

Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Leonard Cheshire (OS)

Leonard Cheshire was a truly great man; a man of integrity and compassion. He put his energy, talents and abilities into helping others less fortunate than himself. This year marks the centenary of his wonderfully fulfilling and rewarding life and on Sunday 19 November, the School was proud and honoured to present a touching and heartfelt concert of music and words, staged in the intimate surroundings of the Uglund Auditorium.

A cast of Stoics, teaching staff and four visiting professional actor/singers all helped to deliver an engaging presentation that had our audience mesmerised from start to finish.

The Arts at Stowe team deserve huge credit for managing the event and being able to liaise with Emma Pearce, from Leonard Cheshire Disability, so effectively. The Catering Department laid on a superb selection of cakes and refreshments for the interval and in this time our audience had the chance to enjoy the mobile exhibition of photos and memorabilia put together so sensitively by Anna McEvoy, Stowe House Custodian. This exhibition documents his life so well and will enjoy pride of place in the Marble Salon throughout the year.

Rachel Sherry, Stowe's Head of Singing, led the Choir, featuring Tallulah Goldsmith (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Georgia Glenser (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), Georgina Vallings (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Isobel Hopkins (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), Emily Banks (Fifth Form, Lyttelton), Emily Pacia (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Emily Wilson (Fifth Form, Stanhope) and Helena Vince (Lower Sixth Queen's) in a beautiful rendition of a song entitled 'Far Away'. Even though this song was first written at the end of WW2, the version that we heard so tenderly arranged and performed on Sunday, was a world premiere.

Ben Andrew, the School's Head of Keyboard, played to his usual exceptional standards on piano throughout the concert and accompanied Andrew Friedhoff and the Choir in a quite stunning version of the Puccini classic 'Nessun Dorma' which acted as a fitting finale.

The majority of the readings were handled with consummate ease by our three professional visiting actors; Richard Henders, Will Rycroft and Claire Winsper. They were ably supported by Kezia Clark-Jones (Upper Sixth, Queen's), Imogen Oliver (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Alexandra Orton (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) who joined Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Dr Crispin Hyde-Dunn (the Head of the Dragon School) and myself in giving some readings drawn from the varied books and memoirs that Leonard wrote during his lifetime.

Henry McQuitty (Upper Sixth, Walpole) on drums and Theodore Hayes (Fifth Form, Chatham) on piano expertly accompanied Mina Haas (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) in her stunning rendition of the Hoagy Carmichael standard 'The Nearness of You' and Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple) on marimba and William Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham) on piano played a haunting and traditional Sakura song that followed a poignant and sobering reading about Leonard's reaction to witnessing at first hand the dropping of the H bomb on Nagasaki in August 1945.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it was to work so closely with all the performers in helping to shape and stage the event for our most supportive and enthusiastic audience. The life and legacy of Leonard Cheshire was the key focus throughout and we were able to give a fitting and heartfelt tribute to his remarkable life.

Nick Bayley, Drama Department





BBC Children in Need

For the first time, Stowe joined Silverstone UTC, our neighbours, to raise funds for Children in Need. Sixty Stoics from all year groups and Houses and three staff trundled slowly on the red Routemaster bus along the road to Silverstone. There we joined all the pupils and staff from the UTC, most of us in fancy dress, in a sponsored walk on the famous track. We talked and enjoyed the late autumn sunshine and raised over £1,500.00 for this good cause. Thank you to all who sponsored Stoics, thank you to those who dressed up and walked. We look forward to more of us going next year. Back at Stowe, North Hall Reception raised £128 by collecting old round pound coins and organising the national Children in Need 'Duck Race' sweepstake. Stowe has raised a good sum which together with Silverstone's fund-raising will be sent to Children in Need.

Crispin Robinson, Second Master



The Big Shake Up

On 15 October, we were taken to New Orleans with The Big Shake-Up. The band members are old friends of the Stowe Music School. They play to the new Third Form every September, and help us to demonstrate the wide variety of musical activities at Stowe. This year we had 120 requests for trial music lessons, and we hope that many of these will now take up new instruments at Stowe. The afternoon workshop consisted of training our musicians to learn two new pieces in a totally aural way. We started by learning complicated salsa rhythms, which

were then applied to harmonic sequences, melodic lines, and improvised solos. This is extreme multi-tasking! The evening concert amazed the audience, especially when all of our musicians took part in two 15 minute pieces which had both been learnt on the day. It was great to welcome several young musicians from Beachborough, Winchester House, Royal Latin School, Magdalen College School, Waddesdon School, and Thornton College.

*Nigel Gibbon,
Head of Brass, Woodwind & Percussion*





Rutter's Requiem

After a long day in the Chapel, with the morning Remembrance Service and rehearsals, our Choir and Orchestra performed a very special concert of Remembrance.

The concert started with Bach's Orchestral Suite in D major. The orchestra was excellently led by Mali Aitchison, who guided the violins through the endless semi-quaver passages in the overture. The Air (which a certain generation of the audience will always associate with a certain cigar advertisement) was serenely played by the strings, enhanced by Henry Hink's pizzicato 'cello playing. The more jubilant dance movements that followed were beautifully balanced and showed the quality of all of our musicians. It was fabulous to have the extra lift of the D trumpets, expertly played by Sebastian Foxwell and Finlay Sutherland. Finlay had previously played a very emotional and note perfect Last Post on the Bugle for the morning service.

Our Chapel Choir was joined by 27 singers from

Beachborough, members of local community choirs and Apollo5 for a performance of Rutter's Requiem. Alex Aitken had expertly put all of the singers together for the first time that afternoon.

It really was amazing to see such a large choir in the Chapel. They really did sing their hearts out for the concert. Nobody would have known that all of these singers had only met on the day, even though they had spent weeks previously preparing in their respective bases. The performance was made even more special by the accompaniment of the Chamber Orchestra, featuring wonderful flute and oboe playing by Alexandra Jordan and Ellen Arnall. Charlotte Brennan added some heavenly harp playing, and Oscar Hill dazzled us with the glockenspiel.

Many thanks go to Chris Windass for his work with the string players; to Dury Loveridge for his great 'cello playing in the Requiem; and to the multi-talented Alix Waine for her violin playing.

