

The news 100 years ago: 3rd - 9th September 1915

Thursday 3 September 2015

No OS died this week 100 years ago.

There is growing action in far flung places: Cameroons, (Mora) 8th Sept, Hafiz Kor (NW India), 5th Sept.

Congratulations to George Patterson on More Rowing Success.

Sunday 6 September 2015

2015 School leaver George Patterson (R 10-15) is listed as one of three international student athletes in the very successful Columbia University lightweight rowing team. George was a key member of the Shrewsbury first VIII during his time here and we wish him every success.

[You can read the full article here.](#)

Young OS Summer Party

Sunday 6 September 2015



On Saturday 5th September the young OS gathered for a summer party at the Grand Union Pleasure Garden in Brixton. There was a good turnout of around 80 young OS (plus the odd young at heart guest) and by all accounts a great evening was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Hugh Faith (O 97-02), Felicity Davies (MSH 08-10) and Henry Unwin (Rt 01-06) for organising the event, and to Kit Oates (PH 00-05) for the great photograph.

Success in Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2015

Sunday 6 September 2015

At the end of last term and after a busy AS exam schedule, a group of Lower Sixth students entered the 2015 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. They performed remarkably well, amassing a total of eight Gold, 20 Silver and 27 Copper medals – which topped even last year's excellent results.

This is the fourth time the School has entered this competition, which aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry and provides 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 also to 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 is composed of 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/>

Gold Medals were awarded to:

Tom Dodd (Rb), Hector Kaye (Rb), Ben King (Rb), Emma Harris (MSH), Hamish Partington (PH), Aki Tamai (MSH), Ursule Taujamskaite (MSH), Sherry Xu (EDH).

Silver Medals were awarded to:

Fredric Bonthron (SH), Tom Breese (PH), Nuo Chen (I), Xiaoyang Chen (MSH), Harry Lane Fox (Rt), Jack Gaunt (Ch), Catrin Harvey (G), Loren Kell (EDH), Gladys Lam (MSH), Farhanah Mohd Lias (EDH), Jess Moeran (G), Ladi Okusanya (SH), Victoria Quzhang (EDH), Charles Rassmuss (I), Ben Remnant (Ch), Ben Sansom (PH), Lucy Scott (EDH), Yuyang Shang (S), Wei Nan Sun (I), Tim Tang (SH), Jingling Wang (MSH), Joshua Wong (SH), Lyann Yeung (G).

Copper Medals were awarded to:

Rory Champion (PH), Calvin Cheung (O), Nat Chumbala (SH), Tom Edwards (S), Naveen Garikapati (Rb), Alfie Grocott (PH), Angus Hay (Rb), Alex Hine (M), Edward Jones (M), Ken Lai (S), Keith Lee (M), Luke Lloyd-Jones (Rb), Eric Ma (SH), Alfred Mitchell (SH), Jakob Mitlehner (Ch), Terry Mok (M), Henry Newbould (Ch), Matthias Owen-Sinclair (M), Matthew Pang (R), Olivia Papaioannou (EDH), Abi Reynolds (G), Raudhatun Samsul (MSH), Emily Skelton (EDH), Daniel Smith (S), Ivan Tivodar (M), Susannah Watts (MSH), Aaron Zhao (SH).

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Remembering the Queen's visit to Shrewsbury School, October 1952

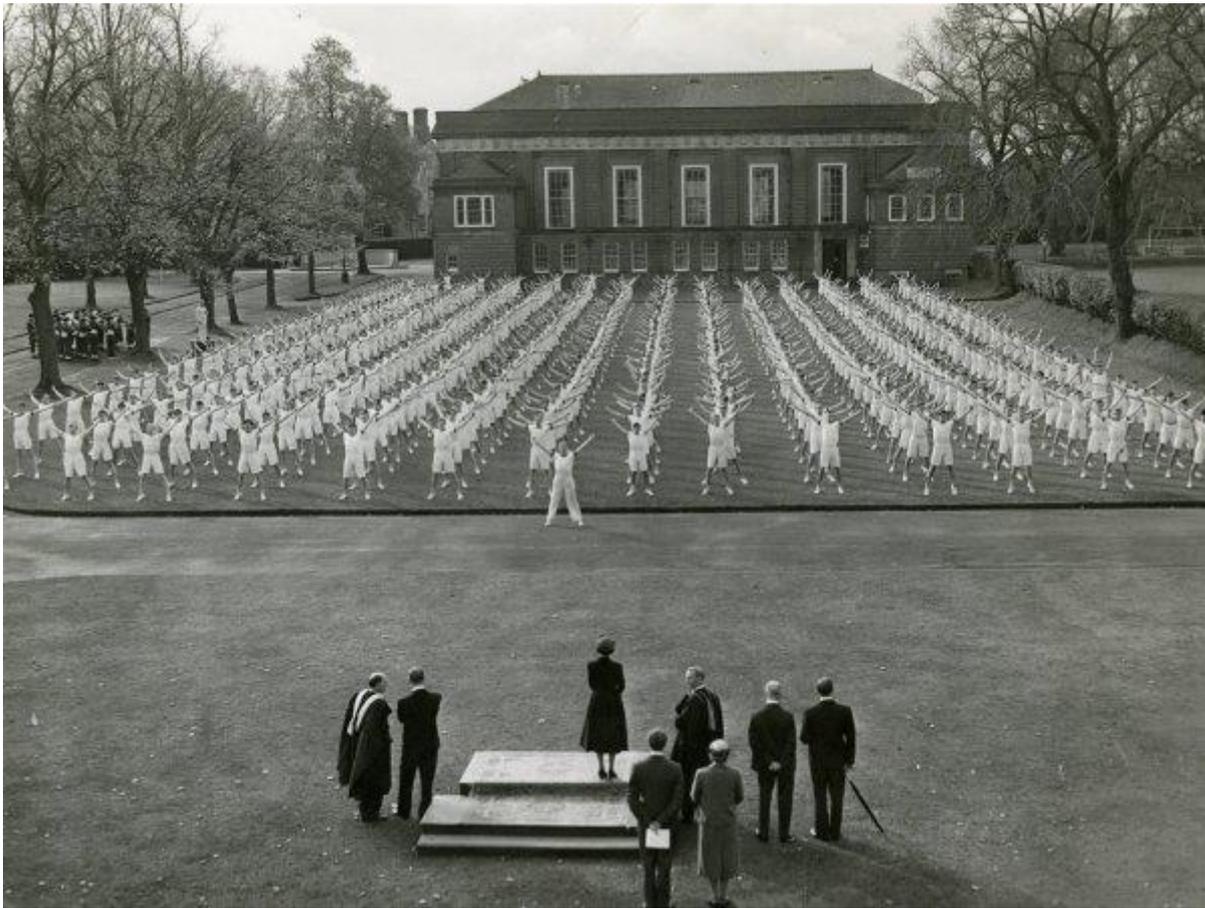
Monday 7 September 2015

On Wednesday 9th September 2016, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest serving monarch in British history. We are proud that one of her first official engagements during her 63-year reign was a visit to Shrewsbury School, on 24th October 1952.



The opening of the Queen's Terrace

The occasion coincided with the fourth centenary year of the foundation of the School. The Queen had expressed the desire to see the School on a normal working day. As can be imagined, it took many hours of debate and discussion to organise 'a normal day' for the visit, which ended up being "a mad scramble as boys appeared and reappeared, as soldiers, as gymnasts, as fives players, as runners, in order to be discovered being 'normal'".



Whole school Physical Training display on Central

Three Salopians who have vivid memories of the day were invited back to the School this week to tell their stories to ITV journalist Gareth Jones. David Longrigg (Ch 1949-54) was 16 years old at the time; Adrian Struvé had just begun his third year as a master at the School (he would remain here until his retirement in 1986); and Jane Tupper was daughter of A.E. Taylor, who was Housemaster of School House until his sudden death in March 1952, one month after the death of the Queen's own father. Jane had returned from university to help her mother organise the lunch for the Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, which was served in School House. She has particularly strong memories of the occasion and was deeply impressed by the Queen's sense of humour, her evident enjoyment of the day and the interest she took in the people she met.



L-R: Jane Tupper, David Longrigg, Adrian Struvé

The interviews was broadcast on ITV Central News at 6pm on Wednesday 9th September, together with extracts from an evocative Pathé newsreel that captures some of the excitement of the Queen's visit: <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/queen-at-shrewsbury>

A description of the visit was published in The Salopian Newsletter shortly after the event: [The Royal Visit 1952.](#)

To view a few of the many photos that were taken on the day, please see: [The Queen's visit to Shrewsbury School, October 1952 - photo gallery](#)

To view the ITV Central News interview, please click [here](#).

Cricket: James Taylor makes maiden century for England

Monday 7 September 2015

Old Salopian James Taylor (R 2005-10) has made a maiden ODI century for England.



Photo courtesy of AFP

Playing against Australia in the third of the One Day International matches at Old Trafford on 8th September, he held the England innings together, scoring 101 off 114 balls.

