

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

Medical Detection Dogs

On Tuesday 23 February, the State Music Room hosted a large group of Stoics and staff and four lively spaniels, as parent Lois Aspinall came to Stowe to tell us about her volunteer work with Medical Detection Dogs. This is a local charity that trains medical alert assistance dogs to support individuals with life-threatening health conditions, and cancer detection dogs that are trained to identify the odour of cancer in biological samples. Lois was joined by puppy socialiser Rachel Rice with spaniel Newton; Chloe Livesey (Third Form, Stanhope) and her spaniel Martha - a bio-detection dog who features in the current edition of Sniff magazine; and Mr Liversage with his spaniels Elsa and Lottie who are MDD 'ambassa-dogs'.

Lois gave an enthralling talk about the life-saving work of the assistance dogs, telling us heart-warming stories of young lives that have been enriched by the presence of a trained dog whose enhanced sense of smell can detect minute changes in the patient's complex medical condition. Lois then went on to tell us about the ground-breaking scientific work of the cancer detection dogs, their accuracy in detecting minute quantities of cancer odours in biological samples and the new NHS clinical trial, the first of its kind in the UK.

On Thursday 25 February we also held a home clothes fundraising day to support this wonderful charity.

Very many thanks to all staff and Stoics for their support.

Sheilagh Rawlins, Skills Department



Old Stoics on Dragons' Den!

On Sunday 21 February, Harry (Bruce 04) and Charlie Thuillier (Bruce 06) faced the Dragons on BBC2. They pitched for support for their hugely successful company, Oppo, which produces healthy ice cream. A year after its launch, Oppo is now stocked in Waitrose, Ocado, Wholefoods Market, Holland and Barrett, Budgens and Co-op and they recently won the Guardian's Start Up of the Year award.

Harry and Charlie presented themselves extremely well and pitched very professionally but unfortunately, they didn't receive any backing. We're not sure they needed it anyway; Charlie hinted that they were only in it for the exposure. He said, "Getting Oppo in front of 4 million viewers was too good an opportunity to miss. So the third time we were invited to apply by the BBC, we took a deep breath and said yes. We had no need for funding since we had just raised £300,000 from a community of 197 investors. And now we have just completed our latest round of £350,000 from over 550 supporters - thank you if you invested in Oppo!"

There is a feature article on their success in the latest edition of The Corinthian, which has just been circulated around Stowe and will reach Old Stoics and Parents next week.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director





Stowe's New Director of Music

Stowe is delighted to announce the appointment of Geoffrey Silver to be the Director of Music from September 2016. Geoffrey is a choral specialist who trained as a chorister at Westminster Abbey and the RSCM, and won choral and music scholarships to Tonbridge School. He went up to Cambridge on a choral scholarship to Trinity College, where he read music and history, and was president and conductor of the college music society. Later, he combined his duties as a lay clerk in the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, with his post-graduate research on the development of private and public funding of classical music between the wars. He also founded a music technology start-up in Silicon Fen.

In his work as a record producer, "Acis" – his own label, named after Handel's opera – has received critical acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic: *Fantasticus*, his second album of early music ensemble, Quicksilver, was nominated by Alex Ross of the *New Yorker* as one of the publication's top ten albums of 2014 – Gramophone praised it as "fantasticus, indeed"; Renée Anne Louprette's, *BACH, The Great Eighteen Chorales* was a *New York Times* critics' choice representing 2014. Geoffrey is currently editing and mixing several projects, including a commemoration of the composer George Butterworth's centenary, a remix of the Bach cello suites, and *Messiah* for Julian Wachner and the Choir of Trinity Wall Street.

As a soloist, Geoffrey has been praised by the *Wall Street Journal* for his "quiet lyricism" in *Messiah*, has featured live on BBC Radio, toured the USA, Europe, southern Africa and Asia, and appeared on numerous commercial recordings. He recently made his Carnegie Hall debut in a performance of Ginastera's monumental work, *Turbæ ad Passionem Gregorianam*.

