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## Shrewsbury School Summer Telephone Campaign, 3rd - 24th July 2017

Tuesday 1 August 2017

*For three weeks in July, Shrewsbury School held its annual telephone campaign. Once again this was hugely successful.*

Our team of 14 Sixth Formers and recent leavers spoke to over 800 Old Salopians and parents, and had many interesting and enjoyable conversations. This year's telephone campaigns combined have raised pledges of over £200,000 for bursaries and important projects such as the redevelopment of the Moser Library.

The campaign has now finished, but it is still possible to make a gift by downloading our [gift form](#) or, if you would like to make a donation online, by visiting <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/shrewsburyfoundation>

## Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong Orientation Day for new students

Thursday 3 August 2017



A big thank you to Mike Wright, the new Director of Internationalism, who postponed his house-moving in Shrewsbury and made a quick stopover to join us for our Orientation Day on 15th July. Mike gave a presentation on the School and answered many queries from new parents.



*L-R: Marco Lee (OS, 2011-16), Mike Wright, Kevin Jim (OS, 2011-16), Colin Fung (OS 2011-16), Alvin Jim (Y11), Winston Lam (Y10), Adrian Lam (Y11)*

Over 80 people joined the event, including 21 new students from 19 families from Hong Kong plus one new Third Former and his father from Guangzhou. They found the orientation most informative and useful.

The networking and WhatsApp chat groups they established that day will ensure an effective exchange of information in future.



*Committee of the FSSHK (L-R): Dennis Lo, Eva Luk, Amy Lau, Helen Mayhew, Mike Wright, Betty Ip, Palene Yip, Cherry Cheung*



*L-R: Winston Lam (Y10), Andrew Chan (Y10), Mike Wright, Amos Cheung (Y10), Adrian Lam (Y11), Jasper Yip (Y10), Alvin Jim (Y11)*



## The Alwoody

Thursday 3 August 2017

On a beautiful summer's morning with cooling wind, OSGS held their third successive meeting in three years at the Alwoodley. The course lies tranquilly on Lord Harewood's Wigton Moor. Dr Alistair Mackenzie helped with the design of the course and was the Club's first secretary.

Two years ago there were five players at this event; last year there were six: this year we blossomed to 15 players including new members Eddie White (M 2005-10), Ben Jones (G 2006-11) (from Dubai), Raff Mckenzie (O 2005-10) and his brother Hamish (O 2005-10). Eddie White brought along his father as a birthday present, to him, and the Mckenzie brothers brought along their father Lindsay who has sent a foursome of sons to Shrewsbury. At lunch, we welcomed Mrs Hazel Crawford and John Farnell (Ch 1948-52), an all-rounder from Brookie's 1st X1s of 1951 and 1952.

The winning team with 76 points was Geoff Thomas (R 1988-93), Ben Jones, Raff Mckenzie and Eddie White.

The runners up with 70 points were John Smith (S 1978-83) (President of The Alwoodley), Lindsay Mckenzie, Tim Lewis (R 1950-55) (Hon. Sec) and A.Ghost.

In third place, also with 70 points, came Peter Ambler (R 1959-64), Oliver Eaton (Rt 1985-91), Richard Hanson (Rt 1986-91) and Hamish McKenzie.

We are grateful to the Alwoodley members for signing us all in at favourable rates.

## Rowing: Matt Rowe wins World Bronze Medal

Saturday 5 August 2017

*Many congratulations to Matt Rowe (SH 2012-17), stroke of the GB Junior Men's Eight, who won bronze at the 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships in Lithuania on 6th August.*



In an incredibly close final, the GB crew crossed the line just 0.16 of a second behind the USA and 1.13 seconds behind gold medallists Germany.

Barney Fox (PH 2012-17) also represented GB in the 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships, racing in the Men's Coxed Four.

## A Tour Worth Remembering (if only we could).

Wednesday 9 August 2017



We welcomed a tour party of 33 Saracens to Devon this year, including 12 debutants and 4 school leavers. The Wayfarer was rocking on Sunday evening as Sarries descended on North Devon from far and wide. It was an evening of drinks, introductions, roast beef and the usual trash talk from Jabba (Richard Mackay) that he feels in good nick...