ROWING

Head of the Charles

On Wednesday 18 October we arrived in the town of Manchester-on-Sea - our base for the 2017 Head of the Charles River Race in Boston, USA. The first morning we headed straight into the centre of Boston to the boat house to collect our boat, kindly loaned to us by Kent School. With spirits high, we rigged our boat and finally in the late afternoon managed a training session down the course the Stoics would race on the Sunday. Getting used to a new boat is not easy and it was important that we got out again the next day to practise further not to mention familiarise the crew to the difficult and rather long course. North Eastern University Boat House is stunning with every facility imaginable available for the rowers at the University. It is very clear that the amount of money put into American rowing surpasses any UK University budget by a mile! We are very indebted to both Kent School and the NE University for their kindness and support in letting us use such amazing facilities for our visit.

We managed to get out again on the Friday to practise, having put new grips on our sculling blades due to the kindness of Concept2 Oars. The second practice was a great improvement on the first and the crew were much more confident about the race on the Sunday. After each session we managed to take in some of the sights such as a tour of Harvard University. We completed the Freedom Trail running through the centre of the City including the place where the Declaration of Independence was read out and the site of the Boston massacre following the imposition of taxes on tea imported into Boston which resulted in the Boston Tea Party.

On the Saturday we watched the races and observed some of the issues that the cox can face during the race - penalties are frequently given to steering issues as well as the whole overtaking process. On race day, the boys felt well-prepared and completed the course without incident thanks to the excellent steering of Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham). The crew rowed technically very well, but the experience and size of some of the crews they were racing against was impressive. They performed very well and achieved a creditable place beating several crews in their class. After the event we visited Salem, famous for its Witch Trials in the late 1700s. On our last day we headed further north to experience New England in the fall. We had a lovely day in Lockport a restored fishing village which was one of the first places to be inhabited by the Pilgrims as they colonised the Eastern US coast in the 1600s.

All in all it was a very good trip and an amazing race. I would like to pay a special thanks to Minna Blair, our host as without her support this trip would not have taken place.

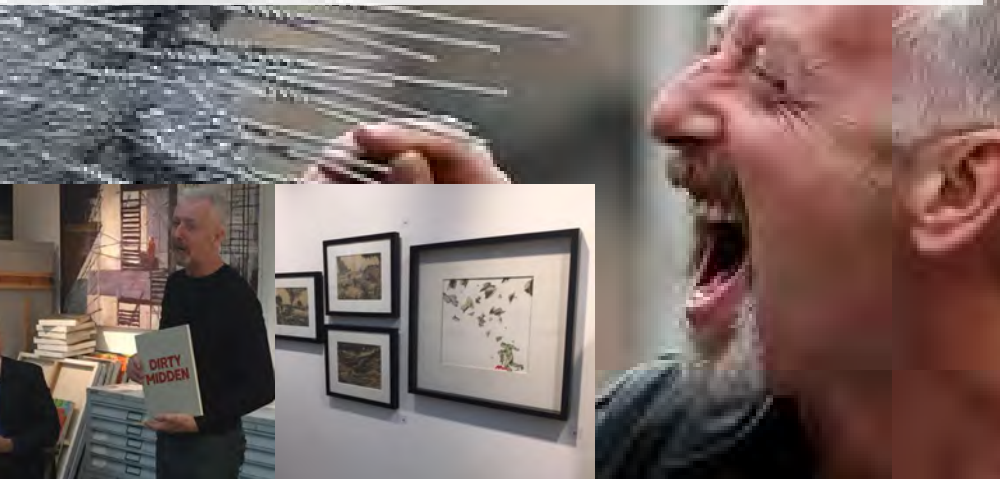
Michael Righton, Head of Rowing

David Mach

On Friday 17 November, we were very pleased to welcome David Mach RA to the Art Department and to open an exhibition of his recent work. The exhibition was initiated by Stowe parent, Paddy Mannion, as part of the Mitcham's Model's community arts project which was based around Mitcham's Corner, Cambridge, to support the children's mental health charity, Blue Smile. This residential area was changed by the building of a large roundabout but previously it had been the site of a ladies' dress shop, Mitcham's. For the community arts project shop, mannequins were used and David Mach used his iconic collage work on five mannequin legs. These can be seen in our show alongside a large number of smaller scale collaged works.

David was interviewed by the Headmaster, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, and we learnt a great deal about his childhood in Fife and about his inspiration for the large scale pieces he creates in both private and public spaces. I would like to thank Paddy Mannion, Jonathan Miles, Ludo Mannion-Miles and Oscar Brett for their hard work on the day of the opening.

Amanda Jorgensen, Head of Art





Polar Challenge Begins

Ben Saunders, the world-renowned polar explorer, held his last public engagement at Stowe on Friday 20 October before beginning his attempt to cross the Antarctic land-mass solo. Ben presented to the whole School in Chapel and spoke to the Stoics about his explorations to date and the challenges he will face as he attempts to complete this expedition.

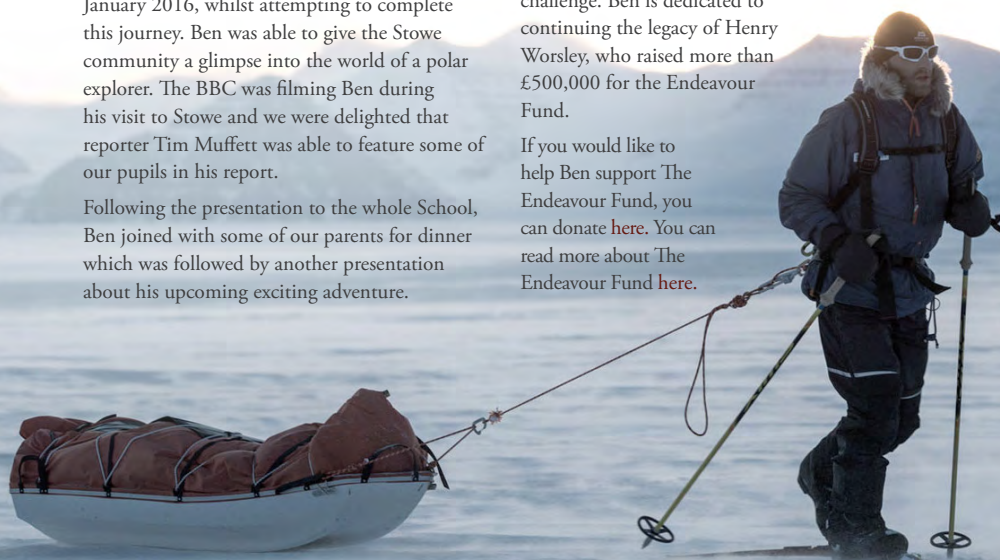
Ben, who holds several polar endurance records, explained to the Stoics that he is tackling this challenge in honour of his friend, and Old Stoic, Henry Worsley (Grafton 78). Henry died in January 2016, whilst attempting to complete this journey. Ben was able to give the Stowe community a glimpse into the world of a polar explorer. The BBC was filming Ben during his visit to Stowe and we were delighted that reporter Tim Muffett was able to feature some of our pupils in his report.

