

## A warm welcome to our new Headmaster

Sunday 2 September 2018

*We are delighted to welcome our new Headmaster, Leo Winkley, and his family to Shrewsbury School.*



Leo Winkley was born into a teaching family and grew up as a staff child at Cranleigh School in Surrey. When his father was appointed Second Master of Winchester College, Leo and his brother remained at Cranleigh School as boarders. After school, Leo studied Theology at the University of Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall) where he played hockey and was involved in drama productions. After university, he qualified as a teacher of English as a Foreign Language and lived in Paris and the Loire Valley for two years, teaching and helping to restore a run-down château.

Leo then began his teaching career as Head of Religious Studies at Ardingly College (1994-99) where he also looked after a Lower Sixth boarding house. From there, he moved to The Cheltenham Ladies' College as Head of Religious Studies (1999-2004) where the subject became the most popular A Level choice. In 2004, he was appointed Deputy Head of Bedales School (2004-10) where he was responsible for boarding and pastoral care. He then spent eight years as Head Master of St Peter's School in York. The school was rated 'excellent' in all areas by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in 2017.

A passionate advocate of boarding, Leo was Chairman of the Boarding Schools' Association (2016-17) which represents over 500 state and independent boarding schools. He believes strongly in community engagement and partnership work, chairing the City of York Independent



State Schools Partnership (2017-18) and sitting on the Independent Schools' Council expert group 'Schools Together'.

Leo is married to Jules, a medical oncologist. They have two daughters and a son, who share the family house with two cats and two pet rats. The Winkleys love spending time outdoors together enjoying the beautiful Shropshire countryside. Leo is also a keen runner, having completed a number of marathons in what he describes as "solid and unremarkable times". He enjoys a broad range of sports as well as gentler pursuits such as watercolour painting. He supports Arsenal Football Club (and more recently Shrewsbury Town) and confesses to having an obsessional love of anteaters.



*On the first staff INSET day of the Michaelmas Term, and to mark the start of his tenure as the 28th Headmaster at Shrewsbury School and celebrate the beginning of the new academic year, Leo Winkley gathered together all the teaching and support staff for a 'Shrewsbury School Family Photo' and meal.*





## OS Golf Society Report on the Inaugural OSGS & Shrewsbury School Parents' Association Fixture

Wednesday 5 September 2018

*Held at Hawkstone Park on Sunday 2 September 2018*

David Schofield (O 2013-18) the current vice chairman of the SSPA, who has had five boys at Shrewsbury, has very kindly donated a trophy – the Schofield Salver – to be played for at this event on an annual basis.

This fixture was scheduled to take place this weekend to coincide with the start of the Michaelmas Term – when parents would be dropping off their sons and daughters at the start of term.

16 players turned up to play in the event – a mixture of current parents, some parents whose children have now left, some OSGS Members – some of whom have and have had children at Shrewsbury.

The OSGS welcomes ex-pupils, their parents, as well as teachers or anyone else who has had some sort of connection to Shrewsbury to join our golfing society. We are particularly keen to welcome ladies to join us too. Please do get in touch with the honorary secretary (details below) if you are interested in joining the OSGS.

Following tea/coffee and bacon rolls we set out in 4 Balls playing an individual Stableford Competition on the Hawkstone Course. The weather was kind to us. Although it was cloudy at times there were also periods of warm autumn sunshine. The course was still suffering the effects of the summer drought and it was fiery in places with hard bounces on the fairways. Nonetheless, everybody had a great day.

Post the golf we enjoyed drinks, soup and sandwiches in the Terrace Restaurant. The following people all won prizes as follows:

- Nearest the Pin in 2 on 7th Hole - Chris Dickson (R 1972-77)
- Nearest the Pin on the 12th Hole - Robert Lanyon (Rt 1950-54)
- Longest Drive on the 18th Hole - Will Painter (R 1967-71)
- Third Prize with 34 Points - Anthony Smith (I 1954-59)
- Second Prize with 36 Points - Will Painter (R 1967-71)
- First Prize with 37 Points - Michael Roberts (Ch 1956-61) – First Winner of The Schofield Trophy

Hawkstone Park is currently undergoing some exciting refurbishment with a new owner of the hotel and golf courses in place and the beginning of the building of a new golf club house. The existing Terrace Restaurant is going to be turned into a spa and swimming pool complex later.

The OSGS has sponsored a new “corporate membership” for Shrewsbury School pupils to play golf at Hawkstone Park and with the assistance of Mark Schofield, Master in Charge of Golf, pupils will now have regular opportunities to play golf each term here.

Five new members were signed up to the OSGS as a result of this fixture and we look forward to welcoming them at future meetings and playing for The Schofield Salver again next year.



The photo below shows all those who played in this weekend's event at Hawkstone:



Pictured L to R: Anthony Smith, Richard Painter (R 1960-65) Robert Lanyon, John Upton (R 1948-53) Tim Dakin, Will Painter, Chris Dickson, Chris White (R 1974-79) Charles Hill (Sh 1980-84) Michael Roberts – the Winner with The Schofield Salver, Giles Cooper, David Schofield Snr, Ian Mason, David Schofield Jnr, Mike Craik and Peter Cooke.

Forthcoming OSGS Midlands Fixtures:

There is a forthcoming OSGS fixture at Hawkstone against The Schools on Thursday 11 October – tee off at 11am with a light supper and prize giving afterwards.

The OSGS AGM (a very short meeting) + lunch and golf takes place at Blackwell Golf Club, Worcestershire on Sunday 21 October

The 58th Annual OSGS meeting at Trentham Golf Club takes place on Sunday 28 October

Please contact the Hon Sec if you want to play in any of these fixtures.

Charles Hill

Honorary Secretary - Old Salopian Golfing Society





## Girls' Cricket U15 National Cup Finals Day 2018

Thursday 6 September 2018

*After another successful campaign in the School Sport Magazine T20 Cup, our U15 girls' cricket team found themselves in the National Final for the second year running, held at Felsted School on 3rd September.*



They had had a long wait through the summer, having won their quarter-final versus St Peter's Catholic High School, Wigan in June.

They were drawn against The Leys in the second semi-final, which meant they had a chance to rest up in the morning after their long journey to Essex the previous night. When they arrived at the ground, the first semi-final between Millfield and Brighton College was underway, with Millfield bowling Brighton out for just 80 and chasing it down in no time at all. In the meantime, our girls were rounding up their efficient warm-up and were ready to get started.

Skipper Ellie Kynaston won the toss and elected to bat first. Opening batters Adelaide Sillar and Izzy Morris got off to a flying start, posting 46 from 6 overs before losing the first wicket. That momentum continued as Harriet Shuker came to the crease. After a swift 47 runs, Izzy Morris was run out with the score on 89-2. Harriet was well set at the other end, however, and equipped to continue the momentum.



Unfortunately, with the total at 110, we lost Harriet to another run out, and with two new batters at the crease the score suddenly halted. The girls were only able to manage another 15 runs from the last 5 overs and we finished on a total of 125.

Although the girls had set a low total for The Leys to chase, they were determined to make the most of it and take early wickets. That plan seemed set to work, as Harriet took a wicket with the first ball of the second over, and a second wicket fell two overs later thanks to the bowling of Alice Hughes. But unfortunately The Leys' batters had other ideas. Their captain concluded her innings on 65 not out, with a very influential 37 from another of their players. In the 18th over, The Leys surpassed our total of 125 and clinched victory... very well deserved.

It was a tough disappointment for our girls, especially as some of them had been in the same position last year. But they deserve every credit for the hard work and determination they have shown over the year. To reach yet another national final demonstrates just how consistent they are in their ability to keep performing. Now it's time for some well-earned rest before preparations for their South Africa tour begin.

The squad were:

Ellie Kynaston (C)  
Alice Hughes (VC)  
Lisette Barden  
Kim Barnet  
Ellie Corbett  
Elizabeth Edwards  
Izzy Morris  
Georgie Nicholas (wk)  
Harriet Shuker  
Adelaide Sillar  
Coralie Williams

*Gwenan Davies*  
*Girls' Cricket Coach*





## The news this week 100 years ago: 7th - 13th September 1918

Thursday 6 September 2018

*Each week on the School website we publish the names and short biographies of the Old Salopians killed 100 years ago during the First World War. This is part of a four-year project in collaboration with St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, which was begun in August 2014.*

*For more information about the project and to view the weekly news reports posted since August 2014, please see [The News 100 years ago - OS in WW1](#) section of the website.*

*This week we remember:*

### **Captain Roland Maddison Vaisey, 36th Bde. Royal Field Artillery**

School House, left in 1903 and was admitted solicitor. Obtaining his commission in 1916, he immediately went to the front, serving efficiently as the Colonel's Adjutant for over a year.

He was killed in action in France on 7th September 1918, aged 31.

He was buried at Vaulx Hill Cemetery, France. Grave II. H. 1.

### **Lieutenant George Keith Elliott, 3rd Bn. attd. 25th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers**

Day Boys, he won the Bright (science and history) Prize, the Duke's French prize, the Darwin Prize, the Turnbull Scholarship (science), and left in 1916.

He did not take up his open science scholarship at University College, Oxford, instead joining the Oxford University OTC. Gazetted to the R.W.F., he served both in Egypt and Palestine in 1917-18. He proceeded with them to France in May 1918, where he was promoted to Lieutenant on 1st September 1918.

He was killed during an attack in action in France on 8th September 1918, aged 20. He is buried at Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon, France. Grave II. E. 15.

His commanding officer wrote: "His patrol got checked by heavy machine gun fire and rifle fire and many were hit. Keith, with no thought for his personal safety, pushed on himself with his runner to get to his patrol, and crossing the open, was met by a hail of bullets. Keith is a great loss to us; he was, without exaggeration, the most popular officer in the battalion, his men idolized him and he gave his life trying to save some of them."

