

Stowe mail

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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE

RUGBY



Junior Colts reach the FINAL of the National Cup!

On Thursday 5 March, the Junior Colts played in the semi-finals of the National Cup. They faced Oakham, the only side to have beaten them in the regular season. Stowe started brightly and put Oakham under huge pressure with their defensive line speed and physical tackling. The 1st score of the match came through a Ewan Baker penalty which was followed up with a try from scrum-half Noah Cowan, who dived over after a multi-phase attack, much to the delight of the vociferous home support.

The second half was scrappy with both teams making handling errors. Flanker Josh Hutchings was a huge physical presence in defence with centre Will Plessis being

a constant attacking threat. Stowe sealed victory with ten minutes to go with No 8 Will Jenden crashing over in the corner after Flanker Henry Pollock won a crucial turnover. Baker's touchline conversion in windy conditions showed real poise under pressure and the Oakham players' heads visibly dropped. Oakham managed a consolation try at the death but the Stowe defence held firm to see out the match with a 15-5 victory. They progress to the final which we're hoping will be rearranged at Twickenham in the forthcoming months.

Grant Seely, Director of Rugby



THE POWER OF PRINTED PAGES:

SENSATIONAL!

An Exhibition to celebrate National Book Week

We live in a digital age. An era of swipe, delete and fast forward.

But for SENSATIONAL! members of the English Department selected a wide range of non-digital products to display for an Exhibition in The Marble Hall aimed at celebrating the power of printed pages - whether these were words on the page, book or comic covers, album sleeves, film posters or adverts.

Here you could see The Beatles' White Album in all its vinyl glory (and compare the effect of this with its digital CD counter-part), Walt Disney and Margaret Atwood's autographs and Action and Watchmen comics. You could also see original 1970s quad film posters from the era just before they became photo-composites (this was the age before Photoshop); articles written by Head

of English, Ms Puranik, when she was a Times Editorial journalist and we also included a range of Pulp Fiction book covers from the 1950s - those lurid and hyperbolic images which promised much but which now seem quaint or ridiculous.

Dr Andrew Webber, who 'curated' this unique 'pop-up' Exhibition, said:

"The printed page is a tangible reminder of what we are capable of achieving and was once a central player in all aspects of popular culture. It played a vital part in 'turning us on' to new bands, deciding what author's book we wanted to read next, what movie we wanted to see and what comic book hero we wanted to root for. Those pages shaped our lives and made us who we are."

Will the same things ever be said for all those e-books, Spotify playlists and IMDB poster pages we fill our time perusing, swiping and, finally, deleting?

Dr Webber, English Department



CRICKET

Our U15XI and 1st XI squads have begun the cricket season in earnest. Former Stowe pupil and current Northants player, Graeme White, has joined both squads for their sessions and the 1st XI squad had a T20 specific session with Northants 1st XI Coach David Ripley.

Two pupils were abroad during the Half-Term break. George Hooper (Lower Sixth, Chandos) has been to Australia for two weeks, playing some League and Cup Cricket and James Cronie (Lower Sixth, Cobham) was in the Cayman Islands with the Northants Academy Squad. Both players did well, with James finishing leading run scorer for the Academy team. Aadi Sharma (Third Form, Winton) also spent Half-Term on a cricket training camp - this one with the Northants EPP squad.

James Knott, Head of Cricket



BASKETBALL

On 26 February, the 1st team took on MCS, Oxford. After a tight start, the team eased to an excellent 47-29 victory. Top scorer was again Will Murray with 16.

On Saturday 29 February, we travelled away to Bradfield, who play basketball at a similar high standard to Stowe. This year's encounter was another very tight match with our 1st team just losing by 59-60 points. The U16s had a similar evenly matched game but also just lost on this occasion.

The 1st team bounced back after their narrow 1 point defeat against Bradfield to beat an undefeated Bedford side. Dave Dooley, Michael Chen and Udo Ekpecham stood out with their accurate shooting and Tebi Fongho controlled the game well from the guard spot.

Isaac Michael, Head of Basketball

Planet Stowe

On Tuesday 10 March, we were pleased to welcome over 80 Primary School children and their teachers to the School to celebrate National Science Week for our Planet Stowe event. This collaboration between Sixth Form volunteers, Stowe House Preservation Trust and the Science, English and Music Departments, was funded by a MUFTI day, also organised by volunteers from our Sixth Form.

In the inaugural session, Head of Science, Mr Tearle, delivered a literally explosive lecture on atoms and the ways in which we are all connected via Chemistry.

English and Film teachers, Dr Webber and Ms Eisenhut, jointly delivered a follow-up session to Mr Tearle's lecture, in the Vanbrugh building, which used poetry to add another dimension to the theme of the inter-connectedness of things by creating a paper chain of poems written by the children about where they came from and where they were headed, which was then displayed in the Marble Hall.

Meanwhile, Ben Weston and various members of the Music Department gave our visitors a

chance to record in our state-of-the-art Stringer Recording studios in the Ugland building. By the end of the morning, an ambitious recording of David Bowie's 'Space Oddity' was created, which included all of the Planet Stowe guests.

There was also a chance to get to know the many and varied animals in Stowe's Biology Department with some 'hands-on' opportunities for our guests, provided by our Head of Biology, Louise Carter and Lower School Stoics.

In the afternoon, our volunteer Sixth Formers, Julian, Rohan, George and Will took our guests around the grounds on an exciting treasure hunt with top prizes. This gave pupils a chance to solve physical and mental puzzles in line with the day's scientific theme.

Our Planet Stowe event was a big success, bringing together so many different parts of the School in a cross-curricular activity and enabling more than 80 local children to experience the delights of our magnificent School.

Dr Webber, Teacher of English





Holi Festival

Holi festival is the Indian celebration of colour and harvest. It is often connected to many Hindu legends, but is also adopted by many other religions too, as a celebration of new life and Spring. Stowe celebrated this fantastic event with the House Decorating Competition. This was won by the boys and Pupils and Staff were covered in powdered paint whilst dancing and enjoying some good music! Crêpes and coffee were available to help warm people up and soak up the festive atmosphere! An all-round great way to celebrate the coming of springtime and multiculturalism.

