

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



A Level Drama

Upper Sixth Theatre Studies pupils thrilled their audience when performing scripted extracts and devised pieces in the Dobinson Studio on Wednesday 22 March.

Scripted pieces were from a diverse range of dramatic genres including Comedy of Manners, American realism, Theatre of the Absurd and the work of playwrights as diverse as Mark Ravenhill, Henrik Ibsen and Alan Ayckbourn. Their performances conveyed great textual understanding and engaged the audience through characterisation and believable relationships. We were treated to sensitivity, comedy and tragedy in equal measure.

The performances of the devised pieces formed the second part of the day. Issy Avery (Lyttelton), Flo Berner (Lyttelton) and Tom Brooke (Temple) worked in a verbatim/physical theatre style to explore the fallout and consequences of the Paris Nightclub attacks of 13 November 2015. Staged in-the-round, the piece was a poignant reminder of the troubled world we live in. Thalia Felton (Queen's), Fabian Bevan (Grafton), Starzie Grafftey-Smith (Queen's) and Tom Cowley (Bruce) performed a thoughtful, reflective and at times comic look at

the ever changing and complex issue surrounding relationships. Influenced by Frantic Assembly, DV8 and Berkoff, they presented a sophisticated piece. Charles Granby (Grafton), India Spencer (Queen's), Savanna Elliott (Stanhope) and Carlie Tufnell (Temple) assaulted the senses with a graphic, comic book style piece about neighbours. Sound designer, Jack Dickerson (Cobham) provided a complex and effective underscore. Eliza Dubois (Nugent), Florence Fox (Stanhope), Lucy Alderton (Stanhope) and Bella Mullarkey (Stanhope) presented a piece tackling abuse, drawing on real life testimonies, the group created an intricate and highly engaging political piece. Sabrina Iskander (West), Bella Coldstream (Lyttelton) and Amy Struthers (Lyttelton) performed a naturalistic piece set in a secure hospital, where the characters were not what they seemed at first.

The Stoics showed an admirable professionalism, supporting each other throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many Housemasters, parents, Tutors and pupils in the audience.

Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama





StoweBots

Forty top teams from around the UK that qualified through placing in Regional events came together to compete for the National title at the National Finals over 17-18 March. The StoweBots Senior team qualified and competed in this year's final (sadly the Junior team didn't gain a place).

Over the first day and a half of the competition the teams were randomly paired against other pairings in matches. Wins and scores were used to rank the teams. On the Friday the team had a tough run and finished the day with six wins and three losses and ranked 9/40 - the robot had been strong all day. We started Saturday's matches confident in the robot and went on to win every game finishing with 10 wins and three losses in the qualifying games. This placed us fourth in the rankings out of 40 teams. Starting with the first ranked team, alliances were selected for the play-off matches. Through selection we ended up as Captains of the third ranked alliance going into the finals. Sadly the quarter-final didn't go our way with a slight glitch costing us a key match that would have seen us through to the semi-final. So for us that was the end of the National competition.

Although we didn't win, we still picked up the 'National Build Award'. The Build Award is given to a team that has built a well-crafted robot that also shows clear dedication to safety and attention to detail. The robot must have

solid structure with robust systems that are well thought out and purposeful, showing efficient use of mechanical and electrical components. To win the award the robot must also demonstrate reliability on the field. It was a great award to pick up and excellent recognition of the team's efforts this year and the time and effort put in to developing a National Final worthy robot.

We depart for the World Finals in Louisville, Kentucky, USA in the last week of the Easter break. The World Final sees 500 teams from around the world competing with eight teams from the UK.

The new season begins in the Summer term with a new game announced at the World Finals. We say farewell to Jonny Reading (Upper Sixth, Grenville) our engineer and the Stoic responsible for our outstanding log book, as well as being one of nineteen World Finalists in the competition to design a new part; to Stuart Milner (Upper Sixth, Cobham), who is our tireless driver and mechanic for the robot and Toby Lawrance (Upper Sixth, Cobham) who is our programmer and the one who makes the robot work. They have been the heart of the Senior team over the last two years and their contributions will be greatly missed. We do have some talent coming through in the Junior years and I look forward to seeing them develop their skills and potential.

Paul Thompson, MiC Robots

LACROSSE

On Thursday 16 March the U14Cs beat The Dragon 6-5. There were some strong wins for the teams on Saturday 18 March. The 1st XII finished off a spectacular undefeated regular season with a final 15-1 win over Marlborough College. The 2nd, U15A and U14B teams also had fine wins over Marlborough. The 3rd team had superb wins over both Oakham's 1st team and Uppingham. Well done to Philly Stacey (Upper Sixth, Nugent) who led the 1st XII with 125 goals this season - an impressive accomplishment.

Philly Stacey and Olivia Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) played brilliantly for the U19A England team against the Senior Japan National side on Thursday 16 March. It was a hugely competitive game and England were down 6-4 at half time but came back in the final moments to win 12-11.

Congratulations to Philly Stacey, Olivia Thomas and Amelia Bowder (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) on representing the South East A team and winning the A Team Regional tournament. Congratulations to Clarissa Llanaj (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) on representing the South East B team which won the B Team Regional tournament.

Kaitlan Griffin, Head of Lacrosse



Andrew Robertshaw

At the end of the Lent term we were lucky enough to be visited by Andrew Robertshaw, a Military Historian of note. Andy, as he is known, was invited by Jonathan Sayers who met him over 25 years ago when both were trying to learn Mandarin. Andy was Military Historian and Education Officer at the National Army Museum and was a consultant on the TV series 'Two Men in a Trench' and the film 'War Horse'. He came to Stowe to talk to the Sixth Form on the Changing Nature of Warfare from the 19th up to the 20th Century and an interactive talk on the British Army in the run up and course of World War One with the Third Form. One of the Third Form girls volunteered



to pretend to be a Tommy from the Great War and was bedecked with all the kit that a British Soldier would be issued with, from mess tins, shovels, rifle, hand grenades and bullets (both deactivated), tin hat and of course serge tunic and trousers. Andy showed some interesting photographs of recruitment, trench conditions and even where the soldiers bathed and de-loused. The audiences from the Sixth Form and Third Form both enjoyed the talks.

WATER POLO

It was a fantastic win for the U18 boys in the last match of the Lent term against Bedford School on Tuesday 28 March. The first quarter saw Stowe surge into a 4-0 lead, with a great cherry picker goal from Kit Rigby (Lower Sixth, Grenville) taking Bedford by surprise. In the second quarter Bedford came out fast and marked tightly scoring their first goal, but two more goals from Jack Polturak (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Ben Holloway (Lower Sixth, Grafton) took Stowe into the lead. During the third and fourth quarters, Stowe steadily took the tally up to 10 with four goals from Guy Woodhouse (Lower Sixth, Chatham). Bedford scored a late goal making the final score 10-2.