His former commanding officer, Lord Kensington, wrote: "His youth and charming manner endeared him to all - always cheery, we all loved him. He had grown into such a fine lad and we were all very fond of him. He had lately very much distinguished himself at physical training and bayonet fighting and was appointed Instructor of Bayonet Fighting to the battalion. I feel almost as if one of my own boys were in his place, but I know that his gallant young life was ungrudgingly given whilst nobly doing his duty in his country's cause."



## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 6 September 2018

*This week, the 1st XI.*

*Each week during term time, Giles Bell - teacher of Philosophy and Theology, Admissions Tutor, Housemaster of School House for 14 years, Football and Cricket coach, Brighton FC fan and general sports enthusiast - turns both his spotlight and his wit on a different sports team within the School.*

*His reports give a good flavour of the wide range of sports at Shrewsbury and the huge enjoyment that pupils derive from playing them, whatever their level of skill and achievement.*

*This week, he's been out watching the 1st XI football team.*



I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and holidayed well. In case there are any Manchester United fans who are yet to get away, apparently you can't beat Brighton at this time of year!

The 1st XI and Under-15 squads have just returned from a successful tour of Spain despite being afflicted by a nasty bug, which Senior Assistant Coach Mr Hughes told me had radically changed him. "I am half the man I was," he claimed.





I caught up with the senior footballers as they trained prior to a trial match with Thomas Telford. With a new President of the Club arriving at the start of September in the form of Arsenal fan Mr Leo Winkley, there has been a period of uncertainty in terms of the transfer market. Although unlike Mr Mourinho, Mr Wilderspin has been able to bring in a new centre-back from King's School Chester, in the shape of talented new Sixth Form entrant Owen Jones.

Head of Football and 1st XI Manager Mr Wilderspin is optimistic about the team's chances this season. "I am optimistic about the team's chances this season," he told me. Indeed, at the start of every season optimism abounds. Ed Hague Saunders is optimistic that he will establish himself as the 1st XI goalkeeper.





Ed was unable to go on the tour owing to illness, but having been inspired by his beloved Wolves team's early season form he feels confident he can handle anything that comes his way. "I am good with my hands" he told me. He will have to be, as he will face stiff competition from Archie Eyre, Ben Coulson and Lewis Evans who are also good with their hands. 1st Team Captain Toby 'I'll take your legs' Pegge is impressed by the ability of the goalkeepers. "There is not much to choose between them," he told me. "It is important to have good goalkeepers, especially if I continue to concede penalties," he added.



It is not just in the goalkeeping department where there is optimism and strength. Fingal Dickins played for the 3rd XI last year but is very much hoping to be selected for the 1st XI this season. "I am hopeful of making an impact in the trial games," Fingal told me. Fingal has been training hard with his inspirational father Tom throughout the summer. "Dad has recently remembered he is a Watford fan and has been teaching me to dance like a butterfly and sting like a hornet. He has built up my confidence as I can get past him and score regularly now."





Fingal, like many aspirational footballers, has been preparing carefully for the new season. This will be music to the ears of Mr Wilderspin and Head Groundsman Andy Richards, who are both great believers in careful preparation.

The pitches are in fabulous condition....







... Although I did point out to Andy that there were areas on Top Common not fully covered with a 'fine head' of grass. He pointed out to me that in time the grass would grow, unlike the hair on my head.



Mr Wilderspin has even taken time to consult with Andy Richards about the new style of corner flag. It was flagged up as an issue towards the end of last season, but both are very happy with their new purchases.





Having been impressed by the level of preparation put into the pre-season, I was excited at the prospect of watching the new team in action.

A good crowd had gathered to watch the newest brand of Shrewsbury school football being released, including Shrewsbury School fans Tavy Riggall and Libby Hedges, who told me they think that there should be a dance camera, to capture dancers in the crowd. They were trying to teach me to 'floss' in case a goal celebration was required.



I am still struggling with parts of this manoeuvre.

I enjoyed the attacking brand of football played by the team and was surprised to find out that we lost the match 3-0. At least that's taken the pressure off trying to go unbeaten through the season.



The new President of the Club was pleased with the style of the football. “As an Arsenal fan, I am used to watching an attacking display that invariably ends in defeat,” Mr Winkley told me. He added that he felt the Shrewsbury team had created some good opportunities and that there were many positives to be taken from the game. He particularly enjoyed their crisp passing. “I am a fan of crisp passing, and not just at drinks parties,” he intimated. He made it clear that just because he was standing next to the Chaplain, he had not been calling for a miraculous comeback. The Reverend Andrew ‘Coolman’ Keulemans admitted that after Brighton’s miraculous comeback against Fulham last weekend, it might be too much to demand another in such quick succession.



After the game, the team went for a stretch with new strength and conditioning coach Sam Mitchell. It was good to see that their body language suggested they were not too downhearted by their defeat.



My new friend, ex-England cricket captain Andrew Strauss, who recently came to visit me and watch his son play cricket at the school, told me that he thought it was important to maintain a positive body image even when victory might be escaping from one's grasp.







I hope that Strauss's words of wisdom will be taken to heart by all our teams. It was very pleasing to see that the optimistic Fingal Dickens was not showing his disappointment that he had not made it into the 1st XI. "We have an even better 3rd XI than last year," he told me.



His Housemaster Mr Matthew Barrett was doing his best to keep Fingal's spirits up. "Fingal is only about 15 injuries away from a 1st XI debut" he told us both.





It was a good game of football played in good conditions on a beautiful pitch. The game is in safe hands at Shrewsbury, and my former English teacher at Lancing and Old Salopian Ken Shearwood would have enjoyed everything about the day apart from the result. Ken played at Wembley in front of 100,000 people in the Amateur Cup Final in 1951 and 1953 for Pegasus (the combined Oxford and Cambridge side) and he sadly passed away during the summer. The present group of Salopians should always dare to dream.

It was perhaps rather apt, given that I have mentioned Ken, that a member of Ken's House at Lancing where he was a Housemaster for many years, Richard Cowley, was present to enjoy a cup of tea after the game. Richard and Louise had been enjoying watching their son Ben playing for the 4th XI. There is almost always a cup of tea to be enjoyed in Quod after a game, as well as some excellent sandwiches and cakes and the staff: parent ratio is surely higher than at other comparable schools!



Well done to the teams that battled bravely on Wednesday, and I remain optimistic that the Shrewsbury side are going to have a good season. With experienced coaches Steve Wilderspin, Will Hughes and Calum Wright to offer words of wit and wisdom, what could possibly go wrong? I can always give my friend Andy Strauss a ring for words of motivation.

...And have I told you about the time I met David Gower...? (*No more!* - Ed.)



# OSFC August 2018 Football Tour to Budapest

Monday 10 September 2018

*Another stunning successful result from the OSFC*

16 Old Salopians, aged between 19 and 35, made the journey east over August Bank Holiday to Hungary where we made camp in the City of Budapest. After last year's results in Hamburg, (9-0 and 6-1 wins respectively) news had spread fast to Eastern Europe where many local teams had caught wind of the Salops fine previous tour form. Therefore, we found just the one team that would play us this year, an international members club with players from Hungary, Scotland, France and more. The first ten minutes we started well but against the run of play, their number nine latched onto a defence splitting through-ball and the Salopians went into half time 1-0 down. Two second half goals from Oliver Black put the Salopians back in the lead and with the man mountain and player of the tour Alex Blofield at the back, we went on to seal the win.



In typical Salopian fashion we celebrated with a few Hungarian beers in the sun to cap off a 2-year unbeaten tour run.

There were some honourable tour debuts with eight of the 16 experiencing their first international away games. Rob Stott, Charlie Tait Harris, James Nelson, Michael Griffiths, Oliver Black, Alex Blofield, George Barker and Lewis Brown all enjoyed a good game with special mentions to Michael Griffiths who I don't think had kicked a ball since B leagues.



# Shrewsbury

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At this point it was only Saturday afternoon and our flight was not until 6am on the Monday morning. With pints of beer averaging at £1.20 there was only one thing to do!

Sunday came and with it a trip to the famous Budapest bath spa to relax those Salopian muscles after our hard-fought win. The highlight of the tour kicked off when another group started throwing an inflatable ball around where of course we had to get in on the action. Ten minutes later the entire outdoor pool was participating, stringing together passes of 30 and 40 all thanks to the travelling Salops! There was nothing the lifeguards could do about it!

Elsewhere in the club, we are pleased to report an influx of young signings and some great early season results. The 2XI started the season strongly beating old rivals Charterhouse 2XI in the league 4-1. We have 2 teams playing on a weekly basis (September through to April) in and around London with midweek training at our new training location in St John's Wood on Wednesdays. If you are interested in playing for the Club in the future, please contact James Tucker ([tuckerjc08@googlemail.com](mailto:tuckerjc08@googlemail.com)) or Guy Williams ([guy--williams@hotmail.com](mailto:guy--williams@hotmail.com))

## Third Form Race 2018

Tuesday 11 September 2018

*One week into their exciting and epic journey through Shrewsbury School, the new Third Form got their first opportunity on Saturday to compete for their House, in a 1.5-mile cross-country race around the School site.*

This served as their introduction to the historic Royal Shrewsbury School Hunt, and was an excellent opportunity for the Teacher in Charge of this famous club to see what calibre we have coming through the ranks. And what calibre there was!

Subsidence issues around Ridgemount Lane had forced on us a change to the traditional 'Benjies' route, and though the new version does without the significant hill halfway through the course, it is probably around 100m further, so the times are not easily comparable with last year. Our new Huntsman, Charlie Ockleston (O), had set the standard the previous Wednesday in a time of 8.29, though this was probably well within his capabilities. I'm sure we'll soon be seeing times below eight minutes among the fastest runners in the School.