It has now been announced that he has been selected for the England Test and One-Day International squads in their series against Pakistan in the UAE in October.

Lower Sixth and GCSE Awards 2015

Monday 7 September 2015

Following the AS and GCSE exams, more than 50 students have been awarded Examination Prizes for achieving outstanding scores.



AS and GCSE Examination Prizewinners

Lower Sixth Examination prizes have been awarded to the following candidates who achieved outstanding scores in their AS subjects:

A. Arridge (Rb)	K.L. Lee (M)
T.C. Breese (PH)	L.J. Mattinson (Rb)
G.W. Cabral (Ch)	H.A.P. Newbould (Ch)
N.J. Chen (I)	O.C. Papaioannou (EDH)
X. Chen (MSH)	H.F. Partington (PH)
A. Chumbala (SH)	A. Pototskaya (G)
T.H. Dodd (Rb)	M.R. Pownall (MSH)
F.T. Galbraith (EDH)	B.E. Sansom (PH)
S. Hazar (I)	V.U. Taujanskaite (MSH)
B.G. Jones (S)	A. Vechamamontien (M)
L.B. Kell (EDH)	Y. Xu (EDH)
T. Lam (MSH)	T. Zhou (EDH)



Above and below: Lower Sixth Examination Prizewinners



After the GCSE examinations, **Honorary Scholarships** have been awarded to:

R.W.A. Carter-Motley (Rt)

M.W. Hedges (Rb)

A.D. Howells (MSH)

and **Honorary Exhibitions** have been awarded to:

E.M.C. Plaut (S)

M.J.B. Yale (S)

GCSE Examination prizes have been awarded to candidates with an outstanding number of A* grades:

R.A. Arkwright (O)

A.J. Aslam-Baskeyfield (Rb)

W.S. Bedson (Rb)

J.S. Bray (Rb)

E.L. Chapman (Rb)

P. Cope (Ch)

N.W. Davis (PH)

B.M.W. Jones (Rb)

E.G. Kerr (EDH)

H. Kim (S)

R. Lim (MSH)

J.J. Mattinson (Rb)

M.H.J. Morris (Rb)

S.K. Randawa (MSH)

M.J.B. Redhead (MSH)

L.H.E. Robb (MSH)

S.T.F. Russell (Ch)

F.J.J. Simmons (Ch)

R.F. Smith-Langridge (EDH)

C.M. Speed (I)

A.K.C.O. Stock (I)

J.S. Thevathasan (PH)

A.J. Thomason (Rt)

T.A.W. Tulloch (Rt)

S. Williams (O)



Above and below: GCSE Examination Prizewinners

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Withington MUN Awards

Tuesday 8 September 2015

A team of 10 Salopians took part in the one-day Withington Model United Nations in Manchester on the day after Speech Day, representing the United States of America. As always, Salopians were in the thick of the debates right from the start and acquitted themselves very well indeed, picking up a Commended Delegation Award and several individual awards.

Max Yale was Highly Commended in the Middle East Committee.

The following were Commended in their respective committees:

Jamie Nugent
Kitty Cook
Chad Usher
Mark Pangin

The MUN team were:

Jamie Nugent (Ambassador) - Security Council
Sylvia Yeo - Human Rights Council
Max Yale - Middle East
Tom Hughes - Disarmament
Koby Ferdinand-Okpala - Health
Peter Stanley - Human Rights 1
Kitty Cook - Human Rights 2
Chad Usher - Political
Chetan Popat - CyberSci
Mark Pangin - Environment

This marked a very successful end to a good year in Model United Nations, which we intend to build on this year.

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Pre-season training at Powerleagues

Wednesday 9 September 2015



The Big Third Form Challenge

Thursday 10 September 2015



Jamie Crawley (Rt V) shines at the Bunbury Cricket Festival

Thursday 10 September 2015



One of Shrewsbury's promising young cricketers, Jamie Crawley (Rt V) has had an excellent summer with the bat. Jamie had a frustrating time of it in the School season, where a nasty hamstring injury had curtailed his participation in School matches to one or two at the end, so he was raring to go in County and representative cricket once the holidays began.



Jamie receiving his Midlands Bunbury Cup from England player Moeen Ali

Following good performances in trial games, Jamie was selected for the Midlands squad to take part in the Bunbury U15 National Festival at Malvern College.

Jamie performed well in the 50-over matches but the highlight of his week was scoring 52 in a T20 game at New Road, Worcester. This performance no doubt caught the eye of the selectors, who put him into the 'Best of Bunbury' (North and Midlands) team to face the South West and East.

Further success followed, with Jamie batting beautifully and top scoring with 93 in a 2-day game at Loughborough.

Jamie will continue to work hard on his cricket over the winter in the School Cricket Centre and with his new county, Lancashire and we look forward to witnessing further successes next summer and on the forthcoming touring programme.

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ITV News Central broadcast: Remembering the Queen's visit to Shrewsbury School, October 1952

Thursday 10 September 2015

An interview with OS David Longrigg, Jane Tupper and Adrian Struvé was broadcast on ITV News Central on 9th September 2016, marking the day when the Queen became Britain's longest reigning monarch.



The news 100 years ago: 10th - 17th September 1915

Thursday 10 September 2015

This week we remember:

Lance Corporal, Thomas Alfred Nevett, 13041, 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Ingrams's (now Ridgemount. N.B. not Ingram's), left in 1913 "for a peaceful agricultural life" to take up farming, and joined up in 1914. He declined the commission he was offered "in order to stay with his fellow OS friends". He was great friends with CA Stuart (died 11th August 1915); indeed they were wounded on the same day. He was at the front with the machine-gun section and was seriously wounded at Hooge on 8th August. Nevett wrote a letter to the Headmaster on 28th August, from his hospital in London: "I'm afraid Fritz has made me pretty useless, having paralysed pretty well all of me except arms and head. As for the rest of the OS contingent, there were only 5 left...We were all heartily tired of the Ypres and Hooge district." He was the second of two sons to be lost by his parents.

Transferred to Edmonton Military Hospital, he "died there after terrible suffering heroically borne".

Died of wounds in the United Kingdom 10th September 1915 aged 20

Buried at Stockton (St. Chad) Churchyard, England. North of church. 25.

News of the War

The Battle of Tarnopol ends.

School House welcomes its next generation!

Friday 11 September 2015

We were delighted to open our doors to the new Third Form in September. They represent a vintage year of talented all-rounders.

As usual, their first competitive outing in House colours was for the Third Form race. All the boys ran well and special congratulations are due to Frank Coughlan, Artur Sarsenov and Raphael Lanvin, who came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively for School House, all comfortably within the top 20 runners in the whole year.



L-R, FRONT: Artur Sarsenov, Frank Coughlan, Raphael Lanvin, Thomas Tarlton, Gordon Chong, Sam Holdcroft; MIDDLE: Euan Cooper, Ben Stewart, Roman Khidirbekov, Punn Vajrabbaya, Tianci Wang; BACK: Louis Street and Freddie Lawson.

The next day, it was time for the annual Third Form trip to the Great Escape for paintballing and team-building exercises. We had a great afternoon. The weather was kind to us, even if the paintballs were not... I think the Housemaster took the brunt of the shots judging from the bruises!

Freddie Lawson was the day's Victor Ludorum, not only winning the dodgeball and British bulldog, but also bravely capturing the flag in the first paintball game to seal his team's victory.



Before the paintballing. Housemaster, Mr Besterman (L) and Assistant Housemaster, Mr Barrett (R) were major targets!



Teambuilding...



Relaxing after the day's exertions...



Old Head of House returns to inspire our singers

Friday 11 September 2015



All The King's Men with George Fowler (back right)

While the new Third Form were busy settling in, we were delighted to welcome George Fowler (Head of House two years ago) back to School House.

Currently studying at King's College London, he is now Musical Director for the multi award-winning, nationally renowned a capella group All The King's Men. Performing for the whole school community in the Maidment Building, George's group captivated the audience with an eclectic blend of impressive harmonies, quirky choreography and their own dash of mischief and charm.

It only seems like yesterday that he was leading School House to our historic double victory in the House Singing Competition...



The Churchill's Hall Link

Saturday 12 September 2015



The Village Pump: relaxing in the legendary Churchill's Hall Link



Churchill's New Third Formers - settling in happily

Sunday 13 September 2015



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Responding to the refugee crisis - MSH girls lend a hand

Sunday 13 September 2015

Anna Jones, Amelia Southern and Suzy Watts spent Sunday afternoon at United Carpets in Shrewsbury, helping sort clothes to send to refugees on Kos.



September Academic Prize.

Sunday 13 September 2015

Deputy Head of House Nat Chumbala (UVI) won a Lower Sixth Examination Prize for outstanding scores in his AS Levels.

He is hoping to study Medicine next year along with another Deputy Head of House Alfred Mitchell (UVI). We wish them the best of luck over the next few months with the impending interviews... They deserve to do well and will make fantastic doctors!

