



Dayboys' House Play: 'Incident at Vichy'

Tuesday 2 October 2018

Director of Drama Helen Brown reviews a moving and powerful production, directed by Sixth Former Josh Evans.



Miller's rarely-performed one-act drama, *Incident at Vichy*, was inspired by a true event. In a small town in Vichy France, a group of 'undesirables' – mostly Jews – were rounded up for an identity check before being shipped off to the Eastern concentration camps. In an extraordinary act of altruism, a Gentile who had just been released from questioning gave his pass to the last remaining Jew in the room, sparing that man from deportation and certain death.

Miller gives identities both to the nameless victims in that room, and to the men who put them there; with his characteristic moral complexity, he creates problematic, three-dimensional people where it would be easy to see cardboard-cut-out martyrs and monsters. As the play progresses, men come and go. Some, such as James Sykes-Waller's snobbish businessman, are inexplicably allowed to go free, whilst others are dragged into the darkness. The sinister intentions of the doctor and the SS officer in charge of the operation – a genuinely terrifying Ed Hart and Matt Brinkley – become progressively more explicit and horrifying.



This was an ambitious choice for a House play, and I commend the Dayboys for grappling with such challenging and powerful material. Particular credit is due to Josh Evans, who has made his debut as a director with such a thoughtful, detailed piece of work.

The play gives the opportunity for a number of keenly observed cameo roles, each offering a different viewpoint on the unfolding tragedy. I would single out Frank Mansell as a wide-eyed and optimistic waiter, Cameron Hughes-Williams as a thuggish electrician and Ben Lloyd as a pompous and self-involved actor.



Perhaps Miller's mouthpiece in the play is the psychiatrist Leduc. Having tried and failed to persuade his fellow captives to make a break for it, he challenges the Major in charge (Giles McLoughlin), a man of decent instincts who is nonetheless unwilling to risk his life to do the right thing. The Major responds by asking Leduc, with a gun to his head, whether if he were offered his freedom, at the cost of every other man's life, he would refuse.

"No," says Leduc.





It appears to be a bleak conclusion: we are all, when the chips are down, motivated by our own need to survive. However, hope comes in the impeccably attired form of Prince Von Berg (Oscar Mattinson).



Without reason or invitation, he hands his papers to Leduc, and faces the gas chambers in his place. Mattinson plays Von Berg with understated heroism; he fights the ‘vulgarity’ of the Nazis not with guns, but with kindness and culture.

In dark times, the play offers a reminder that violence does not need to beget violence, and that beauty and decency may be found in the most unexpected of places.

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The news this week 100 years ago: 5th - 11th October 1918

Thursday 4 October 2018

This week we remember three former pupils.

Lieutenant John Howard Cooke, Mechanical Transport Army Service Corps attd Royal Garrison Artillery

Moser's. Cricket XI, "a dangerous fast bowler and a big hitter". he left in 1910.

At the outbreak of war, he enlisted with the 9th Battalion, Manchester Regiment. He entered the army from the Manchester University Officer Training Corps as a Second Lieutenant and later submitted an application for transfer to the Army Service Corps and was made Lieutenant in June 1916. He served with a Mechanical Transport Company of the Army Service Corps attached to the 118th (and later the 11th) Siege Battery, Ammunition Column, Royal Garrison Artillery on the Western Front.

His service was punctuated with several illnesses including inflammation of the heart and a displaced knee cartilage. He was admitted to 8th General Hospital in Rouen following a gun shot wound to the leg in August 1918. He died of bronchopneumonia on 9th October 1918 at 72nd General Hospital, aged 25, in France.

He is buried at Tourgeville Military Cemetery, France. Grave IV. C. 18.



Lieutenant John Cooke (image courtesy of the Imperial War Museum)

Second Lieutenant James Bainton Stowell Gell, 56th Bde Royal Field Artillery Moser's, left in 1916.



He was killed in action on the Western Front in France after only a few weeks' service on 9th October 1918, aged 19.

He is buried at Avoingt British Cemetery, France. Grave V. B. 1.



Image courtesy of the Imperial War Museum

Captain Kenneth Sutherland Rudd, 10th Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

Bennett's (now Severn Hill); left in 1913 with a scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge.

He enlisted in the Shropshire Light Infantry immediately war broke out and was gazetted in August 1914 and posted to the West Yorkshire Regiment. He was promoted Lieutenant in June 1915 and obtained his Captaincy in May 1918.

He went to France with his Battalion in July 1915 and was severely wounded in April 1916. Following his convalescence, he returned to France in October 1917 as Acting Adjutant.



When home on leave owing to wounds, he more than once was one of the Staff at the Shrewsbury Club (Liverpool) Camp at Frodsham.

He was killed in action in France on 10th October 1918, aged 24.

He is buried at Caudry British Cemetery, France. Grave II. F. 17.





CCF Army Section win Military Skills Competition

Friday 5 October 2018

Congratulations to the nine cadets of the CCF Army Section who won the trophy for the Best CCF Team in the 143 Brigade Military Skills Competition last weekend. Colour Sgt Tim Lovick reports.

From the Friday evening of the 28th September, to the Sunday morning of the 30th, the Army Detachment ventured into the familiar landscape of Nescliffe Training area to take part in the annual Military Skills Competition run by the XI Signals Brigade.

Under the command of Colour Sgt Arthur Gell, the section of nine Army cadets loaded up and headed by bus to the training area, accompanied by Captain Simper, the adult volunteer who would escort them through the event.

After a night's sleep in the confines of a bunker, the team embarked on the first of their activities: a command task which involved first locating caches buried throughout a wood, followed by the deciphering of codes to gather information, all undertaken in the darkness of a black-out tent. Special commendation to Jake Ludlam for his efforts in locating hidden codes and keys in the darkness with limited light.

The team's navigation skills were put to the test as they found several marked points on a map, reaching well-hidden markers throughout Nescliffe, before moving on to a written test that scrutinised their map-reading and navigation skills. Cadet Loumidis proved his skills in navigating as he helped plot out routes across maps, as well as identifying distinct features that would lead the way.





In the Casevac stand, the recruits bombed up their magazines and prepared to fight a pitch battle to recover a wounded casualty. The instructors were amazed by the speed with which the section launched forwards, taking the enemy by storm in a hail of blank fire. In fact, the rapid nature of the encounter was quicker than any other section, leaving them with extra time to wait as the next group was made ready to go. Commendation to Colour Sgt Gell who led his team, as well as Colour Sgt Chad Usher who led Delta section as 2nd-in-Command who gave the furious hail of covering fire that held the enemy at bay.

The team progressed to a task that they had not yet encountered: the Gun Run. The cadets worked hard to move and disassemble a gun and limber, working in a tight team to rapidly disassemble and carry the heavy parts through to be quickly reassembled and pulled through a course. To their credit, they completed it swiftly, earning a great score.



Following on was the First Aid stand, where the cadets worked to secure the aftermath of an accidental grenade detonation. The group worked to treat a shock victim, a gunshot victim and an unconscious casualty. Lance Corporals Oliver Taylor and Ed Craik worked especially hard to secure the unconscious casualty and provide CPR until it was possible to resuscitate them.

After a hearty meal of ration packs and a night's sleep, the group embarked on their gruelling forced march. Unable to break into a run (apart from a 400-metre stretch) or have less than one foot on the ground at all times, they marched across three miles in 25 minutes. Special commendation to Cpl Alexander Sparks and LCpl Andrew Chan who persevered and stuck it through, leading to a resounding result. This was followed by an air rifle range where the selected shooters tested their skills, to land a result of 3rd in the march and shoot.



The troops were rewarded for their efforts with the gold medal for best CCF team in the overall competition, and bronze in the march and shoot. This was a great result for a team that included cadets on their third consecutive competition.

Congratulations to all who took part, and special thanks to the CCF staff who supported them through their exercise. The efforts of Cpt Simper, Cpt Farmer and Sgt Welsh have been integral to our success.

Colour Sgt Tim Lovick



1st XI hockey team retain their County Championship title

Friday 5 October 2018

Congratulations to the girls' 1st XI hockey team, who have won the County Championship for the second year running.



Report by 1st XI Coach Emma Kelly:

On Wednesday 3rd October we were pleased to host the U18 County Hockey Tournament at Shrewsbury School and welcomed teams from Moreton Hall, Oswestry, Ellesmere and Wrekin College.

Shrewsbury's first game was against Moreton Hall. The girls started their bid to retain the County Championship title in strong fashion, winning this game 4-0. Goals came from Georgie Nicholas, Daisy McMullen and two goals from Amelie Davies, including a stunning straight strike from a short corner.

Our second game was against Oswestry School, which we won 1-0 – Amelie Davies scoring again. Frustratingly, we had a number of chances and were camped out in our attacking half but failed to convert. But the team looked strong as we headed into the semi-final top of our pool.



Our semi-final was against Ellesmere, a strong school and previous County Winners. Again there was lots of pressure in their defending D and the Shrewsbury squad looked strong as we won 1-0 and qualified for the final.

The final was against Moreton Hall (again!). Having already beaten them 4-0, we went into the match feeling strong and confident. The final score was 1-0 to Shrewsbury, with Moreton keeping up the pressure and bringing on a kicking-back in the final few stages. So Shrewsbury retained the trophy and were crowned County Champions 2018!

Due to the new England Hockey competition format, the County Tournament is no longer a qualifier for Regionals. The U18s and U16s now have to get through a series of Knock-Out Competitions before securing a place in the Regionals or Midland Final.

The U18s will compete away v King's Chester on Tuesday 9th October in their first Knock-Out Competition. Having drawn against them earlier in the term, it looks set to be an exciting match. The U16s also play on Tuesday away v Wilmslow High.