After a lengthy selection meeting our strongest XI on tour was assembled for the week's flagship fixture against North Devon (NDCC) on the Monday who, as usual, fielded a premier league side including 3 overseas professionals. Batting first, Will Mason and Richard Mackay got the Saracens off to a flyer. Mason's all out aggression was sadly short lived; Mackay, however, was watchful, solid and determined from the off. Wickets tumbled as a strong NDCC attack hammered through our Cricketer Cup quality middle order. Mackay remained resolute, batting marvellously as he nudged passed 50 after lunch. Once the fluent Charlie Byrne was triggered by Saracen umpire, Vinoj, a game of 2 ends ensued as Kamikaze Saracens continued to throw wickets away from one end whilst slowly but surely the big man carried on from the other as the scoreboard read 200-7. The field up, silence around the ground, Mackay – exhausted, 99\*, faced up. A booming cover drive over the infield brought with it the largest cheer ever heard at the historic ground as the Sarries went absolutely nuts. It was quite simply one of the great tour moments. Sadly, Mackay's work was finished there as he fell next ball for 103 leaving Alasdair Pollock and Matt Mckeever to get the Sarries to a decent looking score of 283.

Steve Barnard's Sunday night behaviour was deemed sub-par by skipper Cox so a grumpy Barnard found himself running into the wind with the new ball. Dissension in the ranks was quickly quenched though as Alasdair Pollock knocked over a couple early to get the cauldron simmering gently. Matt Gregson, James Kidson & Pat Jacob bowled nicely as spin strangled NDCC but it was Matt Mckeever who provided the knockout blow as he dismissed the Australian pro and then dismantled the tail. NDCC 195 all out. A famous win & an imposing all round performance from the Saracens.

Tuesday morning, always a period of calm as the tour party reflect on the previous night's proceedings. As ever it was a rip-roaring success. President, Nico Williams, and his senior golfing clan made it 50 Saracens, young and old, for dinner in the pavilion which capped off one of the most enjoyable Mondays on tour I can remember. The jubilation was short lived for the XI Sarries who took to the field on Tuesday morning up against a NDCC 2nd XI in full knowledge that Monday's performance was so strong that a catch had not even been dropped. Dan Orchard quickly saw to that particular issue shelling one at gully to everyone's relief. Despite that Charlie Cook and Alasdair Pollock continued to bowl beautifully with the new ball without luck. Toby Mason & Fred Earlam made up the attack with some decent off spin. However, despite another 4 wickets for Pollock, NDCC put an increasingly ragged Saracens fielding unit to the sword reaching 289-9 (declared). A couple of overs from Jack Brydon didn't help much either. Characteristically, Brydon got the Saracens off to a rapid start in response smashing a quick 30. Tom Atkin, Matt White & Dan Orchard all batted nicely for 30's but fell to some of NDCC's slower bowlers. Henry Lewis & Alasdair Pollock came together at 135-5 and during a gritty partnership were able to see the Saracens home for a comfortable 5 wicket win.



Competition continued off the field that night as 22 time tourist, Ben Chapman, led his team to victory in the annual “Tuesday night Olympics”. Unfortunately, Mackay, still euphoric after his ton, couldn’t control his team and consistent penalties left very few of them standing by the end of the evening. Whilst, Nick Graham’s team were left bemused at their leader’s antics, particularly during the round of “Broomsticks”.

Wednesday morning brought a bleak Devon day and the 20 or so Sarries left on tour were disappointed to hear that cricket was rained off for the day. An afternoon at MacDonald’s and Crazy Golf championships ensured morale remained high.

The annual T20 round robin on Thursday became a one match showdown between the Saracens and the Brasenose Strollers due to NDCC struggling with numbers to field another team. The Saracens posted 128 in 20 overs thanks to some strong stroke play upfront from George Lewis, a good knock from Dan Orchard and rear-guard action from Charlie Kidson & Tom Atkin. Arguably the strongest bowling performance of the week followed. Charlie Cook brutal with the new ball was backed up by, the now infamous, Jonty Newbould. Charlie Kidson, Tom Atkin, Ben Chapman and Henry Lewis skittled the remainder of the Strollers leaving them 30 short.



### **The Saracens undefeated!**

Another fantastic week on a tour that is currently full of momentum and long may it continue. As ever if you would like any more information or would like to come to Devon next August then please do get in touch [henrylewis05@gmail.com](mailto:henrylewis05@gmail.com)

Floreat!