James Taylor selected for England's Test series against Pakistan.

Monday 14 September 2015



Congratulations to James Taylor (R 03-08), whose impressive form in the recent one day international series has resulted in the anticipated announcement that he has been selected for the forthcoming test series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates.

You can read the [BBC article about the team selection here](#) and the summary of his [interview with Sky Sports following the final one day international here](#).

Taylor is the only member of the current ODI team to average more than 40 in his career and had finished the recent series just below Captain Eoin Morgan as England's highest scorer. Former England Captain Michael Vaughan had openly stated that he thought Taylor had done enough to justify his selection, saying that he 'reads situations well', which will be crucial in the test series.

The first test will take place on 13th-17th October in Abu Dhabi.

Sunday lunch and a walk up Brown Clee with the Third Form

Monday 14 September 2015



Pub lunch in Burwarton



The top of Brown Clee - the highest point in Shropshire



View from the top





James Taylor selected for England Test and ODI squad

Monday 14 September 2015



Congratulations to James Taylor (R 2003-08), whose impressive form in England's recent One Day International series against Australia has resulted in his squad selection for the forthcoming Test and One Day International series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates.

Taylor scored his maiden England ODI century on 8th August and finished the series just below Captain Eoin Morgan as England's highest scorer.

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The first Test match will take place on 13th-17th October in Abu Dhabi.



A strong start to B Leagues for School House

Monday 14 September 2015

The Third Form and Fourth Form teamed up to kick off the inter-House B Leagues football competition with a comprehensive 8-1 thrashing of Radbrook.

At the time of writing (just before half-term), School House had won all four of their games, taking maximum points and going clear at the top of the table. With four more to play, watch this space!

Congratulations to Punn Vajrabhaya, Euan Cooper and Frank Coughlan who have been selected to play for the School's U14A XI at various points this term.



L-R, BACK: Ladi Okusanya (Head of House, Coach, UVI), Will Holdcroft (Vice Captain, IV), Ben Stewart (III), Louis Street (III), Lucas Jones-Polanco (IV), Tommy Tong (IV), Will Street (Deputy Head of House, Coach, UVI); MIDDLE: Artur Sarsenov (III), Henri Cramsie (Captain, IV), Thomas Tarlton (III), Raphael Lanvin (III), Ramzi Masri (IV); FRONT: Sam Holdcroft (Goalkeeper, III)

Biology Department Expedition to Guyana

Monday 14 September 2015

During the summer holidays, 22 Salopians and four staff members travelled to Guyana to undertake conservation work in the Iwokrama Forest – a protected area deep inside the largest undisturbed tract of tropical rainforest in the world. The area boasts some of the highest biodiversity in the world and many of the species found there exist nowhere else.

The objective was to gather data to contribute to an annual monitoring programme used to understand changes in abundance and diversity of wildlife, as well as the effects of "reduced impact logging".



The team spent their first day in Guyana at Kaieteur Falls – one of the world's greatest, most unspoilt and least known waterfalls. The falls are about 60km from the Brazilian border and not far from Mount Roraima, the inspiration behind Conan Doyle's *Lost World*. A group of Salopians visited the falls exactly 20 years ago, where they celebrated the 60th birthday of the legendary Salopian Schoolmaster Michael Hall.



Some of the Amerindian guides teaching how to set up a hammock, mosquito net and basha

After returning to Georgetown, a ten-hour drive south took the group to Iwokrama Research Centre, where three days were spent training to gather the skills to gather data accurately, sleep safely in the forest in hammocks, use machetes (or cutlasses as they are known) and fully appreciate the importance of the work we were doing.



A further three-hour drive south in two Bedford four-tonne trucks took the team to Surama, an Amerindian village belonging to the Machushi Tribe, where three days of surveys for mammals, bats and herpetofauna were undertaken. The team then walked deeper into the jungle, spending a further three days at Carahaa Landing – a jungle camp on the banks of the Burro Burro River where birds, forestry and dung beetles were surveyed.



L-R: Jess Moeran with a huge millipede found while walking on one of the mammal transects; Finn McCormack handling a cat-eyed snake; Hugo Morgan classifying and counting dung beetles

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L-R: American pygmy kingfisher; Amazonian Royal Flycatcher; Brazilian Wandering Spider (according to the Guinness Book of Records, the world's most venomous spider)

Despite numerous hardships (which made the expedition all the more rewarding) highlights included experiencing a remote rainforest, seeing incredible wildlife including the iconic anaconda, caiman and giant otter, sleeping in hammocks, seeing deadly fer de lance snakes up close and eating beetle grubs and huge piranha.



Joe Davies with a black piranha caught in nets overnight by the guides

Working alongside some impressive young specialists in the fields of mammals, bats, herpetology, entomology, ornithology and forestry, as well as undergraduates, was also inspiring and fascinating. There can be no doubt that all the members of the team gained memories for life, insights into a little known country and a new appreciation of the world and their place in it.
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School House well represented in the New Entrants' Concert

Tuesday 15 September 2015

It was great to see so much musical talent on display from the School House boys in the New Entrants' Concert. The new boys have stepped in to fill the gaps left by last year's Upper Sixth and have helped to cement our excellent reputation for music.

Frank Coughlan (III) took to the stage for two magnificent recitals on the trumpet and piano. Louis Street (III) then followed with his own excellent trumpet performance before Arthur Yu (LVI) sat down at the piano and gave a breath-taking rendition of the first movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto in A minor.

We look forward to hearing a lot more from these boys during their time here.

On the Darwin trail... Harvard University visit to Shrewsbury

Wednesday 16 September 2015

On 3rd August this year the Taylor Library hosted a visit by a group of undergraduate students from Harvard University led by Professor Andrew Berry (OS and former Head Boy).



Their focus was the Darwiniana held in the Library, especially Darwin's manuscript letters, and a first edition of *The Origin of Species* with marginal notes by his renowned opponent Richard Owen.

Their visit was part of – and by their own account the highlight of – a two-week summer tour of the UK with a Darwin theme.

Note: The Taylor Library is open for public viewing during term-time every Sunday morning after Chapel.

Robin Brooke-Smith

School Archivist



The Third Form Race, Saturday 12th September

Wednesday 16 September 2015

An exciting race, with tremendous enthusiasm and talent on display - the cohort of 2015 promises to be a vintage year for runners! Report by Ian Haworth.

The morning of our annual Third Form Race was ominously wet, but the clouds had cleared by lunchtime and though conditions underfoot were a little damper than might have been hoped for, we were nevertheless treated to a glorious afternoon of sunshine in time for the race.

In the second co-educational Third Form Race in the School's history, this year's cohort came with something of a reputation from excellent performances in last year's Prep Schools' Championships and other local races. So we were excited to see what kind of times might be produced. While some of these more experienced young runners may have been looking forward to this race as an opportunity to show off their talents, others may have been eyeing this fixture halfway through Foundation Fortnight with something more approaching fear and dread. That notwithstanding, there was a real atmosphere of excitement as the 120 or so competitors lined up on the start line, awaiting the Huntsman's cry of 'All hounds who wish to run – run hard, run well, and may the Devil take the hindmost!'



A veritable stampede towards the Moss Gates ensued, in hot pursuit of our Huntsman Oscar Dickins (sharing the role with Ben Remnant), acting as 'hare' for the race. As they popped back into view on the other side of Top Common and rounded the corner by the Maidment Building, it was clear that a brisk pace had been set. Sam Western (S), previously of Birchfield, was looking comfortable at the head of the leading pack of about 20, but at this stage no really significant gaps had yet opened up and the race was anyone's among them. This pack included the leading girl, Lilian Wilcox (EDH), also formerly of Birchfield, who was being paced round by our Huntswoman Olivia Papaioannou who, it must be said, was having to work rather harder than she'd anticipated!



At Oldham's Gap the runners disappeared from view, only to re-emerge at the finish five or six minutes later in front of a large crowd of parents, staff and pupils keen to see who would be taking this year's honours.

Sam Western had managed to hold off the challenges of the leading pack, which had strung out considerably over the second half of the race. His time confirmed that the reputation he'd built for himself – as one of the best young runners we've had coming through in recent years – was fully justified. In fact, his finishing time of 8:16 exactly matched that of this year's co-Huntsman Oscar Dickins when he ran it four years ago, who has gone on to such national success. Some impressive running by Tom Jackson (R) and Leo Walton (S) saw them take silver and bronze medals, both in times under nine minutes, which would in many previous years have been enough to win.

What was even more pleasing from a coach's perspective was the depth of talent in the field of runners among the top half of the finishers. For example, the boy in 20th position this year was 32 seconds faster than the boy who finished in the equivalent position last September. This is great news for the future of the Club and put a huge smile on the face of the Master i/c the Hunt, Mr Middleton.



Lilian Wilcox ran a truly astonishing run to finish first among the girls in a time of 9:25. To put this into context, not only did this place her 13th in the race overall, but was the same time as achieved by the 7th-placed boy in last year's race and ranks very competitively with some of the best times run by our Sixth Form girls over the course of last season. Both Laura Elliot (G) in second and Mary Lees (EDH) in third would have won the girls' race last year with their times of 10:28 and 10:34 respectively.



