



Big Band Tour of The North

This year's annual Big Band tour of The North started on Wednesday 21 June. Not only was it the longest day but also the hottest of the year. Our first concert was in Adderley, Shropshire. This was in aid of the church which unfortunately was not in a good enough state to perform in this year, so we played in the village hall.It was great to have so many people from the village supporting this concert, and we raised over £400 for St Peter's Church. After a night at Brereton (Cheshire) we headed up the M6 for Ullswater in Cumbria, and The Quiet Site, where most of our accommodation was in Hobbit Holes. We spent the afternoon either on the Lake Steamer, or walking seven miles around Ullswater. That night we performed in The Quiet Site bar to a hugely appreciative audience. With our two warm-up concerts completed we then headed down to Blackpool for our main event: The Armed Forces Dinner in The Norbreck Castle Hotel. Here we performed a two hour set to 1000 people. It was great to meet up with our friends from Blackpool Council, The Winter Gardens Trust and The Friends of Stanley Park. On the Saturday we were defeated by force 10 winds from playing on The Headland in front of The Tower, but after

an afternoon at The Pleasure Beach, we gave a concert in St John's Square. On our final day we performed on Stanley Park Bandstand (for the fourth year running). This is a very special venue for us, as it is where Stowe's Medici Lions rested for 90 years. They are now back on the South Front, and replicas live in the Park. Each concert was performed to the highest possible standards, and the band have never been better. We were also very fortunate to have two guest vocal soloists this year: Lucy Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Mina Haas (Lower Sixth, Stanhope). Both captivated the audiences at every event, and were a fantastic addition to our programmes. From within the band we also had the very accomplished Jazz Trio of Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Theo Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Sean Carslaw Tricot (Fourth Form, Grenville). Sean also wowed every audience with his Blues Harp playing. I would like to give a massive thank you to Sarah Searle for all of her support during the tour. Also thank you to Miles Nottage for his amazing keyboard playing, especially with our

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion



Textiles

On Speech Day, Textiles had an exhibition of pupils' work, showing great creative talent from all years.

This year I am introducing two prizes, one for Fashion and another for Creative Textiles. These are awarded to Myles Ryan (Third Form, Grenville) for showing such talent and skill in design and production, and to Camille Gibson (Third Form, Lyttelton) for the most creative textile projects. Congratulations to them and all my other pupils who have worked with such enthusiasm to create imaginative designs. I look forward to welcoming more pupils in my afternoon activity sessions next year.

Jo Banks, Fashion and Textiles

On the evening of Friday 23 June, Stowe was represented at the Henley Royal Regatta Qualifying Races by Ilya Riskin (Fifth Form, Chandos), Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple), James Pocklington (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Archie Morley (Fifth Form, Walpole) in the Fawley Challenge Cup event for junior quadruple sculls. Although individual Stoics, James Simpson and Dani Fusco-House, have represented the School in crews with rowers from other clubs, this is the first time in nearly 10 years that a Stowe crew has entered Henley.

During Half Term the crew had raced at National Schools' Regatta, where they had found the standard challenging. They needed to improve for Henley, which indeed they did. They are now very close to the standard of some of the crews and Old Stoic, Ted Bainbridge, was pleased to see Stowe represented at the Royal Regatta. Since all the crew and four other Stoics - Ayrton Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Will Fox (Fifth Form, Bruce), Tom Fox (Fifth Form, Temple) and Elliot Patel (Fourth Form, Cobham) - who rowed in the Stowe 1st VIII at the Schools' Head, return for the next academic year, hopefully Stowe can start to compete at these national and international rowing events.

The weekend before, a larger contingent of Stoics raced at Stratford Regatta. The best performance came from the Third Form crew of Frankie Atkinson (Grafton), Charlie Chick (Grafton), Theo Finlan (Temple), Alex Ross (Chatham) and Barnaby Peppiatt (Chatham), who won against Monkton Combe, and progressed to the final. Monkton qualified their 1st VIII for Henley Royal Regatta, so for our new rowers to beat their's augurs well, if these young Stoics focus on their rowing in future years.

Old Stoics are also racing at Henley, with Sam Anderson in the Tideway Scullers Eight for the Thames Cup. James Rudkin races in the Leander/ Newcastle University, Great Britain Eight in the Final of the Grand Challenge Cup, where they will face the semi-final winners - either the Kiwi 'All Blacks', or the world-record-breaking German Fight

The Stoics were taken to their regattas by Mr Righton, Mr Parnaby and Mr Rudkin and have also been coached by Ms Jepsen and Mr Wilson. Next term Mr Righton is taking the quad, coxed by Elliot Patel (Fourth Form, Cobham), to the Head of the Charles in Boston Massachusetts.

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On Tuesday 13 June the U15 team had a fine 60 run win against Kimbolton, and on Wednesday 21 June the U14A team beat Dr Challoner's Grammar School by 7 wickets to become County Champions. On Friday 23 June the Australian touring side came with a 1st XI and an U15 side. The 1st XI beat Sunshine Coast Grammar School by 8 wickets and the U15s beat them by 82 runs. On Saturday 24 June the 1st XI had a resounding 9 wicket victory against Oakham. On Thursday 22 June the U15 girls' cricket team beat Akeley Wood by 7 wickets and they remain unbeaten this season.

Congratulations to Kira Evans (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Vicky Beglin (Lower Sixth, Nugent) for going through the whole season without losing a set. They helped the 1st VI to a fine 7-2 win against Bedford Girls' School on Saturday 10 June. Also in this block fixture the U15As won 5-4, the U15Bs won 7-2 and the U14Ds won 8-1.

The boys' U14 teams dominated all three matches against Bloxham on Saturday 17 June. The As won 6-3 and the Bs and Cs both had comprehensive 9-0 victories. Our Senior A and B mixed teams produced some fine tennis particularly the A team who won 9-0 and the B team won their encounter 6-3. Queen's came out on top in the girls' Junior Inter-House tennis played on Monday 12 June. This year's boys' Junior Inter-House tennis was won by Chatham.