Fran Shab, Head of International Pupils



Volunteering

Stowe volunteers have had another busy and productive term. The Primary Schools project is now well-established within the Stowe Experience initiative with eight Stoics attending two local Primary Schools each week. Their contribution is very much appreciated and they are a source of real pride for Stowe. Stoics have listened to children read, helped as a form of entertainment in PE and break times, sharpened pencils, tended flowerbeds and landscape, and assisted in a variety of lessons at age groups from Nursery to Year 6. A particular highlight was seeing Miss Shah and some of the international Stoics deliver a Chinese New Year carousel of activities to up to 90 children. Activities included a talk and slides about the celebrations in China, making paper lanterns, basic Chinese calligraphy and writing with paints, and learning a few Chinese words. One school has now asked if we might be able to help them with refurbishing an outdoor area so we are starting to look at how that might be achieved. Teams of Stoics also continue to visit elderly residents each week, bringing good humour, kindness and an admirable level of patience. They invariably leave residents feeling more engaged with life. Yet other Stoics have assisted with a variety of tasks that have been specially selected for



them by the National Trust. This term they have been mulching trees and shrubs in Dido's Wood, pruning hedges at Bell Gate Drive and stripping back a Cornus bed. And finally, in a new development, some Sixth Formers have begun volunteering at charity shops in Buckingham (RSPCA, Willen Hospice and the British Heart Foundation). Excitingly, all of this work is but a small snapshot of the ways in which Stoics and staff have wholeheartedly thrown themselves into serving others this term. A fantastic initiative, designed and delivered by the Stowe Experience volunteers, working in conjunction with several Stowe Departments and the Stowe House Preservation Trust, is mentioned in detail elsewhere in this edition. We look forward to seeing how this project - and all the others - develop over the coming months.

Dr Imogen Adkins, Head of Volunteering



HOCKEY

On Wednesday 11 March, the U18 County Cup Competition took place at Stowe. John Hampden, RGS High Wycombe and Sir William Borlase's Grammar schools made the trip to what are always hotly contested matches.

First up was John Hampden and the Stowe lads were in a ruthless mood! As has been the theme this season, there was a patient build-up based on a solid back line and midfield. When Stowe won possession, they broke quickly and Rhys Noble scored a thunderous strike into the top left-hand corner. Three more goals followed in similar fashion, quick breaks from the attackers meant goals for Lucas Davis, Tom Fountain and James Trumper.

At half-time, we talked about being patient with our passing decision-making and a clean sheet was priority. Noble added a second goal to his score and the Stowe boys ran out 5-0 winners.

The second match was against RGS who had beaten us 1-0 earlier in the season. Stowe were excellent again and tactically superior to the opposition. Stowe had a similar game plan to the first match and made use of the aerial ball well. 2-0 up at half-time through Noble and Trumper before Noble added a third just after the break. RGS pulled a goal back but Stowe controlled the game from then on to run out 3-1 winners.

This victory set up a decider against Sir William Borlase's who had won both their first two matches. Stowe showed the stronger of the two teams and were ahead in under one minute. A slick long corner routine led to Trumper finding space on the baseline who squared for Davis to tap in at the back post. Further chances came and went for Stowe and although we had to defend a little towards the end of the first half, Stowe were good value for their lead.

In the second half, Stowe showed their superiority and the attacking play was some of the best this season. Trumper and Noble added to their impressive tallies for the day but the manner in which Stowe won the ball in midfield and broke quickly was impressive.

Stowe ran out 3-0 winners and are the 2020 County Champions! To only concede one goal in two hours of hockey against this level of competition is testament to the boys' work rate and the defensive unit. One particular highlight was Max Butler saving single-handedly from a PC after two of his defenders had broken early!

An excellent day!

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey

For weekly reports on all Stowe Sports, visit our website

www.stowesport.co.uk



Senior International Student Dinner

The International Student Council held its annual Senior International Student Dinner on Friday 13 February. Attended by Sixth Form pupils from a wide range of countries, including Russia, Thailand, Australia and Nigeria, the evening saw pupils enjoy a whole host of culinary delights made by the catering team. A smörgåsbord of European cured meats, fishes, breads and cheeses was followed by South African baboote and rice and finished off with an American style cheesecake! Alongside this, pupils demonstrated their knowledge of different nations in a quiz, with the winning team gaining an impressive 16 out of 20 available points. Awards were also distributed for a variety of categories, including: the sharpest dresser, Chloris Jiang, (Lower Sixth, West), most likely to become an international millionaire, Adrian Subowo (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and the furthest from home, Maggie O'Shannessy (Lower Sixth, West). The evening proved to be a great celebration of how multicultural Stowe is and brought the international community closer together.

Fran Shah, Head of International Pupils

EQUESTRIAN

After narrowly avoiding being cancelled by Storm Jorge, the pupils had an amazing result competing in the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championship Qualifier at Onley Grounds on Saturday 29 February.

The girls braved the wind and rain and had a rocky start with some unlucky stops and faults from the 70cm team. Special mention has to go to Constance Sharp who had to postpone half of her round after a number of fences blew over and had to be secured with sandbags and bricks to prevent any further escape attempts throughout the day.

The 80cm teams all rode great rounds with Kitty Scott flying to a clear round but unfortunately adding some unlucky time faults. Constance, Georgia Page and Lucy Willmott then braved the wind with some great riding, producing our first qualification for the Championships at Hickstead with a team 1st.

The 90cm class saw Libby Hayes ride *Cryptic Clue* into an individual qualification with second place, despite a circular jump being picked up by the wind and chasing poor *Cryptic Clue* before the ring crew rounded it up. Libby was then joined by teammates Ella Gray-Cheape, Georgia and Lucy to secure a team third place, narrowly missing out on a team qualification.

Finally, we came to the last class of the day with the 1m/1.05m. We started with only two individual riders in this class so were facing the prospect of missing the opportunity of a team qualification. Thankfully, Lucy stepped in right at the last minute to join Ella and Libby in making up the team. Once again, Libby and *Cryptic Clue* rode a flawless round to bring home individual 1st place and a second championship qualification for the pair.

Next into the ring was Lucy and *Elamo Lucky Clover*. This was Lucy's first time jumping at this height and she absolutely owned it, bringing home a clear round and an individual 4th place.

Last to ride were Ella and *Overton Surprise*. Despite 12 faults, Ella rode with textbook precision, carrying the team into 1st place and yet another championship qualification.

All in all, the day was a great success for all involved and even the girls who were not in the ribbons gained a great experience and enjoyed the day. After the prize-giving ceremony, the Ring Steward approached me to remark on the beautiful behaviour of our pupils. She commented on the politeness of our competitors, their chatty and helpful manner, adding that despite the terrible weather, she never once heard any of them complain. She pointed out that even the girls who were eliminated or had faults, still made a point of thanking her and her team on their way out of the arena and that she thought they had produced some of the best rounds of the day.

Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager

PSHE

This term has been a busy one for Sixth Form PSHE lectures. In the past two weeks, the Upper Sixth have heard from Joshua Coombes, Hairdresser to the Homeless and Founder of the #DoSomethingForNothing movement and Patrick Foster from EPIC Risk Management on Gambling. Earlier in the term, Steven Andrews (singer-songwriter, writer and journalist) gave a powerful and emotive talk about addiction to the Lower Sixth whilst the Upper Sixth heard from the War Photographer, Rick Findler and were introduced to the ethical/moral dilemmas that photojournalists face in bringing us visual footage of conflict from around the world.