Again, the depth down the field was equally encouraging. Tenth position this year was over 40 seconds faster than the equivalent in 2014. This promises to be a vintage year group!

It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm as well as talent on display, even among those who would put running somewhere near the bottom of their list of favourite things to do on a Saturday afternoon. Everyone seemed to really get stuck in and most seemed to be enjoying the healthy competition and rising to the challenge. Well done to all who ran and good luck for the year ahead!

A brief royal visit by helicopter to Shrewsbury School

Thursday 17 September 2015



The Headmaster very much enjoyed meeting His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on Thursday 17th September when he touched down on Top Common in a helicopter of the Royal Flight.

Whilst the Duke was welcomed by the Lord Lieutenant and former Governor, Sir Algernon Heber-Percy, the Headmaster had a few moments to explain the School's building programme and to point out various different projects for the next few years.

"The Duke of Gloucester, obviously well informed, was keen to hear of our progress towards full co-education," the Headmaster said. "It was good to learn that the news in royal circles is all very positive!"

The Duke of Gloucester then travelled by car into the centre of the town to open the Shrewsbury Museum.

Shrewsbury classicist celebrates national success

Thursday 17 September 2015

Veni, vidi, vici; Guy Cabral is celebrating after coming runner-up in the Omnibus Gladstone Competition - the UK's premier national Classics essay writing competition.



The Upper Sixth Former from Churchill's beat stiff competition from Classics pupils across the country by researching, reading and writing about the importance of the Vindolanda Tablets, a set of wooden 'booklets' considered to be the oldest surviving hand-written documents in Britain. They were discovered near Hadrian's Wall and give a unique insight into frontier life on the northernmost edges of the Roman Empire.

On hearing the good news, Guy - who this term is applying to read Classics at Oxford - said, "It was a complete surprise and I am absolutely delighted to be runner up. It was a fascinating process to delve into the private and personal correspondence between Roman soldiers and their families; it showed me that in many ways, people have not changed that much over two millennia."

Head of Classics Paul Fitzgerald added, "This is a real achievement as the standard in this competition each year is very high; Guy's choice of topic was highly original, and his essay really showed his passion for the ancient world. He well deserves his £100 prize."

Writing to inform Paul Fitzgerald of Guy's good news, the Editor of Omnibus, Dr Katherine Clarke from St Hilda's College Oxford, wrote "I should like to congratulate Guy on a really well researched, interesting and clearly argued essay."

Guy's success continues Shrewsbury's extraordinary run in this national competition. In the last five years, four other Salopians have either won or been runner up.



The news 100 years ago: 18th - 24th September 1915

Thursday 17 September 2015

This week we remember:

Lieut-Commander Wilfred Stuart Miall Green, Nelson Bn. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Moser's, left in 1898, described in *The Salopian* as "a bright, engaging character".

Invalided home from the Dardanelles, he died of wounds at sea on board the hospital ship *Aquitania* following the Gallipoli action on 20th September 1915, aged 32.

Remembered on Portsmouth Naval Memorial, England. 10

Second Lieutenant Anthony Walter Brook Kitchin, 7th Bn. The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

School House, left in 1914 to study German; he had just returned from Germany when war broke out. Son of Brook Taylor Kitchin (OS), he enlisted in the Public Schools Bn, Royal Fusiliers and served in the ranks till January 1915. He was then gazetted to the Royal West Surreys and went to the front, in charge of a machine gun.

The Salopian remembers him as "one of those boys whom it is almost impossible to think of as grown up and it was perhaps this quality which made him one of the most loveable people... His career here was perhaps officially somewhat disappointing, for he was so obviously intelligent and quick witted that one expected more results than were actually to be seen. Machinery had for him the kind of attraction that mere literary people distrust: his head was full of it in season and out of season, and the classics had to take what attention they could get. It is impossible to think tragically of him, but his loss is which those who love him will find it as impossible to forget."

Killed in action in France 22nd September 1915, aged 18,

Buried at Norfolk Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, France. Grave I. B. 12.

Lieutenant William Edward Bellyse Wright, 7th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Day Boys, left in 1913. A Gentleman of the Runs and Captain of Dayboys Boat, he went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge for a year before obtaining his commission.

Killed in action in Flanders 22nd September 1915, aged 21,

Buried at Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, France. Grave I. B. 40.

News of the War this week 100 years ago:

Greece enters the War in return for British and French boots on the ground.



School House features in the Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls

Friday 18 September 2015

School House has a fine history in this competition and we did not disappoint this year. Glorious sunshine, low stream and barely a breath of wind: the perfect conditions for the VSW Sculls greeted the boys.

New entrant Matt Rowe (LVI) made his mark in the competition, coming home in the silver medal position (from a total of 80 competitors), only one second behind the winner!

Harry Marshall (LVI) and Freddie Bonthron (UVI) also finished in impressive positions: 5th and 7th respectively.



Matt Rowe cruising for the VSW sculls



RSSBC Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls 2015

Sunday 20 September 2015

Glorious sunshine, low stream and barely a breath of wind – perfect conditions for the Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls this year.



Patrick George

Patrick George (M) earned the Victoria Sculls (J18) title, ahead of Lower Sixth entrant Matt Rowe (SH) in second and Henry Thomas (SH) in third.



Alys Howells

In the equivalent girls' competition, Lower Sixth Former Alys Howells (MSH) won ahead of Sian Hinton (G) and Abi Reynolds (G), who both raced in the RSSBC quad at Henley Royal Regatta in the Summer.



Ed Lewis

The Sabrina Sculls (J16) was won by Ed Lewis (Rb), second placed Max Craik (PH) and third placed Bryce Rutter (PH) were hot on his heels though.



Eleanor Fox

Eleanor Fox (G) was the fastest Fifth Form girl in a time that placed her 4th amongst the Sixth Form.



Adam Pattenden



Tessa Scott-Bell

Adam Pattenden (S) and Tessa Scott-Bell (MSH) won the Williams Sculls (J15). Adam's impressive performance placed him 8th overall.



Louis Nares



Issy Lewis

Louis Nares (Rb) and Issy Lewis (EDH) won the Junior Williams crowns.

Hockey news

Sunday 20 September 2015

The 1st XI continue to improve, thanks to added impetus from Miss Davis. They had a solid performance against King's Chester on Wednesday, despite losing 2-5. Goal-scorers were Maddie Phillips (G) (her third goal of the season) and Amy Mobley (EDH).

The U15 team beat Denstone College 4-1 on Wednesday with two goals from Mimi Ashworth (EDH), and a goal each from Daisy McMullen (G) and Phoebe Wasdell (MSH).

The U14 squad played their first match on Wednesday and started with a win away at King's Chester, with goals from Amelie Davies (MSH) and Lauren Bermingham (G).



Football news round-up

Sunday 20 September 2015

The **1st XI** are building up a head of steam, following a dominating 3-0 win in the ESFA cup vs Madeley Academy on Friday 18th September, with goals from James Nelson (SH), George Newton (SH) and a stunning volley from Tom Breese (PH).

This was followed up with another good performance against King's Chester on Saturday, where the final score was 1-1.

The ISFA Cup gets underway on Wednesday 23rd September with a 1st round home match vs Taunton.

The **U14 squads** had their first outings last week. A disappointingly heavy defeat for the U14As vs Idsall highlights there's much improvement needed in this week's ESFA Cup match vs Bishop Heber. The U14C lost narrowly at Packwood, but there was a win for the U14D.

The **U15A team** produced a fantastic performance to race to a 6-1 half-time lead, with goals from George Faulkner x 3 (Rt), Dan Humes (I), Will Barton (PH) and Toby Pegge (PH). King's Chester battled back in the 2nd half to pull a goal back before Charlie Harpin (PH) scored a late goal to restore the 5-goal difference.

The **4th XI** are the team of the moment (managed by Mr Kealy) having notched up their fourth win of the season on Saturday with a 2-1 victory vs Abbeygate, to add to wins against Liverpool Ramblers (5-3), Codsall (2-1) and Oldham Hulme Grammar (3-1).

The **5th XI** are also unbeaten, following Saturday's impromptu victory over King's Chester (!) and Wednesday's 5-1 victory over Oldham Hulme Grammar.

U15 Lacrosse season off to a flying start

Sunday 20 September 2015

The U15 Lacrosse team started their season on flying form, with a 10-3 victory over Malvern St James.

Captain Stan Dixon (MSH) and Phoebe Wasdell (MSH) led in attack, with Octavia Riggall (EDH) and Mimi Ashworth (EDH) putting up a great defence.

The player of the match performance came from Amelia Maunder (EDH), who played a very tactical and fast game.