On Saturday 10 June in the Bucks County for Oli Garson (Third Form, Grenville) in the 300m and shot putt and Augustus Keppel (Third Form, Chandos) in the hurdles and triple jump in the Junior Boys'. In the Intermediate Boys', Athlete of the match went to Ed Anderson (Fifth triple and long jump with two fantastic personal bests. Jack Comyn (Fourth Form, Grafton) finished second behind Ed in both events, again with two personal bests. There were also second Grafton) in the high jump and Harry Reed (Fourth Form, Walpole) in the discus. There were third place finishes for Tair Udovenchuk (Fourth Form, Bruce) in the high jump and Ben Edeh (Fourth Form, Grenville) in the 100m, who just missed out on automatic selection for the National Championships by 0.01 seconds. On Saturday 10 June in the Bucks County Championships Jemima finish in the high jump and a second place in the shot putt in the Junior Girls. In the Intermediate Girls, Zoë Pollock (Fifth Form, Nugent) qualified after winning Gold in the 200m and finishing second in the hurdles. Helena Vince (Fifth Form, Queen's) and Kianti Subowo (Fifth Form, Queen's) both finished with the same time in the

We had three teams taking part in the Nationals at Kirtlington on Saturday 17 June. The Novice team with Louis Hink (Fifth Form, Walpole), Harry Hewlett (Fifth Form, Cobham), Alfie Kingham (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Tom White (Fifth Form, Chatham) came second. The intermediate team of Beau Carter (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Jamie Baillie (Fifth Form, Cobham), Nathan Dana (Fifth Form, Temple) and Oli Pritchard (Fifth Form, Temple) came fifth and finally the A team of Izzy Baillie (Fifth Form, Cobham), Henry Frisby (Lower Sixth, Chatham), Billy Hawkings-Byass (Fifth Form, Cobham) and Ivan Quirot de Poligny (Fourth Form, Walpole) came second in the National championship!

Sports Da

The team results for Sports Day on Friday 26 May were as follows:

Junior Boys: 3rd Grenville, 2nd Chandos and 1st Grafton. Intermediate Boys: 3rd Grenville, 2nd Bruce and 1st Grafton. Senior Boys: 3rd Grafton, 2nd Temple and 1st Bruce.

Overall: 3rd Chandos, 2nd Grafton and 1st Bruce.

Junior Girls: 3rd Queen's, 2nd Nugent and 1st Stanhope Intermediate Girls: 3rd Queen's, 2nd Lyttelton and 1st Nugent Senior Girls: 3rd Stanhope, 2nd Queen's and 1st Nugent.

Overall: 3rd Stanhope, 2nd Queen's and 1st Nugent





Wonder of Words

On the day of the Carnegie Shadowing results, there was a celebration of reading and literature and prize giving with the Library and the English Department and the Lower School.

During the afternoon selected pupils in the Fourth Form were treated to a creative writing workshop with the author Lucy Christopher, who is a Doctor of creative writing and lectures at Bath Spa University, during which pupils explored creating their own novel and wrote their first page.

Following that, Lucy Christopher joined the Third Form Headmaster's Poetry by Heart Competition where sixteen pupils, two from each Third Form English class, performed the poem they had learned over Half Term. Mrs Puranik recited the poem that she had learned when she was at school to start everyone off. The recitations were much enjoyed by the whole year group and were judged by Dr Wallersteiner and Mrs Puranik.

During the poetry judging deliberation, Lucy Christopher explained that she had been to Stowe earlier in the year on World Book Day, to give a talk to the current Fourth Form on creative writing and set them the challenge to write 500 words on the setting of their first novel. She was delighted that this task had also been set for the Third Form as well as a separate competition and was happy to help with the judging with the Library staff of the 65 entries to establish a winner. Lucy gave a detailed critique to each of the shortlisted Third Form. Books and Amazon vouchers were given to the Third Form winners who were: 1st -Lucas Farleigh (Chatham), 2nd - Kiera West (Lyttelton) and 3rd - Theo Finlan (Temple). Highly Commended were George Hamilton-Stubber (Walpole), Pandora Smiley (Nugent) and Sebastian Smart (Chatham).

During the previous summer, the Third Form had been set a task to create a piece of persuasive writing explaining why a book from a list of 18 should be studied by the incoming Third Form in 2017. There were a large number of entries to this competition, many of which were outstanding. The eventual winners were 1st -Kitty Dutton (Queen's) for 'Buffalo Soldier', 2nd - Rosia Li (Stanhope) with 'The Book Thief' and 3rd - Mimi Pearson-Gee (Nugent) with 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' and they were presented with prizes of Amazon vouchers. 'Buffalo Soldier' is one of the books to be read by the incoming Third Form in 2017. Highly Commended entries were from Callan Gottlieb (Grenville), Max Marshall-Lee (Cobham), Theo Coley (Willa Hodson) and Theo Finlan (Temple).

Finally, after much discussion, the winners of the Poetry Competition were announced by Mrs Puranik. This had proved a very difficult choice as so many were excellent entries; however, the final winners were a joint 1st place for Marlow Turner (Cobham) with 'A Psalm of Life' by Longfellow and Theo Finlan (Temple) with Coleridge's Kubla Khan, and 3rd Mimi Pearson-Gee (Nugent) with Second Coming by W B Yeats.

There was then an opportunity for the pupils to buy one of Lucy Christopher's books and ask her to sign them. Lucy will be the Writer not-in-residence to Stowe for the next year and will be visiting all years during several visits over the course of the year.