Following the presentation to the whole School, Ben joined with some of our parents for dinner which was followed by another presentation about his upcoming exciting adventure.

At the beginning of November, Ben set off on his expedition and many of the Stowe community have been following his updates on his website where Ben is posting blogs as he progresses across this beautiful but brutal landscape.

Ben is proud to be supporting The Endeavour Fund, part of The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry. The Endeavour Fund supports wounded, injured and sick veterans through providing opportunities in sport and adventurous challenge. Ben is dedicated to continuing the legacy of Henry Worsley, who raised more than £500,000 for the Endeavour Fund.

If you would like to help Ben support The Endeavour Fund, you can donate [here](#). You can read more about The Endeavour Fund [here](#).



TENNIS

The girls' 1st tennis team of Kira Evans (Upper Sixth, Nugent) (Captain), Victoria Beglin (Upper Sixth, Nugent), Yasmin Mama (Upper Sixth, Nugent) and Elizabeth Pran (Lower Sixth, West) have been playing in the Senior Schools' Tennis Competition during this term. The draw put them in a round robin box with Rugby and Tudor Hall. In their first match they outplayed Rugby, winning by 5 sets to 1. In their second match against Tudor Hall they went one step better with a 6 sets to love victory. Having now won their group, they progress to the knockout stage in January. It is fantastic to see the team playing at such a consistent level. Kira and Victoria have played doubles together since Third Form and now both in their last year at Stowe have such a good understanding of each other's game. The new pairing of Yasmin and Elizabeth have established themselves in a very short time, proving to be a very powerful doubles pair and making life for their opponents very challenging.

The boys have also been playing in the same competition. The following have represented the team; Freddie Woods (Upper Sixth, Chatham) (Captain), Nico Montgomery (Upper Sixth, Grafton), Harry Hewlett (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Tom Percy (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Hector Smiley (Lower Sixth, Bruce). Their round robin group were Sharnbrooke School, MCS Oxford and Abingdon. Despite their best efforts and some very exciting games, they were unable to win their group, therefore the competition ends for them this term.

John Skinner, Head of Tennis

EQUESTRIAN

Katie Lee (Fourth Form, Nugent), Charlotte Morgan (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Antonia White (Fourth Form, Nugent) formed the team for the Royal Windsor Qualifier at Addington with all three jumping amazing rounds.

This term we had two new coaches join the Equestrian Team. Lyndsay Gammon a BHS level 5 coach in complete horsemanship and Ernest Dillon BHS Fellow, BS level 3 and an accredited British Eventing Master coach. Training sessions are going well.

To book contact achurcher@stowe.co.uk



The Imperial War Museum

On a cold morning in early November, Third Form historians departed Stowe on a visit to the Imperial War Museum in London. This trip allowed pupils to develop not only their understanding of World War One, but also to gain an awareness about how the nature of conflict has changed more recently. The visit allowed students to discover more about how both World Wars impacted soldiers and civilians, and also about more modern military engagements, such as the Troubles in Ireland and the wars in the Middle East. Whilst there, pupils were tasked with choosing five displays which best demonstrated warfare in the Twentieth Century. Although this was a difficult decision for the Stoics to make, they clearly confirmed their ability to justify decisions and analyse the utility of historical sources. The trip was a great success and all our pupils were a credit to the School.

Francesca Shah, Teacher of History & Politics



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Remembrance Sunday at Stowe

It is a sobering thought that of the 270 Old Stoics who were killed during the Second World War the vast majority were under 30, and many of them only a few years out of school. Over 70 years on Remembrance Sunday at Stowe saw a packed Chapel commemorate these old boys with great dignity and respect.

The occasion began with the entire CCF contingent on parade in front of the Chapel. An inspection by the Headmaster, with a number of cadets receiving promotions, was followed by a formal procession into Chapel. There followed some great traditional hymns, the Act

of Remembrance complete with Last Post and Reveille, and the rousing singing of the National Anthem.

Our preacher was Mr Joss Buchanan, Headmaster of King William's College, Isle of Man, who spoke about his uncle, Arthur Buchanan, formerly of Grenville and then Walpole, who was killed in the North Africa campaign in 1943. It was very moving to hear of the death of a young man who died so long ago, and yet whose sacrifice still challenges us today.

The Revd Tim Mullins, Chaplain



Scottish Old Stoics

On Friday 10 November, 21 Old Stoics met in Edinburgh to commemorate fallen Scottish Old Stoics. With Remembrance Day in the forefront of minds, we hoped to be able to provide a memorable evening, in respect of these promising brave young men who were taken far too early.

We welcomed our guests, at the kind invitation of our host Major Robin Maclean, to the Edinburgh Garrison Officers' Mess, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Regimental Museum at Edinburgh Castle, for a Champagne Reception with mouth-watering canapés, to allow us to pay tribute to our fallen military servicemen. The views from the Garrison only further highlighted how exceptionally spoiled we were to be in such beautiful surroundings.

John Fingleton (Chatham 66) thanked our guests for coming and gave a moving speech about our fallen Old Stoics, in particular, Major John Thompson (Jock) McKella Anderson (Chatham 36) who was awarded the Victoria Cross. Indeed, it is worth mentioning that Jock shared a study with Leonard Cheshire during his time at Stowe, who was also awarded the VC. Our guests took a minutes silence to remember them all. It was only fitting that a verse of the 'For the Fallen' poem was read aloud, by John to the group.

The remainder of the evening was spent at the Hotel du Vin. We were directed in to the Whisky Snug to enjoy a glass of fizz before making our way into the Burke & Hare Room, so duly named as a stunning bespoke mural of the infamous Scottish pair Burke & Hare covers an entire wall, for a sumptuous three course Dinner and excellent wines.

Our thanks go to Major Robin Maclean for being such an attentive host and to Adrian Laird-Craig (Bruce 72) and Tim Dew (Chandos 90) for overseeing the planning of the evening. A special mention must go to Michael Goodwin (Cobham 58) and Lt Col Richard Spencer (Grafton 62) for providing such marvellous and interesting stories from their experiences during their time in the Navy.

Anna Semler (Nugent 05), Old Stoic Society Director





Stowe Medical Conference

Stowe recently hosted its first ever medical conference for pupils interested in pursuing a medical career. Aspirant Stoics were joined by pupils from local schools to hear experts in their fields including Professor Pali Hungin – recent president of the British Medical Association.