Arts and Activities Committee Meeting

Monday 21 September 2015



The first full meeting of the recently formed Arts and Activities Committee took place on Saturday 3rd September, at The Curtains Up in London. The meeting was well attended by some of our most artistically gifted and knowledgeable OS and was organised and chaired by Peter Fanning. A number of interesting and exciting ideas were discussed, from a joint School/OS 'scratch' orchestral concert to a possible arts bursary fund for OS. Details of some of the planned events will be available shortly, so watch this space!



RSSH: Seven Bridges Race

Tuesday 22 September 2015

Just two weeks into the new term, seven Hunt runners had an early outing on the roads as they took on the Seven Bridges 10km in Shrewsbury's Quarry on Sunday 20th September.



Charlie Rogers

A competitive field of seniors provided our runners with excellent early season competition and the times were encouraging at this stage in the season.

Fifth Former Owen Mock (R) was first runner home for the Hunt, dipping under 40 minutes with his time of 39.37 placing him 14th overall out of 353 runners.

Just one place behind was Senior Whip Charlie Rogers (Rb) in 15th with Fifth Former Monty Hardcastle (I) in 18th with 40.20.

The standout performance of the day, however, came from Girls' Captain Olivia Papaioannou whose time of 42.15 placed her as 1st Senior Woman, a superb achievement for someone so young.



The news 100 years ago: 25th September - 1st October 1915

Wednesday 23 September 2015

25th September 1915 was the second worst day for Shropshire in World War 1, in terms of numbers of men killed; four OS were killed that day.

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant William Leonard Brown, 6th Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment).

Rigg's, left in 1909 and admitted solicitor in his father's practice. His younger brother CA Brown also joined the Foresters; he died on 23rd April 1917.

Killed in action in Belgium 25th September 1915, aged 23.

Buried at Reninghelst Churchyard Extension, Belgium. Grave 10

Second Lieutenant George Ronald Ashburner Case, 3rd Bn. South Lancashire Regiment.

Moser's, left in 1914. He rowed for three years in the School Crew and then went to Pembroke College, Cambridge. He must have gone through the same process as Lt Wright (died 22nd September 1915).

The Salopian says: "The news of Case's death reached Shrewsbury only days after the School received a letter from him, characterised by his usual cheery style. *The Salopian* laments that his time at school was far too recent and that the Boat Club in particular will find remembering him so soon painful to say the least. For three years he was a key member of some of Shrewsbury's best crews and when he left for Pembroke, Cambridge, he had rather hoped to continue to further his successes on the water. He was in the Lancashire Fusiliers. Those who were privileged to enjoy his friendship have to mourn one of the kindest, most helpful and simplest of Salopians, loyal alike to School and House, a fine specimen of an English Public School boy, than which we know no higher praise."

Killed in action in Belgium 25th September 1915, aged 19.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 37.

Private Leslie Crozier Smale, 14767, 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Bennett's (now Severn Hill), left in 1914.

Killed in action in Belgium 25th September 1915, aged 18.

Remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 47 and 49.

Lieutenant Andrew John, Viscount Stuart, 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Eldest son and heir of the Earl of Castlestewart of Stuart Hall, Co. Tyrone.

School House, left in 1899 and went on to Corpus Christi College Oxford. He was gazetted in October 1914. Lord Stuart possessed considerable literary skill, as may be seen from some verses in *The Times* of 16th September 1914, reprinted in *The Salopian* of October 1915 and again below.

Killed in action in France 25th September 1915.

Remembered on Loos Memorial, France. Panel 46 to 49.

Sailor, what of the debt we owe you?

Day or night is the peril more?

Who so dull that he fails to know you,

Sleepless guard of our island shore?



*Safe the corn to the farmyard taken;
Grain ships are safe upon all the seas;
Homes in peace and a faith unshaken ----
Sailor, what do we owe for these?
Safe the clerk at his desk; the trader
Counts unruined his honest gain;
Safe, though yonder the curs't invader
Pours red death over hill and plain.
Sailor, what of the debt we owe you?
Now is the hour at last to pay,
Now in the stricken field to show you
What is the spirit you guard to-day.*

See also: http://www.cookstownwardead.co.uk/persondepth.asp?cas_id=86

Lieutenant Gilbert Edward Burney, Gordon Highlanders.

Churchill's, left in 1910 to take up coffee planting in Ceylon. He returned in 1914 to take up his commission. For a while he was ADC to the General of his Division, was mentioned in dispatches, and died of wounds received while bringing up reinforcements on 25th September 1915.

Killed in action in France 27th September 1915, aged 24.

Buried at Chocques Military Cemetery, France. Grave I. B. 8.

Private Eric Herbert Belk, 2065, 4th Bn. Cameron Highlanders.

Moser's, left in 1911 to take up Law, but enlisted as soon as war was declared. *The*

Salopian records: "After eight months uninterrupted service at the front working a machine gun, a shell burst in the trench killing him and seven of his friends and wounding twelve other men of the regiment. He was a bright, happy boy as we knew him, very popular in his House where he reached the position of House-monitor and contributed his full share to her successes in cricket, football and rowing. He was the only son of a widow."

Killed in France 28 September 1915, aged 21.

Remembered on Loos Memorial, France. Panel 119 to 124.

Corporal Charles Edward James, G/5104, 13th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Eldest son of Rev. CH James, OS. School House, left in 1900 to pursue business in Paris, later with Credit Lyonnais in Valencia and eventually representing a Manchester firm in Brazil.

Resigning this in favour of enlisting, he refused a commission since he "knew nothing about the job, so would go and learn it". Fluent in French, Spanish and Portuguese and having a working knowledge of German, he was attached to the Brigade Intelligence Dept, France and was killed in a front trench near Loos on 28th September 1915, aged 31. Two of his brothers, not Salopians, had been killed at Gallipoli.

Remembered on Loos Memorial, France. Panel 99 to 101.

Events in the war:

General Sir J Wolfe Murray resigns, replaced by Lieutenant General Sir AJ Murray, as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Lord Derby assumes control over recruiting in Britain.



Heather and gorse in flower – thanks to Shrewsbury School pupils

Thursday 24 September 2015

The work that some of last year's Third Form did clearing trees at the Brown Moss Nature Reserve during Outdoor Week in June has now reaped glorious results. The Shropshire Council Outdoor Partnerships Team have sent their thanks and a photo of the area they have helped transform.



Director of Activities Nick David has received an email from Clive Dean, Outdoor Recreation Officer at Shropshire Council:

I thought you might like to pass on a couple of photos of the area where the pupils cleared trees at Brown Moss. I am really pleased and impressed with the results. When I visited today there was a glorious display of heather and gorse in flower in the sun.

These plants were totally shaded previously and would eventually have died off. Thanks for your help.

The Third Form Big Challenge

Thursday 24 September 2015

As part of Foundation Fortnight, the Third Form pupils are given an opportunity to get to know people from other houses better by working in mixed house groups for two Thursday afternoons in the Third Form Big Challenge.

This year the pupils made the most of the sunshine and took part in a scavenger hunt around the School, they built a device out of junk to protect a raw egg so that when it was thrown from the top of Main School Building it didn't break, and they become traders and negotiators in a game which saw them using all their charm and cunning to outwit the other teams.



As part of this event they were also given an introduction to the life skills and qualities that Shrewsbury deem central to our values system. A presentation ran alongside the trading game in which pupils were asked to question in their groups what makes someone successful and likeable and why it is worth leaving your comfort zone.



The year group were energetic and up for the challenge and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the company, humour and cunning displayed over the two afternoons.

ARP

Rehearsals are underway for the new Shrewsbury School musical

Thursday 24 September 2015

Rehearsals are well underway for this term's eagerly anticipated musical extravaganza, a new adaptation of Charles Dickens' masterpiece, 'Great Expectations'.



Written by award-winning duo John Moore and Peter Fanning, this is the eighth original Salopian musical, following the successful revival of *The Lost Domain* at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014.



The show tells the story of Pip, a young orphan who rescues a convict on the Essex marches and thereby changes his life for ever. His journey to adulthood introduces him to an array of extraordinary characters: the tragic Miss Havisham, her beautiful ward Estella, the jovial blacksmith, Joe, and the sinister lawyer, Jaggers.



