

Silk Trophy Day 2

Tuesday 1 July 2014

Day 2 of the Silk Trophy saw Shrewsbury take on Rondebosch School from Cape Town, one of the strongest cricket schools in South Africa and, like Shrewsbury, current National T20 champions.

Henry Blofield called correctly at the toss and chose to bat in perfect conditions. Shrewsbury found the going tough against a very accurate Rondebosch attack. The loss of Adair and Westbury made for slow progress and Shrewsbury's first 50 took nearly 21 overs to acheive. England U19 batsman Ed Barnard accumulated a fine 54, and with Will Cook chipping in with a trademark 32 scored off only 41 balls, the scoring rate quickened and Shrewsbury's 100 came up in the 35th over.

Cook and Barnard took the score along to 144 in the 44th over before both perished in quick succession. The two Georges – Lewis and Panayi – then scored 31 in just 3 overs to add some respectability to the target, eventually setting the tourists 197 to win.

Rondebosch, with two South Africa Under-19 batsmen in their side, were confident of a victory at the break. However, they were never able to cope with the accuracy of the Shrewsbury bowlers. Wickets fell regularly throughout their innings, aided by some astute field placing. A thunderstorm that caused a 30-minute delay in proceedings and a stubborn last wicket stand of 27 only postponed the inevitable and Rondebosch crashed to 115 all out.

Henry Blofield was again pick of the bowlers with 5/33, having now picked up 10 wickets in the festival. George Panayi took 3/23.

Eton are the final opponents. Having got back to winning ways yesterday versus hosts Oundle, they will be keen to prevent Shrewsbury getting their hands on the trophy for a second year running tomorrow.

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School House Salopian Week success

Wednesday 2 July 2014

Salopian Week was a particularly busy time for many of the School House boys and it started with a lot of success in the Inter-House Athletics.

In the Junior Team, Elias Harrison won the shot put. In the Inter Team, Ladi Okusanya won the 100m and the shot put, Nick Entwisle won the 200m, Leo Sartain won the javelin and our formidable 4x100m relay team (James Wong, Ladi, Nifemi and Nick), won with a blistering time of 47.61s, which is a new school record!

School House also comfortably won the highly contested and exciting "Cannon Relay", which involved 20 boys passing on the baton after a 50m sprint. Our team consisted of boys from Third Form to Sixth Form, which shows there is plenty of talent coming through the ranks and it was the icing on the cake on a very successful day. Ladi thoroughly deserved the coveted Victor Ludorum prize, which was presented in front of the whole school by the Headmaster in the final assembly of the year.



The record-breaking 4x100m relay team (L-R): Nifemi Okusanya, Nick Entwisle, Ladi Okusanya (Victor Ludorum) and James Wong.





The unbeatable Cannon Relay team

As Salopian Week progressed, I was pleased to see more and more names of our boys cropping up in the various festivities. They did us proud with their many outstanding performances and a disproportionately large School House contingent in both the Pop and Proms concerts. Meanwhile, Bertie Calvert was exceptional in his role as a First World War officer in the Junior School Play, *Journey's End.*



George Fowler on stage at the Pop Concert with Awen Blandford (EDH)



Oldham's Bumps 2014

Wednesday 2 July 2014

With 1st VIII Captain of Boats, Niall Barrow and cox Charlie Clarke away at Henley, we were realistic but still ambitious in our hopes for Bumps this year. It was a tough few races for Bumps III and our Fifth Form Bumps II crews especially, but both will be far better for the experience when they return next year.



L-R: Charlie Duckworth (LVI), Rory Davies (IV), Tom Shepherd-Cross (3), Philipp Eisenhardt (LVI), George Young
(c) (V)

Bumps I had an ongoing battle with Severn Hill through the week. Oldham's rowed over in the first two races – that is they did not bump nor were they bumped. On Friday in the third of the four races, Severn Hill tracked Oldham's down to worthily claim the bump.

In the final race of the season on Speech Day we had to say goodbye to Bumps I stroke Alex Lawson (IV) in order for him to fly home across the pond to Florida. However we were delighted when Charlie Duckworth (LVI) returned from 2nd VIII duty at Henley the night before and jumped straight into the stroke seat.

This time Oldham's reeled Severn Hill in and the bump was given to cheers and applause from the massed support outside the boathouse.

Great thanks go to rowers and coxes in all three crews. Congratulations to Tom Shepherd-Cross (3) for selection in Bumps I after only his first season of sweep rowing and to Philipp Eisenhardt (LVI) who leaves us to return to Germany after a year at Shrewsbury. Special thanks go to George Young (V) who rowed in Bumps III and coxed Bumps I, and finally to our "Ropes and Poles" novice, Tom Drury (3) who did sterling work form both beside and, at times, within the river!



Shrewsbury retain the Silk Trophy

Wednesday 2 July 2014

Having beaten Oundle on Monday and visiting team Rondebosch School from Cape Town yesterday, Shrewsbury have today defeated Eton to win the prestigious Silk Trophy for the second year running.



Shrewsbury retained the Silk Trophy in the most competitive game in this year's festival. Having accounted for their two previous opponents with ease over the last two days, Shrewsbury knew that Eton were looking to avenge their defeat last year on home soil to the Salopians and with Rondebosch likely to beat Oundle, only a win would do for Shrewsbury.

Eton won the toss and chose to bat in perfect conditions on a pitch that would be likely to deteriorate during the day. Eton started slowly against the accurate bowling of George Panayi and Charlie White before the former picked up the first wicket with a stunning slip catch by Ed Barnard with the score on 36. The introduction of the prolific Henry Blofield into the attack saw him remove the Eton skipper Gnodde, when the umpire judged him caught at the wicket with the score on 70 after 20 overs. He was quickly followed back to the pavilion by Russell.