*L-R: Huntswoman Felicity Hayward, Huntsman Charlie Ockleston and Junior Whips Tom Jackson and Sam Western*

One of Charlie's first duties as Huntsman was to sound the famous cry of 'All hounds who wish to run – run hard, run well, and may the Devil take the hindmost!' before giving a somewhat anti-climactic toot on the ancient bugle to start the race. A flood of eager runners rushed at him, jockeying for position, and giving him some concern that perhaps he'd need to run quite a bit faster than he'd expected in order to show them the way.





Our Huntswoman, Felicity Hayward (EDH), also had to work hard to lead the runners through the course, with an excellent pace being set at the front of the field. After a somewhat chaotic start, the pace settled down as the runners approached their first incline around 600m into the course, and the lead pack thinned behind the fleet-footed Ben Weston of Rigg's. Among the girls, Florence Bury of Mary Sidney Hall was striding out well ahead of her nearest rival.

As the runners approached the finish, Ben had managed to extend his lead to an impressive 30 seconds or so, and crossed the line in an astonishingly quick time of 8:32. This suggests that Ben is a real 'one-to-watch', setting a time probably quicker than the equivalent old-course times of all of the last five years' winners of this race.



There was a great battle for second, third and fourth among Archie Collings and Harry Webster (both of Radbrook) and William Singleton (Rigg's), and they all crossed the line within five



seconds of each other, just after the nine-minute mark. There is real strength in depth among this year group, it seems, with 10th position crossing the line just after ten minutes – still a very impressive time at this age group.

Among the girls, Florence took first position in a quick time of 10:23, beaten by only 16 boys, while second and third went to Jemima Dee of The Grove and Scarlett Whittal of Emma Darwin Hall respectively. Again, these times suggest some real running potential and there were also very strong performances further down the field.



*Florence Bury with the rest of her House team*

The boys' House winners were Radbrook, winning for the first time in several years, ahead of Oldham's in second and Rigg's in third. The girls' House winners were again Emma Darwin Hall, suggesting that their pedigree in this sport is set to continue for some years yet. Just a few points behind them were The Grove, ahead of Moser's in third and Mary Sidney in fourth.





I was hugely impressed by the positivity, determination and House spirit on display among this new group of Salopians, who exhibited all the best qualities of what their new school stands for. Well done to everyone who competed.

*Ian Haworth*  
*Teacher in Charge of the Hunt*



# Salopian rowers win GB medals and a World Championship title

Wednesday 12 September 2018

*Congratulations to RSSBC oarsmen Dominic Sullivan and Phoenix Lester, who had a very successful summer representing Great Britain in the Junior World Championships and the Coupe de la Jeunesse respectively.*

Three Senior rowers were invited to attend the final selection camp for GB Rowing over the summer holidays. Phoenix Lester was selected for the Junior Men's Coxed Four to race at the Coupe de la Jeunesse in Cork, and Dominic Sullivan was selected for the Junior Men's Eight to race at the Junior World Championships in Racice in the Czech Republic.

Phoenix's coxed four raced over two days at the weather-affected event and returned with two silver medals, after narrowly losing out to the Italians on both days.



Dominic's eight travelled to the Czech Republic in high spirits after recording some impressive times at the GB training lake in Caversham. The crew made an excellent start by winning their heat in the fastest time to secure a spot in the A Final.

In the final event of the Regatta, the crew produced an excellent start to build a lead on the field through the first 1500m of the race. In the closing stages, the crew held off the charge from the US and Germany to record the first win in the event for Great Britain since 2003 and be crowned World Champions!





This is a fantastic achievement for Dominic and all of those involved in the team.

*Athol Hundermark*  
*Director of Rowing*



## Cambridge University Choral Award

Thursday 13 September 2018

*Congratulations to Steph Christensen, who has gained a place in the Chapel Choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge whilst reading for a degree in History and German as an undergraduate at Murray Edwards College.*

Caius Choir is one of the top collegiate choirs in Cambridge and in addition to singing for Chapel services has a busy programme of concerts and recordings.

Alex Mason, Director of Shrewsbury School's Chapel Choir commented, "This is wonderful news for Steph, who was an exemplary member of the Chapel Choir here at Shrewsbury for two years, leading the alto section and singing some memorable solos too."



*Steph performing with Obin Cheng at last year's St Cecilia Concert*



# 11,015 beds, 33,000 meals, 63 cricket matches and 300 hours of football...

Thursday 13 September 2018

## *Life at Shrewsbury School during the summer "holidays"...*

After the last suitcase has been packed, the last name has been called at Call-Over, and the last guest has left the Leavers' Ball, the academic year is officially over at Shrewsbury School...

But the summer holiday period is not all peace and quiet for the staff and school facilities over the next couple of months, as attention turns to a busy and well-established programme of summer lettings.

Here's a brief insight into some of what went on at Shrewsbury School this July and August...



*Juliet Tripp with KH Assistant Manager Marius Neamu - and a cricket tea*

The School's facilities are in high demand from local and national organisations, from language schools to football camps, and this year was one of our busiest yet. The commercial lettings programme is run by Philip Walker, General Services Manager, and Juliet Tripp, Operations and Events Manager. They work closely with the Catering, Housekeeping, Grounds, Maintenance and Sports Facilities teams to provide the perfect setting for our guests during their stay, whatever activity they are doing.

From room bookings to bed-making (11,015 this summer), it's a busy operation – and no two days are the same. Our regular clients include Discovery Summer, who run intensive English Language Learning courses with a whole host of activities for hundreds of children from all over the world; and the National Children's Choir of Great Britain, who run residential courses for some of the most talented young singers in the country. This year they were preparing for their 20th Anniversary Concert in Birmingham's Symphony Hall.



We also host two week-long Cricket Festivals for U11 and U12 county teams, two very popular week-long Shrewsbury Rowing Courses, plus the talented footballers of tomorrow from Manchester United Academy.

During the summer holidays, the grounds staff prepared pitches for 63 cricket matches and 300 hours of football. They also drained two football pitches, levelled one, renovated four cricket square, rebuilt one strip and renovated ten winter sports pitches.







And the motivation behind this programme of events and lettings? In addition to enabling others to make good use of our beautiful site and facilities outside term-time, the income generated over the Easter and Summer Holidays goes straight into our Bursaries fund – to provide more opportunities for pupils to join us.





# The news 100 years ago: 14th - 20th September 1918

Thursday 13 September 2018

*This week we remember five former pupils and one member of staff, who were all killed fighting in World War One 100 years ago.*

**Captain Gerald William Lancaster MC**, 3rd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment attd. 15th Bn. Welsh Regiment.

Churchill's, left in 1906. Commissioned in 1914 in to the Monmouthshire's, he was dangerously wounded in 1915 during the mining of Hill 60. He returned to the front in 1917 attached to the Welsh Regt. and was wounded for the second time in 1918.

Died of wounds in France on 14th September 1918, aged 29. He was probably related to James Lancaster, who was killed on 8th May 1915.

*Buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France. Grave IV. A. 16.*

**Second Lieutenant Philip Gillespie Bainbrigge**, 5th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Classics Master. Educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, he responded to Alington's invitation to teach at Shrewsbury in order to uphold the great classical tradition, from 1914. Gazetted to the Welsh Regt. in 1917 he later transferred to the Lancashire's because of family connections. He had taken over from his wounded company commander early in an assault, and was killed in action in France on 18th September 1918, aged 27.

*Buried at Five Points Cemetery, Lechelle, France. Grave B. 24.*



*L-R: Shrewsbury School staff in 1915: FSH Ward, Headmaster Revd Cyril Alington, Philip Bainbrigge and Malcolm White (killed in July 1915 on the first day of the Battle of the Somme)*





**Captain Frank Shirley Nalder**, 8th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House and Oldham's, Choregus, first Head of Oldham's, left in 1914. Shunning Christ Church, Oxford, for the K.S.L.I. he went from France to Salonika, returning with malaria for an 18 month recovery. He returned to Greece in June 1918.

Killed in action in Greece on 18 September 1918, aged 23.

*Buried at Doiran Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave IV. C. 2.*



*Frank Shirley Nalder in 1914*

**Lieutenant Alan Reynolds Padmore**, 217th Sqdn. Royal Air Force.

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

Killed whilst flying in France on 18th September 1918, aged 18.

*Buried at Dunkirk Town Cemetery, France. Grave IV. C. 19.*

**Second Lieutenant Ronald Guy Shackles MC**, 10th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House, left in 1913. Killed in action by a shell in France on 19th September 1918, aged 19.

He won his MC after being in France for little more than a month. His Commanding Officer wrote: "He had led a successful daylight raid against an enemy post which he had located by two days' careful reconnaissance in 'No Man's Land.' In the hand-to-hand fighting that took place the whole enemy garrison was accounted for, and our own party suffered no casualties. 2nd Lt. Shackles handled his men with much skill, and displayed great gallantry and energy."

He was probably related to Kenneth George Shackles, who was killed on 11th May 1917.

*Remembered on Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France. Panel 8.*



**Lieutenant Harold Butterworth MC**, Anti Aircraft Bty. Royal Field Artillery.

Moser's, left in 1915.

Immediately on reaching the age of 18, he left school and was given a commission in the West Lancashire RFA. He went out to France in April 1916. A few months later he was attached to an anti-aircraft battery. He was awarded the Military Cross for his ability and resource in handling his section and his personal courage during several days of active operations in a critical period. His Commanding Officer wrote: "He thoroughly deserved the Military Cross which was given him. He always 'played the game' and whilst in command of his section backed me up most loyally. His section his well known and has more than once been called the finest out here. He was in command of it at the time of his death."