Cheryl Davis, MiC Water Polo



RUGBY

After the disappointment of losing 14-0 to RGS High Wycombe in the County Cup Final on Tuesday 14 March, the Yearlings A bounced back to win 'The Perse 15-a-side tournament on Saturday 18 March. In a competition containing schools from Belfast Royal Academy, St Joseph's Ipswich, Oundle and Uppingham to name a few, Stowe won their group by beating Oundle 14-0, Langley 14-7 and The Leys 14-12 to progress to the final against the hosts. With three minutes remaining and the score 7-7, Stowe scored two late tries to win the tournament 19-7.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby

CHARLTON KERR RETURNS TO STOWE

In the week preceding the National Rosslyn Park Schools' 7s Tournament, England 7s player Charlton Kerr (Cobham 16) came back to Stowe to speak and offer advice to the current U16 and U18 teams. It was whilst winning trophies at Rosslyn Park in his Lower and Upper Sixth that Charlton was first spotted by the England Academy 7s coaches. Shortly after his talents were recognised by the full England side and he was selected for the 13-man England squad that plays on the international circuit. Charlton has just returned from Vancouver where England beat South Africa in the finals. He is now training hard for the Hong Kong leg of the circuit on 7-9 April.

Charlton did a Q&A session with the two squads, before putting them through a grueling sprint recovery fitness session. He then stayed on to watch the teams train and offer some final advice before the boys travelled to Rosslyn Park.

Charlton's [England profile](#) acknowledges the work of his school coaches, stating: "Craig Sutton taught me the basics of 7s and Alan Hughes guided me along in XV's."

It was a wonderful opportunity for the Stowe boys to see what comes from hard work and determination.

Liam Copley, Rugby Coach



History Masterclass at Stowe

The History Department and Arts at Stowe are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a History Masterclass at Stowe next term. This will bring some of the finest historians in the country to Stowe for small, interactive public sessions that will be limited to 20-30 people. Although the History Department will reserve spaces for Stoic historians who have completed excellent work in recent weeks, the remaining spaces will go on sale to the general public and must be purchased in advance. These could make a unique gift, a reward for a Stoic or an event that could be enjoyed by relatives and Stoics together.

Our first Masterclass will be taken jointly by Dr Suzannah Libscomb and Dr Sam Willis and is titled 'Henry VIII in Love and War'. It will be hosted in the Blue Room at Stowe on Saturday 17 June from 10am-1pm. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). Suzannah and Sam are both widely respected historians, have published extensively and presented documentaries for the BBC, ITV and Channel 5.

The second Masterclass will be presented by Old Stoic Jessie Childs on 'The Gunpowder Plot: Terror and Faith in Elizabethan and Jacobean England' and takes place on Saturday 16 September from 10am-1pm. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). Jessie is an award-winning author and has lectured on early modern religion across the world.

These sessions will offer pupils the chance to hear from experts in their field and be inspired to consider history in a new light. It might also offer a chance for parents to explore a new area of history, as told by truly excellent historians. All are very welcome but given the very limited numbers, you are encouraged to sign up soon.

Paul Griffin, Head of History



German Day

On Monday 27 March, Stowe hosted its first ever Sixth Form German Day in collaboration with three Northamptonshire schools – Guilsborough, Sponne and the Silverstone UTC. After a couple of icebreaker sessions, the 22 pupils were divided into four groups, two AS and two A2 groups, and embarked on a series of activities testing their ability to communicate in German on a variety of topics from creative writing to debating. The Stoics were fantastic ambassadors for the School, making all the other pupils feel at ease and I was most impressed by the level of German that they all sustained for a good three hours. My thanks go to all those who helped make this day possible and, judging by the positive feedback we received, it may well be something we do every year.

Alice Tearle, Head of German



RUGBY

ROSSLYN PARK, SENIOR 7S

The Senior 7s had an excellent first day at the Rosslyn Park National Tournament on Wednesday 22 March. A potentially tough group was successfully navigated with four wins, which included beating a touring side from South Africa (15-5), Royal Hospital (17-12), Brynreg Coleg (12-5) and Richard Huish College (40-12). Our play-off match saw us take on Kingswood School late on Wednesday. Stowe dug deep and produced a fantastic display despite the weary legs. Kristian Kay (Lower Sixth, Chandos) was particularly impressive. Our success meant we took our place in the quarter-final groups, which were made up of the top 18 schools out of the 170 who entered the competition.

Our first opposition on Thursday 23 March was Cheltenham College. The match was a nervy affair and was always going to be very tight. Unfortunately, with the scores at 12-12 with just a few second left, Cheltenham were awarded a penalty and found space to score and moved on in the competition and ended up in the final. This narrow defeat meant we were effectively out of the competition and our dreams were over for this year. It is a measure of Stowe's recent success that 'only' reaching the quarter-final stages left us feeling so disappointed. However, when reflecting on the whole tournament the Stowe team showed they had the class to be marked out as one of the top performing schools on the circuit.

Craig Sutton, Senior 7s Coach

CSI: STOWE 2017

The week beginning Monday 13 March was National Science Week. To recognise this, the Science Department staged the annual murder of Mr Tearle and then challenged all Third Formers to solve a fiendishly demanding CSI: Stowe, Whodunnit?

The Third Formers were split into teams of four, under a designated team leader and used their week of science lessons to examine fingerprints, blood splatter patterns, DNA samples, coded messages and the various strange white powders found at the crime scene. The task was not a simple one; with little guidance from staff and no-one to tell them whether their conclusions were correct or not, it required diligence, organisation, careful observation, analytical deduction and above all, teamwork.

Of the 36 teams, 16 teams successfully deduced that Dr Popplestone murdered Mr Tearle with a golf club; but of these, only nine teams also correctly worked out that it was Dr Wayne who arrived at the scene and called the police.

Team presentations were subject to rigorous marking criteria, with the highest marks going to those who were able to corroborate their deductions with appropriate and accurate evidence.

The Third Form science teachers were pleased to award certificates and illuminating magnifying glasses to this year's super sleuths, the CSI 2017 Champions: Barnaby Peppiatt (Chatham), Sophia Batey (Queen's), Frankie MacLeod Matthews (Nugent) and Robbie Haigh (Grenville).

Runners-up prizes were awarded to: Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Nugent), Coco Cottam (Queen's), Jack Brown (Chandos), Max Marshall-Lee (Cobham), Ben Sarraff (Chatham), Maisie Roberts (Lyttelton), Henry Pearson (Walpole) and Audrey Au (Lyttelton).

The Third Form thoroughly enjoyed their week and engaged fully with all the activities.

Sheilagh Rawlins, Science Department.



NETBALL

On Tuesday 14 March our U14Bs beat The Royal Latin 28-4 and on Wednesday 15 March our 1st and 2nd teams had strong wins against Tudor Hall. The 1st team won 33-16 and the 2nd team won 42-24. In the U14 matches against Tudor Hall the U14As won 43-26 and the U14Bs won 22-15.