The next pair added 50 in quick time and with the score on 124/3 in the 33rd over, Eton look poised for a big and challenging total. Some astute bowling changes by Blofield spelled disaster for Eton as Charlie White wiped out the middle order with two wickets in an over and suddenly Eton were 130/6. Blofield reintroduced himself keen to add to the tally of 12 wickets under his belt and was quickly rewarded with another wicket as Eton slumped to 134/8. Panayi was reintroduced to mop up the tail but not before Blofield picked up his 4th wicket with the first ball of his final over in school cricket. Five balls bowled to the Eton number 11 failed to yield Blofield his 3rd consecutive five wicket haul, but Panayi picked up his 2nd wicket when Eton's number 10 holed out to Carrasco.

Needing 142 to win, Shrewsbury started cautiously, with the knowledge that Rondebosch had trounced Oundle by lunchtime and that they were just behind Shrewsbury on run rate. Westbury went for 7 with score on 10 driving at a wide delivery. Adair and Barnard put on 30 before the former was caught at slip, then Carrasco quickly followed. Barnard quietly accumulated runs



while Cook at the other end was more muscular in his approach. With the score on 87/3 in the 31st over, Shrewsbury seemed well poised before a middle order collapse saw them slump to 102/7 as Cook, Barnard, Lewis and Panayi all went in quick succession trying to force the pace against the slow bowlers.

Eton had their tails up and scented victory, however Jamie Humes and Henry Blofield had other ideas. With the scorer calculating run rates ball by ball, the pair nudged and nurdled their way to 142. Despite many LBW shouts, a dropped catch and some very tight runs, they edged their way towards the target. Three consecutive maiden overs were played and the runs per over target went above 4 for the first time. Shrewsbury were now comfortably above Rondebosch on run rate but could not afford to lose wickets.

The return of opening bowler McMillan with 5 overs to go and 20 still needed played into Shrewsbury's hands. Three dot balls were followed by a scrambled two through the leg side, then inexplicably he bowled a waist high full toss that Humes smote to the mid wicket boundary for six. Suddenly, the pressure was off and Shrewsbury reached their target with 14 balls to spare.

All of the Shrewsbury players had played their part in retaining the Silk Trophy and despite not being able to defend their HMC T20 and School Sports Magazine National Under-17 titles, they should be proud of their achievement this season.

To read the reports of the matches against Rondebosch and Oundle, please see under Cricket News below.

SILK TROPHY RESULTS 2014

Day 1 - Monday 30th June

Oundle 73 (Blofield 5-6), Shrewsbury 77/2 (Barnard 33*, Durman 20) Eton 168/9, Rondebosch, Capetown 169/2

Day 2 - Tuesday 1st July

Oundle 212/6, Eton 214/6

Shrewsbury 196/7 (Barnard 54, Cook 31, Westbury 27, Panayi 26), Rondebosch 115 (Blofield 5-33, Panayi 3-23)

Day 3 - Wednesday 2nd July

Oundle 110 Rondebosch 111/1

Eton 141 (Blofield 4-19, Panayi 2-24, White 2-26), Shrewsbury 142/7 (Barnard 42)

Shrewsbury retain the trophy for the first time.



George Hargrave selected for the U15s Bunbury Cricket Festival

Friday 4 July 2014

Many congratulations to George Hargrave (Rb IV) who has been selected for the Midlands squad to play at the prestigious U15s Bunbury Cricket Festival this year.

George followed this excellent news up with 60 not out for Warwickshire U15s on Tuesday, 2nd July.



The turf is cut on the new Academic Block

Friday 4 July 2014



Chali Sophonpanich, founder of Shrewsbury School Bangkok and the Headmaster of Shrewsbury School UK, Mark Turner

On June 28th 2014 the Shrewsbury School Foundation, as part of Shrewsbury's annual Speech Day ceremonies, conducted a turf-cutting ceremony for the School's new Academic Block.

The building will be located between Oldham's Hall and Ridgemount and will include a lecture theatre and 19 state of the art classrooms. The structure will bring together, for the first time, humanities subjects including Geography, History, Religious Studies, Economics and Business Studies.

The turf-cutting ceremony was officiated by the Headmaster Mark Turner, Peter Worth (Chairman of the Shrewsbury School Foundation), Richard Burbidge (Former Chairman of the School's Governing Body), and Chali Sophonpanich (founder of Shrewsbury School Bangkok).

The construction of the Academic Block is the first of a five-phase development plan. The Director of the Foundation John Rolfe said, "This ceremony was firstly to celebrate the achievement in funding this wonderful structure and to thank all those parents and Old Salopians who have played their part thus far in Shrewsbury School's 20/20 campaign. Our fine school will only remain at the forefront of education with the continued support of the entire school community."



The Physics World Cup begins

Friday 4 July 2014

Shrewsbury School is honoured to be hosting the 27th International Young Physicist's Tournament. Known as the Physics World Cup, this is the largest and most prestigious schools' science competition in the world.



Teams representing 28 different countries and independent jurors from across the world gathered in the Alington Hall on Friday 4th July for the Opening Ceremony.



