



## Cricket Tour of Cape Town



Over the February Half term the U14 and U15 cricket teams embarked on a successful tour of Cape Town. The U14s won two, tied one and lost one and the U15s won four and lost one, which is a great result for both teams.

George Hooper (Third Form, Chandos) was the main performer with bat and ball for the U14s and Rhys Noble (Third Form, Chandos), Sam Birch (Third Form, Grenville) and Jack Mercer (Third Form, Grafton) stood out as key players. Holly Phillips (Third Form, Nugent) acquitted herself well throughout the tour and looks set to play with the U14 boys this summer.

George Holmes (Fourth Form, Grafton) and Louis Newman (Fourth Form, Grafton) were the best batters for the U15s and with the ball, Chipper Shore-Hollingworth (Fourth Form, Chandos) and Ed Broughton (Fourth

Form, Cobham) were the main performers.

Thank you to Edwin Doran for putting everything together and accommodating any changes, Sean Kraft, the ground handler and all the Stoics. They were a real credit to the School and there were positive comments from the opposition staff and host families. A lot of parents came out to support the boys, which was greatly appreciated, and I would also like to thank Phil, Peter, Andy and Michelle for all they did to help the tour run smoothly.

Videos of the matches and a gallery of photos can be seen on the [Stowe School Cricket YouTube Channel](#).

Attention now turns to the 1st XIs tour to Dubai in Easter to compete in the Schools Arch Trophy.

*James Knott, Head of Cricket*



## In Session with Lewis Bell

'In Session with Lewis Bell' was the most fantastic celebration of Lewis' five years as a Music Scholar at Stowe. It featured all of Lewis's friends from the Music Department and some of the groups that he has been a key member of during his time at Stowe. It featured 10 numbers from the Big Band, which Lewis has made his own during the last few years.

There were great solos from Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) on alto sax and Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton) on trumpet, and of course Lewis (Upper Sixth, Grenville) on piano. Lewis even sang 'Come Fly With Me' with the full band and gave some great solo performances of Kapustin's 'Toccatina', 'Someone To Watch Over Me' and 'Man I Love'. He accompanied Mina Haas (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) for three songs; 'Misty', 'The Girl from Ipanema' and 'Pure Imagination'. He also performed 'Georgia on my Mind' with Mali Aitchison (Lower Sixth, Nugent).

Lewis has worked with Henry (Lower Sixth, Walpole) and Alex McQuitty (Walpole 16) as a jazz trio for several years now, and they showed just how well they understand each other with several trio numbers. It was great to see Lewis and Ben Andrew playing music from Rodney Bennett's Suite for Two Pianos. Ben has taught Lewis since he arrived at Stowe and they performed beautifully. Lewis still has several concerts before he leaves us to take up his place at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. We all wish him every success, and will keenly follow his career as a musician.

*Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion*

## Academic Salvagers

The first Academic Salvagers of the New Year were awarded to the Houses with the best overall APG results for the first half of the Lent term. It was good to see some newcomers on this occasion with Grenville winning the Best Lower School Boys' House and Queen's the Best Lowest School Girls' House. In the Sixth Form the Salver for Best Girls' House went to Lyttelton and the Boys' award was shared jointly between Walpole and Chatham.

In addition, the introductions of Senior Tutor Certificates of Achievement, recognising the academic endeavours of individuals were awarded for the first time to the following pupils:

- Toby Lawrance (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Anna Wilson (Upper Sixth, Queen's) for outstanding Upper Sixth trial exam results.
- Piers Edinborough (Upper Sixth, Walpole) for his consistently outstanding industry and effort, culminating in a full set of A grades for attainment in the recent APGs.
- Ben Solomon (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Franny Moseley (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Arabella Coldstream (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) for their superb average scores, for both attitude to learning and prep during the first half of term.
- Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple) for his outstanding attitude to his learning.

*Sally Akam, Senior Tutor*

# Live Jazz



On Saturday 25 February the Uglend Auditorium rang out with the sounds of live jazz. This was collaboration between the National Youth Jazz Orchestra (NYJO), Aylesbury Music Centre Big Band and our own Stowe Big Band.

In the afternoon, Mark Armstrong (Director of NYJO) led a workshop involving all three bands. By the end of this session they were sounding like the Duke Ellington Band, performing a piece based on the 12 bar blues, all with no written music. The Stowe Big Band opened the concert in the evening with five contrasting pieces from their ever-expanding repertoire. They have really achieved a new level in their playing, and there is always an air of excitement when they perform. The Aylesbury Music Centre Big Band then concluded the first half with some very impressive performances of pieces that they will

soon be playing for the National Festival of Music for Youth Competition, (they have won this competition many times over the last 30 years).

The second half of the concert was entirely devoted to the amazing NYJO. They played an impressive programme, with extended pieces featuring nearly every member of the band as a soloist at some stage. Most of their pieces are written or arranged by members of the band and highlight the virtuosity of all of their players. Many thanks go to Dan Francis (of the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust) for his work in coordinating this event. Also to Mark Armstrong for the workshop that left our musicians buzzing with excitement and to Sarah Searle, as always, for all of her hard work behind and in front of the scenes.

*Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion*

## DofE

On Wednesday 8 March, four recent Old Stoics, Jack Strong (Chandos 15), Fenella Barrons (Queen's 15), Anna Bevington (Queen's 16) and Harrison Dockerty (Chandos 16), were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at St James' Palace in the presence of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr Fraser Liversage was also presented to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in recognition of his outstanding service to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Stowe. Congratulations to all five!



The DofE staff had also invited Sara Thornton, CBE, QPM to present the certificates and deliver a talk to the assembled group. Sara is the former Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, so who better, on International Women's Day, to put into context the value of the Gold DofE Award and the life skills that it affords the participants. Sara talked about 'purpose' and 'determination' and made continual reference to each and every aspect of the DofE process.