The U18 County Championship Team were:

Georgiana Nicholas

Adelaide Sillar

Amelie Davies

Laura Elliott

Eleanor Niblett

Lara Ockleston

Emma Graham

Daisy McMullen

Katie Oswald

Jetty Russell

Kitty Taylor

Lizzie Ware

Phoebe Wasdell

Abi Watkinson



Top Schools Weekend in Hong Kong - Thank you to FSSHK!

Friday 5 October 2018

A huge thank you to the Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong (FSSHK) for their wonderful support at the 'Top Schools Weekend' recruitment event.



Every year, Shrewsbury School takes part in the Top Schools Weekend organised by education consultants Academic Asia, when representatives from schools across the UK travel to Hong Kong to interview prospective students for admission in the next academic year.

This year the delegation included John Moore (Director of Music), Giles Bell (Admissions Tutor) and Matthew Clark (Sixth Form Admissions Tutor), who were warmly welcomed and looked after wonderfully well throughout their stay by the FSSHK.

Once again the FSSHK had tirelessly rallied support from parents and Old Salopians to be in attendance throughout the interview sessions. So prospective families had the chance to talk to them and find out more about life at Shrewsbury School from enthusiastic ambassadors who could speak warmly about their own experiences.



Rugby: 1st XV in fine form in the NatWest Vase

Friday 5 October 2018

The 1st XV played Ellesmere College in the NatWest Vase last week and put in a superb performance to claim victory and secure safe passage to Round 3.

At this stage of the tournament it's sudden death, so the prospect of Ellesmere looked like a tough challenge. However, with confidence high from wins earlier this season, the scene was set and, pumped up for the afternoon, the team got off to a flying start.

Using our pods effectively, the Ellesmere team were moved around the pitch to create space into which to launch attacks. With a useful bump of the knee, Joe Scott (O) picked up a stray ball, and dropped over the line to open the scoring. Our pressure forced stray Ellesmere kicking, from which Harry Remnant (Ch) counter-attacked to set up a perfect position from which the forwards were able to muscle over in the corner, with Jacob Jefferis (SH) claiming the final touch.

To top off a phenomenal opening 20 minutes, Remnant (Ch) then countered again, handing off with strength to score under the posts. The wind had been blown out of the Ellesmere sails, with the half-time score 21-0.

The second half started with a more dynamic Ellesmere performance as they finally started to put together moves and break the Shrewsbury defensive line. A thunderous run up the pitch by Ellesmere's giant number 8 finally broke through to move the score to 21-5. However, we rarely looked under pressure again and, when Luka Cassidy (R) cut a great line back inside to score, the game had been put to bed.

Frank Morris (O) continued his effective spot kicking throughout, with 4 conversions and a penalty to give a final score 31-5.

The cup run remains well and truly alive!



An exciting new chapter in the history of The Tucks

Friday 5 October 2018

An exciting new chapter in the history of the three-mile whole-school cross-country race, The Tucks, will be written on Friday 12th October, as the race moves to the beautiful parkland setting of nearby Attingham Park.

Friday 12th October 2018 sees the whole School don their House vests in the annual Tucks race. Having been raced consecutively since the early 1830s, The Tucks lays claim to being one of (if not *the*) oldest cross-country races in the world and has a long and proud heritage.

An exciting new chapter in the history of the race will be written this year as The Tucks moves to the beautiful parkland setting of nearby Many of the traditions of this historic race will remain, though in a more suitable setting as we move towards the third century of the race's existence.

Key amongst the factors in the decision to relocate to Attingham Park was the experience and the safety of pupils and spectators alike. We are therefore delighted to be able to warmly welcome parents, guardians and friends of the School to join us on the afternoon of the race to spectate and support the Tucks in what will be a history-making day of running.

The race commences at 2pm but spectators are advised to arrive before 1.30pm. Attingham Park is owned by the National Trust, and Trust members should bring their membership cards for entry; otherwise the usual entrance fees will apply. The start and finish of the race will be in front of the mansion house with a sweeping panoramic view of the parkland course. It promises to be an event to remember!

More details about Attingham Park, including directions, can be found on their website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/attingham-park>



Alex Wilson Football Match, Sunday 30th September

Monday 8 October 2018

Report by Matthew Clark, Referee.



It was a great privilege to referee the annual Alex Wilson Football match again this year, especially as a number of younger players had joined the teams. This not only improved the speed and standard of play, but also made life a bit easier for the referee! All four of the Alex Wilson scholars played in the game and they all played their part in a fantastic spectacle on Senior.

The Blue team started the game on top and only a series of impressive saves from 1st XI goalkeeper and new Alex Wilson scholar, Lewis Evans, kept the Red team on level terms. Ollie Brown and Ben Freeman stood out for the Blues and their physical strength was too much for the Reds in the opening phase of the game. Even Lewis could do nothing about a wonder goal from Campbell Naylor to open the scoring. Campbell managed to gain possession in his opponents' half and with quick feet unleashed an unstoppable chip into the roof of the net. It was a finish even Dennis Bergkamp would have been proud of!

At this stage, I expected the floodgates to open, but the Red team rallied and started to get back in the match with neat passing football. An intricate move led to an opportunity for Upper Sixth Wilson Scholar, Xavie Clarke, and he finished with real composure to level the scores at half time.



In the second half, the Red team seemed to have found their feet and their passing game gradually overcame the valiant Blues. Youth and skill slowly but surely got the better of strength and experience. A pinpoint pass from Jamie Whelan picked out Rory Griffiths in the inside left position and Rory finished with great skill, showing that he has lost none of his skills from his 1st XI days.

The match continued to an even contest, but the Reds continued to look the more likely team to score and Jamie Whelan sealed the game with a clever finish with about five minutes to go. Special mention must also go to Max Maclure, the first Alex Wilson Scholar, who captained the red team and made sure they were tight at the back.

We then retired to the Top of the Shop where a delightful post-match buffet was provided by the Foundation.

Well done to all players.

Floreat Salopia!

“Club and School as close as they’ve ever been,” says Shewsy Youth Worker

Tuesday 9 October 2018

John Dumbell, Team Leader at Shrewsbury House (‘the Shewsy’ – the School’s youth club in Everton, Liverpool) spoke to the Third and Fourth Form last Friday.



Lower Sixth Formers with members of the Shewsy Junior Club, October 2018

Appropriately, staff and pupils were all in their ‘own clothes’, in order to raise £900+ for the Youth Club.

John spoke movingly about individual children. He mentioned the five girls who went on a [joint trip to Malawi with the School in 2016](#), none of whom had believed that further education was ‘for them’, but are now all studying at university.

He spoke about one of the current youth workers who was barred several times from the Club as a boy because of rowdy and disruptive behaviour. “But we go on giving people chances,” says John. “And we don’t turn our backs on people.” Children without boundaries are naughty, whether they are indulged or neglected, and the Club aims to give them support and consistency through informal education. “School’s not for everyone,” as John puts it. Everton remains one of the most deprived areas in the country, and at Thursday’s Junior Club session last week, for example, only 12 of the 34 children could afford to pay the £1 ‘subs’.

The Club was visited recently by a delegation led by Finland's Minister of Education. When they were asked why they had chosen to visit the Shewsy, of all the youth clubs in the UK, they explained that they wanted to know how it had stayed such an important part of the community since 1903. Its longevity demonstrates just how successful it is.

The Club roof is badly in need of repair, but ASDA was so impressed by the contribution of the [Shrewsbury School Walk](#) to Club funds, that they have provided a £25,000 matching grant.

However, John was keen to emphasise that it's relationships that make the partnership with the School so special. "Club and School are as close as they've ever been," says John. He first became a Club Member at the age of five, and his own sons are now regulars.

There are joint activities with each year group in the School. At the Shewsy's Summer Fayre, Jeremy Yarnell Davies (OS) and Damian Cummings, former Club member, arrived together for a pint and a catch-up. They first met on a Social Studies visit, and have been in touch since the 1980s!

At the end of John's talk, one of the newest pupils in the School wanted to volunteer straight away, next week, in Half-Term. The partnership continues.

Lesley Drew



L-R: Dave Yarnell Davies, Damien Cummings, Jeremy Yarnell Davies



OS Cricket at Edgbaston

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Three OS involved in exciting day of cricket at Edgbaston.

Three OS were involved in the most exciting day in domestic cricket on Saturday 15th September at Edgbaston.

Worcestershire played in the first semi-final match of the day and overcame a very strong Lancashire team by 20 runs.

Edward Barnard (PH 2012-14) scored 28 not out and added 72 runs for the 6th wicket with Ben Cox, as Worcestershire totalled 169. He then made two run outs and picked up the vital wicket of Livingstone as Worcester restricted Lancashire to 149. Oliver Westbury (S 2013-15) fielded for 16 overs as a 12th man sub for Luke Wood.

Worcestershire then took on Sussex in the final who batted first. Barnard again picked up a useful wicket when he removed Evans for 52, when he looked as if he was going to take the game away from Worcester.

In reply Worcester eased home with 9 balls to spare and won their first domestic title for over a decade.

Worcestershire are captained by Joe Leach (M 2004-09) who is presently side-lined with a stress fracture to his back.

The news this week 100 years ago: 12th - 18th October 1918

Thursday 11 October 2018

This week we remember Joshua Hughes-Games MC, Head of School 1906-07.

Captain Joshua Bower Hughes-Games MC, 18th Bn. Durham Light Infantry.
School House, Head of School, left in 1907 as a Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge.

Captain Hughes-Games had been twice wounded in France and gassed, and was in hospital for 20 months, from which he had only just returned to school work as PE Master.

He was gazetted Temporary Captain on 4th October 1914 and did some brilliant work in the Eastern Campaign, where he gained his M.C. Before the war he was an Assistant Master at the Forest School.

Died of influenza at the Quarry House Nursing Institution in Shrewsbury, 17th October 1918, aged 30.

Buried at Shrewsbury General Cemetery, England. Grave 161. 8. G.