Francesca Macleod Matthews (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Micky Shillington (Upper Sixth, Bruce) share their thoughts on two of these speakers:

The School organised a talk for the Lower Sixth by Steven Andrews about the effects of drug use on his life. The heartfelt talk captured the year group as he described how his career in the music industry, this family and friendships fell apart through his addiction. His talk brought to light the huge spiralling effects that drugs have, not only on the user but also his family and friends as he shared the stories of his daughter and wife who had both been affected by his addiction.

Being able to hear his experiences first-hand was stirring and gave me a huge amount of respect for Steven as he was able to admit his downfalls in order to deter others following in his path. Steven inspired everyone not to be ashamed of their failures but to use them to grow and help others. Steven was open when answering all of our questions despite how vulnerable he must



have felt when discussing the tragic events that lead to his decision to try and take his own life, which is why the lecture was one of the most powerful talks I have ever attended. *Francesca* The War Photographer, Rick Findler offered us an interesting insight into his fascinating yet gruesome profession. The talk covered an array of topics ranging from citywide protests to his experiences working in war zones. Most notable of all were the stories of his time working in Hong Kong during last year's protests as well as his time working in Libya, with the contrast between the two providing students with a truly intriguing and educational evening. Following his talk, Stoics had numerous questions for the speaker, to which all were given honest and impressive responses. After grateful applause for Mr Findler, many Stoics flooded to the front to inspect his essential equipment on display as well as choose from a number of prints to purchase, one of which is now displayed on my wall! *Micky* *Liz Huxley Capurro, Head of PSHE*



Lower Sixth Drama

How do you adapt, interpret and present three highly complex and intricate novels for a thirty-minute drama exam performance?

Just ask the talented and creative members of the Lower Sixth A level Drama group, who over a two-night run on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 March in the Dobinson Studio, presented their devised and original exam performance pieces to an eclectic audience made up of Stoics, Staff, family and friends.

Having been presented with the challenge of incorporating the varied and inventive theatre techniques associated with the work of Complicité, each group not only managed to engage and entertain but also demonstrated a high level of skill and understanding that was worthy of high praise.

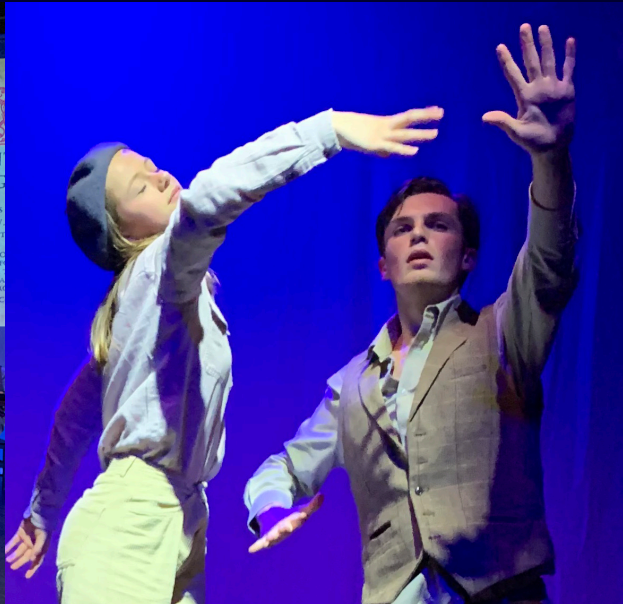
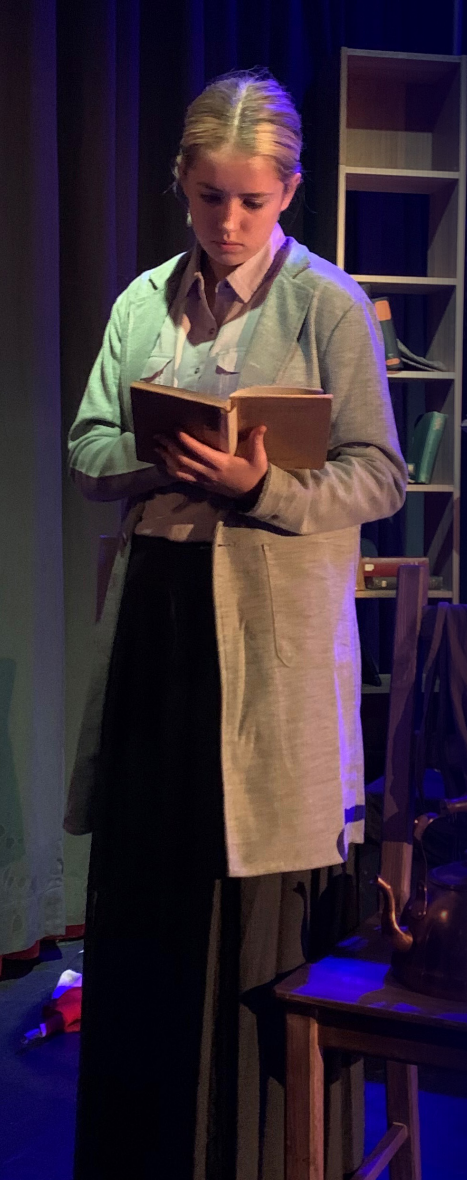
Tess Clarke (Nugent), Camille Gibson (Lyttelton), Hugo Manners (Grafton), Marlow Turner and Charly Tyson (West) used the moving and heart-felt work 'All the Light we Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr as their starting point. The lives of a blind French girl and an idealistic young German boy collide in occupied France during the harrowing and devastating years of WW2. Every member of this talented cast were at ease in delivering the complex dialogue and effortlessly switched between an array of varied characters with skill and aplomb. Plans are afoot to take this piece to The Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the Summer.

In 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak, we see the central character of Liesel coming to terms with the fact that the poisonous and damaging Nazi regime during WW2 are hell bent on fulfilling their twisted and obscene ideologies, whatever the consequences might be. Eleanor Butler (Lyttelton), India Case (Queen's), Felicity Holmes (West), Katie Lee (Cheshire), Martha Shillington and Bea Rose (both Nugent) portrayed an array of characters and situations with a good deal of sensitivity and understanding throughout.

Poppy Baker (Cheshire), Lucy Bannister (West), Filippo Beni (Winton), Oscar Esquerré Gow (Grenville) and Cosima Prestwich (Nugent) drew their inspiration from Jonathan Safran Foer's 'Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close'. The emotive and heart-felt story of 12 year old Oskar Schell's journey to re-connect with his Father, who was one of the many tragic victims of 9/11, was beautifully measured and presented.

The collective ensemble work demonstrated and delivered by all three groups was delightful for all to see. Each of the pieces told their particular stories by incorporating subtle and entirely appropriate theatrical techniques and conventions, and many were moved to tears by these stories that addressed what it is to love, suffer and overcome adversity.

Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama





Classical Vocal Concert

The annual Classical Vocal Concert displays the best in classical singing from Stoics, attracting a sizeable audience and this year's varied and delightful programme was no exception. The vocal quintet: Emily Banks (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Lula Goldsmith (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Mimi Pearson-Gee (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Emily Wilson (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) opened and closed the concert with energetic renditions of two pieces attributed to Henry VIII. Most Stoics chose to give short and informative introductions to their songs.

Georgia Glenser (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) started the solo offerings with the touching 'Birdsongs at Eventide' by Eric Coates, followed by Holst's haunting 'The Heart Worships', sung by Mimi. Sophie Lloyd (Third Form, Nugent) delivered the Welsh folksong 'Over the Stone', followed by a sturdy performance of Finzi's 'Rollicum Rorem', by Matt Ryland (Fourth Form, Bruce). Rory Calvert (Third Form, Chandos) gave an authoritative account of Handel's 'Where e'er you Walk', followed by the charming 'Bel Piacere', also by Handel, sung by Alice Butler (Fourth Form, Lyttelton). Lula delivered Vivaldi's popular 'Nulla in Mundo' with elegance and Ruby Cooke (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) sang 'My Lord, a Suppliant at your Feet I kneel', with conviction as the title character from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Iolanthe'. Lilia Møller (Third Form, Cheshire) gave us 'Bow thy Corolla' by Nielsen. This was a first at a Stowe concert to the best of my knowledge as Lilia sang the original Danish text rather than the better-known English translation. Emily Banks gave an intense performance of Faure's beautiful 'Après un Rêve', and this was followed by a little-known gem by Puccini, 'Sogno d'or', skilfully sung by Emily

Wilson. Boris closed the solo section in style with two lovely songs by Grieg, 'Zur Rosenzeit' and 'Ich Liebe Dich'. Before the final ensemble, Emily Banks, Boris and Lula were presented with their certificates having been successful in their recent singing Diploma examinations.

I would like to thank Ben Andrew and Jeffrey Au for their help in accompanying some of the singers and to Paul Badley for preparing three of his pupils. As ever, thanks to Arts at Stowe for ensuring that events such as this take place.

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies



Berklee College of Music

Theodore Hayes (Upper Sixth, Chatham) has been awarded a substantial Scholarship to study on the highly-coveted undergraduate course at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. Berklee is regarded as one of the finest institutions in the world for music and to win a place to study there is an accolade in itself. For Theodore to be awarded a Scholarship is a testament to both his determination and hard work as well as his talents in music. We wish him all the very best for his future studies and look forward to hearing the fruits of his labour in years to come.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

EQUESTRIAN

The Championships will be taking place at Hickstead from 23-25 May with classes being spread across the event.

The Equestrian Centre's next competition was yet again another successful day for Stowe at the Bloxham School's Eventers Challenge Championships at Aston Le Walls on 8 March.

The 80cm class kicked off with a flawless, clear round from Constance Sharp and *Hazel Rock Sun*, followed by Lucy Rigler and *Benjamin*, who had some unfortunate stops.

Next to go were Jasper Hayes and *Semper Fidelis*, who sped home with the team's second clear, sadly racking up time penalties but still sailing into individual 2nd place overall.

Last but certainly not least was Helen Sharp and *GAF Intuition*, who produced a sensational clear round, rocketing the team into 1st place, thereby winning the Championship and making Mrs Haycock cry! Helen has been working so hard to overcome some challenges and the extra effort has really paid off.

Angela Haycock, Equestrian Centre Manager

CYCLING

On Sunday 1 March, Harry Kirby kicked off his time trialling cycling season in style competing in the Banbury Star 25-mile individual time trial on an undulating course which included a climb of 16%. Completing the course in 56 minutes 14 seconds, he was 2 minutes faster than his time last year, winning this year's Junior category and coming 11th overall amongst a field of 58 adults.



FIVES

All three pairs put in a good performance against Uppingham on Thursday 5 March. 3rd pair George Buxton and George Palin won their match 3-0. 2nd pair Freddie Manners and James Raimondi played well and although they did not win a game, they won more points with each game they played. 1st pair Poom Hall and Robbie Haigh came from behind to win their first game 13-10. They lost the second but smashed the third game 12-6.

John Skinner, Head of Fives



CCF Field Exercise

On Tuesday 10 March, the Army section of Stowe CCF took the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth Cadets on exercise at Swynnerton Military Base, Stoke-On-Trent, where they enjoyed two days of sustained challenges in which they put their cumulative training and skills to work. After a fortifying meal upon their arrival, Cadets engaged in evening challenges well into the night: they studied the theory underlying the skills for Training in Built-Up Areas (TIBUA) and navigated with tight teamwork, the dark corners of an urban maze - only to burn off energy with fiercely competitive battles of laser tag.

Rising early on Wednesday, the Cadets faced a day of further challenges that drew on both their composure and their resistance. Leading the obstacle course were two active Army Physical Training Instructors, who ran the Cadets through a gruelling regime, which the Stoics will remember fondly: press-ups in ankle-deep mud and sprints in the chilly morning made for a laughing camaraderie as the Cadets compared levels of fitness... and muddiness. Further laser tag battles warmed them up after the course and blank rifle firing animated their exercises in clearing spaces in TIBUA. On the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer - effectively, a rifle range using simulated rounds rather than

blank cartridges, the Cadets practised their marksmanship with several shooters distinguishing themselves admirably: in the grouping challenge (to assess how tightly controlled a shooter could contain five rounds), Ben Hartigan (Fifth Form, Grafton) posted an impressive 49mm - only to be bettered by the top shot of Hannah Moyles (Lower Sixth, Cheshire), who grouped her five shots within 42mm. The Cadets then took down 19 moving targets at 100m, in which Ben, who shot 14, was only outstripped by the keen aim of Dmitrii Fedko (Fifth Form, Walpole) who shot a staggering 17 - earning even the grudging plaudits from the range operator. Following the range, the Cadets then tested their Close Quarter Battle skills in Swynnerton's remarkable mock-up of a city street - replete with flashing lights, shop fronts with mannequins, shoutings of rioters and remote launchings of debris. The experience tested the Cadets' concentration on task and awareness of their surroundings which they were quizzed on in a debriefing.

With exercises completed by lunch, the Cadets ate heartily outdoors, followed by a focused cleaning of rifles and a quiet coach ride home during which the Cadets reflected fondly on their experience (or were they sleeping)?

Dr Fitzpatrick Smith, Head of English



National Schools U15A Tournament

Despite a mixture of results, our pool proved to have a series of challenging oppositions. At no point did our U15As back down or shy away from the challenge. Stowe started off slow but warmed up quickly, adapting to the seven minute halves. We knew we had to move fast and take advantage of our athleticism on the field. High pressure defence was key to possession for us, making sure any ball that hit the ground, we would battle for it. Once we got into our rhythm, the 10-0 result against Benenden gave us that boost we needed. It showed that we belonged in this group, could hold our own and weren't backing down after a loss.

