

# Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



## Paul McCartney tells Stoics to “Keep Rocking On!”

If you were a pupil at Stowe in 1963, you would have been treated to the only performance that The Beatles ever played to a school audience. The local Buckinghamshire community were blissfully unaware that one of the most famous bands in 1963 (and perhaps ever) were playing at The Roxburgh Hall, to an audience of very well behaved teenaged boys!

This extraordinary event came about after a very entrepreneurial 17 year old pupil wrote to the band's manager, Brian Epstein, to invite them to play at the School. The pupil was David Moores (who went on to run the Littlewoods empire and to own Liverpool Football Club). At the time of the invitation, the band were relatively unknown outside Liverpool and they signed a contract to play at Stowe on Thursday 4 April 1963 for the grand fee of £100. As the months passed, the band became increasingly famous, and in the week that they played at Stowe, they had their first number one hit with 'From me to you'.

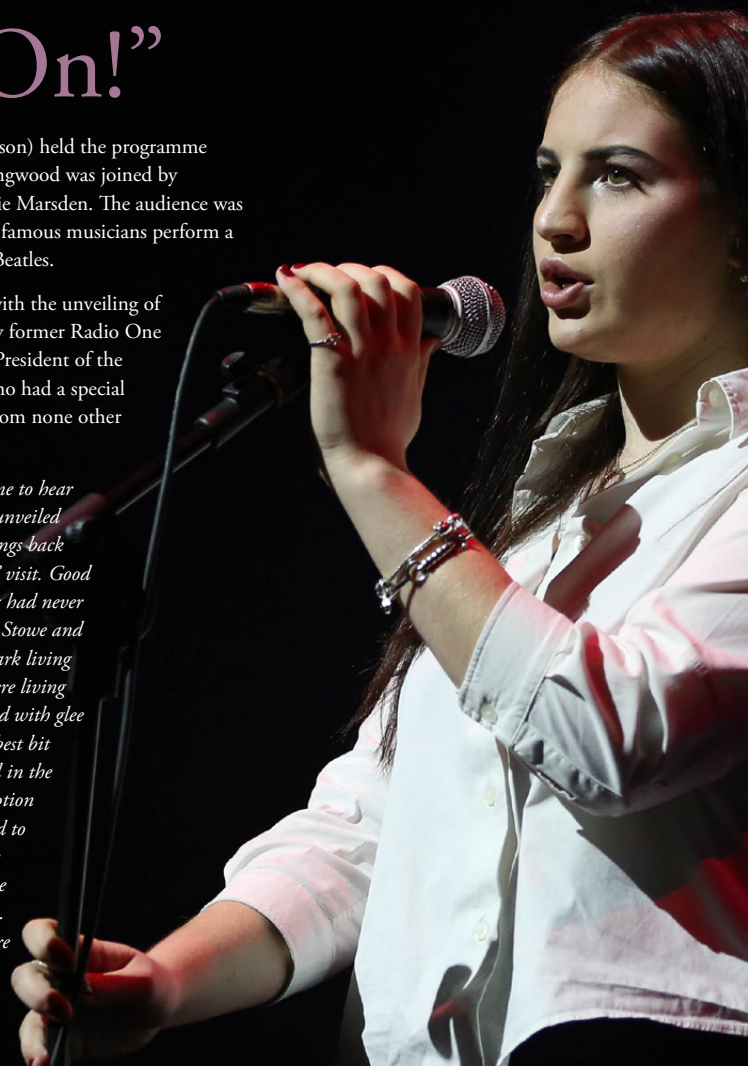
In recognition of this historic event, the School has been awarded a Blue Plaque and on Friday 31 January a special concert (organised by 'Arts at Stowe') took place to celebrate the arrival of the Plaque. Members of the Stowe and Buckinghamshire community filled The Roxy to hear the music of The Beatles performed by 70s progressive rock musician Rick Wakeman, on the very stage where The Beatles performed almost 60 years ago.

During the course of the evening, a number of pupils from the School performed some of the Fab Four's hits. Rick was then joined on stage by his son, Adam, and granddaughter, Skyla (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) to make the whole evening a real family affair. The musical talent of two Stowe teachers

(Ben Andrew and Ben Watson) held the programme together - their band Collingwood was joined by Whitesnake guitarist, Bernie Marsden. The audience was truly delighted to see these famous musicians perform a spectacular tribute to The Beatles.

The night was topped off with the unveiling of the Blue Plaque on stage by former Radio One DJ Mike Reid, who is the President of the Blue Plaque Society and who had a special message for the audience from none other than Paul McCartney:

*"It was a great pleasure for me to hear that a Blue Plaque is being unveiled today at Stowe School. It brings back fond memories of the Beatles' visit. Good old working class boys like us had never visited an establishment like Stowe and we were shocked to see the stark living conditions that the pupils were living in but we were shown around with glee by a couple of the boys. The best bit was when we actually played in the auditorium because the reception was wild and we felt inspired to be bringing some hearty rock and roll to the slightly austere circumstance of the audience. So the message to all you there today would basically be the same as it would have been then - Keep Rocking On!"*





## Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony

During the Christmas break, I was part of a select group of young adults who were invited to attend the recent Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony held at the iconic Oslo City Hall. The invitation was awarded to the winners of an essay competition (on how the Nobel Peace Prize fits into today's society) and we were given the opportunity to witness the Ceremony first-hand, as well as exploring the different aspects which shape Norway as a country during the week-long trip.

We toured the Norwegian Parliament and spoke to the forward-thinking Mayor about how she is driving change for the better, trying to get young people more involved in the big decisions. We travelled to Equinor, the country's greenest

oil company in the world and learnt about strategies for creating a carbon-neutral future through massive developments in Europe's renewable energy sector and we also visited the Ambassador's diplomatic house to debate how Britain's foreign policy will affect the EU when we leave. It was a very lucrative experience.

The Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony was an incredibly moving event, with electrifying Ethiopian song and dance and a speech from Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the Nobel Peace Laureate in 2019, which opened the world's eyes to the dire situation in Yemen and Sudan. I am very grateful to have represented Stowe at such an incredible event.

*Joshua Farchie (Fifth Form, Temple)*



## Spanish Trip to Oxford

At the end of last term, the Lower and Upper Sixth Spanish pupils went into Oxford for an insight into Spanish food and culture. We ate at a typical Spanish restaurant and enjoyed a large variety of tapas with a glass of Sangria. We all had a great time experiencing the new dishes and trying, probably the most traditional and well-known drink from Spain. We also took the opportunity to use our Spanish within the restaurant since both the owners were Spanish.

After this, we entered the Christmas market in the centre of Oxford. This was decorated marvellously and had a great Christmas feel. As if we hadn't eaten enough, we found a churros hut within the market and bought a huge box for everyone to share. Overall, we had a great time in Oxford, experiencing a taste of Spain and taking in the Christmas market.

*Liliana Peña, Teacher of Spanish*



## NETBALL

The netball season got off to a great start, with block fixtures taking place on a Saturday for the first time ever at Stowe. Our 1st VII won against Waddesdon C of E School, 35-0 and on Saturday 10 February, they travelled to Rugby to play their 1st VII under lights. The final score was 26-43 to Rugby, however our girls never gave up and should be truly proud of themselves.

The Sixth Form Inter-House netball competition took place on Wednesday 5 February with a high standard of netball on display and the tournament coming down to goal difference to decide the winning team. Nugent won most of their games and narrowly missed the top spot, coming third. Queen's took the title after scoring one more goal overall, with Cheshire coming in second. Well done to all girls who took part.

Our 2nd, 3rd and 4th VII Senior netball teams have also performed extremely well. The 2nds have won games against Oundle and Princethorpe, the 3rds have won against Oundle and St Edward's and the 4ths have also won against Oundle, Princethorpe and Rugby. The girls have shown great determination and given some solid performances.

Our U15As narrowly missed out on victory against Oundle, Rugby and St Edward's, however they did win against Waddesdon C of E School. We look forward to what they have to offer during the second half of the season. The U15Bs have gone from strength to strength, convincingly winning against Bedford Modern, St Edward's and Rugby. The U15Cs finished this half of the season with a great win against Rugby, scoring 18-8.

The U14A team are unbeaten this season, winning all of their games against Oundle, St Edward's, Bedford Modern and Rugby. They also competed in the Regional South Round of the English Schools' Netball Tournament on Saturday 25 January, winning convincingly against Oxford High, Cowes and Farnborough Hill, however they were unable to get through to the next round.

The U14B team have had a positive start to the season, winning three out of their four matches against Oundle, St Edward's and Rugby. They have worked really well as a team and are looking forward to taking on Downe House, Tudor Hall, Bloxham and Uppingham in the next half of term. The U14Cs are showing promise as are the U14Ds who have won two out of their three matches so far. It is good to see such a large number of girls representing Stowe.

*Victoria Dias, Head of Netball*



## ROWING

It was a great moment in Stowe history to have multiple girls' crews racing at Northampton, which for many was their first race. Honor Macdonald (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Genevieve Clarke (Fourth Form, Stanhope) rowed in the Women's J16 doubles. Northampton also saw the first ever girls' quad at Stowe, made of Sienna Bettany (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Genevieve, Honor and Leia West (Fourth Form, Queen's). Sienna rowed in her single at J15, and Skyla Wakeman (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) coxed the boys J14 and J15 coxed quads. Whilst nervous at first, the girls showed tremendous teamwork and perseverance and were just so excited to be on the river. For me, their enthusiasm drives the team forward. As a result, I have seen huge improvements in the girls' rowing and a real sense of team atmosphere. They know that they are the first generation of girl rowers at Stowe and here to make a difference and inspire a generation of new female rowers. The girls are seen regularly training in their quad or doubles on the Eleven Acre Lake and have gradually spread the word around the School so that we have our first-ever girls eight down at the Lake. This certainly means exciting times ahead for girls' rowing. For now, we are focusing on developing our girls' confidence, skills and power with the possibility of competition at Henley Women's Regatta in a quad - which would be another Stowe first.

*Elizabeth Trelawny-Vernon, Rowing Coach*

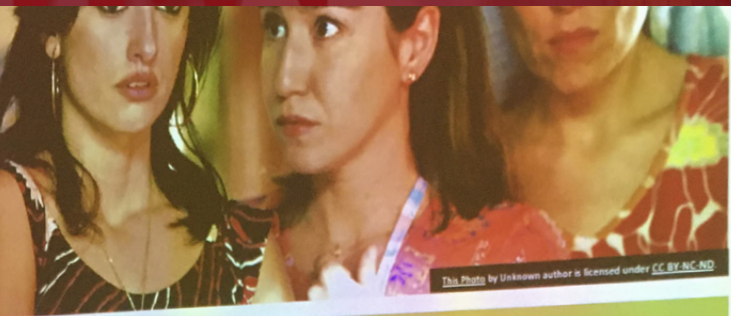


## Celebrating Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year was celebrated across the globe on Saturday 25 January. The celebration, based around the Lunar month, marks the beginning of the year of the Rat. It is said, that people born in this year like saving money, and that if they ever give you a gift, they clearly think a lot of you, as they rarely spend money on others! Stowe joined in the festivities in a multitude of ways. The entire School wrote messages of positivity to each other, and placed them in red envelopes with a chocolate coin, to emulate the tradition of Ya Sui Qian. Houses were decorated in bright colours, with various Chinese dragons and symbols. The incredible decorating efforts of Mr and Mrs