In the 4-team tournament on Saturday 18 March the 1st team won two of their three games beating Bloxham 13-12 and Cheltenham 12-11. The 3rd team beat Bloxham 15-3; however, the performance of the day came from the 2nd team who won all three of their matches, beating Bloxham 12-8, St Edward's 15-11 and Cheltenham 27-17.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

The Gruffalo, in Latin

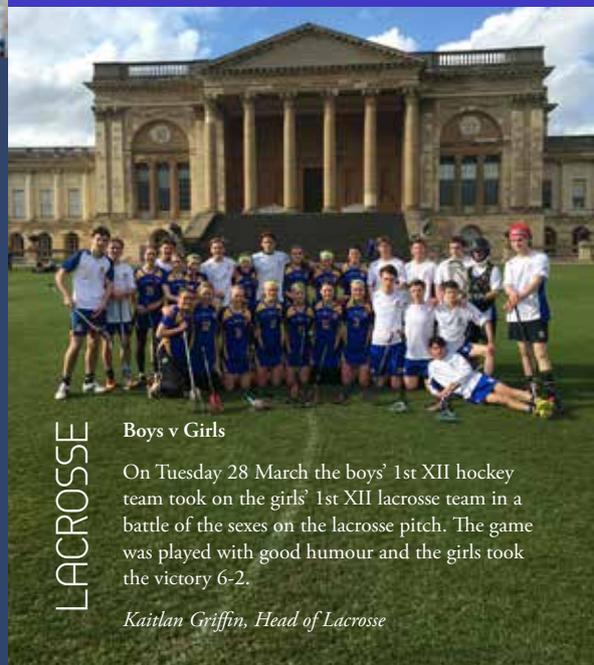


On Thursday 16 March the Classics Department welcomed back Ben Harris (Chandos 84), at present the Editor in Charge of the Cambridge Latin Course published by Cambridge University Press. He gave a fascinating account of how he first met Julia Donaldson, the author of 'The Gruffalo' storybook, and was later persuaded by his Chandosian brother to compose the poetry for his translation into Latin, published by Macmillan. His insights revealed how he used his skills - he won Latin verse composition prizes as an undergraduate at Cambridge - to include allusions and quotations from Ovid, Virgil and other classical authors hidden among the 46 Latin elegiac couplets.

"quidnam gruffalo? mirabile nescio nomen."

"tu gruffalonis nescius? immemor es?"

Michael Bevington, Head of Classics



LACROSSE

Boys v Girls

On Tuesday 28 March the boys' 1st XII hockey team took on the girls' 1st XII lacrosse team in a battle of the sexes on the lacrosse pitch. The game was played with good humour and the girls took the victory 6-2.

Kaitlan Griffin, Head of Lacrosse



Ensembles Concert

This term's Ensembles Concert featured the String Orchestra and Wind Band, with smaller groups from within the Orchestra and Band. The first half of the concert was led by Chris Windass and the String Orchestra. They opened with the first and last movements of Elgar's Serenade for Strings. This was followed by Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Greensleeves, featuring Charlotte Brennan (Lower Sixth, West) on the harp and Ally Jordan (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) and Izzy Ward (Fifth Form, Stanhope) on flutes. From the opening haunting flute tune to the magical sound of the harp, this was a really beautiful performance. Alex Grinyer (Upper Sixth, Walpole) joined the string players for Mozart's Horn Quintet. This was a very classy performance, enhanced by Alex's impressive horn playing. Charlotte then gave us a wonderful harp solo, Chanson de Mai by Hasselmanns. The first half concluded with an electrifying rendition of the Finale from Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings.

The Wind Band, which now numbers over 50 players, opened the second half with Jacob de Haan's Caldas da Rainha. This is by far the most advanced piece that they have tackled so far and it really gave the flavour of the town on Portugal's west coast. The Percussion Ensemble then played The Legend of Tizona with the full

band. It was great to see so many players enjoying themselves in such a rhythmically complicated piece. The Clarinet Quartet has really improved over the last couple of years and they played two Slavonic Dances by Dvorak, followed by Gershwin's Oh, Lady be Good. The full band still had much more to play with the full percussion section in Duke Ellington's Caravan and music from The Jungle Book. We also had a first outing for our Lower School Brass Ensemble with two players, Owen Payne (Third Form, Grenville) and William Warde-Norbury (Third Form, Grafton), making their concert debuts. The concert concluded with the Stowe bagpipes and drums playing from behind the audience, who then joined the whole band for Highland Cathedral.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Wind, Brass and Percussion



GOLF

Stowe golfers have been kept extremely busy over the past few weeks with a range of both Junior and Senior Inter-School fixtures, along with the extremely prestigious Gerald Micklem Trophy at Woking Golf Club. This remarkable annual tournament has been running since 1954 and features the eight most prestigious public schools in the country. Led by Captain Olly Clarke (Upper Sixth, Chandos), our Micklem team defeated both Harrow and Charterhouse in convincing fashion to clinch the much sought after Micklem Plate. Debutants Lochie Shillington (Fifth Form, Grafton) and Max Smith (Fourth Form, Cobham) both performed well with Max Smith particularly rising to the occasion by winning all three of his matches against very tough opposition. Pierson Odell (Lower Sixth, Grenville) also recorded two fine wins against experienced opposition. I was very impressed with some of the golf played by Olly Clarke who narrowly lost against an England International playing off +3. Our pre-Micklem practice match against the Old Stoic Golf Society was excellent preparation for the tournament and our team recorded a convincing victory. Special thanks must go to Peter Simmons (OSGS Secretary) for organising such a strong OSGS team.

On Tuesday 14 March our Junior team recorded an emphatic 6-0 victory on home soil against a very experienced Radley College. Notable wins came from Lochie Shillington, Tom Youds (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Tom Riley (Fourth Form, Bruce).

Our Junior team hosted a very competitive Caldicott School on Sunday 19 March and on this occasion the team managed yet another fantastic 6-0 victory. Particularly stellar wins were recorded by Max Smith, Tom Youds, Tom Riley and Ed Snushall (Fourth Form, Temple).

On Wednesday 22 March, our Senior team competed against a notoriously strong Warwick School at the delightful Stoke Park GC. Led by Captain Olly Clarke, the team managed another excellent victory with fine performances from Olly Clarke, Lochie Shillington and Max Smith. It was also particularly encouraging to see both Tom Youds and Tom Riley performing well at Senior level.

Attention now turns to the inaugural PGA Coaching and Development trip to Portugal where 14 Stoics will receive expert golf coaching, along with experiencing some of the finest golf courses on the Algarve. This will prove to be excellent preparation for the forthcoming fixtures during the Summer term.

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf

National Gallery

On Friday 17 March Lower Sixth History of Art pupils took the train to London to see the artworks in the National Gallery which we have recently been studying. We were shown round the Gallery by Ms Chubb and Mr Robinson who were extremely knowledgeable about the paintings. Mr Robinson detailed fascinating alternative interpretations about the subject matter of Botticelli's Mars and Venus and Ms Chubb explained subtle symbolism in the Rokeby Venus by Velasquez and the Arnolfini portrait by van Eyck, among other works.

The opportunity to see the artworks in the flesh was a valuable experience as it offered new perspectives and insights into the artistic skill and historical context which created them. The trip was well organised and enjoyed by all the Stoics; we all thank Ms Chubb and Mr Robinson for kindly organising it.

Jamie Sharp (Lower Sixth, Chatham)



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Geography Field Trip



Following the introduction of independent investigative projects as part of the new A Level Geography specification, 42 Lower Sixth Geographers and six members of staff set off for Dorset in search of sand, sea and social inequality on Saturday 18 March. Our aim was multi-faceted; to immerse pupils in geography fieldwork, ranging from data collection and recording, to walking through sand dunes and seeing the wonderful coastal landforms of Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, as well as looking at urban regeneration in the town of Weymouth.