After her talk she invited questions, whereupon Harrison Dockerty asked her to give an example of when, in her career, had her resilience been tested the most. You could sense from the hush that fell over the Throne Room that everyone thought this to be the best question of the session, but we weren't quite prepared for the fifteen minute response. It was a heartfelt account and a fascinating insight into someone in a position of such importance.

This year's Gold participants will be heading off to brave the wilds of Dartmoor for their Practice Expedition on Saturday 1 April. Good luck to all and I hope that we shall see many of them at the Palace in the next year or so as they complete their Awards.

*Gwilym Jones, MiC DofE*



## RUGBY 7S

The U16s rugby VIs boys competed in the Oakham Schools' 7s tournament on Sunday 26 February. The squad consisted Captain, Ed Anderson (Fifth Form, Bruce), Jamie Moir (Fifth Form, Grenville), Mark Kanjana (Fifth Form, Walpole), Ollie Bowder (Fifth Form, Grafton), Jack Comyn (Fourth Form, Grafton), Freddie Horlick (Fifth Form, Bruce), Harry Hewlett (Fifth Form, Cobham), Egan Brosnan (Fourth Form, Grenville), Dom Saghri (Fifth Form, Chatham), Ben Edeh (Fourth Form, Grenville) and Tom Worrall (Fifth Form, Grafton).

In a tough group of five the U16s started with three solid wins against Oundle, Bedford and Stamford. In the final match of the group against Uppingham we both scored three tries each. However, they converted one of their tries to go through as group winners and left us with the tougher route in the Cup as runners up. A fine performance in the quarter-final saw us beat Culford. We then came back after going 10-0 down in the semi-final against Leicester Grammar School to win 19-10. This set up a re-match in the final against Uppingham. This time we started strong and raced off to a 26-0 lead at half time. We then went on to win the final 31-12. It was a fine team performance captained by the ever tenacious Ed Anderson and is a great start to the build-up to Rosslyn Park.

*Liam Copley, U16s Coach*

The Senior 7s squad also travelled to Oakham on Sunday 26 February for their first tournament on the road to Rosslyn Park, where they aim to retain the trophy for the third year running.

Stowe was placed in a tough group on a postage stamp of a pitch against the likes of Bedford and Stamford. A superb physical win against Bedford ultimately set the tone for the rest of day as Stowe went through the group stages as winners of their pool.

Stowe then dispatched St Joseph's, Ipswich in the quarter-final and followed this with their best performance of the day - beating a supposed season undefeated Rugby School side 31-0. This set up a re-match against Bedford in the final. Due to ill-discipline and a slow start by Stowe, Bedford were able to race to a 21-0 lead. Stowe fought back valiantly, but the bounce of the ball was not with us in the dying stages and we came a close second 21-17.

*Michael Rickner, U18s Coach*





# Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts

On Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March, around twenty Stoic musicians took part in the annual Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts. The standard of this year's competition was the highest I can remember but I am pleased to report that Stowe was extremely well-represented at the festival and we walked away with several prizes.

I would like to congratulate all those who took part. It was clear that a great deal of preparation and practice had taken place in the weeks and months leading up to the festival. The prize winners from the festival are as follows:

Audrey Au (Third Form, Lyttelton), 1st prize, advanced strings class; Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole), 1st prize, piano recital class (17 and under); Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope), 1st prize, diploma romantic piano and 2nd prize, advanced strings; Poppy de Salis (Fifth Form, Stanhope), 1st prize, strings recital (17 and under); Charlotte Brennan (Lower Sixth, West) 1st prize, plucked instrument class; Arabella Coldstream (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), 1st prize, 'Song from a Musical'; Helena Vince

(Fifth Form, Queen's), 3rd prize, intermediate strings, 3rd prize, aria class (18 and under) and 3rd prize, 'Song from a Musical'; Emily Banks (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), 2nd prize aria class (18 and under); Isabel Ward (Fifth Form, Stanhope), 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize, advanced recorder, advanced flute and woodwind recital classes respectively.

Following on from these successes, Audrey Au, Jeffrey Au and Charlotte Brennan have been selected as three of six finalists from over 1,000 festival participants to take part in the Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year competition on Saturday 11 March. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing how they get on.

I would like to thank Sarah Searle for helping to organise the significant logistics for the weekend, Rachel Sherry and Alex Aitken for their assistance with accompaniment and also Miles Nottage for stepping in at the last minute and assisting with transport for the festival.

*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*

## FOOTBALL

The 1st XI recorded their first win of the season with a fine 4-1 victory against Bedford on Saturday 25 February and the 3rd XI won their match 3-1.

On Tuesday 28 February the 1st XI won a very entertaining game 7-3 against Oundle and the U16s won 4-2.

*Andrew Jackson, MiC Football*

## GOLF

Stowe Golfers have been extremely busy with practice in preparation for the PGA Coaching and Development Trip to Portugal and a whole host of prestigious Inter-School fixtures. On Thursday 9 February our Senior team managed an excellent half at Stoke Park Golf Club against a very experienced Harrow team - notable performances came from Pieter Odell (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Lochie Shillington (Fifth Form, Grafton) and Max Smith (Fourth Form, Cobham), who all produced first class victories in singles match play format. It was also encouraging to see Freddie Horlick (Fifth Form, Bruce) making his golfing come-back in a narrow defeat against one of Harrow's strongest golfers.

On Sunday 26 February, the Senior team travelled to Sunningdale Golf Club to take on the mighty Old Stoic Golf Society in this newly established fixture. Although defeated, Stoics were provided with excellent match practice in the run up to the Gerald Micklem Trophy.