He is currently Chorus Master of The Washington Chorus in the USA, and has responsibility for auditioning and rehearsing its 195-strong membership and leading its outreach, youth and education programmes in schools. Geoffrey has helped build and prepare the chorus for appearances at the Kennedy Center and Wolf Trap Opera with the National Symphony Orchestra and other ensembles. During his 13 year tenure in the USA, he has directed major after-school music programmes in New England, built a successful private singing practice, run an HIV charity in the sub-Saharan, co-founded and established the instantly recognizable sound of the twice GRAMMY-nominated vocal quartet, New York Polyphony with whom he toured and recorded, produced the twice GRAMMY-nominated Choir of Trinity Wall Street, sung with The Rolling Stones on their 50th anniversary tour, and conducted at the White House.



LACROSSE

In the Nationals held on Friday 26 February, the 1st team had an outstanding first day finishing second in their group and going through to the Championship Division with wins against Bradfield, Godolphin, Harrogate and Sedbergh. On the second day a win against St Paul's put the team in the draw for the last 16. They went through to the quarter finals with a win against St Mary's, Calne but went out to Berkhamsted, the eventual winners. The team made history by securing their best ever position of top 8 in the country.

The Senior 2nd team made up for their disappointing first day in the Nationals by topping their group in Division 2 with wins against St George's Harpenden, Haberdashers' Aske's and Haberdashers' Monmouth. They went on to beat North London Collegiate 3-0 in the quarter finals and St Bart's 3-1 in the semi finals. It was heart-break in the final with a 2-1 loss to Queen Anne's, however, the team should be very proud of their achievements.

Camilla Harvey-Scholes (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) has been chosen to play for the Wales U19A squad and Philippa Stacey (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Olivia Thomas (Fifth Form, Nugent) and India Chadwick (Upper Sixth, Nugent) have been chosen to play for the England U19 Squad in the Home Internationals in April at Surrey Sports Park.

Kaitlan Biondi, Head of Lacrosse



World Book Day

On the evening of Thursday 3 March, Stowe Library and the English Department arranged a celebration for World Book Day in the form of an Inter-House literary quiz. Pupils across all year groups were able to demonstrate their knowledge of everything from fine literature to a fine book to movie adaptation. The six rounds of the event paid homage to authors Anthony Horowitz, J.D. Salinger and Ian McEwan, alongside a picture round and other general knowledge questions. Each House put

forward their most avid readers to participate in the competition but other House members had the opportunity to win points for audience participation, thus garnering their House additional points in the process.

The winning team on the night was Queen's, however once the audience participation scores had been added the overall winners were Nugent.

Milly Osborne (Upper Sixth, Nugent)

NETBALL

On Tuesday 23 February the Junior teams had a block fixture against Akeley Wood. There were comfortable wins for the U15As, U14As and U14Bs in the four matches played. On Saturday 27 February the 2nds beat Downe House 25-15 and the 3rds beat Downe House 18-10.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball

ROWING

At the Avon County Head on Saturday 27 February, our J17 quad beat Swansea and our double beat Monmouth. Our J15 double beat Pangbourne and Ascot. A composite J15 quad which included Rhea Vankova-Martin (Third Form, Lyttelton) beat an 8 of Freshers from Bath University.

Michael Righton, Head of Rowing

CLAY PIGEON

In the Inter-House competition held on the Bursar's Field on Sunday 28 February, the Grenville B team and Chatham tied in second place on 49, however, it was the Grenville A team that came out on top on the day with 50. William Motion (Upper Sixth, Chatham) was Top Gun on 20.

Gordon West, MiC Clay Pigeon Shooting



Concert at the Radcliffe Centre

The String Orchestra and Wind Band gave a concert in the Radcliffe Centre on Friday 26 February. The first half was given by the String Orchestra, on this occasion led by Theo Hayes (Third Form, Chatham). They played the Jig from Holst's St Paul's Suite followed by Britten's Simple Symphony. Mr Windass later commented that this was the best string playing that he had ever heard at Stowe. This was followed by Oscar Hill (Fourth Form, Temple) and Leonie Callow (Fourth Form, Queen's) performing two duets on the Marimba of 'Eleanor Rigby' and 'Let it be'.

