

Stowe mail

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NEWS FROM STOWE

CHANGE MAKER WEEK

I am writing this column during Change Maker Week with Stoics participating in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the Cairngorms, CCF camps, learning how to make films, taking part in creative writing workshops, collaborating with the National Trust on conservation projects, finding out about the National Citizens Service, supporting local children taking part in a Wild Stowe Nature Day, discovering the importance of mindfulness and empathy, joining Paddle-Camp-Paddle for two days of canoeing and camping, culminating in the Change 100 Awareness Day and the whole School Colour Run on Friday afternoon. Junior Congreve performers also dazzled us with a fresh, funny and hugely enjoyable production of Treasure Island.

The last two years have enabled us to refine, align and articulate our Change Maker vision and this week's programme is the strategy in action. The Change Maker vision is at the heart of everything we do: gone is the sage on stage, instead we now have the mentoring guide-by-the-side with teachers enabling, engaging, empowering and expecting pupils to self-reflect and learn new skills. Change Makers understand that it is what we are able to do for ourselves which ultimately determines our level of success.

We want Stoics to have the personal agency to be agile and ambitious,

ready to face the challenges of our unpredictable and rapidly changing world. In the future, the curriculum will cover not only literacy and numeracy, but also core skills such as data and digital literacy, communication skills, physical and mental health, creativity and innovation, and the ability to solve complex social and environmental problems.

Change Makers Week gives everyone the chance to excel and there are no barriers to participation. Stoics develop attributes such as team work, thought leadership, creativity and empathy while also learning more about the unique eco-system of Stowe. We have always believed that character can be taught, sought and caught: it is the character of Stoics which future-proofs them to thrive beyond Stowe. Change Makers Week is all about developing character virtues such as resilience, resourcefulness, grit and kindness. We want Stoics to be their best, do their best and feel their best by working hard and engaging in citizenship and service to gain a greater understanding of the human experience. The Change Maker emblem of the martlet is a fitting heraldic symbol: always on the wing, the martlet is an allegory of our quest for knowledge, learning, adventure and self-improvement. We change ourselves, then change others and together we can change the world.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Head



TATLER[®] Vote for Stowe!

The 2023 Tatler School Awards have now opened for voting via the link [here](#).

As Stowe enters its Centenary year in September, we thought it would be a good opportunity for the School to be recognised in the Tatler School Awards. We would be very grateful if you would spare a few moments to nominate Stowe in the section for Best Public School.

You may be interested to know that the design of the gardens at Stowe were inspired by an essay written for the Tatler magazine by Joseph Addison (in No. 123, published on 21 January 1710) describing an allegorical dream. It would be particularly appropriate for the School's Centenary to be recognised by a magazine which has such strong ties with Stowe when it was the epicentre of the enlightenment.

The success criteria is based almost entirely on the number of votes a School receives, so your vote really does matter!

Voting closes on Monday 11 July 2022. Thank you so much for your support. It would be a wonderful way to open Stowe's Centenary year.

Forever Stowe



On Tuesday 28 June the SEN Volunteer Group (part of Service@Stowe) hosted an event at Stowe for pupils from Evergreen School in Warwick, a Special Education School. The visiting students took part in a fun filled day of Alice in Wonderland themed activities.

The students were split into two groups: The Mad Hatters and The Cheshire Cats, and throughout the day the two groups embarked on four main activities organised by the Stoics, which included planting, a sports race, a bag book play (multi-sensory narrative experience for people with learning differences) and even watching a science experiment by Mr Tearle. To enjoy the sunshine, we all sat down for a group picnic on the Heads' Lawn.

Our visitors embraced the competitive spirit of bag throwing and egg and spoon race; the hands-on planting of begonias; the exploration of senses during the homemade bag book activity which was performed by Stoics Isabella Pratap (Lower



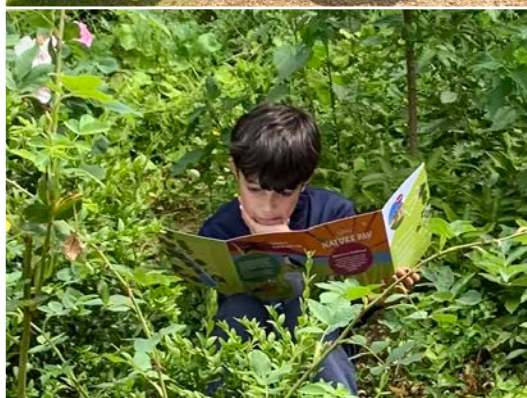
Sixth, Nugent), Lilly King (Lower Sixth, Stanhope), Sophie Lloyd (Fifth Form, Nugent) and Grace Hodgetts (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) using props created by Stoics; and fizzed with excitement during Mr Tearle's science experience (aptly named Rainbow Fizz).

Other activities included joining forces with the Conservation Society for a skull workshop and bird box making.

It was an invaluable experience for the Stoics themselves. It enhanced their skills of communication, preparation and organisation of an event, as well as giving the Stoics an opportunity to use the Makaton (sign language) that they had practised in their Monday activity sessions.

There was not an individual without a smile on their face throughout the day and we cannot wait for this event to become a yearly tradition at Stowe.

Alex Aswani (Lower Sixth, Nugent) & Immy Taylor (Lower Sixth, Nugent)





Old Chandosians Lunch

On Wednesday 22 June, we were delighted to welcome 11 Old Stoics friends who were all in Chandos together at Stowe.

They gathered for drinks and lunch on the South Portico. The group have met up regularly over the years and the latest occasion was in honour of their impending 80th birthday celebrations and to mark more than 65 years of friendship. Covid, unfortunately, caused the lunch to be delayed since 2020, so a number of the guests are now nearing their 83rd birthdays!

It was lovely to be able to bring together such firm Old Stoic friends for a day at Stowe. There was a great deal of jovial reminiscing, memories of school days and catching up on recent news.

The photograph shows the group on the South Portico enjoying the sunshine on a beautifully hot Stowe day.

Anna Semler, Old Stoic Director

RACING PRIDE



Racing Pride is an organisation that is focusing on creating a more diverse and inclusive space within the motorsport industry, historically a very masculine and heterosexual-based industry.

Led by the well-awarded driver, Richard Morris, they have partnered with organisations such as the Aston Martin Cognizant Formula One Team, and the BWT Alpine F1 Team to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ pride within the racing industry and in other sports.

On Saturday 19 June, Stowe's Pride and Diversity Group had the opportunity to attend Racing Pride's Pride Party at the Silverstone Circuit, just weeks before the Grand Prix is due to take place.

The pupils got to network with some well-known drivers as well as representatives from Aston Martin, while celebrating pride with lots of glitter, face paints and food. The expert face-painting of Norrie Macdonald (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) deserves a mention with a Picasso-style non-binary flag, which stunned other members of the event.

This day was a great celebration of strength, love and pride and reminded us that any environment can feel safe as long as it encourages allyship. On behalf of the Pride Group, happy pride month everybody!

Finley Simpson (Fifth Form, Grenville)



SPEECH DAY



Following a Covid enforced absence, 2022 saw the return of Southside and Speech Day to Stowe, and both events did not disappoint!

Southside 2022 on Friday 27 May started off proceedings. Stoics performed, warming up the crowd for the incredibly powerful and energetic performances by both Tom Walker and Lulu. Tom (originally booked to come to Stowe in 2020) got the whole crowd singing and dancing along to his hits, before Lulu wowed the Stowe community with her energy, voice and personality, working her way through her catalogue of songs, sharing stories of each song as she went, and pleasing Stoics by taking selfies with their cameras.

There was no doubting, by the enjoyment, singing and crowd participation, that both performers were loved by the Stoics and all who attended, and that Tom Walker and Lulu clearly enjoyed their Stowe experience!

Saturday 28 May, Speech Day, saw a packed programme of events take place throughout the day.

There were Art Exhibitions (GCSE Sculptures, drawing, painting, printing textiles and A Level painting, sculpture installation and animation) in the Watson Art School, and Noah Cosby's powerful sculpture in the Marble Hall, the David Wynne (Grenville 44) Sculpture Trail, Phil Kennedy and the Beagle display, not to mention all the sports taking place, as well as the now traditional, Old Stoic Society Classic Car meet.

Amongst the cars on display this year were a 1939 Daimler DB18 drop-head coupé, previously owned by King George VI, a GTD40, a 1934 Lancia Astura 3 litre 'Steady Special' and a 1953 Bentley R Type Special. It was a truly stunning sight to see so many beautiful classic cars on the North Front.



The events in the marquee opened with Stowe Group pupils performing brilliantly, several of the songs from the Senior Congreve 2021 production of *Oliver*.

The Guest of Honour was former Captain of England Rugby and Stowe Sports Mentor, Dylan Hartley. Dylan and Head Anthony Wallersteiner held a relaxed Q&A session, where Dylan answered questions honestly and openly, and chatted about his life and experiences.

