

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



Whale



After giving 12 years of outstanding and dedicated service to his role in the Drama Department, Chris Walters bowed out with his final Congreve production on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June.

His swansong was a play called 'Whale' by David Holman. It tells the true story of the events of October 1988 when three Californian grey whales were trapped under the Arctic ice-cap near Point Barrow in Alaska. The fate of Putu, Siku and K'nik became a matter of worldwide concern and united Inuit, American, Russian and Canadian people, together with a Soviet Naval icebreaker ship, in a bid to save them from suffering a tragic death.

Chris's production involved an onstage cast of 26 Third and Fourth Formers, playing a number of roles ranging from Inuit Warriors to American High School children, Russian officers, American politicians, businessmen and many others.

The production had real style, incorporating some superb physical theatre techniques, dance, song and the most effective and imaginative use of props and accessories in order to tell this epic tale.

My sincere thanks go to Chris and his capable and creative co-director Lucy Brassell. They marshalled and cajoled a superb company who were able to demonstrate and sustain some accomplished performance skills. To all of those associated with the production, whether performing or offering much needed technical support and guidance back stage, we send our thanks and congratulations. 'Whale' was a triumph and a suitably fitting fond farewell from one of my most trusted and respected colleagues.

Nick Bayley, Director of Drama





Big Band at Blackpool

On Friday 24 June, a slightly reduced Stowe Big Band consisting of Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Alex McQuitty (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Henry McQuitty (Fifth Form, Walpole), Ingrid Galler (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), Lucy Sutherland (Fifth Form, Nugent), Finlay Sutherland (Fifth Form, Grafton), Ollie Bowder (Fourth Form, Grafton), Kien Powell (Fourth Form, Cobham) and Louis Hink (Fourth Form, Walpole) made their way up to Blackpool for a shortened version of the Big Band North of England Tour. Unfortunately, the M6 traffic was not on our side and we arrived with only minutes to spare before our first concert. Unfazed, the Big Band treated the 1,000+ diners at the Annual Armed Forces Gala Dinner to a polished performance. Whilst this was most definitely our biggest audience to date, the Big Band loved the opportunity to play to such a large and appreciative group. In fact, they were asked to continue their performance for much longer than originally planned. Luckily, their repertoire is extensive so this did not pose any problems. There were excellent solo performances from Finlay on trumpet and singing from Lucy.

After a quick change out of formal dress, we enjoyed a relaxed supper on the beach and were rewarded with the most beautiful sunset. The Stoics took the opportunity to stretch their legs after their long coach journey and there were one or two wet feet by the end of the evening.



The following morning we were welcomed back with open arms by the Friends of Stanley Park to play in their lovely Bandstand. Elaine Smith and Carol Thaw had pulled out all the stops to ensure we had an appreciative audience for our performance and the Big Band sounded incredible. The weather was really kind and as the morning progressed, audience numbers swelled. It was wonderful to see visitors old and young enjoying the music which included numbers such as 'Putting on the Ritz' and 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square'. We ended our performance on a high with a rousing performance of 'Build Me Up Buttercup'.

A visit to Blackpool would not be complete without stopping off at the Pleasure Beach theme park where Stoics enjoyed a rollercoaster ride or two before the return journey to Stowe. Plans for next year are already well underway and our good friends in Blackpool are hoping to organise a performance in the world famous Tower Ballroom for us. Look out for news on this in the new academic year.

Sarah Searle, Music Administrator



CRICKET

On Saturday 11 June our cricket teams won three of the seven matches played against Bedford. The 1st XI posted a total of 225 in 50 overs with Henry Hoare (Upper Sixth, Grafton) just missing out on his hundred by 2 runs. Bedford looked to be winning the game comfortably until Archie Dixon-Smith (Lower Sixth, Chatham) was brought into the attack. He took 5 wickets but could not prevent a Bedford win by 4 wickets. The 2nd XI, which has only lost once this season, cruised to an 8 wicket victory. Strength in depth at Senior level saw the 3rd XI win by 7 wickets and the Yearlings C team won their match by 6 wickets.

We were restricted to just two matches against Oakham on Saturday 18 June. The 2nd XI had a resounding 8 wicket victory and the Yearlings A were equally impressive as they also won by 8 wickets. They continued their fine form to beat St Joseph's, Ipswich by 50 runs in the first of three Festival games on Sunday 19 June and followed that with a 30 run win against Ardingly.