Cuddy in Walpole brought the festival to life! Stoics also visited the local primary schools to share their culture with younger pupils. Clarissa On, Mary Ding, Ruo Zhang and Sirui Jiang (all Lower Sixth, West) were joined by Mrs Harding, (West Matron), on their visit to Chackmore Primary School. Whilst there, the girls taught the primary school pupils how to speak basic Chinese, write Chinese calligraphy and also, how to make Chinese paper lanterns. Glue, coloured paper and felt pens galore, the pupils from both schools thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

*Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils*



## The Almodovar Girls

## Pedro Almodóvar Night

On Friday 7 February, the Sixth Form Spanish contingent accompanied by the Spanish Department, embarked on another trip to Buckingham to see the latest film directed by the acclaimed Spanish Film Director, Pedro Almodóvar. Having already been on tapas trips to enhance our cultural enrichment, (one of the key topics of regional identity and food), another integral part of the course is studying a Spanish film and Almodóvar's 'Pain and Glory' served as an excellent extension for all the pupils. Whilst the film we study as part of the course is not one of Almodóvar's, it is important for our study of Spanish not to be dictated solely by the textbook, but more importantly to explore the wider culture of the Spanish world. As a precursor to watching the film, Micky Shillington (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Max Butler (Upper Sixth, Bruce) gave a presentation to both the Spanish pupils and the wider public attending the film, providing useful insight into Almodóvar's life and equally, his cinematographic style and history. The film served to emulate Almodóvar's life and both the pain and glory that come with being in the world of film. Our thanks go out to Mr Morales-Shearer and the Spanish Department for a great evening (which all of us thoroughly enjoyed).

*George Gauvain, (Upper Sixth, Temple)*

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## FOOTBALL

The football teams had one win, one draw and one loss against Bedford Modern on Saturday 1 February. Well done to the 1st XI as this was the first time we have beaten them at this level.

On Saturday 8 February, the Senior teams travelled over to Cambridge to play King's Ely. The 2nd team returned with a win but well done to all the teams who are playing a good standard of football this year.

## LACROSSE

On Saturday 1 February, we welcomed St George's with seven teams playing on the South front. Stowe got the better of them in the Seniors and U15As whilst St George's greater experience at the Junior level saw our Third Form gain a valuable learning opportunity. Special mention to Mia Dettori and Izzy Kaye for their performances.

Well done to the girls who managed 6 wins out of 7 matches on Saturday 8 February. The 1sts beat Malvern Saint James 11-5 then lost 5-2 to Cheltenham Ladies College. The 2nds beat both teams 8-1, the U15As won 5-3 against Cheltenham, U15Bs won 3-2 over Malvern and U14As won 10-1 against Cheltenham.

*Rob Ingham Clark*

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## Banbury Young Musician of the Year

Following several preliminary rounds, Stoic musicians took part in the Final of the Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition on Saturday 1 February at Tudor Hall. Organised by the Rotary Club, the Competition features covered a variety of genres and instruments. This year, Stoics acquitted themselves admirably and walked away with several prizes. Sebastian Foxwell (Fifth Form, Walpole) gave a series of strong performances on piano, piano duet and trumpet. From a suave performance of Gershwin's, 'The Man I Love' on the piano, to a fiery performance of 'Fantaisie Caprice', by Gabrielle Parès, on the trumpet, Sebastian wowed the audience with his versatility – so much so, he not only won 1st prize for piano but also for the most versatile performer of the Competition. Samuel Ellis (Fifth Form, Chandos), Sophia Southwick (Fifth Form,

Nugent), Jessica Foxwell (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) and Sebastian Foxwell won 1st prize in the ensembles category, with their lively and exciting performance of 'Sonata in F major', by Telemann. Sophia and Jessica also won 1st prize in the duet category, another outstanding achievement. A special mention must go to Jessica Foxwell for her highly accomplished performance of 'Mazurka', for flute and piano composed by Franz Doppler. This performance impressed the adjudicators and resulted in Jessica being awarded the title of Banbury Young Musician of the Year 2020 and overall winner of the Woodwind Category. Jessica will take part in the Regional Finals in Reading on Sunday 1 March and we wish her all the best for this upcoming performance.

*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*

### EQUESTRIAN

The Grafton Hunt met at Stowe on 14 January and were joined by pupils Megan Churchill (Fourth Form, Queen's), Hattie Goodrich (Fourth Form, Nugent), Cecily Holland (Third Form, Nugent), Arthur Irvine (Fourth Form, Chatham), Bo Jenkins (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Chloe Livesey (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Ellie Martindale (Fourth Form, Queen's), Krissy Martindale (Fifth Form, Nugent), Charlotte Morgan (Lower Sixth, Nugent), Amelia Morgan (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Lucy Rigler (Third Form, Stanhope). A fantastic day was had by all, however the weather was against us, and we finished in second place.

On Saturday 8 February, 12 pupils competed at the NSEA County Showjumping qualifier at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre. Kitty Scott (Third Form, Stanhope) overcame some last minute nerves and qualified for the Championships in the 70cm class, taking 3rd place as an individual riding, *Decky Boy*.

The 80cm class took over three hours to complete so we are delighted to have qualified for the Championships with Constance Sharp (Third Form, Lyttelton) riding *Hazel Rock Sun*, Lucy Willmott (Third Form, Nugent) riding *Elamo Lucky Clover* and Mimi Price (Third Form, Cheshire) riding *Banksy*, taking the team to 1st place and Lucy also winning as an individual.