On Tuesday 28 February, our Junior team travelled to Radley and ended up losing narrowly 4.5-3.5 in an exceptionally competitive fixture. Fine performances came from Max Smith (Fourth Form, Cobham) and Tom Riley (Fourth Form, Bruce).

On Sunday 5 March, Inter-House Golf returned to the agenda and we had a fantastic turnout with 32 golfers participating in the event. Chandos were convincing winners in the team event with Bruce finishing as runners up. In the inaugural 'Laddie Lucas Cup' 18 hole scratch competition, Olly Clarke (Upper Sixth, Chandos) won with a fantastic gross score of two under par - rather fitting given that both Clarke and Lucas belong to the left-handed persuasion.

*Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf*

# History of Art

From September 2017, Stowe's History of Art pupils will be studying for a Pre-U as part of their Sixth Form studies. Cambridge Pre-U is an alternative to A Level, and is offered by a growing number of UK schools. The History of Art specification for the Pre-U is a really interesting one and plays to the strengths of Stoics. It has a scale of nine grades, the top grade, Distinction 1, reports achievement above Grade A\* at A Level. Distinction 3 is aligned to Grade A at A Level, and the lowest pass grade, Pass 3, is aligned to Grade E. Cambridge Pre-U was developed with universities in response to their requests for a qualification that better prepares pupils for degree-level studies. More than 140 UK universities accept Cambridge Pre-U for entry to undergraduate courses.

We are really looking forward to teaching the Pre-U specification. There are some great artworks for Stoics to study from all time periods in art history and from a variety of cultures: from sculptures of charioteers in Greek art to performance art from Serbia. It will be good to be a pioneer of a new qualification at Stowe.

*Elizabeth Chubb, Head of History of Art*





# StoweBots set to take on the World

On Thursday 23 of February our robotics team, the StoweBots attended the final Regional event of the year before the National Finals. Both teams did well at the event (although the Junior team had a striped back robot as their initial plan hadn't fully come together) and made the play-off matches. In typical StoweBots fashion the team's alliances faced each other in a semi-final match. The Junior team won the first game in the best of three semi-final match, but the Senior team fixed a slight issue that allowed them to then win the next two matches and progress to the Final, knocking out the Junior team. Unfortunately, the Seniors were not able to win the Final being hampered by some robot fatigue and a leaking pneumatic system.

However, this was one of four UK Regional events that had an Excellence Award on offer. This award is given to the team judged to have the best engineering logbook, sportsmanship, gameplay and overall final position from the day. The Excellence Award also carries an automatic qualification to the World Finals in Kentucky, USA. On the day it was a close call for the judges between our Senior team's logbook and another team, with a fairly split decision between the judges. Fortunately the Senior team was awarded the Excellence Award and have gained direct entry to the World Finals. Only four Excellence Awards are available before the UK National Final. Another three teams will be awarded places from the 40 teams at the National Finals (seven in total from the UK). Currently there are a little over 250 teams competing in the UK, so to be one of four early



qualifiers is an outstanding achievement. Last year we narrowly scraped into the World Finals gaining one of the last available spots.

At the 2016 World Finals we ranked about 250th of the 500 teams. We are hopeful that this year we can improve on this performance and place higher in the overall rankings. It is a tough competition and there are many challenges to overcome in order to compete at a National level let alone at the World Finals. The team continues to refine their robot in preparation for the National Finals held in Birmingham from 16-18 March, we will then have a month to prepare for the World Finals.

We are hoping to send a team of four Stoics to compete at the World Finals and are planning the trip and raising funds to travel to America in April. It is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and any support would be welcome.

*Paul Thompson, MiC Robots*



## Marathon

Fern Parker, who works in the catering team at Stowe, is running this year's London Marathon in aid of Leonard Cheshire Disability.

Leonard Cheshire Disability supports people with disabilities to overcome the obstacles that society place upon them. They do this through: campaigning; providing care in people's own homes; supporting rented accommodation; residential homes; day centres; and respite services.

To sponsor Fern and to find out more about her reasons for running for Leonard Cheshire Disability please visit her [JustGiving page](#).



## HOCKEY

On Saturday 25 February, the 1st XI pushed hard for the winning goal against St Edward's but had to settle in the end with a 0-0 draw. The 2nd XI had a fine 3-0 win and all three Junior Colts sides won, the A team won 3-1, the B team won 8-1 and the C team won 1-0.

On Tuesday 28 February, in the fixtures against Bedford the 1st XI had an emphatic 5-1 win and the 3rd XI won 2-1. There were further victories against Bedford on Thursday 2 March with the U16Bs winning 3-0, the U15Bs 5-0 and the U15Cs 2-1.

In the Senior Inter-House competition on Saturday 4 March, Cobham beat Chatham in the final on penalty strokes after a 2-2 draw in normal time and in the Intermediate competition Chatham beat Temple in the final on penalty strokes after a 0-0 draw in normal time.

*Ben Scott, Head of Hockey*



## POLO

In the National Polo Championship held at Rugby Polo Club on Sunday 5 March, over 40 teams competed in the biggest arena competition. Stowe took four teams, entering the Open, two teams for the Intermediate and one team for the Novice section. The teams played brilliantly, our Novice team of Alfie Kingham (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Tom White (Fifth Form, Chatham) and Captain Nathan Dana (Fifth Form, Temple), won their section and received silverware for Stowe. The two Intermediate teams came third and fifth and our A team got to the finals and narrowly lost 4-2 to Harrow to come second in the country.

*Fiona Corthine, MiC Polo*

## FIVES

In the Junior Inter-House competition held on Sunday 5 March, Chandos beat Bruce in a very close final and Nugent beat Lyttelton.