Lord Rees



They were addressed by Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal and Old Salopian, who flew back specially from a conference in Geneva. Guest speakers also included Professor Peter Norreys, Professor of Inertial Fusion Science at the University of Oxford and Plasma Physics Group Leader of the Central Laser Facility, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory; Ilya Martchenko, of the IYPT Executive Committee; the Headmaster Mark Turner; and Alan Allinson, President of the IYPT, from Australia. The Ceremony was hosted by former pupils David Kell (Captain of the UK's IYPT team in 2009 who has just graduated in Physics and Philosophy from Balliol College, Oxford) and his sister Seren Kell, who is studying Biochemistry at Lincoln College, Oxford.

The Captains of each of the teams paraded onto the stage with their country flags to select their draw numbers – using replica Royal Mail postboxes – to determine the order of play. The first of the five preliminary rounds began in the afternoon.



Success in Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2014

Friday 4 July 2014

Following their busy AS exam schedule, a group of Lower Sixth students took part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2014. This is the third time we have entered this competition and the students performed remarkably well. Ross Viljoen (PH) was in the top 0.8% of students and achieved the highest award, the Roentgenium medal. Shrewsbury students also won 11 Gold, 16 Silver and 19 Copper medals.

To recognise his outstanding achievement, Ross Viljoen was invited to attend a residential chemistry camp at the University of Cambridge over the summer break.

In addition, students were awarded 11 Gold, 16 Silver and 19 Copper Medals - an excellent achievement.

This competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry, and will provide an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further. Set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists, it is designed to be accessible to Lower Sixth students but will take them significantly beyond the syllabus and encourage them to think about science in the way they would at university. It is endorsed and sponsored by St Catharine's College at the University of Cambridge.

The paper itself is based on the core of the chemistry A-level specifications, so that students taking any of the different exam board A-levels can compete fairly. The exam lasts 1.5 hours and comprises a series of structured questions designed to stretch able students by making them apply the principles they have learnt to new and often more complex situations than they would meet in their A-level course. Thus, in order to score marks, it is essential to have a very sound base of knowledge and understanding, but also have the ability to think and reason - often "outside the box" - at a high level.

Further information is available on http://www.c3l6.com/

Roentgenium Medal:

Ross Viljoen (PH)

Gold Medals:

Nick Champion (M), Ronald Chen (S), Jonathan Cheng (I), Ryan Cheng (I), Cindy Ho (EDH), Oliver Hope (Ch), Michael Kwan (S), Edward Sankey (SH), Charis Virgo (MSH), Merrick Wong (SH), Bryan Yick (M)

Silver Medals:

Aue Angpanicharoen (Ch), Thomas Barthen (R), Sabrina Chu (MSH), Charlie Davis (PH), Katie Elcock (EDH), George Evans (PH), Jane Fan (MSH), Alexander Haspel (Rb), Jonathan Hurcomb (I), Sam Kandi (M), Yuki Lam (MSH), Alex Powell (M), Jacob Rumble (PH), Benjamin Tsang (R), Sylvia Yeo (EDH), Sophie Zhou (EDH)



Copper Medals:

Calvin Chan (I), Arthur Cheng (SH), Millicent Dean (MSH), Dominic Dootson (M), Philipp Eisenhardt (O), Charles Gillow (Ch), Immy Hill (MSH), Ivan Lam (M), Amalina Mahadi (EDH), Ilya Olkov (Rt), Mary Parrott (MSH), Cecy Price (EDH), Oliver Pumphrey (O), Henry Rassmuss (I), Elliot Robinson-Boulton (R), Charlie Steele (O), Toby Thomas (SH), Krem Todorova (MSH), Rishi Trivedi (Rb)

ADB



Jack Flowers is awarded the Sidney Gold Medal

Monday 7 July 2014

Jack Flowers (I 2007-12) has been presented with Shrewsbury's top academic award, the Sidney Gold Medal.



Jack Flowers with members of the French Faculty, Dimitri Portier, Tim Whitehead and Thane Warburg

Jack left Shrewsbury as Deputy Head of School in 2012 and at his final Prize Giving gained the Dukes French Prize, the Kitson-Clark English Prize and the Goulding Prize for Drama. This followed a string of successes in previous years – in 2011 the Harvard Book Prize and the Bentley Elocution Prize; in 2010 the Bentley Elocution Prize; and in 2009 the Junior McEachran and Junior Debating Prizes.

Jack joined Ingram's Hall in 2007 from Yarlet, as the top-ranked Academic Scholar. He gained 10 straight A* grades at GCSE and this was followed in the Sixth Form by A* grades in A Level Latin and English, and a Distinction Grade 1 in the French Cambridge Pre-U Principal Course (which equates to an A** - or above an A* at A level), a rare achievement in itself. Indeed, he secured the very top Pre-U mark in the country.

It was quite clear to his French teachers that Jack's talents as a linguist were truly exceptional. His literary essays were masterpieces of insight and structure; and in class his contributions were always remarkably perceptive, and yet delivered with humility.



Outside of the classroom, Jack was totally absorbed into Shrewsbury School life. On stage, he took the lead part of Henry Bolingbroke in the 2011 School Play; he took part in "Racing Demon" at the Edinburgh Fringe and directed the 2011 Ingram's House play. He led Ingram's to victory in the Senior House Debating Competition and he was also President of the MUN, having won awards at conferences throughout England, as well as Edinburgh and Paris.

From Shrewsbury he moved on to Brasenose College, Oxford to read French. He has gained a 1st in his Preliminary Exams, resulting in the award of a college Exhibition. He has also been appointed as the University's Captain of Fives.

Jack was welcomed back to School for the presentation of the Sidney Gold Medal by a number of his former teachers and his former Housemaster.