The eventual winner of the Carnegie Shadowing Competition eventually discussed over cake and sweets in Book Group on Friday 23 June. As usual, the UK winner was not the book that would have been chosen by the pupils and librarians, the group preferred 'The Bone Sparrow' but the winner was 'Salt to the Sea' by Ruta Sepetys.

In Assembly on 26 June, the winners of the Fourth Form Lucy Christopher 500 words competition were announced and the winners received Amazon vouchers. 1st - Harry Heathcote (Grenville) with 'Trippy Wires', 2nd - Marika Guguberidze (Lyttelton) with 'Mother' and 3rd - Alfie Cliff (Chandos) with 'Anonymous'. Lucy Christopher sent a critique of their work to them as well as copies of her book 'Stolen' which is currently being made into a film.

Lyn Foden, Librarian



Stoics to represent Great Britain

This year has been filled with competitions and outstanding achievements by pupils of all levels. This term started with Swailcliffe where Sophia Galione (Fourth Form, Queen's) was placed and at the Stowe Beagles hunter trial Joshua White (Fifth Form, Cobham) was awarded the trophy for the highest placed Stoic.

We are extremely proud of Francesca Macleod Matthews (Third Form, Nugent) for qualifying for the NSEA championships set for the beginning of the next academic year.

We are currently organising a team to take part in show jumping at Hickstead this summer. Anyone interested, please contact the Equestrian Centre team.

As the Stowe year ends we have heard some fantastic news! Six horse and rider combinations have been selected by British Eventing to represent Great Britain in the Racesafe Junior squad at the 2017 FEI Junior European Eventing Championships. Bubby Upton with Eros and Imogen White with Emill were among those selected, along with Bubby and Cannavaro as reserves. At last year's European championships Bubby and Eros were part of the Bronze medal winning team. The championships take place in Ireland from 19 to 23 July.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager

'Half a Sixpence'

On Monday 19 June, the Lower Sixth A Level Music pupils went to see the acclaimed revival of Half a Sixpence in the West End. The cast were on top form and the show was electric, despite the temperatures. After the show we met Charlie Stemp and Devon-Elise Johnson who played the leads, and Graham Hurman, the Musical Director, who stopped to chat about the music of the show and the process of choosing which instruments were to be used in the orchestration. Thanks to Mr Silver and Ms Jepsen who gave up their time to come on the trip as well. The group are pictured with Devon and Graham from the show.

Alex Aitken, Head of Academic Music and Organist



Literally hot off their Tour of The North, with 45 minutes to unpack and set up, The Big Band gave their all again for our Summer Jazz picnic outside the Chung Music School. This was their sixth concert in five days, having finished the previous one five hours earlier in Blackpool. As the true professionals that they are, they were on fire for their home-coming concert. There were great solos from Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) on Alto Sax and Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton) on Trumpet. We also had the most impressive keyboard playing by Theo Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) and as always Henry McQuitty (Lower Sixth, Walpole) on Drums. Unfortunately for picnics the weather did not hold so we moved inside for the second part of the evening. This actually gave the audience a better chance to see and hear Dave Richmond's fantastic Jazz Combo. They gave a varied programme including Sean Carslaw Tricot (Fourth Form, Grenville) as vocalist, bassist and Blues Harp player. It was also a chance for some of the audience to play auxiliary percussion

in Tequila. Our two vocalists from the tour, Lucy Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Mina Haas (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) captivated the audience again with a selection of their songs from the morning performance in Blackpool. The evening concluded with a guest performance of 'Have you met Miss Jones' by Mr Sheridan Coldsteam. This evening was a real showcase for the Music Department displaying how professional standards and fun can happen together. It was great to meet the families of next year's new Music Scholars at the end of the new pupils weekend. Again a lot of work went on behind the scenes with Ben Weston and Ben Andrew helping with setting up, and Sarah Searle and Sarah Gibbs looking after the performers and the audience. We must also say thank you very much to Mr Jarman who funded the Big Band's new stands and shirts. The evening was given extra fizz thanks to the Stowe Parents Champagne Bar.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion

Careers Talk with Chris Austin

A career in an industry where you are part of history

Careers talks at Stowe are varied and engaging, and the two most recent gave us an insight into a career that has had a significant impact on thousands of lives.

On Monday 5 June, Chris Austin visited Stowe to discuss careers in the Civil Service, focusing on his career and experiences as the Country Director of the Department for International Development (DFID). Chris gave an engaging presentation on the different roles that he has had responsibility for including the UK's bilateral aid programme, worth £300m per year, supporting economic growth, strengthening local government institutions and improving the status of women and girls in Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

"...UK Aid work in Afghanistan to protect our national security by helping the Afghans take control of theirs. We also work closely with the international community and other partners to support the development of Afghan security, governance, infrastructure, economy and the provision of essential services".

Prior to this role, Chris was director of G8 Transparency, part of the Cabinet Office,

where he worked with Tony Blair and Gordon Brown on developing international agreements on transparency in oil, gas and mining sectors.

Chris guided Stoics through his route into the civil service, his varied global career and the different stages of his professional development, which led to further professional positions including his current role as the Chair of the International Accountancy Education Standards Board. There were many discussions regarding various routes into the Civil Service, where Stoics gained an expert's perspective of the best fast-track career routes.

Currently Chris is on his decompression leave, after completing his role in Afghanistan and is awaiting his next role. Stoics wish Chris the best of success with his future posting and have warmly invited him back in the future to discuss his next exciting role.

Gordon West, Head of Careers





Strangman Family

Beagling at Stowe, as it is at Eton and Radley, remains very much a minority activity. That said, for the boys and girls who have been involved over the years, it is very much a full-time occupation which inspires true devotion to the hounds.