*John Skinner, MiC Fives*



## ¿Cuántos me gusta tienes?

On Thursday 23 February the Fourth Form Spanish linguists watched a play performed completely in Spanish. The play was called ¿Cuántos me gusta tienes? Which translates to 'how many likes do you have?'

It was performed by two Spanish actors. In the play a boy aged 15 called Alejandro was in hospital and wanted to tell his friends on Facebook. He took a photo of himself and wrote a message but then changed the message to get more sympathy and made it sound like he was seriously ill.

After this, the hospital assistant came and asked what Alejandro would like to eat. Harry Mehta (Fourth Form, Walpole), Lula Goldsmith (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Stephanie Ross (Fourth Form, Stanhope) all helped Alejandro to decide.

Since Alejandro made out he was really ill, lots of his friends were worried and came to see how he was. Some thought he was going to have a

serious operation and one friend even decided to organise a charity event. Mia Dettori (Fourth Form, Nugent), Dave Dooley (Fourth Form, Grafton), Louis Hay (Fourth Form, Grafton) and Georgie Mercer (Fourth Form, Queen's) all helped with the event. In the end Alejandro told the truth and the play ended happily. Before we watched the play we used new learning techniques to learn the tricky vocabulary that came up.

*Thor Mager (Fourth Form, Bruce)*

It's not until you watch a play in Spanish that you realise how much of the language you understand. It is a brilliant way to gently nudge us into not relying upon the brains of our teachers to tell us what every other word means. They were funny, talented and all of us had a fabulous time watching something different, we are all very grateful that we had the chance to watch such a great performance.

*Lula Goldsmith (Fourth Form, Stanhope)*

## Stowe in Dubai

James Bernard (Lyttelton 90) and the Headmaster jointly hosted a reception at the Bahri Bar in one of Dubai's most attractive locations, the Madinat Jumeirah, close to the iconic Palm Jumeirah.

Old Stoics ranged from Charlie Sargent and Nick Paine (both Chatham 13) to Peter Westeng (Bruce 74), Jonathan Guyer (Grafton 78) and Jaideep Gulab (Grafton 79). A number of current parents attended the reception, giving the Headmaster an opportunity to provide up-to-date progress reports on Abdullah Al Banawi (Lower Sixth, West), Tair Udovenchuk (Fourth Form, Bruce), Edwin Rimlinger (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Jack Colebrook (Fourth Form, Bruce) and Hugo Barnett (Lower Sixth, Bruce). A few Stoics even came to say hello – Arabella (Fifth Form, Nugent) and Amelia White (Third Form, Nugent) and Avijit Nair (Upper Sixth, Cobham) - although Dubai's strict laws meant that they weren't allowed into the venue. Unexpected guests included the entire Nuttall family - testimony to the power of social media - who were enjoying a Half term break in Dubai.

Some of the Old Stoics present are considering Stowe for their children and the Headmaster extolled the virtues of educational continuity



for Raghav Gulab and Micky Shillington. It was excellent to meet up with Sean Angle, father of Jamie (Chandos 15) and Jocelyn and John Al Adwani, parents of Aliya (West 16) to catch up with all their news.

In his speech, the Headmaster explained that he was in transit from Afghanistan where he had been working with Children in Crisis and talked about recent developments at Stowe, including the opening of the Worsley Science Centre and this year's theme of Marginal Gains. He presented James Bernard with a Stowe Shield; James promised it will be prominently displayed at the Dubai Multi-Commodities Centre where he is Director of Business Development.

### LACROSSE

In the triangular tournament against Wycombe Abbey and Cheltenham Ladies' College on Saturday 25 February the 1st team won both encounters. They beat Wycombe 8-5 and Cheltenham 7-3. This was great preparation for the team ahead of the Nationals. The 2nd XI had a convincing 12-3 win against Cheltenham Ladies' College. This was the first time they have ever beat Cheltenham Ladies' 2nd team.

On Wednesday 1 March, in the matches against Haberdashers' Aske's, there were some encouraging wins. The 3rd XII won 13-12, the U15Bs won 7-2 and there were two wins for the U14As and U14Bs, 11-6 and 5-1 respectively.

On the first day of the Nationals on Friday 3 March, the 1st XII won five of their six group matches and went through to the Championship Division on the following day. On the Saturday the team performed well in the pool matches finishing joint first having beaten the eventual winners of the competition. The team went out in the quarter-finals making them one of the top eight teams in the country.

Congratulations go to Philly Stacey (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Olivia Thomas (Lower Sixth, Nugent) who have been selected to play for the U19A England squad in the Home Internationals and against the Senior Japan National team in a few weeks' time. Philly has been made Captain for the Home Internationals team.

*Kaitlan Griffin, Head of Lacrosse*

### BASKETBALL

The Senior basketball team had a fantastic 78-44 win away at Rugby School on Saturday 25 February.

On Saturday 4 March the Senior and U16 teams travelled to Pangbourne. The Seniors had an amazing 86 points to 4 win with Captain Ollie Pell (Upper Sixth, Bruce) breaking the School Record for individual points in a match, scoring 60. The U16s played extremely well to beat the Pangbourne U18 team 24-22.

*Isaac Michael, MiC Basketball*

### BADMINTON

Congratulations to Eleanor Butler (Third Form, Lyttelton) who won double gold in an U18 tournament in Devon on Saturday 4 March winning the singles and doubles. On Sunday 5 March she competed in an U19 tournament winning gold in the singles and in the process beating the no.1 seed in straight sets, and also won bronze in the doubles.

*Hazel Browne, MiC Badminton*

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# A Life in Medicine

Sisters Emily Woodhead (Nugent, 16) and Sophie Woodhead (Nugent 13) returned to Stowe on Tuesday 28 February to give current Stoics an insight into studying medicine. Emily is in her first year of a medical degree at UCL and Sophie, having studied medicine at Cambridge, is now in London doing her clinical practise.