The day started with a lecture on the Science behind the research being carried out by the Medical Detection Dogs given by Jenny Corish – their Biodetection Co-ordinator. This was followed by demonstrations of the dogs in action. Delegates were amazed to learn about the dogs' ability to detect signs of cancer or malaria in urine samples and how scientifically rigorous the research was.

Next up was Professor Greg Simons, the GP lead at Buckingham University Medical School. He gave a fascinating insight in to life as a GP as well as explaining how university medical courses are structured. It was clear from the questions he received that Greg had opened the eyes of pupils to the many possible paths that lead on from the initial medical degree.

After lunch Dr Mike Rossiter (Cobham 85) shared his experience of being a top level sports doctor. His work with the GB Olympic team, England Rugby and English Common Wealth teams illustrated the breadth of issues that need to be handled with elite sports men and women competing at the top of their game. Also, that a medical career can lead to such a variety of unexpected and exciting opportunities. His stories and videos of sports injuries were quite unforgettable.

Emma Whiting (Stanhope 14) who is now in her Fourth year at Imperial then gave an insight

in to what it is actually like to study medicine at university. This really hit the spot with Stoics who were then able to project themselves forward a few years, assuming they were ready for the commitment necessary to get on to a university medical course. It was wonderful to welcome back such a recent Old Stoic and to see how much she was thriving on the wide variety of opportunities on offer at university as well as the fulfilment she has through studying medicine.

The keynote speech was then given by Professor Hungin. His love of medicine was obvious to all, as was his broad knowledge of the profession. His humorous and highly personal observations were truly inspiring and a great motivator to the 60 pupils attending.

The day was wrapped up by Dr Richard Stevens – the Director of the Thames Valley Professional Support Unit. He shared his admissions experience at Oxford University and gave an invaluable insight in to how to be successful at medical interview. His comments were both wonderfully practical as well as philosophical, therefore ending the day with a thought provoking atmosphere.

I am very grateful to all of the speakers who made the conference such a success. The new Worsley Science Centre and Lecture Theatre proved itself to be such a superb facility to host such events. We are now planning an Engineering Conference for next year as well as making the Stowe Medical Conference a biennial event as it was so well received by all who attended.

James Tearle, Head of Science

ROWING

Junior Sculls

A large group of 15 Stoics represented the School on the River Thames at Pangbourne on Saturday 11 November 2017. For half a dozen of the Stoics, this was their first taste of competition rowing at an event contested by more than 400 school crews.

The best Stowe performance came from the 1st IV, fresh from the Head of the Charles race Boston. In a field of schools used to contesting the final rounds of Henley Royal Regatta, our crew of Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Ayrton Patel (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Will Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce) and James Pocklington (Upper Sixth, Grenville) recorded an excellent fourth fastest time of the day.

Our much younger 2nd IV of Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton), Tom Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Theo Finlan (Fourth Form, Temple) and Elliot Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham) were pleased with their 9th place result, in the top event for school quads.

Kiera West (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Ella Wright (Fourth Form, Queen's) were the first girls to represent Stowe for a long time and sculled well. Ella also raced in the singles event in the morning, a good effort for first time out.

Alex Ross (Fourth Form, Chatham) and Jack Saville-Sneath (Fourth Form, Cobham) raced in doubles in the morning, and gained experience, which helped them when they teamed up with Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton) and Theo Finlan (Fourth Form, Temple) coxed by Alex West (Third Form, Grenville), for our Junior-15 quad in the afternoon. They finished in an encouraging eighth place, ahead of four crews from Reading Blue Coats, Claire's Court and Bryanston. For Jack and Alex West, this was their first ever race.

Max Adam (Third Form, Grafton) and George Penrose (Third Form, Grafton), have learned quickly this term in Dr Insley's beginners' group. They made their debut in Junior-14 doubles.

Next week the 1st & 2nd IVs will combine to try out a 1st VIII, in preparation for the Schools' Head of the River Race next term, rowed over the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race course at Putney.

If some of the many younger Stoics who have learned to row at Stowe can return next term, it would be good for Stowe also to be represented by a younger age-group crew, at this flagship national event. Several girls have learned to row at Stowe, so perhaps one day Stowe could even have a girls' crew. For domestic schools, the Schools' Head is the first of three major events culminating in the world famous Henley Royal Regatta.

The Stoics were strongly supported by a large and increasingly knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of parents, who were particularly pleased to see the school represented by a larger team of pupils.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



Dinner & Jazz

Last chance to obtain tickets for the incredible Dinner & Jazz evening in the State Rooms on Saturday 9 December, 2017.

Contact Sarah Searle for more information at ssearle@stowe.co.uk or on +44(0)1280 818268.

Stowe

Focus on Work Experience

Work experience during the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth is a rite of passage for Stoics. It helps pupils start to build their CV build confidence in industry.

During the summer of 2017, Fifth Form pupils collectively completed 733 days of work experience with various employers including Apple, Vodafone, Christie's, British Central Government, professional stunt companies, restaurants, veterinary surgeries, schools, art galleries and many more.

The Stowe School careers department is always looking for suitable work experience placements. If any readers of *Stowemil* would like to offer a Stoic a work placement, please email gwest@stowe.co.uk.

For more information and some Top Tips on getting the best out of your work experience please visit our [website](#).

Gordon West, Head of Careers



All in a day's work experience for Tom: Investment funds, Rhinos and the realities on life after university

It's OK not to know exactly what you want to do when you leave university. Studying what you love and doing well can be more important than studying a degree that you might not fully enjoy or immerse yourself in. Three years of undergraduate studies is hard work. It is even harder to achieve top grades if you choose a degree that is not right for you.

Tom Mayhew (Upper Sixth, Grafton) wanted to mixture of work experience to help him explore potential careers and higher education options, travel the world and meet new and experienced people in industry.

"The work experience I took part in was in two industries, one being financial and the other being conservation. Working at Artemis Investment Fund Managers, I was able to challenge my views of the city, which had been the boring 9am-5pm working day. This perception was transformed by attending board meetings with the senior management team, as well as working in the "keeping clients happy" part of the company, which was great fun and so important, as without customers companies will find it hard to prosper."

"Conservation-wise, I had been in Kenya helping out with rhino conservation tracking alongside rangers who give up their lives for these majestic creatures. This was along with working at a school in the rural parts of Kenya where poverty was rife. This was not only eye-opening, seeing different cultures, values and perspectives on what is important, but it also confirmed that this, being in Africa, was what I wanted."