On Tuesday 21 June the Junior Colts As outclassed Aylesbury Grammar School to win by 9 wickets in the County Cup Final. The 1st XI were able to celebrate one victory last week as they cruised to a 9 wicket win against Xavier College from Australia. The numerous downpours resulted in matches having to be cancelled. However, on Saturday 25 June, the Yearlings C team travelled to Bromsgrove and won their encounter by 2 wickets.

Congratulations to Ali Martin (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Sam Riley (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Ollie Woodward (Upper Sixth, Grafton) and George Markham (Upper Sixth, Chatham) on being awarded their cricket colours.

James Knott, Head of Cricket

IN BRIEF

FENCING

In the British Youth Championships Ed Don (Third Form, Chandos) came 34th in the U16 boys' Épée and Lauren Brigden (Fourth Form, Stanhope) came 30th in the U16 girls' Foil.

In the Luton Intermediate Mixed Competition, Lauren came third, Sam Lodge (Upper Sixth, Walpole) came fifth and Hugo Robinson (Fourth Form, Grenville) came ninth. Lauren also achieved 18th place in the Luton Women's Open.

Stewart Cowie, MiC Fencing

VOLLEYBALL

This term the boys' Senior Inter-House volleyball competition was won by Temple after beating Grafton 2-1 in an exciting final.

Howard Hoare, MiC Volleyball



Sports Day 2016

Even though Sports Day had to be rearranged all the staff and Stoics were extremely excited about the competition ahead.

In the Junior boys' competition it was a good day on the track for Aymen Riahi (Third Form, Grafton) who won the 100m and 200m and Edward Don (Third Form, Chandos) who won the 300m and 800m. In the field, Jack Comyn (Third Form, Grafton) won the triple jump and Tair Udovenchuk (Third Form, Bruce) won the high jump. Grafton won the Junior boys' age group with 94 points.

In the Inter boys' competition Taju Atta (Fifth Form, Temple) won the 100m and 200m, equalling the 100m track record. Jim Jackman (Fifth Form, Bruce) won the 400m and Billy Vestey (Fifth Form, Grafton) won the 800m. Orlando Macdonald-Buchanan (Fifth Form, Temple) won an extremely close 100m hurdles race by 0.2 seconds. Orlando also set a new School Record in the javelin. Freddie Tufnell (Fifth Form, Chandos) finished the day on a high by winning the high jump. Temple was victorious in the Inter boys' age group with 94 points.

In the Senior boys' competition Triumph Opuala-Charles (Upper Sixth, Grafton) won the 100m and 200m. The field events brought some fantastic competition with Ugonna Anyamele (Upper Sixth, Temple) winning the long jump, Dominic Shaw (Lower Sixth, Temple) winning the triple jump, Natse Jemide (Upper Sixth, Bruce) winning the high jump and Isaac Ajala (Upper Sixth, Walpole) winning the discus. Grafton were the age group winners with 81 points.

Three second place finishes in the age group competitions was enough to see Chandos win the

overall competition with 242 points, with Grafton in second on 235 closely followed by Temple on 234 points.

In the Junior girls' competition Rhea Vankova-Martin (Third Form, Lyttelton) won the 100m and 200m and Lucy Tilleard (Third Form, Stanhope) dominated the high jump. Lyttelton won the age group competition with 125 points.

In the Inter girls' competition Zoë Pollock (Fourth Form, Nugent) won the 200m and broke the School Record for long jump. Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) won the 800m and 1,500m. Tallula Douglas Miller (Fifth Form, Queen's) broke the triple jump School Record and Zara Atta (Fifth Form, Queen's) won the 100m and the high jump. Nugent won the age group competition with 173 points.

In the Senior girls' competition Thalia Felton (Lower Sixth, Queen's) smashed the 100m hurdle School Record by 2 seconds and also equalled the 100m School Record. Jessica Burke (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) won with a sprint finish in the 1,500m and Sophia Sander (Lower Sixth, West) won the javelin. Nugent won the age group competition with 95 points.

Two age group wins was enough for Nugent to retain the overall trophy with 367 points, followed by Queen's in second with 348 points and Stanhope in third with 298 points.

