



OSFC Win Through to the Final of the Arthur Dunn Cup

Monday 4 April 2016

Many congratulations to the OSFC who have made it through to the final of the Arthur Dunn Cup, by beating Old Alleynians 2-0 on Saturday 2nd April. The final will take place on Saturday 23rd April at Heston Sports Ground, near Heathrow Airport, where they will take on the Old Tonbridgians.

Read the full match report below.

Richard McGarry writes:

The OSFC 1stXI have progressed into the final of the Arthur Dunn Cup for the first time in 12 years beating a spirited Old Alleynian side (Dulwich School) 0-2.

The Old Salopians were favourites going into this tie owing to their superior Arthurian League credentials. However, what followed can only be described as one of the most polished team performances in recent OSFC history, quelling any hope the opposition may have had of causing an upset. Centre backs Oliver Brown and Alex Blofield took care of the opposition striker from the first minute. Performances were superb right across the park with Freeman and Hawkin looking after their often-dangerous wide men and the middle three of Parker, Wade-Smith and Heywood closing down the Alleynian midfield. These performances allowed our front three of Griffiths, Kelly and Naylor (and latterly Tucker) to run at the Alleynian back four. The goalkeeper and skipper McGarry was for a large part of the game an unemployed bystander, but proved up to the task in some tense final moments. R. Alexis and H. Fildes also made telling contributions in seeing the game out.

Plaudits must go to Tom Kelly for winning a penalty and smashing it into the (almost) top corner in the first half, and then scoring a blinder from a tight angle about 20 yards or so out in the second. The Salopians withstood some Alleynian pressure towards the end of the second half which ultimately bore no fruit.

A 35/40-strong crowd of Old Salopian supporters came down to watch us progress. I cannot say how much this aided our cause and I am delighted that the side put on the show they so richly deserved. May I make a request that unless you have something better to do on Saturday 23 April (unlikely) you try and make it out to Heston Sports Ground (near Heathrow airport) where we will take on the Old Tonbridgians in the Final of this famous cup. 3pm kick off. Plans are being put in place to put on a bus from the Clapham area to get everyone out to the ground and then deliver them back into town for what will (hopefully) be a night of jubilant celebrations. Please let me know by text/whatsapp if you would like a seat on this bus (07841 508056).

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The news 100 years ago: 6th - 12th April 1916

Tuesday 5 April 2016

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Richard Arthur Maurice Lutener, 6th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

School House, left in 1914 for Keble College, Oxford.

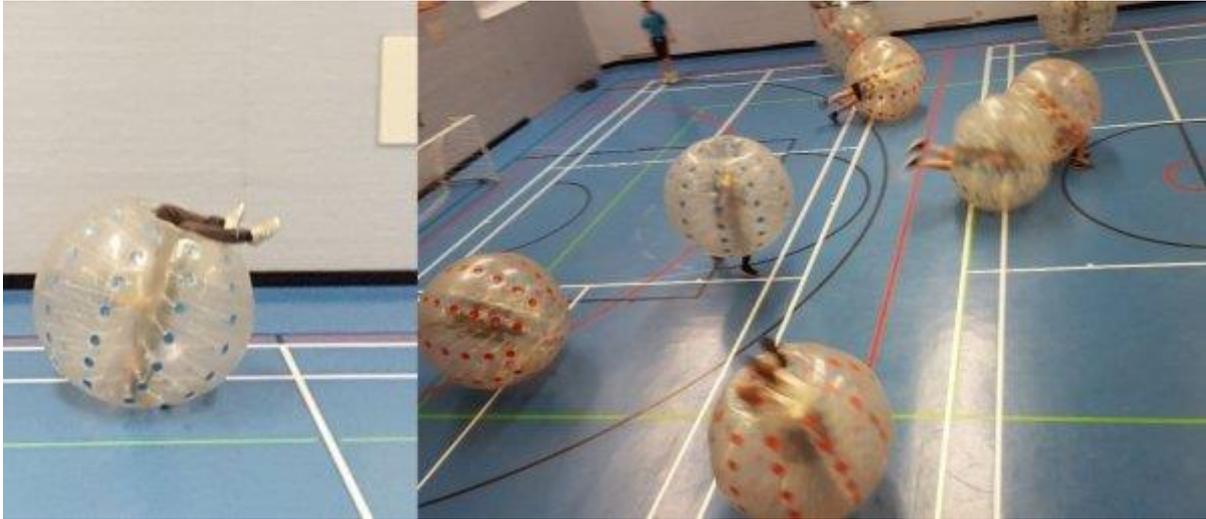
Commissioned in December 1914, he went to the front in July 1915 and was shot by a sniper in Belgium, 6th April 1916, aged 20.

Buried at Essex Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Grave I. B. 4.

Bubble Football!

Saturday 9 April 2016

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than playing one of the craziest and most exhausting games ever conceived?!



For a couple of hours, boys from all years took it in turns to climb inside the inflatable spheres (with only their legs sticking out at the bottom) and chase a ball, or each other, around the gym. There were many hilarious collisions and great fun was had by all, especially when the Housemaster joined in and the boys took the opportunity to focus their attentions on knocking him off his feet...



Exhausted, but happy, bubble football participants from the Fourth Form. L-R: Lucas Jones-Polanco, Will Holdcroft, Arron Lewis, Jacob Jefferis, Ramzi Masri



GB rowing selection

Monday 11 April 2016

Congratulations to Matthew Rowe (SH LVI), who has been selected to row for Great Britain.



Matthew Rowe (SH LVI) attended the GB Junior Rowing trials over the first week of the School holidays. After four days of gruelling selection racing, Matthew was selected as member of a small squad of athletes to represent Great Britain at the Munich Regatta to be held in May.



Senior Rowing Camp

Tuesday 12 April 2016

During the Easter holiday, the Boat Club took 48 pupils to the stunning Lac du Causse for a week-long rowing camp on the 2000m rowing course. It provided the ideal location to get valuable mileage covered on the multi-lane course in preparation for the Summer Regattas. (Reports on the J15 and J14 rowing camps that also took place during the holiday will be published shortly.)



The touring party was made up of Fifth Form and Sixth Form boys and girls who were accompanied by eight members of staff. After travel delays caused by a French Air Traffic Controllers strike, everyone was pleased to get to the lake safely at around 10pm. The daily routine of rowing, food, rowing, studying, food, studying, rowing and sleep soon set in - although not always in that order.



The multi-lane course made it an ideal venue to get side by side races done for crew selection and useful race preparation.

The chance to use coxless pairs and coxless fours on the 2000m long buoyed straight provided welcome relief from the seemingly ever fast-flowing and winding River Severn.



The cool and calm conditions played their role in providing ample time to get up to three quality water sessions in each day. The catering provided by Valerie and Stephan was fantastic, with vast quantities of food consumed each meal time.

There was a great camaraderie among the touring party, which was a tremendous credit to the boys and girls who worked hard on and off the water with an excellent team ethic.



Squad run

We look forward to seeing all the crews out racing over the summer, putting to work the hundreds of miles covered.

Many thanks to the members of staff who made it all possible.

*Athol Hundermark
Director of Rowing*





Public Schools' Fencing Championships

Thursday 14 April 2016

Shrewsbury School's fencers enjoyed a very successful few days of competition at the Public Schools' Fencing Championships, which were held at Crystal Place Sports Centre during the last week of term. The highlight was a gold medal for Third Former épéeist Jan Tai (R 3).

The event attracted 1,252 fencers from 98 schools. Our team was one of the largest in the competition, as we had entered 22 fencers for the various events, with 21 fencers competing – 6 épéeists, 12 foilists and 10 sabreurs, one fencer competing at all three weapons, six fencers competing at two weapons. Our only omission was James Hinwood (Rt IV), who was chosen to fence for England under-15 team in Poland over the same period.



Jan Tai

The highlight of the trip was a gold medal for Jan Tai (R 3) in the Mount-Haes Epée (12-14-year-old boys) from a field of 98 fencers. Fencing with composure throughout the day, he gave a stunning final performance, winning 15-9.



In the Senior Foil, Marco Lee (I UVI) was unable to repeat his last year's gold medal victory but he fenced well to finish in fifth place and only narrowly missed out on a medal. Scott Reynolds (SH UVI) managed to gain valuable Master of Arms points by finishing 16th in the same event.

In the Junior Foil, Marco Lo (PH V) turned in an excellent performance to finish in 12th place but was disappointed not to have got into the medals.

Sherry Xu (EDH UVI) excelled expectations, finishing 15th in the Senior Girls' Foil and 20th in the Senior Girls' Sabre.

Scott Reynolds' 16th place at foil, 16th place at épée and 18th place at sabre meant he finished fourth overall in the Master at Arms trophy.

Our thanks go out to all the staff who made the event happen and to Old Salopian Arthur Cheng who gave of his own time to referee and offer valuable support to the team.