"The biggest change since doing work experience was my degree choice. I was initially going to do Business Management, as I thought it would make me employable. Since then, I realised that employees in the city have a wide range of degrees. My work experience mentor gained a degree in History of Art and is now a team leader in research at Artemis. Getting a good class in your degree is more important than the degree choice itself. So I decided to change my degree choice to International Relations, as this interests me the most, so I will hopefully secure an better grade."

Lights, camera, stage combat training and lots of action

On 22 November, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form students were given insight into careers in acting, production and technical theatre from our guest speaker Kevin Wyatt-Lown from East 15 Acting School, part of the University of Essex.

Mr Wyatt-Lown took Stoics on a whirlwind tour of the realities of studying towards working in careers in stage, TV, film and radio. Wonderful stories of behind the scenes and production skills helped Stoics gain a better understanding of the value of studying at undergraduate and postgraduate level. A highlight of

the talk was found in Kevin's description of how many East 15 students that have completed the BA in Acting and Stage Combat are in high demand due to the rise of such popular TV series as *Game of Thrones*.

With high demand for these practical courses in higher education, Kevin was able to advise Stoics on how to differentiate their application, prepare for practical auditions and compete for the limited places at this type of higher education institution.





GOLF

We were thrilled to hear that Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple), Stowe's inaugural Golf Scholar, has been selected by the ISGA to represent the England U15 team at Collingtree Park GC in the inaugural England v Scotland golf event in the Spring. This is an outstanding achievement and we are delighted that Max will be flying the golfing flag for Stowe in this extremely prestigious and high profile event.

In other news, Golf at Stowe continues to flourish at all age levels across the School with a record number of Stoics either learning or playing the game competitively. On Thursday 19 October, our Senior Golfers travelled to The Buckinghamshire Golf Club and competed exceptionally well against a very strong Harrow team. With the result being a halved match, there were notably good performances from Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton), Tom Youds (Fifth Form, Chandos) and Max Smith (Fifth Form, Cobham).

On Wednesday 22 November, our team of Piers Odell (Upper Sixth, Grenville), (Captain), Lochie Shillington and Max Faulkner battled hard against Warwick School in the 2nd round of the ISGA National Championship. With Warwick's three players holding handicaps of 3, 4 and 4 respectively, we always knew that this match would provide us with a really stiff examination. Playing conditions at The Warwickshire GC were extremely challenging as gusts of over 50 mph wreaked havoc with ball flight and spin control. Max Faulkner lost 2&1 having fought back from being 4 down after just 8 holes and Piers Odell let victory slip from his grasp having taken an early two hole lead. However, Lochie Shillington played some outstanding golf to beat his 3 handicap county player opponent on the 18th green with darkness descending! This caps off an outstanding term of golf for Lochie, who is arguably playing some of the best competitive golf across the School.

Tom Riley (Fifth Form, Bruce) continues to improve and it has been particularly pleasing to see Tom Youds, Tom Scott (Fifth Form, Chandos), George Hooper (Fifth Form, Chandos) and Archie Barnes (Fourth Form, Chandos) developing their golf to a much higher and more consistent standard.

Stowe Putter 2018 - We are now able to confirm that the annual Stowe Putter will take place on Wednesday 22 August 2018. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Andrew Hancox, Head of Golf



Music Assembly

On Friday 17 November, four of our very talented Third Form musicians performed to their peers in a year group assembly in a very full Ugland Auditorium. It was a delight to be able to introduce such incredible talent and was a truly magical start to the day. The programme began with Samuel Ellis (Chandos) playing the third movement of Sonata for Bassoon by Besozzi with real vitality and style. This was followed by Jessica Foxwell (Lyttelton) who performed Concertino by Chaminade. Jessica played with elegance and style and a ravishing sound. Next we heard an original composition

entitled Dopamine, written and performed by Clara Tearle (Queen's). This piece was atmospheric and compelling with impressive story telling. Closing the programme was Sebastian Foxwell (Walpole) who wowed us with his energetic performance of Virtuosity by Kenny Baker which he played with great panache. I look forward to introducing more of our talented musicians at further year group assemblies throughout the course of the year.

Hilary Davan Wetton, Acting Chairman, Music Department



Economics Society

On the 18 October, Stowe's Economics Society welcomed Mr Mark Littlewood, Director General of the Institute of Economic Affairs, to give a talk on morals in markets. The talk was well attended by both economics students in the Sixth Form, and keen prospective economic

students currently in the Lower School, as well as members of staff. Mr Littlewood presented a powerful argument defending the free market system and argued we should aim for less government intervention within the Economy. The insightful points delivered by Mr Littlewood raised great interest within the audience, and many questions were asked by Stoics after. Select members of the Economics Society who had shown great enthusiasm about the subject and who had progressed well through the course, enjoyed a black tie dinner after the talk, where further current economic issues were discussed – most of which were probably too controversial for a more public forum! We would like to thank Mr Mark Littlewood for accepting our invitation and making it a truly wonderful evening.

John Balcon Perez (Upper Sixth, Walpole)





German Trip

Straight after lessons on Thursday 19 October, Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Poppy de Salis (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Louis Hink (Lower Sixth, Walspole), Luca Adjei (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and I embarked on our German trip to the Klosterschule, a boarding school in Thuringia. On Friday, having enjoyed a very early breakfast at 7.00am, we attended lessons and in the afternoon we visited a 12th Century castle in Allstedt. In the evening, we were delighted to find out that the students had put on a belated "Oktoberfest" (beer festival) as a fundraiser for the end of year ball. It took place in the Kaffe, the equivalent of our StoweBucks and went on until midnight, to the great delight of Mr Smith and Mrs Tearle who were accompanying us. The next day we visited the concentration camp of Buchenwald where over 50,000 people lost their lives. Our guide talked us through the history and the daily life of the camp. For me, one of the most poignant moments was touching the commemorative plaque heated to 37 degrees Celsius, which is the normal body temperature, as this brought home what an inhuman place Buchenwald really was. In the afternoon, to see a more positive side of Germany, we visited Weimar, the place where the German enlightenment took place, before returning to Rossleben for another party in the Kaffe. On Sunday, we enjoyed a bit of a lie in before visiting the Rotkappchen factory, a Champagne factory that despite being in East

Germany, managed to establish itself as the main Champagne brand in the whole of Germany, and if you'd been there to sample a glass of it, you'd understand why. On Monday, we attended lessons in the morning before visiting Erfurt, the capital city of Thuringia, which boasts a magnificent cathedral. Tuesday was our last but ultimately busiest day as we set off to Leipzig. There, we visited the Nikolai church where the famous Monday demonstrations started in the summer of 1989 before spreading to the rest of East Germany, helping to bring the Berlin Wall down on 9 November 1989. We then spent a couple of hours in the museum of contemporary history, which so vividly depicts what happened to East Germany between the end of WW2 and the German reunification. After that, we enjoyed the most delicious meal at the Auerbach Keller, where Goethe allegedly wrote his famous 'Faust' before visiting the Saint Thomas church where J.S. Bach spent many years working and composing. Our last stop was the museum of the East German secret police (Stasi) with its chilling secret cameras hidden in button holes, jars filled with yellow cloth that were used to track "enemies of the State" should they escape, and all the endless files that were kept on so many citizens. It was like living in Orwell's 1984! Our thanks go to Mrs Tearle and Mr Smith for organising the trip and accompanying us, we all had a fantastic time.