OSGS and Sabrina Golf and Supper at Huntercombe - 1st July

Friday 11 July 2014

A total of 35 sat down for the Sabrina Club supper on an idyllic evening at Huntercombe,

following an afternoon's golf on the course. Another administrative triumph for OSGS secretary, Tim Lewis (R 1950-55), here pictured with his wife, Ann.



Pictured, below, is the scene at supper. Sabrina Captain, Nick Randall (O 1972-76) is on the left at the back.





Salopian and School Guests clean out Caterers' Supplies at Henley Receptions!

Friday 11 July 2014

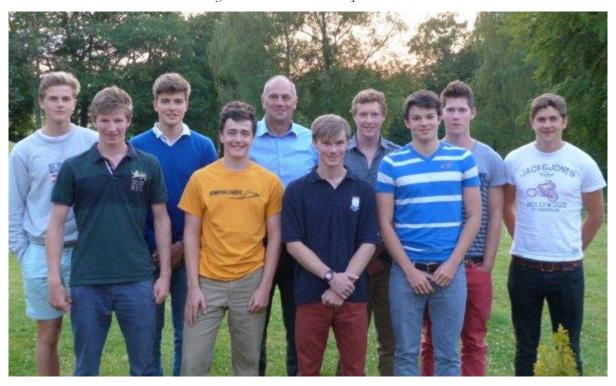
The Sabrina Club receptions at Henley proved more popular than ever this year. Over 100 people gathered on Wednesday to celebrate the 1st VIII's victory over Bedford Modern and 150 on Saturday with an encouraging number of Salopians of all generations.



Henley Royal Regatta 2014

Monday 14 July 2014

The 1st VIII competed at the 175th Henley Royal Regatta held from the 2nd to the 6th July. The crew raced in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup event for school VIIIs along with 31 other crews in the side by side knockout competition.



1st VIII with Sir Steve Redgrave

The crew moved into accommodation in Stoke Row just outside Henley on Friday the 27th June in order to get some time out on the course. The crew settled in quickly to the fantastic host accommodation and ate extremely well with delicious food on offer from the local pub 'The Crooked Billet' who kindly provided wonderful dinners for the boys.

On Saturday the crew attended the draw at the Henley Town Hall to find out who their first opponents would be on the Wednesday. Over the next few days the boys developed a healthy routine of eating, sleeping, relaxing and training to ensure they were ready for some tough racing.

On the Tuesday evening before racing commenced the boys were delighted and privileged to be visited by Sir Steve Redgrave at the kind arrangement of our host family. Steve spent close to two hours sharing some of his experiences and wisdom with the boys. He will be taking on the role as Chairman of the Regatta from 2015.

On Wednesday morning the crew went for an early pre-race paddle in order to settle their nerves and check over the equipment. After a light breakfast and final preparations they took to the water against Bedford Modern School in the 1st round. The VIII made a strong start to put



themselves in the lead and develop a strong rhythm to control the race through to the finish and set up a second round match against National School's bronze medallists Hampton.



1st VIII in action against Bedford Modern School

The crew expected a tough race against Hampton having come off second best to them at the National Schools' Regatta. The VIII followed a similar routine in preparation for the race and found themselves back on the start line on Thursday morning. Both crews made an equally strong start with very little to choose between them at the end of the island. At the quarter-mile Hampton had a slight advantage of a canvas. The VIII pressed hard through to the Barrier where they managed to reverse the margin in their favour. The crews traded blows stroke after stroke down the 2112-metre course. The crew managed to extend their lead to a quarter of a length at the 3/4-mile mark and then open up a little further past Remenham Club. As both boats approached the final 500 metres, Hampton closed to within a quarter of a length and then to within 2 feet with 200m to go. Both crews were at full tilt the entire length of the course and in the final 100 meters the VIII had nothing left to give and narrowly lost out. The crew were disappointed to be knocked out but can be proud in the way they acquitted themselves at the event.

ATH



Final stages of the race vs Hampton



Shrewsbury's U15s reach Midlands Region T20 Final

Wednesday 16 July 2014

After winning the Shropshire Final in mid-June, Shrewsbury's U15s have now reached the final of the Midlands Region ESCA/ECB T20.

On 8th July Shrewsbury beat Blue Coat School, Hereford in the regional semi-final at Himley CC.

Shrewsbury 163 for 3 (Charlie Home 54); Blue Coat 22 for 2 off 8 overs. Rain stopped play. Shrewsbury win on superior run rate.

In the regional final versus Lincoln Cathedral School, Shrewsbury batted first and were 110 for 1 in the 13th over (Charlie Home 50 n.o.) when a thunderstorm hit the ground and flash flooding prevented the match being completed. The final has been rescheduled for Monday 1st September (venue TBC) when Shrewsbury will hope to be at full strength, having recently completed the last two regional matches with some squad players. But selection will be hotly contested, as all players have proved to be worth their place in the team in recent rounds. The recent selection of George Hargrave (opening bat/wicketkeeper) to the Midlands U15 Squad for the Bunbury English Schools Cricket Festival at Oakham School 21st to 25th July and the inclusion of the outstanding all-rounder captain Charlie Home (Northants CCC Academy), together with a team of highly skilled and motivated Third and Fourth Formers, gives Shrewsbury a fighting chance of reaching the national finals at Arundel on September 7th.

In recent years Shrewsbury School have performed consistently well in this tournament and they are keen to get through to the finals again.