Awards were then given to Stoics who exceeded and excelled in not only their academic studies at Stowe, but in all areas of Stoic life, and we congratulate them all. A full list of winners can be found [here](#).

We are so pleased that the Stowe Community were once again able to come together for these events, to celebrate achievements and life at Stowe.



Equestrian Open Day



On Saturday 11 June, it was my pleasure to host an Open Day at the Equestrian Centre. There was a fantastic turnout of families with current and prospective pupils coming to visit the facilities.

The Equestrian Centre has recently undergone refurbishment (with more works planned over the Summer) and everywhere looked wonderful in the afternoon sunshine.

There was a chance to hear the Head explain the vision for increasing the outdoor activity provision around Home Farm, and for me to outline the exciting equestrian opportunities which will be available to pupils.

A highlight of the event was having horses back at the Centre, as Equestrian Scholar Izzy Russell (Third Form, Cheshire) and her sister Phoebe (Swanbourne House) did a fantastic display in the arena. Thank you to the Russell family.

It was great to meet so many enthusiastic pupils and I look forward to the Equestrian Centre coming to life again in September.

Becky Coote, Head of Equestrianism



Buzzy Bees

In June 2020, a large Honey Bee colony was removed from Stowe's Equestrian Centre. The Equestrian team tried to work around the bees at first, but as they continued to make their home (and their social colony grew), it became clear that it was not safe for colleagues and pupils to be exposed to the possible risks this could pose. With the decline of bee colonies, we were however, keen to ensure that these perfect pollinators could be rehoused.

The School's external pest control company were contacted and visited site. An assessment was made and it confirmed that with careful work the hive could be removed.

To ensure we got the Queen and all of her workers, some of the boards on the walls and ceiling were removed and the hive was exposed.

One of the companies operatives was a keen beekeeper and nurtured the hive. The pot below is the first batch of the original hive's honey from 'Chippy Flower Farm' where they now live.

It is great to know they have been 'buzzy' and are happily living in their new home!

Rebecca Donaldson, Group Health, Safety and Compliance Manager





New Captains

Ewan Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham) has been selected as the 2022/23 1st XV Rugby Captain.

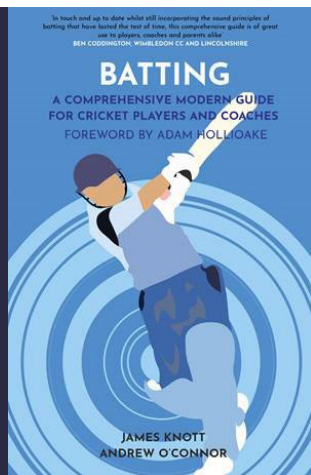
Players were asked to nominate themselves before they were interviewed by the Director of Rugby. Grant Seely said "I'm confident Ewan will do a great job in leading the team next year. He has the respect of all his peers and has shown he can bring a team together and make the right decisions under pressure."

Ben Scott, Head of Hockey, selected Clara Capella (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) to be the Girls' 2022/23 Hockey Captain.

Ben believes "The girls will have the most competitive fixture list ever assembled and Clara will be integral in motivating and setting the example in a very high performing group. Clara, along with the rest of the leadership team, will be integral in keeping the group together in what looks to be a very exciting season ahead."

BATTING BOOK

Stowe's Director of Cricket (James Knott) and Cricket Coach (Andrew O'Connor) have released their second book, **Batting - A Comprehensive Guide for Players & Coaches**



The book provides detailed and easy-to-understand insights into all aspects of batting, whether you are a player or coach, and no matter your level. With contributions from some of the game's great players and coaches, including Sir Geoffrey Boycott, Ben Duckett, Julian Wood, Graham Gooch and Mark Butcher, this invaluable guide includes over 60 accessible training drills, a unique 'training on your own' section, and provides clear guidance for coaches and players.

Clear, insightful and easy to follow, this is an invaluable guide to developing batting skills for young and old alike.

"This book is fantastic. It is insightful and detailed, I thoroughly enjoyed the holistic structure, weighted heavily towards tactics and the mental approach, still with accurate and simplified technical input." - **Sam Arthurs, Foundation Pathway Manager, Oxfordshire Cricket**

"This book offers a complete guide to batting, explained in a way that is thoroughly engaging and intelligible to all audiences. Whether you're a player looking to advance your own batting, a parent or a coach looking to improve others, you will find everything you need in this book to develop the next great modern-day batter." - **Luke Sharples, Talent Pathway Performance Manager, Northamptonshire County Cricket Club**

PLAY-CRICKET BUCKS. BOWLING HONOURS BOARD 19th May - 25th May 2022		
1	Hugo Jackson	Great Brickhill CC 6-7
2	Waqas Hashmi	Fulmer CC 6-13
3	Pranav Desai	Denham CC 6-13
4	Ashish Sachdeva	Crown CC 6-14
5	David Allen	Great Brickhill CC 5-10
6	Daniel Gravestock	Milton Keynes CC 5-13
7	Usman Farooq Malik	United CC 5-16

Sporting Success

Cricket

Hugo Jackson (Third Form, Chandos) played for Great Brickhill Cricket Clubs' adult team on Sunday 22 May.

Hugo, who plays for the club, bowled 6 overs, took 6 wickets for only 7 runs and 2 of the overs were maidens.

As a result of his performance, he is at the top of the Buckinghamshire Cricket Honours Board for his bowling, and his achievement has been celebrated on social media by Bucks and his home club.

This is a wonderful achievement, well done Hugo!

County Athletics

Congratulations to Marina Goje (Third Form, Cheshire) who became the fastest Under 15 100 meter runner in the whole of Bucks County, and to Jojo Parker (Fourth Form, Cheshire) and Woody Hamilton Hurst (Third Form, Bruce) who picked up Silver medals at the County Championships on Sunday 12 June.



Rugby

Henry Pollock (Lower Sixth, Grafton) and Archie McParland (Lower Sixth, Temple) have been selected for England U18s to tour South Africa. They are part of a 26-man squad for the two week tour (15 -29 August).

Both players have worked incredibly hard all season and they played a key part in Stowe's victorious Plate Trophy and the Rosslyn Park side in March. We wish them both the best of luck!

Grant Seely, Director of Rugby



LSAS News 2022

The Lower School Academic Scholars (LSAS) at Stowe meet once a week to take part in topic-based learning designed to stretch and challenge them. These sessions are run by a range of different teachers from different departments, and the sessions are often based on that teacher's interests outside their everyday teaching, making for some particularly exciting sessions.

This year, LSAS members have discovered the pleasures of children's fiction with English Teacher Ms Eisenhut; how the League of Nations operates, with History Teacher Ms Stafford-Smith; the meaning of "Resistance" with Head of Philosophy Ms Holloway; how to break codes with Maths Teacher (and newly appointed Head of Projects) Mr Paxton and, finally, the significance of Romantic Science, with English Teacher, Mrs Pickering-Polláková.

The most recent trip for the LSAS pupils took them to the beautiful surroundings of Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire where they had been charged with the task to "produce a romantic response" to the setting. This could be a photograph, poem or piece of writing about the Palace and its place in history.

Responses were judged by Mrs Pickering-Polláková and myself, and after some deliberation, we chose poems by Lani Shah (Third Form, Cheshire) and Nada Shamsuddin (Third Form, Cheshire) as the best "romantic" responses to the day out. We hope you enjoy reading them.

Next year LSAS members will be looking at (amongst other topics) Botany and the Science Fiction genre, with a trip already planned to visit one of London's "hidden treasures", the Chelsea Physic Garden in London.

New scholars joining us next year have much to look forward to when we welcome them in the new term.

Dr Andrew C Webber, LSAS Co-ordinator



Blenheim Palace

Winning Poems

As I look onto the glistening lake,
From a bench by the palace,
I hear the organ sing.
With every note comes an echo of the past
Adoration, euphoria and despair.

The first Duke wrote to the Duchess;
"I could not be happy but in your love,"
And now, here they lie,
In the chapel where they once prayed for happiness.

The wisteria whispers softly,
The sunlight glows through the leaves.
Whilst the palace walls remember,
People within them discover.

