although will Huw be able to curb his naturally competitive instinct? Will Splash the dog pull Sophie round or get in her way?



I have been training hard all year to defeat young Joe, who has upped the stakes by suggesting he leads me in the series 4-0. I find this hard to believe but felt I needed to put down a marker this year. I intend to go in the first wave of the race, as I do not want to get caught up in 'traffic'. I have also been seeking advice from John Ngugi who was five times World Cross-Country Champion during the late 1980s. John is four years older than I am, so we worked out we had just missed competing against each other!

I will be wearing a very bright shirt for a number of reasons. Firstly, if I am still running at night I can be easily seen by car drivers. Secondly, should I find my form I want people to notice. And finally, if I end up collapsed in a hedge someone might notice me.

Friday evening - Tucks update!

First the important news. I went first wave and finished 193. Joe went fourth wave and finished 395. We wait with bated breath to find out if the time adjustments mean I have held on!

Fenella Nicholas finished in 119, ahead of Dan Nicholas and I suspect Zak! The Peach information is not all in although I know that Huw finished 119 in a tie with Mrs Nicholas and Sophie finished with Splash still on the lead.

Dr Law managed to avoid Martha's traps and came a very respectable 52nd, defeating Martha.

Archie David is in the money!

The winner of the whole race was Charlie Tait-Harris (S) and the girls' winner was Tattie Watt (G).

The overall feeling of the event was that it was very well organised and run in a good spirit. If the School populace are happy to go for a cross-country run together, it says something about the esprit de corps and the happiness of the community.

Tonight will see another event when the School comes together, hopefully in harmony. What a great way to end the first half!

The Street Trophy in the Tucks and outstanding performances in the House Singing Competition

Friday 17 October 2014



L-R: Will Street (LVI) leading the pack for School House, Reuben Denison (3), Jacob Jefferis (3)

The last day before half-term saw two big events. The first involved the entire school running around the ancient Tucks course.

I had set the School House boys the not-very-strenuous challenge of beating their Housemaster... They ran well and a few unsurprisingly stepped up to the mark and finished well ahead of me! Particularly impressive were the two new Third Formers, Jacob Jefferis and Reuben Denison, who put me to shame.



Struggling Housemaster, pain showing on his face, closely pursued by Deputy Head of House, Dan Lo (UVI)

The first boy round for School House was Will Street (LVI), who won the coveted Street Trophy, a highly appropriate result, given that the trophy was previously donated to School House by his family.