He was killed in action in France on 20th September 1918, aged 24.

*Buried at Brie British Cemetery, France. Grave I. E. 7.*





## Six weeks of challenge and adventure with the Royal Canadian Army

Thursday 13 September 2018

*Shrewsbury CCF Royal Marine cadets Sergeant Emma Graham (Head of School) and Lance Corporal James Weir spent an incredible six weeks during the summer on an intensive adventurous training and leadership programme.*

*Having undergone a nationwide selection process in the Brecon Beacons over Easter, Emma and James were two of just 24 UK cadets chosen for the 'Leadership and Challenge' Royal Canadian Army Exchange programme, which is sponsored by the MOD.*

*They describe their experiences...*



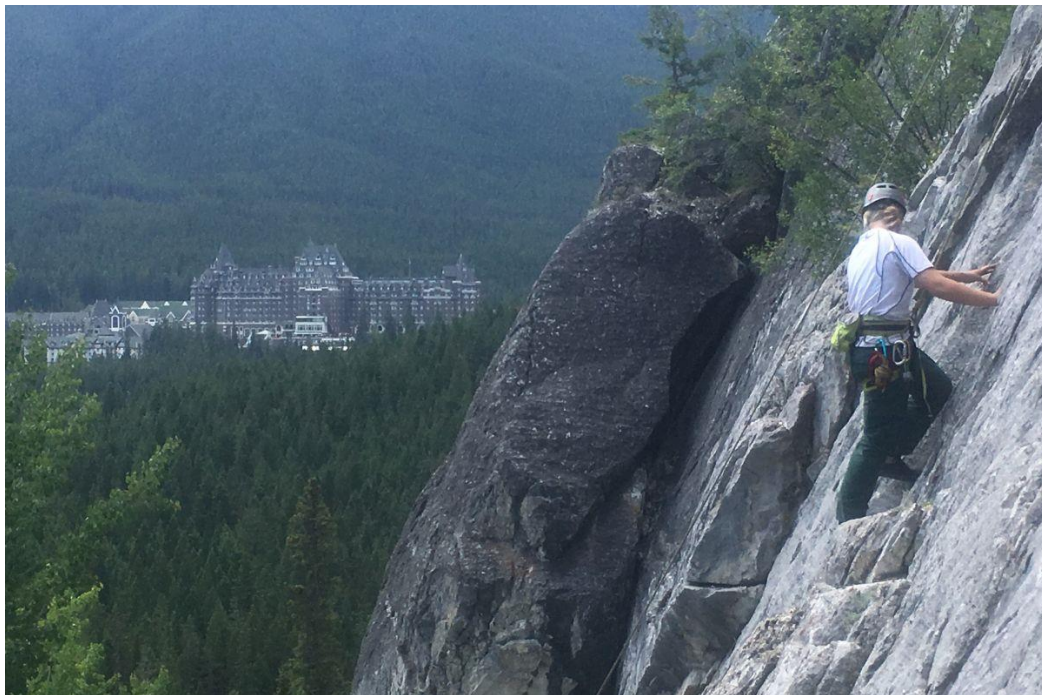
Emma:

My six weeks were composed of six different adventurous activities (cycles) based in the Rocky Mountains. I was one of 12 British cadets and we joined up with about 150 Canadian cadets. We were split into six platoons, each with around 30 people. Within each cycle we were further broken up into smaller groups and evaluated at the end. We took it in turns to take leadership of the platoon, which was not easy with a lot of “chiefs” and not so many “indians”.





I started the first half of my first week horse-trekking through rocky back country and dried river beds. It was more beautiful than challenging, but got me into the swing of things. We spent between one and three nights of each cycle camping, and had to get used to the Canadian-style ration packs – not easy! In the latter half of the week I was put through a Canadian Red Cross and a Rocky Mountain Wilderness first-aid course.



The second week was the rock climbing cycle, I had never climbed on natural rock faces before this, and by the end of the week I had learned a sufficient amount to complete my first multi-pitch up a 100ft cliff-face. Glacier-trekking had not originally caught my eye as an adrenaline-





fuelled experience, unlike many of the other cycles. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the amazing views and the harsh conditions. Our guide had summited Everest seven times, which was pretty impressive!



Mountain biking on week four was possibly my favourite cycle but also undoubtedly the most physically demanding, as it is one thing to walk up a mountain but cycling up one is considerably more tiring: nearly four hours up and 20 minutes down in thunder and lightning. This cycle managed to rack up the greatest number of injuries, with one guy managing to break his arm and another who dislocated his shoulder in my platoon alone. On the fourth and final day of cycling we summited Barrier Mountain, eating our lunch with exceptional views of the blue lakes below.



Throughout the course I had most been looking forward to the white water cycle, and with a fair bit of experience of kayaking from my D of E, I was feeling quite confident. By the end of day



one, I knew that confident was the last thing that I was going to be feeling whilst going down the river. Each day the rapids got progressively harder, and on the last day we were able to have a go at a grade three rapid called double edge – some more successfully than others!



My final cycle was Alpine trekking, which was also in my eyes not destined to be filled with excitement. But although the walking was pretty tough, I actually really enjoyed the cycle, as I had a really good group and the views just about topped the ones from the glacier cycle.

The sense of achievement after each cycle and more broadly over the whole six-week course was immense, as I can now claim to have summited Mt Hable and Barrier Mountain, seen a bear and survived the grade three rapids along the Red Deer River in a kayak - amongst many other things. Fitness tests, inter-platoon sports competitions and highland games, interspersed with the Calgary Stampede, a parade in Banff and a visit to BATUS meant that the weekends were action-packed as well. I have left with new friends and some extraordinary memories.

*Editor's note: Emma modestly does not mention in her account that she was also given the Best UK Cadet Award.*





James - "397.3 kilometres on manpower alone":

I was selected to attend the arduous Expedition Instructor Course, which meant that the majority of my six weeks in Canada would be spend in the wilds, on the river and under the stars. I travelled with 24 other British Cadets to the Cadet Training Centre Argonaut, in New Brunswick, where we spent a week training and being taught how we were to conduct ourselves outside in the field, including safety and first-aid.





We then travelled on to the Bay of Fundy, where we started our 23-day expedition. Our first period was the walking (or tabbing) with heavy packs across the bay area. I enjoyed the challenge of the hills and also the spectacular views that stretched out across the Atlantic coastline.



Next we moved on to canoeing. For this cycle we were on the Yukon River that marks the border between the USA and Canada. I enjoyed this test, as I am a rower and am comfortable in water and with how to paddle and balance a canoe. I also especially enjoyed the evenings when we would start a fire and relax and discuss a hard day of paddling.





We then changed for our final period, which was the biking cycle. This was quite different, as we learned not just how to ride in arduous terrain, but also such skills as abseiling down vertical cliffs. We also undertook some community service, clearing litter from forested areas and giving something back to the beautiful countryside.

When we finished our expedition, we headed back to camp where we spent the rest of our time in our groups with Canadian cadets. Before finally returning to camp, our instructor congratulated us by saying, "Well done! 397.3 kilometres on manpower alone!".



Over the course of the expedition I got to know the Canadians and made very good friends with most of them. At the end of camp we were presented with our Achievement Badges and T-shirts and told who had won unofficial awards. Our group of Brits then spent a few days exploring the city of Halifax, before heading back to the UK.

I am happy to say that this was the opportunity of a lifetime, where I made friends and worked with brilliant people, saw some of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen and had the most fun I've ever had. If I could, I would do it all over again. I am really grateful to Lt Col David for nominating me and Emma Graham for the selection course in Wales.

## Running for Mind

Thursday 13 September 2018

*On Sunday 14th October, Chemistry teacher Vicky Kirk and two Shrewsbury School parents, Karen Wilcox and Rachel Tarlton, will be running the Royal Parks Half-Marathon in London to raise funds for the mental health charity Mind.*



The Half-Marathon takes in some of the capital's world-famous landmarks on closed roads, and four of London's eight Royal Parks - Hyde Park, Green Park, St James's Park and Kensington Gardens. Over 16,000 runners will take part and complete the 13.1 miles.

Whilst Vicky has run the Shrewsbury Half-Marathon several times with the Shrewsbury School team, it will be a first for both Karen and Rachel, who confess to being somewhat daunted by the prospect!

The ladies met in the Shrewsbury School Ladies' Running Group, who meet every week at 6pm at the Sports Hall. Gradually they have mastered the Shrewsbury Park Run, local 10km races and are now the big one with the Half-Marathon.

They are running to raise money for the charity Mind, which offers support and advice to people with mental health issues as well as raising awareness and promoting understanding. They have a fundraising page and would be very grateful for all donations, large or small.

Their online fundraising page

is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ShrewsburyLadies>





# GCSE Honorary Awards and Prizes

Friday 14 September 2018

*Following the GCSE exams, 30 pupils have been awarded Honorary Scholarships, Exhibitions and Examination Prizes for achieving outstanding scores.*



**Honorary Scholarships** (for achieving all A\* grades) have been awarded to:

Edward Evans (PH)  
Katie Ford (EDH)  
Lara Gabbitas (EH)  
Jude Huffer (Rb)  
Mollie Matthews (EDH)  
Anthony Siu (I)  
Alexander Sparkes (I)  
Nicholas Yale (S)

**Honorary Exhibitions** (for achieving 9 A\* and the rest A grades) have been awarded to:

Poppy Collingwood-Cameron (EDH)  
Artemis Cooper (MSH)  
Johnnie Dowd (Rb)  
Archie Eyre (Rb)  
Thomas Gray (Rb)\*  
Frank Kelly (Rt)  
Frederick Lawson (SH)

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Almaz Razif (EDH)\*

Jonathan Snell (Ch)

**GCSE Examination Prizes** have been awarded to existing Scholars and others who achieved at least 8 A\* and the rest A grades:

Sophia Bureau (G)\*

Thomas Castling (Rb)

Jamie Catto (Rt)\*

Anna Cowan (MSH)

Charlotte Hancock (M)\*

Connor Hickey (Ch)

George Lawrence (O)\*

Olivia Leese (M)\*

Araminta Plumptre (MSH)

Thomas Price (S)

Marcus van Wyk (Rb)

Kogi Yu (SH)

Kyra Zhou (G)\*

\* *New Sixth Form entrant*





## Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Wednesday 19 September 2018

### *The Under-14 footballers...*

This week it's time to have a look at the junior echelons of the Shrewsbury community. For a young footballer full of ambition to ply his talents on the marvellous pitches of Salopia, what can he expect?