On Tour: Ben Chapman (Rt 1995-2000), Scott Corbett (G 1994-99), Max Lilley (S 1992-97), Nick Graham (M 1981-86), Richard Mackay (S 1995-2000), Rob Hillman (M 1994-99), Tom Cox (M 2000-05), Jack Brydon (O 1999-2004), Alastair Mckeever (S 1998-2003), Matthew Mckeever (S 2003-08), Henry Lewis (I 2007-12), James Kidson (O 2003-08), Steve Barnard (Rb 2009-11), George Thomason (G 2006-11), Will Mason (S 2007-12), George Lewis (I 2010-15), Matt Gregson (Rb 2008-12), Alasdair Pollock (I 2010-12), Fred Earlam (Rt 2010-15), Charles Kidson (G 2009-14), Jamie Humes (I 2010-15), Max Mason (I 2007-12), Jack Flowers (I 2007-12), Jonty Newbould (Ch 2010-14), Charlie Cooke (R 2011-16), Matt White (S 2011-16), Toby Mason (I 2001-16), Henry Newbould (Ch 2011-16), Dan Orchard (PH 2012-17), Pat Jacob (PH 2012-17), Tom Atkin (O 2012-17), Charlie Byrne (O 2015-17), Vinoj Srinivasan (SH 2002-07)



## The news this week 100 years ago: 11th - 17th August 1917

Thursday 10 August 2017

*This week we remember Harold Ackroyd, one of two Old Salopians to be awarded the Victoria Cross.*

Captain **Harold S A Ackroyd VC MC**, Royal Army Medical Corps attd. 6th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), left in 1896 for Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and Guy's Hospital. Although fully qualified, he never practised, rather spending many years in research in Cambridge.

Commissioned in 1915, he was promoted Captain in 1916, gaining his MC in the same year, being wounded but remaining on duty.

His VC was awarded for conspicuous bravery: "During recent operations Captain Ackroyd displayed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. Utterly regardless of danger, he worked continuously many hours up and down the front of the line tending the wounded and saving the lives of officers and men. In so doing he had to move across the open under heavy machine-gun, rifle, and shell fire. He carried a wounded officer to a place of safety under very heavy fire.

"On another occasion he went some way in front of our advanced line and brought in a wounded man under continuous sniping and machine gun fire. His heroism was the means of saving many lives and providing a magnificent example of courage, cheerfulness and determination to the fighting men in whose midst he was carrying out his splendid work."

He was killed in action in Belgium, 11th August 1917, aged 40.

Remembered at Birr Cross Roads Cemetery, Belgium. Sp. Mem. 7.

*"At Buckingham Palace on September 26th there was one present who will certainly remember the day: The King advanced from the table to meet Mrs Ackroyd and her little son, shook hands with both, spoke words of earnest sympathy, and then handed the VC to Mrs Ackroyd and the Military Cross to her son. The youngster looked wide eyed at His Majesty and appeared not to understand. So His Majesty opened the case, showed him the decoration within and told him it was well won by his brave father." – The Salopian*



## Falklands Coincidence

Tuesday 15 August 2017

Have two Old Salopians ever been in the Falkland Islands at the same time before? Ross Bennett (M 2011-16) is currently living there, and a guest, Peter Hill (R 1965-70) spotted the latest edition of the Salopian on the coffee table, which made them realise the otherwise unknown connection.



Are there any other stories of Salopians meeting up in far flung corners of the world?



## Shrewsbury School celebrates another excellent year for A Level results

Wednesday 16 August 2017

*Pupils at Shrewsbury School have produced another excellent showing at A Level with over 77% of the examinations awarded an A\*, A or B grade. Particular success was enjoyed by candidates studying for the Cambridge Pre-U qualifications with over 50% of all results banded at the distinction level.*

The very pleasing overall picture is further enhanced by stories of success on an individual scale. 42 pupils achieved a full set of A or A\* grades and, of these, 11 achieved a clean sweep of A\* performances – placing them perfectly for entry to some of the country’s most prestigious universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

The quality of the grades achieved is impressive, but so is the variety of the subjects chosen by the pupils. Megan Redhead, for example, gained three A\*s and a distinction grade in Economics, English, Geography and French respectively while her fellow student, Mathew Hedges collected the top grades in Economics, Chemistry, Maths and Physics as well as an A grade in Further Maths at AS level.

AS examinations have also recorded some outstanding achievements with over 70% of all pupils studying Maths achieving an A grade and similarly brilliant results in the Extended Project Qualification where over 50% of pupils were awarded an A or an A\*.