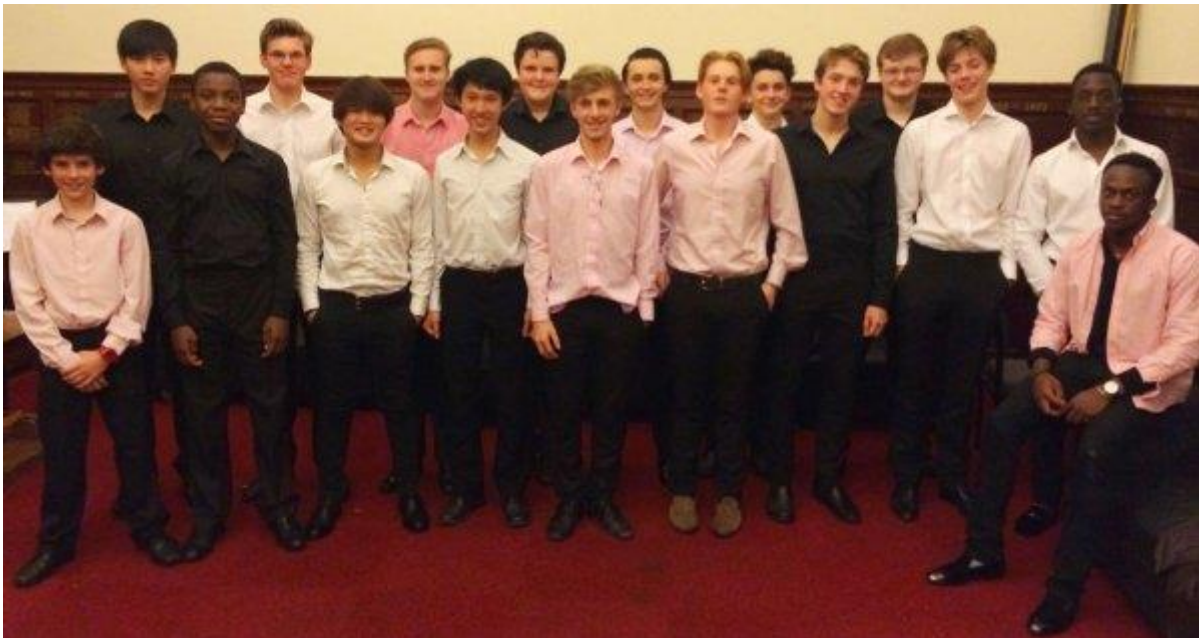


Will Street with the Street Trophy

No sooner than the boys had recovered from their muddy ordeal, they were getting ready for the House Singing Competition. As holders of two of the three trophies (and runner up in the third), there was no doubt that School House was the one to beat. Our Unison entry was the Monkees' *I'm a Believer*, which was highly commended for its slick and disciplined performance, which also had a sense of fun, good movement and excellent harmony. The boys worked hard and I was very proud of all them for putting on such a strong performance.



Our Part Song was a *tour de force* that was brilliantly arranged and rehearsed by Will Hargreaves (UVI). Entitled *Beatles Double*, Will had put together the two songs *Oh Darling* and *Here, There and Everywhere*. School House really broke the mould with this entry because we made it inclusive for anyone who wanted to join in. As a result, we had 17 boys involved, representing all years, singing close harmony a cappella. This made the stunning product an even greater achievement because getting all the boys together in the same place at the same time for rehearsals, given all their busy schedules, was a real challenge. Will and the boys put a huge amount of time and effort into it and for many watching the competition (with or without links to School House), it was the highlight of the evening. The boys just missed out on the win this time, but they were invited back to sing it in two chapel services later in the term in recognition of their significant achievement.



The School House Part Singers (L-R): Henri Cramsie (3), Aaron Zhao (LVI), Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (3), Jamie Nugent (UVI), Arthur Cheng (UVI), Alfred Mitchell (LVI), Dan Lo (UVI), Llyr Heyward-Jones (IV), Harry Al-Adwani (UVI), Christian Ferrigno (UVI), Ned Pring (LVI), Reuben Denison (3), Will Hargreaves (UVI), Richard Walsh (LVI), Brook Plumtre (UVI), Nifemi Okusanya (V), Ladi Okusanya (LVI)



The news 100 years ago: 14th October 1914

Friday 17 October 2014

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Reginald Fydell Walker, 2nd Bn. Manchester Regiment

Ingram's, Maths Scholar, Head of House for more than two years, 1st XI football in 1912, and was Choregus. Left in 1913. He was gazetted from Sandhurst just as war was declared.

Died of wounds in France, 21st October 1914, aged 20

Buried at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, France. Grave VII. F. 39.

He wrote a letter to *The Salopian* which was published on 10 October 1914:

“Here I am now at the front and have been since about Sept. 10th. I am at present some 5 miles from the actual firing line in reserve. We came here on Thursday morning. Tuesday evening we spent in trenches 500 yards from the Germans. ... At 8pm on Wednesday night we sallied out to within about 400 yards of the enemy and dug trenches till 2.15am. ... We are now in billets. Food is very good here but there is a dearth of note paper so if you want letters you must send an envelope and paper for reply!!”

He fell, mortally wounded, in the charge upon Les Trois Maisons. His Company Commander writes “He did most excellent work, so good indeed, that I intend to bring his name before the Commanding Officer...He led several bayonet charges, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.”

His obituary, written by Headmaster Alington, appeared in the 7 November edition of *The Salopian*: “...he was a boy with many friends, as was inevitable for anyone so cheerful and so good natured. He had that charmingly happy-go-lucky manner which attracts us all when we meet it, and makes us all better content with the world. ... It is no surprise to hear that his Regiment had already learnt to value him, and that when he was mortally wounded he was leading his men in the charge and that “he bore his pain most bravely and cheerfully....”