We based ourselves at the PGL Centre at Osmington Bay, near Weymouth for our three day fieldwork expedition and were lucky enough to enjoy some beautiful views over Portland Bay. On Sunday 19 March we spent the morning at Studland Bay, measuring and assessing the sand dunes and feeling glad that the cool temperatures meant the naturist beach wasn't yet in use!

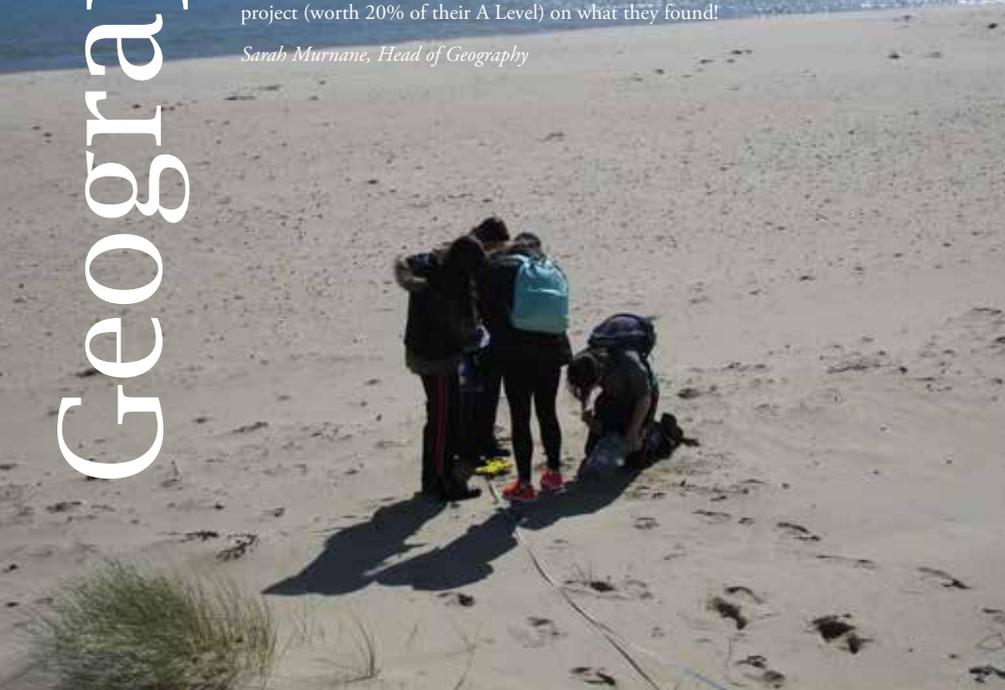
Sunday afternoon saw a move to Lulworth Cove. One of the Lulworth Rangers introduced the pupils to the geology of the bay, explaining its growth and development and the creation and future prospects for some of the amazing landforms found there, including Stair Hole and Lulworth Cove itself. Pupils then moved on to Durdle Door, seeing one of the best examples of a coastal arch in the UK, before conducting practical fieldwork to assess beach profiles and pebble distribution in relation to the effects of longshore drift.

On Monday morning we swapped walking boots for trainers and ventured into Weymouth town in search of evidence of regeneration of the area following the 2012 Olympic sailing which was held there. Pupils also sought evidence of deprivation and social inequality, exploring the harbour and station areas of the town. Following a busy afternoon of planning, the pupils each chose which area of study they wanted to investigate for their independent project; in turn this dictated where they would visit the following day.

Tuesday morning brought clear skies and sunshine as pupils split to go to different destinations in search of project data. At Studland Bay with my group, were it not for the wind-chill, the clear blue sky, white sand and clear blue sea appeared almost tropical and Stoics did an excellent job of collecting data and observing the area.

The trip was a great geographical experience and everyone came back having been exposed to the beauty of the Dorset coast. All they need to do now is write a big project (worth 20% of their A Level) on what they found!

Sarah Murnane, Head of Geography



EQUESTRIAN

The Equestrian Team has had a busy term, not only with competitions but trips to watch the 'high profile' dressage to music championships; a full days' hunting with the Grafton meet at Stowe, with a record number of pupils attending, and Thames Valley Police offering security tack marking.

We've attended the Bloxham Eventers' Challenge and Quainton Studs' Combined Training and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Francesca Macleod Matthews (Third Form, Nugent) at her first attempt at dressage at Quainton and for qualifying to represent Stowe in Arena Eventing as an individual at the National Schools' Championships in December. We would also like to congratulate Charlie Seddon (Lower Sixth, Cobham) on being awarded the Halcyon Cup for improvement in Equestrianism; he has not only made a vast improvement in his riding skills but has taken it upon himself to learn more about equine husbandry this term.

We are now taking entries for Swailcliffe Eventers Challenge which takes place on 30 April.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager

FENCING

In the Public Schools' Fencing Championships held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on Tuesday 14 March, Ed Don (Fourth Form, Chandos) came 24th and Hugo Robinson (Fifth Form, Grenville) 45th out of 106 fencers in the Junior Boys' Foil and Ed came 31st out of 134 fencers in the Junior Boys' Épée. Hannah Laurence (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Lauren Brigden (Fifth Form, Stanhope) competed in the Junior Girls' Foil and Épée, Hannah came 11th in the Foil and 19th in the Épée and Lauren came 15th in the Foil and 32nd in the Épée.

Hugo, Hannah and Lauren competed at the British Youth Championship Qualifiers on Sunday 19 March; Hugo came third in the U18 Mens' Foil, Hannah came second in the U16 Womens' Épée and Lauren came first in the U16 Womans' Foil.

Isaac Michael, MiC Fencing

SQUASH

In the last game of the season against Uppingham, the 1st team lost narrowly 2-3, however, the 2nd team won their match 3-2. This has proved to be one of the best squash seasons in recent years.

Paul Floyd, MiC Squash



The International Society Dinner

The annual International Society Dinner proved to be another resounding success as members of the international community at Stowe gathered in the Music Room on Friday 24 March to enjoy an evening of entertainment and cuisine with a distinctly intercontinental flavour. Acts throughout the evening included songs by Mina Haas (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Camille Gibson (Third Form, Lyttelton), a stunning rendition of 'Hatikvah' on viola and piano by Audrey Au (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole), an entertaining Africanz-themed sketch by Reaboka Ramakoalibane (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Ishiqa Singh (Fourth Form, Queen's) followed by the South African National

Anthem with Jonah Gasura (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Matthew Alberts (Fourth Form, Grafton). The international quiz, masterminded by the International Prefects Sophia Sander (Upper Sixth, West), Lisa Battilomo (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Gleb Shcherbakov (Upper Sixth, Grenville), proved to be a popular activity, hosted with flair and panache by Gleb Shcherbakov and Anton Kondrashov (Upper Sixth, Grenville). A huge thank you to all the catering staff, to the International Prefects for their effort and enthusiasm and to Mrs Hill-Hall, Mrs Brenner and Mr Longworth. We are already looking forward to next year's gathering!