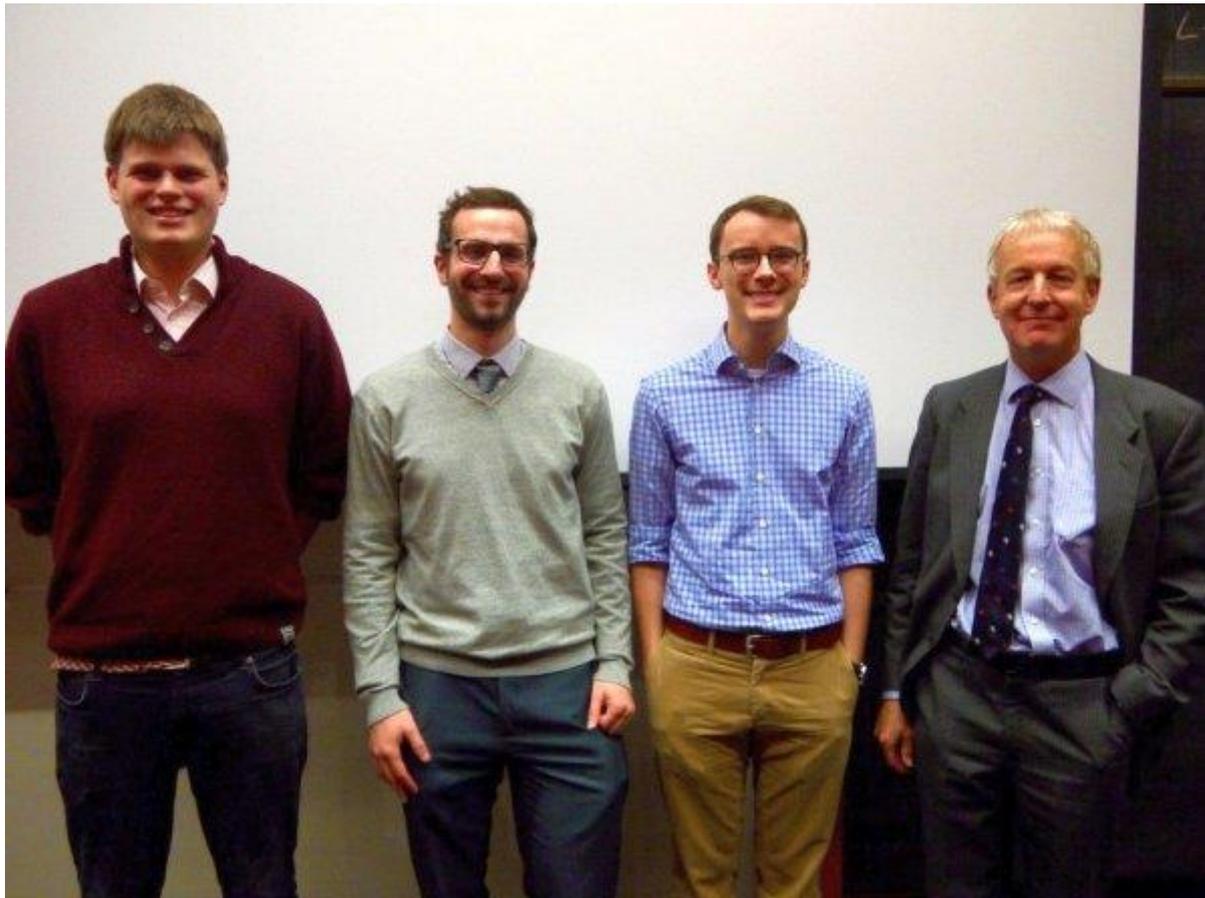
The show will run from 25th-28th November at 7.30pm in the Ashton Theatre. Tickets are available from Dawn Dunn in Reception, email reception@shrewsbury.org.uk, telephone 01743 280500 or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/shrewsburyschool.



Darwin Society Biology Research Evening

Thursday 24 September 2015

Three Old Salopians returned on 18th September to Shrewsbury to give talks to the Darwin Society on the theme of research in biology.



L-R: William Jones, Nicholas Zoulias, Max Emmerich and their Biology teacher Andrew Allott

Max Emmerich (Rt 2008-10) is close to completing his clinical training after studying Medicine at both Cambridge and Oxford Universities. He spoke about his experiences of research projects and internships at every stage in his education, from school holidays and Sixth Form options through to vacations during university and the intercalated courses that are on offer to those enterprising enough to search them out. Max stressed the role of luck in hitting on areas of biology that turn out to be significant - in his case this was a type of membrane-bound pigment that has become an important research tool. He also stressed that to a large extent one makes one's own luck by being persistent and resilient.

William Jones (Rt 2003-08) is currently working towards his PhD in the Department of Ecology and Genetics at Uppsala University, Sweden. He spoke about the classic route into a career in



scientific research and teaching through a Masters degree followed by a doctorate. Not surprisingly given William's lifetime interest in ornithology, his research field is the evolution of flycatchers, with summers spent collecting data on an island in the Baltic. He conveyed very convincingly the excitement of research into ecological and evolutionary processes where there are many unanswered questions and where human influences on climate are having marked effects.

Nick Zoulias (PH 2000-05) completed his first degree and PhD at Manchester University and is now doing post-doctoral research at Sheffield University. He explained the bifurcation in careers after a doctorate, with some moving away from university and into commercial or other applications of science and others wanting to stay at the cutting edge of pure research. He has chosen the latter path. His field is the control of plant development. Nick spoke eloquently about what he has discovered about gradients of signalling molecules and how they cause plants in the Asteraceae (daisy family) to produce three types of structure in their inflorescences. His research now concerns how genes are switched on and off as a result of these gradients to cause observed patterns of development.

A capacity audience of Sixth Form pupils and teachers listened with rapt interest to all three of talks, so we hope to hold another Biology Research evening in the future. Any Old Salopians who would be willing to contribute are encouraged to get in touch with the Head of Biology

- tsm@shrewsbury.org.uk.

AJA



VSW Sculling Competition

Thursday 24 September 2015



Sun's out, guns out: Paddy leads the way in the VSW sculling competition



Paddy collects the Victoria trophy from Olympian Stan Louloudis



Gavin receives the mighty Senior Challenge Oars trophy for Moser's - fastest quartet of the day from Paddy (1st), Gavin (6th), Joe (9th) and Alex (10th) out of 90 racers



Boat Club Dinner

Friday 25 September 2015

The Boat Club was delighted to welcome international gold medallist Constantine Louloudis as guest speaker to the annual Boat Club Dinner in Kingsland Hall on Thursday 24th September.



Constantine started rowing as a Fifth Form pupil at Eton College in 2007. In his three years rowing for Eton, he won J16A VIIIs at Schools' Head and National Schools' and then went on to play a significant role in an exceptional Eton 1st VIII that won the Head of the Charles Regatta, Schools' Head, National Schools' and the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley for two successive years.

His first international success for Great Britain came in the Lower Sixth in 2009 at the Munich Regatta, where he was a member of the winning Eight and Coxless Four. He went on to win gold that year in the GB coxless four at the Junior World Championships held at Brive-la-Gaillarde. In his Upper Sixth year, Constantine pulled 5:57 on the ergo and made it into the U23 World Championship coxless four that won a silver medal.

Constantine chose to study Classics at Oxford and compete for Oxford University Boat Club. In his four years there he has racked up four Boat Race victories for the Dark Blues, including the most recent as President of OUBC.

The past five years have seen him record a multitude of GB successes, including winning gold in the coxless pair at the U23 World Championships in 2011, before going on to be selected as the youngest member of the GB Eight that so valiantly raced for gold at the London Olympics and came away with a bronze medal.

In 2013 he took a break from international rowing to focus on his studies, only to return in style stroking the GB Eight to gold at the 2014 World Rowing Championships and following that up again with gold in 2015.

He shared some of his experiences, including that of losing to the Shrewsbury 2nd VIII at Henley in 2008. His humble manner and genuine support and advice provided great insight and encouragement for all those that attended.

He kindly presented the trophies to the winners of the Victoria, Sabrina and Williams Sculls winners from the previous weekend.

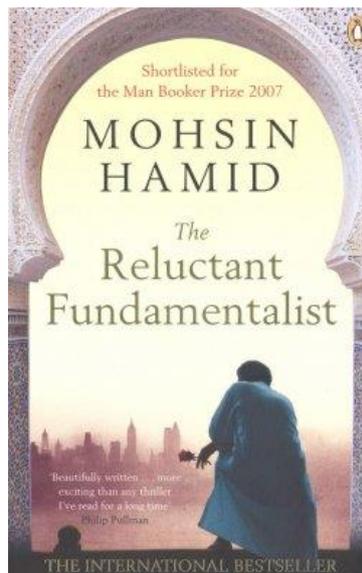


ATH

Launch of the Lower School Academic Extension programme

Sunday 27 September 2015

This year's Lower School Academic Extension programme has now been launched, with a focus on the Middle East.



A group of Fourth and Fifth Formers were given an overview of the complexity and diversity of the various modern conflicts in the region, starting with the Iraq Wars, through to intervention in Afghanistan, the rise of ISIS and the current migration crisis.

As part of the launch, each pupil in the group was given a copy of Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, which will be the topic of discussion shortly after Exeat. Coincidentally, the staff Book Group have also chosen the same novel and our hope is that the two groups will combine, along with some senior students.

Later this term, Major General Richard Nugee, Assistant Chief of Defence Staff and Defence Services Secretary, will give a talk at School about his role as head of the British Army in Afghanistan.

Next term Tim Marshall, former Diplomatic Editor of Sky News, will come to Shrewsbury to offer his unique viewpoint on the situation that the Middle East faces.