In the photo below, Walker is seated far right. Three other members of that 1912 team were killed in the War: Matthews (14 April 1916), Dwyer (17 November 1916) and Partridge (20 January 1918).



The news 100 years ago: 14th October 1914

On the Western Front the Indian Expeditionary Force has arrived in France to great fanfare from papers at the time. *The Times* hails their arrival, as the rest of the Empire girds itself for war. French and British troops begin a series of skirmishes which are intended to unsettle the German forces before pushing forward.

Italy, despite being allied to Germany, has so far stayed out of the conflict. This is partly to do with calculation as Italy is the weakest of the colonial powers at the time but the delay is far more to do with Italy's political strife. Both the King and Parliament wish to act but are hamstrung by radicals within the Italian legislature.

Grim news, however, is coming out of the Eastern Front where pogroms are reported to be taking place. Jews are being attacked indiscriminately by Russian troops whose anti-semitism perceives the Jews as a threat to their military.

The German commander, Moltke, is convinced that the Allied forces are one push away from the retreat. Pressure is mounting on him from the Kaiser and his more gung-ho officers to launch an all out attack in order to break the allied lines and march on Paris. However the Allied retreat is over and the running counter-attack along a long front from near Reims to near Oostende leads to the first battle of Ypres.



Extracts from the History of the 2nd Bn. Manchester Regiment

On 4th September the division marched through the night to reach Touran, only 15 miles from Paris. In the afternoon of that day the men heard the news that the retreat was over and the advance north began two days later. On 13th September, the brigade crossed the Aisne on rafts with the Manchesters leading and attacked St Marguerite, which was taken with little loss. The battle of the Aisne came to an end on 28th September. On 12th October 1914, the battalion marched off and that evening formed a line near the La Basse Canal. On the 13th a general advance was ordered on Richbourg l'Avoue; the advance was slow as every yard of ground was fought for. The village became a ruin as it was fought over for the next two days but on the 16th, patrols reported the Germans had withdrawn, and the division was to advance again. By the 19th the battalion was at Les Trois Maisons and was attacked in force by the Germans. On the 20th there was heavy fighting all day, including two gallant bayonet charges by the men of A Company. At dusk the battalion withdrew to their support trenches.

"My favourite photo from my first month in Moser's"

Monday 20 October 2014

The Third Form were given the challenge to pick "My favourite photo from my first month in Moser's" and give a caption.



"Playing kick the can at the end of the first week. It was the first time I felt at home here at Shrewsbury."



"Our first B-leagues game"



"We're all together about to do a leap of faith; it was a great trip."



"My first proper goal for Moser's and we played much better after that goal."



"Playing the game called Crocker at the Great Escape."



"I know I can't take corners but this one was terrible!"



“Third Form Race: Although I was first out of the Moss gates, I came pretty low down the order by the end!”



“Beekeeping: kitting up to destroy the queen-less hive”



"The Rowing Club Dinner was great fun."

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Student Journalist, Oliver Carter-Esdale, shortlisted for Guardian Media Award

Wednesday 22 October 2014

Student journalist, Oliver Carter-Esdale (Ch 2009-11), currently studying at the University of Bristol, has been shortlisted for the Guardian's Student columnist of the year award in their 2014 Student Media Awards.

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/oct/15/guardian-student-media-awards-2014-shortlists>



Riding for Rhinos - update

Wednesday 22 October 2014



Will Frazer (I 1998-03) and Johan du Plessis are cycling around the world to bring an end to illegal trade in rhino horn and are now in California.

'In April 2014 we quit our jobs and are cycling 23000 km in 230 days through 23 different countries around the world. We The trip is wholly unsupported and we are doing this completely off our own backs and carrying only the bare essentials needed to live off the side of the road. We use a website (www.ridingforrhinos.org) & video blog

(rhino cam) to raise awareness of our campaign.

