

The Countdown is on to Shrewsbury School's Sponsored Walk

Monday 2 August 2021

As a whole school community, along with our friends from Everton, we are very much looking forward to the Whole School Sponsored Walk in aid of The Shewsy on the 23rd September 2021.

Every five years or so over the past 50 years and more, we have put down our books and gone out to enjoy some of the beautiful local scenery undertaking the challenge of a long-distance walk – all to show our collective support for The Shewsy and, most importantly of all, to raise much needed funds. All monies raised will help to ensure that The Shewsy can maintain and enhance its youth work programmes. This comes at a time when there is greater demand than ever, with record numbers attending both junior and senior clubs, and increasingly specialist support required to meet the needs of the members.

Over their educational journey through Shrewsbury School, all students and staff will get to know a good deal about The Shewsy and its work – details of which can be found [here](#).

Our partnership goes all the way back to 1903, when teachers from the school founded the club. Today our relationship is stronger than ever and we are committed to supporting The Shewsy, as in turn it supports its community which has one of the highest levels of child poverty in the UK.

With our collective fundraising endeavour, we can help to ensure that The Shewsy thrives as an open-access, full-time centre running a range of programmes and activities. We can assist the excellent staff team to draw out the talent and potential of all the young people who attend the club, so that each and every one will discover a positive purpose and direction for their life.

As in 2016, we hope to raise a significant total amount that will have impact over a number of years. To get there, every participant of the walk is encouraged to achieve a personal target of £80 to £100 in sponsorship. We hope that this is less daunting than it might first appear – we all have the summer to find sponsorship from friends and family, mindful that many relatively small contributions will soon add up!

Monies can be donated via house fundraising pages (via Virgin Money Giving) and/or good old-fashioned collection of cash and cheques made payable to 'Shrewsbury House' which should be collected in houses.

To download a copy of the sponsorship form, please use [Sponsored Walk Form \(PDF\)](#) or [Sponsored Walk Form \(Word\)](#).

[Please follow this link for further information on the Whole School Sponsored Walk on the 23rd September 2021.](#)

London Summer Party

Thursday 5 August 2021

Saracens v Shepherd's Bush Cricket Match

Salopian Drivers' Club - Silverstone Classic

Friday 6 August 2021

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Those that made it were David Kempton and guest, Peter Hunter with Hugo and David Hunter, Chris Kettle and guest, Alex Aldous, William Cumbrinck, Andrew Humpish, Dan Legge and Miles Preston and guest. (I apologise if I have missed anyone out).

The racing went ahead despite the rain and spray for the first two of the five races. This was the 30th Anniversary of the Classic and the 60th Anniversary of commencement of production of the magnificent E Type Jaguar and was marked by a dramatic race of these instantly recognisable cars.

Fortunately, by about 2.30pm the weather cleared up and the second half of the day's racing took place in dry and increasingly fine conditions. Notwithstanding the initially poor weather, everyone who turned up thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Next Wednesday, 11th August and Thursday, 12th at 8pm both evenings, there will be two programmes on ITV 4 showing the racing from the Silverstone Classic. You may enjoy watching these.

The Club's next meeting will be over the weekend of 9th/10th October at Shrewsbury. This is the weekend of Salopian Day. There will be the now well established gathering of cars on Central at 11.45, followed by lunch at 12.30 and our AGM at 2.15. We will be gathering for dinner in Kingsland Hall in the evening (lounge suits not black tie this year) and the following morning will be touring together for a couple of hours, culminating in lunch together.

We very much hope to see as many of you as possible in October.

Miles Preston

Chairman, Salopian Drivers Club

Henley 2021

Tuesday 17 August 2021

Henley Royal Regatta back to normal (almost!)

Blazers and caps remained very much the order of the day at Henley Royal Regatta last week where, despite a reduction in overseas crews, things appeared to be almost back to normal. Sadly no Sabrina crews featured this year, but Salopian supporters were able to enjoy watching both the School boys' and girls' 1st VIIIs reaching the quarter-finals on Friday. The boys briefly took the lead against Westminster but were eventually narrowly overhauled, while the girls rowed neck and neck for the whole 2000 metres of the course against the National Schools champions, Lady Eleanor Holles, in an heroic race, losing by less than a canvass. Because of the uncertain outlook, no Sabrina lunch was organised this year, but Salopian supporters assembled at 4.00pm each day at the Fawley bar to greet old friends.

Nick Jenkins

Saracens' Devon Tour 2021

Tuesday 17 August 2021

Saracens off to a flying start

After their miracle tour of North Devon last year between lock-downs, it was no surprise that over twenty Saracens assembled on 8th August to take part in their traditional cricket tour of North Devon. Day 1 saw a strong Saracens side take on old rivals North Devon CC at their picturesque Instow ground bordering the sea. Batting first the Saracens posted almost 300 runs, and in an exciting finish they bowled out North Devon CC in the final over of the match. At the subsequent dinner the team was joined by supporters and OS golfers on what is always a memorable evening.