RECENT RECORD

2009 - Winners 2011 - Runners Up 2012 - Losing Semi Finalists 2013 - Joint Winners



Royal Marine Cadets on parade at Buckingham Palace

Saturday 19 July 2014



Royal Marine Cadets forming up at Wellington Barracks

On 6th July, I took five boys to Whale Island, Portsmouth to prepare for the Royal Marines Cadets 350 Parade to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Marines. We arrived at the Royal Navy Headquarters and the boys settled in aboard HMS Bristol. There were 30 lads to a room in bunks of three - a great experience for them to see what life is like on board a ship.

On Monday we practised the drill for approximately nine hours. The next day we drove to Wellington Barracks, changed into our blues and then were bussed to the start point of the parade, Horseguards. There were throngs of tourists, all taking photos of the 350 Marine cadets and 100 adult volunteers forming up and marching down the Mall to the sound of the Royal Marines Band. It was enough to make your hair stand on end as your feet touched the ground in time with every drum beat.

We marched into Buckingham Palace Gardens and were inspected by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. All the cadets were allowed to invite two guests, so it was a fantastic occasion with all the parents and VIPs looking on. The Commandant General Royal Marines gave a short speech and presented the cadets with a new combined banner. We then marched out and on to Wellington Barracks for tea. It was reported later that Her Majesty The Queen had been watching from an upstairs window!

The cadets who attended from the School were: Henry Young, James Plaut, George Lechmere, Ben Remnant and Bertie Gilliat-Smith.



L - R: Tom Corbett, George Lechmere, Ben Remnant, Bertie Gilliat-Smith; Henry Young



RSSBC: Wales Representation

Sunday 20 July 2014

Eight pupils from the Boat Club have been selected to represent Wales at the Home Countries Regatta taking place in Cork on Saturday 26th July.

Congratulations to: Niall Barrow, Charlie Clarke, William Angell-James, Rob Homden, William Dodson-Wells, Toby Thomas, George Patterson and Lettie Tay.



Under 11s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 1 Results and Scorecard

Monday 21 July 2014

After 1 round:

Group A

Berkshire	27
Derbyshire	26
Northamptonshire	6
Staffordshire	3
Group B	

Shropshire	29
Grange	26
Herefordshire	6
North East Wales	6

Scorecards:

Day 1 Under 11s scorecards, for the following matches:

Derbyshire v Northamptonshire Berkshire v Staffordshire Herefordshire v Shropshire Grange v N.E. Wales



Under 11s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 2 Results and Scorecard

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Tuesday 22 July 2014

Day 2: Group A

Berkshire	52
Derbyshire	26
Staffordshire	26
Northamptonshire	19
Group B	
Shropshire	58
Grange	58
Herefordshire	14

Scorecards: Day 2 Under 11s scorecards

North East Wales



Under 11s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 3 Results and Scorecard

Wednesday 23 July 2014

T20 Results:

Group A

- 1. Grange CC
- 2. Derbyshire
- 3. North East Wales
- 4. Northamptonshire

Group B

- 1. Staffordshire
- 2. Berkshire
- 3. Shropshire
- 4. Herefordshire

Scorecards: Day 3 Under 11s scorecards



Young Old Salopians and Alex Wilson Appeal Ball on 13 September, 2014

Wednesday 23 July 2014



This year the Young OS Committee has joined forces with The Alex Wilson Appeal who are holding a Fundraising Ball at The Plaisterers Hall, London on Saturday 13th September 2014, from 6.30 - 12.30 pm. The black tie event will include a champagne reception, a 3 course dinner, 1/2 a bottle of wine per person and no doubt plenty of dancing.

The Chairman of Young Old Salopians, Hugh Faith (O 1997-02) says, 'Obviously the ultimate goal is to raise as much money as possible for The Alex Wilson Scholarship (further information attached). It really is a fantastic cause and should be a brilliant night, as well as a great opportunity to catch with some familiar OS faces'.

Tickets are £80 per person (£800 for a table of 10), and as ever, other halves are more than welcome.



Old Salopians join in the campaign to save Lord Hill

Wednesday 23 July 2014



Steve Hill, parent of Old Salopians (Nick Hill (PH 1992-97) and Jeremy Hill (PH 1994-99)) has contacted the Salopian Club office about the campaign to support the Shropshire Council in its bid for Lottery Heritage funds to replace the weatherbeaten statue of Lord Hill.

Urgent repairs have recently been completed but full replacement is considered essential. It is hoped that the work will be commissioned this year and that the new statue, made of Coade Stone, will be in place in 2016, 200 years after the original was first erected and barely 201 years since General Lord Hill's finest hour at Waterloo as Lord Wellington's second in command.

By becoming a "Friend of Lord Hill's Column" for £5 (or more if moved), Old Salopians, who it is hoped might have a sentimental association with the Town from their time at school, will swell the expression of public support that is a vital part of the application.

The website address

is <u>www.friendsoflordhillscolumn.co.uk</u> (where details of how to subscribe are to be found) and the email address is <u>friendsoflordhillscolumn@gmail.com</u>.

The Patron is the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, Sir Algernon Heber-Percy (former School Governor), and the chairman of the Friends' Company is the Rev Richard Hayes (M 1952-57)

Steve reports that several other Old Salopians have already shown an interest in the cause and he feels that the campaign may also be of interest to existing pupils, parents and staff. He says that the more "friends" that can be mustered, the better.



Old Salopians in Rowing Challenge - for the Stroke Association

Wednesday 23 July 2014

This Saturday (26th July) a group of individuals, from rank amateurs to ex internationals, will be attempting to complete a marathon rowing challenge in aid of the Stroke Association. Teams will be required to row continuously from 7.00am to 7.00pm on ergometers (rowing machines) located on the side of the river Thames at Putney. Participating in this challenge is a number of Old Salopians including Luke Taylor (Ch, 2002-07), Will Taylor (O 2005-10) and Raff Mckenzie (O, 2005-10).