Firstly, excellent coaching. The Under-14A squad is being coached by Sam Mitchell (no relation to Grant or Phil, as I have been reliably informed they are fictitious characters, which may come as a surprise to adherents of The Square), who is the newly appointed strength and conditioning coach.



Sam has a strong footballing pedigree having won trophies (including the ESFA cup) with Steve Wilderspin, the Mourinho of Shropshire, whilst he was a pupil at Thomas Telford. Sam is a self-confessed disciple of 'Wilderinho'. "I have always admired the brand of football that Steve likes us to play and he selected me for the 1st XI team at Thomas Telford," Sam told me. Sam was

working at Shrewsbury Town last season and was with the squad at Wembley, which I am guessing was quite an event. "It was quite an event," Sam admitted.

It's not just coaches who want to come to Shrewsbury. Josef R has heard of the Wilder's way and has joined the School from Liverpool. Josef was in Rochdale's Academy but felt that a chance to play the game at Shrewsbury was too good a chance to miss. "I don't miss many chances," Josef told me. "Who hasn't heard of Steve Wilderspin and his total football? I wanted to be part of the football revolution at Shrewsbury."



For those strikers of a ball who are not quite at the highest level but aspire to greater heights, Ian Graham will be preparing them for footballing success with his Swindon Town-inspired football techniques. "The Swindon way is seldom talked about, and that's as it should be," Ian told me. "Otherwise everyone will be adopting it and we won't be able to surprise our opponents." Ian is keen to see a Shrewsbury School boy join Swindon midfielder Michael Doughty, who went to Harrow. "Swindon need a few more high-class footballers," Ian told me.





Tyler Ibbotson is a Shropshire lad but felt that he learnt a lot on the playing fields of Durham University, where he played for University College. Tyler and I must have just missed out on being at Durham at the same time, as Tyler in his late twenties now. He is very keen to develop his C squad into players who will enjoy their football and play with a flourish and a smile. “It’s not about winning but playing the Shrewsbury way,” he added.



The D team squad is being coached by Giles Bell. I told myself that I was looking forward to coaching some players who were nearly the finished article but just needed a little fine-tuning if



they are to play the Brighton way. I like to ensure that my players think about the game, and Caesar S and Rufus T were clearly thinking deeply about what I had told them.



Jonty R is very keen to play rugby but thoroughly enjoys tackling both the opposition and his own teammates. Jacky C wants to be a TV film star.







A few young, talented sportsmen have indicated that they might wish to leave the Under-14D squad. There are rumours of discontent in the playing style. "I am a Fulham fan," Johnny F told me. I sense the Brighton mantra is not to everyone's taste but I am sure that I can win them over. Archie C was very upbeat about my coaching. "If I wasn't in the A squad, I would revel in the way of the Seagull," he told me. Archie finished a close second to Ben W in the New Pupils' Race. He is hoping his superior fitness will gain him a regular place in the A team. "I have always wanted to be in the A team," Archie admitted. (So have I, and some people think I look a bit like Mr T. I should add they are my partially sighted friends.) I wondered where his natural ability and fitness came from. "I think I get my passing ability from my father. He is a very fast driver," Archie stated confidently.

There was a further chance to shine in the Third Form Six-a-Side competition.

Radbrook were crowned this year's champions, defeating a talented Port Hill team 1-0 in the semi-finals and then overpowering a valiant Ingram's side in the final.



It is a competition that attracts spectators from all round the world.

Mrs Corson had flown in from Texas to watch her son Nick, only to discover he had picked up an injury.



Joumana Salman was looking forward to watch Karl, having flown in from Dubai. “I live for football,” I think I heard her say.

Shelley and Will Powell had flown in from Tanzania to watch Sebastian see if he could retain the trophy his brother Oliver helped Ingram’s win last year.



I asked them what had encouraged them to make the trip. “Obviously it is great to see our sons, but I think the standard of refereeing makes this tournament what it is. To be able to see





everything from a stationary position in the middle of the pitch is quite a remarkable feat,” they both said at the same time.



I have had to develop this style of refereeing on the advice of my doctor who is worried about possible burn-out, which I must guard against given my importance to world football.

It was clear from my close vantage point that many young footballers were thoroughly enjoying themselves and this generation of Shrewsbury footballers look full of promise and enthusiasm.

Upon my return from a school recruitment fair in Hong Kong, I was eager to see how this year’s Under-14D team would start the season. My week away meant that it had been difficult to instil my brand of football upon them, but I was hopeful that a quick chat before the game would give them all the necessary information required.

With the team 4-0 up at half-time, it was time to impart some more detailed tactical awareness for the second half as I rotated my keen and enthusiastic squad.

Captain Buster R led by example, as he covered almost every blade of grass on the pitch. “I am a big fan of grass,” he told me.

Play-maker Tom H controlled the game from the middle of the pitch. “My dad has been very influential in my football career,” he admitted, “and he was coached by you, Sir.”



It was good to see a second-generation player completely immersed in a particular style of play and, yes, I did feel very proud. With a final victory tally of 7-1 it was a good start for a team that will continue to improve – although sometimes a team can peak too early.

The under-14Ds have been busy, as in the space of the next few days they played another two matches. Fixture congestion is not something I worry about, as the squad's fitness regime is always intense. "Sometime Mr Bell makes us jog to the pitch," Ben R admitted.

Ben was captain for the tough away fixture at Prestfelde to play their 2nd XI. A team well drilled by enthusiastic Prestfelde coach Simon Sowdon, (who has connections with Senior Management at Shrewsbury), was always going to be a tricky fixture. Rumours abound that Mr Sowdon had access to my team tactical awareness document by using Miss Peak's school computer. I was happy to believe Mr Sowdon when he told me he does not know how to use a computer. "I don't know how to use a computer," he said, Mr. Sowdon is Head of IT at Prestfelde.

I too had insider knowledge, as captain Ben R (ex-Prestfelde) talked me through the type of football Mr Sowdon likes his teams to play. The score at half-time was 1-1 with Prestfelde scoring twice! After a brief but I like to think inspirational half-time chat, the picture changed, courtesy of two goals from James C and Boris P, and we ended up 4-1 victors.





I was able to tell the gallant Prestfelde team that if they come to Shrewsbury next year they will be able to benefit from my half-time talks. They seemed elated by that prospect.

Next stop it was Packwood, where we found ourselves 2-0 down at half-time. The disappointed team needed a lengthier chat this time, as I reminded them that I had been to ‘the mountain top’ and seen the final score. Two goals by man of the match Tom H, who was delighted to be in a victorious team playing against his younger brother, and well-taken strikes by Eddie W, Dan S and Freddie W, saw us to a 5-2 win.

On the other pitch the under-14Cs were held to a 1-1 draw after a last-minute equaliser. Manager Tyler Ibbotson was not happy. “I am not happy” he told me.

The under-14As have been busy winning this week, with coach Sam Mitchell purring after wins against the Priory and The Shewsy.



*The A team and the Shewsy*

Bradfield await us on Saturday. Let’s hope they have not hacked my half-time talk document!

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## Hockey News Round-Up

Thursday 20 September 2018

*As we look forward to hosting the U16 County Hockey Tournament at Shrewsbury next week, a quick update on the Senior teams' recent matches.*

In their first match of the season away against King's School Chester, the Girls' 1st XI drew (3-3). Having been 0-2 down at the break, this represented a good comeback and, indeed, had a goal disallowed towards the end that would have won the game.

The goals came from Amelie Davies, Georgie Nicholas and Phoebe Wasdell; special mentions to Fifth Formers Adelaide Sillar and Georgie Nicholas stepping up to the 1st team and to the Player of the Match Ella Niblett.

They were disappointed to lose to Repton in an exciting game last Saturday, but had a good win against King's School, Worcester this Wednesday, 2-1.

The 2nd XI began their season with two losses against Repton and Stafford Grammar but enjoyed a great win on Wednesday against Wolverhampton Grammar, beating them 3-2.



# Summer Gliding Camp

Thursday 20 September 2018

*The annual Gliding Camp, held at the Midlands Gliding Club on the Long Mynd and open to all members of the RAF Section of the CCF, was a resounding success, as Flt Lt DM Wray describes.*

With the incredibly hot weather in June predicted to continue throughout July, this year's Gliding Camp was set to be a good one. Only Jack had previously attended one of these camps, so the others had to pick up new skills fast, starting on day one with unpacking the hangar. With up to nine aircraft to remove on a daily basis, and put back again in the correct order and position, this was an early challenge in paying attention and getting stuck in. At least we had a good breakfast first!

Moving the aircraft often requires fairly heavy duty equipment, including jacks, winches (manual and electronic), levers, trolleys and cars. The pupils did well to get to grips with most of these very quickly.



*(Above:) Ivan jacking up the T21; (Below:) Theo manoeuvring the K8 out of the hangar*





The central activity was, of course, gliding. While training progressed well for all the pupils in the 'modern' K13 and K21 gliders, we were all fortunate enough to have a joyride in an almost antique, open-cockpit T21. Despite temperatures in the thirties, I was glad of the woolly hat provided!