Team

Scott Reynolds, Marco Lee, Guy Cabral, Sherry Xu, Claudia Fang, Alec Barnes Rhys Trevor, Liza Stolyarova, Angel Chan, Suky Ou Yang, Georgie Voelcker, Sherry He, Marco Lo, Ludo de Falbe, James Fearn, Weinan Will Sun, Ebrahim Jamshid, Ben Cowley, Will Holcroft, Koby Ferdinand-Okpala, Jan Tai

Support staff

Kim Onions, Gwen Davis, Iain Graham, Arthur Cheng

Ken Holding

Wrekin Sword

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The inaugural Art Scholars' Exhibition and Dinner

Thursday 14 April 2016

The private view of the first Art Scholars' Exhibition took place on 7th March, celebrating the work of our scholars from Third Form to Upper Sixth.

The opportunity to view the work of this fantastic group of artists did not go unnoticed, with a large group of staff and pupils, as well as members of local community, coming to support our pupils.

The exhibition revealed an exciting mix of style and content and, with scholars in attendance, guests had the chance to speak to them about their work and influences.

The Art Department was pleased to host a dinner for scholars and their guests. They dined in the main Gallery surrounded by their paintings, thus establishing a new tradition which we hope will continue here at Shrewsbury.



"My World is Upside Down" - James Taylor, by Rob Cross

Thursday 14 April 2016

Rob Cross (S 08-13) is the former Sports Editor for the University of Exeter's Student Magazine and, having interviewed James Taylor last year, he gives his thoughts on his forced retirement.



James Taylor with Rob Cross

Fellow Old Salopian Rob Cross has written a moving article sharing his thoughts on James Taylor's medical retirement. In it he writes that "it seems impossibly cruel that someone who has worked as hard as he has for so many years has had his career snatched from his control".

You can read the rest of Rob's article on this link: <http://exepose.com/2016/04/13/james-taylor-my-world-is-upside-down/>



The Hunt dominates in the Northern Schools' Cross-Country Championships

Thursday 14 April 2016

The Hunt's most successful season in living memory closed in fittingly triumphant style at the Northern Schools' Championship in Trafford.

The Hunt have only competed at the Northern Schools' Cross-Country Championships once before (in 2013 when Huntsman Ed Mallett led the team home to the senior title). But given the successes of the 2016 season, there was sufficient desire still left in the squads to put in one last effort, despite term finishing the night before. This time we took three teams: the Senior Boys team and, for the first time, a Junior Boys team and a Senior Girls team.

With two teams also running at Bromsgrove on the same day for the final race in the Midlands Independent Schools' League where the Colts successfully defended their title, it was testimony to the depth of talent and the hunger within the squad that we were able to put out such competitive squads to both events.

In the first race of the day, our **Senior Girls** were looking to build on their trophy-winning success at the County Championships with one final run-out. It was fitting that the quartet taking to the startline included three Upper Sixth runners who have been at the very heart of girls' running at Shrewsbury in the past two year (Huntswoman Olivia Papaioannou, Passi Goddard and Martha Pownall), with the final member of the team being Fifth Former Immie Evans, who will next year take over the role of Huntswoman.



Olivia Papaioannou and Immie Evans



Impressive packing from the girls in the opening lap saw our girls battle it out with the lead four from Canon Slade School in Bolton, who were here to defend their title. Having won the competition three times in the past six years, they were no doubt somewhat unnerved to have such stiff competition from the Hunt runners on debut in the competition. A strong start from captain Papaianou (EDH) saw her immediately take to the front of the field as she nestled in behind the lead runner from Upton Hall. Behind her, Goddard (G) looked to be pushing towards a top 5 position, with Evans (G) and Pownall (MSH) working hard to keep within the top 10, knowing that their job was to keep our score as low as possible.

The short 3.3km course looked to be exactly to Papaianou's liking, though going into the final lap she was trailing the lead runner by 10m or so, perhaps flagging a little after racing over the Steeplechases course the day before. Yet when she emerged out of the forest section, that gap had not only been eradicated, but it was now Papaianou who was pushing on and gathering a lead. In the end, she crossed the finishing tape first in a time of 12.21, winning the individual Northern Schools' championship title by a clear 12 seconds over the second-placed runner. Crucially, behind her came our three remaining 'counters' in quick succession: Goddard 5th in 13.24; Evans 8th in 13.53; and Pownall 9th in 14.34. The team total of 23 was impressive and was easily good enough to take the championship title, 23 points ahead of runners-up Canon Slade.





Sam Western

The next race of the day saw our **Junior Boys** take to the startline of what looked to be the most competitive field. An U16s race, our team was one of the youngest with only one Fifth Former in the team (Monty Hardcastle of Ingram's) and our core runners composed of mainly Fourth Formers and one Third Former, Sam Western of Severn Hill. A frenetic pace at the start showed everyone that this was going to be a quick race over the flat course. (Indeed, the winning time was 15.46, very impressive indeed over 5km for runners this young.) Undeterred, our runners knew to stay calm, be patient and work their way through the field. This they did, with Harry Remnant (Ch) establishing himself in the top 10 by the end of the first lap and increasingly looking strong. Behind him, having started conservatively and way down the field at first, Hardcastle was making impressive work of eating up the runners in front of him. Incredibly, by halfway he had pushed into the top 10 himself.

With four to 'count', Fourth Formers Toby Pegge (PH) and Charlie Ockleston (O) were working well together as a pair just inside the top 25, where they remained for the rest of the race. With one lap to go, Remnant and Hardcastle were notching up positions, and as they crossed the line, Remnant came through in 16.28 and 6th position with Hardcastle not far behind in 8th with 16.39. Pegge claimed 22nd position with 17.28 just ahead of Ockleston in 24th with



17.41. Whilst not a 'counter' in the team, Sam Western's 29th position in a time of 18.10 was a terrific run from someone so young and he looked incredibly strong throughout the race. The team total of 60 ensured that they didn't go away empty-handed as they claimed team bronze.

With S Anselm's easily winning the team championship with a score of 35, it was very close indeed between the next three teams. Ermysted's Grammar School came second with 59 points and were just one point ahead of Shrewsbury, who were themselves just 4 points ahead of Lancaster RGS. Once again, it served to illustrate the importance of each position.

Our **Senior Boys** had to wait until the final race of the day before they were able to get out. Despite an impressive looking quintet travelling up to Trafford, there was some doubt over Freddie Huxley-Fielding (R), who had felt unable to run the day before at Steeplechases due to a jarred knee. (Rigg's managed to win the event without him - see separate race report.) The team knew that they had to pack in and ensure that if Huxley-Fielding had to drop out they would all have to step up.

As with the Junior Boys' race, the pace at the outset was fast and furious, with only Huntsman Oscar Dickins (R) managing to keep up with the lead pack. However, the race covered the not insignificant distance of 6.1km and the pace settled down over the course of the first lap. Huxley-Fielding didn't look entirely comfortable over the course of that first lap but endeavoured to stick alongside fellow Lower Sixth Former Will Hayward (R). All three Hunt runners had by the end of the second lap managed to reel in the lead runners and only S Anselm's top runner appeared to be troubling them. The trio must have been an ominous threat behind him, for it wasn't long before that lead was relinquished and the Hunt surged to the front, relentless in their pursuit for the title.

Behind them, Scott Hatton (S) was also having a storming run and had pushed up into the top 10. He seemed to be relishing the challenge of slowly and surely eating up the runners in front. Henry Newbould (Ch), meanwhile, was keeping in touch, knowing that if anyone in front pulled out, he would suddenly become a counter. As the race progressed, however, it became increasingly clear that he didn't need to worry, for Huxley-Fielding looked ever more comfortable with each lap. As they moved into the final stages, he began his push for the individual title, charging onwards and striding out, crossing the tape in an impressively swift time of 20.20, seven seconds ahead of Will Hayward in 2nd, with Oscar Dickins completing the podium with third in 20.38. Hatton's final lap was outstanding and by the end he had managed to push all the way up into 5th, stopping the clock at 21.24. Henry Newbould, whilst not a counter, placed 10th, a fine way to call time on his Hunt career. He has been a strong example to all within the Club in demonstrating the power of belief and determination. The Hunt's team total of 11 is practically unheard of in competitions such as this.



It was a proud moment as Huntsman Oscar Dickins collected the Daily Despatch trophy (first presented in 1939), and a fitting way for Dickins to end what has been a quite outstanding Hunt career. This year's Shropshire u20 champion, Tucks winner, Hunt Club Champion, twice winner of the fastest lap at the Steeplechases, and a member of the Hunt squad who recorded an historic first national title at the Knole Run in Kent, it was fitting that Dickins should end his career in Trafford: his very first race for The Hunt had been just a few miles up the road, where he had been a member of the quartet (alongside fellow Huntsman Ben Remnant) who had won the Manchester Relays in their first term at Shrewsbury School.



Manchester Relays, 2011



For me personally, it was an emotional day as I called time as Master in Charge of The Hunt. But what wonderful memories to end on. As ever, I was so proud of our runners and not only should they be commended for their successes and spoils, but they should be commended for the spirit in which they run. They ran, as they always do, with heart, with determination, with courage and with pride. I will dearly miss all that The Hunt has been to me and a significant part of my life has now drawn to a close, but I have been gifted eight years of wonderful memories and above all else, the blood of The Hunt courses through your veins and never leaves you. Run hard, run well, and may the Devil take the hindmost!