The Headmaster, Mark Turner, expressed delight at the success of the pupils: “These excellent grades are a testament to the maturity and determination of our pupils and to the enthusiasm and professionalism of their teachers. We wish the pupils all the best as they move on to the next phase of their education and hope that they will continue to demonstrate their commitment to high-calibre achievement as they have done in their time at Shrewsbury School.”

For details of results by subject, please see: [2017 A Level and Pre-U results in detail](#)

## Marathon Mad Salopians - Sierra 260

Monday 21 August 2017

*Seven Old Salopians are running the challenge of their lives to help save lives in Sierra Leone and the UK. 10 marathons in 10 days - the Sierra 260 charity expedition in October 2017 is sure to push the team to their physical and mental limits.*



In late October of 2017, a group of fourteen friends will embark upon an extreme endurance charity expedition through Sierra Leone, running 10 marathons in 10 days and covering the length of the country. The challenge is in aid of two fantastic causes: Street Child and Mind, and not only will it raise funds for the most vulnerable people both in the UK and in Sierra Leone, but will also raise awareness of a desperate country that has been ravaged by civil war, the Ebola epidemic, recent natural disasters and extreme poverty resulting in hundreds of orphans living at risk.



Seven courageous and selfless Old Salopians are running in this challenge team whose participants range from army officers to accountants.

Whilst all fit young men, they are by no means all experienced runners, with only half of the entire 14 man team having ever run a marathon before. They are, however, guided by experienced expedition leader Michael Houston (R 2004-09), who has led a number of expeditions including cycling 2,000 miles across Africa, kayaking 800 miles across the Caribbean Sea and climbing Mt Aconcagua in South America. Michael's faithful core of marathon runners and expeditioners Edmund Magnus (Rt 2004-09), Charlie Sole (R 2004-09) and Tom McAlpine (Rt 2004-09) will help ensure the 'newbies' are in safe hands. Edward Thompson (O 2004-09) is no official marathon man to date, but running 110 miles in two days was surely the hardest way to start. Todd Langford-Archer (G 2004-09) is referred to as a 'Log' (tall and top heavy) but up for the challenge together with Hugo Tapp (PH 2003-08) who is using his drinks expertise to



keep the team hydrated! Ben Illingworth (M 2007-09) also lends his experience as part of the vital support team.



The expedition starts on the northern border with Guinea and spans 260 miles south west, culminating on the coast just south of the capital, Freetown. The challenge is nearly twice as far in distance as the Marathon des Sables (named the toughest footrace on Earth) and the team will face some of the toughest running conditions imaginable. Mountainous rainforests, uneven dirt tracks, combined with 90% humidity and 35 degree heat from start to finish, so camp (in the roughest sense of the word) will be set up at the end of each day's marathon. The route crosses the eastern highlands, where the first few days will be extremely hilly. Flatter terrain is through the middle section, and on the final approach to the coast they will face dense rainforests.

About the charities -



Street Child has a unique national presence in Sierra Leone, working in every major city and district to provide the help that the country's vulnerable children desperately need. It has grown from a small project helping reunite 100 street children with their families to an organisation working in four countries and providing education to over 53,000 children. The recent mudslide disaster has once again exacerbated the need for Street Child's funding and support.

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Mind does outstanding work to achieve its aim of providing advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem whilst also campaigning to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

How you can help –

If you would like to support the team in their unique adventure and donate to the challenge, please follow the link to their fundraising page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/sierra260>

The team will be holding a selection of events over the coming months in order to raise awareness, for further information please see below.

Email: [teamsierra260@gmail.com](mailto:teamsierra260@gmail.com)

Website: [www.sierra260.com](http://www.sierra260.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Sierra260/](http://www.facebook.com/Sierra260/)

We wish them Good Luck on their challenge – stay safe and well!

## Shrewsbury School celebrates impressive GCSE results

Wednesday 23 August 2017

*Hot on the heels of celebrations over excellent A Level results, pupils at Shrewsbury School have produced an impressive crop of GCSE grades with two thirds of all exams rewarded with an A\* or A.*



*L-R: Adam Pattenden, Sophia Breese, Ali Davies*

This being our first fully co-educational cohort, it was particularly impressive to see so many boys and girls producing such exceptional performances.

Forty-two of the Fifth Form pupils achieved a clean sweep of A and A\* grades and of these 12 pupils gained an A\* in every subject they offered.