Their passion for medicine was evident throughout and it was a wonderful opportunity for Stoics to hear about what it entails from two Old Stoics who are currently in the process of studying to qualify as doctors. With tales from the dissecting room and stories of what it is like to be a medical student, Emily and Sophie gave an inside view of the demands and rewards of working towards such a valuable vocation.

In the questions that followed their presentation, they helped Stoics understand what it takes to be a successful applicant and gave valuable tips on applying, especially the need for extensive medical work experience.

Thanks to the generosity of the Woodhead family, a Biomedical Prize for Research and



Work Experience has been set up to give Lower Sixth Form Stoics an extra incentive to get as much experience as possible to help support medical and biomedical applications to competitive universities. Emily and Sophie have also put themselves forward to help mentor any Stoics who want to apply for medicine. We are very grateful for the invaluable support they are giving to current Stoics.

*James Tearle, Head of Science*



## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

On Sunday 26 February, Stoics competed for the coveted Inter-House Clay Pigeon Shooting title. The competition has been running since the 1930s and there has never been such weather for Stoics to cope with during a competition. By 3pm Storm Doris worsened with estimated gusts of wind up to 45 miles per hour. Trees were ripped from their roots, but nothing stood in the way of Stoics competing for one of the longest running Inter-House competitions at Stowe.

An early lead was taken by West, who participated in the competition for the first time since the House was established. Later that day the lead was taken by the reigning champions Grenville, with Captain Ben "sharp shooter" Skinner (Upper Sixth, Grenville) performing to his usual level of excellence achieving 22 out of 25, closely followed by teammate Oliver Milne-Skillman (Upper Sixth, Grenville) with 21 and Will Trumper (Lower Sixth, Grenville) with 19.

Grenville took the day with an outstanding 62 out of 75 on the most challenging of days. The top girls' House was Stanhope with Top Girl awarded to Lottie Hopkinson (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) with 14.

*Gordon West, MiC Clay Pigeon Shooting*

## ROWING

On Saturday 25 February, the Stowe 1st VIII travelled to Norfolk for the Norwich Head of the River race. The crew was Ilya Riskin (Fifth Form, Chandos), Tom Fox (Fifth Form, Temple), Gleb Shcherbakov (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Will Fox (Fifth Form, Bruce), Ayrton Patel (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple), James Pocklington (Lower Sixth, Grenville), Archie Morley (Fifth Form, Walpole) and Elliot Patel (Fourth Form, Cobham).

The team rowed over a long 5,000m course, against the tide and into wind and waves. It was the experience the crew needed in order to prepare for the Schools' Head in March, which is rowed over the Championship course on the Tidal Thames at Putney.

In the morning, Archie Morley entered the Regional Trials. He put in an accomplished performance in the U16 singles event. The single is the ultimate test of rowing ability and in this event he ranks as the fourth best rower in the East of England - an impressive achievement.

*Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach*



# Murray McLachlan

On Wednesday 8 February, international concert pianist Murray McLachlan returned to Stowe for the third time to give a piano masterclass and evening recital. The masterclass left all who played and observed really inspired and his teaching style was engaging and highly practical. It was great to see the pianists respond to Murray's words of wisdom with such enthusiasm as he coached them on their repertoire.

Alex Grinyer (Upper Sixth, Walpole) performed the first movement of Rachmaninov's piano concerto no.2 in preparation for his performance in Cambridge on Sunday 26 March. Jeffrey Au (Fourth Form, Walpole) performed Chopin's Ballade no.3 which he is currently preparing for several competitions. Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) performed Brahms' Intermezzo in A minor op.76, which she is preparing for her Grade 8 exam. Theodore Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) played two of his diploma pieces, 'The Man I Love' and 'I Got Rhythm' by Gershwin and Rosia Li (Third Form, Stanhope) performed a lesser known Rondo in G major by Beethoven.

In the evening, Murray gave a piano recital of the entire Debussy Etudes, which was a monumental undertaking. The audience was transfixed by his electric playing and very innovative use of the pedal. The second half featured Murray's own transcriptions of works by composers such as Finzi, Ronald Stevenson and Mozart. I particularly enjoyed the performance of the slow movement of Rachmaninov's 1st piano concerto, which was expansive and serene. We look forward to welcoming Murray back to Stowe in March for a special one day piano teacher conference in association with the European Piano Teacher's Association, of which Murray is the Chairman.

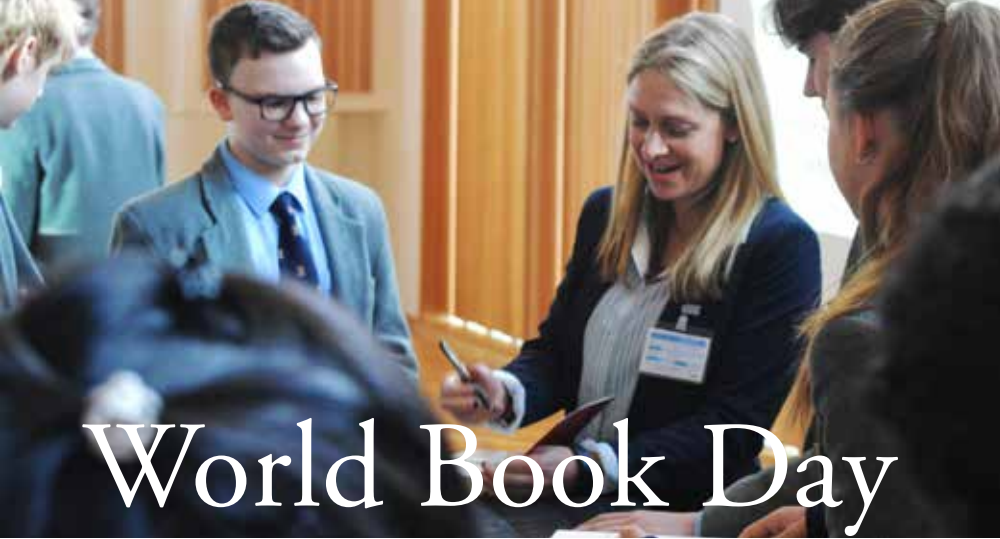
*Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard*



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# World Book Day

On World Book Day, Thursday 2 March 2017, author Lucy Christopher came to visit Stowe. She is the author of several teen fiction books, writes adult fiction and teaches at Bath Spa University.