Lani Shah

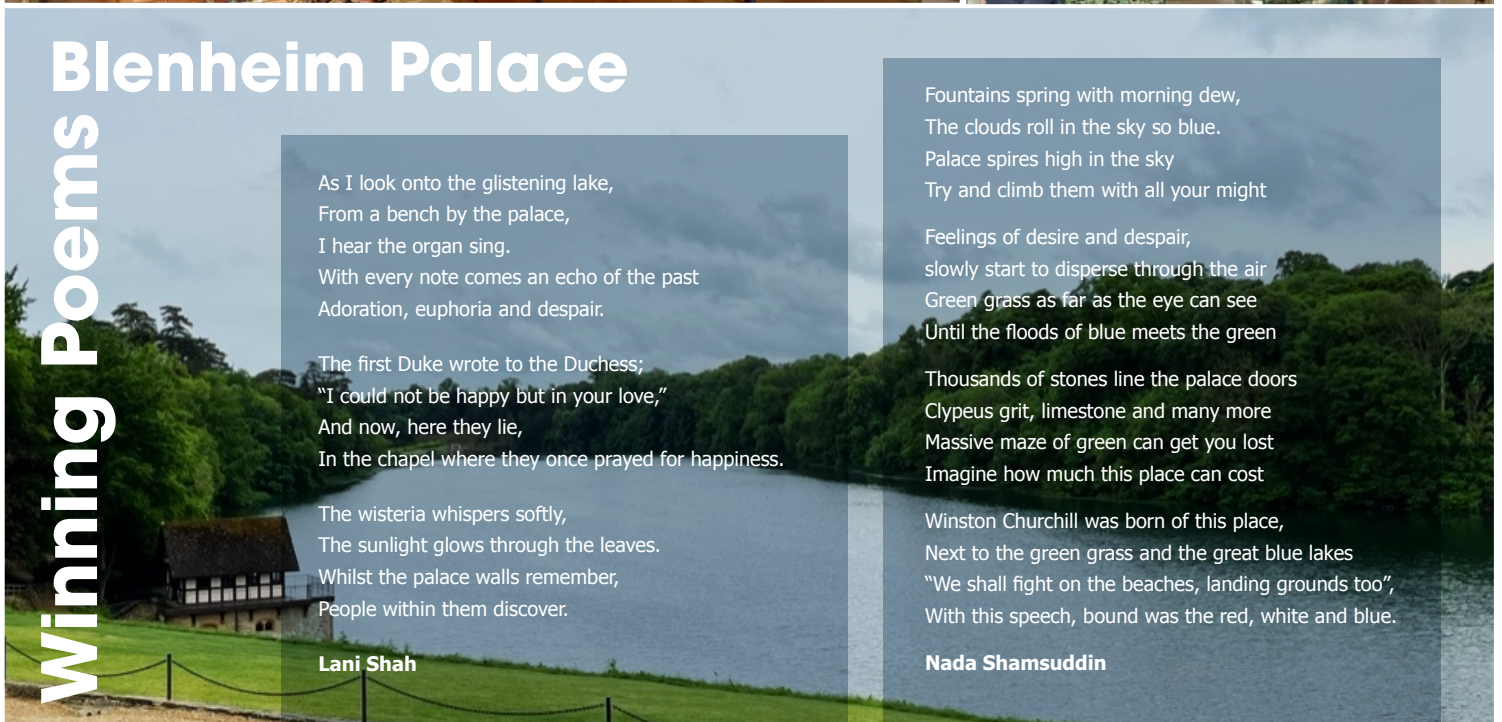
Fountains spring with morning dew,
The clouds roll in the sky so blue.
Palace spires high in the sky
Try and climb them with all your might

Feelings of desire and despair,
slowly start to disperse through the air
Green grass as far as the eye can see
Until the floods of blue meets the green

Thousands of stones line the palace doors
Clypeus grit, limestone and many more
Massive maze of green can get you lost
Imagine how much this place can cost

Winston Churchill was born of this place,
Next to the green grass and the great blue lakes
"We shall fight on the beaches, landing grounds too",
With this speech, bound was the red, white and blue.

Nada Shamsuddin



Sports Day



This year's Sports Day on Friday 27 May was a fantastic event. The standard of competition was high, all those taking part gave their best effort, and the fact that most pupils who were at the track (whether they were competing or not) wore their House tops, made for a wonderful atmosphere.

Well done to Charlotte Hall (Cheshire) who broke the Third Form School 1,500m record, and to Jojo Parker (Fourth Form, Cheshire) and Joe Atkinson (Lower Sixth, Grafton) for winning the Open 100m, meaning they are the fastest girl and boy in the School.

The whole event was filmed and can be seen on the Stowe YouTube Channel.

Track Events | Field Events

The Cups were presented by the Head at the end of the event.

2022 Champions

Girls' Juniors - Cheshire

Girls' Intermediates - Cheshire

Girls' Seniors - Nugent

Overall Girls' Winner - Nugent

Boys' Juniors - Walpole

Boys' Intermediates - Winton

Boys' Seniors - Grafton

Overall Boys' Winner - Grafton



CCF Fourth Form Army, RN and RAF Adventure Training - Saturday 18 June



Group 1

On Saturday 18 June the CCF Cadets took part in multiple adventure training activities run by CCF Staff, which included laser tag and water-sports like stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking and raft building. Activities started at 8:30am when we met at George on the North Front and were split into five groups. Despite the weather which was cold with a drizzle, the atmosphere in the group was very lively.

The group I was in was doing water sports first at Stowe's 11 Acre Lake, splitting into three groups rotating through kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and raft building. I started with kayaking where we had a race to see who could get to the other side of the lake and back again first, then we went on to the stand-up paddle boards, it was a lot of fun.

Lots of our group fell in many times but, impressively, Alessia Capella (Stanhope) managed to do a headstand before she fell in! We could see the Cadets who were raft building falling in as their raft broke and sank.

On our paddle boards, we raced to the waterfall at the furthest end of the lake. To win you had to touch the nose of your board to the end of the waterfall.

Next my group was raft building. We were split into two groups and the aim was to build the best raft that could hold all of the team members and go to the blue buoy and back without sinking. Both teams managed this but mine lost because one of the boys fell in at the start. Then we decided to see how many people we could fit on to the raft we built because it was quite large. We managed to fit 12 Cadets on the raft and get out to the blue buoy and back to the shore, a CCF record.

After lunch down by the lake, we proceeded to the Queen's Temple for Laser Tag. An hour long, we played five games all with different starting places. We were in a red team and blue team, and each game was played twice so that each team could play from every position. The final game was last person standing after 15 minutes. The rules were: you had to keep moving; you could not hide and whoever had the most health at the end was the winner.

We all enjoyed the day but most of the Cadets in my group agreed that the Laser Tag was the most fun activity. Thank you to all the CCF Staff for making it such a fantastic day.

Cadet Rosie Blythe (Fourth Form, Nugent), Army Section

Group 2

On Saturday 18 June we participated in many different activities including archery, target sprint, ration pack and sub aqua (scuba diving). The target sprint was shooting an air rifle at a target, then running and repeating the target shooting. The ration pack exercise involved pairing up with someone else and having 30 minutes to cook a ration pack and present it as nicely as possible. There are many things that you can have in them, but we had a tomato pasta.

Scuba diving was definitely my favourite activity. At first, we swam around the pool getting used to all of the equipment, but afterwards we had some fun by doing things like swimming through hoops at the bottom of the pool and sitting on the floor. I really enjoyed the scuba diving as it was my first time doing it and it was a fun experience.

Cadet Dhilan Collin (Fourth Form, Bruce), Army Section



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

As The Lord-Lieutenants Cadet for Buckinghamshire, on Sunday the 29 May, I was tasked with aiding the Lord-Lieutenant in a Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Service was beautifully eloquent and truly delivered on its message of thanks for the 70 years of service that the Queen has given to Britain.

Following the Service, I had a wonderful opportunity to engage in interesting discussions with individuals, such as the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and the Mayor of Buckingham, who came from across the county.

Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to the Queen whilst assisting the Lord-Lieutenant and representing Stowe.

**Flt Sgt Johnny Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Chatham),
Lord Lt Cadet to the Countess Howe**

MUSIC



Prep Schools' Choral and Instrumental Day

On Monday 23 May, it was wonderful to host the first Stowe Choral and Instrumental Day since the pandemic in a slightly revised format. Singers and instrumentalists joined an action-packed day with strong representation from Ashfold, Beachborough, Winchester House, Swanbourne C of E, St Mary and St Giles Stony Stratford, and Buckingham Primary School.

Around 140 children worked with great enthusiasm, focus and enjoyment, tackling previously unseen music which was then presented in concert to a capacity audience of Staff and Parents in the Ugland Auditorium.

Nick McNulty's guitar group and Ben Andrew's ensemble pianists delighted the crowd with their performances, all of which contained elements of improvisation, while the large instrumental ensemble were a great credit to Katie Potts as she directed young musicians in four contrasting and engaging pieces. Jane Horwood masterminded the logistical operation as well as ensuring hospitality was never far away.

The audience left very happily and with huge admiration for all that the children achieved after two 'full company' songs were presented, including 'The Rhythm of Life'.

All in all, a fabulous and exciting day and my thanks to all concerned for making it a great success.

Jonathan Kingston, Choral Director



Percussion Masterclass/Recital

It was an absolute pleasure on Wednesday 8 June, for the Music Department to welcome back Old Stoic James Larter (Temple 12), who brought this year's highly successful and enjoyable series of masterclasses and recitals to a close. How particularly poignant and befitting it was to end this series with such panache - a former pupil expertly passing on his knowledge to present Stoics.