I would like to thank everybody who helped set up and run the competition as it would not happen without your support.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Athletics

A Day in the Life of a Roman Client

Kent University recently ran a competition for Latin pupils to enter a script for the next in a series of short animations that are being streamed on YouTube. Fourth Form Stoics entered their scripts to the judges and Kien Powell (Fourth Form, Cobham) won the competition with his script 'A Day in the



Life of a Roman Client'. This is an incredible achievement; the previous winning animation amassed some five million views to date so we are hopeful Kien's script will have similar success.

You can read the winning script [here](#).

Jon Murnane, Classics Department

Success in Science Writing

Having entered a Cambridge University Essay Competition, Fabiola Koenig (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) had her article on 'Fuels of the Future' published in Cambridge's 'The Science in Society Review'. Fabiola was awarded fourth place in the nationwide competition and was thrilled to see her article in print. The quality of Fabiola's writing and the background research was excellent and it was great to see it recognised

by the organisers of the competition. Her article looks at the advantages of using aluminium rather than lithium in batteries and the use of ultrasound for wireless recharging and it can be read [online](#). Fabiola will join the editing team of the Stowe Science Review next year and is planning to study Natural Sciences at university.

James Tearle, Head of Science

Quantum vs Biomedical Croquet Match & BBQ

On Friday 17 June the Quantum Society and Biomedical Society pitched themselves against each other in the annual croquet match. This highlight of the calendar brings together many of our Sixth Form to celebrate what has been an excellent year for both Societies and to enjoy the company of fellow scientists.

It also gives us a chance to say farewell to our departing science Stoics, many of whom are going on to study the subject at university.

The friendly rivalry was evident but also the camaraderie and a shared love of science. When rain brought play due to a slightly early finish, the Quantum Society were ahead although great croquet skills were evident on both sides. We finished the evening in the pavilion with speeches from the Presidents of the Societies looking back over the year. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for Stoics and staff alike.

James Tearle, MiC Quantum Society



TRIATHLON

Congratulations to Sarah and Craig Sutton who have both qualified for the ITU World Triathlon Championships to represent the GB age-group team competing in the Sprint Distance Triathlon in Cozumel, Mexico, this September.

Craig qualified at Llandudno and Sarah at Eton Dorney, whilst preparing for the European Championships in Lisbon where she finished 12th in the

Standard Distance triathlon. It is a great achievement to represent GB at this level and particularly rewarding after six months of preparation, completing over 250 training sessions between them! We will all be following the progress of Team Sutton with a mixture of astonishment, awe and pride.



TENNIS

On Tuesday 7 June the girls' U15As beat Kimbolton 6-4 and the U14As had a comfortable 7-1 victory. On Saturday 11 June, against Bedford Girls', the U15B put in a great team performance with all pairs winning two of their three sets to clinch the match 6-4.

The boys' tennis teams had a great away day at Bedford on Saturday 11 June winning all three matches played. The 1st VI, having persevered all season, won their first match this term, the U15As won their encounter 5-4 and the U14As won 6-3.

The Seniors played mixed doubles against Bloxham on Saturday 18 June. The 1st team won 9-0 and the 2nd team won 7-2. In their match against Magdalen College the boys' U14B team dug deep to clinch their match 5-4. The girls' U14 teams recorded a fantastic set of results against Bloxham with all four teams winning comfortably. The As won 7-2, the B and C teams won 9-0 and the D team won 6-0.

On Saturday 25 June the boys' U14As earned a 4-4 draw against a strong Rugby School side and the girls' U15B and C produced the best performances of the day, although it was not enough to secure them a victory.

In both the Intermediate and Junior Inter-House competitions Nugent came first and Grenville beat Grafton in the Junior boys' competition.

John Skinner, Head of Tennis



Roxburgh Society

Wednesday 8 June was a sunny fun-filled day as we celebrated our annual Roxburgh Society Luncheon. To mark the occasion, we adopted the theme of nature as we celebrated Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's tercentenary and the creation of the English Country Garden. Old Stoics and members of the Stowe Community who have pledged a legacy were treated to a range of entertainment inspired by nature: the quality of the interactive performance from our Drama Department on Shakespeare's nature sonnets was 'A1'. Drama pupils dressed up and disguised themselves as catering staff and surprised all the guests. The music recital by Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole) was breathtaking, and the Landscape exhibition by our Art Department showcased the ever-present Stowe buzz at its glorious best.