The Charity

We are riding around the world to raise awareness of how demand for rhino horn in eastern Asia is leading to the plight of the rhino. 558 rhinos have been poached in South Africa this year, putting 2014 on track to be the worst year yet to be a rhino. With only 25000 rhinos left in the wild and the current poaching crisis continuing to spiral, the conservation challenge is urgent. Cycling through parts of the world where rhino horn is used as a traditional medicine we hope to raise awareness of the impact the on rhino populations as well as raise money to help Save the Rhino continue its work.'

To donate, visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/ridingforrhinos>

Acclaimed Book, Storm Warning, now available for Kindle

Wednesday 22 October 2014

Robin Brooke-Smith's (S 1961-66) book, Storm Warning, is now available for Kindle.

At the same time there has been a favourable review in the Journal of Asian Affairs (Jnl. of the Royal Asian Society). Dr Brooke-Smith, who is now the Shrewsbury School Archivist, is giving talks at both Upper Canada College in Toronto and the University of Toronto during half-term. The current Head of Middle Division at UCC (until July 2015) is Old Salopian Ian Robinson (SH 62 - 66).

Links to an article about the book and education in Pakistan and the Muslim world that went live today can be found below:

<http://gandhara.rferl.org/content/pakistan-peace-education/26640583.html>

<http://gandhara.rferl.org/media/photogallery/peshawar-edwardes-college/26640563.html>



Sabrina Club - Irvine Lecture on 11 October: Report

Thursday 23 October 2014



The fate of George Mallory and Sandy Irvine (Old Salopian) on the 1924 Everest Expedition still remains one of life's unsolved mysteries. On 11 October, a sizeable group of Salopians and parents were treated to a masterful exposition by journalist, Julie Summers, on the life of her great uncle, Sandy Irvine. Irvine, oarsman, inventor and climber, was a worthy heir to the Renaissance values of Sir Philip Sidney.

Fittingly, one of the Salopians in the audience was Adam Booth (PH 1995-2000) - pictured, right, with his family. Adam is the most recent Salopian to have conquered Mount

Everest.

Our thanks to Martin Slocock (Rt 1948-53) and the Sabrina Club for organising such a memorable evening.





The news 100 years ago: 28th October 1914

Tuesday 28 October 2014

This week we remember:

Corporal Edward Hugh Mainwaring Furley, 351, Bowker's Horse, East African Mounted Rifles.

Sargeant's (now Ingram's Hall), left in 1901.

Killed in action in Tanzania 3rd November 1914, aged 29

Buried at Dar Es Salaam War Cemetery, Tanzania. Coll. grave. 8. E. 6-13

Soon after leaving Shrewsbury School, Edward Furley joined the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry. After farming in Cheshire and the Argentine, he went out to British East Africa in 1912. He at once enlisted in the forces raised for the defence of the Colony and took part in the fight on Lake Victoria Nyanza in September 1914. After the action at Longido on 3rd November, he was officially reported "missing"; in February he was reported "killed". In the retirement of his troop from a kopje, he remained to see everyone mounted and away, and was probably shot while so doing. He was a keen sportsman and an excellent horseman.

The news this week in 1914

The British suffer a near-calamitous setback this week in the first Battle of Ypres but are saved by the determined actions of the Second Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment. On 31st October, the Germans drive a hole through the British line at the village of Gheluvelt, prompting fears of a breakthrough. The situation is so serious that orders are drawn up for artillery to move back in preparation for a general retreat. The 2nd Worcestershires are ordered to attack and retake Gheluvelt. They move quickly, joining up with remnants of the South Wales Borderers who have made a heroic stand in the grounds of the nearby Chateau. 187 out of 370 men of the 2nd Worcestershires are either wounded or killed in the action, but they are successful in retaking Gheluvelt and restoring the line. As the regimental history records, with justifiable pride, "it is rare that the action of one unit can exert such a profound influence as did this now famous counter attack."