School House, 1906



Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 11 October 2018

This week, the Tucks - written on the eve of the historic whole-school cross-country race.

Watching my children and their friends skip round the Prep Schools' Cross-Country course here last weekend reminded me that without training, running can be quite hard work.

As a young lady crossed the finishing line in the under-9s race clearly having run her heart out, I was concerned she may not have fully appreciated every aspect of the event. Running-supremo Peter Middleton then reminded me that cross-country is a tough sport. Indeed, he claimed that Ernest Hemingway once said that there are "three sports in life; bull fighting, motorsport and cross country, everything else is just games".

Mr Middleton was sitting at lunch with Tucks 'outsider' Dom Sullivan. Dom is well known to those of you who like water as a GB oarsman and as such he is in quite reasonable shape. "I am in quite reasonable shape and feeling good," he told me. I wondered if it was a coincidence that Ingram's are singing 'Feeling Good' as their part song this year and that Dom has been running the rehearsals. Was Dom trying to make me feel 'not so good' at lunch whilst I enjoyed another culinary delight courtesy of Matt Warburton and the KH team? Had he identified me as a rival for the Tucks title and decided to play mind-games with me? I managed to control my feelings by using my Philosophical knowledge and remembering that my training has been going extremely well this year and that not only am I Feeling good but I am looking good.



Mr Middleton quizzed Dom about his chances of winning, and when Dom admitted that should the race start to cause him pain he had been advised by his rowing coach to stop, he smiled and said that cross-country is tougher than rowing. Mr Middleton is a senior figure in the School, and Dom decided to agree with him. Mr Middleton went on for some time about the benefits of running for mental toughness. I had to leave when he was still in full flow, as it was my bedtime.



He may have a point, though, because I got a text from the mother of the young lady who'd run in the Under-9 competition which said: "It seems to have inspired her, as she has just written a letter to her teacher asking her to help her work towards getting a scholarship to Shrewsbury School."

Dom didn't run the Tucks last year as he was in Spain on a rowing 'holiday'; but someone who did was Harry Remnant – and he came first.



Harry claims not to have been training this year, as he oversaw the successful Pringle Trophy Marines Team and has been too busy to worry about trivial things such as defending his title. He assures me that Sam Western is the favourite to win having been very fast in training recently.

I bumped into Paddy Barlow and the Rigg's 'Massive', who were also quick to inform me that Sam is probably the bookies' favourite. Paddy refuted claims that he might be a good each way bet, but interestingly he informed me that Harry Remnant has been spotted secretly training at night.



Harvey Hancock is aiming for a top 30 place. I wondered if that would please his father, Nick. Harvey told me that his father managed to avoid running the Tucks when he was here owing to genuinely good excuses such as appendicitis, and so any finish will be a source of family pride. Harvey is part of an Ingram's squad that might be looking for second place in the team event after Rigg's, whom Mr Middleton describes as "unbeatable" – and he should know as he recruited a lot of them!

Harvey told me, "Mr Griffiths signed Louis Nares over the summer to add to Alex Powell, Dom, Max Green, Scott Nicolson and Dan Humes. Dan is in good shape at the moment and he might be a genuine contender and certainly a top ten finisher." Dan told me that was highly unlikely but he would give it a go.

I came across a number of staff who had something to say about their athleticism. The Chaplain Rev Keulemans informed me he would not be running, as "cross-country does my head in". Mr Fitzgerald will be marshalling and so is sadly unable to show his prowess as an athlete. "I am like a frustrated Mo Farah," he lied. Mr Percival describes himself as the 'Voice of the Tucks', as he will be commentating. When I suggested that meant he would have to keep up with the leader whilst talking at the same time, he looked a little pale and ran off to start training. Mr Walters informed me that he would be running as is hoping to cross the finishing line still breathing and



in the middle of the pack. Dr Case thinks he may have finished close to 200th when he ran it here as a pupil and he feels that might well be the case again this year. Mr Merricks-Murgatroyd is expecting carnage at the log jump, according to my inside informant.



I was lucky enough to bump into Lillian Wilcox, Anna Cowan and the incredible Chessie Harris whilst they were returning from a training run. I started by asking them what they thought of the new Tucks course. Chessie told me she is not a fan, as there are not enough hills and it's not long enough. Lillian told me she thinks it's too long; she would prefer 800 metres, but she likes the fact that it has no hills.

Anna is excited by the idea of a water jump and a tree jump. She was slightly disappointed when I had to break the news to her that there is no water jump unless she goes wildly off course and heads into the river. She was however still buoyed by the idea of a tree jump, or log jump. "I like the idea of a tree jump, although I hope it does not cause a log jam," Anna stated. She went on to say, "I think it is good to see the School branching off in a new direction with the race." I



asked her if she had anything else to say but she was stumped for words and just reached for another twiglet.

Chessie finished twelfth in the under-17 National Championships this year and could finish in the top 15 in the Tucks. She is a strong favourite for the girls' race but her real motivation this year is to beat Mr Griffiths, who has told her he will buy her a pizza if she beats him. I am hoping he will buy me one if he beats me.

I wondered if Chessie and her friends had any training tips for us mortal runners. Chessie told me not to train now and to work on distance not speed if I do go for a run; something I was happy to take on board. She also informed me that technique is very important, as more people get injured from poor running technique than tackling in rugby, although I did point out that probably more people run than tackle in rugby. I certainly never tackled when I played rugby!



The general assessment of the potential winner of the boys' race was that Charlie Ockleston might be up there close to Sam Western at the finish and that Leo Walton, Toby Pegge and Jamie Anwyl might spring a surprise. Sophia Dixon is hoping to figure in the girls' race and is hoping that her friend's plan to distract Chessie with an excellent area of baked goods works.

Finally, I had a quick look at how the Houses were preparing for the race. Most Houses followed a pattern of normality: perhaps a bit of House Singing practice, followed by an early night with a book containing inspiring stories by successful athletes – *Born To Run* by Christopher McDougall, or *Eat and Run* by Scott Jurek spring to mind.

Not in The Grove.

Mrs Wilson believes in a good curry followed by a serious amount of Sidoli's cakes washed down with plenty of fizzy pop. "I think it is important to be relaxed before a big event, and what is more relaxing than a good curry surrounded by your friends?" Mrs Wilson intimated.



After the curry was an apple-bobbing competition. This involved two girls and two buckets of water containing an apple each. The fastest procurer of the apple is the winner and moves on to the next round. I was defeated by Hetta Harris, who was ultimately the beaten finalist. I asked Hetta how the apple-bobbing had helped her in her pre-race preparations. “It has given me stamina, self-confidence and gave my lungs a good work-out as I had to hold my breath as I submerged to find the apple. Apple bobbing has been an intrinsic part of my training and it will give me an edge,” Hetta told me confidently.



The apple-bobbing champion was Eve Llewellyn. Eve was in jubilant mood. “I am absolutely delighted with my apple-bobbing performance,” she admitted. “I can see myself running a fast time tomorrow, especially as my toe injury seems to have withstood the impact of several rounds of apple-bobbing.”

Eve is my tutee and I wondered if my words of encouragement had helped her through the event. “Not really,” she told me. “Eves are just good with apples.”



Other apple-bobbers had also taken great heart from their performances. Jetty Russell told me she was going for a top 300 place now that she had been successful in apple-bobbing. "I am just so delighted to have been involved in such a tense and exciting sporting event. Nothing that the Tucks can throw at me will be as intense as what I have just endured." Certainly, the idea of submerging one's face under water will be good preparation for the wind and rain forecast at Attingham.

I wish everyone a very good run. Sadly, my sporting prowess appears not to have been noticed and someone has put me in wave 4. This makes it hard for me to win this year, once again!

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Old Salopian Football Club

Thursday 11 October 2018

Football anybody?

At the time of writing – only two games into to the new season for each of the 1st and 2nd XI -, we are pleased to report an influx of young signings and some promising early results. There have been 7 new additions this year who are regularly playing for the club. We would like to encourage all recent leavers to get in contact if you're interested in playing. The 2nd XI have started the season with a bang with two wins in the league meaning they sit top of the Arthurian third division. One of those results beating old rivals Charterhouse in the league 4-1. The 1st XI have also started strongly currently sitting mid table in the Premier Division with a win against Brentwood but losing narrowly 2-1 to a very strong Bradfield side.



The Club regularly fields two teams on Saturdays throughout the season and competes in the Arthurian League, the Arthur Dunn Cup, the Junior League Cup and the AFA Senior Cup. As well as the two teams playing on a weekly basis, there is also some veterans (over 35's) team which plays in the Derrick Moore Veteran's Cup.

The Club holds a regular training session on Wednesday evenings in St John's Wood on 3G. Ages range from 19 upwards within the club. The standard of the Arthurian league is very strong but the club welcomes all abilities even if you were A and B leagues at school.

If you are interested in playing for the Club in the future, please contact James Tucker (I 2004-09) (tuckerjc08@googlemail.com) or Guy Williams (Rb 2008-11) (guy@darwinsupply.com)

Lacrosse: North Schools' Tournament success

Friday 12 October 2018

A tremendous team performance at the North Schools' Tournament on Sunday 6th October resulted in an impressive third place overall for the U18 lacrosse team.



The Tournament started with a tough game against Moreton Hall. Shrewsbury's defence were under constant attack and did well to limit the score to 0-2 at half-time. A great start in the second half meant Shrewsbury had a lot more of the ball, and their perseverance paid off with a goal by Phoebe Wasdell (MSH) to make it 2-1. It stayed like this for most of the second half until Moreton scored two goals in the last two minutes to finish 1-4.

The second game was against Bolton and although Shrewsbury started well, it was only 2-1 at half-time (Phoebe Wasdell and Georgia Kannreuther the goal-scorers). We were able to convert more of our chances in the second half to win 5-1, with excellent passes and supporting play from Izzy Morris (and goals from Laura Elliott, Mary Lees and another from Phoebe).