PJM





Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 14 April 2016

This week, the Grounds Staff.



The term is still in its infancy, like the chicks that we have been hatching with partial success at home. There is not a fully developed team to focus on in terms of sporting performers as yet. The weeks that follow will, I am sure, be full of amazing stories of bat or racquet on ball, athletic prowess and oar on water, but for now I am going to focus on a team without whom a large percentage of sports at Shrewsbury would wither.

There is an article on the BBC sports website entitled 'Best job in the world, Cricket groundsman?' It is a little dull but if you want a few technical details about scarifying and soiling, then can I point you in that direction. Personally I try to avoid articles on soiling. It does, however, emphasise how important a top groundsman and his team can be.

It was easy to track down the grounds team, as I have had three children all of whom enjoyed looking at tractors. In fact I suspect that one of the biggest distractions for the Shrewsbury Grounds staff is having to show off their tractors to the small children who roam the site in feral hordes until they are eventually corralled by their parents (most of whom work here in some capacity - not usually full!).



Our current Groundsman is Andy Richards, who arrived here in 2010 having worked at Birmingham City (who were recently defeated 2-1 by Brighton, in case you all missed that result). Andy is proud of his tractors, preferring the blue one. I began by asking Andy if it was true that he was Keith's younger brother, as he does quite a lot of Rolling. Andy looked at me with a quizzical eye and I moved quickly on.



I asked Andy what his biggest challenge had been of late. He was quick to say it was the weather. This year has been the wettest on record and it has been too wet to mow the grass (as I recently explained to my wife whilst searching for a small child lost on our lawn!). I looked around and suggested that the grounds looked amazing and Andy modestly said that because it has been relatively warm the grass has grown well and covered up muddy patches quickly. (I am purposely not getting too technical here!)

I asked Andy what his favourite season was. He told me he is partial to Oregano. Brushing aside his amusing quip, I pushed him in the tough journalistic manner that I am renowned for and he explained that he enjoys each season especially as it begins. He loves it when the goal posts go up.

“I love it when the goal posts go up,” he said. Currently he is loving the prospect of delivering some high quality pitches for our cricketers. Andy is very positive about everything to do with the School, even though he has to work with numerous Heads of Sport including grizzled veteran Shropshire cricketer and Master in Charge of Cricket, Andrew Barnard. “I love working with Andy,” Andy claimed, looking nervously over his shoulder. I asked if the ‘Rooster Cogburn’ of the cricketing world liked the wickets served up in any particular way. Andy’s answer gets a little technical now, so cricket novices will have to concentrate.

“Over the season we prepare a lot of different wickets. Each wicket is prepared as if for a test match (a five-day game). On the first day there will be something in it for the bowlers. The second and third days should see it become very good for batting and as the wicket ages, so it becomes more of a spinner’s wicket. As the season goes on so we have more options, as we can use a new wicket or an older one depending on the strength of our team. Last year we used quite

a lot of older wickets as we had a very strong spin attack. So most of the time we are able to serve up what the Master in Charge would like for his protégés.”

I asked if Andy had any new bits of kit for the new season. He pointed to a large cover that can envelop the whole square, as he continues in his efforts to defeat the British weather. It is so big it takes about seven men to pull on, but might mean we get a bit more cricket this season. So far it has caused some excitement. As they were putting it on the other day in windy conditions it suddenly billowed up and lifted four of the groundsmen into the air, a ‘surface’ Andy feels he is not equipped to work on!





It is clear that Andy needs a good team to help him maintain what is widely regarded as the best school pitch in the country. The gardeners sometimes have to down tools to come and lend a hand. Ardent Liverpool fan Brian Jones, who has quietly been planting more and more red flowering plants, was particularly happy with life after Liverpool's triumph in the Europa Cup. Stuart Edwards took his headphones off and left his garden designing inspiration Cher warbling into the ether for a few moments. Mark 'I should have been an' Ironmonger rather than a gardener was also summoned to help.



Andy also has Ground Support Operatives (I promise they are not robots) in the lively shapes of Richard Jones and Ryan Dawes, as well as Harley Ward, Dominic Murray, John Lloyd and ex-town Legend Andy Cooke to help him keep on top of all the many jobs that come his way this time of year.



They are clearly a close unit and the standard of pitches would suggest there can be few better to look after Neville Cardus's "most beautiful playing fields in the world". Shrewsbury Town and the RAF have been training on the 1st XI football pitch of late and it is hoped that the England Ladies will be back to sample the cricket pitch later in the season. Andy is proud of the achievement of his team. The 1st XI football pitch is as good as any professional pitch and is better than the one he oversaw at Birmingham City. The cricket pitch helped to develop many talents, including Jimmy Taylor who of course is in all our thoughts this week. It is a fantastic wicket carefully nurtured by a fantastic groundsman and his fantastic team. Really they are the Team of the Year! Thank you Andy and your incredible team.

GJFB



James Taylor

Thursday 14 April 2016

The news that James Taylor (R 2003-08) had been forced to retire from cricket due to a serious heart condition has shocked and saddened the whole school community. We are very grateful to Martin Knox, one of the many members of staff who has followed James' career with keen interest since he joined the School as a Third Former in 2003, for writing a tribute that articulates not only his own personal reflections but also expresses the sympathies and good wishes towards Jimmy felt by Salopians across the world.



James playing for the U15s in the Final of the Lord's Taverners Colts Trophy in June 2005. He scored the winning runs with a mighty blow for 6. During the course of the Lord's Taverners competition, he scored 541 runs in 6 innings (including 4 centuries) without being dismissed once.

This was to have been James Taylor's year, the year in which, following on from a successful winter, he would finally establish himself as a fixture in a full strength England side. Goodness knows, he had achieved enough in his career to date, Young Cricketer of the Year, Captain of the England Lions, Captain of an England ODI side and, while with Leicester, sharing in three record partnerships. Several double centuries proved his staying power; his average in 50-over cricket, the fourth highest in the game, proved he could "get on with it", yet those who had witnessed the prodigious feats of his Shrewsbury days would never be satisfied until the wider public came to see him as the master cricketer that he was. He had never failed the challenges confronting him thus far and his supporters will always believe that, given the chance, he would have taken his place in the Hall of Fame.



But it was not to be. The devastating news of his serious heart condition and consequent retirement has shocked the cricketing world, nowhere more than here at Shrewsbury. That it should happen to the ebullient, hyper-active, workaholic Jimmy (as he has always been known in Salopian circles) made it all the more difficult take on board. The response in the local and national press has been overwhelming, testimony to the affection and admiration in which he is held.

So why the wait for a place at the top table? The answer has to be his height, which for too long dominated and distorted the public - and selectorial - perception of a superb athlete. It was to be years before a reference to Jimmy would appear without the obligatory adjective “diminutive”. Too much attention was paid to his stature, too little to what this short man was achieving. Most frustrating of all was the presumption that lack of inches meant lack of strength.

Let me recall a favourite image of Jimmy on the field, not in cricket, but in a House football match, no place for the faint-hearted or the feeble. Jimmy, then in the lowest year permitted to play in 1st House, is racing down the wing with the ball, about to be challenged by a hefty member of the Upper Sixth (and the 1st XV). The defender sees a soft target and launches a shoulder charge, oblivious of his “victim’s” timing, balance, confidence, and power; oblivious, that is, until he finds himself flat on his back, his energy returned - with interest. If only those who at a distance drew false conclusions about his physique could have witnessed that demonstration of the “pocket battleship” in action.

Confident, but without arrogance, ambitious, but without vanity, Jimmy has worn his success with exemplary modesty. His programme for one month a while back is a perfect illustration. For Nottinghamshire he played T20, 40-over and four-day matches and for England, he was called up as cover for the Test side. Few are expected to take on this sort of varied diet, but Jimmy did not stop there. Having a weekend free, he played in the Birmingham League for Shrewsbury CC (55-overs) and the following day played a 50-over match for the Saracens in the Cricketer Cup. He loved playing and he loved practising and it was never beneath him to return to his old school to do either. The mutual respect between him and Paul Pridgeon has continued undimmed and Jimmy has often been seen in the Cricket Centre, “having a hit” with his valued mentor.

Back in 2008, as he left the field for the last time as a schoolboy, his team-mates stood back and applauded in gratitude and admiration. As he crossed the boundary and approached the steps, Jimmy looked at the Master in Charge. “Thanks, Barn,” he said and made his way into the dressing-room. Five years of adulation ending in a gesture of humility.

Jimmy now faces a new challenge, for which he could not have prepared and about which he can do nothing. Life will be a completely different test, sadly with a small “t”. He goes into it with the heartfelt good wishes of hundreds of Salopians, for whom the cricket pages will never be the same.