Out of a cohort of 147, 70 pupils achieved the top A\* grade in English Literature and 214 A\* grades were achieved across all three sciences.

Headmaster, Mark Turner, commented:

“The pupils can be justly proud of another sterling set of GCSE results – especially in the national context of grade deflation and increasing robustness of the qualification. That so many Salopians have achieved at the highest levels reflects the diligence, enthusiasm and determination of this cohort and, indeed, of their teachers.”



## The news this week 100 years ago: 25th - 31st August 1917

Friday 25 August 2017

*This week we remember:*

Captain **William Gregory Terry**, 2nd/8th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Moser's, left in 1900. Working an apprenticeship with Messrs Browett, Lindley & Co., he then completed an engineering course, later joining the Salford Corporation Electrical Works. He had been in France since 1915.

*Died of wounds in France, 27th August 1917, aged 31.*

*Buried at Zuydcoote Military Cemetery, France. Grave I. A. 15*



## OSFC 2017 Football Tour to Hamburg

Saturday 26 August 2017

Fifteen Old Salopians, aged between twenty two and twenty nine, trucked off over August Bank Holiday to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. There were two games of football played on Saturday and Sunday, against local German sides, and three evenings 'sightseeing' in the city. For most of us, the weekend couldn't come quick enough and what another successful tour it was!



The first game, versus Hellbrook FC, was played on a surface most similar to the clay courts at Roland Garros. The Salops kicked off with a fine starting eleven and four substitutes on the bench. One of them, tour specialist Dominic Heywood, was last seen playing football in B leagues for Severn Hill circa 2008. We started with pace, urgency, power and prowess, so much so in fact, that we scored from kick off after thirty passes of Barcelona style possession where the opposition did not even touch the ball! The game and scoreline went from good to better and on even further into what was quite frankly a battering. The end result was a 9-0 win with most players donning the gloves at some point and discovering new positions throughout the game. The result was more than convincing and only matched by the German's amazing hospitality after the game with beer and bratwurst enjoyed well into the evening. (The average age of the opposition was forty eight but we concealed our youthful advantage well by including our very own silver fox, Nicko Field (Ch 2001-06), in our starting line-up.)

With an evening full of activities, Sunday arrived and so did the second game versus FTSV Lorbeer von 1896. The Old Salopians took to the pitch with nonchalant swagger after frequenting some Germanic techno jaunts and karaoke bars the night before. The opposition this time were aged between 18 and 25 and provided a competitive opposition with the local town all watching on and cheering. The only moment of concern was when maverick, Rory Griffiths (I 2004-09), came on after thirty minutes and appeared to have lost his wand of a left foot, as well as his marbles. Order was eventually restored and some fine assists helped the team march clear of the spirited youths. The other Salopian substitutes had no intentions of participating and created tactics of their own, performing the Icelandic Viking thunder clap routine throughout the game at every opportunity. These canny fear-tactics worked well and we came away victorious with pumping 5-1 victory. Only a blooper back pass assist from Charlie Pilkington (G 2006-11) stopped us returning home without conceding.

There were strong performances across both games from Guy Williams (Rb 2008-13), James Tucker (I 2004-09) and Player of the Tour Will Briggs (O 2005-10); all getting on the score sheet and with promising seasons ahead of them. A vote on the destination of next years' tour was not



taken as it would inevitably be ignored by next years' organiser... However, from this success, and the fine group at the club currently, we can be confident the OSFC Summer Tour will continue to be a key part of our season for many years to come.



Elsewhere in the club, we are pleased to report an influx of young signings and some great early season results. We have focused more than ever in recent years on recruiting Old Salopians who have just left school or university and getting them involved as soon as possible with training, games and social events. Charlie Tait-Harris (S 2012-17), Max Parsonage (S 2011-16) and George Pearce (S 2012-17) have made an immediate impact in this regard. On results, the 2nd XI already have more points than they did in January last year and sit on top of their league after three games. The 1st XI season is still waiting to get started after some postponements but the squad looks really strong after a 5-0 victory over the current school 1st XI. We have 2 teams playing on a weekly basis (September through to April) in and around London with midweek training at a central location.

If you are interested in playing for the Club, please contact Oliver Heywood ([ojheywood1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ojheywood1@hotmail.co.uk)) or Rob Hawkin ([rwhawkin@hotmail.com](mailto:rwhawkin@hotmail.com)).