At lunch, Ben Mercer, Development Director, made an important announcement: trees at

Stowe are one of the great characteristics of our beautiful landscape gardens and they will now be planted in the School grounds in memory of our Legacy donors. Members' names will be recorded in the Stowe Tree Book and tree planting ceremonies will be held for the families of our Roxburgh Society members. This new initiative is a wonderful addition to the Society and we are thankful to The National Trust for working with us.

We are grateful to all the guests for coming and to our Art, Drama and Music Departments, who worked so hard in helping us achieve such a vibrant day. We look forward to the next Roxburgh Society occasion in the autumn. For further information about The Roxburgh Society please email me.

Hannah Al-Anazi, Development Manager

Italian Immersion

For the last four weeks of the Summer term five Italian pupils have been experiencing life at Stowe as part of an English Language Immersion Project. Below one of the pupils describes his experience:

"When we knew we were coming to Stowe we searched on the internet and found pictures of the building. We were amazed and could not believe our eyes.

It has been a really successful educational programme for us all. Our first impression was amazing because in Italy we are not accustomed to seeing schools as big as this one. Our biggest

fear was that we wouldn't have fun at Stowe but after two days we realised there was no need to worry. Stowe has made us better people in a lot of ways: we have made new friends, improved our sports and in particular we have improved our English comprehension and speaking. We also learned what life is like in a boarding school and how much better it is than an Italian school! Here at Stowe we also had the opportunity to compare our culture to other cultures and have learned new things like respect, how to spend money in the right way and to always be positive."

Matteo Gallia E Leonardo Sommariva

EU Referendum

On Thursday 23 June, Stoics and staff took part in their own EU Referendum; they were able to cast their vote throughout the day. Unlike the National vote, 61% of Stoics voted to stay with 39% voting to leave, 1% of the ballots were spoilt.

Thank you to all the Stoics who helped monitor the polling station throughout the day.

Craig Donoghue, MiC Debating



HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following Stoics who have made it to a Junior Regional Performance Centre; Jack Dickerson (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Thalia Felton (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Charlotte Oswald (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Vicky Beglin (Fifth Form, Nugent), Issy Leondiou (Fifth Form, Queen's), Gemma Blane (Fourth Form, Queen's), Alyssia Dockerty (Third Form, Queen's), Immy Joyce (Third Form, Stanhope) and James Trumper (Third Form, Cobham).

They will all partake in six days of training over the summer as they strive to be selected to represent their Regional Centre in the cluster competitions in September. Best of luck to all involved.

Twelve Fourth Formers braved the typical British weather on Thursday 23 June to attend the Hockey Champions Trophy at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, Olympic Park. They watched the top two women's teams in the world, Australia and the Netherlands, go head to head. This was followed by Great Britain v USA. Unfortunately despite our cheering, GB lost 2-0, but the group really enjoyed their first experience of International hockey and were well behaved throughout.

Luke Stone, Head of Hockey

CYCLING

Harry Kirby (Third Form, Temple) continued his racing success completing a triple during half term. He came second at the Corley Cycles Junior MK Bowl Criterium, fifth at the Castle Coombe circuit and then he rode an 80 mile sportive.

On Tuesday 7 June he set a new personal best at Bicester's Ten Mile Time Trial and achieved another second place at the MK Bowl the day after. Archie Morley (Fourth Form, Walpole) also had a successful day at Bicester and took 1 minute 30 seconds off his personal best.

Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling

ATHLETICS

The Bucks County Championships took place on Saturday 11 June. Edward Anderson (Fourth Form, Bruce) came second in the triple jump with 12.02m, Georgia Flawn-Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) came first in the 3,000m, Zoë Pollock (Fourth Form, Nugent) came second in the 200m and Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) came first in the javelin and set a new School Record of 36.36m.



On Sunday 26 June, Zoë qualified in third place for the English Schools' Combined Events Finals which are taking place in September. She achieved a personal best in the 80m hurdles, the shot put and javelin and won the 800m. She also competed in the high jump, 200m and long jump.