MWK



James Taylor Runs Record Shrewsbury 2004-2008 (5 seasons)

School 1st XI Fixtures

2004 187 @ 58.24
2005 353 @ 44.12
2006 878 @ 87.80
2007 848 @ 106.00
2008 898 @ 179.60
TOTAL 3164 @ 95.00

ALL School 20-20 National KO (13 matches)

2006-2008 652 @ 61.12

Other 1st XI Fixtures (pre- season etc)

201 @ 41.00

GRAND TOTAL: 4017 @ 65.70



Jan Tai crowned national champion

Thursday 14 April 2016

Third Former Jan Tai continues to impress and we were delighted to hear that at the Public Schools' Fencing Championships he was crowned national champion at U14 level, winning the Mount Haes Epée.





BBC Music Magazine Choral Award Win for Tenebrae

Thursday 14 April 2016

The logo for the BBC Music Magazine Awards 2016 Choral Award Winner. It features the BBC logo in a purple square, followed by 'MUSIC MAGAZINE' in a serif font, 'AWARDS 2016' in a large, bold serif font with '2016' in purple, and 'CHORAL AWARD WINNER' in a smaller serif font below.



Many congratulations to Henry Southern (G 03-08) on a tremendous win for Tenebrae at the 2016 BBC Music Magazine Awards. This incredibly talented choir, managed by Henry, were awarded the coveted Choral Award for their recording of Brahms and Bruckner motets.

We were lucky enough to have Tenebrae perform a concert in the School Chapel on OS Day of last year and it rounded off the day in sublime fashion. We can highly recommend a listen.

You can find [further details on this link](#).

Salopian Club Annual Birmingham Dinner

Thursday 14 April 2016



The Salopian Club Birmingham Dinner took place on 14th April at the St Paul's Club in Birmingham and a wonderful evening was had by all who attended.

The dinner is considered one of the highlights of the Club's social calendar and this year was no exception, with the dinner selling out well in advance.

The event was organised and hosted by Richard Woodgate (Rt 54-59) and the Guest of Honour was Nick Owen (R 61-66). The Headmaster was in attendance and John Moore, Director of Music, took along two talented pupils who entertained the gathered guests wonderfully with their singing.

Thankfully a minibus provided transport back to Shrewsbury for those who had indulged in generous quantities of Walsall Sauce!



The news 100 years ago: 13th - 20th April 1916

Thursday 14 April 2016

This week we remember:

Lieutenant Arnold Mathews, 14th Bn. Cheshire Regiment

Baker's (now Severn Hill), Huntsman, Football XI, one of the best runners the School has seen and Head of the Science Side. He left in 1913 for Corpus Christi College Cambridge with a science scholarship and was there awarded the Careswell Scholarship. Along with many other OS, he enlisted in the ranks of the 5th Bn. K.S.L.I. but after a few weeks he obtained a commission to the 14th Cheshires. "Unassuming and quite regardless of himself, he gained the sincere esteem of his contemporaries." – *The Salopian*.

He took part in the fighting on the Tigris Front, 5th - 9th April 1916 and died of wounds received, in Mesopotamia, 14th April 1916, aged 21.

Remembered on Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 14 and 62.



National Fives Championship success

Thursday 14 April 2016

In the first week of the Easter holiday, we welcomed 510 pairs of Fives players from 32 schools for the Marsh National Eton Fives Championships. Highlights included Sophia Breese and Lizzie Ware winning the U15 Girls Championship title, with our three top U15 girls pairs all reaching the semi-finals, and Peter Clark and Tom Castling winning the U14 Beginners Championship. A full report will be published shortly.



Sophia Breese and Lizzie Ware, U15 Girls Champions



Peter Clark and Tom Castling, U14 Beginners Champions



Art Scholars' Exhibition

Saturday 16 April 2016



Upper Sixth Former Conrad Morson's work was prominently on display at the recent Art Scholars' Exhibition, including a giant portrait of fellow Upper Sixth Riggite Charlie Cooke.

Conrad is in the process of applying for Foundation Art Courses where he hopes to continue his studies next year.

Mixed Rounders

Saturday 16 April 2016

Some of the School House Third Form boys teamed up with girls from EDH for an enjoyable afternoon of rounders.

Whilst it was mainly a social occasion, there was some excellent rounders played. Most notably, a couple of the boys were brought back down to earth when their huge shots were superbly caught deep in the field by Mimi Ashworth, who thoroughly deserved her “man” of the match accolade!



Shrewsbury team are regional runners-up in business and accounting competition

Monday 18 April 2016

Shortly before the Easter holiday, Lower Sixth Formers Sebastian Hervas-Jones (S), Edward Donovan (R) and Henry Povey (PH) became the first team from Shrewsbury to take part in BASE, the ICAEW's National Business and Accounting competition for students in school or college aged 16-19.



The Telford heat, one of 49 regional competitions, was a great experience for all the students, allowing them to find out more about careers in accountancy, finance and business by competing in an exciting business challenge. Students also had the opportunity to network with accountancy professionals.

The Shrewsbury team narrowly missed out on winning the completion and instead had to settle for the runners-up position. The heat winners on the day were a strong Adams' Grammar School team. Hopefully next year we will be able to go one better!

CWK





Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19 April 2016

This year's AGM will be held at 12.00 on Friday 13th May in the Peterson Room at Shrewsbury School. If you would like to attend, please contact Joanne Hutchinson on 01743 280889 or foundation@shrewsbury.org.uk



Making Matron's birthday cake

Tuesday 19 April 2016



A fanfare for the Queen's 90th Birthday

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Pupils and staff gathered on Central during Thursday morning break, as a brass quartet played the National Anthem from the roof of the Alington Hall in celebration of the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.



As the Union Jack fluttered above the Main School Building, Henry Thomas, Ed Acton, Richard Hudson and Rob Shone followed the National Anthem with appropriately rousing renditions of *Rule Britannia* and *Carmen Salopiensa*.



J15 Easter Rowing Camp at Pangbourne

Wednesday 20 April 2016



In the last week of the Easter holidays, 21 Fourth Formers and a Fifth Former embarked on their first Easter Training Camp at Pangbourne College in Berkshire. With the addition of the J15 girls' squad this year, the tone for the camp was set from the off, with some lively singing in the minibuses.

Training in Pangbourne allowed the rowers to experience rowing in a variety of different boats. Whilst the boys spent most of the week in small boats, the girls took the opportunity to try their hand at sweep oar for the week in an eight. This is all in readiness for what could be the first appearance of a Shrewsbury School girls' eight at the National Schools' Regatta later on in the Summer Term.





Taking advantage of being able to train in a nice wide river, the boys practised their steering in coxless boats for much of the week, with great improvements coming by the end and very few crashes.

Whilst big improvements were made out on the river, the pupils and staff also took the opportunity to visit Oxford and take a punting trip up the river; only one boy got wet in the process. It all went to show that whilst our pupils may be adept with a rowing blade, their skills with a punting pole still need some improvement, though I am not sure the argument between Dr Pattenden (Oxon) and Dr Elliot (Cantab) about which end of the punt to stand on helped them!

A bowling trip on the final night also provided opportunity for a bit of fun, with the best score coming from Dr Pattenden thanks to three strikes in a row with his final three balls, allowing him to keep his money in his pocket after promising £1 to anyone who could beat him!





It was a hard week, however, with great gains made by all out on the river. It will certainly give us a leg up in preparations for the summer regatta season. My thanks go to Mr Peach, Dr Elliot, Dr Pattenden and Aimee Rutherford (our visiting coach from Queen Ann's School) for all their help through the week.

MWDB



House IVs in the sunshine

Wednesday 20 April 2016





Dayboys' Trip to Talargeryn

Wednesday 20 April 2016

On the first weekend of the Summer Term, the Third Form dayboys in Radbrook and Porthill enjoyed a brief but adventurous overnight trip to Snowdonia. They savoured the delights of Talargeryn (the School bunkhouse) as well as Mr David's 'eggy bread' breakfast, followed by brave antics on the local high ropes course. Oliver Shutts (PH) has captured some of the highlights on film, which he has incorporated with some stunning photos taken by Dr Case.



The main event of the day, held in lovely spring conditions, was a mountain walk along the Glyddr Ridge just to the North of Mount Snowdon. The Glyderau (the name means 'heap of stones') is a classic ridge walk (far nicer than an ascent of crowded Mount Snowdon), and includes five of Wales' 14 or 15 summits over 3000 feet. These include Tryfan (which we did not attempt), considered to be one of the finest mountains in Wales and one of the few mountains on the British mainland that requires scrambling to reach the summit.



The eastern half of the range in particular, including the ice cracked ‘castles’ of Glyder Fawr and Glyder Fach, is very popular with walkers and climbers. This area includes the famous, and delicately balanced, ‘Cantilever Stone’ – always a great photo opportunity, as you can see.

A clear and sunny day allowed great views, and although a tough day, the boys greatly enjoyed and appreciated an introduction to this wonderful range of mountains.

After a hot chocolate at the famous Pinnacle Café (down at ground level), it was a weary but happy crowd that journeyed back to Shrewsbury.

NPD



The Classical Society welcome a legend

Thursday 21 April 2016



If you were a teenager in the 1980s, chances are you'd associate the name of John Taylor with the bass player of the New Romantics group Duran Duran. If, however, you are a classicist, the name is synonymous with the author of a number of books that countless pupils use in class as part of their studies in Latin and Greek.