Game 3 was against the hosts Queen Margaret's, and Shrewsbury were 0-3 down at half time. An amazing display of attacking play brought Shrewsbury back to 3-3 (Phoebe Wasdell 2, Georgia Kannreuther 1), and with 30 seconds to go Georgia scored the winner. An amazing victory and our best game of the day.



After this, Shrewsbury had three games in a row. We beat Birkenhead 4-0 and Harrogate Ladies' College 7-1. Goal-scorers were Wasdell, Kannreuther, Mary Lees, Poppy Collingwood-Cameron, and Georgie Nicholas. By the time we played Timperley Lacrosse Club, fatigue was starting to show. Despite having chances, we struggled to play our best lacrosse and the final score was a 0-1 loss.

But Shrewsbury picked themselves up for game 7 against Withington. It was a very even end-to-end game, with Shrewsbury 1-3 down at half time. Our defence held firm and Kannreuther scored two goals in the last few minutes to give a 3-3 draw.

Our final game was against Queen's Chester. Queen's started stronger, before Shrewsbury started to regain their structure. It was neck and neck at 3-3 (Wasdell 2, Kannreuther 1) with only seconds to go. Birthday girl and youngest on the team, Izzy Morris scored on the whistle to make the final score 4-3.

A great afternoon and some superb play from the whole squad: played 8, won 5, drew 1, lost 2; 3rd place overall.

Phoebe Wasdell led the team brilliantly with 13 goals and Lucy Lees was awarded MVP by the Tournament Umpire.

Nicola Bradburne, Head of Girls' Games



Shrewsbury Royal Marines win the Pringle Trophy

Friday 12 October 2018

Lt Ciaran O'Rooke pays tribute to the CCF Royal Marines Detachment for the hard work and dedication they put into devising their own training programme for the Sir Steuart Pringle Trophy, and for their tremendous performance in the gruelling two-day event.



Preparation for the Sir Steuart Pringle Trophy started back in May when Harry Remnant, the head of the Royal Marine section and Pringle team captain, assembled a strong squad. Ably assisted by Freddy Williams and Tom Plaut, the training programme was both arduous and comprehensive. As those living in Mary Sidney Hall and The Grove will testify, there was never really a night when the squad was not attacking a fortified enemy position on Bottom Common, or a Monday morning when the area outside Mr Johnson's office in Oldham's was not used as an opportunity to react to effective enemy fire.

Preparations went well, and it is worth noting the participation of Charles Bane, William Unsworth, Oscar Glendenning, Nikita Martynov and Arthur Myrddin-Evans, who did not make the team but who were integral members of the squad. Their involvement in the training only illustrates the strength in depth in the Shrewsbury School team this year.

The final team of Harry, Freddy, Tom, Alex Ainslie, Luka Cassidy, Emma Graham, James Martin, Jonathan Snell and James Weir arrived at the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre



at Lympstone, Devon ready for almost anything apart from a guest appearance by Bear Grylls, who is an honorary Royal Marine Lieutenant Colonel, and Phil Champion, a decorated former member of the SAS. Their motivational words not only encouraged the team but also reflected just how seriously the competition is taken by the Royal Marine Corps.

On Saturday morning, the competition began in earnest as the team started on the map reading stance, just one of the three stands that the section won over the two-day competition. The larger than life figure of Colour Sergeant Sanderson, a Royal Marine physical training instructor and ultra-fit champion, who is affectionately known as the toughest man in Grimsby, was heard remarking "they smashed it", which was a clear sign that we had made a terrific start.

Next came the first aid, then the first of two command tasks and drill. Results on stances are only revealed at the end of the competition, but it was clear from the feedback given by the directing staff that Shrewsbury School was doing well. A special mention should go to Freddy Williams for his performance on the drill square and to Jonathan Snell, who managed to iron his shirt collars with such force that he fooled a hardened drill instructor into thinking that he had used velcro to stick them down.

Following 'scran', Royal Marine for a meal, the cadets headed out onto Woodbury Common in the afternoon for the kinetic stances. First came the section attack, which was commended for its command and control by both Harry and Tom. Then came the contact drills stance, which illustrated the skills and drills of each member of the team. The unity shown throughout the competition was no more evident than during the second command task, when a well-considered plan was executed efficiently using each member of the team, and the observation stance at the end of the day where every member of the team scored full marks.

It might seem that it was wrapped up on day one, but it was clear that old rivals in the form of King's College, Pangbourne College and Winchester College had also performed well. The Sir Steuart Pringle Trophy is almost always decided by fine margins given the depth of talent at the competition, as many who take part will go on to commission as Royal Marine officers in later life, and this year was no exception. The team took advantage of Royal Marine hospitality and had their first dinner at 5pm, followed by their second dinner at 9pm, or 'niners' as it is called by the Royal Marines. The empty plates in front of them indicated that they would have probably also won an eating stance if there had been one.

The following morning was the last stance of the competition, the endurance course, which is largely the first commando test undertaken by adult recruits after 31 weeks of training. The Shrewsbury team made good progress and light work of the obstacles in front of them, including the sheep dip: an innocuous-sounding name for an obstacle that involves throwing each other through a narrow two-metre tunnel that is submerged under a few feet of bitter cold, dark, foul-smelling water. The Colour Sergeant monitoring it assured us that even "salad dodgers can make it through", but it certainly doesn't feel roomy when you're passing through it. Luckily, niners must have involved some salad, as everyone made it through the tunnel alive and ready to finish the course. The victory was largely made possible by Alex Ainslie, who despite an ankle injury and a slip that had resulted in a gash on his leg and half his trouser leg missing, made it to the finish line along with everyone else.

On return to Lympstone, only the prize-giving was to follow. Nerves grew as our rivals took the first three trophies, but victories in observation, map reading and the endurance course, together with strong performances in all the others meant that Shrewsbury School were announced as the overall winners of the competition this year.

Given our strong performance in recent years and our last victory in 2015, it is worth noting just how much of this is driven by the students themselves. They design their own training programme and deliver it largely themselves, which has meant that the knowledge is being passed down each year to the more junior members. It would not be possible without this monumental effort by students who continually maintain the standards of previous years. James Martin, Johnny Snell and James Weir are now in that position of passing their experience onto the younger years, which I am sure they will do well. Emma, the Shrewsbury School staffs' pick for the top cadet over the competition, also deserves mention as she is the first girl ever to be on a winning Pringle Trophy team, which illustrates just how magnificent her contribution has been.

It is also important to note how much of a school effort the victory is. From Lieutenant Colonel David, Sergeant Major Byrne, Major Billington and Lieutenant Corbett, in particular, who set the high standards we work to, to the coaches of rugby, rowing, hockey and the Hunt who have ensured that their fitness levels are phenomenal. The staff of KH who have kindly prepared extra rations for them, sympathetic Housemasters and Housemistresses; and the teachers who have shown understanding in recent weeks, as well as those who sent their warm wishes before the team's departure last Friday. Mr Graham, who is a sports coach, also deserves our thanks for his good nature during his first visit, as he helped enormously with the logistics during the competition.

Lieutenant Ciaran O'Rooke

The pupil podcast 'ShrewsNews' features an interview with Tom Plaut, who gives a great insight into the experience of training and taking part in the Pringle: [ShrewsNews - 12th October](#)





Bastille Society Lecture: Nurses & Spies - the role of women in the Great War

Friday 12 October 2018

As a joint venture with Shrewsbury Bookfest and part of their series of events to commemorate the centenary of WW1, the Bastille Society welcomed Philip Stevens to tell the stories of some of the remarkable women who served during the War.

Report by Ebrahim Jamsbid (SH U6), Joint President of the Bastille Society:

On 5th October, the Shrewsbury School Bastille Society had the pleasure of collaborating with Shrewsbury Bookfest to host a lecture by Phillip Stevens, a former soldier, battlefield guide and author of the successful book *The Great War Explained*.

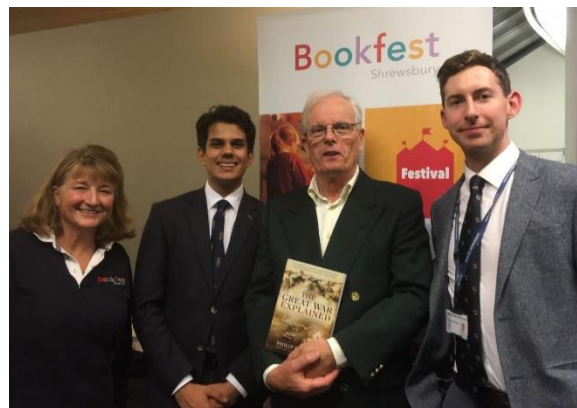
Over dinner I had the opportunity to talk to Mr Stevens and during one of our conversations he talked about his past and what brought him to write his book; it was here that I realised that Mr Stevens is proudly not a historian in the traditional sense – something he readily admitted in the beginning of his lecture – but rather prefers to be much more tactile with his history, as seen by his love of battlefield touring. From reading the first few pages of the copy he gave to me, I was able to see how this love of tactile learning translated to an extremely clear and fluid narration of the War.

This clear, easy-to-follow fluidity was also present in his lecture, where he told an audience of around 200 people, from both within and outside the School, the thrilling stories of Edith Cavell, the “canaries” and Flora Sandes.

I was especially interested in Flora Sandes, who followed an unusual course. Having first served as a nurse in Serbia, she joined the Serbian Army for her own safety during the retreat and became the only British woman officially enlisted as a soldier in the First World War.

I was also shocked to hear about the unacceptable treatment of women during the War, where not only were they subjected to terrible working conditions and a lower wage than their male counterparts, but were also left unemployed after the War had finished.