Nick Jenkins

Director

London Summer Party 2021

Tuesday 17 August 2021

London Social Life Re-starts

At last! We meet again in person. On 5th August a healthy number of intrepid Salopians braved the damp conditions to meet up at the London Summer Party held at Shepherd's Bush Cricket Club. Sadly no cricket was able to be played between the Saracens and Shepherd's Bush CC, but the pavilion provided welcome shelter for a thoroughly enjoyable event. Next year we plan to revert to the usual mid-summer date in June with (we hope) no rain and no Covid!

OS Football Club Annual Dinner

Thursday 19 August 2021

OS Footballers celebrate the past season in anticipation of the coming one

It was worth the delay. On 13th August the OS Football Club with a number of OS girls as guests sat down for their annual dinner held this year at Aragon House, Fulham. In addition to various changes of appointments within the club, Charlie Pilkington (G 06-11) was voted 1st XI Player of the Season and Jack Francklin (R 09-14) 2nd XI Player of the Season. Residents of Bristol have already been alerted to an influx of Salopian footballers over the August Bank holiday as the OSFC goes on tour to prepare for the coming season – and aim for promotion (no less).

Shrewsbury expects.....

Nick Jenkins

Director

The Cricketer on Shrewsbury School's County Cricketers

Monday 23 August 2021

Those Salopians with an interest in Shrewsbury cricket may wish to read this article from the Cricketer online

https://www.thecricketer.com/Topics/schools/james_taylor_issy_wong_shrewsbury_school_county_cricket.html

Nick Jenkins
Director

Runs a plenty on Saracens' Tour

Tuesday 24 August 2021

There were plenty of runs on yet another excellent Saracens' tour of North Devon

Results were:

Monday 9th vs North Devon CC

Shrewsbury Saracens (290-7) beat NDCC (216 all out) by 74 runs.

Ben Chapman 62, Peter Clark 52, Lewis Evans 4-54*

Tuesday 10th

Shrewsbury Saracens (292-4) beat NDCC (288-7) by 6 wickets.

*Will Street 3-35, Lewis Evans 70, Morgan Bevans 53**

Wednesday 11th

Shrewsbury Saracens (192 all out) lost to Somerset Stragglers (194-4) by 6 wickets.

Thursday 12th

Shrewsbury Saracens (202 for 7) drew with Brasenose Strollers (331 for 8).

Morgan Bevans 63, Arthur Garrett 33, Peter Clark 2-61*

Congratulations to Steve Barnard on another triumph of organisation.

Nick Jenkins

Director

OS Rugby is back – big time!

Thursday 26 August 2021

It was certainly worth the wait

With the revival of OS Rugby coinciding almost exactly with the outbreak of Covid, it took until the summer of 2021 to see any action on the field. It was certainly worth the wait.

The inaugural season saw the 'Old Salopians' feature in Sevens tournaments based in Worthing, North Dorset and Leeds. With over 50 members in the club, we were able to field teams featuring Old Boys spanning from 2007-2020.

We found the world of 'Social Sevens' to be an eye-opening but extremely enjoyable experience. The tournaments are arranged to take up the weekend- camping on the Friday night, playing on the Saturday with a social that evening before returning home on the Sunday. The mix of experience in the club allowed us to thrive in all aspects of the tournaments in true Salopian style.

The highlight of the season came at Leeds where we fought through the August downpour to finish top of our group after beating the Jigsaws, Thunder and Elbey Exceptionals off the back of some fantastic individual performances from Luka Cassidy (R 14-19), Harry Remnant (Ch 14-19) and Roan Kirkby (Rb 10-15). A tough loss against the Chengzhou Pirates in the semi-finals left us 14 minutes away from immortality in the Social Plate Final with only the Jesmond Seagulls in our way.

The final saw us play our best rugby of the tournament and possibly the season. With the sun shining for the first time that day, we delivered an assured and controlled display, playing some beautiful Sevens. Ollie Dixon (O 12-17), former 1st XV captain and a front-rower by trade epitomised our performance with a fantastic break before chipping the sweeper only to be tripped with the line at his mercy, winning us a penalty try. We finished the game 21-0, just as the 3rd Lions Test against South Africa started in the bar pitch side. At least one team won some silverware that day.

Thanks must be given to all the players whose energy and enthusiasm allowed the season to be a success. With the first season of OS Rugby in the books, we have established ourselves on the Sevens Circuit and look forward to building upon the relationships we have built with other teams and tournaments next season. We look forward to playing in more tournaments next year and winning some more silverware.

If you are interested in joining OSRFC then please look on the school website (Old Salopians) for details, find us on OS Connect or join us on Facebook (Search OS Rugby).

Tom Plaut (S 14-19)