The Prep Schools' Triangular Competition took place on Monday 20 June with Ashfold, Beachborough and Swanbourne House all taking part. Beachborough won the overall girls' competition and Ashfold won the overall boys' competition.

Kyle Bennett, Head of Athletics

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David Critchley Lt Cdr RNR CCF

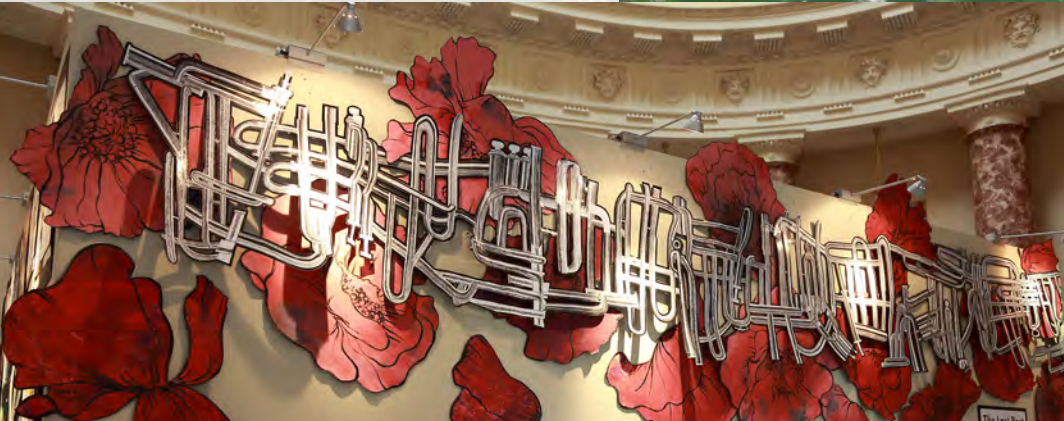
Cadets Go Caving and Ghyll Scrambling in Yorkshire

Thirty one Fourth Form cadets, led by Major de Gale, Major Goodall and 2nd Lt le Lacheur recently based themselves at the new RAF Adventure Training Centre at Inskip, near Preston, and from there spent two days being exposed to some undoubtedly challenging adventurous training. Friday evening was spent on the air rifle and archery ranges and then playing sport outside. Saturday was spent in Alum Pot and Sunset Pot, Yorkshire's largest cave network, where all faced a number of underground challenges, including the 'Cheese Press', in which you have to squeeze yourself into a horizontal slither of 14", and then manoeuvre yourself along, face down, on stomachs for several metres of claustrophobic fun. Another one was appropriately entitled 'Hell' which entailed 200m of crawling uncomfortably over rubble and rocks, mainly on the stomach and hips. There was also an 18 foot cave abseil and a number of cave climbs; the finale was a waist high, long corridor 'waddle' out of the cave network through icy water, amidst some high pitched exclamations from some of the Fourth Form's toughest rugby players! Sunday was spent ghyll-scrambling along a river-bed in Coniston, Cumbria, climbing up waterfalls attached to ropes, tackling traverse climbs (and falls into rock pools), and jumping, or sliding, from impressive heights into refreshingly chilling rock pools. It was an invigorating way to spend a few overcast hours in the Lake District and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Cadets Train on the River Dart

Twenty nine Fourth Form cadets, led by Lt Cdr Critchley, Capt Corthine, Lt Eason Bassett and Plt Off Crook, visited Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth for a two day training acquaint. They were accommodated on the Hindustan, a former mine hunter, and had to acclimatise to clambering up and down ladders, avoiding ropes, wires, coamings and other unyielding steel obstacles and got an excellent view of the facilities on the bridge. On the Saturday the groups took it in turn to balance precariously on the low ropes exercise, as they tried to meet up at the centre of intersecting tight ropes, to steer a warship in the Bridge Simulator and to drive a twin-engine picket boat up and down the River Dart, venturing out to sea and then back in again past the harbour fortifications for manoeuvring exercises. Devonshire Hills do not change as the years go by, and so for breakfast and supper it was necessary to climb the legendary 200 steps from Sandquay and then march to the Gun Room. Sunday saw a tour of the College, Chapel or the Ethical Discussion, and then a Reception on the Quarter Deck at which cadets were hosted by midshipmen and got a flavour of adult life.