James spent the afternoon holding a Masterclass with some of our talented percussionists, inspiring them with his enthusiasm, expertise and encouragement. What a fantastic opportunity it was for our percussionists to gain feedback and work alongside such an accomplished musician as James.

Indeed, our wonderful Percussion Ensemble consisting of Poppy Lawson Johnston (Fourth Form, Queen's), Edward Mercer (Fourth Form, Grafton), Barnaby Titmus Mather (Fourth Form, Cobham), Ruairi Massie (Lower Sixth,

Walpole) and Will Nottage (Lower Sixth, Temple) opened the evening recital with a piece they had worked on with James in the Masterclass. They gave a brilliant performance, won over the audience and set the tone for the evening.

James went on to present us with an innovative and eclectic programme ranging from his own compositions and arrangements to improvisations on Tibetan Singing Bowls, highlighting his impressively wide set of skills. James' recital was incredibly energetic as well as captivating - a completely unforgettable performance!

A huge thank you to James for taking the time out of his demanding schedule to give us his invaluable professional guidance and for inspiring our pupils, also to our percussion teacher Matt Turner for preparing his pupils so thoroughly, and finally, to our pupils themselves for their commitment and impressive performances throughout the day.

Katie Potts, Head of Instrumental Studies

FLiX

FLiX: New Programme of British Cinema Announced

After a great year spent experiencing *The Coming of Age* - a season of films looking at growing up from varied cultural and diverse settings, I am pleased to announce that our next season is to be entitled *BritScreen (Now)*: a selection of specially curated movies chosen to reflect the diversity of British cinema across the ages.

We begin next term with Guy Ritchie's surprisingly entertaining crime film *'The Gentleman'* featuring a fine cast and a lot of witty dialogue - arguably his best film since the cult-smash *'Snatch'*.

This will be followed by Uberto Passolini's little seen, *'Still Life'* - a deeply moving investigation into loneliness and loss featuring a never better Eddie Marsan as a Lambeth Council worker charged with organising the funerals for those who die with no known family. Sounds depressing, but in fact, *'Still Life'* is one of the most life-affirming films you'll ever see (even better than *'Nowhere Special'*, which we screened this term).

We then move on to David Lean's "classic" war movie *'The Bridge on the River Kwai'* (featuring one of Alec Guinness' most brilliant performances). No season of British films would be complete without at least one Lean movie, and to be honest it's always very difficult to select just one of his films (*'Ryan's Daughter'* being a personal favourite).

The first part of the season will conclude with *'Paddington'* at Christmas, a much-loved character who recently had a fairly big part to play in the Jubilee celebrations (actor Nicolas Cage reckons *'Paddington 2'* is one of the best five movies ever made - some recommendation).

Amongst the contenders for the next part of the season in 2023 are *'The Long Good Friday'*, *'The Red Shoes'*, *'Four Weddings and a Funeral'*, *'Kes'*, *'I'm Alright'*, *'Jack'*, *'In Bruges'*, *'Monty Python and the Holy Grail'* and almost anything with Peter Sellers (or Tony Hancock).

In other words, a real treasury of greatness well worth rediscovering in a world of Marvel superheroes and Tom Cruise.

FLiX meet every Monday at 3.15pm in V002 and new members are always welcome.

Dr Andrew C. Webber, FLiX Co-ordinator



SPANISH



Adiós Miss Lamrabat

To celebrate our time with Miss Lamrabat, her class came together on Monday 20 June. With some fun games such as Dobble, good Spanish food, and great music, we were able to bid our farewells to Miss Lamrabat.

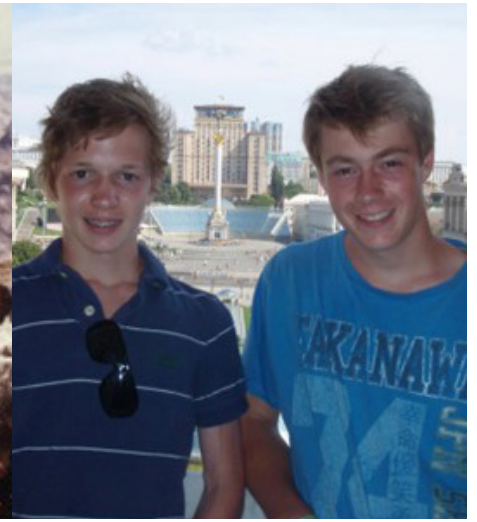
We all thank Miss Lamrabat for her time and effort at Stowe and wish her all the best moving forwards.

Alice Scheffey (Lower Sixth, Queen's)

"I absolutely loved having Miss Lamrabat as my Spanish-speaking teacher. She managed to help me become more confident in speaking a foreign language.

The event that she put on for us yesterday was very special as I have never had something like that with any other teacher. She will be missed by everyone who had her as their teacher. ¡Muchas gracias, señorita!"

Artem Kondrashov (Lower Sixth, Grenville)



McElwee Award

Catching up on the McElwee Award in 2022

After a hiatus during the pandemic, the McElwee Award has been back in force this year with much to catch up on. The Award seeks to offer Stoics the opportunity to travel with a cultural or academic purpose and then report back on their findings. Pupils travel in pairs, usually during the Summer before their Upper Sixth year.

The fund from which awards are made was initially established by former pupils of the long-serving Bill McElwee, who taught at Stowe either side of the Second World War. He was well known for taking pupils on trips during the Summer, so it is fitting that pairs of Stoics undertake these exciting adventures in his memory.

Given that our four pairs of 2020 winners missed their trips due to travel restrictions, we are delighted that most will be able to travel this Summer. Although they have now left Stowe, they will report their findings back to the committee at a dinner in September, at the East India Club in London. With our winners currently finishing their first year at university or completing gap years, we are looking forward to hearing where their post-Stowe lives are taking them, as well as what they discovered on their McElwee trips.

At Stowe, the Committee took applications from the Upper Sixth for the first time in order to ensure that this cohort did not miss the opportunity that was denied to them last year by national restrictions. Five excellent pairs were chosen to travel on a range of diverse trips: Sabyn Maude and Amalie Mager (Lyttelton) plan to investigate the attitude of young people towards democracy in former communist states; Henry Goodwin-Hudson and Wilf Wyatt (Bruce) will go to Crete to re-trace the steps of Patrick Leigh Fermor's famous escapade capturing a German general; Eleanor Blane (Queen's) and Isabella Lloyd (Nugent) will consider how the legacy of ancient Rome affects the city's modern politics and culture; Benjamin Li (Cobham) and Baz Calkin (Chatham) will make a philosophical study of ancient Greece; and Annabel Hing and Jet West (Stanhope) will head to both Bruges and Budapest to compare the historic art of repressive and democratic governments. These pupils will also return to present their findings this Autumn before their further studies, work or travel commence.

The Lower Sixth are normally the primary audience for the McElwee presentations but, due to the inability of winners to travel last year, the McElwee

Committee stepped in ably in November to inspire the Lower Sixth with their own tales of McElwee travel. David White (Temple 11) gave an engaging account of his McElwee trip to Kyiv in 2010, a talk that took on even more resonance in recent months. He was followed Mark Goodwin-Hudson (Grafton 88), who relayed his exciting journey across the Sinai Desert in 1987. Both brought out the drama of their trips brilliantly and were also able to reflect on the profound impact that the award has had on their lives beyond Stowe. The McElwee Award hopes to help Stoics have confidence in taking on any challenge and to see a far larger purpose in their education beyond the taking of exams and entrance to university. These themes came out poignantly from Mark and David's excellent talks.

The talks clearly inspired the Lower Sixth, as 12 pairs applied to the Award with excellent propositions. We hope that they are all able to undertake these at some point, even if they were not able to secure funding from the McElwee Award. From this cohort, there were four pairs of winners: Deborah James and Imogen Taylor (Nugent) are heading to Iceland with a focus on linking history and sustainability; India Baillie and Alice Scheffey (Queen's) will travel to Barcelona for an architectural study of Gaudi; David Stirling and Max Cranmer (Temple) will study continuing cultural divisions in former Yugoslavia; and Josha Mital (Winton) and Daniel Boardman (Chatham) will consider the development of philosophy, mathematics and logic in Athens. These are all exciting trips and will no doubt excite a future crop of winners from our Lower Sixth next year.

To celebrate the Award and the life of Bill McElwee, we were also pleased to welcome Dr Tracy Borman to give the McElwee Lecture this year. Speaking on 'The Private Lives of the Tudors', she brought alive her book on this topic and considered different ways of approaching seemingly well-known topics by using new sources and perspectives in her research. Her descriptions of the activities of the 'groom of the stool' were especially vivid and memorable.