Questions from the floor were concluded with Mr Stevens exhorting that he didn't believe that women had been given their due amount of notice in history and that more still needed to be done to tell their stories. The Bastille Society and Shrewsbury Bookfest were all delighted to welcome Philip to The Schools in a fitting centenary commemoration of the War's end in 1918.





RSSBC: Wins for the J16s and J15s at the Worcester Small Boats' Head

Friday 12 October 2018

The J16 and J15 boys and girls raced valiantly last weekend in bitter wind and rain to come home from their first event of the year with some fantastic results.

Racing over a 4,500m course, the J16 Boys' Coxless Quad won by 24 seconds over Hereford Cathedral School.



The rest of the J16 squad battled it out in two Coxed Fours, with their J15 coxes also going head to head in a strong field. Fred Baynes' crew took 1st place.



J15 Sam Crossley won the J16 Singles (Low PRI) in the morning division, with the rest of the J15 boys courageously racing in singles and doubles in tough conditions throughout the morning and afternoon.





The J15 girls also had their first win of the year in the J15 Girls' Coxed Quads. Ella Ho's crew took 1st place with a 17 second win over A.B Severn Boat Club. And Eibhilin Moores' crew took third place in the draw of seven strong girls' crews.



Athol Hundermark, Director of Rowing



OS Day 2018

Friday 12 October 2018

A memorable OS day, 2018

Salopians come in all ages, shapes, and sizes – and this year in every type of car for the inaugural meeting of the Salopian Drivers' Club on Old Salopian Day.

The brainchild of Miles Preston (DB 63-68), the incoming Chairman of the Salopian Club, the gathering ranged from a 1920 Fowler Tractor to vintage and classic cars, all lined up around the Darwin statue – a dramatic sight for pupils and staff on their way to lunch from the Main School Building.

After an excellent light buffet lunch in Quod, Old Salopians scattered to take in a variety of activities on offer. Many chose to visit the Old Salopian Art Exhibition in the Art School, expertly organised by Georgie Walton (MSH 08-10) with the support of Lucy Caddell, the new Head of Art. The exhibition consisted of a wide variety of styles from some of our leading OS artists and included a special feature to mark the centenary of the birth of the late Sir Kyffin Williams (CWM 32-35), arguably the greatest OS artist of the last century.

In the middle of the afternoon, the Churchill's Room of the Moser Library was packed with those who were privileged to hear a brilliantly crafted lecture by Dr Peter Caddick-Adams (Ch 74-78) on the sacrifice made by Salopians in the Great War in every part of the globe. The afternoon concluded with the Sabrina Club AGM in the School Boathouse, tea in the Art School, and visits to Houses.

Over 160 Salopians, mainly from the Great 8s (the leavers of 58, 68, 78, 88, and 98), gathered for drinks and a superb dinner in Kingsland Hall, preceded by the Salopian Grace written and delivered by the Rev Richard Hayes (M 52-57). The date of OS Day this year coincided exactly with the 90th birthday of Robin Mouldsdales (I 42-46, Staff 51-81, and a former President of the Salopian Club) and, after a cake had been duly produced, the President, Nicholas Barber (SH 54-58) eloquently proposed the health of the School to which the Headmaster, Leo Winkley replied. No Old Salopian evening would be complete without a musical offering from John Moore, Director of Music, and Giles Bell, Director of Fun, culminating in a vigorous rendition of the Carmen.

So concluded one of the best attended Old Salopian Days in recent memory, attracting a number of OS who had not been back for many years. Haste ye back again

Looking for pioneers to go to Kenya

Friday 19 October 2018

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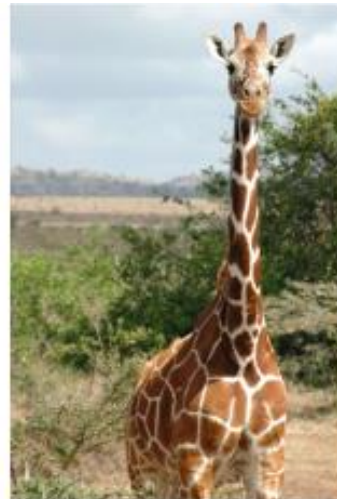
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The news this week 100 years ago: 19th - 25th October 1918

Friday 19 October 2018

This week we remember three Old Salopians.

Captain George Norman Adams, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Churchill's, 1st XI Football, left in 1905 to work at Mars Ironworks, Ettingshall.

Gazetted in September 1914, he was later invalided home with rheumatic fever. Returning to the Front, he was seriously injured in the leg at Gommecourt on 1st July 1916 but crawled to safety. Gazetted Captain in February 1917.

He died of pneumonia in the United Kingdom, 20th October 1918, aged 30.
Buried at Wolverhampton Borough Cemetery, England. Grave 7500.

Lieutenant Hew Graham Anderson, 7th Bn. Canadian Infantry.
School House, Head of House, left in 1905 for Sandhurst, though soon going to Seattle and Vancouver with Messrs. Balfour, Williamson & Co.

Joining up at the outbreak of war with the Canadian Forces, he came over with the first contingent and was seriously wounded in April 1915 near Ypres. After convalescing, he returned to the Front.

He died of wounds in France, 22nd October 1918, aged 31.
Buried at Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, France. Grave VIII. J. 10.

Private Richard Walter Leedam, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 6th Bn. (OS records: Canadian Expeditionary Force)
School House, left in 1904.

He died on the Western Front, 24th October 1918, aged 32.
Buried at Canonne Farm British Cemetery, Cambrai, France. A. 10.



Devon vintage cricket tour

Friday 19 October 2018

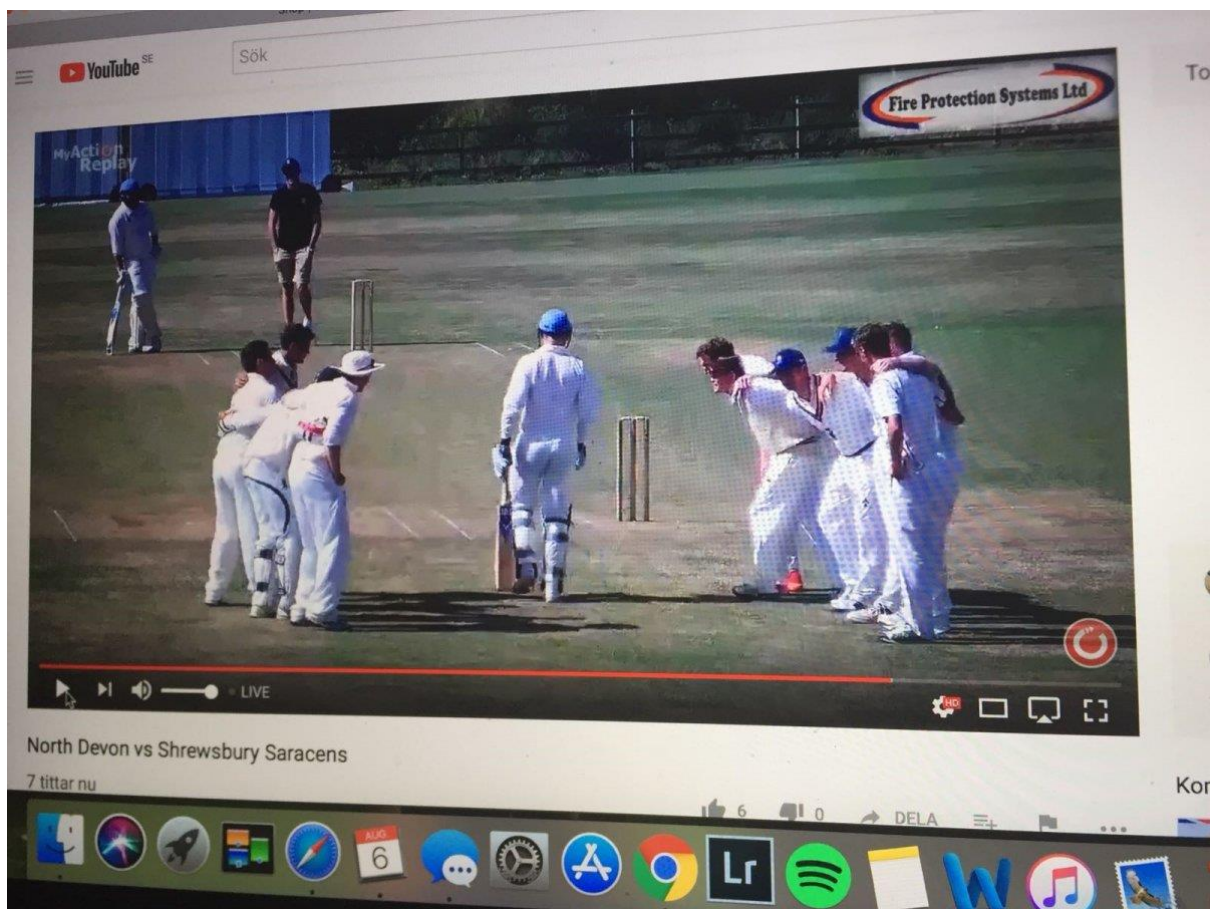
The Shrewsbury Saracens enjoyed another vintage cricket tour. Henry Lewis (I 1976-80) (tour manager, now ex tour captain) has run the trip to Devon for a few years now, but has struggled to handle the pressure of both the organisational side of things and the captaining of a Saracens touring team. It is widely known the Saracens can be a volatile bunch to manage, especially after a day or two under that thatched pavilion at the idyllic Instow cricket ground. After a tour crisis meeting was held in Jabba's - Richard Mackay's (S 1995-2000) hot tub during the early hours of Monday morning, it was decided that all on-field responsibilities would be handed over to Tour Manager's right-hand man and key enforcer, Steve Barnard (Rb 2009-11). After this announcement the Saracens officially 'raised up the OS Flag' and they certainly did not look back.