Julie Johnson, Head of International



BASKETBALL

On Tuesday 14 March the Senior team beat Abingdon 60-51 and came back well in the second half against Bradfield on Saturday 18 March but eventually lost 62-77. The U16s finished strongly and beat Bradfield 45-37.

Isaac Michael, MiC Basketball



European Piano Teachers Association Conference

On Sunday 12 March, leaders of EPTA and I organised a one-day piano teacher conference at Stowe. The event featured a host of presentations given by some of the country's leading names in piano education and performance. It was a fantastic opportunity for piano teachers from across the country to network, share ideas on current topics relating to piano pedagogy and to be inspired by masterclasses, presentations and performances. The morning session featured a piano competition for adult EPTA members and was followed by a tour of the Music School. In the afternoon there was a wonderful performance of Bach's Goldberg variations by pianist and writer, Graham Fitch, the launch of my new app ScaleTracks, an improvisation masterclass with Christopher Norton and a presentation by Chris Swaffer on the use of

technology in instrumental lessons, to name but a few of the day's features. This was an exciting collaboration and as a corporate member of EPTA, we look forward to collaborating again in the future.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Cobham Charity Football Event

On Sunday 19 March, the whole of Cobham took part in a 10 hour football marathon to raise money for [Rainbow's Children's Hospice](#) in Northamptonshire. Rainbow's is a small charity which provides palliative care for children, as well as much needed rest and respite for their families. They rely on the majority of their funding to come from charitable donations, without which Rainbow's would not be able to continue. The Cobham boys played a series of five-side matches in rotation and put in a superb effort, raising over £1,800 for the charity. Well done and congratulations to all involved.

James Peppiatt, Cobham Housemaster





HOCKEY

On Wednesday 15 March the 1st XI had a fine 2-1 win against Warwick and drew 2-2 with Kimbolton on Saturday 18 March. The 3rd XI drew 1-1 against Warwick and the U16Bs beat Warwick 3-2. All three U15 sides beat Kimbolton on Saturday; the As won 3-1, the Bs won 5-3 and the Cs won 5-0. On Sunday 19 March there was a thriller of a match where the 1st XI beat the Old Stoics 5-4.

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

POLO

On Sunday 19 March Beau Carter (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and Algy Stanley (Upper Sixth, Chatham) attended a polo tournament in Ascot. Beau won the tournament and Algy came second.

Fiona Corbaine, MiC Polo

ROWING

For the first time in the School's history, Stowe entered an VIII in the Schools' Head of the River Race on the Thames at Putney on Thursday 23 March. With 3,000 school pupils rowing over the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race championship course, and crowds of supporters along the length of the river, this is perhaps the biggest participation race of the year.

We were against schools with long traditions of racing in eights, and rowers who have already experienced the race, so we knew this was always going to be a big challenge for the Stoics, some of whom are new to the sport.

Having learned from their preparation races, this time the crew got everything right on the big day. They put in a spirited performance, setting off at a high rating and holding this through the waves and challenging water at Barnes Bridge.

As they came off the water, they were greeted by Old Stoic and world silver medallist, James Rudkin (Walpole 12), who now trains with the Great Britain Olympic team. He gave them their times and congratulated them on beating the 1st VIII from King's Worcester, Pangbourne College's top eight and finishing close to Canford, an established rowing school and previous Henley winner.

The crew was Ilya Riskin (Fifth Form, Chandos), Tom Fox (Fifth Form, Temple), Gleb Shcherbakov (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Will Fox (Fifth Form, Bruce), Ayrton Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple), James Pocklington (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Archie Morley (Fifth Form, Walpole) and Elliot Patel (Fourth Form, Cobham).

The crew were supported by Mr and Mrs Patel and Mrs Morley and were taken to London by Mr Parnaby, Mr Longworth and myself.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



Maidan 2013 - 2014

Revolution of Dignity

This term, Stowe hosted a travelling exhibition of art created during the Maidan protests that took place in the winter of 2014 in Ukraine. Featuring work from 17 artists, the exhibition has already been shown in 14 locations including Kiev, Amsterdam, Washington DC and New York, with Stowe being the first location in the UK.

The winter of 2013-14 in Ukraine witnessed tremendous political and social upheaval, which produced an outpouring of creative expression. In the midst of the crisis, the process of making visual art became both a form of therapy for the artist, and a medium through which artists could raise awareness of the situation. Art took on the role of a motivational symbol, a satirical jibe and often a show of solidarity and defiance. A sample of visual art is captured in this exhibition, which displays art in poster form.

I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to visit Kiev last year as part of the McElwee Award here at Stowe. Sebastian Wood (Upper Sixth, Temple) and I interviewed journalists, politicians and artists, including the academic Natalia Moussienko. Natalia, who has written a book on the Art of Maidan, is the curator of this exhibition. Not only did she kindly offer to write a foreword for my EPQ book, but she was also instrumental in presenting the opportunity for Stowe to host the exhibition.

Thank you to the School, and in particular the Headmaster, Mrs Jorgensen, and all those who have assisted in bringing the Exhibition to Stowe. Thank you also to my parents for all their support.

Sam Montgomery (Upper Sixth, Temple)

Chemical Engineering

Securing a place at the best university is becoming more competitive each year. Universities are not only looking for the best grades, they are looking for applications to be differentiated through extra-curricular activities that demonstrate a genuine passion for the undergraduate subject. In addition to strengthening university applications, work experience offers insight into what actual work in an industry is like. This is also an opportunity for Stoics to experience and develop, first-hand, both technical and soft skills in a real world setting.

Alexandra Bicu (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) has her sights firmly focused on studying chemical engineering and management at one of the UK's top universities. Although Alexandra performed exceptionally well in her GCSEs and is predicted equally impressive A Level results, Alexandra felt that her university application would not be as strong as she would like without relevant work experience related to her degree choice.

As Alexandra did not have any contacts through her family in this sector in the UK, she visited Stowe's Careers Department for assistance. A few weeks later, after the creation of a focused CV, research into companies that Alexandra would like to work with and assistance in contacting a

range of companies, Alexandra secured a work placement with Velocys, a specialist chemical engineering company which is a spin-off of the University of Oxford's Wolfson Catalysis Centre. Once the work experience had been secured in principle, Alexandra prepared herself for the journey to her interview in Oxfordshire and, after an in-depth interview and tour of the facilities, she was offered two weeks' work experience during the summer holidays. Velocys offered Alexandra a bespoke experience where she is able to work with a PhD-qualified chemical engineer on real projects working on the development of gas-to-liquid technology.

Work experience during the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth Form summer holidays is valuable preparation for higher education and the world of work. Some pupils need support in identifying and securing work experience placements. The Careers Department is currently building a database of potential work placements that Stoics can use to apply for work experience, both in the UK and internationally. If there are any readers of this article who would like to offer Stoics work experience during school holidays, please email Dr Gordon West.