Our tournament unfortunately came to an end when we made it to the last 16 of Division 1. The team fought hard until the very end against St Swithun's, who then went on to win the entire division. The coaching team and parents were extremely proud of the team's achievements.

Hannah Bewes was our well deserved MVP for the day. Hannah worked hard wherever she was placed on the field and stepped up to the challenge and got the job done. She could be relied on to take a draw, defend and transition the ball into attack. Well played Hannah!

Overall, this year group of Fourth Formers have proved that hard work pays off and continuously push themselves to better their game and are open to always learning more along the way. This team shows incredible promise if they continue to practise and play together for their remaining years here at Stowe.

Goal Scorers: Lyla Mulcahy (6), Ellie Martindale (5), Emily Surton (4), Maria Hamilton (2), Hattie Goodrich (2), Ava Hill (1) and Clara Capella (1).

Every member of the team contributed to an outstanding 2019/2020 season for the U15As, well done all.

Kieran Garvey, Assistant Head of Lacrosse

1st X Lacrosse National Schools' Tournament

The 1st X lacrosse were primed and ready for a great weekend of lacrosse starting on Saturday 29 February when inclement weather thwarted the first day of competition. The team spent the day enjoying the hotel, going to the cinema (after, of course, spending a few hours focused on their academic studies). Sunday morning came around and the girls found that they were placed straight into a play-in pool with similarly ranked teams from last year's tournament. Games against Haberdashers' Aske's and a very strong Putney High School didn't go our way but the team were able to defeat top-seeded Godolphin 4-2.

This led us into Division 1, facing Walthamstow Hall and although Stowe scored first, our opposition then scored seven unanswered goals to knock us out of the tournament.

Although it was disappointing not to play as much lacrosse as we had anticipated, great experiences were shared and the Stowe side represented the School immaculately.

Rob Ingham Clark, Head of Lacrosse



It was clear that the Cadets had a great time learning to sail and understanding the boats and practising a number of seagoing and boat handling skills.

They slept on the way home!

Lt Nick Zammit, RN Section Commander, Stowe CCF



The RN CCF section arrived in Portsmouth travelling from Stowe to the South Coast was in some places rather difficult with wind speeds of around 40mph gusting across the A34 towards Portsmouth. With the difficulty of driving in high winds, the prospect of sailing the following day was proving to be somewhat doubtful. As we woke on board HMS Bristol and made our way onto the upper deck, it appeared that the high winds that were expected had now abated and with much surprise, we were informed by the Skippers of the Yacht and Cruiser, that we would be setting sail and heading towards Cowes for a fish and chips lunch. You could see by the faces of the Cadets that this was very welcome.

After the the Skippers' briefings, we set sail from Portsmouth Harbour. There were a number of Royal Navy Warships and a French Destroyer alongside on a 'show the flag' visit. Leaving the Harbour, the wind speed picked up once again and the sea conditions were a little rough.

The Cadets were able to practise their navigation, knots, their understanding of the different buoys, experience turbulent sea conditions and tides and practise their steering towards Cowes and returning back into Portsmouth Harbour.

Stowe School organised its first National Careers Week this term, which took place from 2-6 March. During the week, a variety of activities were on offer for all Stoics.

Pupils were introduced to different careers that are using specific subjects and discussed important employability skills during lessons.

Many Upper Sixth Form pupils attended an interactive workshop on Business Behaviour and Networking, in which Stoics were exploring who is already in their network and how best to approach these people. Pupils discussed how to broaden their network effectively and considered networking events and how to develop their elevator pitch.

Fourth Form pupils were invited to attend a Careers Speed Dating Event which proved a fantastic opportunity to do networking for future work experience placement. This was a fun and fast-paced activity where pupils interviewed Old Stoics from different industry backgrounds in 5 minute slots.

The week ended with some of the Lower Sixth Form attending a careers talk by Amazing Apprenticeships who explained apprenticeships in more detail.

Luciane Guntner-Jones, Careers Advisor

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McElwee Award and Lecture

The McElwee Award and the McElwee Lecture are named in honour of Bill McElwee, who had a distinguished career as a History teacher at Stowe on either side of the Second World War. His war service was exceptional, taking him from the Normandy Campaign to the Nuremberg trials. While at Stowe, he was well known for wide-ranging trips across Europe with Stoics, a legacy that the McElwee Award aims to continue.

The McElwee Award

20 Lower Sixth Stoics applied for the McElwee Award this year, in a competitive process that seems to become increasingly strong with each passing year. The 2,000-word applications and face-to-face presentations from students to the McElwee Committee were deeply considered, with one of the longest debates ensuing about who to choose in recent memory. In considering who had the best claim to the money, the Committee eventually settled on four trips that were worthy winners this year.

Theo Finlan and Tommy Cranmer (Lower Sixth, Temple) will travel to Paris to examine the impact of war on the city. Inspired by 'Rome - A History in Seven Sackings' by Matthew Kneale, they hope to study what the city was like at various key moments in the past, with an overall consideration of how the city has evolved.

Niamh Dudgeon and Immy Bewes (Lower Sixth, Queen's) will follow the trail of 'The Heroes of Telemark', examining the Second World War efforts to prevent Hitler developing a nuclear bomb. Their trip will take them to the site of the Havy Water Plant in Vemrok and they will also explore life in Norway under the Nazis.

On a more ancient theme, Rosia Li (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and Mimi Pearson-Gee (Lower Sixth, Nugent) will chart the religious change in Cyprus, from the arrival of Saint Paul to the conversion to Islam. They have a packed agenda, taking in the churches, museums, monasteries and mosques in a wide-ranging project.

Finally, William Wright and Nathan Hines (Lower Sixth, Winton) will trail the route used by the Czechoslovakian Kindertransport in their journey to safety in Britain. Both William and Nathan are inaugural members of Winton House and this

personal link with the project, as well as their work to contact Sir Nicholas Winton's relatives, was influential in the Committee's decision to award them the prize.

Though international travel has been curtailed in recent weeks, it is hoped that this Summer will prove memorable for the McElwee Award winners and their trips will recreate again the same spirit and intellectual interest of Bill McElwee himself.

The McElwee Lecture

Stowe was delighted to welcome Sir Max Hastings, one of the foremost Historians in the country to give the McElwee Lecture this year. Sir Max spoke about his recent book which gives a comprehensive account of the Vietnam War.

His experience as a War Correspondent in Vietnam alongside his excellent academic credentials as a Historian came together in a talk that combined personal accounts, overarching narrative and lessons for future generations. His balance in addressing the varying concerns of the different national experiences of Vietnam was especially impressive.

The audience, which combined Arts at Stowe members, Stowe Historians and members of the McElwee Committee, were treated to a display of expertise, charisma and honest reflections on the nature of war. During the question and answer session, Sir Max was asked about the lessons we might draw from Vietnam, with his answers focusing on the lessons largely not learned in the recent 9/11 conflicts.