Other placings in the 80cm class were Helen Sharp (Third Form, Lyttelton) riding *GAF Intuition* taking 7th place as an individual and Mimi riding *Banksy* being placed 4th as an individual. In class 3 (80cm), Charlotte Morgan (Lower Sixth, Nugent) took 5th place.

Stowe also qualified for the Championships in the 90cm team, with Jemima Howden (Fifth Form, Stanhope) riding *ALS Russian Rolex*, Charlotte riding *Noddy on the Voddy*, Libby Hayes (Fifth Form, Lyttelton) riding *Cryptic Clue* and Lucy riding *Elamo Lucky Clover*, taking the team to 3rd place. Jemima also took individual 3rd place riding *Ardough Boy*.

In the 1m class, Chloe Livesey rode a great clear round on *Indian Prince* and was supported by other team members, Mimi riding *Girly*, Jemima riding *ALS Russian Roulette* and Charlotte riding *Noddy on the Voddy* taking the team to 5th place. In the individuals, Chloe took 6th place.

Finally, the Equestrian Centre was recently inspected by the British Horse Society and achieved highly commended throughout, for the second year running.

*Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager*

## arts Stowe

Representing a lifetime's obsession with the act of observational drawing, this Exhibition focuses on the artist's love of structure and form. Guy Scott, former Head of Art and a former Housemaster at Stowe, predominantly works from life, engaging and responding with his subject directly.

His recurring themes of old boats and derelict structures are evident throughout the Exhibition and are a masterclass in the art of looking.

If you are interested in attending the Exhibition email [thearts@stowe.co.uk](mailto:thearts@stowe.co.uk) or call 01280 818012.



## Guy Scott Exhibition 100 Drawings

Thursday 13 February - Saturday 7 March

Viewings by Appointment



## Holocaust Commemoration at the Foreign Office

On Wednesday 29 January, Old Stoic Helena Vince (Queen's 19) and I performed at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, as part of their annual Holocaust Memorial Commemoration in association with the Embassy of Israel. This year was a particularly poignant occasion, given that it marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. In attendance at the event were representatives from the UK Jewish community, Holocaust survivors, Ambassadors, Politicians and other dignitaries. The main speech was delivered by Foreign Secretary, The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP. In his speech, he reflected on the experiences his own family endured during The Holocaust. He also spoke of the vitally important role that education plays in ensuring that the darkest time in human history is never, ever forgotten. You can read the transcript of his speech [here](#).

The first song we performed was 'Eli Eli' (my God, my God), which was written in 1942 by Hannah Szenes, Hungarian Jewish WWII resistance fighter, who parachuted into Yugoslavia during the Second World War to assist anti-Nazi forces. She was arrested, imprisoned and tortured, but refused to reveal details of her mission. Originally a poem, Helena sung this song in both Hebrew followed by English. Following a speech by Israeli Ambassador HE Mark Regev, we then performed 'Zog Nit Keinmol' (The Jewish Partisan's Song) - written in 1943 by Hirsh Glick, a young Jewish inmate



of the Vilna Ghetto. A number of Jewish partisan groups operating in Eastern Europe adopted this song, which was inspired by the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. It became a symbol of resistance against Nazi Germany's persecution of the Jews and the Holocaust and Helena performed it in Yiddish.

As part of the event, Holocaust survivor and stepsister of Anne Frank, Eva Schloss MBE, recounted her memories of when she was sent to Auschwitz as a child and her encounter with the infamous Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele. It was incredibly moving to hear Eva's testimony, and of the unbearable suffering both her and her family endured.

To close the event, Helena and I performed 'Le'chol Ish Yesh Shem' (Every Person has a Name), written by Israeli Poet, Zelda in 1967. The song relates to the many components; emotions, choices, surroundings and actions, which shape every person's identity as a unique individual.

*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*

## SWIMMING

### Inter-House Swimming

The first round of heats took place over the first three weeks of term and saw over 150 pupils take to the water to qualify for the grand finals, held on Sunday 3 February. The atmosphere on the day was electric, with much support from Houses cheering on their teams. Mentions must go to the individual champions, who all excelled in their races, scoring the highest points in their age groups. Senior Champions: Lucas Davis (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Holly Stradling (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton); Intermediate Champions: Angus Kennedy (Fourth Form, Temple), Larissa Campbell (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Junior Champions: Omar Abduljawad (Third Form, Bruce) and Phoebe Haynes (Third Form, Cheshire) for winning overall Individual Champion in their age groups. The prestigious Open Cups this year went to Lucas in the 50m Freestyle and Larissa in the 100m Freestyle.

The overall House results are as follows:

#### Girls' Results

Junior Girls' House Champions - Cheshire  
Intermediate Girls' House Champions - Nugent  
Senior Girls' House Champions - Lyttelton  
Overall House Champions - Nugent

#### Boys' Results

Junior Boys' House Champions - Bruce  
Intermediate Boys' House Champions - Temple  
Senior Boys' House Champions - Bruce  
Overall House Champions - Bruce

*Cheryl Davis, Head of Swimming*



## TRIATHLON

### Triathlon Academy

On Sunday 12 January, Larissa Campbell and Daniel Roberts successfully secured a place in the Triathlon England South Central Academy after completing a series of physically demanding tests in each of the disciplines. This is a programme which looks to support athletes aged 13-19 as they enter the Triathlon England Performance Pathway. Last weekend, they attended one of the Academy weekend training camps to develop their physiology and skills in each of the disciplines.