*(Above:) Grace and Andrew in the T21  
(Below:) Milton in the K13; Jasper in the K21*





The achievement of the week was Jack Li earning his solo gliding wings, which are long overdue as he has been thwarted by weather on a number of occasions.



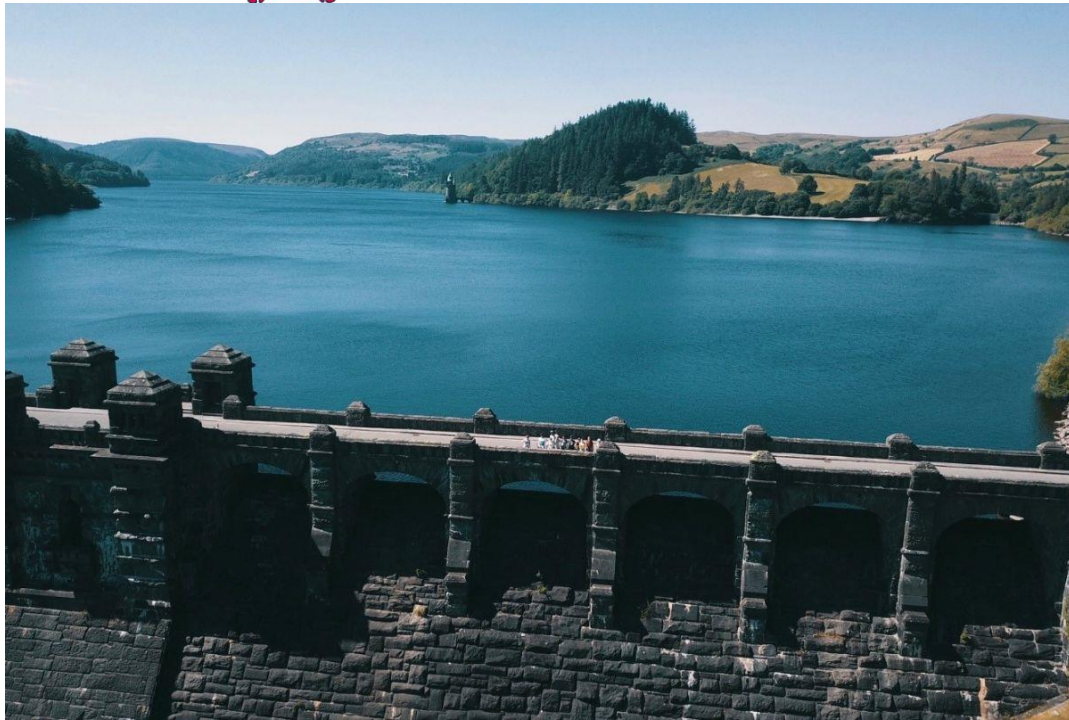
*(Above) Jack on approach; (Below) Just after landing*



Unfortunately (and probably inevitably at the Long Mynd), there was a day and half where the weather made flying impossible. Despite soaring temperatures, the gliders couldn't be launched on Monday afternoon or Tuesday due to strong Easterly winds. Therefore, we had to find alternative pursuits. Jack had brought his remote-control drone along, which enabled us to see Shropshire from the air anyway, thanks to its high definition mounted camera. With a range of 7km, and a battery life not much longer, Jack was able to 'fly us' to Bishop's Castle and to Church Stretton without putting down our cups of tea!

On the Tuesday, we visited what remains of Montgomery Castle and continued to Lake Vynwy on our sightseeing tour. Having hired bikes, everybody had a great time cycling a lap of the lake before indulging in some high-quality ice cream in the sun. Ivan (O) delighted in playing the role of Tour de France-style camera man. Jack goes nowhere without his drone, apparently, so we all lined up for a panoramic group photograph, pictured below.





*View across the dam at Lake Vyrnwy, courtesy of Jack's drone. If you look closely, we're all there!*

Evenings were spent in the Club House and garden, playing croquet, frisbee and 'spoons' or watching films after lovely evening meals courtesy of the Club catering team or local pubs and restaurants.



*In the club house, from left: Ivan (O), Grace (M), Andrew (PH), Jack (Rt), Ivan (SH), Milton (SH), Theo (SH), Jasper (Rt)*



*View West from the Midlands Gliding Club, Long Mynd.*

As the sun set on another year of gliding for Shrewsbury School CCF cadets (and quite literally over our evening game of croquet), I was already looking forward to next year! As you can see, this is a truly stunning location for a summer camp and we are all extremely grateful to the Midlands Gliding Club, and in particular to our regular instructor Paul Fowler, for their continued support for our pupils in their gliding tuition and for everything they do both on and off the ground.

*Flt Lt DM Wray*





## Football News Round-Up

Thursday 20 September 2018

*It's been a busy and successful start to the football season. Here are some of the recent highlights.*

The **1st XI** had two outstanding performances last week – one yielding a win, one a loss. The win came against Welsh Premier League side TNS's U18 academy team – 1-0 with the goal from Nathan Day. On Saturday King's Chester were the visitors and, despite dominating possession, a lack of composure around the box led to a 1-2 loss. The goal of the game came from a measured pass by Toby Pegge (PH) for Charles Harpin to cross to Luke Bourne-Arton to head home at the far post.

The **2nd XI** won against Ludlow (3-1) last week, drew against Idsall's 1st XI (1-1) and won a feisty encounter last Saturday against King's Chester (4-3). They were disappointed to lose 1-3 against Millfield this week.

The **U16As** won their early matches vs Idsall (3-1) and Oswestry (2-1) and this week had a great win away against Millfield 3-1.

The **U15As** also won their matches vs Idsall (4-3) and vs Kings Chester (2-1). This week they won through the first round of the national ISFA Investec Cup competition, beating Abbey Gate College 5-1. The following day they proceeded to beat Millfield away 2-0.

The **U16Bs** are in great form, winning 10-1 against Priory School last week and beating Millfield away this week 2-0.

The **U15Bs** had a very comfortable 17-0 win against Priory School. They lost their matches against Oswestry and Thomas Telford but were delighted to win away against Millfield 2-0.



### Third Form Six-a-Side Tournament



A fabulous afternoon of House football last Saturday eventually saw Radbrook beat last year's champions, Ingram's, to win the trophy for the first time since 2012.

Radbrook had dominated Group A, with School House, Severn Hill and Ingram's all tied with 3 points and 4 goals scored. So it came down to the head-to-head in individual matches, with Ingram's progressing to the semi-final.

In the semi-final they faced a strong-looking Oldham's team that had won group B by a single point from Port Hill (8 points) and Rigg's (7 points).

Final standings after all matches:

1st – Radbrook

2nd – Ingram's

3rd/4th – Port Hill/Oldham's

5th – Rigg's

6th – Severn Hill

7th – School House

8th – Ridgemount

9th – Churchill's





## Cricket: Salopian contributions to Worcestershire CCC success

Thursday 20 September 2018

*Just days after Lower Sixth Former Peter Clark made an exciting debut with Worcestershire 2nd XI, three Old Salopians were involved in Worcestershire CCC's historic victory in the Vitality T20 Blast.*

Peter Clark (Rb) was thrilled to be selected to play for Worcestershire 2nd XI in a T20 match against the Ministry of Defence 1st XI on Tuesday 11th September - a remarkable achievement for such a young player. He found himself playing alongside Ben Cox, who scored a century and secured his place back in the 1st team a few days later. Peter had a great match too, finishing with the top bowling figures of 4-1-10-3.



A few days later, on 15th September, three Old Salopians were involved in the finals of the Vitality T20 Blast 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) scored 28 n.o. and added 72 runs for the 6th wicket with Ben Cox, as WCCC totalled 169. He then made two run outs and picked up the vital of Livingstone, as Worcester restricted Lancashire to 149.

Oliver Westbury (S), who had made his 1st team debut earlier in the week, fielded for 16 overs as a 12th man sub for Luke Wood.

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

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

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







## Third Former Kitty wins national bronze gymnastics medal

Thursday 20 September 2018

*Many congratulations to Kitty S-P (M), who in the midst of Foundation Fortnight succeeded in winning a bronze medal at the Junior British Teams Gymnastics Championships.*



Kitty was competing for her club, Park Wrekin, against the top Junior Teams from 21 other gymnastics clubs across the country. The Team Championships is one of the biggest events in the British Gymnastics calendar and used as a basis for selecting national squads.

Not being able to miss any training in the lead-up to the competition meant that Kitty had to do a major juggling act with her academic work and other school commitments during Foundation Fortnight. But Kitty's success is all the more remarkable – and all the sweeter – because it has also been achieved in the face of a major and recent injury. She was selected to trial for the British Teams Championships last year, but in the run-up to the trials she dislocated and fractured her elbow, tearing away all the ligaments. The complexity of the injury meant that she had to undergo two operations and months of physio. Even more devastatingly, she was told that she would probably never be able to do gymnastics again, or straighten her arm.



Determined not to let that be true, Kitty worked and trained hard – and succeeded in winning selection for the British Championships in March. “It was early days after my injury and I wasn’t at full strength,” she says. “So it meant a lot to me to be selected again for the British Teams Championships and to be able to put in a good performance. To come away with an unexpected medal was a wonderful bonus.”







## The news this week 100 years ago: 21st - 27th September 1918

Thursday 20 September 2018

*This week we remember two former pupils.*

**Lieutenant John Edward Becker**, London Div. Signal Coy. Royal Engineers. Churchill's, left in 1906.

As a coffee planter he joined the Uganda Defence Force in 1914, but came home to a commission with the Royal Engineers. Serving in Gallipoli, he was evacuated on 20th December 1915, going to Salonika in charge of a wireless station. In 1916 he returned to East Africa, taking part in "that marvellous trek across the wilds of German East Africa, suffering much from hardship, fever and privation".