The attendance was excellent, with around 300 people being treated to one of the highlights of the academic talks programme.

Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair - Humanities



RUGBY

Stowe U16 7s

Stowe hosted a 7s tournament on Wednesday 11 March with the most prestigious rugby playing schools in the country. The likes of Millfield, Warwick, Harrow, Wellington and Sedbergh all competed for the trophy in the tournament which is two weeks before Rosslyn Park. The group stages saw many closely-fought encounters with the top four teams progressing through to the Cup. Stowe were ranked 5th out of 15 teams which saw them enter the Plate competition but sadly mistakes cost them in their semi-final against eventual winners Bishop's Stortford. The Vase was won by Marlborough after they comfortably defeated The Oratory in the final. Meanwhile, Millfield retained their Cup trophy after seeing off a second half fightback from Wellington to retain their title. The Cup was presented to them by Old Stoic John Hawkins, who has just signed a two-year contract extension with Premiership side, Bristol Bears. John was part of the 2015 Stowe side who won the Rosslyn Park 7s title.

Grant Seely, Director of Rugby

NETBALL

The Stowe netball teams have had an excellent second half of the season, building on the success and reputation created in the first half of term. It has been great to see Stowe putting out 11 netball teams each Saturday against the top independent schools in our local regions. We have comfortably won our block fixtures against Tudor Hall, Cokethorpe and Downe House, and narrowly missed out on winning against Rugby. All teams have played outstandingly and have really started to move netball in the right direction.

Our Senior squads have continued to work hard against some really tough opposition, going from strength to strength in each match. Our U15s have also really started to excel recently and our U14s have proved to be the strongest year with the most wins across the board. A special mention to the U14A team who are undefeated in all of our team's fixtures and are ranked 5th nationally in the country.

All the best to the girls in their last match of the season against Uppingham and the netball Coaches are already looking forward to next season!

Well done to the netball club who managed 6 wins out of their 9 matches against Downe House. Particular mention goes to the 2nd team who had a convincing win and played with an excellent, competitive spirit. The netball club also had block fixtures against Tudor Hall. The U14As continued their unbeaten run in regular matches with another very comfortable win. The U14Bs, U15As, Bs and 2nd XI also played well to get the upper hand on the Tudor Hall opponents.

Victoria Dias, Head of Netball

Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts

On Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March, a number of Stoic musicians took part in the annual Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts. All those who participated represented the School impeccably and they gave some impressive performances over the course of the weekend. Some highlights from the competition include:

Boris Baros (Upper Sixth, Bruce) won 1st place in the English Song and Foreign Art Song classes as well as 2nd place in the recital class. Sebastian Calkin (Fifth Form, Chatham) won 2nd in the Diploma romantic piano class. In the vocal classes, Poppy Baker (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) won 2nd place in the set song and in the piano classes, Sebastian Foxwell (Fifth Form, Walpole) won 3rd place in the Diploma romantic piano class, Yi Xu (Lower Sixth, West) won 3rd place in advanced classical piano.

All of the Stoics who took part gave strong performances and in some cases, were competing against highly experienced adults several times their age.

Thanks go to Jane Horwood and Rachel Sherry for both the organisation of the Stowe contingent and the preparation of candidates.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard

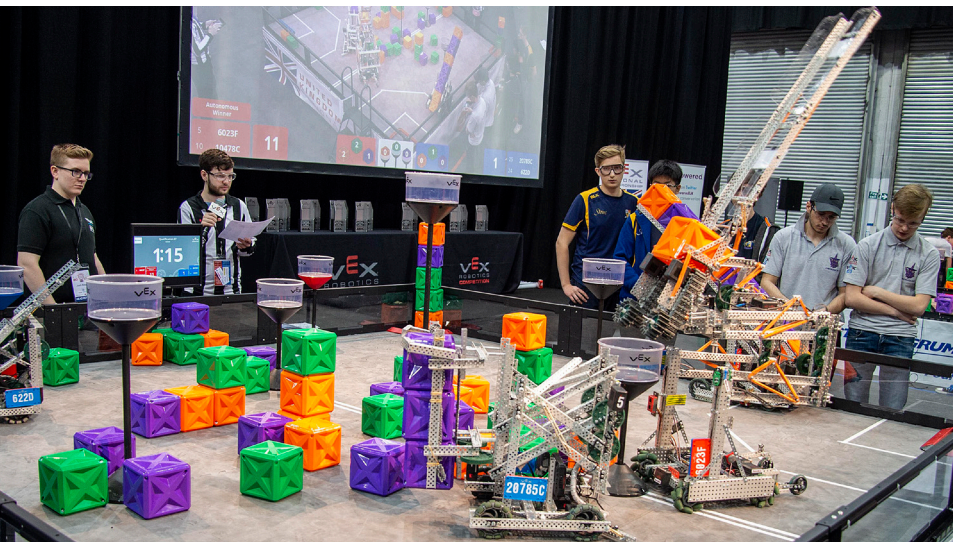
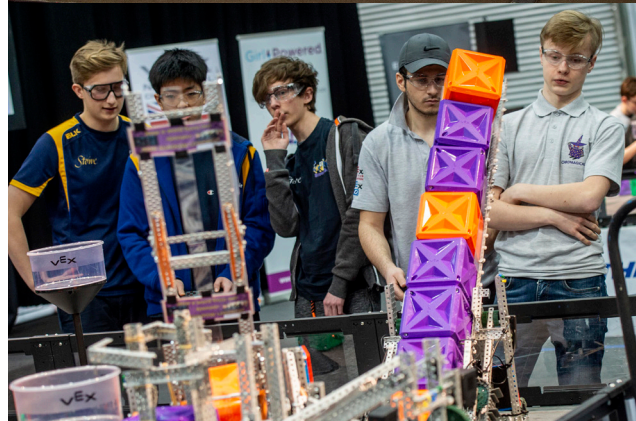
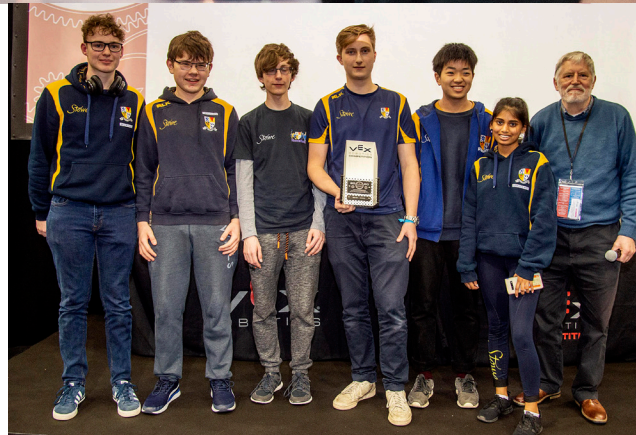