The second half of the concert was given by the Wind Band who played Espana Cani, Bugler's

Holiday, featuring Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Finlay Sutherland (Fifth Form, Grafton), and a medley from Phantom of the Opera. Between these pieces we were treated to contributions from the Horn Ensemble and a great performance by the Clarinet Quartet, Oliver Norton (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Poppy Moore (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Guy Woodhouse (Fifth Form, Chatham) and Sam Jokhoo (Fifth Form, Grenville), of an Adagio by Mozart.

It was great to see so many Stoics involved in this concert, 12 in the String Orchestra and over 40 in the Wind Band.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion

FIVES

The last girls' match of the season ended in victory against Berkhamsted on Wednesday 24 February. Savannah Courtenay (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Frankie Knight (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) were unbeaten on the day. They also took part in a tournament at Eton on Sunday 28 February. They won their group division which took them into the Festival Championship knock-out. They won their quarter-final 15-13 but unfortunately went out in the semi-finals.

It was an exciting afternoon of fives on Sunday 28 February in the Junior Inter-House competition, with some very close games. Most of the girls had never played before but all picked it up very quickly. As the games got closer the noise level was at fever pitch. In the semi-finals Stanhope beat Lyttelton and Nugent beat Queen's. In the final it was too close to call in the early stages. Eventually the Nugent 1st and 2nd pair got into their stride and had the final wrapped up before the 3rd pair had finished. However, it is worth noting that Stanhope were leading in the 3rd pair when play finished.

John Skinner, Head of Fives



Old Stoics South West Lunch

Our regional representative for the Far South West, Matt Steggle (Chandos 93), could not have chosen a more spectacular location to hold our lunch gathering on Sunday 28 February. Old Stoics and former staff living in the Far South West of England drove through blazing sunshine over the breathtaking hills of Dartmoor to meet up at the Two Bridges Hotel, near Princetown. Over thirty guests gathered for drinks, followed by a delicious Sunday Lunch. The food is renowned in the area for its excellence and it certainly didn't disappoint.

John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Chatham 66) welcomed our guests and brought news from the Old Stoic Society and Stowe with a short speech before lunch. Matt Steggle thanked everyone for coming and explained that he hoped to hold another event in the near future.

News of this will be confirmed as soon as plans have taken shape. We were very lucky to have John and Jill Dobinson and David and Marian Donaldson at the Lunch, who remembered many of the Old Stoics as boys, from their time teaching at Stowe.

This was the first gathering of Old Stoics and former staff living in the Far South West since 2009 and would not have happened without the enthusiasm and hard work of Matt. I would like to thank him wholeheartedly for the work he did to bring together Old Stoics from his area and I look forward to returning to the delightful surroundings again soon. A great many thanks to everyone who attended. Photographs from the lunch can be viewed on the [OS website](#).

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director



BADMINTON

The Senior Inter-House badminton competition took place on Sunday 28 February. In the boys' competition Grenville were the overall winners winning the boys' doubles and singles with Henry Eleyin-Bingham (Fifth Form, Grenville) beating Freddie Woods (Fifth Form, Chatham) in a very close final.

Lyttelton were victorious in the girls' competition, they also won the doubles competition and Clarissa Llanaj (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) beat Emily Woodhead (Upper Sixth, Nugent) in another very close final.

Hazel Browne, MiC Badminton

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports visit our website

www.stowesport.co.uk



Biomedical Society

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, on Thursday 11 February, members of the Biomedical Society eagerly huddled round a microphone and webcam to Skype interview Dr Calum Semple, a clinical virologist from the University of Liverpool and a world expert on dangerous infectious diseases. At the time of the Skype call he was sitting at his desk in the Ebola Treatment Centre, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Stoics engaged in a rich dialogue, enthralled by stories of cultural burial customs that promote the spread of Ebola; discussing the new treatment using convalescent plasma; learning how Ebola is able to overcome the human immune system by shedding a multitude of decoy surface proteins; the reasons for the outbreak of new cases and the longevity of the

virus in semen; and what it feels like inside the white protection suit.