There has been much to catch up on as life returns to more regular rhythms and it has been exciting to see several cohorts of Stoics win the McElwee Award and plan for trips this Summer. Assuming that they are all able to travel as planned, there will be 26 Stoics and Old Stoics travelling in pairs across Europe this Summer. I hope that they gain as much from their trips as the generations of Old Stoics that have gone before them.

Paul Griffin, Faculty Chair - Humanities



David Williams-Ellis

Old Stoic Sculptor, David Williams-Ellis (Temple 77), features in the latest episode of Bob Chaundy - Considering Art Podcast

David talks about the primary influence of his art teacher at Stowe, his experience of studying in Italy, how a chance sight of a sculpted female figure in Pietrasanta had a lasting influence on his work, his ability to create a sense of movement and poise in his sculptures, his commissions for memorials in Aberdeen and Normandy, and his continuing love for making art.

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ROWING

Stowe Girls Race at Henley

Girls' Rowing at Stowe got off to a gradual start this year. A girls' quad planned for Henley Long Distance Sculls in November was scaled-back to a double, and Hampton Head in February was a similar story. But for the Schools' Head in March, for the first time ever, the Stowe girls had a quadruple scull.

By the Dorney Regatta in May, the girls were improving, taking a Silver medal in quadruple sculls, despite their inexperience. Amelia Hine (Lower Sixth, West), only taking up rowing in January, and Lily Jackson (Lower Sixth, Cheshire), in March). However their positive approach meant they were entered in Henley Women's Regatta.

Against crews with years of training behind them, and drawn from the best schools and clubs in the UK and USA, this was a tall order. They were not overawed by the occasion though - "I've never seen so many girls and women rowing!" - or by the high standard of their competitors. They boated alongside Shiplake's girls who were the first crew ever (boys or girls), from their school, to win a title at Henley Royal Regatta.

Racing in the time trial, they were chased by Olympic medallist, Gillian Lindsay's Wimbledon High School girls, four girls picked from over 100 in Gillian's set-up. Despite Wimbledon's pace, the Stowe girls stayed ahead, and were not overtaken.

Sienna Bettany (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) accomplished the challenging task of steering the crew safely down the hazardous, boomed Henley course, a feat a Championship adult crew failed to achieve. Whitmarsh Boat Club, USA limped home with a shattered carbon rigger and only three women rowing.

Amelia Hine, at stroke, set a sensible pace which her crew could manage, backed-up by Leia West (Lower Sixth, West).

Leia has helped give the crew essential leadership to keep motivated and focused, through all the other distractions, in the difficult weeks leading up to the competition. Using their own initiative, the girls have been putting in extra training on the rowing ergometers, to prepare for the regatta. Lily Jackson has done a tremendous job, going from beginner to Henley competitor, in a few short months.

The coaching team; Ms Atkinson-Wood, Ms Trelawney-Vernon, Ms Rienhold, Mr Rudkin and Mr Righton, are all delighted that the girls were able to achieve every rower's dream, to race at Henley.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



TENNIS

After Half Term, the Senior Tennis Teams play mixed doubles matches, whilst the Third Form and Fourth Form continue with their normal teams.

The block fixture on Saturday 11 June was against Rugby School and it proved to be an excellent afternoon for Stowe supporters as victories were secured in 11 out of 15 matches. The fact that five of the matches were won by the tightest possible score of 5-4 makes those victories even more satisfying.

Well done to the U15A girls' team who have won six out of six fixtures so far, and in particular to Maddie Baker (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Freddie Palmer (Fourth Form, Cheshire) who have not lost a single set yet this season.

Cricket

Once the rain finally stopped, the Third and Fourth Form boys' teams all got back into the swing of match play after the Half-Term break, with home wins on Thursday 9 June, against Wellingborough. On Friday 10 June, the U17 Cup team beat King Edwards VI Stratford.

It was another impressive day for Stowe cricket, winning 8 out of 9 matches on Saturday 11 June. The 1st XI put on a fantastic display at Bedford Modern School with some powerful batting, scoring 364 in 40 overs, a run rate of 9 runs per over. Congratulations to Aadi Sharma (Fifth Form, Winton) for scoring a century, also to Ewan Hughes Rowlands (Lower Sixth, Walpole) who hit 70 runs, and Captain Ali Short (Upper Sixth, Winton) who needed a six off the last ball of the match to reach his century... unfortunately he only hit a 4, so had to settle for 98 not out.

Notable performances were as follows: Connor Doherty (Third Form, Walpole) in the Yearlings A scored 125 not out; Toby Browne (Third Form, Grenville) who got three wickets in an over for the Yearlings B; James Bristow (Fourth Form, Winton) steered the U15A team to another win with 88 runs; Ollie Hartigan (Lower Sixth, Grafton) led the 2nd XI to a tight win over Oundle scoring 66 and there were fifties for Will Otter (Fourth Form, Winton) and Louis Holland Bosworth (Fourth Form, Chatham) in the U15Cs.

James Knott, Director of Cricket



EQUESTRIAN

On Saturday 28 May, Isabella Russell (Third Form, Cheshire) represented Stowe at the County Finals at Hickstead.

Isabella came Third in the 110cm Individual, which was an incredible achievement as only one school from each county in the UK qualified.

On Friday 3 June, Isabella won the 120cm Class in Wales, qualifying her for a Grand Prix at the end of July and the next day she was Second in the Foxhunter.

Lucinda Stockley



Drama

FOURTH FORM DRAMA

Just prior to Half Term, Fourth Form GCSE Drama pupils produced an eclectic and electric mix of devised work in response to Jules Verne's, 'Around the World in 80 Days'.

The work included hard hitting and topical issues, handled with sensitivity and maturity, such as abortion and adoption, with one piece offering a clever "Sliding Doors" type experience where a teenage mother envisioned alternate futures for her new-born daughter.

Another moving piece focused on the glory and devastation of war as a young "Band of Brothers" had their lives turned around overnight when war was declared and they decided to enlist, with tragic consequences.

Other more comic pieces were very much in the spirit of Verne's novel, one featuring a character going on a quest to find his long-lost brother, with the help of two hilariously suspect twin soldiers.

George Smith (Fourth Form, Winton) wrote a brilliant piece focussing on a mission to find a cure for war, whilst one group went on a hilarious adventure to the Pyramids to "find themselves".

The Fourth Form performed to packed audiences in the Dobinson Studio, and demonstrated that there is certainly a great deal of talent to watch amongst these young players!

Rebecca Clark, Director of Drama





CCF

CCF RN Fourth Form cadets sailing out of Portsmouth - Friday 17 June

On Friday 17 June, the Naval Cadets headed down to Portsmouth for a day of sea-based adventure. When we arrived, we met with the skipper and walked along the harbour jetty to the boat that we would be sailing on throughout the day.

Upon meeting the crew, the Cadets carried out a safety briefing and had life jackets fitted, prior to going aboard. We then set sail from the dock and carried out a tour around Portsmouth Naval Dockyard, seeing some of the naval ships that were alongside and being patrolled by police boats. Some of the HM ships that we saw were HMS Queen Elizabeth 2 and HMS Westminster, a Destroyer.

Once we were safely out of the harbour, we noticed a large number of other sea-going crafts on the water. With the temperature at 28°C, it was no surprise that everyone was having a lovely day on the water. Away from busy moving cruise ships and yachts, the Cadets then began having a go at steering and controlling the ship and looking at navigation with help of the Skipper.

We anchored off Chichester harbour for lunch and a little sunbathing on the upper deck. After lunch, the Cadets were given five different points to locate and navigate to, providing the helmsman with the correct bearing and time it would take between these points. Each Cadet steered the boat back to Portsmouth harbour where the skipper manoeuvred our boat safely and tied up alongside. Once the boat was secured to the Jetty, we all had to wash down the boat so the windows were clean of salt water. The Cadets had a great day and learnt a lot from this field day.

Cadet Darcey Moran (Fourth Form, Cheshire), RN Section

Stowe Takes a Huge Leap Towards a Plastic Free Future

Commitment to sustainability has never been more important and at Stowe, like thousands of schools across the UK, we are trying to play our part in protecting the environment. Over the last school year, we have continued to develop our sustainable strategy with the ambition of reducing plastic waste from our daily operations as much as possible.

Our Housekeeping Department have now taken a huge leap forward by teaming up with Purozo, a leading sustainable supplier of cleaning and facilities products, to eliminate even more plastic waste from our daily cleaning operations.

Although our School has been cleaned for some time with a chemical-free solution produced on-site, we have now further reduced the need for single use plastics by turning to a brand new sachet based cleaning system, to further reduce our carbon footprint. Using a revolutionary concept, single-use toilet cleaning products, that previously contributed significantly to plastic waste, have now been entirely removed from the cleaning process.

The system works by receiving small, fully accredited biodegradable pouches, containing a number of sachets, that when mixed with water, fully dissolve to create a cleaning solution covering a variety of areas and needs, such as bathrooms where limescale can be difficult to manage.