On Tuesday, the man himself came to Shrewsbury to address the Classical Society on 'Homer and The Aeneid'.

More than 30 pupils and staff enjoyed the talk which covered the intriguing literary relationship between the quasi-mythical blind bard and his Roman equivalent.

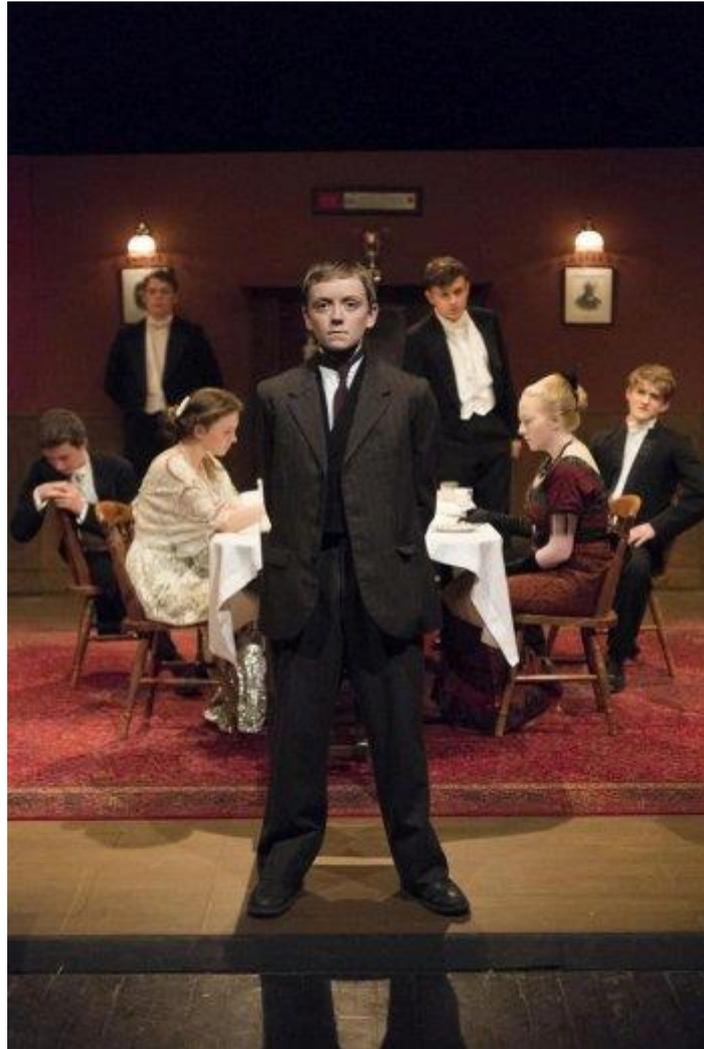
Head of Classics Paul Fitzgerald commented, "We are lucky to get Dr Taylor, as he is in great demand. Many of our pupils were intrigued to meet the man behind the books - some even asked him for an autograph!"



'An Inspector Calls'

Thursday 21 April 2016

"Richard Hudson and Guy Cabral's production was dynamic and fast-paced, cleverly edited to 75 minutes of nail-biting drama." Director of Drama Helen Brown reviews the Churchill's House Play.



A wealthy family sit down to dinner in 1912. Business is booming, the British Empire is at its height, and the world's safest and most luxurious liner – the Titanic – is about to set sail from Southampton. Everything seems perfect, until a mysterious Inspector turns up and starts removing skeletons from closets. J.B. Priestley's play is a ruthless exposé of the smugness, selfishness and pomposity of the British middle class, and is as relevant today as when it was first written.

Richard Hudson and Guy Cabral's production was dynamic and fast-paced, cleverly edited to 75 minutes of nail-biting drama. Tim Lovick and Robin Huber were splendidly self-satisfied as Mr Birling and his wife, unshakable in their conviction that they owed nothing to their fellow man. Real-life brother and sister Eve and Rider Hartley represented the younger generation and



proved “more impressionable” to the Inspector’s doctrine of social responsibility. The final moments of the play, in which they plead with their parents to “learn something”, were particularly moving.

The role of Gerald is perhaps the most challenging; he begins the play as one of the most sympathetic characters, and the Inspector himself acknowledges that he is capable of love and generosity. However, he slips easily back into the role he was born to, and the final scene seems to suggest that he is well on the way to becoming a second Mr Birling. This journey was ably portrayed by Toby Pattinson, who managed to capture both Gerald’s desire to do good and his inability to do so. The production was held together, however, by Otto Rothwell-Hurley’s laconic inspector, whose stillness and deadpan delivery were perfectly suitable to this strange, other-worldly character.

Special thanks is also due to Rob Shone, Max Walley and Erin Leatherbarrow, who managed the technical aspects of the production with professionalism and good humour, despite illness, natural disasters and acts of God, and to Ben Remnant, who butted with panache.

Congratulations to all involved.

Helen Brown, Director of Drama



Gregynog Young Woodwind Player of the Year Award

Thursday 21 April 2016

Henry Newbould (Ch UVI) has won the Young Woodwind Player of the Year Award at the 2016 Gregynog Young Musician Competition. This is a top award at one of the most prestigious competitions for young musicians in the UK.



Henry Thomas (Ch UVI) and Arthur Yu (SH LVI) were also among the 16 musicians who reached the semi-final stage of the competition, many of whom study at specialist music schools.

After competing during the day, five instrumentalists were then chosen to go through to the final evening round, to perform a 20-minute programme in front of a large audience and a panel of judges from the Royal College of Music and other top UK musical institutions.

Henry Newbould was the Woodwind finalist amongst those five, and whilst eventual first prize went to a brilliant young pianist, Henry performed superbly on soprano and alto saxophone and received a substantial prize for his very considerable achievement.

Congratulations to Henry, and also to Henry Thomas and Arthur Yu, for achieving places in this prestigious national competition.

JFM



J14 Easter Rowing Camp

Thursday 21 April 2016



With the summer regatta season starting soon, the J14 Rowing squad returned to School on the Friday before the beginning of term for their first ever Training Camp. Fresh-faced from their various holiday experiences, they were all eager to return to the water and push on from their success at The Scullery in the Lent Term. With the J14 boys having come 3rd at the National event and the girls finishing 6th, both squads were aware that a medal could be well within their grasp come the Summer Term.



There were three sessions training each day, focusing on mileage, technical and intense endurance work. By the end of day one, all the athletes were comparing blisters and stories from their first day of hard graft in octuples, realising that the next few days would be challenging yet



rewarding. Towards the end of the camp, everyone had managed to scull up and down the river in single sculls, testing their ability and confidence. Drills in the single scull included rigger dips and standing up. Once one J14 had plucked up the courage and mastered the art, all the others followed.

All the J14s stayed in Severn Hill for the duration of the camp and it was great to see them work, socialise and support one another as a squad. Not having lessons and other activities, meant that they could all focus solely on their rowing and help one another push forward towards their goal of finishing on the podium at the National Schools' Regatta.



The J14s' first summer race is Birmingham Regatta on 23rd April, followed by Shrewsbury Regatta on 7th and 8th May. All crews are hoping to perform well, having gained a lot of experience from the camp. These events will be crucial to gaining race experience prior to National Schools' Regatta on 27th May.

Could a finish on the medal podium be on the horizon...?

PDG

Shrewsbury School's giant snail joins the Shrewsbury Bookfest Quest

Sunday 24 April 2016

A giant snail created by five Fourth Form artists will be on display in Shrewsbury town centre this weekend as part of the Bookfest Quest, a new addition to Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest annual literary festival for children and families.



The Quest celebrates the children's book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler and will encourage children of all ages to have fun exploring central Shrewsbury, following the snail's 'loopy, curling trail' to find up to 14 spectacular, colourful snails decorated by local schools and artists.

Lizzie Ware, Emma Graham, Katie Oswald, Kiwi Chan and Ludo de Falbe have been spending Monday Societies Hour creating their snail, which has beautiful silhouettes of the Shrewsbury skyline on its shell.



Cricket news round-up

Sunday 24 April 2016

Despite snow on the opening day of the cricket season, the first few fixtures have seen some excellent performances from Shrewsbury School cricketers across all year groups.



In last weekend's block fixtures against Millfield, Shrewsbury's teams came out comfortably on top.

The most dominant performance came from the **U14As** with a 9-wicket victory. Millfield batted first and were limited to 94 all out (Harry Sutherland 3-17, Jack Goodall 2-19 and Peter Clark 2-0). The U14As knocked it off easily, 96-1 (Archie Turner 66, Arthur Garrett 15*).

The **U14B** team also won, posting 185-7 en route to a 40-run victory: Raphael Lanvin 28 runs, Louis Street 3-28 and Frank Mansell 3 catches, but the Man of the Match went to Benedict Coulson who scored 57 runs, bowled 2-21, and took 2 catches.

The **U14C** team lost by 6 wickets, having posted a competitive 136-8, with Rory Henderson top scoring with 24 and a Man of the Match performance from George Daly, with bowling figures of 2-21 and taking a catch.