The Academic Extension Programme is designed to challenge academically ambitious pupils to think outside of the confines of their studies and to broaden their horizons. It is compulsory for Academic Scholars but it is also open to any pupil; we are delighted that a considerable number of other intellectually curious boys and girls have chosen to take part. The programme ties together many of the stimulating activities that take place at Shrewsbury, whilst offering specific activities in a loose framework for Lower School pupils to follow their interests.

TPP



Sixth Form Physicists visit 'Lightfest'

Sunday 27 September 2015

On Friday 25th September, Mr Adams and Mr Kirk took a small group of UVI and LVI Physicists to Birmingham Library to 'Lightfest', part of the International Year of Light.



There were a number of demonstrations on display including a laser engraver and LED cube. Titles of the lectures included the expansion of the Internet; the history of the laser; working at the speed of light and optical illusions and colour perception.

The students really enjoyed the lectures and expanded their knowledge on the subject. A great day out was had by all!

To find out more about the International Year of Light, please visit the official website: <http://www.light2015.org/Home.html>

MAK



RSSBC: Chester Long-Distance Sculls

Sunday 27 September 2015

Five senior boys competed at the Chester Long-Distance Sculls race on Sunday morning. The weather was near perfect on the Dee and all five boys produced fast times in their singles and kept the internal competition high, with very little time separating all five.



Last week's Victoria Sculls winner Paddy George (M UVI) repeated his performance, coming in first of the Shrewsbury oarsmen and placing himself second in the Novice Sculls category. Henry Thomas (Ch UVI) came in 3rd out of 12.

Gavin O'Dwyer (M UVI) was 4th out of eleven in the J18 Category.

Barney Fox (PH LVI) came in 5th in out of nine in the J17 category and Freddie Bon throne (SH UVI) came 3rd out of 11 in the IM3 sculls category.

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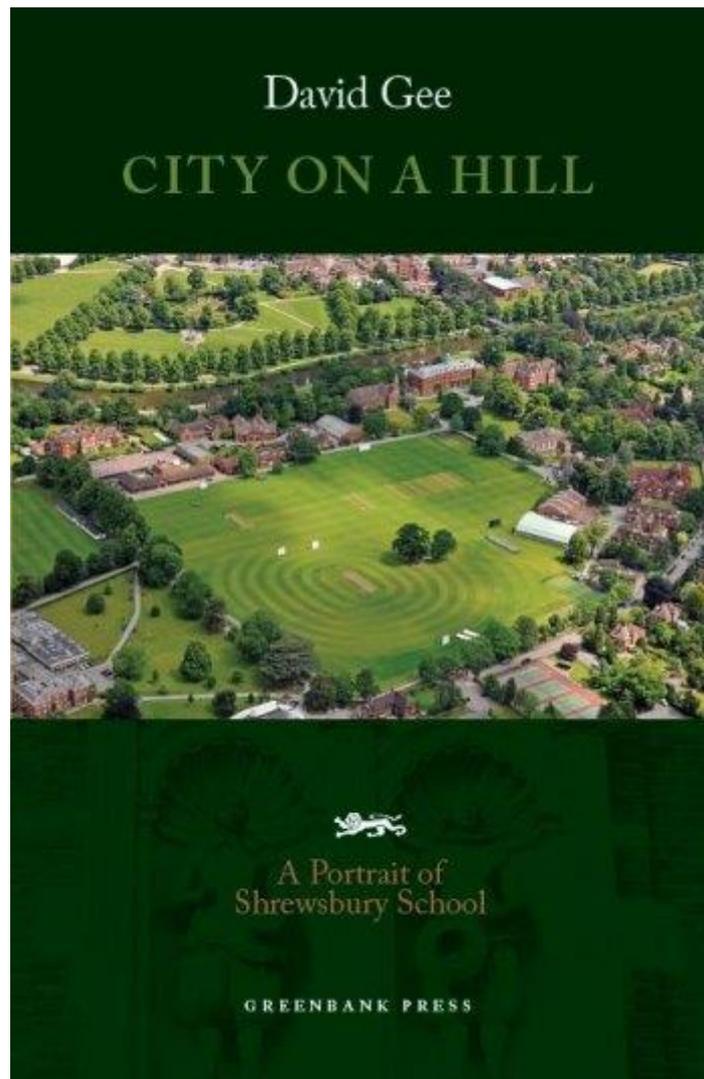
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'City on a Hill' - Dr Gee's History of Shrewsbury School is now published

Sunday 27 September 2015

'City on a Hill - A Portrait of Shrewsbury School', Dr David Gee's magisterial history of the School, covering the last 50 years, has now been published by Greenbank Press.



The period from 1950 to 2010, covering the reigns of six headmasters, has seen Shrewsbury School change from a traditional, hierarchical, cloistered single-sex boarding school to the much more liberal, outward-looking co-educational school of today. The same period has seen a blossoming in all areas of school activity.

David Gee who has taught at Shrewsbury for almost the whole of this period, draws on a vast range of source materials to track and analyse changes that have affected every aspect of Salopian life. Intended both as a portrait of a dynamic and continually evolving school and as a work of

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record, this lavishly-illustrated book concludes with a series of appendices recording the contribution of every significant figure during this period.

Copies are available to order from The Salopian Club, Shrewsbury School, Shrewsbury SY3 7BA, email oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk

Price £25 plus p&p (UK £2.50, Europe £4.50, Rest of World £6.50)

Please make cheques payable to The Salopian Club. We regret that we cannot accept payment by card.

Profits from the sale of the book will be donated to Shrewsbury House ('The Shewsy').

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New Rigg's Third Form settle into life at Shrewsbury

Sunday 27 September 2015

Ten young men joined the ranks of Rigg's Hall at the start of September with each and every one of them hailing from a different Prep School, but before long, the group a tight-knit bunch and proud members of the House.

A packed Foundation Fortnight programme introduced them to the rich and varied life of Shrewsbury School, not least the vast array of sports on offer.



There was time on the Fives courts, rowing on the Severn, and of course the all-important Third Form Race at the end of the first week.



We were delighted that for the second year running Rigg's were crowned team champions in the event, with Thomas Jackson claiming individual silver, ably supported by Paddy Barlow and Alexander Whitworth also in the top 10. Jackson would shortly afterwards be 'blooded' as a Hunt runner, gaining his first vest when competing for the team in the first round of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup (pictured below).



The boys have greatly enjoyed their first few weeks at Shrewsbury, and enjoyed celebrating in style at the end of the month with Hero Shui's birthday.



Of course, in their Housemaster's eyes, they are all heroes!
PJM

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Dinner in New York - Save the Date

Monday 28 September 2015

We are delighted to announce that the Foundation will be holding an event in New York this December.

There will be a reception, followed by dinner at the Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue, New York, NY10022 on Friday 11th December. More information and details of how to book your place will be sent out soon, but in the meantime please make a note of the date.



‘Smack, Crack, Speed and Weed’ - a Forensic Chemist's Tale

Monday 28 September 2015

Thirty-two Lower Sixth chemists enjoyed a fascinating lecture on Forensic Chemistry at Birmingham University this week. Entitled 'Smack, Crack, Speed and Weed', the talk was given by Dr Mike Griffin, formerly of the Forensic Science Service.

Dr Griffin gave a whirlwind tour of the background to the role of a Forensic Chemist and the common types of drugs seized and analysed by the FSS, as well as the main substances found mixed with these drugs. (The real-life analysis process is much more complicated and slower than *CSI* or *Silent Witness* would suggest!)

We looked at how some simple acid-base chemistry can change the structure of some of the drugs such as cocaine, heroin, amphetamine, ecstasy and LSD, leading to different ‘street drugs’ such as white powder cocaine (as the hydrochloride tertiary amine salt) and crack cocaine (as the pure base form).

Dr Griffin also described different drug analysis methods such as GCMS, NMR and IR, and gave a fascinating overview of an actual forensic case where a massive quantity of different class A drugs were seized from a house in Brighton in 2004.

ADB & VLK



'Walk of Britain' comes to Shrewsbury

Monday 28 September 2015

We were very proud to welcome six wounded veterans to Shrewsbury School, as they rested here briefly overnight on Monday 28th September during their 73-day, 1,000-mile 'Walk of Britain' to raise funds and awareness for the charity Walking With the Wounded.

The team of four British and two US wounded veterans were given a richly deserved heroes' send-off on Tuesday morning – Day 39 of their mammoth 73-day journey – as the Shrewsbury School Marching Band played and the entire School lined their route from the Chapel to the Moss Gates to cheer them on their way.



Their arrival in Shrewsbury the previous afternoon had also been marked in style – announced to the good townsfolk of Shrewsbury in age-old fashion by the Town Crier, who then led the team to the Market Square. Here they were treated to a splendid fanfare by the Buglers of the Light Infantry Association and were officially welcomed by the Mayor.

The welcome they received when they eventually reached the gates of Shrewsbury School was less grand and formal but nevertheless extremely warm. The team and their support crew were grateful for a chance to rest their weary limbs, briefly at least, in the comfort of a boarding house before being taken to supper in KH by their pupil hosts and then whisked on to a drinks reception in the cricket pavilion, to meet local dignitaries including the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sherriff and the Deputy Mayor, as well as members of school staff and other guests from the local community.