The sachets are made of naturally derived ingredients, and now mean that with their clever packaging system, we significantly reduce our plastic waste from our daily operations. Better yet, the sachets are manufactured completely in the UK, less than 80 miles from Stowe. Even the re-useable bottles used are made from a significant percentage of recycled materials.



As a result of using this new sachet-based cleaning range, we have replaced our previous products with a solution that:

- Reduces our plastic waste by over 95%
- Reduces transport and logistic emissions by over 90%
- Reduces our transportation of water and chemical by 100%
- Reduces our storage space required by over 70%
- Reduces chemicals of concern

Alex Speak, Marketing Director at Purozo, says "The commitment of Stowe's Estates Team to reduce their impact on the environment is truly staggering. Huge congratulations to Helen Bagby, Diana Roberts and the whole team at Stowe for making a real impactful change."

Helen Bagby, Head of Support Services says "It has been great to work with Alex on our desire to remove single-use plastic from the Housekeeping operation. Like all change, it hasn't been easy to embed a new process and way of working, however, we felt a strong moral obligation following the Schools' Climate Action Day to do our part to make a difference."

The team at Stowe are working hard to continue making additional sustainable changes to the operations to ensure that our beautiful surroundings are protected. Sustainability is not just a "nice to have" but a "must-do" at Stowe.



Stowe is Becoming a Centre of Chess Excellence

Stowe's Chess programme is continuing to go from strength to strength. We played host to our first Invitational Youth Chess Tournament in the Marble Hall and Music Room on Sunday 22 May. The tournament attracted over 70 players across the 6-18 years age range, including ten Stoics, a number of younger players from our own two Prep Schools (Swanbourne House and Winchester House), and players hailing from local state schools as well as independent schools such as Winchester College and Bedford Modern. The competition was fierce and although the Stowe players didn't come away with any age group trophies, Stowe's Xavier Nylaende (Fourth Form, Bruce) finished a close Second in the U16 age range competition. Based on their commitment throughout the year and after strong performances in this tournament and across the year, five Stoics were awarded Chess Colours for the first time in assembly. These colours were awarded to Alex Richards (Third Form, Winton), Xavi Nylaende, Maximilian Stevens (Lower Sixth, Temple), Andrii Mamakin (Third Form, Temple) and Carlo Galliani (Third Form, Bruce).

2021-2022 has been an exciting year for the development of Chess at Stowe and we are looking to build on this further in 2022-2023. We will be hosting two Open Chess tournaments, one in October and one in May, as well as setting up a series of fixtures against other schools, and once again running our Chess Inter-House competition. We are hoping to secure the services of a Chess coach, as well as offering a new Chess Scholarship for entry into our Third Form. All in all, the future of Chess at Stowe is looking bright!

Dr Julie Potter, MiC Chess



Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Emily Sutton (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Paddy Potts (Lower Sixth, Chandos) who have been appointed to be Head Boy and Head Girl of Stowe for the 2022/2023 academic year.

Following the good news, Emily said, "initially when I found out, I was nervous, but I soon became incredibly excited at the opportunity to leave my mark on the School that has shaped me into who I am. It is such a privilege and I will do my best to make a positive impact."

We wish both pupils an enjoyable and successful time leading the Stoics through what will be a special Centenary year.



New Pupils' Family Day

It was fabulous to be able to welcome many of our new Third Form Pupils (joining us in September) and their families to Stowe on Sunday 26 June.

Around 540 people enjoyed refreshments in the Marble Hall before attending a Chapel service taken by the Head. Lunch was eaten on the Head's lawn, and games and inflatable fun followed on the South Front.

The new Third Form pupils were able to spend time in their Houses and meet older Stoics from their House, who looked after them throughout the event.



POLO

Stowe Polo has had a fantastic Summer season. We have welcomed many new players to our teams and it has been extremely encouraging to see the growing interest in the sport at Stowe.

Wednesday and Friday polo lessons have been fully booked, and this has meant a very large group of players keen to represent the School in matches. This term we have played, and won, matches against Wellington College, Eton College and Oxford University.

On Sunday 19 June we took three teams to compete in the SUPA Summer National Championships held at Cirencester Park Polo Club. This was a huge event with 18 teams competing from across the country, including two teams from Scotland.

Our C Team took part in the Novice Division. Archie Vernon Miller (Captain) (Third Form, Chatham), Nikita Nedoshovenko (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Tilly Poole (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Bear Hewlett (Fourth Form, Cobham), played some tough matches, coming Third overall out of six teams.

The B Team of Rafi Mahmood (Captain) (Upper Sixth, Walpole), India Baillie (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Charlie Hodges (Third Form, Chatham) and Leander Sautter (Third Form, Cobham), played in the Open Division 2.

They had an incredibly fast set of matches against Rugby School, sadly losing in the final chukka to come Second. They played beautifully as a Team, and there were some impressive performances by Third Formers Leander and Charlie.

The A Team, Captained by Lucas Stern (Fifth Form, Grenville), with Luca Natella (Fourth Form, Cobham) and Archie Heseltine (Fourth Form, Cobham) and substituted player Tegan Bristow, had experienced two very tricky and fast chukkas against Radley started with a several goal head start, due to a lower handicap than us, and we struggled to beat them in the last few minutes of play.

The Final of the Subsidiary was a much cleaner, and collected match against Harrow, which Stowe won after an impressive 60-yard flying penalty from Luca Natella.

Overall Cheltenham won the Final and Stowe came Third. Everyone very much enjoyed the day, which was extremely well organised by SUPA and our match was televised on PoloLine by the sponsors.

In September we will welcome two Captains of Polo. Congratulations to India Baillie, Captain of Winter Polo and Lucas Stern, Captain of Summer Polo.

Fiona Corthine, Head of Polo



CONSERVATION

Tintin

The Brave Stowe Blue Tit



On Tuesday 7 June, Luis Fuentes Olea and I found a baby Blue Tit on the floor next to some stairs. We moved him, but in the afternoon, the tiny bird was again on the ground. I stayed watching and protecting the Blue Tit, so that no one would accidentally step on him.

I didn't touch him since the mother kept coming to feed him and I was afraid that she would stop recognising her baby because of the smell. Louise Carter, with her expert knowledge in Biology, advised me and helped me to build a small nest that kept the Blue Tit (that I named Tintin) warm during that cold night.

The next day, I called a bird hospital to ask for advice and I followed their recommendations. Jayne Heason from Estates, Martin Langton, Darren Ridgway,

Steve Cory and David Smith from Maintenance brought boxes, and a small wood cover, and put up barriers surrounding Tintin to keep him safe and secure.

The pupils and Teachers visited Tintin daily and wished him the best. For three days, Tintin stayed patient while gaining muscle strength to fly. It was fascinating to observe his mother who kept coming to feed her baby constantly, including when it was raining heavily.

Tintin ended up flying with his parents early on the morning of Friday 10 June. The power of nature is truly mesmerising, but it is also wonderful how our Stowe community worked together to save a life.

Nour Houda Lamrabat, Spanish Assistant



We want your wildlife stories!

Have you bumped into Peggy the three-legged fox, or even been attacked by the menacing geese?

As part of the Conservation Project at Stowe, we are collecting stories about the amazing wildlife that we live amongst. If you have any interesting stories of your experiences with the very 'WILD'-life at Stowe, please take a moment of your time to fill out our [form](#).

What we're looking for:

"Last term, when it was so cold that the lake had frozen, I was out for a walk by the 11-acre lake. A swan was coming into land but it hadn't realised that there was a layer of ice on the water. It put its legs out to land but ended up skidding on its behind for about 10 meters. It just sat there, completely shocked by its bumpy landing, its body heat must have melted the ice because all of a sudden it dropped into the water with a 'plop'. It looked so surprised and offended, I wish I'd had my camera."

Thank you for all your help, and we look forward to hearing about your experiences and sightings of the wildlife at Stowe.

The Conservation Society



Stowe Radio Summer Vibes



It's a Summer Vibes theme in the final show of the term and school year;

- Aaran Sobhan (Fifth Form, Bruce) plays your Summer Vibes songs.
- Stowe Radio's roving reporters ask you "What was your best Summer and why?"
- Stepan Volkov (Fourth Form, Bruce) has a double bill special in Film Corner with a review of 'Doctor Strange: Multiverse of Madness' and his Top 5 Marvel Films.
- Teachers React returns for a second round, and this time Ms Borman and Ms Pearson react to entertaining holiday stories.



Click on the logo to listen



Goodbye Stowe & CCF

I joined Stowe in September 2021, for a year, as a Spanish Language Assistant and Resident Duty Staff in Queen's.

I was very keen to get more involved in School life by doing some sports activities with the Stoics, however, things changed one Monday when I saw many pupils wearing military uniform. I wondered if the army came to the School as I had never seen the Combined Cadet Force in Spain.