Maya Tearle (Upper Sixth, Queen's)

RUGBY

Having reached the quarter finals of the Champions Cup in their first year, Stowe took on a much fancied Blundell's side.

Both defences were very much in control in the early exchanges and neither side could penetrate well drilled defensive lines and when they did both sides demonstrated excellent cover. Blundell's went into the break with a 3-0 advantage and early in the second half Ben Spiess (Lower Sixth, Grafton) levelled the scores for the home side and as the game started to open up, Stowe were unlucky not to get the bounce of the ball as Adam Williamson (Upper Sixth, Chandos) hacked through after another crunching tackle. As the game drifted into the final 10 minutes Blundell's got the breaks created by their powerful midfield and two late tries were enough to see them through to the semis.

Alan Hughes, Head of Rugby



Inter-House Geography Quiz

The excitement was palpable in the Temple Room, as 65 eager Stoics met to compete in the second annual GeogSoc Inter-House Quiz. Keen to do well, they had been revising their rocks and studying their cities, all of which paid-off as they worked their way through seven rounds of questions. Topics ranged from identifying countries by their outline alone, to landforms and geographical terminology, as well of course as the obligatory music round and picture round of famous geographers. The final scores were close, but in joint second place were Stanhope and Chandos and the somewhat surprised winners were Chatham, with a team comprising Dom Jessel, Oscar Brett, Henry Howard, Henry Hobby and Sebastian Calkin. They were duly rewarded with chocolate prizes and the shiny GeogSoc Cup!

Sarah Murnane, Head of Geography



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American Friends of Stowe

On 26 October more than 75 American Friends of Stowe gathered in Roosevelt House in New York for the annual presentation of the American Worthies Award which is given to a distinguished Old Stoic living in America. This year's worthy recipient was Steve Ausnit (Cobham 41) who is one of the most successful entrepreneurs to have emerged from Stowe. In 1951 Steve developed the deceptively simple plastic zip fastener which has become indispensable for sealing everything from sandwiches and snacks to toiletries which pass through airport scanners. Under the trademark of Ziploc, Steve has produced and supplied bags to supermarkets across America.

He told us about his life at Stowe as a member of Cobham House from 1938 until 1941 and reflected on J.F. Roxburgh's benign, humane, tolerant and civilised leadership. Conditions at Stowe before the war were much more spartan than they are now and Steve wryly reflected on the character-building qualities of cold showers and poor food. While he was at Stowe, Steve's father was wrongfully arrested by the

corrupt Romanian fascist government which wanted to get its hands on the substantial steel factories owned by the Ausnit family. Steve commented positively on the pastoral care he was given during this difficult time in his life. Steve left Stowe in April 1941 shortly after his 17th birthday and arrived in New York a few weeks before Pearl Harbour. He talked about studying Engineering at Harvard, life in the US Army as a drill sergeant, his father's escape from communism, setting up his first company, Minigrip Inc, and eventually fulfilling the American dream.

Twenty-five Stoics who were in New York for the Art and History of Art trip were delighted to share Steve's insights into 20th Century history and revelled in the colourful and well-told anecdotes which made this such an engaging evening. More recently, Steve has immersed himself in philanthropic work in Romania and he has endowed bursaries and scholarships at both his almae matres, Harvard and Stowe.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster



LSAS Engineering Challenge

Friday 10 November saw the culmination of a three-week engineering challenge devised by the Head of Physics, Mr Donoghue. The task: using only toothpicks and glue, construct a three-storey building to support internal weights and withstand lateral impact. (The Physics Department is equipped with its very own wrecking ball!) The ninety-minute

time limit emphasised the importance of forward planning and teamwork, in addition to architectural nous. It was a challenging task, but one team did manage to produce a highly resilient structure within the time allowed. Others had less success, including Dr Dennis and Dr Potter. They had produced their own offering over the Half Term break, which went flying at the first touch. Students 1, Teachers 0.

Peter Dennis, Teacher of Philosophy & Religion

NETBALL

NORTH BUCKS COUNTY CHAMPIONS

U14A - In their first game for Stowe the U14s had an incredible tournament showing a multitude of positive attributes including phenomenal passing through court, a very high shooting conversion rate and a tangible team spirit. They opened the tournament with an 8-3 win against Cottesloe and followed this with wins against Thornton (8-5), The Grange (7-0), Aylesbury High (10-5), Sir Thomas Freemantle (13-0) and Waddesdon (8-1). The tournament was so hotly contested that the top two places went down to Goal Difference with Stowe coming out third by 1 goal! They even beat the winners - Thornton. This was a heart wrenching end to a fantastic debut performance for this team with a real exciting future. The whole team show promise for a thrilling Lent Term.

U14B - The U14Bs played it out for the plate competition. Their first game was against Denbigh which was a nail biting 3-3 draw. Led by Captain Violet Arkwright (Third Form, Queen's) the team went onto beat The Royal Latin School 2-0 and reach the finals versus Lord Grey who they had lost 5-3 to in the round robin stage. The final was a thrilling match but heavily affected by the pouring rain. Despite this, the girls managed to stay in the game continually and narrowly lost 3-2 (an improvement on the previous match). Notable performances were from Violet Arkwright for flying up and down the court with speed and purpose and Rebecca Snell (Third Form, Stanhope) for her movement in the circle.

U16s - The U15 team stepped up this last weekend to represent Stowe at U16 level and step up they did! After becoming U14 County Champions at the end of last season, they really have moved up a level in skill and determination. They had some beautiful through court play and crafted some almighty attacking displays to win against Thornton (6-3), Sir Henry Floyd (11-4), Sir Thomas Fremantle (14-4), Cottesloe (11-6) and Denbigh (12-2). Despite some strong instinctive defensive work from Gracie Potts (Fourth Form, Queen's) and India Case (Fourth Form, Queen's), the U15s couldn't quite pull off a win against Aylesbury High or The Grange and also finished in third place. Next year girls - it's ours!