The Fourth Form met her in the Uglend Auditorium where she gave all the Stoics a talk on how she came to be a writer of teen fiction, her PhD in creative writing and her job as a lecturer. Lucy also works at retreats in places around the world where people can work on their creative writing projects and enjoy the surroundings. She talked to the Stoics about setting and how important ideas can come just from thinking about where you are when you start your story.

Lucy set all the Fourth Form a challenge; to write a 500 word opening for a new piece of fiction entirely inspired by setting. This competition will be judged by her later in the Summer term. The closing date is Monday 24 April.

Lucy also took a Creative Writing workshop with selected Lower Sixth English pupils in the Library, again talking about setting, where Stoics had to write their own examples and beginning paragraphs of their writing.

In the evening there was the Literary Quiz involving one member from each year in their House team hosted in the Roxburgh Theatre. We had rounds on general literary knowledge, on themes in categories such as Classic, Romantic, Horror, Sci Fi, adaptations and numbers. Each House had a joker that they could play that would double their points on a round. The audience also had some work to do as there were rounds for them, with the first three answers counting towards the House totals. The overall winners were Temple, Cobham second and Queen's third.

*Lyn Foden, Librarian*

# Classical Vocal Concert

There's a huge diversity of vocal activities at Stowe. Our Open Mic nights give many musicians a chance to show their talent in jazz, pop and rock.

On the evening of Wednesday 1 March it was the turn of our classical vocalist soloists (many of whom sing in non-classical styles too) to showcase their skills. Isabella Leondiou (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Oliver Taylor (Fourth Form, Chatham), Oliver Vince (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Emily Wilson (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Gloria Carvalheira-Mobaraki (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Peter Entwisle (Fifth Form, Temple), Mina Haas (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Emily Banks (Fourth Form, Lyttelton), Lula Goldsmith (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Georgie Vallings (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Helena Vince (Fifth Form, Queen's) all sang.

There was a varied programme of both sacred and secular music spanning four centuries from Dowland to Debussy, with songs and arias in English, French, Latin, Italian and German.

Most voice types were represented and we had sopranos, mezzos, a countertenor (the first time a pupil has sung countertenor in the Uglend Auditorium), baritone and bass voices.

The Stoics set a high standard of performance and showed great professionalism. Thanks must go to Mr Andrew and Mr Aitken for their sensitive accompaniment and to Mr Badley and Mr Mansfield for preparing their pupils for the concert, as well as to Deborah Howe of Arts at Stowe for co-ordinating the event.

*Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies*



## NETBALL

### 1st VII

On Saturday 25 February, the 1st VII travelled to the challenging Bradfield Tournament. An extremely positive start saw them draw their first game against Downe House 5-5 and win their second game against King's College 9-7. Despite coming close they couldn't quite take another win and finished fourth out of the six teams in the group.

On Wednesday 1 March, Mill Hill travelled to Stowe for highly competitive fixture. It was goal for goal in the first quarter, however, the second quarter saw the Stowe girls creep behind a little and they went into the third quarter two goals behind. With some superb defence from Alice Maclure (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Kira Evans (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and wonderful link up play in the centre court, the shooters held their nerve and scored the winner with just three seconds on the clock!

The team then travelled to St Edward's, Oxford on Saturday 4 March for a triangular tournament with St Edward's and Dean Close. In their first match, the girls were up against a very physical St Edward's team. In the second half the girls put in a valiant effort and scored eight goals, with great shooting from Maya Tearle (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Celia Marment (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton). The match ended 10-6. In a highly passionate second match against Dean Close the team held their own. A second win of the day saw the Stowe girls awarded winners of the triangular tournament.

### U14A

Having won all their matches in the North Bucks Schools' league they faced a tough Aylesbury High School team on Tuesday 28 February. They led by one goal for most the game and managed to pull seven ahead in the third quarter with some fantastic link up play to Jemima Laurence (Third Form, Nugent) in the shooting circle. Despite this, they lost the lead and eventually lost 30-29 in a very exciting game.

*Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball*

## RUGBY - ENGLAND 7S DEBUT

Charlton Kerr (Cobham 16) made his England 7s debut in Las Vegas on Sunday 5 March against Australia and scored the winning try. Anyone who coached or watched Charlton play rugby whilst at Stowe won't be surprised by his first impact shown in this [clip of the game](#). He mentions Stowe in his [England profile](#).

Simon Amor, England 7s Head Coach, spoke exclusively to Stowemail and said "The England 7s Academy programme is now in its second year and Charlton Kerr was identified while at Stowe School as a player with huge potential. He signed for our England 7s Academy programme straight after leaving school and developed his game to become one of our stand-out performers in the Kenya, Singapore and Dubai Elite invitational tournaments where we enter the England 7s Academy team. Through his hard work and desire to improve all aspects of his game, both on and off the field, he was rewarded with his World Series debut in the Las Vegas 7s coming off the bench to score the match winning try against Australia. With hard work and commitment we believe Charlton has a very promising future in the game. His rapid journey onto the world stage shows the progress of our England 7s Academy programme and we are excited about unearthing more young talent."

*Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby*

## Training in Rosyth

Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple) has recently returned from an RN Leadership course held at Rosyth, home of the RN's two new aircraft carriers. On the first evening, a drill around the compound on the way to supper turned out to be great fun as each cadet got to lead and fall the group in. On the second day, after more drill to and from breakfast, the cohort went to the world's largest climbing centre and took part in a high ropes course which was jaw-dropping at around 100 feet. Once they finished they went orienteering on the fake ski slope. They then went home for a group presentation on what Shakespeare and Churchill had to teach about leadership and an account of a recent cadet expedition to Norway. On the final morning there was more drill, including the difficult 'about turn on the march', followed by breakfast, snap talks and practical leadership tasks to finish the trip off.

*David Critchley, Lt Cdr RNR CCF*

## OS Cadet returns to Stowe

On Monday 20 February, Seb Clarke, (Cobham 12), returned to give a talk in the Roxburgh Theatre to our Stowe CCF Army Section cadets. Seb is currently mid-way through the Commissioning Course at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and will be joining the Rifles Regiment on commissioning.

He held a captivated audience of about 80 Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form cadets as he spoke about the intricacies of life as an officer cadet undergoing training at RMA. Being 23 he was able to completely relate to his audience, and spoke with humour and a light touch, talking about how much he enjoyed his time at Stowe, and urging them to make the most of the fantastic opportunities provided for cadets and pupils.

He provided inspiration to those cadets considering a career in the Forces and genuinely held the interest of those who will go down other careers pathways. We wish him well on the remainder of the Commissioning course and look forward to hearing his progress and perhaps receiving a return visit from him to his old CCF as a commissioned officer in future years.

*Major Jan de Gale*

## Bletchley Park

On Wednesday 8 March, the RN and RAF Fifth Formers visited Bletchley Park; the code-breaking hub of the Allied forces during the Second World War. We learnt why we need to break codes in the first place and all the stages of doing so. Afterwards we discovered how the messages were carried once they had been received, either by specialised couriers, radio signals or sometimes even pigeons. We had a look around the Huts 1 through 8, including Huts 6 and 3, where the famous Alan Turing worked for most of his time there. Finally we heard a fascinating talk on how the Bombe machine worked, and saw a rebuilt machine in action.

*Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple)*

## Fifth Form Field Exercise

On Tuesday 7 March, Fifth Form cadets set off to Swynnerton Military Training Camp in Staffordshire. As soon as we arrived we went straight into the first activity and there was no time for hanging about for the rest of the evening, as it was filled by another two hours of activities for each section. It was lights out at 11pm for several hours of blissful sleep, which were richly deserved.

The following morning we were up early, partook in another three activities and looked forward to the hot stew that was provided at lunchtime. Finally, it was everyone's favourite – weapon cleaning! Thankfully, we only brought 10 rifles with us as a contingent, so we made quick work of this task. We then had to tidy our sleeping areas and were loaded on a bus bound for Stowe (a further opportunity to catch up on some more sleep!).

The details of the activities are as follows: The laser tag consisted of night time intersection team death matches, a domination box competition and day time fire and manoeuvre practising. The CQBR (Close Quarter Battle Range) entailed each section individually entering a mock-up street scene with houses, mannequins, shops, sirens and a particularly rambunctious dummy that threw tin cans at us!

The DCCT (Dismounted Close Combat Trainer) was essentially an electronic range, with the aim of the shoot to see who could get the tightest grouping over four targets and twenty shots. I managed a 26mm spread on my shots, coming second only to the Section Commander of the eventual winners of the shoot, Hugo Robinson (Fifth Form, Grenville), who managed an impressive 25mm grouping.

The OBUA (Operating in Built Up Areas) exercise included a day and night time blank firing 'clearing' of buildings, being careful to distinguish enemy targets from hostages. This proved to be a challenge for the Section Commanders, as they had to give explicit instructions and ensure that everyone was performing their role in the clearance of each room.

The final activity was the obstacle course, which consisted of a number of obstacles, ranging from wall climbs to rope swings to tunnel crawls. This course proved challenging for most, especially given that it was being timed, and it allowed many people the opportunity to push themselves outside their comfort zones, making completing the course very rewarding.

Overall, the general consensus among the cadets was that the exercise was enjoyable. I can at least speak for myself in saying that I thoroughly enjoyed it, and would like to thank Major de Gale, Captain Wilson, Captain Standley, Captain Corthine and Dr Popplestone, as well as all of the catering staff on the site and the army instructors on the base for making my, and I'm sure everyone else's, exercise so enjoyable.

*Thomas Fox (Fifth Form, Temple)*

# CCF







## Champagne & All That Jazz

Champagne & All That Jazz, was a great musical end to the Lent Half term. We performed this concert in aid of The Kit Cat Club in Buckingham. Over 1.2 million children in the UK, who would otherwise go without, are eligible for free school meals, however, out of term time many of these children go without. The Kit Cat Club was set up by Buckingham Church to provide a weekly club during school holidays where children can partake in activities and trips, in addition to getting a hot dinner. Children are referred by Public Health and the School Nursing System. This means that the services are getting to those who need it most.

The concert was given by the Stowe Big Band and several Stoic vocal soloists. The band really were on fire for this performance (it was their third concert in three weeks). The first half contained a new set, most of the pieces having been learnt this term. There were fantastic instrumental solos from Ellen Arnall (Lower Sixth, West) on alto sax and Ingrid Galler (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) on trombone. Finlay Sutherland (Lower Sixth, Grafton) gave a marvellous rendition of Gershwin's 'The Nearness of You' as a trumpet feature. We also had some very impressive vocal solos. Annika Ormerod (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Helena Vince (Fifth Form, Queen's) sang 'Mother's Shoes' (from last term's musical, Prodigy). Alice Hastie-Smith (Lower Sixth,

Lyttelton), Gloria Carvalheira-Mobaraki (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Tom Fras (Fifth Form, Walpole) and Beth Ackroyd (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), all wowed the audience with their songs.