## Languages Society

On Friday 7 February, the Languages Society gathered for an intriguing discussion on Etymology and the origins of words. It was fascinating to discover how so many English words have roots in several other languages from around the world, and how there are more surprising connections between different languages than one may think. For example, with the etymology of the word "war", you would assume there's absolutely no connection with the Spanish or Italian translation "guerre" or "guerra". However, bizarrely the word "war" in fact comes from the French word "guerre" as in Late Old English it became "were" and eventually became "war" in Modern English. Words have also changed with meaning as the simple adjective, "nice" originally meant "foolish" in Old French, then strangely the meaning changed several times over the centuries from meaning "timid", then "fussy" in the 13th century, followed by "careful" and eventually "kind" and "thoughtful" in the 1900s, which continues to be the meaning today. It is interesting to realise how quickly language seems to change over time, as only twenty years ago, words like "selfie" and "meme" meant nothing to us. It ultimately makes you wonder what English is going to be like and how different it may be in 100 or even 1,000 years time.

*Luciana Butler (Lower Sixth, Queen's)*



# CCF

## CCF Biennial Inspection

The tail end of Storm Ciara was not quite strong enough to halt the Biennial Inspection that took place on Monday 10 February. She had some fun throwing sleet, hail, 40mph wind and rain at our Contingent of nearly 200 Cadets, who were more than a match for her frolics.

We welcomed Brigadier Dan Reeve MC, Rifles, and Brigade Commander of 77th Brigade to Stowe as our Inspecting Officer for the Review element of the MOD mandated Inspection that takes place every other year. He was accompanied by 2Lt Lizzie Lander, one of the first cohort of young female officers in the Rifles (Infantry Regiment) who was able to advise Stowe Head Cadet CSM Georgia Laurie (Upper Sixth, West), on life as an infantry officer, as Georgia plans to embark on a career in the Army this year.

After an opportunity to meet CCF Staff and enjoy a hot buffet lunch, cocooned in the comfort of the Blue Room, Brigadier Reeve was escorted to the various Army, Navy and RAF Section Stands and activities taking place in and around Stowe grounds during the course of the afternoon.

The Royal Navy section had practiced hard in the build up to the Inspection and were actively engaged in two communications exercises, one of which utilised communications skills from a tried and tested method dating from the days of Nelson and

beyond; that of Semaphore flags. Having successfully interpreted a series of these messages, moving forward several decades, the Navy Cadets then sent messages via Morse code, using a Morse key and an Aldis Lamp (flashing light). They carried out both exercises, displaying their skills with speed, care and dedication. Although the credits on the day went to Robert Haigh (radio procedure) and India Geary (semaphore and flashing light), all of the team played a key role in the success of the Biennial.

Within the RAF section, the Fifth Form Cadets reprised the multiperson life raft drills that they had practised in November (as reported in a previous edition of Stowemail) while the Fourth Form Cadets undertook a land navigation training exercise, culminating in a competition to assemble and launch homemade rockets. After a couple of damp squibs, they finally hit upon the winning quantities of vinegar and bicarbonate with some startling results. Particular credit should go to Max James (Fourth Form, Cobham) - not only was he part of the winning team whose rocket climbed the highest, he also dived to the rescue when his mega-rocket toppled over, only for it to launch in his hands and douse him head to toe in foam.

*Major Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander, Stowe CCF*





## CCF Biennial Inspection - continued

The Army Section took part in a series of competitive stands, run by Sixth Form NCOs and Staff.

Cheshire Company (Fourth Form, led by Lower Sixth NCOs) took part in a round robin of stands, including a lively general weapon revision stand, where memory and weapon skills were tested. Cadets received an introduction to the indoor firing range and range procedures, where they learned Marksmanship Principles and how to confidently build up a good fire position, from which to shoot accurately. The Observation stand was well run and imaginatively put together by Cpls Theo Finlan (Lower Sixth, Temple), Hugo Paynter Bryant (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Henning de Salis (Lower Sixth, Temple), who must get a special mention here, as he darted, dexterously around, like a moving, heavily camouflaged man tree and then lay in wait, coldly. Meanwhile, the Cadets spying other hidden objects, struggled valiantly to open their eyes in the face of driving sleet rain.

Cpls Will Bursnall (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Jack Saville Sneath (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Ned Ellison (Lower Sixth, Bruce) ran an excellent field craft pairs fire and manoeuvre stand, the first opportunity for Cadets to learn to advance, return fire and take cover in the face of an enemy. This called for a lot of dramatic flinging of bodies onto the wet ground and giggles, as they learned the basic drills, remarkably similar to diving over the line to score a try. Except with a rifle. The last stand was an introduction to Army communications skills using the phonetic alphabet and included an introduction to basic radio voice procedure, using army radios.

Anderson Company (Fifth Form led by Upper Sixth NCOs) were located up at the Bourbon woods, recent recipient of Storm Ciará's spite, in the form of many fallen branches and debris. Stowe's superb Ground Staff were up extra early clearing the area and ensuring it was safe for our use, for which we are hugely grateful. The Obstacle Course provided the opportunity for the NCOs to lead by example and encourage their best team effort. Sgt Harry Mehta's (Upper Sixth, Walpole) Section were at the receiving end of the worst weather of the day as they struggled, impressively, through a heavy sleet attack whilst scaling walls and concentrating on remaining on the balance bars. The Close Quarter Battle stand involved blank fire and movement as the pairs patrolled along a lane and reacted to and