During his work Dr Semple has suffered from malaria, heatstroke and dehydration. His determination to overcome these and achieve his vision of curing Ebola was truly inspiring. His closing comment to us was: "There is something in medicine for everyone, it seems daunting at the moment applying for Medical School but you shall always find yourself in something you have a passion for."

Thank you very much to the Biomedical Society, and especially Mrs Rawlins, for being able to provide us with such an amazing opportunity.

Sophie Sander (Lower Sixth, West)



Question Time

The Uglad Auditorium became a political forum as Stowe held its very own Question Time on Thursday 25 February. Our guest panellists were Dame Margaret Beckett, former leader of the Labour Party, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary; Sir Anthony Seldon, former Headmaster of Brighton College and Master of Wellington College and currently Vice Chancellor of Buckingham University and finally Steve Norris, former Minister for Transport, twice

Conservative candidate for the Mayoralty of London and father of our current Head Boy, Harry Norris (Upper Sixth, Chatham).

Questions were taken from the packed Auditorium about Harold Macmillan's 'You've never had it so good' speech, whether America lost an opportunity to befriend Russia after the end of the Cold War and what Margaret Thatcher's legacy was, amongst others. The Chairman, Jonathan Sayers, struggled somewhat to limit the enthusiastic responses in this gladiatorial contest between such political beasts in the debates as they looked back in History on events that still create emotional responses some three to six decades later.

A sumptuous dinner followed in the Blue Room for our guests and Stowe Historians and allowed tempers to be calmed before the journey home. It is recommended that Mr Sayers should use a bell in future to better control the participants in the length of their replies.

Faith in Action

This year, most of the Lent Sessions took place where Stoics and staff were already gathering, as a way of giving as much inclusion and continuity as possible. At its heart, the invitation was to think about practical ways in which Christian Faith should relate to sustaining and enhancing the lives of everyone in positive, loving and selfless action.

Claire Pickman and Lucy Carr (Christian-foundation 'Send a Cow') addressed the whole School in Chapel, which was welcomed with much interest, then worked with Upper Sixth, Fifth and Fourth Form Geography and Philosophy & Religion classes and teachers, particularly focussing on Development and Gender Equality Issues. They also spoke with many Stoics at a 'drop-in' information stall in North Hall.

Jo Cordell (Christian Aid), with the Chaplain, met some staff over supper in the Dining Room, then met Stanhope House (and enjoyed an in-depth discussion with the Fourth Form there); her address alongside those of the Chaplain and Mr Swayne was well received at the Crossfire Christian Meeting. The Lent Sessions concluded with Jo's informed and well-focused address to the whole School in Chapel.

Love of God, Neighbour and Self – a commandment highlighted by Jesus; and an invitation to live by this, for all who have a care for our common humanity, whether Christian or not! The song chosen to encourage this theme in Chapel was Ben Harper's 'With my own two hands'.

Christopher Huxtable, Chaplain

HOCKEY

Having drawn the game 1-1 against Harrow on Thursday 25 February, the U16As were desperately unlucky to go out of the Regional Competition 4-5 on penalty flicks. The team bounced back well to beat St Edward's 5-0 on Saturday 27 February. This was one of five wins in the seven matches played in the block fixture. The 1st XI won 2-1, 2nd XI 6-0 and 3rd XI 2-0. The U15Bs won 5-0 and the U16Bs were held to a draw.

Luke Stone, Head of Hockey

SPORT IN BRIEF

Basketball

On Saturday 27 February the Senior team beat Rugby 56-41 with Will Garrett (Fifth Form, Cobham) hitting 27 points.

Polo

On Saturday 27 February the Polo B team had a fantastic 9-5 win against Harrow.

Squash

On Tuesday 23 February, the Senior squash team had a fine 6-3 win against Bromsgrove.

Swimming

In the County finals Will Perry (Fourth Form, Cobham) was crowned Oxon and North Bucks County Champion in 50m and 200m freestyle and also gained second place in two further events.

Water Polo

There were two strong performances in the matches against Bedford on Sunday 28 February. The U14s won 7-2 and the U18s won 6-4.



Stowe Sport on Twitter

You can now keep up to date with all the latest from Stowe Sport by following them on twitter.