The **U15Bs**, playing at home, also beat Millfield. They were 125 all out, with the pick of the bowlers being Ed Hague-Saunders 3-17, Harry Remnant 2-17 and Felix Kenyon-Smith 2-22. In reply the U15Bs were 127- 5 with Ed Hague-Saunders 60* and Felix Kenyon-Smith 25.

Among the busy midweek cricket fixtures, the stand-out performance was the **U15As** beating Bloxham's 1st XI by 8 runs having scored 120-4 – Dan Humes (I) 47; Archie Turner (Rt) 33; Ludo Litchfield (I) 21. Bloxham's 1st XI were 112-8 (Arthur Garrett (Ch) 2-12).



On Sunday the U15A team beat Worcester's EPP Academy by 2 wickets. Ed Hague-Saunders continued his good form with 35 runs and 3 wickets, Dan Humes scoring 36 and excellent opening spells from Toby Pegge and Dan Davies.

The **Girls** had a close match but lost by 2 wickets; Lara Ockleston was the pick of the batters – 11, with a number of good bowling performances - Phoebe Wasdell 3-9, Katie Oswald 2-4, Emma Graham 2-12.

Earlier in the week, the **2nd XI** had an impressive 9-wicket win in their first match against The Grange School's 1st XI. The Grange posted a score of 164-10 from 30 overs - Max Parsonage the pick of the bowlers 3-19; with the 2nd XI knocking it off for the loss of a single wicket - Dan Orchard 62*, Matt White 45 and Max Parsonage 44*.

The 2nd XI followed this up with another win (by 8 wickets) against Millfield on Saturday. They scored 148-8 from their 35 overs (Josh Malyon 2-15, Ben Samsom 2-18 and Will Street 2-21) and reached the total in 24 overs (Dan Humes 78* and Jordan Zaza 27*).

On Wednesday the **1st XI** beat a Shropshire Development XI by 52 runs. In the 40 overs Shrewsbury scored 210-6, with Harry Adair getting his first century of the season (106*).

On Saturday the 1st XI made the trip to Sedbergh School, winning a high quality match by 6 wickets despite having a few of our top players out of action. Sedbergh were 197 all out in their 50 overs – 2 wickets for George Newton, 2 for Max Parsonage, and 1 each for Dan Lloyd, George Garrett and Paddy Jacob. In reply the 1st XI scored 200-4: runs (again) for Harry Adair 64*, George Newton 49 and George Garrett 20.



Formula Moser's

Sunday 24 April 2016



Mr Adams, having announced this will be his last season racing in Formula Moser's, delighted the fans with his mastery of Newton's 2nd Law.



Many crashes happened...



The winners' podium didn't look like this...



But it did look like this...



RSSBC: J15s win Gold and J16s win Silver at the national Junior Inter-Regional Regatta

Sunday 24 April 2016

The J15 and J16 squads had a tremendous day's racing at the national Junior Inter-Regional Regatta (JIRR) on Saturday, where they were competing against the fastest boats from 11 other regions. Particular congratulations to the J15 coxed quad, who won gold in their event, and to the J16 coxed four, who won silver.



J15 quad

Two boats from the Fourth Form had qualified for the JIRR, held at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham. The coxed four had a good heat, finishing fourth quickest and progressing to the A final. This was followed by the coxed quad who also made the A final and were narrowly pipped to the quickest time by 0.3 seconds by a strong Henley Rowing Club crew.

In the final, the coxed four of Elliot Crossley, Jack Lockett, Joshua Evans and Petr Rostokin, coxed by Boss Lertthundorn, raced hard but were unable to improve on their time from the heats. They missed out on a bronze medal by half a length (1.5 seconds) despite being more than 3 seconds behind with 500m to go.

The quad of Ali Davies, Ben Holehouse, Adam Pattenden and Ed Hart, coxed by Immy Rooney, put together a tremendous race in the final. At the halfway mark they were around 2 seconds and almost a boat length down on the fast-starting Henley crew. However, they clawed this deficit back to lead the pack going into the last 500 metres. They then extended their lead to overturn their narrow loss in the heats and win the event by 1.5 seconds.

It was a tremendous day of racing for the J15 squad, and to come away with a gold and a fourth place showed great strength in depth. The hard work starts now in preparation for the National Schools' Regatta at Dorney Lake in five weeks' time!



J16 coxed four

The J16s raced in the coxed four and the eight. The coxed four finished first in their semi-final and qualified for the final with the 3rd fastest time. In the final they went one better, winning a silver medal and only losing out to the crew that had won the J16 coxed four at the Schools' Head. The crew was made up of Ed Lewis, Artem Stopnevich, Max Craik, Bryce Rutter and Tomas Shiels.

The eight raced well to earn a place in their A final. They were only fractions away from finishing 4th in a race stacked with selected J16 1st VIIIs.



Shrewsbury School tennis players enjoy a good start to their season

Monday 25 April 2016

On Sunday 24th April, 32 pupils (boys and girls) travelled to Rugby School to play in an invitational tournament. The opposition included Radley College, Rugby School, MCS Oxford, Haileybury, Warwick and Stamford. We took 6 pairs of senior boys and 6 junior pairs of boys - no other school, including the hosts, put out as many pairs.

The standout highlight was the performance of our 1st pair in the U18 competition - Alex Webb (R) and Alex Loumidis (Rt), who beat Radley's 2nd pair and then beat Rugby's 1st pair before losing in the semi-finals to the eventual winners (Radley's 1st pair). All of the players competed well and gained invaluable match practice.

On Saturday the tennis teams played a Myles Harding Invitational Team. A pair of Myles Harding & Adrian Tant beat Jack Fox (PH) & Lisle Gannon (S) 6-1 and Jesse Mattinson (Rb) & James Gisbourne (I) 6-1 6-1, but lost to Alex Loumidis (Rt) & Alex Webb (R) 6-2. Other results from the fixture were: Jon Gidney & Robin Morris beat Fox/Gannon 6-1 and drew with Loumidis/Webb 3-6 7-5; Bromley Davenport & Lucas Paul drew 6-1, 3-6 with Mattinson/Gisbourne but lost 6-3 to Fox/Gannon.

The pair of Loumidis/Webb are playing some of the best tennis we've seen for a decade at the School, which bodes well for the rest of term.

MJH



Bastille Society talk: The role of RAF Bomber Command during World War II

Tuesday 26 April 2016

On Friday 22nd April, a group of Lower and Upper School pupils were treated to a fascinating talk by Mr Jim Penny, drawing on his own experiences as an RAF pilot during World War II.



Mr Penny described the background to Britain's involvement in World War II, the role of Bomber Command and his personal experiences as a pilot flying a Lancaster bomber on runs over Germany and France. He also presented the convincing argument that without the sacrifices of Bomber Command the war might have gone very differently.

Presenting a balanced perspective, accepting the horrendous nature of the bombing of Dresden in 1945, Mr Penny maintained that forcing the German High Command to protect its cities from nightly bombing raids served to impact the war on the ground in a quite fundamental manner. He provided the students with detailed statistics of each bombing run in which he had taken part. What was noticeable and poignant to us all was the number of 'F.T.R' (failed to return) aircraft and the empty tables at breakfast the next day.

Mr Penny joined the RAF as an 18-year-old young man, the same age as many of our Upper Sixth current Salopians. His story was one of youthful courage, sacrifice and hardship during the 20th Century's most devastating conflict. He was shot down by flak and spent considerable time in three German Stalag camps - a very difficult time endured with the famous RAF spirit of 'evade and resist'.

Shrewsbury School is very grateful to Mr Penny for his hugely emotive and informative talk; our pupils gained a tremendous amount from spending time in his company.

HGM



Tough Loss for OSFC in the Final of the Arthur Dunn Cup

Wednesday 27 April 2016

Alas Saturday 23rd April was not the great day that the OSFC were hoping for as they lost 1-0 in the Arthur Dunn Cup Final, with the Old Tonbridgians scoring with 10 minutes to play in the second half of extra time.

By all accounts the Salopians dominated almost every period of the game, and were stronger across the park in every department. Captain Richard McGarry had the following to say to the team:

"We lost the game as we did not turn the half chances into converted chances, owing to a combination of poor luck, on occasion impressive (or more likely chaotic) Tonbridge defending, and quite simply the footballing Gods not being on our side. Had this been a boxing match we would have gone into the final round with a healthy points lead. Sadly we were dealt a knockout punch with seconds remaining."

John Goodbody has written an excellent article for The Times, which can be [read in full on this link](#). In it he refers to the fact that the Tonbridgians are indebted to their goal keeper for making "a series of excellent saves during a long period of domination by Shrewsbury."

This will be of little immediate consolation to an OS team who have looked so strong throughout the whole tournament and who must have felt that they had one hand on the historic trophy, but it bodes very well for next season. Richard McGarry also writes:

"Whilst it is important to reflect on the result, it is not healthy to do so for too long. The group of players that have taken part in the Dunn this year (a group of about 22 players in all) are a fine group of footballers indeed. This will stand this group in excellent stead over future campaigns. I was reminded on Saturday that every great Salopian side in recent history has lost their first Dunn final. It seems that it will be the case for this group too."