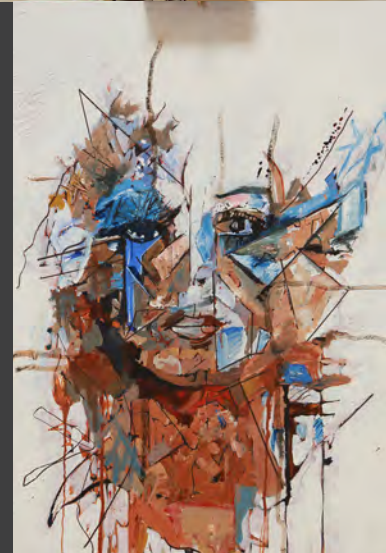


Prep School Art

Once again, the Prep School Art Exhibition attracted some outstanding work from budding Prep School artists. The work of over 200 artists was on display and the exhibition was opened by Dr Wallersteiner, who commented that the artists had once again excelled themselves. He noted that the only art form missing was video art and he challenged the teachers to rectify this next year. In addition to viewing the work of other Prep School artists, visitors were also taken on escorted tours of the Watson School of Art to view the work of the Stowe GCSE and A Level artists.

Whilst all exhibitors received a certificate, the work of a select few was given special praise and highly commended. These artists came from Beachborough, Brambletye, Godstowe, Hill House International, Sunningdale, Swanbourne House and Winchester House. For more images of the exhibition, please click [here](#).

David Fletcher, Prep School Liaison



Careers' Networking Reception

On Thursday 9 June, we were delighted to hold our inaugural Careers' Networking Reception at the Lansdowne Club, Mayfair. We welcomed over fifty Old Stoics, made up of recent leavers and OS mentors giving careers advice. It was a resounding success with excellent feedback from those who attended. The recent leavers were delighted to be given the opportunity to build their professional network and take informal advice from Old Stoics working in industries of interest to them.

Mid way through the evening, a collection of speeches were given. The OS Chairman, Jonathon Hall (Bruce 79) opened the address, followed by Paul Burgess (Cobham 89) who spoke on interview tips. Richard Hopkinson-Woolley (Chandos 87) gave advice on making the most of a career

mentor and Kristjan Byfield (Grafton 98) gave tips for entrepreneurs. The Headmaster, Dr Anthony Wallerstein gave a brief roundup of news from Stowe. We were delighted with the success of the event and intend to hold this event regularly for our members.

To see photographs please click [here](#).

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director



POLO

Stowe entered four teams at the National Polo Championships on Sunday 19 June. In the Open section, Jamie Grayson (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Nic Quirot de Poligny (Lower Sixth, Chandos), Flo Berner (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Billy Hawkings-Byass (Fourth Form, Cobham), won their 4 chukka match against Radley 10-4 to become the National Polo Champions.

In the Intermediate section, Steven Duncan (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Izzy Baillie (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Ivan Quirot de Poligny (Third Form, Walpole) and Algy Stanley (Lower Sixth, Chatham), came a very respectable third. In the Novice section, Oliver Pritchard (Fourth Form, Temple), Louis Hink (Fourth Form, Walpole), Beau Carter (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Jamie Baillie (Fourth Form, Cobham) also came third and our Beginners, Nathan Dana (Fourth Form, Temple), Jack Nesbitt (Third Form, Chatham), Bertie Alexander (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Tom White (Fourth Form, Chatham) won their division and performed brilliantly.

Jamie Grayson won the Most Valuable Player award for the whole tournament, which is a really prestigious award; this was a fantastic way to finish his Captaincy for Stowe.

Congratulations to Nic Quirot de Poligny, who was part of a Senior men's Premier Polo team, Sladmore/Twelve Oaks, which produced an incredible comeback in the final chukka to win the prestigious Archie David Cup on Sunday 26 June. This is the UK and Europe's leading 8-goal tournament and Nic's team came out winners over 30 other teams winning 7-6 after being down 4-1 at half time.

Fiona Corbine, MiC Polo



LACROSSE

1st team Captain Philippa Stacey (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) travelled with the U19 England Squad to Italy in early June to take on Marquette University's varsity squad. Philippa played a key attacking role, scoring multiple goals. She will be travelling to the USA with the squad this summer and she will also be Captaining the U19A squad at the Oxtou Tournament and AIST test matches later this summer.