engaged with enemy targets as they appeared behind trees and shrubs. The First Aid Scenario involved Lower Sixth NCO casualties, (for whom special thanks are due), spewing blood and sporting various evil-looking breaks and injuries, (concocted by Mr Corthine, whose Blue Peter skills of gore were appropriately alarming). The NCO in charge of each Section was challenged with coordinating the priority of dealing with casualties and organising their team to administer immediate first aid, before they found themselves under enemy fire from Cpls Thor Mager and Henry Saunders Watson, whereupon they had to hastily put together makeshift stretchers, fireman's lifts and safely extract the Lower Sixth casualties. Sgt Poom Hall (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Cpl Rupert Mathers (Upper Sixth, Grenville) provided engaging command task challenges to round off the Anderson Section stands, where Cadets had to carefully post each other through shapes in nets, and using planks and ammunition boxes, get from A to B, using initiative and leadership. The day concluded with a Closing Address from Brigadier Reeve, who was delighted with the positive attitude of Stowe Cadets, remarking on their spirit of adventure, their resilience (in the face of challenging weather conditions) and the leadership he had seen displayed. He awarded Gliding Wings to Imogen Joyce (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) and Sascha Clark-Jones (Upper Sixth, Bruce) from the RAF Section, following successful solo gliding, and prizes to the winning Anderson 3 Section, led by Sgt Bertie Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and to the joint winning Cheshire five and six Sections, led by Cpls Adrian Subowo (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and Theo Coley (Lower Sixth, Chatham).

As ever, a large event such as this simply couldn't happen without the generous time commitment, enthusiasm, humour and efforts of a fantastic team of Staff and Officers in CCF. I thank every member of our CCF team, and also many Staff from within and across the wider Stowe Community, most sincerely for their hard work, making the day the success it was, and throughout the year as well.

*Major Jan de Gale, Contingent Commander, Stowe CCF*



## HOCKEY

The boys' teams all managed wins against Pangbourne College on Saturday 1 February. The 1st XI can be particularly pleased as they scored four second half goals on their way to a 6-1 victory, with Rhys Noble scoring four goals. Well done as well to the Fifth Form teams who are making strong progress this season.

Congratulations to the U16As who won their second round of the Cup against Kimbolton on Tuesday 3 February, the 2nd XI who beat RGS High Wycombe 8-1 on Wednesday 5 February and the 3rd XI who beat Bloxham 11-1 on Saturday 8 February.

## UPPER SIXTH FORM

# WORK EXPERIENCE

Are you in the Upper Sixth and looking for paid work experience this Summer? We have an exciting opportunity for 13 Old Stoics to work on a professionally run Telethon - held at Stowe on Monday 29 June to Monday 13 July.

- You will receive professional workplace training.
- You will get highly regarded work experience supported with a reference.
- You will earn over £500 (gross).

Over the two weeks, you will develop skills which are highly regarded by employers; communication skills, confidence speaking with people you haven't met, dealing with sensitive information, negotiation and fundraising experience.

We are looking for Stoics who are naturally confident and conversational, have enjoyed their time at School and would enjoy helping to raise charitable funds for Stowe to provide talented and deserving children, the life-changing opportunity to come to the School.

If you are interested in taking part in this new and exciting opportunity, please get in touch with the Development Office by email, or call Charlie Clare (Development Manager) on 01280 818326.



# Arts at Stowe

This January has been the busiest start to the year yet for Arts at Stowe, with over a 1,000 people coming through our doors. The Music Department's Lunchtime Concerts in the State Music Room have become a favourite diary date for our local members. Stoics' talents have been on show in our first month of the year with a Strings Concert, the Arts Scholars Exhibition and the Upper Sixth's fascinating abstract performances with scenes from the plays of Caryl Churchill. Even the cover of our brochure celebrates the fantastic artwork our pupils produce. In addition, of course, the pupils' performance in the Rick Wakeman and Friends celebration of The Beatles brought the house down.

Drama pupils came out in force to see the incredible Theatre, Ad Infinitum's bilingual play 'Extraordinary Wall of Silence', using English and British Sign Language to create a beautiful and thought-provoking piece of theatre; very different from the NTLive showing of 'Present Laughter' they had seen earlier in the month, but these productions represent the diverse range of inspiring theatre and arts our community has on the doorstep.

One of the most poignant annual events took place on the Wednesday 29 January in the Uglad Auditorium. Stand Together; a commemorative evening for Holocaust Memorial Day in memory of Old Stoic, Sir Nicholas Winton. One of our earliest Stoics, we remember Sir Nicholas Winton because he is an example of what one person can do when they stand up and make a difference. In the late 1930s, as the situation became increasingly difficult for the European Jews under German rule, he organised the rescue of 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Czechoslovakia.

Drama pupils, Sophie Taylor (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Charlie Cole (Fourth Form, Walpole), Isabella Elliott (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Isabella Reed (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Ava Hill (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) opened the evening with the beautifully reflective, 'We Remember Them' by Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer. The evening was punctuated by short and passionate Yiddish songs, from our incredibly talented vocal pupils (Emily Banks (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Lula Goldsmith (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Mimi Pearson-Gee (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Emily Wilson (Upper Sixth, Stanhope)) accompanied on harp and piano by Rachel Sherry. Members of our Chamber Choir (Lula, Emily Banks and Toby Thorpe (Upper Sixth, Chatham)) stilled the air with their exquisite duet from Charles Davidson's Choral Song Cycle 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly'. Drama's contribution of poetry and storytelling continued

throughout the programme with Max James' (Fourth Form, Cobham) very moving reading of 'Belsen Silence', by Iolo Lewis and 'the heartbreak of Refugee Blues', by WH Auden, read by Rebecca Clark. German language pupils demonstrated the decimation of the Yiddish language with a reading of Binem Heller's 'My Sister Khaye'. Followed by the History Department's contribution with a Reflection of the Lessons from Auschwitz programme, by Benjamin Eddeh and Emma Hill, the evening was already a touching tribute to Sir Nicholas' memory.