Nil Desperandum as they say.

We would strongly encourage you to please [follow this link](#) to read a wonderful 'photo essay' on the history of the Arthur Dunn Cup and this year's final, by David Bauckham. This is a very worthwhile read.



A “dazzling” performance of Orpheus in the Underworld

Wednesday 27 April 2016

School House’s highly talented Alfred Mitchell (UVI) took to the stage as Jupiter, one of the lead roles, in Offenbach’s comic operetta.

For a full review of the witty, entertaining and proficient performances please follow the link: [Shrewsbury School singers dazzle in 'Orpheus in the Underworld'](#)



Alfred, third from left, in the sextet "Cherchez La Femme"

Giles Bell's Team of the Week

Thursday 28 April 2016

This week, the School Council.

As the exam season approaches with alarming alacrity, I find myself trying to avoid phrases such as, 'There are many different types of team at Shrewsbury' and other such trite phrases to which students at lesser schools might resort.

The School Council is certainly a team differing in style from those more frequently examined in this august column. It must not be confused with the Style Council, a band formed by Paul Weller after 'The Jam' passed its sell-by date, despite the presence of the sharp-suited Monsieur 'I love a glass or two of' Portier on the Council in his role as Head of Sixth Form.

Monsieur Portier thoroughly enjoys the School Council Meetings as it is a chance for him to espouse his Rousseau-like philosophy and champion child-centric education in the style of Emile. He denies he is part of a French Revolution trying to influence British education from within the system. 'I have no French Connection,' he told me 'although I like their line in socks'.

Monsieur Portier was 'planted' as a sapling Bordeaux Fellow in about 1760 and has never left. As Head of Sixth Form, some feel he is gently steering the School Council towards a closer allegiance with 'Les Français'. He may try, but the chairman of the Council, Mr Matthew Barrett Homes, would surely not stand for any outside interference. "I do not stand for any outside interference," Mr Barrett told me.

Mr Barrett is the current Master in Charge of Quod and is therefore the Chairman of the School Council. Quod is the name for the Sixth Form Centre and it is a popular place for Salopians to gather over a sausage roll and discuss the issues of the day.



M. Portier and Mr Barrett

What are the issues of the day? For those of you caught up in the Brexit debate, or worrying about how best to help the refugees fleeing slaughter in the Middle East, cast your worries aside, for the School Council concentrates on 'domestic matters'. It is not set up to enhance world peace, merely to oil the cogs in the workings of the Salopian machine that affects the day-to-day life of our current pupils.

The MSH representative Anna Jones was focussed on how to save the School money from lost cups. "Some pupils are so desperate to return to their studies after supper that they take their coffee or hot chocolate with them as they leave the dining hall. Such is their complete enthralment with their studies they sometimes forget to return their cups and so the School has to buy more," the animated Anna explained. It was suggested that the cups could be stuck to the trays. However, it was then pointed out that whilst this might save money in lost cups, the dry cleaning bills might negate any positive effect. The debate continues!



As I sat in on the last meeting of the year, I was impressed by the turn-out of Council members and their politeness as they debated a number of differing items from a variety of different positions. The next topic was about mobile device guidelines. The conversation was briefly interrupted when my phone went off. It was interesting to hear how the current rules had become outdated by the continuing march of technical progress. I remember that in my first year as a Housemaster (1999), mobile phones were just becoming popular but were not allowed at any time! (A rule that was impossible to enforce and quickly abolished.)

After mobile phones, the next item of discussion was about the wearing of coats. I am pleased to report that there was a general consensus that it was important to look smart in school. Should there be a school 'branded' coat? The current regulations stipulate they should be wool, long and navy or black. Is that appropriate for the current climate? Rhys Trevor thought that more people should be encouraged to wear coats and therefore restrictions should not be too tight. He was worried by the number of pupils who get soaked walking to lessons and find their notes are blurred and soggy. Such pupils may also be exposing themselves to risk of colds or worse, and

reading about the various potential forms of Apocalypse in the newspaper, I think he has a point!



Angus Hay (Rb) felt the school coats were unfashionable and Monsieur Portier sighed, nodded his head sagely and stroked his designer sleeve. Alex Perutz (Rt) was modelling a short padded coat which he felt was practical and stylish. He certainly looked warm but eyebrows were raised at his view of style. The chairman of the Council Luca Mattinson preferred a more Inspector Clouseau-like coat but accepted Tiger's view that a striped coat is the way forward. Max Parsonage liked his Parker and thought they were very popular, but at this moment Monsieur Portier could contain himself no longer. In a speech that rivalled Martin Luther King's famous 'I have a dream' speech, he announced in a lengthy oration that he 'hated' anoraks and dreamt of a smarter world. At this point Mr Barrett stepped in and smoothly moved the discussion along to AOB. It was a stroke of genius and I know he will make a very good Housemaster.



The sartorial elegance of Alex Perrutz's choice of coat... and that of M. Portier.

After the meeting, I caught up with Mr Barrett to ask him what changes the Council had managed to make to school life. It would take up too much web space to give you all the triumphs, but a few select ones are:

- 1) Healthier options in the Grot Shop including the selling of peanuts!
- 2) Hot drinks have been introduced to Quod.
- 3) Drinking fountains are going up around the School.

Above all, he paid tribute to the Council for being a sensible barometer of school opinion and working with the Senior Leadership Team to try and maintain the 'right balance'. I am sure there will be more issues to be discussed and resolved but I sense that the School Council is an effective conduit for informed, polite and intelligent discourse.

Congratulations to Mr Barrett for being appointed the new Housemaster of Riggs's. I am sure the diplomatic skills he has demonstrated with the School Council will stand him in good stead!
GJFB

The European Referendum Debate

Thursday 28 April 2016

On two consecutive evenings last week, Sixth Formers packed into the Ashton Theatre to listen to local political leaders put forward arguments for and against Britain's membership of the European Union. Deputy Leader of UKIP Suzanne Evans, who stood as the party's candidate for Shrewsbury and Atcham in the 2015 General Election, spoke on Thursday. The next evening it was the turn of Philip Dunne, Conservative MP for Ludlow. The speakers were introduced by Rhys Elliot-Williams and Sasha Arridge, who summarise their arguments.

A summary of Suzanne Evans' talk by Rhys Elliott-Williams (PH UVI):



Miss Evans questioned whether we would join the EU if it were offered to us today and she felt that the answer was rather emphatically no. She pointed out the fact that there are significant inroads made into our sovereignty by the EU and that the leaders of the Union are the unelected bureaucrats of the Commission. She suggested that the EU is fundamentally selfish, especially regarding farmers and the effect the EU's policies on agriculture have on non-EU farmers.

A point she emphasised heavily was where the money which we pay to the EU goes, which she quoted as being £350 million (but due to rebate £250). She explained that money went to projects such as subsidised bullfighting, luxury resorts hosting EU politicians, etc. She stated that the £20bn saved per year from not being a part of the EU could plug the NHS spending gap and wipe out student loans.

Also heavily emphasised was the fact that the EU restricts our freedoms and democratic rights. She stated that the power was in the hands of the unelected Commission who are not accountable to the voting public and that we are incapable of repealing or even affecting them if we think they have done a bad job.

She pointed out that we could still study abroad, as many nations who are not part of the EU are still part of the Erasmus programme and so that would not be affected. Finally she emphasised that the EU is fundamentally a protectionist Union which does not necessarily favour free trade, giving as an example the Common Agriculture Policy.

A summary of Philip Dunne's talk by Sasha Arridge (Rb UVI):



After briefly explaining the historical context of Britain's EU membership, Mr Philip Dunne MP proceeded to make clear his "instinctively sceptical" position towards the EU. Talking to teachers and pupils after the event, it seemed that launching his arguments from this sceptical background added to his authenticity and persuasiveness.

Cataloguing his business career succinctly, Mr Dunne then went on to outline the economic benefits of EU membership. He argued that Britain's inclusion in the European Economic Area and the common regulatory standards within the EU, combine to facilitate easy trading with our largest trading partners (an incontestable boon for the British economy which would be difficult to replicate outside of the EU, he suggested).

Further arguing that the level of political control exerted by the EU over Britain was "overblown" in the press, Mr Dunne offered an impassioned defence of the benefits of pooling sovereignty with our geographical neighbours and allies, focussing closely on the increased security resulting from cross-European police and intelligence cooperation. He responded to questions directly, and undermined many of the lazy assertions frequently made by Leave campaigners.

Effortlessly summoning facts and figures to substantiate his arguments, Mr Dunne never shied away from the more complicated aspects of Britain's EU membership; his clear delivery and erudition came as a welcome change to the over-simplified and bitterly partisan tone of most of the public discourse surrounding the issue.

Birmingham Regatta

Thursday 28 April 2016

The RSSBC had a great day at the Birmingham Regatta on Saturday 23rd April, with some exciting races and wins for the J14s and J15s - an excellent start to the Regatta season.