Kaitlan Biondi, Head of Lacrosse

Stowe Facts Did you know...

An average of

1,450

cars pass through security every 24 hours

Our Health and Safety Manager walks an average of

8km

a day in the course of her duties – equivalent of

1,360km

per year (or Stowe to Berlin) and climbs an average of 300m of stairs per day – equivalent of going up and down Everest three times every year.



The house staff move 296 tonnes of equipment and furniture per year – equivalent of

40 London buses

They set out **40,000**

chairs every year – enough to fill the O2 Arena twice.



Our domestic staff service 15,600sqm of Boarding Houses daily which, in a year, means they cover 3,050,000sqm or the equivalent of

47 football pitches

emptying 380,000 bags of rubbish per year and 1,380kg of Hoover contents.

The laundry uses

4,875

litres of liquid and 975kg of powder per year, processing 11,789 sacks of washing (176,835lb or 12,000 metric tons of washing). Approximately 20,000 items of clothing are processed every week.



The School receives

200

letters and **150** parcels per day, about 30,000kg per term.



Reception handles

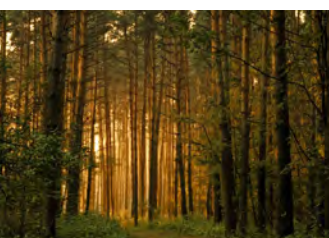
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telephone calls per day, books in 6,000 visitors in the year and books around 4,500 shopping trips for pupils and 1,000 taxis every year.

The General Office uses

658,384

sheets of paper per year (equating to 79 trees, which we hope to reduce in the following year). They order 68,799 items of stationery and their proof reading for outgoing correspondence is the equivalent of reading a sizeable novel twice.





Summer Jazz

When I think of Summer Jazz I prefer not to imagine heading indoors to avoid yet another evening of torrential rain; however this year's performances were bright, energetic and soulful even if the weather outside was less than perfect for a picnic.

The Big Band kicked the evening off as our guests enjoyed their champagne and meals in the upper foyer of the Chung Music School. The band was hot off the heels of our Blackpool tour and played beautifully under the expert tutelage of Nigel Gibbon. Dave Richmond's smaller but equally impressive Jazz Combo took over where the Big Band left off and kept the guests entertained before a mellower

but nonetheless enchanting solo performance by Lucy Sutherland (Fifth Form, Nugent), accompanied by yours truly. Finally, we were treated to a fantastic improvised take on 'House of The Rising Sun' by Theo Hayes (Third Form, Chatham), Finlay Sutherland (Fifth Form, Grafton) and Sean Carslaw Tricot (Third Form, Grenville) along with other excellently presented pieces.

Overall, it was a wonderful evening and reminded us that it is the music and the company that makes Summer Jazz special, not just blue skies and warm sunshine - although maybe next year...

Miles Nottage, Head of Rock, Pop and Jazz

EQUESTRIAN

At the Gawcott one day event on Saturday 11 June, Sophia Galione (Third Form, Queen's) and her young horse Flora performed very well throughout all three phases of dressage, cross country and show jumping to finish 10th in a very big class.

Coco Brooks (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) had a very tidy and accurate dressage phase on her horse Tottie which put them in second place. This was followed by a clear round in the show jumping and a clear round in the cross country with a quick time, which meant she came first in a large class.

Despite the bad weather the Inter-House competition went ahead on Wednesday 15 June. Although everyone got soaked, a lot of fun was had by all. Congratulations to Nugent for winning the overall competition, with Stanhope coming second and Grenville coming third. In the individual cross country and show jumping competition, Chloe Livesey (Third Form, Stanhope) came first, Cecilia Mayne (Third Form, Nugent) came second and Jaimie McIntosh (Fifth Form, Stanhope) came third. Cecilia Mayne came first in the individual dressage competition with Oliver Milne-Skillman (Lower Sixth, Grenville) coming second and Chloe Livesey coming third.

In the Quanton Eventer Challenge on Sunday 19 June, Sophia Galione came fifth in a very strong 80cm class.