Raff McKenzie says, "The Stroke Association is a fantastic charity that I am sure many of you will feel strongly about with approximately 795,000 people suffering a stroke each year. If you would like to show your support, donate or read a bit more about the challenge then please follow the link - http://www.justgiving.com/stroke-for-stroke



Shrewsbury School in the 1980s features in new photographic collection

Wednesday 23 July 2014

Photographer, Mark Draisey announces the publication of a collection of colour photographs which he took at 25 of our great public schools back in the late 1980's forming the World's largest such study.

Mark reports that he was generously granted unrivalled access to each of the schools, including Shrewsbury, to photograph the everyday life, traditions and games that make the independent school system so unique.



Now, some thirty years later, the images depict a bygone time having been taken just before a universal movement to improve boarding accommodation, sports and teaching facilities at the majority of independent schools. So I am sure that many of your members will find the book a fascinating trip down memory lane, as well as an opportunity the glimpse inside rival establishments. They may even feature in some of the photographs, as one could hardly create such a study without the inclusion of the pupils there between 1985 and 1991.

The **publishing details** are as follows:

'Thirty Years On! A private view of public schools' by Mark Draisey.

Published in October 2014 by Halsgrove ISBN 987 0 85704 211 8.

It is a hardback book of 144 pages of colour photos and priced at £19.99. A Trade Information sheet is available via the office for further details. NB, it is a 5mb file.



The G L Mellin Salver, 2014 - a report by the OSGS President

Wednesday 23 July 2014



The Captain of the Mellin Salver - and coincidently Chairman of the School Foundation – Peter Worth has had a year to forget, until now. He was unfortunately involved in a skiing accident of terrifying proportions in the winter, which meant his captaincy had to be in a non playing capacity this year.

This entailed making

changes to the members of the team and the partnerships of the previous year. Eventually he was able to muster a team of six for the Salver (over 55's), four for the Peter Burles (over 65's) and two for the Bunny Millard (over 75's) the last of whom had been the winners for the last two years.

Pictured, above, are David Harrison, Captain of West Hill and Anthony Smith (I 1954-59) holding the salver, with L - R at the back, James Shaw (R 1964-68), Julian Sterck (Rt 1967-72), Andy Pollock (1971-74), Henry Rowe (S 1956-60) and William Painter (R 1967-71). Thank you to Peter Worth for providing the photo.

Thursday saw the holders of the Bunny Millard, Robert Lanyon and John Smith, fail narrowly to make the 'cut' in the qualifying round, but on the plus side, the Peter Burles team managed two wins in the day against Loretto and Cheltenham.

The Burles team made two changes on Friday and brought in Robert Lanyon and Charles Shaw to replace Peter Jeffery and our redoubtable Secretary, Tim Lewis. The team also included the heroes of the previous day, both of whom have also been finalists of the Campion Trophy, Robin Humble and Malcolm McMullan. Unfortunately Oundle, who had fallen at the first hurdle in the Mellin, strengthened their team for the Burles and proved to be too strong for Shrewsbury in the semi-final, and subsequently went on to win.

The main event is the Mellin Salver where Shrewsbury has an excellent recent record having won the Salver five times in the last twelve years as well as being losing finalists on two other occasions. Loretto were our first round opponents, and as in all our subsequent matches, the games were difficult to call after nine holes. We won a few holes after the turn and came away with a 2-1 win. It was quite similar in the second round against Cheltenham whom we beat 2.1/2-1/2, and also the semi-final against surprise opponents Felsted, winning 2-1.



Saturday afternoon saw us meet Haileybury, whose recent record is only marginally less successful than ours. Winners in 2011, they were worthy opposition, and so it proved, with yet again nothing to separate us after nine holes. The top pair of Andy Pollock – Halford Hewitt Captain, and the President, Anthony Smith, went on to win four of the next five holes, and won 3 + 2. Behind them were Henry Rowe, and debutant Julian Sterck, who slightly up at the turn, slowly nudged ahead and were also victors by the same margin. The bottom pair of Will Painter and James Shaw, who recorded an 8 + 7 win in an earlier round, were 1 up with three to play when they called their match a half, and Shrewsbury had made it six wins in 13 years.

Thanks go to the injured Peter for his organisation, and all the team members who contributed to our success. Anthony Smith (I 1954-59)



OS Saracens Cricketer Cup Golf Competition at Denham on Sunday, 5 October (Old Salopian Weekend)

Wednesday 23 July 2014

Tim Lewis and Paul Nichols are looking to raise two foursomes teams (8 players) to represent the Saracens in this Cricketer Cup Golf Competition at Denham on Sunday 5th October from 12noon.

If you are interested in playing, please contact <u>Tim Lewis</u>.



Nick Pocock (O 1965-70) has been invited to captain the Saracens and select the two teams. Tim is 'expecting a stampede for places as Denham is an irresistible Club with a challenging course and a superb kitchen.'

Preference will go to Cricketer Cup Saracens.

You will see that <u>the entry form</u> refers to WAGS as welcome: at a later date, Tim will be collecting the names of the forbearing and uncomplaining ladies who may wish to accompany those who are selected to play in this prestigious competition.



Former Master, Professor William ('Willie') Jones - at large in Sapporo, Japan, with an OSH Visitor

Wednesday 23 July 2014



Former master (1959-77) and OSH Member, Professor Willie Jones, reports that he has now been living in Sapporo, Japan for 35 years.