Finally, when the team must surely have been eager just to lie down quietly on a comfy bed and sleep, they instead cheerfully walked onto the stage in the Ashton Theatre and spent the next hour or so holding an audience of 200+ people – including the entire Shrewsbury School CCF – to rapt attention, as they spoke openly and honestly about their experiences. As they each talked about their life-changing injuries and how they had sustained them, and described the slow and painful process of having to rebuild their lives, their lack of self-pity was marked and humbling. For each of them, Walking With the Wounded had clearly played a major part in helping them piece their lives together again. It was also clear that taking part in the Walk of Britain represented not only the chance to raise awareness and funding for the charity's work, but also an opportunity to replicate the life they had all so clearly relished as soldiers – challenging themselves, pushing against the limits of what they could achieve, and working closely together as a team.

The Walk of Britain began in northern Scotland on 22nd August and will finish at Buckingham Palace on 1st November, where the team will be welcomed by Prince Harry, Patron of Walking With the Wounded. The team are posting regular updates on their website <http://walkingwiththewounded.org.uk/walkofbritain2015/>, which also includes lots of information about the walk and the team members as well as a link for donations. Their visit to Shrewsbury School raised £525 – many thanks to everyone who donated.



Steve Leach Named Shropshire Captain

Tuesday 29 September 2015



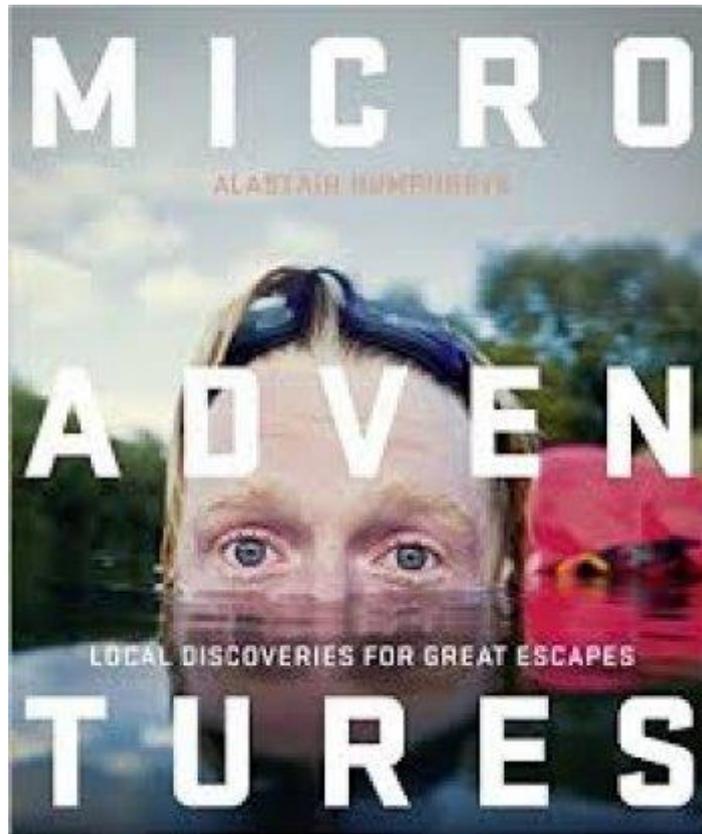
Many congratulations to Steve Leach (M 07-12), who has been appointed as the new Captain of Shropshire County Cricket Club, replacing James Ralph.

Steve has had a hugely successful year as an opening batsman - scoring his maiden first class century in April for Oxford MCCU against a very strong Surrey side, scoring more than 700 runs for Shropshire over the course of the season and helping Shrewsbury to win the Birmingham League title.

We wish him every continued success.

Alastair Humphreys' Book Shortlisted for an Award

Tuesday 29 September 2015



Alastair Humphreys' book 'Microadventures' has been shortlisted for an Independent Travel Award, under the category of Best Travel Guide.

The book, which was published by William Collins in 2014, celebrates the idea that an adventure is something new and exciting, which could be small, close to home and achievable even within the time and cost constraints most people suffer from. It has been extremely well received and has five stars on Amazon. The award winners will be announced in October.

Alastair's adventures have taken him to some of the furthest flung places on earth and some slightly closer to home, such as his circuit of the M25. He will be giving the annual Sabrina Club lecture this year and this promises to be a fascinating and inspiring event. It will take place on Saturday 28th November and further details will be available soon.

Alex Wilson Memorial Football Match

Tuesday 29 September 2015



On Sunday 4th October 2015 Shrewsbury School hosted the fifth annual Alex Wilson Memorial Football Match. In past years Alex Wilson's family and friends, and Shrewsbury School have joined together to raise an astonishing £150,000 towards the Alex Wilson Bursary. This full bursary is awarded to an outstanding pupil from a local state school, in honour of Alex who was truly a most outstanding Old Salopian. If you would like to support the fund, please donate online [here](#).



FSSHK

Wednesday 30 September 2015

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In the private side kitchen...

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A couple of recent birthday celebrations; and cookery lessons with House Tutor Tess Fitton.



Happy 14th birthday Harry Sutherland! (head of table, mouth full)



Cookery lesson in private side with house tutor Tess Fitton



Happy birthday Harry Remnant!

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Giles Bell expressed his gratitude to the FSSHK on behalf of the Shrewsbury School admissions team:



"Flying into Hong Kong for a brief time is an incredibly tiring yet exhilarating time. We were so well looked after by the Friends of Hong Kong which made the whole process a lot easier than it might otherwise have been. Every meal was catered for and the offers of help were endless.

It was wonderful to be able to share a traditional Chinese meal at the Snow Garden restaurant where I was introduced to jellyfish as something edible rather than to avoid in salt water for the first time. We also held an informal drinks party in the Dickens bar at the Excelsior Hotel where we were staying. This was well supported and it was lovely to see so many old faces as well as some new ones.

"I cannot thank the whole team enough and I can't wait to return and be well looked after again!"

The news 100 years ago: 1st - 7th October 1915

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This week we remember:

Lieutenant William Henry Kenrick Owen, 9th Battalion Welsh Regiment.

School House, left in 1913 to go to Clare College, Cambridge. His C.O. wrote that “he displayed the greatest gallantry all the time he was at the front”, and *The Salopian* adds: “His friends here will always remember how keen he was on everything that affected the welfare of his house, for which he worked hard both in the football field and on the river, as well as in more serious ways. It is no surprise to them that he fought bravely and died with the motto of his Regiment on his lips – ‘Better death than dishonour.’”

Died of wounds in Rouen, 1st October 1915, aged 21.

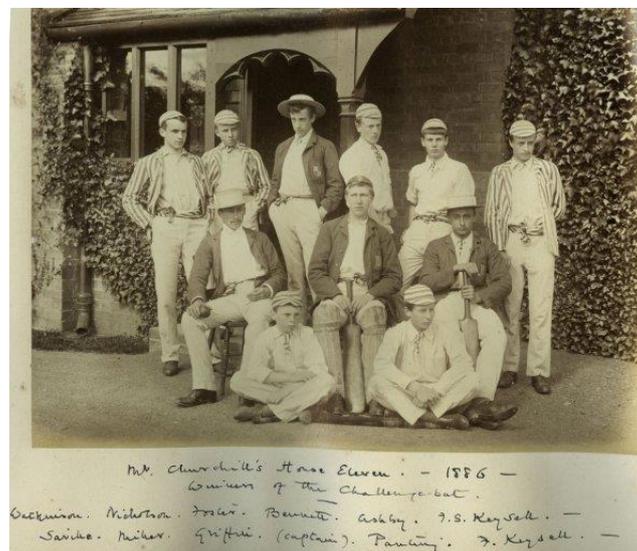
Buried at St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France. Officers, A. 2. 1.

Captain Harry Pynson Bennett, 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Churchill's. He played for the Football XI for two years and left in 1887 to go to Oxford University. Later, he was a Master at Mostyn House, Parkgate. On joining up, he was seconded to the 2nd King's African Rifles in West Africa and took part in the expedition up the Gambia, 1901 (Medal, 3 clasps, 1901). As a Captain in the Reserves, he was called up as hostilities broke out.

Wounded in July and again in September, he died in hospital in France on 7th October 1915, aged 46.

Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Grave I. B. 10.



Harry Bennett (back row, 4th from the left) with the Churchill's House Cricket XI, 1886

Second Lieutenant Arthur Hubert Dickson, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

School House, left in 1902 and was admitted Solicitor in 1910. When war broke out he was granted a Commission and arranged that the office of his firm should be a recruiting depot for the Kirkham District.

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*He died of illness in the United Kingdom while on recruitment duty, 7th October 1915, aged 30.
Buried at Lund (St. John) Churchyard, England. Grave 123*

News of the war

During the course of the summer and autumn of 1915, the German Fokker begins to gain supremacy in the air.