The day I discovered it, I felt totally impressed and attracted to the idea. I didn't have any doubt about CCF being the activity I wanted to choose, and I was welcomed with open arms.

After the departure of Jonathan and Sarah Murmane, a Head of RAF was needed. Despite me knowing I would never have the amazing RAF life

experience that they had, and that I would not be able to fill their shoes, under Lt Colonel de Gale's supervision, I volunteered to do it with so much enthusiasm, while considering the great responsibility and leadership I would have to take.

Thanks to this golden opportunity, I have had the best experience of my life by doing activities for the Cadets, discovering new passions, meeting new people in this field, and learning about the RAF. For all of this, I want to give my full gratitude to the Head, Anthony Wallersteiner, Contingent Commander Lt Colonel Jan de Gale, Sergeant Major Geoffrey Abbey, Nick Zammit, Richard Corthine and Andrew Arnold.

Nour Houda Lamrabat Benkacem-Ziani (Spanish Language Assistant)



CCF Fourth Form Army, RN and RAF Adventure Training - Friday 17 June

On Friday 17 July, 98 Fourth Form Cadets from Stowe's Army, RN and RAF Sections embarked on an amazing trip to Canoe Trail at Kempston in Bedford. Canoe Trail is an activity centre offering many new exciting experiences, and being in the CCF, we got to try all of them.

First up, climbing. Canoe Trail has an amazing indoor climbing centre and in our groups we all got to climb and participate in different competitions with each other, such as the fastest climb or hanging for the longest. All of them were highly contested and extremely enjoyable. There was the promise of a prize from Lt Colonel de Gale for anyone who could hang on for longer than one of the instructors which set a fun target, and was, in fact, beaten.

Next, high ropes. There was an incredible high ropes confidence course which aided in helping many Cadets overcome their fear of heights and work together in teams on the challenging Jacob's Ladder or Sky Walk. With your classmates being the ones responsible for belaying you, it was very interesting and added extra tension and suspense as people had to trust one another to not fall.

At Kempston there was a small river ideal for water sports such as kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. It was a very enjoyable experience and a lot of people learnt new skills on the kayaks and gained the confidence to stand up on the paddle boards. This activity was my personal favourite as we all had great fun pushing people in and capsizing their boards which was extremely refreshing in the boiling hot summer sun. At the end there was the opportunity to dive and jump in to the river and cool down on what was the hottest day of the year so far, at 31° C.

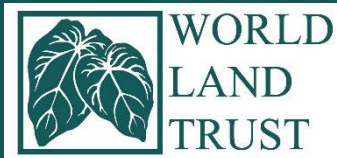
Finally, the class favourite, axe and knife throwing. After drying off from the kayaking we warmed up by a fire and learnt a few things about bush craft. This was remarkably interesting as we learnt about the 'fire triangle' and other important life skills. Once we had warmed-up, we moved onto axe throwing. This was arguably one of the most fun, yet challenging activities. Throwing the axes at the right strength was surprisingly hard, never mind hitting the target, and even if you hit the target, there was no guarantee it would stick. Despite this, Pirran Bettany (Grafton) still managed to get the astonishingly high score of 150/150, which was very impressive and he even beat the instructors!

It was an amazing day and extremely fun, and is definitely something to look forward to in the CCF!

Cadet Calon Heaven (Fourth Form, Grenville), RAF Section



Saving the Rainforest, one square at a time



During the Stowe's Schools' Climate Action event in Michaelmas Term, members of the pupil, Parent and Staff community fundraised for the World Land Trust. Stoics and visiting pupils from across the UK came together and took part in the Patchwork Forest activity. This wonderful fundraising concept was developed by Stowe Parent, Ruth Tyson. Each pupil donated £1 to decorate a square on a grid, with the decorated squares becoming a celebration of the impact of many small donations that when added together achieve a bigger goal. The pupils had great fun getting creative with our Patchwork Rainforest boards, and by the end of the day six complete boards had been decorated. The total raised through this initiative was £1,696.00 which will go to the World Land Trust's 'Buy an Acre' project, and will ensure that nature need not stand alone in its time of need.

Emma Douglas from the World Land Trust writes, "Your whole community has shown that conservation is a cause to be championed for now and forever, and for that, we are incredibly grateful!"

Our sincere thanks to Ruth Tyson for her brilliant idea.

ESSAY COMPETITION

Paul Ostroverhy (Third Form, Chandos), has been commended in the Independent School's Religious Studies' Association Essay Competition.

Responding to the statement, 'True liberty is freedom from the control of others', Paul crafted a thought-provoking piece that drew on a range of scholars, including Hannah Arendt and Thomas Hobbes.

This is a fantastic achievement for a Stoic in their first year at the School, and we are sure Paul will continue to thrive in the subject and enter many more challenging competitions.

Francesca Holloway, Head of Philosophy & Religion



MINI MAYFAIR SALE

Stowe's Mini Mayfair which was completely rebuilt and restored by Stoics under the supervision of Craig Donoghue (former Head of Physics) was sold at Speech Day on Saturday 28 May for £6,500.

The new owner, Timothy Taylor, is pictured with the Head, Anthony Wallersteiner, before the car was driven to its new home near Newbury.

All the proceeds from the sale will go towards the Change 100 Endowment Fund which enables children from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend Stowe.

Stowe Poetry by Heart

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in this year's National Poetry by Heart Competition.

Imogen Embley (Third Form, Queen's), Josephine Parker (Fourth Form, Cheshire), Nikki Atife (Fourth Form, Cheshire), Beatrice Floyd (Fourth Form, Queen's), George Smith (Fourth Form, Winton) and Isabella Fuller (Fourth Form, Cheshire) all took the time to learn their poems by heart and perform them in front of a Judge.

The performances were filmed and sent into the National Competition, and whilst unfortunately none were selected for the Final at the Shakespeare Globe in June, many of our pupils received Highly Commended for their performances.

We also decided to run a "Stowe Poetry By Heart Competition" alongside the National Competition with the following results.

First place - Imogen Embley for her performance of 'Dulce et Decorum Est' by Wilfred Owen. Second place - Nikki Atife for her performance of 'Conscious' by Wilfred Owen. Third place - George Smith for his performance of 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley

Congratulations to everyone who took part, it was incredibly tough to pick the winners.

Lucinda Stockley, Assistant Librarian

POETRY BY
HEART



The Edinburgh Festival fringe

Fringe Tickets Now Available

Stowe Drama Department are excited and delighted to announce that they are, for the first time, taking a show to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this year.

'South Downs' by David Hare, allows us to return to the 1960s and life in a traditional English Public School. In this beautifully written response to Rattigan's 'The Browning Version' a window is presented into a world long gone but whose themes and experiences are still very much with us.

Directed by Rebecca Clark with a cast of powerful young Stoic actors and a joyous soundtrack of classic 60s music, this new production is a fast-moving, thoughtful and emotional exploration of the joys and challenges faced by young men growing up in an ever-changing world.

The show will be performed at "theSpace on the Mile (Space 3)", on Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 August, tickets are available [here](#).

Safeguarding at Stowe



ANIMALS
Play with your family pet or watch some animal videos



BATH
Take a bath or shower so you feel refreshed and relaxed



CREATE
Do something creative like painting or writing



DANCE
Put on some music you enjoy and just get moving

MANAGING STRESS FROM A-Z

For more resources visit: thesafeguardingcompany.com/stress



EXERCISE
Go for a walk or play an outdoor game with friends



FOOD
Make sure you eat nutritious food at regular intervals



GOALS
Set goals and celebrate when you achieve them



HUG
Hug a friend, family member or even a favourite toy



IMAGINE
Relax and daydream about things you want to do



JOURNALING
Write down how you are feeling and reflect



KINDNESS
A small act of kindness can make us feel better



LAUGHTER
Do something that brings you joy and laughter



MUSIC
Take time to listen to your favourite genre of music



NATURE
Go for a walk outside, relax and breathe in the fresh air



OPENNESS
Be open if you are stressed and need support



POSITIVITY
Visualise things that make you happy or can look forward to



QUIET TIME
Take time for yourself to be still and quiet without distractions



READING
Take time away from your screens and get lost in a good book



SLEEP
Make sure to have at least 7 hours of sleep a night



TALK
Talk to anyone about anything which may be on your mind



UNPLUG
Take some time away from your phone, iPad or TV



VOLUNTEER
Supporting a cause close to your heart can be really fulfilling



WATER
Make sure you drink enough water throughout the day



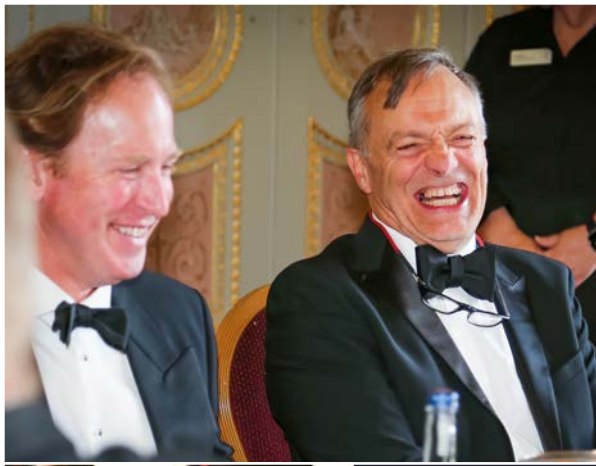
DETOX
Spend less time on social media and focus on a hobby



YOGA
Do 15 minutes of stretching or yoga to help you relax



ZEN
Meditate and breathe deeply to find a sense of calm



NCOs' Mess Dinner

On Friday 10 June Stowe CCF held their Annual Upper Sixth Form NCOs' Mess Dinner, aimed as a farewell to the Upper Sixth Form NCOs, who for the most part, have spent nearly four years within CCF's ranks. Guests were invited to experience a traditional Officers' Mess style Dinner, with associated formal regimental-style customs and traditions. The dinner was a particularly enjoyable evening, made even more so by the incredible surroundings of the North Front Portico and the Music Room.