During the 1990s, following a review of fire safety measures at Stowe and the subsequent financial cost to the School, it was decided to ask the Beagles along with other departments to raise additional funds towards the running of the pack. Kennel Huntsman John Fretwell, along with Old Stoics Alistair Megee (Lyttleton 74), Brian Fanshawe (Walpole, 54) and Frank Houghton-Brown (Temple 83) and with the support of local Master of Foxhounds Ian McKie (daughter Rose later in Nugent) sat down with the then Bursar Rupert Litherland to discuss how money could be raised.

Lawrie Strangman (Bruce 57), a terrific local supporter and puppy walker par excellence whose daughter Jane (Stanhope 91) was the first girl to be appointed a full-uniformed whipper in, stepped in and offered to host and organise a cross country Hunter Trial on his lovely all grass farm, just four miles from Stowe at Primrose Hill, Gawcott.

Over the past two decades and more, the event has raised in excess of £35,000 for the pack. Lawrie and his amazing wife Alicia have built a stunning course, which they are constantly improving. The obstacles would grace Badminton or Burghley Horse Trials. It never ceases to amaze me how they maintain the course in such a wonderful condition, in spite of the weather, whether it be drought or wet.

The countless hours they have spent over the years preparing the course and setting up the events each May (occasionally September in the event of suitable dates in May being unavailable) are a testament to their devoted support to the Beagles, and to Kennel Huntsmen John Fretwell and myself, as well as to Nat Thornton whilst Jane was Beagling at Stowe. Over 50 Beagle puppies have been walked at Primrose Hill over the years, including many show champions and influential breeding hounds, and the amount of times their names appear on the Clive Haynes Memorial Cup for the best working hound of the season, shows what a wonderful job they do of raising them.

Phil Kennedy, Master of Hounds



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Design Technology

The design display on Speech Day was once again a fantastic celebration of the hard work of all of our Stoics, and a reflection of the quality of teaching and learning in the department. From the scaled architectural models, to the inspired approaches to conventional furniture, to problem-solving products and promotional merchandise, we were proud to display such a diverse range of skills. This was an exceptional display of quality and we look forward to seeing this reflected in the exam results in the summer.

Earlier this term, we welcomed Daniel Charney and Lea Jagendorf from Fixperts, to discuss with the department how we could incorporate their creative style of approaching design into our new syllabus. Fixperts work with universities and companies to encourage people to be resourceful. Thousands of 'Fixperts' all around the world have used and grown their skills to improve the daily lives of the people they meet, and here at Stowe we are the first school to incorporate their approach to design in a bid to encourage students to develop potential design solutions for existing problems.

Congratulations to Ben Shaw (Fifth Form, Temple) on his successful application and interview for the Arkwright Engineering

Scholarship. Ben's application was supported by his own project in Kenya, in which he explored the possibilities of using a local water source to generate and store hydroelectricity for a nearby village. As a result of his success, Ben has been awarded the title of 'Arkwright Associate', and an achievement that demonstrates that Ben has the potential for a future career as a leader in an Engineering profession. Due to the Arkwright Trust finding it difficult to secure corporate funding for their Scholarships this year (which has been attributed to the continued uncertainty of Brexit), they were unable to match Ben with a sponsor so far. Arkwright continue to look for funding, and are actively seeking sponsorships up until the end of August, and should they secure the right sponsor to suit Ben's interests that were outlined in his application and at interview, then he will receive the full scholarship title. Otherwise, Ben will remain as an Arkwright Associate which is a considerable accolade in its own right. Should anyone wish to learn more about the affiliation of engineering firms with the Arkwright Scholarship, or what a sponsorship entails then please visit the website or contact Steve Kay to discuss further.

Martin Quinn, Head of Design Technology

Masterclass on Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

On Monday 12 June, the Computing Department conducted a full-day masterclass on 'Object-Oriented Programming' for A Level Computer Science teachers, held in the Science Lecture Theatre. The event was attended by 21 such teachers, from as far afield as Cumbria, Somerset, Hampshire and London, as well as a few local schools including Silverstone UTC.

The event was led by Richard Pawson, a new Computer Science teacher himself, but an acknowledged industry-expert on OOP - which now forms part of the A Level, and with which many teachers struggle to get to grips. As well as illustrating the principles of OOP using real examples from his experience in commercial systems development, and undertaking a live software development exercise, Richard talked about the early history and evolution of the concept, revealing a surprising number of personal relationships with early pioneers in the field of computing.

During the lunch break, a volunteer from the Stowe House Preservation Trust gave the guests a short tour of Stowe House which was greatly appreciated.

The masterclass was very well received, scoring an average of 4.3 out of a possible 5 for 'usefulness'. All the attendees expressed an interest in attending further such events that the Computing Department is considering for the future. As well as the formal teaching, the opportunity to network with other A Level teachers benefited both the external attendees and the Stowe staff

Adam Gabriel, Head of Computer Science



Stowe-Harvard Dinner

Thursday 25 May was a proud and animated evening for Stowe as we celebrated our 25th annual Stowe-Harvard Dinner. Parents, Old Stoics and friends came together to celebrate Stowe's special relationship with the United States and in particular the Fellowship with Harvard. To mark the occasion this year we adopted the theme of the Jazz Age and the American Dream. Guests were treated to a diverse range of entertainment by our Music Department: The Big Band, led by Nigel Gibbon on the South Portico, jazz over dinner in the Marble Saloon with pianist Ben Andrew and performances by our talented Stoics and Ben in the Music Room – a true celebration of music at Stowe which wowed us all! The Marble Hall had a wonderful ambience and the 1920s feathers in flower arrangements and everyone in formal evening dress paired with the theme so well.

At the heart of the evening was a recognition and celebration of this year's Stowe-Harvard Fellow, Miss Sandy Wong, who spoke with charm and humour about her experiences this year. We were joined by members of American Friends of Stowe including Lee Sprague, widow of Judge George Sprague, who had a long standing association with the programme. Lee gave a heart-warming speech and it was announced that the Fellowship will be renamed the Sprague Stowe Harvard Fellowship. Founded in 1991, the Stowe-Harvard Fellowship selects a graduate of Harvard to come to Stowe as a teacher, coach and mentor for the growing number of Stoics wishing to apply to the top US universities. Over the past 25 years, each Stowe-Harvard Fellow has brought much to the School and the Fellowship is a splendid demonstration of the ever-strengthening bond between Stowe and the United States. We look forward to celebrating the 26th Anniversary next year.