Our team of Darcey Pratt (Third Form, Stanhope), Sophia Galione and Sienna Flanagan (Fourth Form, Stanhope) took part in the Grassroots Regionals Show Jumping Qualifier on Sunday 26 June. All three jumped clear in the first class and were placed third. Despite time faults in their second class, the team came third again. Sienna Flanagan was awarded Best Rider in her class of 40 other riders. They have now qualified for the NSEA Regional Championships in November.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager



New Pupils' Weekend

Traditionally, the penultimate weekend of term sees next year's Third Formers come for the New Pupils' Weekend. The weekend provides the opportunity for them to meet each other and to begin bonding; to start to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings; for their parents to meet one another but, most importantly, for the new Stoics to have fun. Following Saturday evening in House with their Housemaster or Housemistress, the pupils were introduced to the Stowe Beagles, took part in a Scavenger Hunt

around the grounds before being let loose on an array of inflatable games on the South Front. Most popular amongst these was the surfing simulator. There were wipe-outs galore!

Then as parents returned, it was time for a quick change and into a special Chapel service after which families returned to the Mansion for lunch. We look forward to welcoming the New Stoics back to Stowe in September.

David Fletcher, Registrar



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Stowe Putter

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Stowe Putter, the oldest Prep School golf competition. In this special year, we are delighted that the legendary 'voice of golf', Peter Alliss has kindly agreed to present the prizes. We welcome entries from all Prep School golfers. The competition takes place on Thursday 25 August 2016 (practice is available on Wednesday 24 August) on the iconic Stowe golf course. You can download the application form [here](#).

David Fletcher, Competition Coordinator



Stowe Parents

As a Stowe parent, I have been involved with the Stowe Parents Committee which over the last few years has seen many positive developments. With the enthusiastic commitment between staff and committee members, we have seen the social intent grow from strength to strength. As my son is now leaving, I will miss the participation in and planning of the many diverse events both in the UK and overseas which are available to all Stowe parents. I, like others, have made long-term friendships and I would like to thank you all for my lovely gifts at the recent annual lunch.

Linda Ellis, Stowe Parent (Committee Member 2012-16)

SATURDAY Headmaster's Garden Tour

15
OCTOBER

The Headmaster will lead an exploration of the Stowe Gardens in what is always a very popular event. We aim to introduce the gardens to those who have not had a previous opportunity, and for those more familiar, we aim to broaden and deepen your knowledge.

This event is always hugely well attended and we hope to continue that tradition this year. The event starts with coffee at 10.45am, followed by the tour and lunch, aiming to conclude by 2.30pm. You may like to combine this with supporting your children as they compete for the School in various sporting activities later in the afternoon.

Tickets are £20 per person.

THURSDAY Headmaster's Lunch

17
NOVEMBER

Stowe Parents' annual and widely popular luncheon with the Headmaster will this year be held at the Lansdowne Club in the heart of Mayfair, just off Berkeley Square.

The purpose of this lunch is to provide parents with an opportunity to meet each other and has traditionally been well attended by new parents, as well as those with older pupils at Stowe.

Tickets include a drinks reception followed by a two course lunch with wine and coffee. This event does sell out quickly so please do get in touch soon!

Tickets are £55 per person.

To book tickets for either of these events please email Stowe Parents



What's my Name?

On Monday 27 June we welcomed a new addition to the Stowe family, the only problem is we need a name for the new arrival. All (sensible) suggestions are welcome, the only criteria is that it must begin with a J and have a connection to music. Please tweet your suggestion to [@stowemail](https://twitter.com/stowemail) using #whatsmyname or comment on the [Facebook](#) post.

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Celebration and Party

The theme was 'Celebration and Party' with India Spencer (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Eliza Dubois (Lower Sixth, Nugent) setting the scene with a contemporary take on the Bible story of the rich man inviting his friends to a party and they all send their excuses.

The girls were so funny and played their parts brilliantly! Mexican waves followed which staff and Stoics all engaged in - even the Head - chocolates and balloons were thrown to the pupils and a shaken bottle of champagne (which refused to open) was used to demonstrate the celebration. However, the finale was seven huge confetti bombs being exploded throughout Chapel. The noise was phenomenal and looked beautiful as millions of bits of confetti drifted down from the ceiling covering us all.

Chapel ended with the thought that when we have celebrations don't leave people out, don't go so over the top you don't remember what happened and be safe.

Sue Sampson, Assistant Chaplain

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