To set the scene for Nick Winton, we heard Kindertransport stories from Dr Andrew Webber, Isabella, Izza and Ava, then a music interlude with sublime cello performance of 'Kol Nidrei, Up.47' by Max Bruch, from Toby, accompanied by Ben Weston on the piano. After an elegant introduction by Dr Anthony Wallersteiner with heartfelt memories of Sir Nicholas, Nick Winton led us through his father's life. Through photographs and stories, he gave real insight into his father's experiences, values and commitment to making a difference both before the War, during and afterwards. His message conveyed by his son Nick to make 'a real difference no matter how small', still resonates in Stowe today.

The final film of the Kindertransport children standing up around an unsuspecting Sir Nicholas with tears in their eyes engendered a similar response from many in the audience as they listened to the final piano piece, 'The Theme from Schindler's List', performed by Baz Calkin on the piano.

Thanks to Francesca Holloway, Rachel Sherry, Nick Bayley and John Wilkinson for all their support in producing the evening.

*Deborah Howe, Director, Arts at Stowe*



## Squash

The Stowe squash team clashed played St Edward's on Thursday 23 January, with wins for James Gray, Edward Pickering and Arthur Dobbs, bringing home the victory. The girls' match was a very close contest with Sonya Sander and Hannah Moyles securing the draw.

## Fencing

On Thursday 30 January, the Stowe fencing team took on Abingdon. Our competitors were Ed Don, Hannah Laurence, Luc Katyar and Hugo Paynter Bryant.

Stowe were the winners in the Épée event. There were excellent performances from all, with Hannah calmly proving that she was every bit as good as any of the visiting boys and a final bout saw Ed destroy an increasingly frustrated opponent. He then packed his bag and headed straight off to represent GB in a competition in Belgrade.

## Basketball

The 1st team had a fantastic 72-41 win against Rugby on Saturday 1 February, with 11 of the 13 players getting on the scoresheet. Captain Will Murray and Vice-Captain Dave Dooley hit 20 points each. They continued their fine form to beat Uppingham 62-18 on Saturday 8 February.

On Wednesday 12 February, the 1st basketball team had their 3rd successive win, beating MCS Oxford 75-43 with Michael Chen scoring 24 points.

## Badminton

On Thursday 23 January, the 1st and 2nd teams were in excellent form against St Edward's, with the 1st team winning 9-0 and the 2nd team 8-1. On Saturday 1 February, with 4 of our 1st VI unable to play, we needed to rely on the depth of our badminton squad. Both 1st and 2nd VIs had epic matches against Uppingham with both teams winning 5-4. Ben Li and George Owen-Thursfield won all their matches in the 1st team and Terry Tan and Tham Luangvisut won a crucial match in their debut match to see the 2nd team to a 5-4 victory.

## Fives

It was a good first match of the year on Thursday 30 January, despite a 2-1 loss. First pair Poom Hall and Robbie Haigh won their match with two very close sets and played some excellent Fives winning by the narrowest of margins. The other two pairs George Buxton/George Palin and Freddie Manners/James Raimondi also put in good performances.

In the Inter-House Junior boys' competition, this year's fives winners were Cobham.

## Cross-Country

Stowe once again hosted the Bucks County Championships on Wednesday 5 February. 22 Stoics tested themselves against the tough course in the highly competitive races. Particular congratulations go to the Intermediate girls' team of Larissa Campbell, Jodie Brogden, Florence Hooper and Violet Arkwright, who came 2nd in the County. Dan Roberts came 11th in the Senior boys and has qualified to run in the National Finals race later this year.



Last term, FLiX members enjoyed a season of crime and spy movies, including Tony Scott's 'True Romance' and Tom Hardy as both Kray twins in 'Legend'. This term, we have a wide range of exciting projects and events taking place.



(Stowe Film and Literature Society)



## ASTONS AT STOWE

This term, FLiX members and English Literature Sixth Formers have been preparing for the end of term James Bond themed Oscars, by beginning work on a short Bond spoof video for an imaginary new Bond film - *Dying is (Probably) Worth Living For*, to be scored by some of Stowe's finest musicians.

In the imaginary movie, Stowe is transformed into MI5's recruiting camp, where new 007 agents are being trained to fill the shoes vacated by Daniel Craig, who is retiring from the Bond role after his final performance in the soon-to-be-released *No Time to Die*, which opens in April.

A few weeks ago, thanks to English Teacher Ms Eisenhut, we were delighted when members of the Aston Martin Heritage Trust offered to loan us three Aston Martins to use as props in the making of our spoof.

These arrived in formation and were filmed early one Sunday morning coming over the bridge and arriving in style by FLiX member and film pupil, Ethan Collins (Upper Sixth, Temple). Eager Sixth Formers donned their glad rags and Tuxedos in order to take part, all vying for the coveted role of "the next 007".

The finished film will be premiered as part of the Stowe Oscars on Friday 20 March.

## SENSATIONAL! The Power of Printed Pages

This term sees the Stowe English Department launch an exciting new Exhibition to celebrate National Schools' Book Week.

**SENSATIONAL!** is a pop up Exhibition of pulp fiction, albums, posters and comics, which will be on display in the Marble Hall from 2-5 March.

If you love your Wicked Women, White Albums and Watchmen, then you will not want to miss **SENSATIONAL!** a rare taste of tactility in a digital age.

The Exhibition also ties in with an audio recording project which the Department has also been working on, in conjunction with Stowe Music Teacher, Ben Weston.

Fifth Formers studying English Literature across the country are expected to be familiar with 15 diverse poems published by AQA in an anthology entitled, 'Past and Present'. This includes poems by Wordsworth, Shelley, Wilfred Owen and Simon Armitage.

In order to support English Literature pupils with revision, Stowe's English Teachers have recorded readings of these poems, in the state-of-the-art Stringer Recording Studios in the Music School.

Teacher Dr Andrew Webber, who co-ordinated the project, said, "These poems have been brought to life in a brilliant way by members of the English team and will be welcomed by pupils preparing for summer exams."