Hannah Al-Anazi, Development Manager



If teenagers ran the world!

This year's Junior Congreve offered Stoics and their parents a four-day festival of entertainment! Four plays, four nights and over 50 Stoics involved as cast members, technicians and assistant directors. On Wednesday and Friday evening, audiences enjoyed performances of 'Too Fast' by Douglas Maxwell and 'Rabbit', by David Foxton.

'Too fast' was hilarious and moving in equal measure and the whole cast sensitively handled some difficult subject matter. It is set at the funeral of Ali Monroe, a popular school girl who has recently been killed in a car crash after driving 'too fast'. 'Sensation Nation', a newly formed vocal group with their sights on 'Britain's Got Talent', gather to sing their first gig. Coco Cottam (Third Form, Queen's) gave a stand out performance as the band leader with questionable motives. Oliver Seddon (Cobham, Fourth Form) was excellent in the role of Callum Hunt and Archie Strong (Third Form, Grafton) gave a very humorous performance as Sean. Nicholas Montgomery (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Alex Orton (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) assisted Mr Nick Bayley in the direction of this production.

'Rabbit' offered audiences a powerful exploration into a dystopian world where all the adults have died in an horrific explosion. Only the children have been saved and they form their own community with its own language and its own rules. Sonya Sander (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) stepped into the main part after another cast member was unwell and delivered an outstanding performance. Emily Banks (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) was also very strong in her role and Julian Zielmele (Fourth Form, Queen's) was equally engaging. In fact, the whole ensemble cast delivered focused

and thought-provoking performances. Megan Winter (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Kit Rigby (Lower Sixth, Grenville) supported Miss Rebecca Clark as assistant directors.

On the Thursday and Friday evenings, audiences were entertained by Davey Anderson's 'Blackout' and Dennis Kelly's 'DNA', two equally powerful and poignant pieces delivered by exceptional, dedicated casts. Henry Pearson (Third Form, Walpole) gave a very controlled performance as a boy who falls off the tracks and ends up in prison facing an attempted murder charge. His mother, played superbly by Tallula Goldsmith (Fourth Form, Stanhope), was the unfortunate target of his outburst. However, the real strength in this performance lay in the highly engaging, physical storytelling of the ensemble cast, who handled some disturbing and sensitive themes with great maturity. Phoebe Hill (Fourth Form, Queen's), Olivia Flood (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Charlie Seddon (Lower Sixth, Cobham) worked alongside Mrs Lucy Miller to direct the

Last but not least, 'DNA' stunned audiences with its poignant portrayal of teenage relationships. When Adam, who was sensitively played by Camille Gibson (Third Form, Lyttleton), goes missing after a bullying incident, the rest of the gang have to contemplate what to do next. Alfie Cliff (Fourth Form, Chandos) gave an incredibly disciplined and mature performance as the strong and silent Phil, alongside Emilia Havard (Third Form, Stanhope), who handled Leah's thoughtful monologues with great flair. Miss Clark also directed this piece, with the help of Molly Hopkinson-Woolley (Lower Sixth, West).

Mrs Lucy Miller, Drama Department





Chapel

It was a complete delight and honour to welcome Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor to Stowe Chapel on Sunday 18 June. His Eminence was created a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II in 2001, and, before he retired, he was Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. By virtue of his position as Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor was sometimes referred to as the Catholic Primate of England and Wales. He was accompanied by Monsignor Roger Reader, Prisons Adviser, Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The Cardinal gave an excellent address on the difference between 'Celebrities and Heroes' and referred to one of his heroes – Sir Leonard Cheshire (OS, Chatham). He emphasised that celebrities lasted but a moment but heroes were known for their character and talked about for many years after their deaths. The Stoics listened attentively and respectfully as he talked to them also about eternal life which begins now in all our lives. The Service was made all the more poignant by the Choir singing 'Ave Maria', led by Geoffrey Silver (Director of Music), and the most exquisite flowers were provided by Clare Hill-Hall (Chandos Matron).

His Eminence was particularly interested in

meeting the students and this was achieved by a drinks reception and light supper in the Music Room after the Service. Louis Esquerre-Gow, Oliver Woods, Arthur Vickers (all Art Historians) were joined by John Peatfield and Mar Martinez-Tomas at the supper and there was much lively discussion on Rome and the Arts! They made a very positive impression on the Cardinal and he was as delighted to talk with them as they were with him.

As a complete coincidence (and unknown to the Cardinal) the School has chosen to support the Charity, Leonard Cheshire Disability, next year as we celebrate the centenary of the birth of Sir Leonard Cheshire (VC; OM; DSO and Two Bars; DFC) on 7 September 1917. The Charity supports disabled people to enable them to have the freedom to live their lives the way they choose. The Charity goes far beyond providing social care, as they help disabled people find and remain in employment. They build confidence through information, advice and guidance, and to break down barriers through access to computers and adapted IT equipment.

It has been an honour to have welcomed such a distinguished guest in my last term at Stowe and I look forward to returning as a preacher in Chapel in the future.

Revd Sue Sampson (Stowe Minister)

Catering Award

The Catering Department is proud to announce the latest award to add to their collection. Following a recent unannounced inspection they have been awarded the prestigious Gold Cap.

The Continuous Advancement Programme (CAP) recognises excellence in catering and is regarded as the highest measure of quality, 'safe best practices' and service within Catering and Housekeeping. The Programme incorporates and supports the further progression of the service on an on-going basis so as to ensure that the pupil experience is constantly being improved.