Sunday evening normally includes a tour briefing and a lovely roast in the superb Wayfarer Inn which has hosted the Saracens in recent years and things did not change this year. Jabba wanted to play a few "games" just to get the tour started off. This was, as it is every year, an error in judgement. It would be no surprise therefore to report that Richard took an unofficial day off tour, later in the week, just to recover from the antics on Sunday evening. The disparity in quality of sleeping arrangements was evident; the Mckeever's settled into Instow's premier hotel, the Commodore, whilst many of the younger contingent all piled into one room and our most senior tourists decided on the al fresco approach! Nevertheless, by hook or by crook all Saracens were in bed at a reasonable hour.



Monday finally arrived and we were graced with beautiful blue skies. A first for a good few years! The Saracens were very eager to put in a good performance and having won the toss chose to bat. Will Mason (S 2007-12) and Richard Mackay took to the crease with their usual over-exuberance and dismal chat. The latter was also sweating profusely and making all sorts of interesting noises, most probably due to the activities from the night before. However, they set the standard for the day and got the team off to a great start. 40 odd for 0 and the Saracens were looking good. As usual they gave their wickets away just before lunch, for purely personal reasons in Jabba's case. A quick, and not unusual, collapse followed and at 124-5 the Saracens were struggling but Alasdair Pollock (I 2010-12) & Matt Mckeever (S 2003-08) batted magnificently to take the side to up to a very respectably score. Pollock, later dubbed 'tour pro', in particular really took the attack to North Devon's decent spin duo. We declared on 274-7 which was about par, although a very gettable total if North Devon batted well.



North Devon's bid to recruit opening batsmen for the Monday fixture has proved difficult in recent years. This is because everyone associated with the club is well aware that a bad-tempered Steve Barnard will be hurtling down Lundy (the howling gale that blows from one end). Having played a lot of cricket with Steve I can assure you he never bowls quicker than on the Monday of a tour. The only thing that makes the opening half an hour more entertaining, for anyone not in the slips, is watching Pollock coming from the other end. But as usual the two of them were too good for North Devon knocking over their three first XI front line batters and the overseas pro in no time at all. This was followed up brilliantly by the spin of Pat Jacob (PH 2012-17) and Matt Mckeever's seamers, North Devon were all out 100 short. A clinical all-round Saracens performance, the sort of which we wouldn't see again on the tour and crucially the infamous first dropped catch rolled over to Tuesday.



Tuesday morning came too soon for some, but fortunately we were saved by one or two latecomers and a large tour party meaning fresh legs. The youngest Saracens side on tour for many years was assembled. Captained by Alasdair Pollock, who refused not to play, and led vocally on the field by David Schofield (O 2013-18) confidence was high in the camp that the Saracens can go two out of two. James Aston (R 2007-12) had drunk his third pint by the time the Saracens took to the field, and sadly that was the highlight of the morning session. Toby Spencer-Pickup (R 2016-18) & Charlie Cook (R 2011-16) bowled well without luck but North Devon were cruising at 100-2 by lunch. Charlie Kidson (G 2009-14) bowled nicely in the afternoon but with some big hitting down the order North Devon declared on 280-9.

The Tuesday afternoon run chase is one of the most fascinating passages of play over the week. Recent memory serves a last ball six from Tom Chapman (SH 1987-92) and as Tom Cox (SH 2002-07) will tell he tends to score a 100. Unfortunately reminiscing on yesteryear seemed to be no help as such heroics looked highly unlikely to materialise this time. The Saracens were languishing at 50-5 at tea. An explosive team talk followed where a plan was hatched to see out the day and avoid defeat. No one could have anticipated what was to follow. It was quite exceptional. Charlie Byrne (O2015-17) (bemused to have been left out by Barnard the previous day) and Alasdair Pollock batted sensationally. Two and a half hours later Byrne had just fallen for 112 and Pollock was guiding the team home to finish 81*. What a win! The Saracens could not believe it. It had been a great game and another superb memory to take back from Instow. Whilst the Saracens have made a habit out of doing the double over their old rivals in recent years, it was an absolute pleasure to be part of the touring team that day.

On Wednesday morning we somehow managed to get out of bed and made our way to Lynton and Lynmouth for the fixture against Somerset Stragglers CC. As usual a few departed the tour that morning but we still had 24 heading through the winding Devon lanes to Valley of the Rocks. Sadly, only four were on time and with skipper Barnard losing the toss we were inevitably asked to field. The cricket did not manage to reach the exciting levels of the first two days but nevertheless it was a reasonable performance. On a tricky wicket the Stragglers reached 185 off the allotted 40 overs. Charlie Kidson and Will Mason bowled nicely, but it was Toby Spencer-Pickup's energy in the field that was crucial in getting the Saracens through the session.





With the bat all eyes were on a Saracens middle order boasting a wealth of tour experience. The Saracens crowd was getting progressively noisy at the prospect of another run chase but unfortunately it did not start well. Matt & Alastair McKeever (S1998-03) both fell quickly and when Steve Barnard was bowled first ball, possibly to the worst shot ever seen the Saracens were once again on the back foot. At 40-5 Henry Lewis & Will Mason decided attack was the best form of defence. After a swashbuckling 40 run stand Mason's exploits came to an end but George Thomason (G 2006-11) continued where Mason had left off and looked in sublime touch. Granted he did arrive on the Tuesday and had spent most of the year honing his skills in the nets against Eton College's u14C XI. Nevertheless, here the engine room was doing the job. Run rate was never going to be issue but when Thomason was finally dismissed for 44 the scoreboard read 155-7 and responsibility was all on the TM to bat with a very inexperienced and extremely hungover tail. Good looking Tom Atkin (O 2012-17) and Toby Spencer-Pickup fell in quick succession to the Straggler's premier seamer, who eventually dismissed Lewis for a battling 71. Nine down, 4 runs needed all eyes turned to Pat Jacob (Pablo) to take us home. Pablo had previously batted 5 times for the Saracens and never managed to score a run so our optimism was measured.

First ball presented a glorious opportunity as a low full toss was offered up to Pablo. He hit it well and it flew passed the man on the cover boundary for four. It was an almighty blow and celebrations began immediately and carried on all the way back to Instow and long into the night...!

Thursday's fixture against the Brasenose Strollers was viewed as crunch time. Can the Saracens really go undefeated? How good will the night out in Barnstaple be if we win? There was a lot to play for as the two historic clubs once again were vouching to be premier touring side in North Devon.

The Saracens, once again fielding first, were well and truly put to the sword in the first half. It was a bruising encounter. 375-4 off 45 overs. The only applaudable aspects of any Saracen's performance were the innovative tactics being used to negotiate time off the field. Praise must go to the Stroller's and particularly the two centurions who really did take advantage of buffet bowling and truly awful fielding.

After dusting themselves down the Saracens looked to the previous two days for inspiration and the innings followed a very similar pattern. A good opening stand between Mackay & Mason was followed by a flurry of wickets yet again leaving the lower middle order to do the bulk of the work. The first rallying cry came from Henry Lewis (61) & Alasdair Pollock (65) but it was George Thomason (89) who allowed the Saracens to dream, if only for 45 minutes or so. In the end after a very brave batting performance the Saracens were all out for 329 with an over remaining.

The Shrewsbury Saracens would like to welcome any young budding cricketers to join us on the tour to Devon. Please contact Henry Lewis if you are interested in touring in August 2019. It is great fun and good cricketing ability, although helpful, is not hugely important. You only need to ask or look at some of the current tourists to realise that!

Gee and Minns Down Under!

Friday 26 October 2018

Two former members of staff, David Gee (58-98) and Chris Minns (84-16) let loose in Melbourne and Sydney!

Almost as anticipated as an Ashes tour was the recent tour of Australia by two former members of staff, David Gee (58-98) and Chris Minns (84-16). In both Melbourne and Sydney, they linked up with various Old Salopians forging their paths Down Under. In Melbourne, Mike Howell (S 74-79) and Jonathan Melland (O 53-58) met up with them, while in Sydney three of David Gee's former charges in Severn Hill, Jesse Taylor (90-95), Ed Bridgeland (94-99) and Blair Whitehead (94-99), together with Nic Andrews (M 70-75) and Tony Burke (DB 58-62), arranged a spectacular venue for a meal with a view of Sydney Harbour Bridge.





Arrow Trophy report - 2018

Friday 26 October 2018

The Old Salopian Yacht Club competed again this year in The Arrow Trophy a sailing competition between Independent Schools, raced as an annual weekend regatta in October, in one-design yachts crewed by former pupils.

The event takes place in the challenging waters of the Solent around Cowes, aboard a fleet of First 40 racing yachts crewed by 10-12 people.



The week leading up to any sailing event is when you start to look at the weather in detail; this Arrow race was no different. What was different was that the forecast looked thoroughly miserable, at one point indicating a Force 10 storm in the Solent (quite different to previous years where the weather has generally been good). This forecast became Storm Callum which veered off to the North and caused so much damage in Wales. From the Salopian perspective it did lead to some calls enquiring about rough weather policy and the Arrow organisers postponed the start by a few hours.

We arrived on the Friday afternoon to collect the boat around 4pm and the pontoons were swaying up and down with waves breaking over them and making it extremely difficult to cart trolley loads of stores to the boat. The pontoons were doing a very good impression of a cartoon Loch Ness monster as they tried to break free.



Despite all of this, on the Friday afternoon the weather was not as horrific as forecast, and five members of the Salopian crew met at Port Solent to collect the Sunsail First 40 and deliver her over to Cowes. This was the start of the Arrow trophy weekend. The rest of the Salopian crew were rather more sensible (forceful) and had opted for the more leisurely and comfortable trip on the Red Funnel ferry. Relatively good time was made and we tied up in time to join the rest for a Friday night curry and a few beers in West Cowes.