[@stowesport](https://twitter.com/stowesport)

ACWY Vaccination

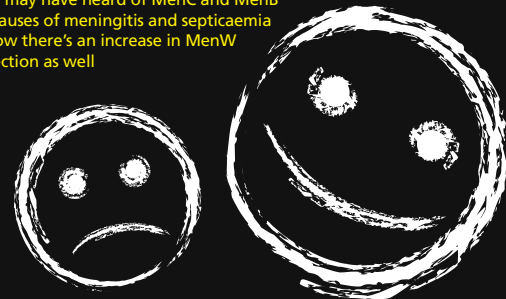
The Medical Centre is offering all the Upper Sixth the ACWY vaccination which they are able to self consent for.

New information for students in schools and sixth form colleges



MENINGITIS AND SEPTICAEMIA

You may have heard of MenC and MenB as causes of meningitis and septicaemia – now there's an increase in MenW infection as well



- Meningitis and septicaemia can kill very quickly
- Cases caused by meningococcal W (MenW) bacteria are increasing in the UK
- All age groups are being affected but teenagers and young adults have a higher risk of meningococcal disease
- A vaccination programme is being introduced to provide added protection against MenW and to reduce the spread of the disease to others
- The MenACWY vaccine that will be used will protect against 4 meningococcal groups (A, C, W and Y) and will start in schools in September 2015
- Even if you have already had a MenC vaccine you should have the MenACWY vaccine
- If you're in school years 9 to 13 (aged 13-18 years) you're in a high risk group, so make sure you don't miss out on your vaccination
- Look out for the vaccination team visiting your school – you will be contacted when you are due to be vaccinated
- If you are going to university in 2015, go to your GP to get the vaccination before you go but if you miss out register with a GP at uni and get the vaccination there

For more information, speak to your school nurse or your doctor, or visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations, www.meningitis.org or www.meningitisnow.org



Kenyan Stowe Putter

On the weekend of 7 and 8 February, three IAPS schools took part in the annual Kenyan Stowe Putter competition, held at the Gilgil Country Club in Kenya. A slight alteration was made to the previous format and this time a Ryder Cup style event was introduced, with a three-way competition between Pembroke House, The Banda and St Andrew's Turi.

On Saturday afternoon, four groups set off and took part in a three-way matchplay, with each player registering an individual score against the opposition. Pembroke finished the day with a three point lead. After breakfast on Sunday morning, the groups were given a complete reshuffle as the individual event began. Pembroke finished as comfortable winners, registering a score of 29 in comparison to scores of 16 and 12 from The Banda and St Andrew's respectively.

For the second consecutive year, Pembroke's Guy Gowar was awarded the prize for best individual player, whilst Pembroke House took home the Stowe Putter trophy.

Jack Chatfield, Kenyan Stowe Putter Coordinator

The UK Stowe Putter competition will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer and will take place on Thursday 25 August with the practice day on Wednesday 24 August. For more information email [David Fletcher](mailto:David.Fletcher@pembrokehouse.org).



EQUESTRIAN

On Sunday 28 February we travelled to The College Equestrian Centre at Keysoe for the NSEA eventer trial. A good day was had by all at the busy venue with a well up to height technical course of show jumps immediately followed by a switch to the outdoor arena for a equally impressive course of arena cross country jumps.

In the 80cm Bella White (Fourth Form, Nugent) had a very unfortunate elimination aboard Amy, a horse she has only ridden once! Polly French (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Cecilia Mayne (Third Form, Nugent) both had very stylish double clears in the 90cm with Cecilia coming 8th and Polly just out of the placings.

Jaimie McIntosh (Fifth Form, Stanhope) competed in both the 90cm and 1m, a tough testing course for horse and rider. Sadly it was just not their day, with Jaimie parting company with Murphy, but it was a good learning experience nonetheless. Chloe Livesey (Third Form, Stanhope) also competed in the 1m class and gave us a very professional looking round for third place with lots of comments on how well they had done. Everyone competing prepared their own horses for the competition and showed great camaraderie and spirit at the event. Special mention to super groom of the day Steven Duncan (Upper Sixth, Chandos) too!