The Headmaster was delighted with the success of the School's Catering Department and said "I am so pleased for the team. They work tirelessly to meet the pupils' expectations across three services, seven days a week and in addition, cater for the School's requests for special occasions, Match Teas and other events such as the recent Speech Day."

The CAP inspector said "The Catering Team should be commended on their ambition. They are proactive in seeking pupil opinion. Importantly they can also demonstrate



converting the feedback into actions such as with the recent changes to the Breakfast Service. Pupils have been extremely positive about the new additions at Breakfast (avocado, smoked salmon and bagels) and the regular themed suppers have also been well-received."

In addition, the Award has demonstrated the importance the School places on the well-being of boarders, day pupils and staff. It caters for allergies and special diets on request plus regularly produces special menus to introduce pupils to different cultural dishes. They also cater for all sports and school functions.

Templars' Reunion and Norman Barling tribute

A wonderful lunch event was held on Sunday 11 June in the Blue Room at Stowe in celebration of the Templars. Old Stoic cricketers from the 1940s and 50s gathered to celebrate and commemorate Norman Barling (Grafton '44), who was one of the Templars' founders. After lunch all the guests made their way out into the sunshine to the cricket pavilion to unveil a plaque in memory of Norman Barling. The ceremony was followed with an afternoon of tea and cake whilst watching the Cricketer Cup. A delightful day for all and a great tribute to Norman Barling and his long standing association with the Templars.

Hannah Al-Anazi, Development Manager



HISTORY OF ART

The History of Art Society was pleased to welcome Dr Geoffrey Tyack to Stowe on Thursday 22 June. Dr Tyack is a distinguished architectural historian. He has recently retired as the Director of Stanford University's undergraduate programme in Oxford, but continues to teach on urban and architectural history for the MSc in English Local History at Kellogg College in Oxford and supervises D Phil students in the History of Art Department at Oxford.

Geoffrey gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the origins of the modern movement in architecture.

This was very useful since the Lower Sixth have just embarked on their studies of the twentieth century in art and architecture and it was interesting to see many buildings, which we have studied, being mentioned by Dr Tyack in his talk.

Elizabeth Chubb, Head of History of Art





Aylesbury Vale Whizz Fizzing Festival Carnival Puppet Workshops with Tony Mason.

Between 19 and 24 June the Art Department was pleased to welcome artists, Tony Mason and Iola Weir, who instructed 15 of our Lower Sixth and Fourth Form pupils in the art of large scale puppet making. The puppets will form part of the Aylesbury Vale Whizz Fizzing Festival parade, which takes place on July 1. Pupils took part from the planning stages of each puppet through to the final production, learning construction techniques, methods for calculating and planning the scale of the pieces, and sewing skills to make the wings and other parts made from fabric. It was great to see our Fourth Form pupils Marika Guguberidze (Lyttelton), Cecila Mayne (Nugent) and Matthew Alberts (Grafton) working alongside our Sixth Form artists, and special thanks go to our team leaders Anastasiia Nazarova (Lyttelton) and Mar Martinez-Tomas (Kraken) (Lyttelton), Jessamy Money-Kyrle (Nugent) and James Bridgewood (Snake) (Chatham) and Nicholas Wood (Walpole) and Matilda Bonham Carter (West) who led the Roly Poly bird.

With thanks to Mar Martinez-Tomas, Anastasiia Nazarova, Kyale Mwendwa, Charles Seddon, Marika Guguberidze, Matilda Bonham Carter, Felicity Plunket Checkemian, Francesca Cooper, Matthew Alberts, James Bridgewood, Jessamy Money-Kyrle, Freddie Tufnell, Pip Vickers, Cecilia Mayne, Nicholas Wood and Natasha

Amanda Jorgensen, Head of Art

Gala Dinner This year's celebration of the centenary of Leonard Cheshire's birth began on 8 June with three of Stowe's musicians, Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole), Audrey Au (Third Form, Lyttelton) and Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope), being invited to entertain guests at a Gala Dinner held by Leonard

Cheshire Disability at the Guildhall. The Chief Executive Officer of Leonard Cheshire Disability, Neil Heslop, reflected on how much Leonard

Cheshire owed to the vision and values of Stowe. This is confirmed in a letter which comes from Cheshire's school file, dated 24 February 1981: "I know only too well how great a debt I owe to Stowe for the start it gave me in life. Not only were they very happy days indeed, but I look upon myself as having been exceptionally fortunate in all my schooling. What a difference a good school can make, and how fortunate some of us are by comparison with others." Mr Heslop outlined the work of Leonard Cheshire Disability in supporting the more than 11 million disabled people in the UK. Alastair Hignell, the former English rugby union international, cricketer and broadcaster, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, reflected that one in six of us will be affected by disability at some point in our lives through an injury, accident, heart attack, stroke or conditions like MS and motor neurone disease. For many of us it will be the hardest thing we ever have to face. It is for this reason that we want to commemorate the anniversary of the centenary of Leonard Cheshire's birth on 7 September 1917 by making Leonard Cheshire Disability the School's Charity of the Year.

Tom Mayhew (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Georgia ten toughest courses across the world due to its Conservancy, meaning that they ran in the extreme heat, at an altitude of 5,500ft. Georgia ran a very impressive time of 1hr 44mins and Tom ran it in 2hrs 14 which is incredible after only one day's

acclimatisation.