Captain George Eatwell RM (Temple 11) was warmly extended an invitation to speak on his thoughts on what 'good' leadership is. He came up with the following 'George's principles': moral compass/integrity; emotional intelligence/empathy; the ability to actively listen, and professional competence. These formed the basis of what Capt Eatwell has recognised as the foundations to be a good leader, in any walk of life, through his near-decade serving in the Royal Marines.

In all, the CCF dinner was a most memorable occasion, and one that no Upper Sixth NCO will forget. A big thank you must be said on behalf of all the Upper Sixth NCOs to not only the CCF Staff (in particular Sjt Maj Abbey) for their constant help, but also to Lt Colonel Jan de Gale, who has been unrelenting in her enthusiasm and leadership during the past few years. Thank you.

Cadet CSM Harry Bryant (Upper Sixth, Cobham), Head Cadet Stowe CCF





Kamaran Fathulla Fights for Dulcie

Many of the Stowe Community will know that I am passionate about Boxing, and on Saturday 21 May, I boxed for the first time in almost a decade. Whilst yes, the fight satisfied desires to compete, there was a greater cause to fight for that night.

The boxing gym I attend in my hometown of Bolton organised the white-collar event under the banner Snowflake Promotions, pledging the proceeds from the night towards funding treatment for a 5-year-old girl called Dulcie.

In December 2021, Dulcie and her family received the terrible diagnosis that she had stage 4 Neuroblastoma. An aggressive childhood cancer, it leaves a sad outlook with a 40-50% chance of long-term survival. As part of the event and ongoing fundraising we hoped to help raise enough money to help her access pioneering treatment in the United States, which is not currently offered here in the United Kingdom.

Held at the De Vere Whites Hotel at the University of Bolton Stadium (home of Bolton Wanderers F.C.), the event was a massive success. 24 fights thrilled the audience which had packed out the venue. The event coincided with Dulcie's birthday and so at the midway interval a rendition of Happy Birthday rang out from everyone for Dulcie.

In addition to the bouts there was also an auction of various sporting memorabilia, from

Roy Jones Jr signed gloves, to Tyson Fury memorabilia and football lots. This was in addition to the JustGiving Fund that was set up when the fight date was announced.

My own fight was an entertaining bout where my opponent was almost a foot taller than me and outweighed me by 12kg. The bout went the distance and was scored (contentiously may I add) a draw.

It took months of gruelling work to get back in to shape with three years of the infamous Stowe Stone(s) certainly taking their toll. If Stoics take anything from my fight, I hope that it is how hard work, dedication and sacrifice pay dividends when faced with overwhelming odds and adversity. All that said, it was hard to dwell on the result - win, lose or draw - when we helped contribute to what was a successful fundraising event. We all came away safely, and our fight is certainly nowhere near as tough as the one Dulcie faces.

If all goes to plan, I hope to be back out in the ring twice over the next few months either as an amateur or fighting for a worthwhile cause. In the meantime, whilst my fight is over, Dulcie's is still ongoing and so if you would like to donate, please click [here](#).

Kamaran Fathulla, Physics Teacher & Fourth Form Winton Tutor

Stowe Parents



Stowe Parents have been very fortunate this year to finally host various events, following two years of numerous lockdowns and Covid restrictions. We began with the Fingask Follies who delighted us with their funny and thought-provoking show, followed by the ever-popular Dinner with the Head, Anthony Wallersteiner, at the Savile Club, London. Swan Lake in the Lent Term sold out in a record eight minutes!

The Summer Term saw a number of new events including Fly-Fishing and a State Room and Roof Top Tour with Afternoon Tea and Pimm's with the Head, so there really was something for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, we must thank Amanda Blane, our current Chair, who is stepping down when her daughter leaves Stowe this Summer. Amanda was at the helm during what can only be described as exceptionally tricky times due to Covid, and our thanks go to her for all she has done during her time as Chair.

Gillian Hodgetts will be stepping into the role and we are looking forward to the Michaelmas Term, when we hope to offer a variety of events.

Tickets for our events do sell very quickly, so if you are interested in attending any of them, we would recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Should you wish to become a member of the Stowe Parents' Committee, or have a suggestion for an event, please do drop us an [email](#).

Stowe Reading Colours

It has been a great Summer Term for the Library, the following pupils have achieved their Stowe Reading Colours.

Bronze Colours have been awarded to;

Third Formers - James Wilson (Chandos), Poppy Wates (Queen's), Nada Shamsuddin (Cheshire), Bertie Scott (Chatham), Lola Richardson (Stanhope), Andrii Mamakin (Temple), Layla Keable (Queen's), Rufus Bullock (Chandos), Isabelle Harris (Nugent), Charlie Ighani (Winton), Tom Glynn-Smith (Cobham), Brooks Stevens (Walpole), Saeed Badeeb (Grenville), Harrison Newman (Winton), Rebecca Holanda (Cheshire), Oliver Dickmann-Peña (Winton), Leo Clare (Winton), Leander Sautter (Cobham), Pierre Fraser-Allen (Chandos), Kitty Howard (Cheshire), Elvin Ozkanac (Queen's), Marina Goje (Cheshire)

Fourth Form - Poppy Bailey (Queen's), Romayo Seaton (Grenville) and George Smith (Winton).

Silver Reading Colours are awarded to Andrii Mamkin (Third Form, Temple), Coco Bartoszewski (Third Form, Nugent) and Tasmin Cusiter (Fourth Form, Cheshire).

The first Gold Reading Colour is awarded to Paul Ostroverhy (Third Form, Chandos), this is an incredible achievement which consisted of reading 24 books and doing a reflection piece on each book.

Congratulations to everyone completed their reading colours.

Lucinda Stockley, Assistant Librarian



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**Sunday 17 July
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Pastrami with Creamed Horseradish and Rocket
Egg Mayonnaise with Pea Shoots (v)
Cheese, Spring Onion and Sundried Tomato (v)
Coronation Chicken, Tomato and Rocket

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Selection of Homemade Cakes and Desserts

Victoria Sponge, Lemon Drizzle, Coffee & Walnut,
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Walking for Carlie

Hugh Buxton (Temple 17), George Bennett Williams (Temple 17), Sam Montgomery (Temple 17) and Sebastian Wood (Temple 17) completed a sponsored walk to raise money for The Carlie Tufnell Charitable Trust.

Carlie Tufnell (Temple 17) sadly took his own life in March 2021, but due to COVID the Old Stoics group hadn't been able to remember their friend in the way they wanted to, until recently.

The group walked 280km in Italy, from Siena to Rome, in early June for the charitable trust which supports people with mental health issues by getting them involved in the Arts - Carlie was an incredible actor who took part in productions at Stowe.

The team have surpassed their target of £3,000, raising to date £11,225. If you would like to support the charity, please visit the **JustGiving page** for the sponsored walk where you can also read about Carlie's life.



Fantastic First Aiders!

Throughout the Summer Term, a number of Stoics participated in the new Service activity of First Aid. The aim of this was to teach Stoics how to provide vital support to anyone in medical need.

Pupils learned skills such as CPR, the recovery position and how to deal with issues such as bleeding and breaks. By undertaking this unit of learning, the Stoics involved have all now been certified with an Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification, which will no doubt prove to be very useful for them in undertaking future work experience opportunities.

Many congratulations to Luke Evans (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Ella Gray-Cheape (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Alexander Gu (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Maria Hamilton (Lower Sixth, Queen's), Kimi Chen (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton), Harriet Perris (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), Varvara Rummyantseva (Upper Sixth, West), Albert Wang (Fifth Form, Walpole), Benjamin Li (Upper Sixth, Cobham) and Sophie Lee (Lower Sixth, Nugent) for completing the course successfully.

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