On 29th October, Turkish warships bombard Russia's Black Sea ports of Odessa, Sevastapol and Theodosia. As a result, Russia declares war against the Ottoman Empire; Britain and France follow suit just a few days later. War against the Ottoman Empire opens up the possibility of a new front in the fighting which, as stalemate begins to develop in Europe, the Allies will be keen to exploit.

On 1st November, the Battle of Coronel is fought between British and German warships off the coast of central Chile. Under the command of Admiral von Spee, the Germans inflict a humiliating defeat on the British Navy, sinking two battleships, The Monmouth and The Good Hope. In the same week, the Germans launch their first naval raids against the British coast, shelling Gorleston and Great Yarmouth. Little damage is caused as shells land mainly on the beaches, but a British submarine is sunk by mines laid offshore by the same raiding party.



RSSBC: Head of the Charles Regatta

Thursday 30 October 2014

The Boat Club took 21 pupils and three staff to Boston USA over half term to compete in the Head of the Charles Regatta, the biggest festival of rowing in the world. Director of Rowing Athol Hundermark reports on a successful and very enjoyable trip.

The squad flew into Boston on Wednesday evening and split into four groups to travel to the host accommodation generously provided by the Salopian community of the Kerrs, Hodgsons, Lymans and Cabots. Thursday morning provided the opportunity for two eights to get out on the water and see the twisting course that included seven bridges that the boys would need to navigate in the race on Sunday. After a tough training session we headed to Northeastern University for lunch and the chance to be shown around the University and catch up with recent old Salopian, William Angel-James (2014). The groups then made their way back to their host families for dinner and an early night.

On Friday morning the Eight and Four were able to get out on the water amongst the increasing Regatta traffic and go through some speed work, testing the rudder around the bends. The two quads rigged up their boats which had recently arrived from Philadelphia and took to the water. One of the quads was a composite with St Joe's Prep, and the first and last training session for the boys before the race. Following the paddle the boys were given a tour of the Harvard boathouse and campus by another old boy, Tom Marshall (2012). In the afternoon the boys were taken to the cinema to keep them off their legs, and by chance saw the film *The Equalizer* which was set in the Boston area, providing much humour over the following days. We were then all treated to a lovely meal at the Cabots' home in Cambridge very near the race course.

A relaxed Saturday morning was followed by a chance to watch some racing and browse some of the multitude of stores filled with rowing paraphernalia that line the final 800m of the race course. The group then met up to walk over to the Harvard stadium to watch an American Football match between Harvard and Lafayette. After the game there were some final adjustments made to the racing boats before heading out to Beverly Farms for a stretching session on the beach and a wonderful carbo-loading dinner at the Lymans'.



Coxed Four



Sunday saw an early start for all, with the Coxed Four event being one of the first to race. The crew of cox George Whitehead, Joe Davies, Henry Rassmuss, Alfie Grocott and Hugo Morgan had a reasonable race, coming in 49th out of 85 crews. Next up an hour later was the Eight consisting of cox Tom Shiels, George Patterson, Toby Thomas, Nick Cabot, Gavin O'Dwyer, Ulrik Cappelen, Charlie Johnston, Freddie Bonthronne and Alex Powell. The crew made a steady start and the best of a relatively clear course. Their best section came through the middle of the course where Fourth Form cox Tom steered a terrific line through some sharp bends to help the crew to an encouraging 11th place out of 85 crews.

Last to race were the two quads that competed in the Directors Challenge Quads event, with crews of all ages racing against each other. The crew of Harry Lane Fox, Paddy George, Henry Thomas and Elliot Robinson-Boulton were the youngest crew in the event and they put on an impressive sculling display to come home 15th out of the 36 crews. The composite crew of Charlie Duckworth, Alex Matthews and two boys from St Joe's Prep also performed well in their second row together, coming 27th out of 36.

With all crews having completed their racing, they got the opportunity to see some of the best crews from around the world competing in the Championship event, which was won by the 'Great' eight made up of the top scullers from around the world, beating the 'Greatest' eight made up of some of the best sweep oarsmen around the world. The boys got the chance to take in the atmosphere of the biggest festival of rowing in the world. In the evening we were generously treated to a wonderful meal at Joe's American Dinner in Central Boston.