StoweBots National Finals

Though a tough season, our three robotics teams successfully qualified for the National Finals held in Telford. Both robots were competing in the same division over the course of the 10 randomly allocated qualification matches, the Senior team won 8 and lost 2 meaning they ranked 5th overall. They had a very tough draw and the two matches they lost were against very strong pairings. The Fourth Form team struggled more, only winning 3 of their 10 matches and ranked 22nd out of the 30 teams. Going into the alliance selection (teams choose a partner robot to work with) and play-off matches, the Senior team ended up in the 2nd ranked partnership. The Junior team was in a lower alliance and won their first play-off match to make the quarter-finals but unfortunately were not able to win their quarter-final. The Senior team however, made it through the quarter-final to the semi-final. Sadly, in the semi-final, some of the initial robot code didn't fire so the team started the match 6 points down and were not able to clawback that lead, finishing as divisional semi-finalists. However, we were awarded the 'Amaze award' which is appointed to an amazing, well-rounded and high-performing robot and is chosen by a panel of judges. All the judges were impressed by the robot's design, build and programming so it was excellent for the team to walk away with some recognition of their efforts.

Robotics at Stowe is looking strong for the next few years and although we bid farewell to Valentin Rummel (Upper Sixth, Temple) who has been with the team for five years and is an outstanding engineer (receiving an Arkwright Engineering Award last year on Speech Day for his work), the younger team members from the Third and Fourth Forms are shaping up well and show some real promise for years to come.

Paul Thompson, Head of Physics



SOCIETY XVI

A number of pupils have previously asked if we can have a Business Society, and with the help of Dr West, we held the first meeting of the Society XVI on Friday 6 March.

The name 'Society XVI' comes from the sixteen worthies, as seen at the Temple of Worthies on the Stowe estate. Eight of the worthies were chosen for their accomplishments and the second eight were chosen for their thoughts and ideas. The founding members of Society XVI felt that these values would be sound principles to guide the new business society.

The Society XVI convened to listen to an insightful presentation by Will Wright (Lower Sixth, Winton) about 'The Wealthiest Company in History', the Dutch East Indian Company. This was an astute presentation covering a manner of topics, ranging from the background information of the company to the more business and economics related theories.

The Dutch East Indian Company, as suggested by the name originates from the Netherlands and traded with Lisbon in its early years, however this trade line was terminated, leaving the VOC left to trade with Asia, mainly with Ceylon, China and India. We learned how this stimulated the growth of the World's first Stock Exchange and due to the widespread interest of the VOC, how they had the opportunity to start wars and to hold lands. At the peak of the Dutch East Indian Company, they were worth \$7 trillion and had a net profit of 1500%, however contrary to this success, they later went bankrupt in 1799.

Following this, a number of points were discussed, dwelling on Wills presentation. We discussed how

times have changed and press and social media have become a much more prevalent part of life, therefore presumably inhibiting practices like this. Naturally, the conversation resulted in the Coronavirus and the potential shortages would lead to huge rates of subcontracting. Finally, we also discussed the role that bias plays in history, and considered how the Dutch schools would teach children about this.

The Society would welcome pupils, parents and Old Stoics to present and debate at society meetings. If you are interested in attending a meeting as a guest speaker, please contact [Dr West](#).

Ollie De Winton (Lower Sixth, West)



Stowe SPORT



POLO

March has seen all our teams competing at National Championship level.

The SUPA National Championship took place at Rugby Polo Club on Sunday 1 March where we entered four teams, competing in all four divisions ranging from Open, Intermediate, Novice and Beginners levels. I am thrilled to say that our A team beat Cheltenham, Harrow and Rugby (in fierce games) to win their Open section! Ivan de Poligny captained the A team which had fantastic goals from everyone including, Henry Hobby and Lucas Stern. Our B team, captained by Ella Almeyda with Oli Halsey-Wright and Rafi Mahmood came 4th out of 6 teams in a tough round of games. Our C team, captained by India Baillie also came 4th out of 6 teams with some huge hits by Harry Heathcote and some aggressive play by India and Jemima Hammond. Our Beginners team had a fantastic time at the Nationals becoming champions in their division. Captained by Octavia Comerford who in one chukka scored an incredible six goals, they celebrated wonderful goals from Max Burlingham (in his first ever match!) and Freddie Farrell, who played brilliantly.

Everyone commented on how wonderfully well Stowe played and the mass of yellow and blue shirts on display was memorable! As always, we were the only school to represent four teams.

We entered a girls team in the SUPA Girls Polo Championship held at the very impressive Black Bears Polo Club in Henley. The team captained by Ella included Octavia and India. We won our first match against Cheltenham 4-0 with some stunning goals from India, lost our second match against Wellington and drew our third match, only to lose on a penalty shoot-out. We came 4th out of 12 teams which was a fantastic result against very tough opponents. This is the first time we have played in this competition for five years and was a fantastic way of celebrating International Women's Day 2020!

Fiona Corthine, Master in Charge of Polo



Silent Disco

In aid of William's Fund

On Saturday 29 February, Temple House hosted its second Silent Disco in aid of William's Fund - Temple's House Charity. William's Fund is a fundraising organisation raising money for childhood cancer research. Having been a great success last year, Temple decided to have its second instalment of the charitable event, with this year raising £1,925, thanks to all the Stoics supporting this great cause. The night was divided into three slots: Third Form, Fourth and Fifth Forms, and lastly, Sixth Form. A record-breaking 223 Sixth Formers packed into StoweBucks for the event. It was a hugely successful night, enjoyed by all year groups and more importantly, a great fundraiser for the Charity. Thanks go out to Will Murray and Ed Snushall (Upper Sixth, Temple) for organising the event and to the Stoics for their support.





The 2020 Gerald Micklem Trophy

Gerald Micklem was one of the most remarkable amateur golfers in the history of the game. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he served with great distinction as player, captain, selector and administrator. Gerald reached his prime as a golfer in the post-war years of the late 1940s and 1950s, during which he played four times in the Walker Cup and for ten years as a key member of the England team in the Home Internationals. He won the English Amateur Championship in 1947 and 1953 and sixty scratch medal and match play titles and competitions in both singles and foursomes.

Gerald Micklem was also an outstanding member of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and served on many of its principal committees from 1946 to 1971, was captain in 1968 and was made an Honorary Member in 1982. He played a pivotal role in the administration of golf and was a true visionary of what was best for the game, most notably in the promotion of the Open Championship. Internationally, he was a highly respected figure, particularly in the United States.

The Gerald Micklem Trophy was inaugurated in 1954 and is a traditional and extremely prestigious invitational golf tournament played at Woking Golf Club every year between eight of the top Public Schools. Each year, we compete against Eton, Harrow, Wellington, Charterhouse, Rugby, Bradfield and Winchester with Stowe still holding the record of winning the Micklem more times than any other school.