The second half contained many of the Big Band's favourite numbers. They were given amazing support from the incredible rhythm section; Lewis Bell (Upper Sixth, Grenville) and Theo Hayes (Fourth Form, Chatham) on piano, Sean Carslaw Tricot (Fourth Form, Grenville) and Alex McQuitty (Walpole 16) on bass, and Henry McQuitty (Lower Sixth, Walpole) on drums. Again we had really impressive vocals from; Dulcie Hopkinson-Woolley (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Oscar Hill (Fifth Form, Temple), Lula Goldsmith (Fourth Form, Stanhope), Emily Banks (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Sofia Atkinson-Hieber (Third Form, Nugent) who gave a very powerful rendition of Amy Winehouse's 'Love is a Losing Game'.

Many thanks go to Rachel Sherry and the Vocal Department for all of their hard work with the singers and to Miles Nottage for the wonderful accompaniments, and also to Sarah Searle for so much tireless work behind the scenes. We raised over £1,000 for The Kit Cat Club.

*Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Wind and Percussion*



## Life in the City

On Friday 24 February, Nicholas Montgomery (Lower Sixth, Grafton) organised a talk from Anthony White, the Managing Director of Raymond James, one of the largest investment firms in America. The talk was held in the Music Room with 30 Stoics attending the special talk about life in the city.

Nicholas, being a dedicated business student, organised the talk due to his interest in the city, business and as part of his responsibilities as an active member of the Business and Investment Society. Anthony talked on a range of issues including life in the city, focusing on Equity Management as one specific area of expertise.

The talk was very successful and interactive due to Anthony's presentation and lively Q&A session. One particular moment of insight Anthony left Stoics with, was how life in the city has been heavily stereotyped, and the harsh reality is that it is a very tough and challenging environment to work in.

*Gordon West, Business and Economics Department*



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### The Restoration of Stowe

11.00am | £20.00 per person

Stowe Parents are invited to explore the intricate history and restoration of Stowe House with Anna McEvoy, the House Custodian. Known as an 18th Century Ducal Palace, discover the politics and the family behind 'the largest and most completely realised private neo-classical building in the world' and how it was saved by the creation of Stowe School in 1923.

With the help of Heritage Lottery Funding and many other generous donations, some £22 million has been spent of the restoration of the Mansion. The tour will also take in the new Stowe House Visitor and Discovery Centre and, if weather permits, you will be able to view the grounds of Stowe from the roof of the Mansion.

The tour will be followed by a two course lunch in the beautifully restored Blue Room.



# Children in Crisis in Kabul

Kabul is a city where hope springs eternal. After nearly forty years of civil war there are signs of renewal and regeneration. From the CBECs (Community Based Education Centres) and the pioneering work with severely disabled children (providing social workers, physiotherapists and access to schools) to the important work to rehabilitate young offenders through the rights-based Juvenile Justice programme, Children in Crisis is at the forefront of efforts to rebuild shattered communities.

It was an enormous privilege to visit CBECs at Rishkor and Bala Ko e Afshar, improvised settlements on the outskirts of Kabul where Children in Crisis has established schools which provide accelerated learning programmes to enable children to access state secondary schools. The enthusiasm of the children and the quality of the teaching were inspiring. Instead of despondency and gloom, we found optimism, excitement and a love of learning. We visited adult education classes where women were mastering reading and writing as well as acquiring new skills such as tailoring. Among the subjects we discussed were the best age to get married (the consensus was 25) to the multiplier effect individually owned sewing machines could have on their economic fortunes. Who would have guessed that Keynesian economic theory is alive and well in Kabul!

We met children with complex disabilities and needs. Children in Crisis has enabled these children to access life-changing hospital treatment as well as supporting them with physiotherapy to strengthen limbs and improve mobility. Social workers advise families on how to adapt their homes and care for these

disadvantaged children so that they no longer feel marginalised and forgotten. Their mothers urged us to continue this programme which is having such a transformative effect on the lives of these extraordinary children.

Finally, we visited a juvenile detention centre which accommodates youngsters who have committed crimes from petty theft to murder. The day release programme sponsored by Children in Crisis showed evident benefits in that the boys are being rehabilitated with humanity and compassion. We interrupted an Art lesson and met a group of boys who were acquiring skills which will allow them either to re-enter the education system or give them the wherewithal to find employment. More bleak was the closed prison which was cold, spartan and Dickensian. Children in Crisis is working with the Ministry of Justice to improve conditions for these young offenders. From providing social workers in Police stations at the very start of the judicial process to ensuring that conditions within the centre meet basic human rights, CiC is fulfilling its mission statement of looking after those unfortunate enough to find themselves at the very bottom of society.

We have an excellent team in Kabul led by Timor who has been with Children in Crisis for more than twenty years and whose father worked for CiC before him. With such a dedicated work force, a clear programme and the impetus for change and renewal, Children in Crisis is setting the pace in Afghanistan for others to follow. I do hope you will support these valuable initiatives and help CiC to transform lives.

*Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster*



## Caroline Whitlock Retires

Caroline, Old Stoic Events Co-ordinator, who has worked for the Old Stoic Society for nearly ten years, will retire in March 2017.

We are terribly sad to be losing Caroline from our team. She has been instrumental in much of the work we do, her efficient, hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. We will miss her friendly presence within the office and her confidence in managing the events she masterminds.

*Anna Semler, Old Stoic Society Director*



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