Having begun the Summer Term practising and perfecting Regatta starts, the Birmingham Regatta provided the ideal opportunity for the J14 sculling squad to get some much needed race experience under their belts.



All J14 athletes raced in quads and octuples throughout the day. Both girls' and boys' quads performed well, splitting down into mixed ability crews to take on junior rowing clubs, many of whom had sculled for much longer than the RSSBC crews. In the afternoon the J14 Boys' and Girls' Octuples took home medals, both beating St Edward's School, Oxford on the line. The boys had an extremely exciting race, just being on the right side of a three-foot margin.



There were also wins for the J15 Boys' Quad, the J15 Boys' Double and the J15 Girls' Quad.

All the athletes look forward to racing again at Shrewsbury Regatta on 7th and 8th May.

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Tatty Hunt (EDH 2013-15) runs the London Marathon

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Many congratulations to Tatty Hunt, a former star member of The Hunt, who ran the London Marathon last Sunday in aid of Cancer Research UK. And the same afternoon, the current members of Tatty's former House held their own fundraising Marathon event at School.

Tatty describes her London Marathon experience:

My training began in January when I was so delighted to finally be accepted to run as part of the Cancer Research UK team. My preparation was interesting, suffering from shin splints, terrible blisters and many more colds than I usually pick up during the winter months! My final set back was in March when I was due to run my longest, most essential run of 20 miles; recurrent tonsillitis meant that I was only able to cover 16 miles prior to race day. Unsurprisingly, the reality of running an extra 10.2 miles on the day became ever more daunting as the weekend approached...

The day started with a rather unappetising bowl of porridge before I made my way over to the start line at Greenwich where I was overwhelmed by the atmosphere already. The first 13.1 miles were very enjoyable and consisted of waving at nearly every camera in the hope of making my debut on television, as well as running past the Cutty Sark where the crowd welcomed everyone extremely enthusiastically.



I then made my way on towards Tower Bridge where my fabulous support team were, carrying pink personalised balloons and doing an awesome job at encouraging me on. I began to struggle

as I ran past the Isle of Dogs where the atmosphere was considerably quieter than that on Tower Bridge. However, the sight of other fellow marathoners continuing on really kept me going!

From this point I was not quite so keen on the idea of appearing on television as I knew how shattered I looked, but I made a considerable effort to appear energetic as I ran past my support team once again with 800 metres to go. Despite aiming to complete the marathon in 3 hours 45 minutes, I was pleased with my time of 4 hours 2 minutes considering that I was unable to complete my full training plan.

Overall, I have raised a total of £3,466 for Cancer Research UK which is considerably higher than my target of £2,500. I am still overwhelmed by the incredible atmosphere on the day and the huge amount of support that I have received prior to the event. So much so that I am already keen to sign up for another! Last Sunday will certainly remain a very memorable day for me and all who were there.



Meanwhile the current 'Eddies', not yet old enough to enter for the London Marathon, organised their own fundraising Marathon event, as EDH Housemistress Kait Weston explains:

"On a very chilly 'character-forming' Sunday afternoon, when teenagers prefer to chill with a DVD and Grot Shop delights, 40+ intrepid Eddies raced laps around Top Common in order to raise money for #teamgeorge.

"Emily Skelton (EDH UVI) was instrumental in raising our awareness of this charity. It was set up to support a friend of hers from home in Lincolnshire, George Robinson, who suffered life-changing spinal injuries whilst on a rugby tour of South Africa in July 2015. Boarders and day girls alike joined forces to pound over 42 laps of the 1km tarmac track surrounding the verdant cricket pitches.

"Well done to Olivia Papaioannou, Miss Walker and (ahem, the rather veteran plodder) KMW who ran 45 km between them. Surely they have better things to do on a Sunday afternoon..."



Shrewsbury International School Bangkok to open a new primary school

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Following last year's announcement that Shrewsbury will be opening a new primary school in Hong Kong in August 2018, the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of Shrewsbury International School Bangkok have now announced that they will be opening a new primary school in the centre of Bangkok. It will be called the Shrewsbury International School City Campus and is also scheduled to open in August 2018.

It is planned that Junior School students from the City Campus will be able to move across to the existing Riverside Campus for their Senior School education, with the first transfer taking place in 2021. This will provide an exciting opportunity for redevelopment of the Riverside Campus during the next five years.

In addition to the openings of the primary schools in Hong Kong and Bangkok, three other projects for Shrewsbury International Schools in South-East Asia are at an advanced stage of planning. Stephen Holroyd, who has been Principal of Shrewsbury International School Bangkok since 2005, and Jonathan Holterhoff (Director of Business Studies) have therefore been asked to take on new roles with responsibilities across all six sites. This means that they will both end their current roles at the end of the 2016/17 academic year.

For more information about these exciting new developments, please see the [Question and Answer document](#) that Stephen Holroyd sent to all parents at Shrewsbury International Bangkok.

Sir Eldryd Parry (OS) talks to us about his time in School House during World War II

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We were honoured to be able to welcome Sir Eldryd back to talk to us all about his experience of boarding in School House from 1944 – 48. The boys listened intently as he spoke of communal cold baths, caning, fagging and inter-house boxing! He gave a fascinating and lucid insight into life as a Shrewsbury School boy more than 70 years ago when rationing was in place.

After his talk, some of the UVI Form leadership team enjoyed discussing his memories further over dinner on private side. Despite being relieved that many of the archaic and unpalatable traditions had ceased long ago, the boys were clearly delighted to hear that the famous School House spirit had always endured. To put the timescale into context, there have been 13 different Housemasters in post since Sir Eldryd was here!

Sir Eldryd, who was knighted for his services to medicine in Africa, had fond memories of his time in Headroom (School House was divided into Doctor's and Headroom in that era) when material wealth was a rarity at the School. As somebody who has given his life to help the world's poorest people, his subtle underlying message to the boys about the most important values was both humbling and inspirational. It certainly helped us put things in perspective and we felt privileged to host him.



Sir Eldryd Parry with the School House UVI "Firm". L-R: Jonah Harrison, Leo Sartain, Sir Eldryd (wearing his Headroom cap and tie), Hugo Besterman, Nat Chumbala, Will Street, Freddy Chin, Ladi Okusanya

Shrewsbury School singers dazzle in 'Orpheus in the Underworld'

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Helen Brown reviews last weekend's joyous and witty performances of Offenbach's comic operatta 'Orpheus in the Underworld'.

The myth of Orpheus and Eurydice is well known to many of us...or is it? In Offenbach's hilarious take on the story, both gods and mortals are held up to ridicule: humans ascend to heaven in a hot air balloon, while gods come down to earth in ridiculous disguises. Musically, it is a deliciously frothy confection: perfect for this young and hugely talented cast, expertly accompanied on the piano by Director of Music John Moore.



Loren Kell and Rob Shone

The principal roles were played by long-serving stalwarts of Shrewsbury's Music Department. Rob Shone, as Orpheus, reluctantly pursued his wife (Loren Kell) to Olympus, where she was fending off the amorous advances of Jupiter (Alfie Mitchell) and Pluto (Ben Higgins). The professionalism of these performers was extraordinary; not only were they in complete control of the demanding musical score, but they delivered highly polished and witty performances. Jupiter's attempted seduction of Eurydice in the guise of a fly was nothing short of comic genius, as was the male sextet of "Cherchez la femme".



"Cherchez la femme"



Loren Kell and Alfie Mitchell

However, the production also showcased some exciting up-and-coming talent. There are some fantastic voices developing in the younger years, demonstrated by Ella Niblett and Olivia Moir as

Juno and Robin Huber as Cupid, as well as some exciting new Sixth Form entrants, such as Juliana Hinwood as Diana. The future of singing at Shrewsbury is clearly in very good hands!



Robin Huber

Particular congratulations are due to singing coach and director, Kathryn Turpin, who conceived of the production and saw it through to completion; her passion was evident in each of the student's fantastic performances, and in the overwhelming audience response.

Helen Brown, Director of Drama



The news 100 years ago: 29th April - 5th May 1916

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This week we remember two Old Salopians, both from School House and both of whom were killed in action on 4th May 1916.

Lieutenant David Henry Carmichael Monro, 29th Bn. Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment)

School House, left in 1903 for Oriel College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar in Lincoln's Inn and then joined the Nigerian Civil Service. Retiring after three years due to ill health, he then joined the Canadian Army in 1914, going with them to the Front in September 1915.

Died of wounds in Belgium 4th May 1916, aged 31.

Buried at Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Belgium. Grave I. B. 18.

Captain Victor Eustace Reynolds, 10th Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

School House, left in 1896 to enter the Slade School of Fine Art and then worked for some years painting in Paris and Florence. He took the post of Art Master at Haberdashers' Aske's and Life Master at evening classes in Lambeth Art School. He enlisted on the outbreak of war and obtained his 2nd Lieutenancy in May 1915, gaining rapid promotion. "He married a daughter of the Late Frank Holl, R.A., and leaves a little son." – *The Times*

Killed in action in France 4th May 1916, aged 36

Buried at Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, France. Grave IX. G. 2.