U19s - The 1st team played in the National School County Round on Wednesday 8 November. Their first game was against Cottesloe who had an organised and strong team but despite a slightly rusty first half Stowe took control of the game for a convincing 13-4 win. This was followed by a win against Akeley Wood and Denbigh to be named North Bucks County Champions. Maya Tearle (Upper Sixth, Queen's) was shooting fantastically throughout the whole tournament to be awarded player of the tournament. The team will go onto represent Stowe at the regional rounds in January.

Lauren Ellis, Head of Netball



Congreve Production of 1984

The cast, crew and creative team associated with the 2017 Stowe Congreve production of '1984' have been incredibly busy in their final rehearsals before the start of the exciting 'production week' beginning immediately after our return from Exeat.

The whole School community are cordially invited to attend any or indeed all of the four performance dates starting on Wednesday 29 November through until Saturday 2 December. All performances begin at 8.00pm in The Roxburgh Hall.

In the troubled and complex world of 2017, the creative team responsible for the production strongly believe that staging a version of Orwell's classic is very much about presenting a 'play for today'. President D. Trump may not be a big reader, but he's certainly been a boon for sales of dystopian literature. Ray Bradbury's 'Fahrenheit 451', Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World' and Margaret Atwood's 'The Handmaid's Tale' have all been riding high in the latest paperback bestseller lists in recent months.

George Orwell's biographer Gordon Bowker

is certainly not in the least surprised by the renewed interest of this remarkable piece of work. Bowker said in a recent US magazine article "The continuing popularity of '1984' is a reminder of the threat to democracy posed by those with power who proclaim 'alternative facts' and deny objective truths. Big Brother's pronouncements are treated as absolute truth by his acolytes, even when they defy rational thought - so consequently Black is White, 2+2=5, War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery and Ignorance is Strength."

The 'strength' of the committed, hard-working and talented '1984' company will be clear for all to see at each and every performance and we look forward to welcoming as many parents, family, friends and supporters of Stowe during the run of the show.

Ticket requests and enquiries can be made through the [Arts at Stowe](#) team.

Nick Bayley, Drama Department

SPORT IN BRIEF

Rugby

In the Senior matches against Bedford on Saturday 18 November there were fine wins for the 3rd, 4th and 5th XV's. In the Junior matches the Colts As won 25-21 and the Junior Colts As won 24-12.

Badminton

In the Junior Inter-House Tournament held on Sunday 19 November, Walpole won the overall Cup and Ben Li (Third Form, Cobham) was Singles Champion.

Hockey

The Yearling As beat Oundle 2-0 on Saturday 18 November having drawn earlier in the season.

On Wednesday 15 November, there were wins for the girls' U15As against Northampton High School and the U16Bs against Tudor Hall.

In the block fixture against Oundle on Saturday 18 November, there were fine wins for the U15Bs, U15Cs and the U14Bs. The U14Cs drew 2-2.

Lacrosse

The Senior B team drew 3-3 against Radley on Tuesday 14 November.

Tennis

On Wednesday 15 November the 1st team had a comprehensive 6-0 victory over Tudor Hall in the Area Cup.

Badminton

Stanhope won the girls' over-all Cup and Rosia Li (Fourth Form, Stanhope) was girls' Singles Champion.



An Evening with John Agard

The State Music Room bristled with life on the evening of Friday 10 November, when the illustrious poet John Agard shared his poems, his memories and a lot of jokes with about one hundred Stoics. As Head of English, I took a risk with this event and did not mandate attendance for any pupils. Instead, as a Department, we shared a YouTube video of Agard reading a poem and invited our pupils to attend. To be honest, this is all it ever takes to engage a pupil with Agard's poetry - he sings, he shouts, at one point in the evening, he even moo-ed! This was live performance of the spoken word at its unpredictable best.

There were serious messages, too. When Agard spoke about his life's work - giving voice to his African-Caribbean identity - he spoke with such sensitivity that it allowed pupils to make the link between language and identity that is explored in the best of his poetry. The pupils particularly enjoyed the rhythms of the evening, blending music and dance moves with poetry;

as one pupil said afterwards, "It was hard to tell when he was just talking to us and when he was reading a poem." That, in a nutshell, is what is so special about John Agard - he makes poetry a real, living thing.

One of the most special aspects of the evening was the way in which he engaged with the pupils in the room. Four Stoics: Ingrid Galler (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Alex Orton (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Theo Finlan (Fourth Form, Temple) and Marlow Turner (Fourth Form, Cobham), gave stunning recitals to promote the School's 'Poetry by Heart' competition. It was gratifying when Agard referred to them all by name throughout the evening. Before the event, a few pupils were doubtful: "Miss, he looks so OLD! How old IS he?" (Agard is 68.) By the end of the evening, the questions were still coming: "When do we get to study his poems?" "When is he coming back?"

Allison Puranik, Head of English





Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (Chatham 32)

28 March 1915-13 November 2017

Lord Hutchinson, who died aged 102, was a leading criminal barrister whose career included the defence of Christine Keeler, Soviet spy George Blake and Howard Marks. He was also on the team that defended the publishers of Lady Chatterley's Lover and was the model for John Mortimer's character, Rumpole of the Bailey.

Lord Hutchinson the son of a noted barrister, St John Hutchinson KC, and his wife Mary Barnes. He was at Stowe between 1928 and 1932, before going to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he read philosophy, politics and economics. Called to the Bar in 1939, his career was interrupted by the outbreak of World War Two and he joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

A man of impeccable liberal credentials, Hutchinson became a Labour candidate in the 1945 General Election, encouraged by an Admiralty decision to give an extra month's leave to anyone who stood for Parliament. He took on the safe Conservative seat of Westminster, which contained 10 Downing Street. After his inevitable defeat he turned his attention to carving out a career at the criminal Bar where he was able to bring to bear his liberal outlook and his passion for social reform.

In 1960, he was part of the team that defended Penguin Books after it published DH Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. Lord Hutchinson had cannily pushed for as many women jurors as he could get. "I've always taken the view that women are much more sensible about sex," he later said. "Men get so worked up about it."

Appointed a QC in 1961, Hutchinson gained a reputation for taking on high-profile clients. He represented Christine Keeler during her trial for perjury following the scandal of the Profumo

Affair in 1963. He also appeared for the Great Train robber, Charles Wilson, and for the Soviet spy, George Blake.