Shrewsbury's VIII on their way to 11th place out of 85 crews



Shrewsbury Quad - the youngest crew in the Directors Challenge

With no chance to lie in on Monday morning, we hit the road at 6am to make our way for the 160-mile journey to New Haven and Yale University. The boys and staff were taken aback by the fantastic facilities of the campus both from an academic and sporting perspective. Our tour guide was assistant coach Joel Scrogin, who provided us with tremendous insight on campus life and also gave us a memorable visit. The boys made the most of the buffet lunch in Davenport College and were also kindly shown around the College by the Dean, Dr Brasseaux.

In the afternoon we went out to the Gilder Boathouse on the Housatonic River where the boys got the chance to do a session in two matched Eights. The crews did a technical session for about four kilometres upstream before turning around and racing back. For roughly nine minutes there was nothing to separate the crews as they traded blows stroke for stroke. A near blade clash saw the race stopped and then restarted with roughly 800m remaining. One crew went harder off the restart than the other and went a length ahead, which they didn't relinquish up to the finish line. Despite much exhaustion, the boys were buzzing on the way home from a fantastic experience.



Matched Eights racing at Yale

Tuesday morning was more relaxed, with a 10am training session on the beach before heading to the mall for lunch and a chance to spend any remaining dollars before the flight back.

Many thanks go out to all those who made the trip possible.

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Joe Bell wins House Singing Competition Prize for Best Arrangement

Thursday 30 October 2014

Joe Bell's arrangement of *Sewn* by The Feeling won the coveted Eteson Cup for the best original arrangement at the House Singing Competition on 17th October. His commitment was truly impressive and he put in many hours writing it over the summer holiday and many more hours practising the challenging arrangement with the singers, who did him great credit.

The boys were featured in an article in the Shropshire Star with former member of Radbrook, Michael Nettleton, now Company Director of Nock Deighton, who kindly sponsored the Parents' Association Drinks Reception on the night (*see below*).



Radbrook House pupils and house master Dr Richard Case with sponsor and former pupil Michael Nettleton, back right

Tickets for Shrewsbury School's hotly contested annual house singing competition have been snapped up in a matter of days.

Pupils have been warming up their vocal cords and practising hard ahead of the competition, which takes place at in the Alington Hall on October 17, the eve of half term.

The sell-out evening will see pupils from across the school and from all houses taking part.

Report by Nathan Rowden nathan.rowden@shropshirestar.co.uk

Many of the songs that will be performed have been arranged by pupils themselves especially for the competition.

This year the competition social party drinks reception has been sponsored by Shropshire property experts Nock Deighton which specialises in property sales, management, survey and valuations.

Company director and former Shrews-

bury School pupil, Michael Nettleton, said he was more than happy to sponsor such an event.

He said: "As a former Shrewsbury School pupil myself, I have very fond memories of the house singing competition and didn't hesitate when we had the chance to support it this year."

Vice-chairman of the Parents' Association, David Schofield, said that the SS-PA's core purpose was to organise a range of social events throughout the year.

Thirty Years On! A private view of public schools - Evocative photos of public schools taken in the 1980s now published

Thursday 30 October 2014



'From austere dormitories to Hogwarts-esque dining halls and beagling on the moors: Candid 1980s photographs go behind the scenes at Britain's most elite boarding schools

In the late 1980s, and over 5 years, photographer Mark Draisey was given access to document the British public school system. Gaining an inside view of this usually closed and private world allowed him to produce a stunning record of life inside institutions that were, as a rule, out of bounds to the majority of the population.

A new book called *Thirty Years On: A Private View of Public Schools* has documented life behind closed doors at 25 of the nation's finest learning establishments.

The archive forms the world's largest collection taken by an individual on this subject. The evocative collection - bought together for his book, *'Thirty Years On! A private view of public schools'* - is a unique insight into the life within twenty-five of Britain's leading boy's public schools just before they changed forever.