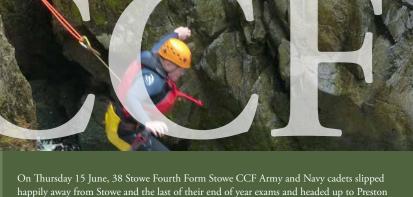
Tusk Safaricom Half Marathon

Many of you may be aware of the projects Tusk has established in Kenya over the last 25 years which include more than 60 field projects in 19 wildlife, but also help to alleviate poverty through sustainable development and education amongst rural communities who live alongside the wildlife. As the ever-expanding human population and its demand for more land brings increasing conflict with wildlife, Tusk's aim is to forge an inextricable link between the preservation of Africa's natural heritage and the future of its land, with community at the core of their anti-poaching campaign, is to sort out the root cause of why views on poaching can be acheived by giving

They are now staying out for two further weeks Georgia are volunteering at Ntugi School and then They were also very lucky to be given a short flight in the course helicopter and so got an aerial view of

The projects, particularly those that combine the initiatives for alleviating poverty in remote rural communities, show a clear way forward and therefore the work of this charity is remarkable stabilising local economies in Kenya and providing worthwhile education to rural schools and villages. They are particularly passionate about this area of education beneficiaries of the event. They would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. Their donation page is here.





happily away from Stowe and the last of their end of year exams and headed up to Preston for a few days to enjoy Cumbria's rivers and caves.

RAF Cadet Training Centre INSKIP, Preston provided comfortable accommodation and excellent food and was the base from which we set out early each day to enjoy adrenaline -fuelled, refreshingly icy watery fun.

Day one: Amber Capurro (Queen's) writes:

After our first night on camp we set off early in the morning to a river in Cumbria where we the spent the first half of our day learning how to paddle board. But not only did we learn the simple task of stand up paddle boarding, we learnt tricks such as the pivot turn, we played paddle board polo and we attempted stand up paddle boarding on a massive board for 15 or more people; needless to say lots of us fell into the water after attempting a skill that will come in handy again at some point in our lives. We also got to take part in jumping off some rocks on the side and climbing through the slow rapids to give us a taster for the next day's activities to come. After we left the river we went back to the base, recovered from our shivers, changed our wetsuits and set off for caving. Caving was challenging for some and exhilarating for others but was rewarding for all. Some struggled to fit through the small gaps due to their fears but with the help of others we all managed to complete the tasks and move through a total of four caves all with their own challenges. After plenty of jokes and games and a quick stop at the shops we headed back to the camp where we had our supper, watched a film and had a well-deserved rest after a busy day of

Day two: Thor Mager (Bruce) writes:

Falls River, Ingleton, Cumbria to take part in some exciting adventure training including Ghyll scrambling and waterfall jumping. To start off with we got used to the freezing temperatures of Cumbria's rivers and built up our confidence jumping off some low lying rocks. We then scrambled our way up the river falling over a rock every time we decided it was too cold to swim. This beginning part was personally a tricky task, trying to get my stepping right with the dark water not helping. The first challenge was trying to swim right through a waterfall with tonnes of water pounding down from what felt like miles high. All of the boys braced ourselves to face to the challenge but in the end realised we had no chance. However, this was an enjoyable challenge for everyone. After some walking in our heavy wetsuits with the cloud blocking the 10am morning Cumbrian sun, we were soon back in the water. We tackled many jumps plunging in from heights of buses into the fresh water with our buoyancy aids bouncing straight into our necks as soon as we had landed from two seconds of air time at incredible speeds. The jumps were popular with everyone and we were all brave enough to tackle the final and most challenging jump. The boys, especially, were excited for every jump big or small they just craved the adrenaline rushing through their body when they entered feet first into the river. The small slips and slides further down the river made everyone smile after it finished. But some funny and abseiling down a vertical slope that was thoroughly enjoyed not just by the experts of the process but also by the beginners. We all had an amazing time on the unforgettable trip and everyone thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it!

Impressively, all 38 cadets rose to every physical challenge set, from squeezing through tiny gaps in cool, clammy, watery caves, to leaping from the safety of firm rock faces to deep, chilly, unknown water below. They were an excellent group with a positive attitude and as well as enjoying the adventure of the activities, were all pushed, mentally and physically, to varying degrees (some firmly out of their comfort zone.)

A very rewarding two days of character development and personal achievement.

Thanks to the CCF staff, as ever, at a very

busy time of the year who accompanied me; Captain Charlie Standley who leaves at the end of this term to go to Oundle School. He has been a stalwart member of CCF and his absolute professionalism and humour will be missed by staff and cadets alike; Captain Wilson, Abigail Hutchings, another loss to CCF and Stowe, whom we wish all the best in the future and lastly, Nick Zammit, (ex -submariner) whom we welcome to Stowe CCF to lead the Royal Navy section.

Major Jan de Gale





Stowe Cadets Enjoy Military Heritage Day at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

opportunity presented by this event to learn more about Sandhurst and the Army. There was a wide range of stalls displaying the latest weapons and armour, with soldiers at hand keen to explain the finer points, while the Leach Catapult was an interesting discovery. The Army's White Helmets motorcycle display team put on a heart-stopping show, driving through flames and doing acrobatics of the iconic portico brought a lump to everyone's throat. It was a wonderful atmosphere and an event not to be missed.



Quainton Church Concert

On Saturday 10 June Stowe musicians treated Quainton Church to a concert of mainly baroque music, to celebrate their restoration of some 18th Century marble statues.