He defended the drug smuggler Howard Marks - "he was great fun" - and also the journalist Duncan Campbell in the 1978 trial following the leaking of official secrets from GCHQ, in which Lord Hutchinson first exposed the practice of jury-vetting.

Lord Hutchinson sat for ten years from 1961 as the last recorder of Bath and helped to found the Criminal Bar Association. He loved cricket, walking and art. He served as Deputy Chairman of the Arts Council and, from 1981-84, as Chairman of the Trustees of The Tate. It was Hutchinson who paved the way for the building of the Clore Gallery to house Turner's work, as well as for the creation of Tate Liverpool.

Lord Hutchinson's success was based on a mixture of self-confidence and great legal acumen coupled with his strongly held opposition to the small-minded Establishment. His greatest gift was his genuine empathy with many of the men and women he defended. "My colleagues used to say, 'Hutchinson, you adore your clients.' But it was hard not to. You meet such extraordinary people. They were rather lovable."

Lord Hutchinson was created a Labour peer in 1978 and retired from the Lords in 2011, although he continued to speak out against the spectre of political interference with the judiciary. In 2015 he turned 100. Fellow lawyer, Sir Alan Moses called Lord Hutchinson "a hero for us all. He is the living symbol of all that independent criminal advocacy means for justice and the survival of the rule of law."

*Anna Semler (Nugent 05),
Old Stoic Society Director*



Old Stoics

Jonny Wale (Walpole 09) Track Cycling

Jonny Wale (Walpole 09) came fourth in the TISSOT UCI Track Cycling World Cup Round 2, at Manchester Velodrome on 10 November, with his team coming seventh in the Team Pursuit.

This is the latest in a series of excellent results for Jonny, who has ambitions to ride for Scotland at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Jonny is one of four individuals who make up Team KGF. Team KGF are a fresh British UCI Trade Track Team based in Derby, formed of Dan Bigham, Charlie Tanfield, Jonny Wale and Jacob Tipper.

The team caused a shock upset at this year's HSBC UK British National Track Cycling Championship as they achieved the monumental result of three golds and a silver, alongside breaking the competition record for the 4km Team Pursuit with 4.04.644. This would have placed the amateur team in the top 10 of the 2016 Rio Olympics. Dan Bigham and Charlie Tanfield took the top spots in the 4km Individual Pursuit, with Dan becoming National Champion with a 4:22.023 and Charlie gaining Silver with 4:22.795. In the 1km Time Trial Dan gained a third national title in 1:03.212. All of this was achieved off the back of only two months of track specific training. 2017 has also seen Jonny break the long standing British flying 1km record with 57:412.

Following this modern-day David and Goliath story, the quartet were inspired to step up onto the world stage by entering the Tissot UCI Track Cycling World Cup.

"We are a group of lads who all work full-time apart from Charlie and he's a student who's in trouble for missing lectures," Jacob said. "The idea is to mix it with the big boys and see how far we can get. GB were really helpful in Poland, they've been very supportive, but we are still gluing on our own tyres and booking our own flights. It's the only way to step on to the system."

The results from Round 2 of the World Cup show just how talented this amateur team are. There results show they have what it takes to challenge the National teams - we are hoping to see Jonny on a podium soon!

Anna Semler (Nugent 05), Old Stoic Society Director

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

AT CHELSEA OLD CHURCH

64 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London SW3 5LT

Wednesday 6 December 2017

7.30pm

All Old Stoics, Stowe Parents and Friends of Stowe are warmly invited to attend.

To book please click [here](#)



EPQ Fair

On Friday 20 October, 66 Upper Sixth EPQ pupils presented their year's worth of work to the whole school. The EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) presentations took the form of a 'Market Place' fair, with each pupil being given a designated area in the Marble Hall or Music Room. Pupils were tasked with creating presentation material that enabled them to explain what their EPQ was on and the process and journey they have been on over the past academic year. There was a huge variety of topics; ranging from 'Whether the legalisation of Rhino Horn trade would help rather than hinder the Rhino's chances of population growth' to 'Slave Trade Art and work done by Slaves in America during the 18th and 19th Centuries.' The range of projects and areas of interest were vast and it really goes to highlight the eclectic interests of Stoics and it was great to hear them all speak so passionately about their particular area of study. All the pupils should be very proud of their efforts not only with the presentations but their EPQ as a whole.

Mike Rickner, Head of Projects

Twins take on musical marathon for charity

Musical twins have been awarded this week's Charity Champion title after raising an incredible £6,148.61 for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity.

Following the incredible care Seb received at Birmingham Children's Hospital, twins Seb (Third Form, Walpole) and Jess Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton), aged 12, were inspired to organise a 24-hour 'play-a-thon' raising vital funds to help other children at the hospital requiring similar care.

Keen and talented musicians since they were just four years old, a simple trip and fall when Seb was just six could have ended any chance of a career in music before it had even began. As he rushed to show his mum something he had learnt on the piano he slipped and caught his finger under the door severing both tendons in his index finger of his left hand. Subsequently, Seb underwent five operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital and a complete tendon reconstruction on his left hand following a tendon injury. A brave six-year-old at the time, Seb also received many physiotherapy sessions to teach him how to use his hand and fingers again.

"Without Birmingham Children's Hospital and the skills of Seb's surgeon he would have no bend and would not be able to play music at all." comments Seb's Mum, Lisa Foxwell. The family have now turned to fundraising to say thank you for the amazing care Seb received during his time at the hospital. Inspired by their love of music, the twins decided to organise a 24-hour 'play-a-thon' in the local church; All Saints, Burton Dassett. Hitting all the right notes, the talented duo ensured music was played every second of the 24-hour period.

Seb said: "The event was great fun! All our family and friends came to support us and we also had well wishes from lots of others including some of the staff and surgeons from the hospital! The best thing about it was being able to give something back to a



hospital we will always be thankful for. We hope that the £6,000 plus we raised will help someone else who also needs treatment just like I did."

The money raised at the play-a-thon will go to the Hand and Upper Limb department at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Miranda Williams, Public Fundraising Manager at Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, added: "We're incredibly grateful to the Foxwell twins, who took the time to organise their musical marathon raising an incredible £6,743.25."

The money they have donated will make a massive difference to the children on our Hand and Upper Limb Department ensuring we can continue to offer the world-class facilities our brave families deserve."

For more information on Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, [click here](#).

Tanita Mistry, Birmingham Children's Hospital

School Shop Christmas Shopping Information

The School Shop is open until 5pm on Friday 15 December.

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