Mark's images were taken at a time just prior to major changes in the boarding house conditions and the general modernisation of facilities at many of the schools, brought about by a more competitive market, plus the introduction of girls into these once male dominated institutions. Images of austere dormitories and bleak bathrooms, beagling on the moors and Sunday chapel, cadet training and early morning rowing, will remind thousands of times when tradition and eccentricity mingled with educational excellence to produce generations of boys destined to succeed.

Mark said: 'I am delighted to at last announce the publication of a collection of colour photographs I took at 25 of our great public schools back in the late 1980s forming the world's largest such study. I was generously granted unrivalled access to each of the schools to photograph the everyday life, traditions and games that make the independent school system so unique.'

'Now, some thirty years later, the images depict a bygone time having been taken just before a universal movement to improve boarding accommodation, sports and teaching facilities at the majority of independent schools.'

Mark Draisey was born in 1962 and grew up in South West London attending schools in both the private and state system. His fascination for British public schools began whilst he was studying illustration and photography at Brighton Polytechnic, and began this project in his final year as part of his degree. He now works as a successful illustrator and caricaturist for all aspects of the media from his home in Bath.'

Shrewsbury:

The photographs of Shrewsbury School feature the RSSH, a house play and RSSBC at Shrewsbury Regatta.

The above extracts have been taken from the Daily Mail Article by Bianca London. Read more and see some of the superb photos at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2767712/A-time-tradition-eccentricity-mingled-educational-excellence-Life-closed-doors-nation-s-boarding-schools-1980s-revealed-charming-photographs.html>

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The Tucks 2014

Friday 31 October 2014

The Tucks is one of the oldest cross-country races in the world, having been run every year at Shrewsbury School since the early 1830s. This year's race was particularly special, with Third and Fourth Form girls taking part for the first time and Olympic Gold medallist and World Cross-Country Champion John Ngugi blowing the starter's hooter and presenting the prizes. A report by Master in Charge of the Hunt, Peter Middleton.



In advance of this year's race, speculation as to who would be the Tucks victors was, as always, the talk of the campus, with added interest this year given that a number of key athletes were not competing on the day. With over 600 runners set out on the 3.2-mile course, the assembled crowd buzzed with anticipation whilst the lookouts stood on Church Road to spot the first runners coming home up the hill for the final 400m.

This year there were a number of new names hoping to get their name on the coveted winner's trophy, the Hector Rose Bowl, with Churchill's Ben Remnant leading the charge for the title and Huntsman Theo Clarke hoping to bring the trophy back to Severn Hill. As the first runner came over the brow of the hill, he was indeed in Severn Hill colours, but it was not Master Clarke as had been anticipated. In fact, it was the young pretender - Fifth Former Charlie Tait-Harris who had fought off all other challengers to come home for the kill in a commendable time of 18.11, 26 seconds ahead of Ben Remnant in a time of 18.37, with Oscar Dickins of Rigg's Hall also under 19 minutes to take the individual bronze in a time of 18.58.



Charlie Tait-Harris



Whilst both Dickins and Remnant were returning from injury, that should take nothing away from a Tucks victory from a Fifth Former, perhaps the first time for many years that a Salopian so young has taken the laurels. Tait-Harris, a member of the Hunt's 1st VIII last season as a Fourth Former, has a proven track record with an outstanding top 20 place in the national Knoles

Run in January (a 9.5km race with over 300 runners from the major schools in the country, most of whom are Sixth Formers). The Tucks win will no doubt rank amongst his finest achievements, and his Housemaster will be delighted that the Rose Bowl returns to Severn Hill following the Mallett brothers' victories in 2010-2012 (George Mallett winning in 2010 and again in 2011 as Huntsman; Ed Mallett winning as Huntsman in 2012).

We were delighted to receive this year a donation from the Mallett family of a team trophy which was presented to the winning House - Churchill's Hall. Their team score of 163 was a convincing victory, with all eight 'counters' in the top 50, including three in the top 10 (Ben Remnant - 2nd; John Dempsey - 6th; Alex Shaw - 9th).