Saturday dawned, the sun appeared, the wind abated and we all wondered what all the fuss had been about. By the time we got to the delayed briefing we were desperate to get out there sailing. The committee opted for prudence, 2 reefs and no spinnakers. We all laughed at their caution in our sunglasses and shorts. The wind was only just making double digits. However, the committee had done their homework and correctly assessed that the frequency and strength of the gusts would make for carnage on the race course if we all got caught in close proximity with boats too powered up. The wind regularly jumped up to around 30 knots from under 10, so that half a leg was a bit underpowered and the rest of the leg was full on bow waves and spray, exhilarating stuff.



27 boats started on the Saturday and after a significant mishap where one boat tried to remove the bow of another we were soon down to 25. First race in, the Salopian crew was a little rusty, we discussed some new techniques to get speed on the downwind leg, and on the second lap played with the spinnaker pole to optimise the head sail and finished an acceptable 12th. Second



race, same windward/leeward format, slight tweak to the course and this time we went for the poled out head sail from the beginning and lifted ourselves a few places to 7th. That was it, confidence was rising, adrenalin was pumping, we were going to nail this 3rd race and show them just what Salopian sailing was all about. We threw a blinder at the start, confused all the other boats, got ourselves in clean air and went for it. Unfortunately about 5 seconds too early. We were deemed to be OCS – i.e. we started before everyone else (as did a few other boats). With a little less adrenalin, we turned round, went back to the start line and re-started five minutes after everyone else. Given that, our 21st place was quite creditable, but we had scuppered our chances of making it into the match racing.

For those not familiar with the Arrow Trophy format, Saturday normally consists of 4-5 short races. The best 4 boats then go and do match racing on the Sunday to fight for 4 trophies. The rest of the fleet go and do some more short races on the Sunday to try and win the best of the rest trophy, called the Charterhouse Bowl. Shrewsbury have won this bowl a couple of times in the past, and we had a glimmer of a chance. We would be going into Sunday lying in 7th place, and who knows, two great results and a bit of luck could see us spring a surprise.



But first we had to survive the Arrow trophy dinner. This event takes place at Cowes Yacht Haven and acts both as the prize giving for the previous year and as a chance for the crew to let off a little steam after a hard day on the water. With good food and a convivial atmosphere this year's was an enjoyable event, (even allowing for an impromptu cabaret act that received the



reception it deserved). This year was the 25th Anniversary of the Arrow Trophy, and to celebrate the event the committee provided each table with a bottle of port. The night went well.

The Sailors in action!

Sunday came, and when the curtains went back we wished it hadn't. It was tipping it down, and that is understated (if only because I can't use the accurate word in this tome). The sky was grey, and there was a stiff wind from the North. Whereas Saturday had been warm, with a gusty southerly, we now had a grey, cold, extremely wet and breezy day. We got ourselves together and fought our way out against the wind and tide and prepared to do battle. Again no spinnakers, but due to the steady wind we only had the 1 reef in the main.

Regular readers of our Arrow reports might remember that in years past one of the Shrewsbury boats had an incident with the committee boat. Despite those memories, we went for the dream start, sneak up behind the committee boat, let everyone else fight it out and at the last minute round the committee boat and straight onto the course on a Starboard (right of way) tack. We nailed it. We had the lead by the first mark and held it throughout the race to take first. The excitement mounted, could we possibly win the Charterhouse bowl?



Sunday, Race 2, we had a good start, but not quite so cheeky as the previous race. We made good time and rounded the first mark in 4th. All 4 boats were quite close and there was a decent gap to the rest. We held that position for the first lap, and by the time we arrived to the last windward mark we had sneaked 3rd and were closing in on 2nd. By the final downwind marks we were neck and neck for 2nd. A slight racing mishap at the final mark caused us some issues,



so ultimately we had to settle for 6th in that race and a very creditable 5th place overall in the event. Far better to fail when aiming high than settle for safety and mediocrity.

After all that it was time to pop back to Cowes, disembark those who preferred their luxury crossing and then return the boat to Cowes.

Many thanks to the Shrewsbury crew of Will Matthews (Rt 2003-08) James Pitt (S 1979-84) Simon Jenkins (M 1975-79) Peter Schutzer-Weissman (PH 2005-10) David Richards (Rt 1966-70) George Hall (SH 2005-10) Will Collins (SH 1980-85) Tim Becker (R 1977-82) Todd Langford Archer (G 2004-09) and our three ringers, Dom Breen-Turner, Freddie Jenkins and Freddie Becker (both sons of OS's).



Despite the best attempts of the weather we had an extremely enjoyable weekend and are very grateful to the Old Salopian Sports Club for their continued support of the OSYC. If there are any Old Salopians out there who would like to join the OSYC, participate in the next Arrow (by the way Shrewsbury are organising the event for the next 3 years), share sailing stories or looking for crew/crewing opportunities, then please contact Will Collins by email

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The news this week 100 years ago: 26th October - 1st November 1918

Friday 26 October 2018

This week marks the centenary of death of five Old Salopians.

Second Lieutenant James Malcolm Inglis, 9th Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), left in 1917.

Killed in action in France, 26th October 1918, aged 19.

Buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France. Grave VI. D. 2.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Bankes Owen, 7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House, left in 1917 for Sandhurst. He went to France in July 1918.

Died of wounds in France, 26th October 1918, aged 19.

Buried at Delsaux Farm Cemetery, Beugny, France. Grave I. A. 1.

Lieutenant Ernest Woodbourne Alltree, H.M.S. "India." Royal Naval Reserve.

Day Boys, left in 1904 and worked in Nova Scotia. Possibly related to Charles Derek Alltree, d. 27th March 1918.

Interned for three years, he died of illness in Norway, 29th October 1918, aged 30.

Buried at Lillehammer Churchyard, Norway. Grave 14. 93.

Lieutenant Richard Harry Sampson, Welsh Regiment attd. H.Q. 114th Bde., 38th Div.

School House, left in 1907.

Killed in action in France, 29th October 1918, aged 27.

Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Grave XLVIII. C. 5.

Lieutenant Arthur Frederic Evans, 100th Sqdn. Royal Air Force.

Bennett's (now Severn Hill), left in 1904.

Killed in an accident while acting as Flying Officer in France, 30th October 1918, aged 30.

Buried at Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegney, France. Grave I. D. 12.

SALOPIAN DRINKS PARTY THE EXCLESIOR HOTEL TOTES BAR, HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 21st, 2018

Monday 29 October 2018

Messrs Bell, Moore and Clark at liberty in Hong Kong!

The Salopian community came together in good spirits in Hong Kong recently. A cross section of the Salopian family descended on (or more accurately 'ascended to') the roof top bar of the Excelsior hotel to celebrate the survival of the one tempest and the arrival of another in the forms of Messrs Bell, Moore and Clark. Invitations were sent to present parents, past parents, Old Salopians and prospective parents (such is our faith in our product!).

There was much conviviality and the laughter flowed as well as the Prosecco.



Amy Wong, Julian Chan (O 2006-10) and Dan Lo (SH 2010-15)

It was a great occasion to connect various strands of Salopia and find out what some of our more recent Salopians were up to. I was delighted to discover that we have an International Rugby player in Komei Ogiyami (M 2002-17) who is the OS club representative in Hong Kong, (no wonder so many people turned up- one would not wish to upset Komei!).

Meanwhile Mercury Cheung (MSH 2009-11) is pursuing her interest in football and her love of Liverpool Football club by working in Football journalism.



Chapman Chow, (M 2003-2008) Lisle Gannon (S 2011-16) and Magnus Chaplin (Rt 2013-18)

Chapman Chow is now a psychologist and Leonard Ma (Rt 2011-13) is pursuing a singing career.

Giles Bell enjoyed meeting some of his ex-School House inmates and was impressed that Brendan Lung (SH 2008-13) had made it out of bed, whilst John Moore was enjoying catching up with some of his talented musical proteges such as Julian Chan and Dan Lo and Matthew Clark was keeping an eye out for past tennis and 2nd XI footballers.



James Plaut (S 2010-15) Dan Lo, and Bassie Jessop (M 2001-06)

It has to be noted that all three were prepared to speak to anyone even if they did not fall into the appropriate category!

I would like to express our thanks to all those who made the effort to come and say hello and now that this party has become something of a fixture in the calendar we very much hope even



more of you will make it next year. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Friends of Shrewsbury Hong Kong, ably led by chairwoman Betty Ip, who helped us so much whilst we were interviewing potential students and for their amazing and wondrous hospitality. If you did not get an invite for some reason (our data base is not faultless), please consider yourself invited to next year's event which will almost certainly be the same weekend in September.





Darwinian adventures in Snowdonia

Tuesday 30 October 2018

The first Sixth Form Geography trip of the academic year traced much of a trip undertaken by Charles Darwin in 1831, just before he set off for the Galapagos.



Charles Darwin entered Shrewsbury School 200 years ago, in 1818, at the age of nine. His mother had died one year before and he joined his older brother, Erasmus, at the School.

It is known that the curriculum consisting largely of classics, theology and mathematics did not thrill him. Indeed, even after leaving Shrewsbury, his study of science through medicine at the University of Edinburgh had little appeal for him. It was through Natural History in the Plinian Society at Edinburgh that he really started to develop a deep interest in academic life. Here – and later crucially at the University of Cambridge – he found himself fascinated with two characters, later to become his friends, who were pivotal in shaping his interest in the world: Henslow, a Botanist and Geologist; and Sedgwick, a Geologist. Their mentoring and careful guidance allowed Darwin to blossom as a scientist. His interest in the natural world was obvious, but the gentle ways by which he could be shown the skills and techniques for understanding the origins of processes and landforms across the world stemmed from excellent teaching by Henslow and Sedgwick.