Retired from his post as Professor of English Rhetoric at Sapporo University, aged 83 and 'in rather good general health, thanks to some excellent medical care', Willie has been engaged in writing a memoir of his life (and his mother's). He has sent copies to Eric Anderson and Nick Rankin (M 1962-68) for safe keeping, but 'as it is a work in progress, it is changing all the time.'

Willie recently received a visit from OSH member, Ian Kirkpatrick Young (S 1961-65), who was in Tokyo for a conference, and took a quick trip up to Sapporo. Willie says, 'The trees were were just coming into leaf, but spring never lasts long, and everything comes into blossom at once. Last week the temperature was 12°; today it is 32°, quite unprecedented and rather horrible, and reminds me of the weather we used sometimes to 'enjoy' when Speech Days were held at the beginning of June.'

Ian and Willie are pictured, left, walking in a nearby park. Sapporo has no Japanese-style gardens apart for the one in this park.



Summer update from Oliver Greenall's Racing Stables in Cheshire

Thursday 24 July 2014

Oliver Greenall (Rt 2000-05) reports that Oliver Greenall Racing is now preparing for the new season after a successful 2013-14.



Oliver, pictured left, says: 'One season ends... ...we start to prepare for the next one!

The weather never stopped us and we had a clear run the whole way through, which makes the planning so much simpler. I resurfaced the gallop in the Autumn which made a huge

difference this season. It rode deeper and more even throughout, which meant the horses were working harder without going faster. This meant we had less problems with the horses and they were fitter. I also put in a new indoor school which has been very beneficial when riding the youngsters and jumping for the first time. We never had any serious snow or frost, so we didn't need to use it in those circumstances. However in the future it will be great to use when everywhere is frozen.'

Follow Oliver Greenall on Twitter @olivergreenall or visit their website at: www.olivergreenall.co.uk or download the June newsletter here.



Under 11s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 4 Results and Scorecard

Thursday 24 July 2014

Day 4: Group A

Berkshire	76
Derbyshire	57
Northamptonshire	38
Staffordshire	33
Group B	
Shropshire	85
Grange	65
Herefordshire	37
North East Wales	22

Scorecards: Day 4 Under 11s scorecards



U11s Cricket Festival 2014: Results and Final Positions

Saturday 26 July 2014

English Schools Cricket Association U11 Cricket Festival 2014 at Shrewsbury School

League Table

1st Place Shropshire

2nd Place Berkshire

3rd Place Grange CC

4th Place Derbyshire

5th Place Northamptonshire

6th Place Herefordshire

7th Place North East Wales

8th Place Staffordshire

Awards

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Year	Award	Under 11
2014	Festival Winners	Shropshire
	Twenty20 Winners - Group A	Grange CC
	Twenty20 Winners - Group B	Staffordshire
	Spirit Of Cricket Award	Northamptonshire
	Batting Award	Matthew Rea (Northamptonshire) – 247 runs
	Bowling Award	Matthew Rees (Shropshire) – 12 Wickets
	All Rounder Award (New)	Charlie Peet (Grange CC) – 115 runs & 9 wickets
	Fielding Award	Monty Bradbury (Berkshire)
	Wicket Keeping Award	Jed Crerar (Berkshire)
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Scorecards: <u>Day 5 Under 11s scorecards</u>



Illustrated Talk: Shrewsbury School in the Great War to be given on Old Salopian Day by Dr Michael Morrogh

Monday 28 July 2014



Originally presented at a meeting of the Darwin Society in 2013 and also given to the School in assemblies, Mike Morrogh's excellent talk, 'Shrewsbury School in the Great War', will be given by the former School Archivist, Dr Mike Morrogh, on Old Salopian Day, **Saturday 4 October.**

Science Lecture Theatre: 3.15pm

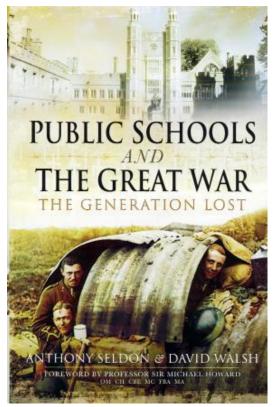
Pictured, left, trench-digging practice in 1916.

The event is part of Old Salopian Day and on the booking form recently sent out with the Salopian magazine.



Book: Public Schools and the Great War

Monday 28 July 2014



In this pioneering and original book, Anthony Seldon and David Walsh study the impact that the public schools had on the conduct of the Great War, and vice versa. Drawing on fresh evidence from 200 leading public schools and other archives, they challenge the conventional wisdom that it was the public school ethos that caused needless suffering on the Western Front and elsewhere. They distinguish between the younger front-line officers with recent school experience and the older 'top brass' whose mental outlook was shaped more by military background than by memories of school.

The Authors argue that, in general, the young officers' public school education imbued them with idealism, stoicism and a sense of service. While this helped them care selflessly for the men under their command in conditions of extreme danger, it resulted in their death rate being nearly twice the national average.

This poignant and thought-provoking work covers not just those who made the final sacrifice, but also

those who returned, and whose lives were shattered as a result of their physical and psychological wounds. It contains a wealth of unpublished detail about public school life before and during the War, and how these establishments and the country at large coped with the devastating loss of so many of the brightest and best. Seldon and Walsh conclude that, 100 years on, public school values and character training, far from being concepts to be mocked, remain relevant and that the present generation would benefit from studying them and the example of their predecessors.