Charlotte Fisher, Equestrian Centre Head Groom



Music Festival success

On Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 February, a large number of Stoic musicians took part in the annual Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts. The competition took place at Walton High School and the standard of playing this year was the highest I have heard to date, both from Stoics and local musicians alike. Over the course of the weekend, Stoics took part in classes across a wide range of instruments and musical genres and they received some excellent adjudication from distinguished professional musicians such as Gill Johnston, Sam Dunkley and James Kirby. This was a record year in terms of Stoic prize winners and all those who took part represented the School impeccably.

Following their festival success, four Stoics were selected from around 1,000 festival entrants to take part in the Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year competition on Saturday 5 March at Walton High School. We wish Theodore Hayes (Third Form, Chatham), Jeffrey Au (Third Form, Walpole), Isabel Ward (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Maria Di Carlofelice (Lower Sixth, West) all the best for their performances this weekend.

I would also like to congratulate Laura Brogden (Upper Sixth, Queen's) for her outstanding win at the Banbury Young Musician of the



Jeffrey Au with his Gold Award in Piano Study.

Year competition. Following several heats, Laura won the advanced woodwind category for the second year in a row.

I would like to thank all the musicians who took part in the recent music festivals and I would also like to thank my colleagues in the Music Department, Sarah Searle, Keith Brown, Alex Aitken, Nigel Gibbon, Rachel Sherry and Miles Nottage for assisting with travel, accompaniment and logistics over this busy weekend for the Music Department.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

McElwee Award

The McElwee Award is available to pupils in the Lower Sixth and allows them to travel across Europe in order to explore other histories, cultures or societies. It was initially set up by former pupils of the long-serving Bill McElwee, who taught at Stowe either side of the Second World War. He was well known for taking pupils on such journeys during the summer so it is fitting that pairs of Stoics are funded for their independent trips this summer.

On Thursday 11 February, the committee, which is made up of Old Stoics, heard from eight short-listed pairs and had the agonising responsibility of narrowing this group down to four successful awards. They eventually settled on a number of exciting proposals. Archie Forsyth (Chandos) and James Creedy Smith (Chatham) have planned a trip to Vienna to explore the Habsburg Empire; Amy Jorgensen (Nugent) and Skye Longworth (Nugent) will take a journey in the footsteps of Laurie Lee's 'As I Walked Out One Midsummer's Morning'; Emily Osborne (Queen's) and Izzy Baillie (Queen's) will visit Ravenna, where they plan to learn more about Italy during late antiquity and the early middle ages and finally Samuel Montgomery (Temple) and Sebastian Wood (Temple) have an ambitious proposal for a trip to Paris and Kiev to explore the theme of revolutions.

The Chairman of the Committee, Christopher Tate (Walpole 71) commented on the exceptionally high quality of all of the applications and was keen to commend those who put together such excellent proposals. Stoics also performed exceptionally well in the interview stage of the process with mature, carefully considered answers to the questions about their trips.

In the evening, Sixth Form Historians were also treated to a lecture in celebration of the Award on 'Wellington and Waterloo' by the prestigious military historian Professor Saul David. Professor David chose an interesting approach to the battle by giving a critique of Wellington's actions and pointing out how easily things could have turned out differently had Napoleon demonstrated his more characteristically brilliant leadership. This led to a lively discussion and might even inspire a McElwee trip in the future. For those who were successful this year, I wish them every success on their trip and look forward to seeing their presentations in September.

Paul Griffin, Head of History



RUGBY

Prep School 7s Masterclass

Twenty-eight U11 boys from Moulshford and Caldicott Prep Schools arrived at Stowe to take part in a pre-season 'sharpening' afternoon before they embark on their series of 7s tournaments on Sunday 28 February. After a quick introduction the super enthusiastic lads tore out onto the North Front pitch and were given coaching in three aspects of the game of 7s which differ in important ways from the full sided game. Liam Copley (Chatham Housemaster) ran a useful session on defence, emphasising the importance of the key word in 7s this being 'connected'. Mike Rickner (1st XV coach) developed the boys' ability to make 'the ball do the work' and the importance of accuracy with the wide passes as well as introducing the 'pull out' option. Craig Sutton (Bruce Housemaster) worked on the boys' evasion skills of side steps, changes of speed and emphasised the importance of running at space, not at opposition players.