Despite an individual victory for Tait-Harris, backed up by an 8th place finish for an under the weather Huntsman Theo Clarke, Severn Hill had to settle for team silver with 201 points. Last year's winners Rigg's Hall took team bronze with 262 points, with some strong performances from Fifth Former Will Hayward in 4th and Fourth Former Owen Mock (last year's New Boys' Race winner) just outside the top 10 in 11th position.





Tatty Watt receiving her medal from John Ngugi

The girls' race was perhaps the most closely contested we have seen, largely due to an influx of extremely talented runners in both the younger years and in the Lower Sixth. Last year's winner Tory Mobley of Emma Darwin Hall would have her work cut out for her, particularly given the impressive form shown in training by Tatty Watt from The Grove. Indeed, despite a strong battle between the two, it was the younger of the runners who came home as the victor, with Watt crossing the line in 22.03 placing 48th overall, over 30 seconds ahead of her captain Tory Mobley in 2nd place with 22.38. EDH teammate Olivia Papaioannou completed the podium just 6 seconds behind Mobley, with The Grove's Sally Joyce just missing out on the individual medals with her 4th place run of 23.13. However, there would be a team gold for Joyce, Watt & co. with The Grove continuing their impressive early sporting form to win the team competition comfortably with 1394 points, with EDH just pipping MSH into second with 1923 to 1930.

The 2014 Tucks was particularly special with the race being started and prizes being presented by Olympic gold medallist John Ngugi from Kenya. The race marked the culmination of the Hunt's second Coach in Resident project where we were extremely fortunate indeed to welcome to Shrewsbury an athlete of such distinction. Aside from the Olympic gold medal won in the 5,000m in Seoul 1988 (which John brought with him to show us - a wonderful experience in

itself!), John Ngugi also became the first athlete ever to win four consecutive world cross-country titles, and five in total.

Having revolutionised the way Kenyans trained and heralding an era of Kenyan domination on the global cross-country running scene, John Ngugi is rightly regarded as one of the greatest distance runners of all time, and has been the inspiration to many. So it was to be the case for our young runners over the course of the week, with the unique experience of being coached by a true legend of the sport.

PJM



Medal winners

Senior Boys (for the Hector Rose Bowl)

- 1st Charlie Tait-Harris (S, V), 18.11
- 2nd Ben Remnant (Ch, LVI) 18.37
- 3rd Oscar Dickins (R, LVI) 18.58
- 4th Will Hayward (R, V) 19.02
- 5th Charlie Godman (M, UVI) 19.33
- 6th John Dempsey (Ch, UVI) 19.34
- 7th Charlie Rogers (Rb, LVI) 19.39
- 8th Theo Clarke (S, UVI) 19.44
- 9th Alex Shaw (Ch, UVI) 19.45
- 10th Luke Lloyd-Jones (Rb, LVI) 19.55

Senior Girls

- 1st Tatty Watt (G, LVI) 22.03
- 2nd Tory Mobley (EDH, UVI) 22.38
- 3rd Olivia Papaioannou (EDH, LVI) 22.44
- 4th Sally Joyce (G, LVI) 23.13



5th Pascale Goddard (G, LVI) 23.18
6th Immy Evans (G, IV) 24.26
7th Sophia Dixon (MSH, 3) 25.01
8th Abi Attenborough (MSH, UVI) 25.15
9th Ursule Tanjansbaite (MSH, LVI) 25.16
10th Martha Pownell (MSH, LVI) 25.39

Junior Boys

1st Owen Mock (R, IV) 20.07
2nd Harry Remnant (Ch, 3) 20.15
3rd George Garrett (Ch, IV) 20.27

Junior Girls

1st Immy Evans (G, IV) 24.26
2nd Sophia Dixon (MSH, 3) 25.01
3rd Libby Hedges (G, 3) 25.54

Boys' Team Results (for the Mallett Trophy)

1st Churchill's 163 points
2nd Severn Hill 201 points
3rd Rigg's Hall 262 points

Girls' Team Results

1st The Grove 1394 points
2nd Emma Darwin Hall 1923 points
3rd Mary Sidney Hall 1930 points