Those who read Public Schools and the Great War will have their prevailing assumptions about the role and image of public schools, as popularised in Blackadder, challenged and perhaps changed.

Price £20. Ordering information at: http://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Public-Schools-and-The-Great-War-Hardback/p/6011



Keen golfer, Gaby Byrne, makes history as the first female member of the OS Golfing Society

Monday 28 July 2014



OSGS Secretary, Tim Lewis reports that Gabrielle Byrne (EDH 2012-14) is the first leaver from either Mary Sidney Hall or Emma Darwin Hall to join OSGS.

Tim says: "This is an historic moment. We welcome Gabrielle most warmly and hope to see her playing shortly before she goes off to Australia for an internship in her Gap Year. Gaby is photographed coming off the 18th green at her home Club, Royal Birkdale, (where else?), scene of many triumphs by several Salopians, notably, if not frequently by members of the Campion family from Moser's and by the Lewis family from Rigg's, on the odd occasion, perhaps.

The stands in the background stayed up for Gaby after the recent Ricoh Women's British Open Championship for 2014, won by Mo Martin from Altadena, California.'



Under 12s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 1 Results and Scorecard

Monday 28 July 2014

Day 1:	
Group Z	1

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Derbyshire	26
Cheshire	24
Warwickshire	16
Northamptonshire	10
Group B	
Shropshire	28
Staffordshire	28
Herefordshire	7
Huntingtonshire	5

Scorecards: Day 1 Under 12s scorecards



George Hargrave (Rb IV) featured on Test Match Special

Tuesday 29 July 2014

Fourth Former George Hargrave (Rb) caught the eye of one of the Test Match Special commentators, Charlie Dagnall, when he represented the Midlands in the prestigious U15s Bunbury Cricket Festival at Oakham School.



George Hargrave with Graeme Swann

George made 77 n.o. on Thursday 24th July, helping his team to beat the South & West Region by 8 wickets. Charlie Dagnall described how impressed he had been with his performance. "I saw this youngster there from Shrewsbury School. A little little lad – and there were some big units there at 15 years old, 6'1", 6'2". 77 not out! He was smashing people everywhere. A wonderful player. Keep an eye out for this boy!"

In reply, Michael Vaughan spoke about another player "of similar stature" whom he had seen on Friday "smashing the ball all over the park - he played brilliantly". It was James Taylor (R 2003-08), currently playing for Nottinghamshire and captaining the England Lions

George Hargrave received his Bunbury cap from former England spinner Graeme Swann and will hope to follow in the footsteps of more than 300 former Bunbury participants who have gone on to play first-class cricket, including James Taylor. More than 60 have gone on to represent England, and this year's tournament was watched by former England coach Andy Flowers. Players who impress will hope to win places in the England development programme.



James Taylor to play for England Lions against Sri Lanka and New Zealand in August

Wednesday 30 July 2014



The Shropshire Star reports that Shrewsbury Saracens member, James Taylor (R 2003-08), has been handed the lead role with England Lions for the triangular series with New Zealand A and Sri Lanka A next month.

James (pictured batting, right) who plays for Nottinghamshire CCC and also for Shrewsbury in the Birmingham League, has been named captain for the series which includes games at Bristol,

Taunton and Worcester. He will be hoping to press his claims for inclusion in the full England squad for next year's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand and add to his two ODI caps. National selector, James Whitaker said, 'With the Royal London One-Day International series against India rapidly approaching and next winter's tour to Sri Lanka and World Cup also firmly in our sights, this is the perfect opportunity for those players to impress the selctors in the 50-over format of the game. It promises to be a closely-contested series against two competitive sides'

The Lions will open their series against New Zealand at Taunton on 5 August before facing Sri Lanka on 6 August. They then go to Bristol where they face New Zealand on 8 August and Sri Lanka on 9 August before again playing Sri Lanka on 11 August and New Zealand on 12 August at New Road, Worcester.

The Lions Squad has been named as: Taylor (c), Bairstow, Bopara, Finn, Parry, Gurney, Hales, Overton, Roy, Patel, Smith, Vince and Willey. More information at: http://www.ecb.co.uk/news/england/england-lions



Under 12s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 2 Results and Scorecard

Wednesday 30 July 2014

Day 2: Group A

Derbyshire	56
Cheshire	37
Warwickshire	36
Northamptonshire	24

Group B

Staffordshire	55
Herefordshire	38
Shropshire	32
Huntingtonshire	12

Scorecards: Day 2 Under 12s scorecards



Under 12s Cricket Festival 2014: Day 3 Results and Scorecard

Wednesday 30 July 2014

Day	3:
Group	pΑ

Cheshire 65 Warwickshire 63 61 Derbyshire Northamptonshire 33 Group B Staffordshire 78 Shropshire 64 Herefordshire 52 Huntingtonshire 17

Scorecards: Day 3 Under 12s scorecards



Shrewsbury School U12s Festival 2014: Finals Day Programme

Thursday 31 July 2014

Shrewsbury School U12s Festival 2014

FINALS DAY - Thursday 31st July. Start time: 10am (Please note: T20 Day has been changed to Friday 1st August)

FINAL 1st/2nd Pitch 1: Cheshire V Staffordshire (B.Gleeson & G.Hurst)

3rd/4th Play Off Pitch 3: Warwickshire V Shropshire (K.Price & J.Taylor)

5th/6th Play Off Pitch 2: Derbyshire V Herefordshire (P.Gardiner & P.Cowell)

7th/8th Play Off Pitch 4: Northamptonshire V Huntingdonshire (R.Morris & P.Glover)