Gordon West, Careers Advisor



Visit by team leader of EXERCISE ICE MAIDEN – The First All- Female British Military Team attempt to cross Antarctica

The CCF were delighted to welcome Major Nics Wetherill, a serving Army doctor, to talk about her team's attempt to cross the Antarctic landmass entirely under their own power this coming October. They will be the first ever all female British military team (five members) to attempt this feat. They will trek 1,700km in temperatures as low as -80 degrees Celsius and will battle winds of over 60mph. Unsupported, and with only two resupply points along the route, the ICE MAIDEN team will carry all the supplies and equipment needed to survive for up to 600km at a time. They estimate that the trek will take 75 days, returning in February 2018.

They hope to inspire a new era of female expeditionary spirit within the military and beyond, and Nics certainly inspired cadets and CCF staff with her spirit and understatedness. We all learned about living and surviving in the Antarctic. It was interesting to note that during a recent three week training expedition in Norway, they were instructed by the Royal Marines, who taught them to 'survive' in the Antarctic and the Norwegians who taught them how to 'live' in the Antarctic.

Nics showed us the equipment that she will take and described how it will be used and also let us sample the tasty Norwegian produced food pouches they will eat. She informed us that 6,000 calories a day was the most that the body could process and any more would be wasted, so calculations have been made telling her that she must 'get fat' and gain between 1.5-2 stone in time to start the expedition.

There is a medical angle to the trek which offers a unique opportunity to collect medical data on the effect the polar environment has on the female physiology and psychology. This research is supported by the Army and the Defence Medical Academic Department. The team will also test innovative new technology in the Antarctic environment.

Our thoughts will be with them as they embark on this formidable challenge. Nics described herself as nothing special or out of the ordinary, and stressed that life is there for the taking and never to be intimidated by the scale of a challenge, but to have faith and commitment and dare to give it a go...

Major Jan de Gale

Cadets at the 11 Brigade Military Skills Competition

The CCF Army Section entered a team in the annual 11 Brigade Military Skills Competition at Longmoor, over the weekend of 24-26 March. We were up against the best CCFs and ACFs from the region and finished a very creditable fourth out of 16 teams, beating Wellington and St Edward's, amongst others. It was a long weekend for the cadets and they deserved the result.

They won the stalking and shooting events and placed in a number of other events, including night observation, endurance march and command tasks. In terms of particular events, we won the air rifle target shooting and the sniper stalk (starting 250m from a soldier and having to get to within 50m, without being detected). We came second or third in the indoor range, night and day observation stands, two command tasks and a briefing stand (where they were required to take on board a huge amount of information about the action at Hougoumont Farm during the battle of Waterloo and then answer questions on the details). We also came third in the endurance march - covering 1.2 miles in 13 minutes 45 seconds (no running allowed) and were the highest place 'co-ed' team - a superb effort for which a number of them had to dig very deep and really persevere.

The team was led by Alex Harris (Lower Sixth, Grafton), with Tom Leach (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Tom Mayhew (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Kianti Subowo (Fifth Form, Queen's), Tavish Struthers (Fifth Form, Bruce), Hugo Robinson (Fifth Form, Grenville), Cameron Chambers (Fifth Form, Grenville) and Max Whitehead (Fifth Form, Grenville).

Captain Andrew Wilson





Joypurhat Girls' Cadet College, Bangladesh,

On 20-21 March Major de Gale and I visited Joypurhat Girls' Cadet College, Bangladesh, to look at possibilities for pupil exchanges and other joint activities. We were welcomed to this all-girls' boarding school with just over 300 pupils in six year groups with immense hospitality and soon found that Punjabi and Shalwaar Kamees or Saree was the best clothing to wear in the heat.

Dinner with the Principal and senior staff occupied the first evening; on the next day we learned more about the school and opened an Art Exhibition with the most wonderful entries, full of colour and the imaginative use of paper and other materials. Later that evening we were guests at an extraordinary cultural show, 'Flutes of Bengal', and we shall never forget the displays of classical and traditional dancing – quite out of this world. This was followed first by presentations, including the gift of two splendid paintings of Stowe by Cadets Faita and Mustarin (soon to hang proudly on our walls) and a formal dinner with multiple welcomes of assalaamu aleikum as we entered.

The following morning, while it was still cool, we witnessed an 0700 march past complete with band. We agreed that the marching was top quality. Then on to the Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka for discussions over dinner, and finally dinner with the Adjutant General of the Bangladeshi Army, Major General Matiul Rahman. We are hugely grateful to all who made the journey possible: Dr Wallersteiner, for authorising it; Principal Md. Hedaytun Nabi for welcoming us to his school, Major Himel Samiul for escorting us everywhere; Mr Jahid Reza for explaining so much to us; and Medical Officer Major Charmin and Miss Tanveer Sultana for so much else!

More photos of our trip can be seen [here](#).

Lt Cdr David Critchley, Contingent Commander CCF



CROSS COUNTRY

After a long drive down to Norwich on Saturday 18 March for the English Schools' National Competition, the athletes were greeted with an extremely flat cross country course, which would make the races very fast. Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) was first up in the Senior girls' race. With only 4k to run it was going to be a difficult race for her as she usually runs over the hills and for longer distances, however, she did extremely well and finished 124. As she was competing a year young she will look to build on this next year in the same race.

Oliver Vince (Lower Sixth, Cobham) was next in the Senior boys' race; unlike the Senior girls' race which was short and fast, they made the boys run 7.5k. This was Oliver's first National Championships so it was all about enjoying the experience. After only taking up cross country two years ago he did very well finishing in 290th position.

In the competition against the Old Stoics on Sunday 19 March the Stoics won both the boys' and girls' competitions; Freddie Woods (Lower Sixth, Chatham) came second, Oliver Vince third, Cameron Chambers (Fifth Form, Grenville) fourth and Guy Woodhouse (Lower Sixth, Chatham) seventh. In the girls' competition Georgia Flawn-Thomas came fifth, Rosie Smith (Lower Sixth, Queen's) 13th, Emilia Havard (Third Form, Stanhope) 18th and Tiffani Sole-Scarpellini (Third Form, Stanhope) 19th.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Cross Country

BEN²

BEN² was an absolute success on the evening of Wednesday 8 March, when they combined covers of top chart songs with old hits. From the moment the music started the whole audience was mesmerised by the quality and amount of sound coming from Mr Andrew and Mr Weston. How two people can manage to play not only the piano and guitar, but bass drum, melodica and strings all at the same time is an incredible thing to witness. It was an inspiration to all of the Stoics who attended. A huge success of a night!

Natasha Woods (Lower Sixth, Queen's)



FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 14 March the U16s beat St Edward's 3-2. The 1st XI beat an MK Dons trainee side 1-0 and the 3rd XI were held to a 0-0 draw against St Edward's on Saturday 18 March.

Andrew Jackson, MiC Football



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Design & Technology

This term has been an exciting one in the Design and Technology Department. At the time of writing, the team is in the process of forming a link with the group Fixperts, and recently welcomed founder Daniel Charny in to discuss the possibility of forming a society of pupils with the objective of encouraging creative problem solving, developing empathy with their clients and working with real people to solve real design issues.