He died of illness in Tanzania on 21st September 1918, aged 30.

*Buried at Dar Es Salaam (Upanga Road) Cemetery, Tanzania. Grave VIII. C. 8.*

**Lieutenant John Dunning Gaunt Lewis**, 3rd Bn. attd. 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House and Day Boys, Cricket XI, left in 1911 for a sugar plantation in Jamaica.

Commissioned in 1915, he went to Gallipoli with the North Staffordshires and was evacuated from Suvla Bay or Cape Helles, going then to Mesopotamia. He was severely wounded in the lung during an attempt to relieve Kut. After a period of convalescence, he went back to his own regiment and returned to France in November 1915.

He was killed in action in France on 24th September 1918, aged 26, and is buried at Vadencourt British Cemetery, Maissemy, France. Grave V. G. 2. North Staffordshire Regiment.



*Vadencourt British Cemetery*

## New Entrants' Concert

Friday 21 September 2018

*The New Entrants' Concert is always one of the major highlights of the start of term, where talent, enthusiasm and exciting potential are in abundance.*

*This year's concert did not fail to disappoint, with a feast of music on offer making this a night to remember!*



Playing to a packed Alington Hall, **Jasper H (O)** immediately set a high bar with a toe-tappingly cool rendition of *The Pink Panther*. Jasper was the first of four saxophonists to perform, which will have been welcome news to Head of Woodwind Maria McKenzie who will no doubt be delighted to welcome such a talented quartet into her impressive sax group. **Harry W (Rb)** impressed with his version of *Tango Till You Drop*, which was well received by audience members missing their Saturday night fix of *Strictly Come Dancing*, whilst **Elliot I (Rb)** tackled the extraordinarily complex Jazz Sonata by Lawson Lunde. Later in the programme we were treated to a *Pink Panther* encore with the piece also chosen by **William S (R)**, providing the audience with a fascinating insight into different styles and interpretations of the same piece.



More jazz was offered up by **Michael L S (PH)**, who bravely tackled an unaccompanied jazz solo, whilst fellow former Prestfelde pupil **Guy D (Rb)** got the toes tapping again with the Big Band swing favourite *Chatanooga Choo Choo*. Further brass expertise came from both **Edward P (R)**, whose *Trumpet Voluntary* by John Stanley was executed with aplomb, and from **Rachel E (M)**, the sole horn player of the evening, whose performance on the night suggests that she will be a stalwart in the School Symphony Orchestra before long.





Three string players made their Salopian debut. The first was **Sapna C (G)**, whose *Air for Cello* by JS Bach I had in fact previously enjoyed the pleasure of hearing whilst attending a concert at her former school, Pembroke House in Kenya. It was a further joy to hear for the first time **Ethan C-W (R)**, who provided a rich sound on his viola and a rousing finale to the 'Waltz' from Tchaikowsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*. Similar vigour and poise was seen from **Jackie C (Rt)**, who commanded the stage and was the very picture of composure as he wowed the audience with Mozart's Concerto in G Major, written when the composer was just 19 years old. Now there's something to aim for whilst at Shrewsbury...



The flute section were equally well represented and here, too, Shrewsbury's orchestra look set to enjoy some rich talent coming through. **Oscar E (PH)** is certainly a young musician to watch, and his hauntingly beautiful rendition of Andy Scott's piece *And Everything Was Still* will live long in the memory. Oscar is in fine company, with fellow flautist **Phoebe C (EDH)** treating the ethereal undulations of Rutter's melodies in his 'Prelude' from *Suite Antique* with considerable sophistication and sensitivity. **Joyce L (M)** deserves equal praise as an accomplished flautist in her own right and she should be commended for her flawless performance of JS Bach's *Sonata for Flute in E Minor*. Also worthy of commendation is **Samuel W (Ch)**, who follows in a long line of fine clarinetists at Shrewsbury. Judging by his performance of Standford's *Intermezzo No 3*, that rich tradition looks to be in good health for years to come.



So the Orchestra certainly looks to be receiving a significant injection of talent in the coming years, but we will also no doubt hear more from a talented trio of new pianists who provided considerable variety in their choice of pieces and shone in equal measure. **Irina L (G)** chose the well-known *Ancora* by film composer Ludovico Einaudi which, impressively, she played from memory. In contrast, **Arthur H-B (I)** transported us back to the Romantic era with a sublime and mature treatment of Chopin's *Nocturne in Bb Minor*, a piece of astonishing difficulty for such a young pianist, all the more remarkable given that this is not his main instrument. (He is widely regarded as one of the most talented young organists in the country.) Further praise should be heaped upon **Sherry S (EDH)**, who provided us with the self-penned piece *Time That Has Passed By*, a world première no less! I am reliably informed by Sherry that this piece – and others – are available for viewing on YouTube. (I said I'd give her a plug...)



Finally, but by no means least, we were treated to a rich variety of songs from five of the performers, all of whom we will no doubt enjoy hearing more from, whether in Chapel Choir, school musicals or Open Mic nights. Joining the Fourth Form from St Peter's School,





York, **Tabitha W (G)** sang a beautiful rendition of 'Far From the Home I Love' from *Fiddler on the Roof*, whilst **Kate W (M)** also dipped into the Musicals repertoire with a performance of 'Popular' from *Wicked* that was a real treat. With experience of the West End stage already, no doubt Kate will be eager to perform on the Ashton stage in due course.



Folksongs with literary inspiration were provided by **Annabel T (EDH)**, whose mellifluous style was well suited to Alexander L'Estrange's setting to music of Tennyson's poem *Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal*. **Reuben L-B (Rb)** sang *Down by the Sally Gardens* by WB Yeats and set to music by Rebecca Clarke, his rich baritone voice suggestive that this is an emerging talent who we will hear more from. The same I hope will be true for **Branton Z (R)**, whose version of Justin Bieber's *Love Yourself* brought the house down and was a firm favourite on the night. Preceding his performance with the suggestion "sing along if you know it", many amongst the audience (both young and less young) took him up on that invitation.

Once again this was a wonderful celebration of the emerging talents joining the School, and Director of Music John Moore was keen to note at the end of the evening that, on the basis of this group of talented individuals, music at Shrewsbury will be in very good health indeed for many years to come.

Thanks go to all performers and to Mr Moore, Mr Mason and Mr Joyce for rehearsing the pupils and accompaniment on the night.

*Peter Middleton, Deputy Head (Co-Curricular)*  
*with thanks to Dr Richard Case for the photographs*

# Just Published: Pupil creative writing anthology

Friday 21 September 2018

*The third volume of Shrewsbury's pupil-led anthology of creative writing, Fire Engine, is fresh off the press...*

With a theme of 'Homage', contributions reflect talent from across the whole School, including prize-winning work from the Lower School and pieces from international pupils, whose creative sincerity shines through the challenge of writing in a second language.

In a year-long search for stimuli and engagement during Thursday afternoon activities, the creative writing group, shepherded by Mr Fraser-Andrews, have sought out the buzz of Birmingham's contemporary art scene at the city's IKON gallery and sci-fi city library, tramped among fossils on Wenlock Edge for some al fresco Housman, and ventured on a Battlefield tour of Shrewsbury's blood-soaked, medieval past.

Edited with delicate vision by Maja Stockley (G) – and ably assisted by Koby Ferdinand-Okpala (SH) – contributors also include Lara Gabbitas (EDH), Silvia Pacheco-Lozano (MSH) and Albert Koch (Ch), as well as highlights from the Art Faculty's Summer Exhibition 2018 by Sebastian Ingram (S), James Crewdson (PH), Archie Free (Rt), Rowan Walker (MSH), Damian Kam (I) and Pak Yin Lee (Rt).

## Lightly Dark - If Shoes Could Talk

Grey,  
dark,  
Dark glances,  
black feet.  
Grey sky,  
grey,  
dark,  
and black.

If I could define life with only colours, I would say dark grey, nearly black.

The houses are not completely covered; there is always a broken door, or a broken window, or a broken roof, or a broken family. We all bring something broken, and if we do not, life just looks for a way to break it.

Tell me. Just tell me, if my life is going to be like this, feeling that cold end, an intruder that explored all my body, little by little, but at the same time faster and faster, it remains inside of me like a parasite, so long that it is practically a part of me - practically. It is quite ironic how if I didn't have skin, I would still feel heavy. But, you know what is more ironic? That some people, would walk the same streets, but with shoes covering their clean feet, with clothes blocking the cold, with beautiful houses and beautiful families and beautiful lives, and then me. Me. Me that doesn't have enough, and them. Them that have enough. What reason did I have to keep going with my life? I may not have any good reason, but this won't be my life. Maybe I was born with this bad luck, but I am going to change things.

There we were, my neighbour, the cobbler outside his shop, and others, whispering and moving nervously, because there was a tiny sparkle there, knowing that something was going to change. We all look at each other, and when the drummer started to play its first few notes, we all dance and sing. And we may not have done something big that day, but we did something, that changed a little of another something, and another, and another. — SPL



Pak Yin Lee.





The new volume closes, appropriately enough, with a respectful nod to Shrewsbury's two most famous alumni and a much-loved former member of the Common Room in an imagined letter-exchange between the statues of Charles Darwin and Sir Philip Sidney on Central, the chosen task for this year's Schützer-Weissmann Letter Writing Prize, which was organised by Mr Hudson and judged by former Head of Biology, Andrew Allott. The prize was generously endowed by Salopian parent Aidan Hartley in memory of the inimitable Schutz, former Head of the English Faculty, for whom a letter was always an occasion for kindness, thought and wit. (See news article: [A Letter from Charles Darwin to Sir Philip Sidney](#))

*Fire Engine Volume 3: Homage* can now be enjoyed in the real world in a 36-page bumper edition, available now in Houses, from the Moser Library, or from E3 in MSB.