The poems will be premiered at the launch of the **SENSATIONAL!** Exhibition and then made available to pupils via the VLE.

As well as trips to see *Frankenstein* at the theatre, *The Rhythm Section* at the cinema and a visit by crime writer, Leigh Russell, it's going to be a very busy term for FLiX - probably the coolest club on campus.

*Dr Andrew Webber, Teacher of English*

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## NT Live Cyrano de Bergerac

Thursday 20 February, 7pm



## Stowe Rooftop Tour

Friday 21 February, 5pm



## Roald Dahl & The Imagination Seekers

Sunday 23 February, 1pm

StoweSPORT



SKIING

### Girls' Ski Racing Team

The Stowe Girls' Ski Racing Team competed in The British Schoolgirls Races 2020 on Friday 24 - Wednesday 29 January, held in Flaine, France. The Competition included 159 girls from 59 different schools.

Congratulations go to Stowe's team of Alice Butler (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Harriet Perris (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Natalie Nylaende (Third Form, Queen's), who as a team, placed 19th overall in the alpine Slalom event. They were also awarded a Silver Medal for being the second highest team of unregistered skiers (i.e. those who are not members of a registered ski club who train full-time throughout the Winter).

Further congratulations go to Alice, who in the U16 unregistered skiers category, was awarded a Silver Medal in the Giant Slalom, and another Silver Medal in the Overall Combined, which is an aggregate of both her Giant Slalom and Slalom results.

*Helen Large, Graduate Assistant*

WATER POLO

The U18 boys played the annual water polo match against Harrow on Thursday 6 February, losing by only one goal 6-7. Overall, a great game for the team's first match this term. Rory Trotman (Upper Sixth, Temple) scored the only Stowe goal in the first half from the middle of the pool, an excellent top corner shot. Harrow went up five goals to one before half-time, which possibly could have been more, if not for the great goalkeeping by Henry Howard (Upper Sixth, Chatham), who not only blocked shots, but also, viciously fought for the ball after each missed shot. In the third quarter, Alex Girling (Upper Sixth, Chatham) came alive, scoring two back-to-back goals, igniting the Stowe offence and forcing Harrow back on their heels. Sam Holloway (Upper Sixth, Grafton) played exceptional 2-metre defence as well and demonstrated superb game management. Ian Hsu (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and Ed Akeroyd Hunt (Upper Sixth, Chatham), the two designated sprinters, won the ball with ease at the beginning of every quarter. Logan Brown (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Harry Reed (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Ivan Quirot de Poligny (Upper Sixth, Walpole) demonstrated strength and endurance, putting up a tough defence and they were able to move to open space in the pool drawing defenders away to allow other members of the team to score. Rohan Sekhri (Upper Sixth, Walpole) put in a good shift in goal and is a solid teammate.

The team have worked hard this term and this game showed an excellent showing of willpower and strength.

*Cheryl Davis, Head of Water Polo*

# SOUTHSIDE20

# 22nd May 6PM

Arts at Stowe is delighted to announce  
Tom Walker as the Headline Act for 2020

# TOM WALKER

Tom Walker, winner of the BRITs 'British Breakthrough Act' 2019, has taken the charts by storm this year. Tom has established himself as a major voice in music with his honesty and passion. His plaintive, acoustic-driven new single 'Better Half of Me', is as stunning and addictive as previous certified Platinum hits, 'Leave A Light On' And 'Just You And I' and looks set to follow in the same footsteps.

After a highly successful sold-out UK headline tour in April last year, and a summer of storming festival sets, he has embarked on yet another sold-out UK headline tour, which kicked off at London's O2 Academy, Brixton. **Now, Tom is coming to Stowe.**

Following the brilliant success of Rain Machine last year and the SOUTHSIDE18 acts, featuring Tash Woods (Dylan), who was named best brand new act this October in Music Week, we will showcase some of Stowe's finest musicians as the warm-up acts.

So bring your friends, picnics and best festival vibe, for a night of fine music and fun at SOUTHSIDE20.

As this year, the Headline Act was the Stoics' Choice, their tickets are free. Parents' tickets are £20, whilst family, friends and Old Stoics are £35.

**BOOK ONLINE NOW.** Tickets are non-transferable

# Stowe Parents

Stowe Parents would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and we hope you will find something of interest in our selection of Events for the Lent Term 2020. If you would like to make a booking, please click on your chosen event below and you will be taken through to our online booking page on the [website](#). If you have any queries, please contact [stoweparents@stowe.co.uk](mailto:stoweparents@stowe.co.uk)



## Breakfast with Bubbles and Stowe House Tour

Saturday 29 February, 9:30am

£25.00

After breakfast with bubbles in the Blue Room, Stowe House Custodian, Anna McEvoy, invites you to join her for a guided tour of the Mansion, looking at the historical and restoration stories behind the gilded doors. With 15 years of experience working at Stowe, Anna says she still learns something new about the House every day and is looking forward to sharing with you some of the more unknown and quirky stories behind this incredible building. Anna's expert knowledge of the Mansion's hidden secrets means that her tours are always fascinating.



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SOUR MILK

# DYLAN

I'm sure that many of you are following Love Island at the moment, but did you realise that music from an Old Stoic featured on the show?

*Sour Milk by Dylan* (Natasha Woods, Queen's 18) climbed the top 100 chart overnight following its airing and is currently sitting at number 50! If you would like to see an Old Stoic make the Top 40 for the first time since 1999, the links are below for you to stream/buy the song. Click on the icon to download.

The more we play it, the better chance it has so do check it out and share it on your social media to spread the word!

*Ben Weston, Teacher of Music Technology*



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