Earlier this month we welcomed back Old Stoic Seb Johnson (Grafton 14) who, along with his team from UBRacing, was keen to discuss the development of their Formula Student Racing Team. This is an entirely student run project with the aim of designing, funding and building a single-seat racing car from scratch to compete in the Formula Student competition each year. The project is run as an extra-curricular activity and involves over 70 pupils from each year from a range of degree subjects. It costs over £30,000 annually so they rely on the support of sponsors, both industrial and individual, to keep the team running and to ensure they are competitive and get the most out of this very rewarding project.

Stoics and staff alike were interested to ask Seb and his team about all aspects of the project as well as how studying Design has helped them progress towards potential careers that tie in to their passions.

We have also seen the emergence of one of our own potential engineers: Benedict Shaw (Fifth Form, Temple) was selected for an interview for the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship following his recent success in the aptitude exam. The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is considered to be the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK, and its aims are to inspire and nurture students like Benedict to become the country's future leaders of the Engineering profession.

On behalf of the DT team and the School, I would like to wish Benedict the very best for his interview, we are all extremely proud of how well he has conducted himself, and look forward to seeing him progress in A Level Product Design next year.

Martin Quinn, Head of Design and Technology

Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year

On Friday 11 March, Charlotte Brennan (Lower Sixth, West), Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole) and Audrey Au (Third Form, Lyttelton) were invited to take part in the prestigious Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year competition at Walton High School. There were six finalists in total so to have three Stoic musicians invited to play is a tremendous accolade for the School and the musicians themselves.

Last year, Theo Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) was awarded the title of Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year and this year the standard of performances was equally as high as in previous years. The six finalists were selected from over a thousand participants in the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts which took place the previous weekend. Charlotte, Jeffrey and Audrey all gave highly accomplished performances of demanding works on their respective instruments.

Charlotte was the first harpist to enter the festival in over twenty-five years and her performance of two contrasting works by Hasselmans and Thomas were simply stunning. I was equally as lost for words with Audrey's performance of Kreisler's Praludium & Allegro by Kreisler and my own arrangement of 'Hatikvah' for violin and piano. Jeffrey's performance of Scriabin's Nocturne for the left hand and two Scarlatti sonatas was highly impressive and he demonstrated a musical maturity that was far beyond his years.

Adjudicators Hilary Davan-Wetton and Andrew Sherwood awarded the title of Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year to Charlotte Brennan. Second prize went to Jeffrey Au and third prize went to his sister Audrey. Congratulations to all finalists for their fantastic performances and for representing the School so impeccably.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



It has been a busy term with the Houses continuing to look at the 'Fruits of the Spirit' in their Chapel assemblies and considering 'young people called by God to do extraordinary things' in the Bible.

We have also been guiding 42 Confirmation candidates in six groups this term in preparation for the Confirmation Service on Sunday 30 April. It is wonderful to see young people starting their journey of faith and asking some deep questions about faith, church, God and the big issues of the day.

On Friday 24 March, the School participated in Red Nose Day with a home clothes day and many Stoics wore one of the 10 designs of red noses. It is good to engage the whole School in these charity days as it raises awareness of the plight of others and that we can all help in some way.

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Revd Sue Sampson, School Minister





Careers Seminar



On Tuesday 14 March we welcomed Guy Oliver to Stowe who delivered a fascinating talk in the Music Room about careers in Interior Design. Guy has a background of Architectural and Design History from The University of Edinburgh where he received a Masters Degree and he took ownership of Oliver Laws in 2002.

His company has been involved with many prestigious projects in recent years. They redesigned the interior of Claridge's and the Connaught Hotel in addition to the entrance hall of Number 10 Downing Street. In parallel to his design work, Guy has raised over £20m for several charities including Turquoise Mountain Foundation (of which he is Creative Advisor) and Start UK (two of HRH The Prince of Wales's initiatives), as well as The Aid to Zimbabwe Trust, the UK Pattern Archive, and Save Britain's Heritage. Guy also advises UNESCO about forming working private partnerships to finance the restoration of international heritage sites.

Following the talk, a group of Art and Design pupils joined Guy for dinner in the Well Room where they discussed an exciting design project that they are going to work with him on in the summer.

Mandy Dawson, Head of Careers



OS Sports Day

On Sunday 19 March, we held our second OS Sports Day. Matches against Stoics took place in four different sports, including cross country, football, fives and hockey, as well as laying on egg and spoon and sack races for children. We welcomed eighty Old Stoics and guests for the day, with the majority taking part in various OS teams and others giving their support from the sidelines.

Everyone met up and socialised in the Music Room with a delicious match tea, laid on by Geoff and his fantastic catering team. The food was terrific, with soup, bacon butties, sandwiches and cakes-a-plenty.

The day was such a great success and we will certainly hold it again next year and aim to include more matches for Old Stoics. I would like to thank everyone who lent a hand, as well as the sports staff who arranged the matches against our Old Stoic teams.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director



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Patience Agbabi: Poetry by Heart

On Friday 17 March the Literary Society welcomed Patience Agbabi to help judge Stowe's Poetry by Heart competition. Poetry by Heart is a prestigious national competition started by Sir Andrew Motion and Patience is one of the judges.

Thirteen Stoics took part in Stowe's competition and they selected their own poems from the competition anthology to perform. The Headmaster and Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama, joined Patience on the judging panel and all agreed that the quality of the performances were exceptionally high. Patience commented that many of the participants were already of national standard.

Inez Banson (Lower Sixth, Queen's) was the winner on the night and she will proceed to the County Competition. Runners-up were Alex Orton (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Lee-Ann Sule (Lower Sixth, West). Ingrid Galler (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Sebastian Salisbury (Lower Sixth, Bruce) were highly commended.

Allison Puranik, MiC Literary Society

The annual Old Stoic magazine, the Corinthian, has had a make-over and can now be read online. Please take a look [here](#), I hope you enjoy reading all our news and our new look.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director



Recital at St Lawrence Jewry

On Monday 27 March, I took Music Scholars Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walspole) and Theo Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) to St Lawrence Jewry Church, Bank to give a lunchtime piano recital as part of their highly popular concert series. This was a first for both Stowe and St Lawrence Jewry, given that their lunchtime concert series has, up to this point, only been exclusively the preserve of graduates and established concert pianists for over thirty years. As the first school-aged pianists involved in this series, Theo and Jeffrey delivered an exceptional concert of highly demanding repertoire on the 100 year old Steinway grand piano which was once owned by world famous conductor, Sir Thomas Beecham.

Jeffrey started the concert with two contrasting sonatas in D minor by Scarlatti, followed by two exquisite works by Scriabin – Etude in E major and Nocturne in D flat for the left hand. The agile and technical accomplished Scarlatti resonated in the beautiful acoustics of the

church and Jeffrey allowed plenty of space in the works by Scriabin, and his mature performance really captivated the audience.