After graduating from Cambridge in 1831, Darwin was encouraged by Henslow to accompany Sedgwick on a trip to North Wales, starting from Shrewsbury. On this one-month fieldtrip, Darwin investigated the ‘Old Red Sandstone’ deposits stretching from Shropshire right across Snowdonia and through to Anglesey. Darwin struggled with his geology – then a subject very much in its infancy – but he persevered under the superb tutelage and guidance by Sedgwick. However, by far the most memorable part of the fieldwork for Darwin was his experience at Cwm Idwal next to the Nant Ffrancon valley. That truly stunned him.

Darwin notes in his autobiography:

“We spent many hours in Cwm Idwal, examining all the rocks with extreme care, as Sedgwick was anxious to find fossils in them; but neither of us saw a trace of the wonderful glacial phenomena all around us; we did not notice the plainly scored rocks, the perched boulders, the lateral and terminal moraines.”

On this visit, Darwin missed the glacial environment completely. It may seem surprising now that one of the greatest minds in Natural History and the greatest geologist of the time could both miss what is now obvious to a trained geographer. Fifteen years later Darwin would recognise that “a house burnt down by fire did not tell its story more plainly than did this valley.

If it had still been filled by a glacier, the phenomena would have been less distinct than they now are.”



Today, Shrewsbury School Sixth Form geographers replicate Darwin’s trip to North Wales at the beginning of their course. Whilst we cannot afford the luxury of a month-long expedition, we make the most of a full day exploring the very same landscape that our most famous Salopian visited. With the benefit of nearly two centuries of in-depth research in glacial-geology, the understanding of the Nant Ffrancon and Cwm Idwal landscape is much improved. Nevertheless, the core reason for visiting is to enthuse our geographers with the same sense of awe and wonder that Darwin experienced, associated with being able to explain and marvel in the creation of environmental phenomena.

Another famous Old Salopian, Michael Palin, noted earlier this summer that “Geography is a force for broadening the mind” and that the feature of his geographical studies at school that most inspired him “was being taken from the School into the local area to look at nature”. At Shrewsbury today, Geography is a very popular option both for IGCSE and Pre-U, and ten students have begun Geography degrees this autumn at a number of top institutions, including Oxford and Cambridge. With day and residential fieldtrips planned for the rest of the year, Salopians can look forward to having the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and widen their curiosity in the world, much as Palin did. The Geography Faculty can only hope that we are the ‘Sedgwicks’ and ‘Henslows’ for our current ‘Darwins’. We hope that that our lessons and fieldtrips provide the opportunity for the current generation of Salopian geographers to leave the School eager to learn still more about the complexities and diversities of the world in which we live.

Olly Russell
Head of Geography





History Faculty Trip to Berlin - Pupil Diaries

Wednesday 31 October 2018

Thanks to Fifth Formers Edward Bayliss, Elizabeth Edwards and Bertie Shepherd-Cross for their thoughtful accounts of their visits to some of the key sites in Berlin's turbulent 20th century history.

Day One:

After an extremely busy half of term, ending with The Tucks and House Singing, 30 pupils and three members of staff had the daunting prospect of a 3.00am start for our history trip to Berlin. However, on our arrival the weather was unbelievably good, with cloudless skies; quite the opposite of the hurricane-like conditions we had left behind in Shrewsbury.

Our first day was spent taking a walking tour of the city centre, starting with the German Chancellery, located near the River Spree. We then saw the Reichstag – an outstanding structure built in 1894 for the German People (as inscribed on the building itself 'Dem Deutschen Volke').



Walking through the Tiergarten park, we visited a memorial to the Sinti and Roma (those who were murdered under National Socialism): a circular, reflecting pool with a triangular stone at the centre representing the triangle patches that prisoners were required to wear at the Nazi



concentration camps. En route to the Soviet War Memorial, the streets were bustling with people since an LGBT parade was being held – one of Europe’s largest street parties, which really encapsulated the vibrant city culture of Berlin.

After a short break in the Mall of Berlin, we made our way to the Topography of Terror. On the way, we saw a classic example of Nazi architecture: the former Reich Air Ministry. Constructed between 1935 and 1936, it was the largest office building in Europe at the time that handled military aviation matters, particularly for the Luftwaffe.

Once we had looked around the Topography of Terror, a museum built on the site of the Gestapo and SS headquarters during the Nazi Regime, we headed for our last destination, Checkpoint Charlie. Our busy day was rounded off with an authentic German meal.

Edward Bayliss (Rt)



Day Two:

We began our second day by visiting the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The short drive just outside of Berlin brought us to the gates of the camp where Rob, our tour guide, explained to us the history of the camp. We were able to enter the restored huts where the inhabitants of the camp would have stayed. Rob gave us a detailed explanation of every component of the camp which helped us get a sense of the scale of the operation.

We then made the brief journey to the Berlin Olympic Stadium of 1936. We circled the stadium, stopping often to listen to Rob, who described the events that took place in this stadium and the political statement that the stadium provided at its construction. We were able to view the interior of the stadium as well.



Next, we visited the location of the Wannsee Conference, or the ‘Final Solution to the Jewish question’, which took place in January 1942. The house where the meeting was held now acts as a museum. We looked round the museum as well as listening to Rob, who explained to us in detail the specifics of the Wannsee Conference.

The penultimate location we visited was ‘Gleis 17’ at Grunewald Station. This was one of the main deportation points for Jews in Berlin. The site has been transformed into a memorial and contains the dates of each transportation and how many Jews were deported on that train.

Finally, we visited the Reichstag in the evening where we scaled the newly installed dome to see the layout of Berlin. We also learned of the importance of the Reichstag in German politics and how the Reichstag fire - an arson attack on the building in February 1933 - allowed Hitler to gain power. We ended our busiest day by eating out and travelling back to our B&B for a good night’s sleep!

Elizabeth Edwards (EDH)

Day 3:

The third day of the trip focused predominantly on the Cold War aspect of life in Berlin and the consequences that come with such a divided and opposed city’s history. After an early start we took public transport to Bernauer Strasse where we visited the Berlin Wall Memorial. The simplified and poignant atmosphere struck everyone, as it was a stark reminder of the events in Germany as little as 30 years ago. After much discussion about what side of the wall we were on, we eventually came to the conclusion that we were in fact on neither side but in No Man’s Land. Our guide pointed out to us how buildings were incorporated in the wall in the early years and then torn down to make way for the more substantial wall that followed. The Memorial consisted of rusty metal poles stuck in the ground along the line of the wall which represented the fact that today the wall is very much transparent, but it used to be a fortified border between two totally different regimes.



From the Memorial we had an appointment at the Berlin Hohenschönhausen Memorial: an old soup kitchen for the Nazis during World War II and then a Stasi High Security Interrogation Prison from 1951 until as late as 1990. This, for me, was the most shocking part of the trip. As we were led around the prison, through the corridors and cells which only 30 years ago were used to interrogate political opponents to the East German Regime. I couldn't help thinking how much more awful it seemed to actually be there and see and feel it.

As we walked through the prison, the sophistication of the techniques used and the organised brutality amazed and moved me particularly. To think that this was happening in our parents' lifetimes is frankly horrifying. After an eye-opening tour from a professional guide, we had lunch within the walls of the prison and then headed back to the hotel to pick up our bags and drive to the airport where we left our guide and flew home.

The third day of the trip was by no means easy going or light-hearted. However, that said, it was a different perspective of Berlin compared with the previous days. I really enjoyed the diversity of history that one city can produce in the last century. The whole experience was interesting and beneficial, but I would say that the last day was by far the most surprising and reflective.

Bertie Shepherd-Cross (O)

Distinguished Delegate Awards at Royal Russell MUN

Wednesday 31 October 2018

Over half term, a crack team of MUNers, led by Ambassador Grace O'Mara, attended the prestigious Royal Russell School International Model United Nations conference. Report by Chad Usher.

The delegation consisted of Grace O'Mara, Abi Watkinson, Chad Usher, Tom Jackson, Sophia Bureau, Johnnie Dowd and Andrew Higgins. Each of them represented Equatorial Guinea in a range of committees from a Social Committee to the Security Council.



The first day was spent lobbying, a process whereby delegates convince representatives from other countries to support them in informal conversation and attempt to build resolutions with international backing. After an intense afternoon of debating, Tom managed to gain enough support to submit his resolution to the Approval Panel, meaning he could then debate it in committee the following day.



Tom urging his fellow committee members to vote for his resolution

The Opening Ceremony followed in the evening, where Ambassador Grace made one of the most impactful openings to the conference Mr Peach (Teacher in Charge of MUN) said had seen in his 26 years of attending RRSIMUN. Opening with a fantastic right of reply to a speech by Pakistan, she attacked the imperialist west. This was swiftly followed by her own opening speech on the three principles of Equatorial Guinea - unity, peace and justice - which galvanised the small nations of the world behind the team against the oppressive powers.



Grace about to let fly!

To finish a fantastic first day there was a 60s and 70s themed disco. (Tom confessed that it was the reason he does MUN.)

On the Sunday, all committees were in debate and the Shrewsbury delegation shone throughout. Unlike all other conferences, Royal Russell puts on a Talent Show on the Sunday night. Abi led the team in a rendition of 'In the jungle'. The boys provided a backing of 'Wimoweh' while Abi and Grace sang a wonderful duet. Sadly, the popular vote was rigged by the strong Irish contingent and the team didn't quite make the top three.

Monday morning followed with more committee debate before moving into General Assembly, where Tom and Sophia led the team in the most challenging environment of all MUN: taking the podium and giving a speech to hundreds of people.

Tuesday followed with further General Assembly before the award ceremony in the afternoon, where Grace, Abi and Tom picked up Distinguished Delegate awards.

Huge thanks to Mr Peach and Mrs Pritchard for running and accompanying the trip.

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(Distinguished Delegate Award winner Abi had to leave the Conference before being able to join in with the final group photo)