The afternoon finished with conditioned matches, so that the newly learned skills could be put into practice. The coaches added their input as the boys expressed themselves in well balanced matches. The Stowe staff were hugely impressed with the attitude, skills and enthusiasm of all the boys who participated: they were a credit to their schools and their coaches.

Some first class afternoon teas in the Temple Room drew the day to a close and the boys rushed home to watch the England v Ireland match. A perfect day for rugby-mad 11 year olds!

Craig Sutton, Senior 7s Coach



On Wednesday 24 February, the Yearlings A team gave a strong performance in a 31-17 win against Shrewsbury. On Saturday 27 February, the Yearlings C team produced an impressive performance to beat Stamford 26-12.

The Senior 7s team reached the final of the Oakham 7s on Sunday 28 February beating Langley School, Loughborough, The Perse, Stamford and Oakham but were undone in the final by Bedford.

The U16s also made it to the final of the Oakham Tournament beating Royal Hospital, Bedford, Bromsgrove and Oakham but lost narrowly to Uppingham 12-10 in the final.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby



LAMDA

We are delighted to report that the recent LAMDA exams held on Friday 5 February produced some excellent grades and subsequent medals for our pupils including, Emilia Pacia (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Eleanor Trotman (Fifth Form, Queen's), Hannah Venner (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), Ayrton Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham), Matthew Hill (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Lucy Sutherland (Fifth Form, Nugent), Laura Brogden (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Saskia Satchell (Upper Sixth, Queen's).

Congratulations to both Saskia Satchell and Laura Brogden who achieved Distinctions in their Gold Medal Duo Performance.

Nick Bayley, Director of Drama

TUESDAY

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Bicester Village VIP Shopping Experience

Shop in comfort and luxury! This hard to resist opportunity includes exclusive use of the VIP Lounge, champagne breakfast, buffet lunch and afternoon tea. In addition, there will be a hands free shopping service, a VIP card offering additional savings, and reserved VIP parking. As this event has proved so popular in previous years, we are running the event on two consecutive days, tickets are limited, and so are available to Stowe Parents only. Tickets are free for this event and are issued on a first come first serve basis.

THURSDAY

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JUNE

Highgate Cemetery Tour

Something different for a June day - join Stowe Parents to learn about this special Victorian cemetery with its sinuous paths winding up a steep wooded hill and its ivy-clad monuments - Highgate is a funerary landscape at its most evocative. The West Cemetery is home to the most impressive architectural features of the Cemetery - the Chapel, Colonnade, Erian Avenue, Circle of Lebanon, Terrace Catacombs and the mausoleum of Julius Beer. The tour will be followed by a pub lunch nearby. Tickets, including lunch, are £35 each.

SUNDAY

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JUNE

Summer Jazz

Come along and join us for a glass of champagne and listen to the wonderful Stowe Big Band play some classic Jazz from the 20s to the 60s. This intimate event held on the North Side of the Chung Music School is a perfect way to spend a summer evening. Stowe Parents will provide the fizz if you bring your own picnic. Don't forget your picnic rug! Tickets are free but please let us know you are coming.

WEDNESDAY

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JUNE

Henley Royal Regatta

A wonderful opportunity to see rowing at its best, with tickets to the historic Leander Club, a traditional lunch in the Members' Marquee, afternoon tea and exclusive enclosure tickets - this day at Henley Royal Regatta is one not to be missed. A quintessential day of rowing with the opportunity to meet other Stowe Parents. Tickets for this event are £165 each.

To book any of these events, please email Stowe Parents.

Steinway Concert

On Thursday 3 March, some of Stowe's most talented pianists visited Steinway Hall, London to give a recital to parents, Old Stoics and other distinguished guests. The concert featured some of the very best piano playing I have ever heard from Stoics and I was so impressed by both their level of professionalism in the recital, and the sensitivity with which they all played. Before the recital, the Stoics had the opportunity to play the various pianos Steinway had for sale, and a particular favourite was the new Spirio, a piano that can recreate performances by world famous artists that is controlled by a tablet. Keith Glazebrook (Manager - Dealer & Institutional Services) gave us a tour of the restoration workshop and it was fascinating for the Stoics to learn about the incredibly meticulous processes involved in the construction of each piano.