Theo also performed two contrasting sonatas by Scarlatti, this time in E major and E minor. It was very evident that both performers were using the wonderful acoustic to maximum effect. Theo then gave a declamatory performance of the 1st movement of Beethoven's E minor sonata op.90 followed by a lyrical and sparkling rendition of Fauré's Barcarolle no.1. To finish the concert, Theo performed two contrasting works by Gershwin – 'The Man I Love' and 'I got Rhythm', both of which he will be playing in his forthcoming diploma exam. I would like to thank both performers for their hard work in preparation for this highly memorable concert. I would also like to thank Ruth Common from St Lawrence Jewry Church for giving the two Stoics this fantastic opportunity.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

ScaleTracks

"I don't like scales and arpeggios" is a phrase that has been heard many times by music teachers everywhere. In order to address this common issue in music education, my brother-in-law David Denning and I have spent the last two years developing our own app called ScaleTracks. We wanted to create something truly unique and beautiful; something that would revolutionise scales and arpeggios for all ages, ability levels and instruments.

Some people may say that scales and arpeggios are not music, but ScaleTracks is proof of the opposite, with true harmonisation that follows each note that is played. ScaleTracks represents a new frontier in music education; a synergy of technology and music which makes scales and arpeggios an exciting musical experience, as opposed to dry technical exercises. I passionately believe everyone should discover the joy of scales and arpeggios, regardless of whether or not they are studying for an exam, so this app is not tied to any one particular exam syllabus. However, ScaleTracks is compatible with all major exam boards and can make the perfect practice companion, with its easy-to-use interface and innovative backing tracks.

From the piano to the ocarina, it is now possible to play scales and arpeggios with a full symphony orchestra comprised of some of the world's leading musicians. As well as this, ScaleTracks offers the musician over one hundred unique and inspiring backing tracks. These span a vast array of ensemble-types and genres, including Dubstep, Baroque, Folk, Retro 8-bit and Classical to name but a few. Each track is available in any key, between one and four octaves and a particularly notable feature is the option to adjust the tempo of each backing track on the fly, thus catering for all ability levels whilst accelerating progress dramatically. Whichever track is selected, ScaleTracks is designed to inject energy and excitement back into practice. You can visit [ScaleTracks](#) for more information and also to see promotional videos featuring Stoics. I would like to thank Patrick Gilson from Stowe UAV club and Ken Franklin from Video4 for assisting me with the filming.

ScaleTracks is currently available as a free download on the AppStore for iPad, with the iPhone version coming soon!

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



Marathon Mayhem

On Sunday 23 April, Fern Parker and I are taking part in the London Marathon and we'd be delighted to receive your support for our chosen charities.

You may have already read about Fern in Stowemail, she is running for Leonard Cheshire Disability which has a special connection to Stowe. Leonard Cheshire was a pupil at Stowe from 1931 to 1936, he was one of the most decorated pilots of the Second World War. Leonard Cheshire Disability supports people with disabilities to overcome the obstacles that society places upon them. They do this through: campaigning; providing care in people's own homes; supported rented accommodation; residential homes; day centres; and respite services. Fern has worked at Stowe School for 22 years, therefore felt a natural allegiance to Leonard Cheshire. Fern wants to raise awareness and funds for the charity that she has seen do amazing work over the years. Fern runs for Buckingham and Stowe running club and has completed a few half marathons but a full marathon is a new challenge for her and one she hopes will raise awareness and funds for this fabulous charity. You can sponsor her via her [Just Giving page](#).

Then there is me... I am new to running (well jogging, and more like shuffling as the training has increased!) and I am doing this for Mind the mental health charity under the Heads Together campaign which is the London Marathon's main charity this year. Under the banner of Heads Together, a number of mental health charities are attempting to raise not only much needed funds for their work (Mind in Buckinghamshire supports over 15,000 people with mental health needs) but also to raise awareness about mental health issues. You can read more about my involvement in Mind and why I am running for this amazing charity on my [sponsorship page](#) - any support you can give is wonderful and I know will really help us both in the last few weeks of training for this event.

Please spare a few minutes to read about our reasons for running and help us raise awareness of both these great charities and look out for us on the TV on the 23rd - Fern will be leading the way, and I will be somewhere behind the guy dressed in the full diving suit!

Tori Roddy, Director of Admissions and Marketing





Stowe Parents

If you would like to book please email Stowe Parents.

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Tour of the Chelsea Physic Garden

11.00am | £30.00 per head (including lunch)

Chelsea Physic Garden is the oldest botanic garden in London, founded in 1673. Due to the garden's warm microclimate, tender plants flourish, including many endangered and rare species, the largest outdoor fruiting olive tree, and the most northerly outdoor grapefruit, as well as 5,000 different edible, medical and historical plants.

We will be taking a tour of the garden, followed by a two course lunch in the lovely café.

Cotswold Gin and Aynhoe Park

On Thursday 23 February, 11 parents braved Storm Doris to enjoy the delights of the Cotswold Distillery, a fascinating tour of the Whisky and Gin Distillery followed by an extensive tasting session, and of course the opportunity to purchase some of the wonderful products. A lovely lunch was had at the Red Lion in Long Compton and then on to the incredible Aynhoe Park. This amazing Stately Home has been brought right into the 21st Century by James Perkins, who kindly took us on a personal tour of his house, an eclectic mix of old, new and just plain strange – but it works wonderfully! Thank you to Ash Patel and Arron Quainton for organising such a great day.

Stowe Restoration Tour

On Wednesday 22 March Anna McEvoy, the House Custodian, took us on a tour of the House. She gave a fascinating talk describing some of the history, the recent and on-going restoration projects, and some of the interesting architectural detective work that she does, the most recent being the wall paintings on the Grenville staircase. Her knowledge and passion for Stowe House always results in a great morning's tour – and, of course, it would not be complete without a lovely lunch.

Michelle Feasey, Co-Chair Stowe Parents

Cycling Matters

Thank you for your continuous support and attendance at the school workshops over the last term. Your attendance at the bike clinics each Thursday afternoon is much appreciated and shows clearly how important it is to have your bikes regularly maintained.

As Spring is now upon us, it is time to dust off that bike that's been sitting in a shed at home or at school and get out on the road cycling once again. However, to be safe, please ensure that your bike is fully serviced and road worthy. I am available for all types of bike servicing and custom repairs. If you need any assistance please [contact me](#) to arrange a service or repairs of your choice so that we can book an appointment.

Nick Zammit, Cycle Mechanic



Easter Eggs

Katherine Turner has once again been busy in the kitchens and followed up the amazing Gingerbread House at Christmas with three Stowe-themed Easter Eggs.

Each egg is approximately 18 inches high, hollow and 100% edible – even the stands! The panoramic purple egg weighs 4,680g and is made from cast sugar; if you look closely through the arch you can see Stowe House in the distance. The blue Coat of Arms egg is made from pastillage and weighs 2,030g; there are over

200 yellow and white flowers that represent the School colours. The Chocolate egg is made from tempered dark and white chocolate and weighs 2,675g.

The 100% edible dark chocolate egg is being auctioned with the money going to Leonard Cheshire Foundation; the other two are being donated to SHPT and will be on display in the interpretation Centre during Easter. Make sure you come and have a look at them next time you are at Stowe.



Changes to the Medical Centre

Cate Wills and Catherine Lawrence are leaving Stowe at Easter. Cate has worked in the Medical Centre for three years and has been House Nurse for Grafton and Stanhope. Catherine has been at Stowe for six years and has been House Nurse for Queen's, Grenville and West. We will miss both of them and wish them all the best for the future.

Debbie Jenkins, Senior Nurse Manager



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