It is available in pdf form here: [Fire Engine Volume 3](#)

## FIRE ENGINE



Volume 3: Homage  
September 2018



# Fencing: Salopian success in the Men's Junior Epée

Thursday 27 September 2018

*Congratulations to James Hinwood, who last weekend finished in sixth place in the Leon Paul BRC Men's Junior Epée.*

Held at the Leon Paul Centre in London, the event attracted 85 of the top U20 épéists in the country.

In the first round of poules, James won four fights out of six, giving him a ranking of 25th into the direct elimination stage of the competition.

At the 64 stage he met Ethan Kew (Redhill and Reigate), winning this fight 15-9.

Going into the last 32 stage he met George Morris (Redhill and Reigate), winning 15- 13.

In the last 16, he met Begley-Jones (Redhill- Reigate), winning 15-12.

Into the last eight, he met James Russell (Redhill-Reigate) losing 15-12.

Overall James finished in sixth place, a very creditable performance giving him valuable points in the British Junior rankings.

*Ken Holding, Wrekin Sword*







## World Champion inspires a new generation of squash players

Thursday 27 September 2018

*Some of our pupils have been lucky enough to spend two hours on court recently with three-times World Champion Nick Matthew.*

Nick Matthew, known as 'The Wolf', is England's most successful player in the sport's history: current National Champion, a three-time World Champion, a three-time Commonwealth gold medallist and three-time British Open Champion.

On 15th September he visited the [Shropshire Squash Club](#), which is based at Shrewsbury School, to pass on hints and tips and help inspire Club members old and young - and Shrewsbury School squash players.

Shropshire Squash Club boasts more than 200 members, including more than 30 juniors, competing in around 20 internal leagues. Their partnership with Shrewsbury School provides ideal facilities, and the School's Sports Facility Manager Ed Moore believes bringing in a star with the stature of Matthew is a sign of how much the Club have progressed recently. "The attendance of Nick Matthew highlights how far the club has grown over the last four years and its desires for the future," he said. "It's a pleasure to be part of the enthusiastic and developing club."

Shropshire's oldest squash club hold a proud history. Formed by a small group of enthusiastic teachers just after the Second World War, their original court still stands today – albeit no longer in use.

The current courts have been in use since 1979, and the fruits of the club's labour are now growing. In April they hosted their first national event – and the first ever to be held in the county.



# The news 100 years ago: 28th September - 4th October 1918

Thursday 27 September 2018

*We remember three Old Salopians whose centenary of death in World War 1 falls this week.*

## **Major Percival Thomas Priestley, 25th Casualty Clearing Station Royal Army Medical Corps.**

Moser's, left in 1906 for Birmingham University as a medical student. He went to the Front in August 1914.

*He died of influenza in Greece, 28th September 1918, aged 30.*

*He is buried at Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave 1535*

## **Second Lieutenant Robert Edward Holt Leech, 1st/4th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.**

Bennett's (now Severn Hill), left in 1916. From the spring to the autumn of 1918 he was engaged in battles on the Southern Line in France. During the critical engagements in the Champagne he was with his battalion when, for its splendid fighting qualities and successes, it was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm Leaf.

These documents provide details of what was actually inscribed on an individual's headstone. Their main purpose was to help manage the enormous programme of headstone production and engraving embarked on by the Commission.

*He was killed in action in France, 30th September 1918, aged 21.*

*He is buried at Bethune Town Cemetery, France. Grave III. J. 26.*

## **Captain Frederick Wystan Hipkins MC, 6th Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment).**

Churchill's, left in 1904 and became an architect. Enlisting first, he was later commissioned on 2nd July 1915. He served for three years on the Front and was awarded the MC posthumously, following the capture of Bellenglise.

His battalion formed part of the 46th Division, which had won undying laurels in the series of attacks on the Germans at St Quentin. His commanding officer wrote: "in the decisive action by which Nord Canal was carried on 29th Sept, Captain Hipkins did some magnificent work which received official recognition after his career was so unhappily cut short a few days later. At the time of his death he was attempting to secure a nest of 20 machine guns."

*He was killed in action in France, 3rd October 1918, aged 32.*

*He is buried at Bellicourt British Cemetery, France. Grave II. O. 2.*





*Captain Frederick Wistan Hipkins MC. Photos courtesy of Michael Briggs*

# RSSBC welcomes World Champion Alex Gregory to the Boat Club Dinner

Friday 28 September 2018

*The Boat Club held their annual dinner on Thursday 20th September and were honoured to welcome Olympic gold medallist and five-time World Champion Alex Gregory MBE.*



It was tremendous to get the whole Club under one roof to celebrate some of last year's success and, even more importantly, to set the tone for the year ahead.

The School catering team Holroyd Howe produced a delicious meal for the Club to enjoy before speeches. Mr Lapege, in his retiring year, spoke of the special spirit and tradition the Boat Club has to offer and the wonderful opportunity that lies ahead for the current boys and girls to seize. Last year's Captain of Boats, Tomas Shiels, shared his five-year journey with the Boat Club and how much it has meant to him.

We were delighted to welcome as our guest speaker Alex Gregory MBE, two-time Olympic gold medallist and five-time World Champion. Alex gave a very open and inspiring talk about the challenges he has faced during his rowing career and what it was like to win a gold medal in the Coxless Four in front of the home crowd at the London Olympics. He then presented trophies to the winners of the Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls competition, one of the most historic inter-House fixtures in the RSSBC calendar, dating back to the 1860s, which this year took place on 15th September.

#### **Winners of the Victoria Sculls:**

Louis Nares (I L6) and Maggie Page (M L6)





**Winners of the Sabrina Sculls:**

Orlando Williams (Rt 5) and Natalie Dee (G 5)

**Winners of the Williams Sculls:**

Freddie Foulger (PH 4) and Maddie Flood (M 4)

*Athol Hundermark, Director of Rowing*



*Victoria Sculls winners Maggie Page and Louis Nares with Alex Gregory*



## Fourth Former Rosa achieves violin Diploma with distinction

Friday 28 September 2018

*Many congratulations to Rosa L (M), who has passed her violin Diploma with a distinction. This is a significant achievement for any musician, but for a Fourth Former it is particularly remarkable.*

Her teacher, David Joyce (Head of Strings), expressed his delight and pride: “Rosa is the youngest student to take the LTCL level Performance Diploma that I have ever taught. She invested a great deal of time over the summer to polish off the pieces we worked on last year and she most certainly deserves her final mark.”

David has a long association with all of the pieces Rosa played: “I had lessons in Israel on the Schumann sonata, played Bach's Concerto in E Major often as a boy, and my Czech teacher (Kveta Vanacek) would be delighted (were she still here) that the violin teachers and students of today keep the Smetana alive. Well done, Rosa!”





# Chapel Choir sing Evensong at Trinity College, Oxford

Friday 28 September 2018

*Shrewsbury School Chapel Choir travelled to Oxford on Tuesday to sing Evensong in the beautiful Chapel of Trinity College - an uplifting experience for singers and congregation alike, as Richard Hudson describes.*



Barely three weeks into a new academic year, after only a handful of rehearsals, the Choir found itself on the road again. The contrast could not have been greater between this trip and our last Choral Evensong on 28th February, when our Longmynd coach battled its way through rapidly-accumulating snow to Hereford Cathedral, for a chilly service sparsely attended by a loyal handful of hardy and very warmly wrapped-up parents.

In balmy, cloudless late September sunshine the Choir - for reasons of space in the Chapel minus the new Third Form recruits - set off in the late morning from the School. An early start time for the service, 5:15 pm, precluded the possibility of down time amongst the dreaming spires – a hasty cup of tea in a café across Broad Street, squashed in between rehearsal and service, had to suffice; but the sun-filled, intimate magnificence of the Trinity College quad provided all the atmosphere we needed.



The Choir and congregation of parents, prospective parents, Old Salopians, current and former members of staff filled the Chapel and roughly balanced each other out. Recently reopened after extensive renovation, this perfectly proportioned and intimate space seemed ideally suited to the musical fare on offer.

Arthur Hope Barton, a remarkably accomplished Third Former and only in his fourth week at Shrewsbury, provided us with a Bach Fugue as an opening organ voluntary. This was followed by the contemporary American composer Stephen Paulus' exquisite reworking of the Spiritual *The Road Home*, setting an appropriately tranquil atmosphere for the service to come, which included music from many different eras.

The Tudor period was represented by William Byrd's B minor Canticles and the Ayleward Responses, the late Romantic period by the anthem, Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, with the pervading air of calm briefly brushed aside by Stanford's rousing arrangement of Psalm 150. The service was brought to a magnificent close with one of the happiest ever marriages of words and melody, *Love Divine* to the stately triple-time tune Blaenwern, with the combined voices of choir and congregation surely audible some way down Broad Street.

Spiritually refreshed, the more earthly needs of the Choir were catered for in the magnificent college hall, cheek-by-jowl with undergraduates up early for the Michaelmas Term.





Refreshed and reinvigorated, a short walk through the timeless streets of Oxford took us to the buses parked outside Blackfriars in St Giles before one Arcadia was forsaken for another.

The occasion was graced by the presence of many distinguished Old Salopians as well as by that of our new Headmaster, Leo Winkley, with his wife Jules, who attended Trinity College as an undergraduate. As ever, the inspiration behind this grand day out was provided by Director of Chapel Music Alex Mason and organist Dr John Godwin – the latter, happily for us, back at Shrewsbury teaching Classics again after several attempts at retirement.

*RTH*