This year our team of five was led by Captain Tom Youds (Upper Sixth, Chandos) and further consisted of Tom Riley (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Max

Faulkner (Fifth Form, Temple), Ed Davis (Fourth Form, Bruce) and this year's Golf Scholar, Elliot Strickland (Third Form, Grenville). Following a well-earned victory against the Old Stoic Golf Society in our practice match, we entered the first round of the Championship in good spirits and capitalised with a hard-fought 3-2 win against a strong Winchester team.

Max was defeated heavily in the top match against a very accomplished player who regularly features in the England U18 squad. Tom Riley was also comprehensively beaten in the third match but thankfully, Tom Youds, Ed and Elliot, all produced exceptional golf to see us over the line.

We then progressed to the semi-final and faced an experienced Charterhouse. Max achieved a nerve-jangling victory on the final hole in our opening match. Unfortunately, Tom Riley lost his match against the opposition's third seed.

Thankfully, Ed and Elliot played superb golf to see us into the final against a very strong and experienced Wellington team, their team largely comprised of Sixth Form players who all possessed low single-figure handicaps thereby beating us 3-2.

Special mention must go to Max Faulkner, who beat Wellington's No 1 player 4&3; Tom Riley, who managed to secure a win on the final hole and Tom Youds, who narrowly lost on the final hole against Wellington's second seed.

Although we did not quite manage victory, I was extremely proud of the Stoics throughout a very intense tournament at Woking. They were all a real credit to both themselves and Stowe.

Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional

LACROSSE

The U14As played at the Nationals on Tuesday 3 March - a tournament that invites every lacrosse playing school from England, Scotland and Wales to participate. We always find the competition tough as very few schools are Year 9 entry and therefore, we are matched up against girls who are in their 3rd year of lacrosse rather than their 2nd term.

The first game was against Wycombe Abbey - champions at U13 level last year - however, the team rose to the challenge frustrating them for long periods. The 1-4 loss was impressive and many compliments were paid to our girls by Wycombe parents.

A draw against St Helen & St Katharine's and Northwood 2-2 was then followed by an impressive victory against Godolphin 3-1. Our chances of now making the knockout section were very high - something that Stowe rarely achieves because of the standard of opposition. Our next game against St Swithun's went as expected with a loss but our last game against Rendcomb was a convincing 3-1 win and the girls were now through to the next round.

Despite losing in the quarter-finals, we were able to go home with our heads held high, giving us a real goal for next year's tournament when the girls will have another 12 months experience behind them. Every single girl contributed throughout the day and it was a real team effort.

Particular mentions: Ceara Cusiter made 16 saves whilst Ruby Colebrook, Lottie Moffat and Phoebe Haynes never stopped running in defence.

Goal scorers: Isabelle Kaye, Alice Bryant, Nat Nylaende, Milly Robertson and Lottie Moffat.

HOCKEY

On Saturday 29 February, the boys' teams played Bedford. Some excellent hockey was on show across the age groups as we tested ourselves against a top tier school. The best results came from the 2nd XI and the U14As, who both won and the U15Cs who drew.

In our fixtures against Bloxham on Saturday 7 March, Stowe was dominant at the Senior age groups with the 1st XI playing with clinical precision, winning 8-3.

The Third Form A team competed in the county championships on Sunday 8 March, coming second and progressing to the Tier 2 regional rounds.

Goal scorers were: Rhys Noble, Lucas Davis, James Trumper, George Holmes and Chris Linton.

The Junior matches were closely matched but Stowe managed to get ahead in 6 out of the 9 matches with two draws.



Established in 1994, Safeline has already helped over 50,000 people across Warwickshire of all ages in their healing journey after experiencing sexual abuse or rape.

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Stoic fundraises for Safeline

Ethan Collins (Upper Sixth, Temple) has challenged himself to cycle the length of the United Kingdom from Land's End to John o' Groats in August 2020. Ethan has always been a keen cyclist but he has never cycled anything like this distance before. He has set himself this challenge to raise awareness of the impact of sexual abuse and rape and to raise money for Safeline. Ethan is also campaigning for greater awareness of the impact of sexual abuse and rape on Instagram under his handle: [@cycling_to_end_sexual_assault](#). He is a passionate advocate for survivors and his determination to support them and raise awareness is outstanding. Ethan says: "I wanted to make a stand for something worth fighting for, supporting all victims and survivors of sexual assault and striving to make a difference." If you live around Buckingham and surrounding areas, you might see Ethan as he trains. Please support Ethan by waving him on and by donating to his campaign page [here](#).

IN BRIEF

Badminton

1st pair Oliver Butler and Ben Li won all their matches against Wellingborough on Saturday 7 March, 2nd pair Chantip Chinavicharana and Rosia Li also won both their matches, 3rd pair Michael Spencer and Arin Chatsuwana beat their counterparts but lost to the Wellingborough 1st pair. Charles Xu, Ashlyn Jiang and Alfonso Díaz-Rato shared the 4th pairing.

Cross-Country

For the first time, Stowe hosted a race for all the schools who compete in the Midlands League. Well done to Mr Austen (Teacher of Economics), for organising this event and to all the Stoics who competed in the race.

A few select highlights were:- Dan Roberts - 2nd place Senior boys; Moritz Hilmer - 17th place in the Inter boys; George Hopkinson-Woolley - 18th place in the Inter boys; Larissa Campbell - 7th place out of all the girls running and Iryna Muravska - 18th placed girl.

Water Polo

The Senior boys team travelled to Oundle on Thursday 27 February and met a well-matched team with whom they mirrored on the score sheet right up until the end when Oundle pulled away by two goals, finishing 8-10.

Swimming

A strong afternoon in Bradfield's pool on Tuesday 25 February saw Stowe winning the overall title 160 to 108. Swimmers who won all their races at the gala were: Lucas Davis, Robbie Haigh, Dan Roberts, Larissa Campbell, Angus Kennedy, Edward Davis, Alice Butler and Phoebe Haynes.

Football

The Senior football teams played St Edward's on an extremely breezy day on Thursday 27 February, the end score for the 1st XI was 0-0. Well done to the 1st XI for their 9-0 win against The Leys on Saturday 7 March. Scorers were Lyle O'Brien, Benjamin Calabro, Liam Finn - all netting 2 goals, Xander Brett and Teide Lokpobiri.



Inter-House Literary Quiz

The Inter-House Literary Quiz was held on World Book Day on Thursday 5 March, with the slight change of timings to accommodate home time for two Houses. We had 15 teams of five pupils from each House, answering questions on themed rounds of 8 questions; there were questions for the lively and engaged audience too, who helped the Stoics gain points for their House. There was also a background team of teachers in the audience, testing their knowledge but just for fun. Each

team had to choose a joker round to double their score. These were rounds themed as historical, horror, social media headlines, lucky dip, a picture round and books on film. Nearing the end, the result was a very close call, the points from the audience made all the difference with the winners being Queen's, Stanhope coming in second and third place went to Chatham.

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