In the recital, the Stoics all gave highly individual and accomplished performances of major works in the piano repertoire that included works by Poulenc, Liszt, Scarlatti and Chopin. To conclude the recital, international concert pianist, Philip Fowke made a guest appearance and treated us all to a wonderful performance of Billy Mayerl and Chopin. I would like to thank everyone who took part for making the evening so special and memorable. I would also like to thank my colleagues Sarah Searle, Ben Weston and Keith Brown for all their assistance on the day.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



The Restoration of Stowe

On Wednesday 2 March a group of Stowe Parents were treated to a tour of Stowe House with the House Custodian Anna McEvoy. This event, organised by Stowe Parents, focused on the areas of the House that have been restored and they learnt how generous donations and support from the Heritage Lottery Fund have enabled some £22m to be spent on both the fabric of the House and the reinstatement of some of its treasures.

The tour took in the wonderful new Visitor and Discovery Centre that now welcomes all guests to Stowe House and parents were encouraged to return for a longer look when they are next at Stowe.

A superb lunch followed in the beautifully restored Blue Room. Sadly our plan to climb the stairs to the Mansion roof was unable to go ahead as rain lashed down. However, we hope to be able to offer this opportunity again, and that this tour will become a regular feature on the Stowe Parents' calendar.

Any parent who would like to visit the new Discovery Centre whilst at Stowe should email Stowe Parents for more information.

This month
programme from
Arts at Stowe

Please visit our [website](#)
for tickets.



Sounds of Swing

Friday 11 March, 7:30pm

The always popular Stowe School Big Band will be playing classic swing band numbers from their repertoire ranging from the 1920s to the 1950s in the lovely 14th Century Quainton Parish Church.



BEN²

Wednesday 9 March, 8pm

Stoics will be the hosts for a gig that combines two of Buckinghamshire's finest performers, who also happen to be two of Stowe School's music teachers. Ben Andrew (keys) and Ben Weston (guitar and vocals) take your favourite chart topping tunes and give them an acoustical makeover with some clever sound-enhancing tech.

The young and the young at heart are welcome to come and hear what BEN² can do to make modern popular music sound better than the original!

Mark Spray: Art Exhibition

Friday 11 March, 8pm

Mark Spray's work, inspired by literature and landscape, and their impression on the senses, draws together elements of experience, thought, perception and prose. Mark will exhibit a selection of works from the collection *Until the Light Fails*, inspired by the novel 'The Rings of Saturn' by W.G. Sebald, alongside new drawings from his on-going project *Drawing a path around*.



Antonio Forcione

Wednesday 16 March, 8pm

The multi award-winning Antonio Forcione, acoustic guitarist, composer and talented artist, is a highly charismatic and inventive performer. The World acclaimed guitar master is delighted to be performing back at Stowe School with his vibrant and original blend of jazz, Latin, African and Flamenco sounds. Antonio takes the guitar to new levels of expression and his numerous awards around the world are a testimony to his genius.



Arcadian Opera

Thursday 24 March, 8pm

The inaugural gala concert for the newly formed Arcadian Opera Company, with international soloists (La Scala, Vienna, Covent Garden), and fine local musicians in the Arcadian Opera Chorus and the Cherwell Orchestra. A combination of well-loved favourite arias and scenes with a spicy leavening of lesser known but equally exciting numbers.



Little Frankenstein

Thursday 31 March, 2pm

Semi famous puppeteer Frank Stein has had enough with his badly made puppets. He'll never be really famous because his puppets keep falling apart! Taking inspiration from the scientist Dr Frankenstein, and with the help of the audience he creates a new real live puppet that is destined to change this life forever!

Little Frankenstein will tickle the imagination of everyone from 5 to 105 years old.



Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is taking place on Sunday 6 March and there is going to be a special service at Stowe Church. We are having a special family service which will include giving flower posies to all the ladies in Church! Do come and invite your mums and friends - it starts at 9.45am.

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