The concert started with all of the instrumentalists with Rachel Sherry singing an aria from the early opera 'Amadigi' by Handel. Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) gave a terrific rendition of Marcello's Oboe Concerto with Alex Aitken on the church organ. Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope) gave a very mature performance of two movements from Bach's solo 'cello suites, on the viola. She and Audrey Au (Third Form, Lyttelton) played the Duo in G Major by Mozart. This was so finely played that it was sometimes hard to believe that there were only two players. Purcell's 'Sound the Trumpet' was brilliantly sung by Rachel Sherry and Geoffrey Silver. It was great to see the two singers having so much fun. The

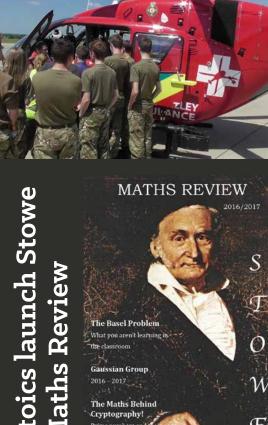
whole ensemble then played the haunting theme tune from Brideshead Revisited. The second half opened with Handel's Eternal Source of Light Divine. This sublime piece was sung by Geoffrey Silver as a duet with trumpet and the entire ensemble supporting. Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole) then gave a beautiful rendition of a Bach organ prelude. After this we had another solo from Geoffrey Silver, the wonderful 'Fairest Isle' by Purcell. Alex Aitken then gave a very informative introduction to his solo organ playing of a Bach chorale prelude. The concert ended with the Aria from Jauchzet Gott (Bach's Cantata 51). This is very technically demanding for all concerned, and demonstrated how well all of the musicians have worked together. It really was a fitting end to a wonderful concert.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion

RAF Benson

On Saturday 17 June the RAF CCF section visited RAF Benson in Oxfordshire to conduct their annual air experience flying training. Cadets all received introductory briefings and undertook practice parachute drills before taking to the sky for a 30 minute sortie each in an RAF Grob tutor aircraft. Weather conditions were perfect for an enjoyable flight and all the cadets landed with broad smiles on their faces. In addition the cadets were able to talk with the crew of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance helicopter based at Benson and have a close look round their EC-135 helicopter before the crew were scrambled on a real call-out. Further air experience days are planned for the final week of term and for next year.

Jon Murnane



Maths Review is Stowe's first ever mathematics magazine. As well as Stoics writing direct maths proofs, the magazine gives an insight into mathematics at Stowe. From the advanced maths problems to school level maths, this review is our way of exploring the universe at its very fundamental level; that is at the mathematical level. In our magazine, from Infinity to Complex Numbers, Stoics shine the light of mathematics onto the unknown and counterintuitive.

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The magazine also gives an insight into historical and philosophical aspects of maths including the Number Theory and mathematics as a universal language. James Joseph Sylvester said, "Mathematics is the music of reason." In the maths review, Stoics successfully deliver this music to the readers.

Hakan Yadsan, Teacher of Mathematics

Towe Darents

Stowe Parents have had a busy second half to the term, with three events. Starting on 10 June with the ever popular Headmaster's Garden Tour, an entertaining and informative tour of some of the main rooms in the House, together with an overview of the gardens, its history and some of the key temples, including a lovely lunch in the Blue Room.

This was followed by the excellent Junior Congreve on 22 June, where parents enjoyed preshow drinks and finger buffet before watching the performance from their reserved seats.

We rounded off the term with a lovely day at Boodles Tennis event at Stoke Park: parents were greeted on arrival with champagne before enjoying the tennis and a BBQ lunch in the lovely surroundings of the park. Sadly rain stopped play after two matches, but that didn't stop us enjoying a chat and a drink snuggled under large umbrellas. A great day, and the tennis we did see was great fun, from fabulous seats incredibly close to the play.

From all on the Stowe Parents Committee we wish you a lovely summer, and look forward to seeing you at our events next term.

Michelle Feasey, Co-Chair Stowe Parents

Cycle for Ol Pejeta Conservancy

From this weekend until 9 July I will be undertaking a 336 mile cycle ride from Plymouth to Dover. I am doing this is to raise money for Ol Pejeta Conservancy, located in Kenya. The conservancy is home to the final three Northern White Rhino and is the largest Black Rhino sanctuary in East Africa.

I will be doing this with a friend and we will have a support car which will carry essentials such as first-aid, equipment and food. It will take us about a week, doing roughly 50 miles a day. Our fundraising goal is £5,000 and currently we have reached £1,600, so any support you can possibly give us will be greatly appreciated.

Ethan Collins (Fourth Form, Temple)







Medical Detection Dog 'Stowe' greets Stoics in Chapel

A surprise appearance by our MDD puppy 'Stowe' set Chapel astir on Tuesday 23 May. Jeremy Mulkern, one of MDD's dog trainers, gave a brief talk on the work of the charity and the type of puppy training that Stowe is undergoing. Now seven months old, Stowe shows lots of promise and, although it is early days, he demonstrates the personality traits desirable for an MDD dog. Becky King, Stowe's puppy socialiser, said it was an excellent experience for Stowe to meet the Stoics; he was totally unphased by all the loving hands which reached out to stroke and pat him during his tour of the Chapel.

Sheilagh Rawlins, Science Department



Long Service Awards

Conscious of the level of loyalty and long service of staff at Stowe, the Executive Management Team proposed a recognition scheme to mark the achievement of twentyfive years' continuous service to the School. On 28 June, the Headmaster presented the first batch of awards to members of the Operations Directorate. These awards recognised a collective length of service of 223 years from seven people across all departments, including the longest serving, handyman, Tim Hayle, with over 41 years continuous service. In presenting the awards, the Headmaster commented that returning back in time by that length of service, 223 years ago, would have seen Stowe House still being completed by the Marquis of Buckingham! The recipients were as follows:

Tim Hayle - Estates (41 years) Alan Konrad - Estates (35 years) Steve Cory - Estates (34 years) John Campbell - Catering (31 years) Ann Hudson - Catering (28 years) Tara Stevens - Housekeeping (27 years)

Geoff Higgins has completed 39 years which includes 12 years as a contractor with Compass so his actual service to Stowe is 27 years.

Nick Morris, Operations Director

Easter Ski Trip

Dates: 24 - 29 March 2018

Destination: Serre Chevalier, French Alps



e price of £1080 includes:

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- side hotel
- als (lunch taken in a mountain restau
- rès-ski activities (thermal spa baths, bowling,

Please email Mr Moffat to register your interest (gmoffat@stowe.co.uk)



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