

THE *Campden* TABLET

The Voice of Robert Dover's Cotswold Olimpicks & Scuttlebrook Wake



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Hello and Welcome to The Campden Tablet, a Local, Joint Project.

Well, what a summer that was! From the 'will it-won't it' showery weather on the night of The 2018 Games, I don't think anyone predicted the Mediterranean scorcher we enjoyed. As you can imagine, the Robert Dover's Games Society (RDGS) – essentially the organising committee – weren't thinking too much about all things Olimpick, but, come the orange leaves, scary faces and bonfires, it's time to turn our attentions once again to the next Olimpick Games and how we're going to stage them.

We have decided to start with this, our newsletter. We hope that it will become a regular feature of local life throughout the year as we continue to rebuild and

develop the Cotswold Olimpick tradition. We already have a fantastic online presence (because it is generally cheaper and quicker to do) but we have long wanted to put out a printed publication in the hope that we are able to reach a wider audience of Olimpick-goers. So, I hope you enjoy the first edition of The Campden Tablet, and here's hoping we can produce many more. If you would like to know more about how you can get involved in anything you see on these pages, you can get in touch with our team at media@olimpickgames.co.uk or write to us c/o Toke's Food & Drink, Chipping Campden GL55 6AG (we don't have an official home yet!) **Tom Threadgill is Chairman of the Robert Dover's Games Society**

Winter is not necessarily a time to think about Scuttlebrook but as the nights get longer and the weather colder it's good to think back and remember how wonder-

ful the summer was and what a great Scuttlebrook we had in 2018! The fancy dress was the best we have seen for many years with lots of people taking part in some amazing floats and costumes. The window competition was particularly good this year with lots of homes and businesses on the high street getting involved. Winter is a good time to start thinking about entering next year and helping to keep this unique Campden tradition alive in 2019.

This newsletter in partnership with the Dover's Games society will be a great chance to speak to you directly throughout the year and let you know what is happening with Scuttlebrook and how you can get involved. Thank you for your support in 2018 and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday 1st June 2019! **Naomi Morrey is Chairwoman of the Scuttlebrook Wake Committee.**

History & Education

In 2017 sports historian Professor Martin Polley gave a lecture at De Montfort on the history of, and comparison between the various games which had happened all over Britain - ours having the oldest recorded beginnings, from 1612AD.

From there, with the committee and in particular Patrick Spink, we have worked with Martin to lay the foundations this year, of an ongoing educational programme so that anybody who is lucky enough to go to school in Chipping Campden will leave with knowledge and an interest in this unique event which will hopefully stay with them for a lifetime, wherever they end up in the world!

A couple of weeks before last years Games, St James' & St Catharine's primary schools in Chipping Campden were lucky enough to be the first people involved in the new educational programme which started early in 2018. Professor Martin Polley visited the children for an hour at each school to talk about the history and the future of the Games. Next year we will look to do even more and expand it to include adult learning resources and talks. If you'd like to get involved in this side of our Olimpick project, you can contact Patrick on education@olimpickgames.co.uk

There is a plethora of educational material surrounding the games and a lot of it seems to spread far and wide. There are works by the late Francis Burns who was also a great scholar of the Games, and there are programmes and photographs galore. Do you have some Dover's memorabilia hidden away? Get in touch with us if you'd like to share!

Did you know...that 1612 was a big year in the history of Chipping Campden, not only was it the year that Dovers was founded, but it was also the year that The Market Hall, The Alms Houses and Old Campden house were all built. Was 1612 Campden's finest year?



Prof Martin Polley (l) and Patrick Spink (r) with children from St James' School



Louise Pocock presents the hats for the first time!



Endymion Porter (l) and Robert Dover



BBC filming on Dover's Hill for Antiques Road Trip

Sponsorship and Funding

If you or your business would like to become a headline sponsor for next year's games, held on 31st May, we are looking again to raise a grand total of £10,000 through sponsorship. This equates to roughly a third of the cost of the event. In return we offer a compelling marketing package which includes print advertising, editorial features, exclusive event signage, digital marketing, admission to The Games, torches and official merchandise. All of this takes advantage of our newly revamped website and substantial web traffic. For enquiries contact Tom at chairman@olimpickgames.co.uk Over the late Summer and Autumn there have been even more fundraisers! Kinky Farnham played to a packed-out marquee at The Volunteer Inn and on a bitterly cold day in October Toke's Food and Drink played host to the second annual Campden Chillii Festival. The main attraction being the chilli eating contest, with 14 brave contenders going 13 rounds in a last-man-standing battle to be crowned The Cotswold Olimpick Chillii Champion. This title went to seasoned pro Shahina Waseem, bagging her 47th consecutive chilli eating competition win, who bit into a Carolina Reaper like it was candy. She was congratulated by our first ever winner Danny Walker who was a close second.

Fundraising & Volunteers

Our bout of fundraisers began with 'Buy Bob a Beer' - the yellow collection tins were stationed around the town for people to deposit their small change in a bid to keep The Games alive for years to come. Then, in late January, The Olimpick Quiz kicked off at The Eight Bells Inn where teams filled the bar and pitted their wits against each other. Set by quizmaster and Games committee member George Bryant, it was so well received, we're doing it again in 2019. Many thanks to the Eight Bells' landlords, Neil & Julie Hargreaves for loaning us the pub for the night, meaning all proceeds from the quiz and meals went towards The Games! After this the committee sprang into action, their main objectives being to source a sponsor and begin the volunteer recruitment drive. It brought together over 50 enthusiastic members of the community, who wore their brand new shiny Robert Dover's Games hi-viz jackets with pride on the night of The Games. Our generous sponsors for 2018 were Hayman-Joyce and Caring Homes and their patronage runs until 1st Jan 2019. (More information about becoming a sponsor on the back page).

A Rough Guide to What's Coming Up

Quiz Thursday 17th January 2019 at The Eight Bells Inn, Campden.

Noel Beer Pump Takeover #3 Coming Soon

Scuttlebrook Wake Disco - Date TBC

Spring Walk through the grounds of Campden House Estate - April

Volunteer Recruitment and Social Evening - Tuesday 7th May 2019

The 2019 Games - Friday May 31st 2019

Scuttlebrook Wake - Saturday 1st June 2019

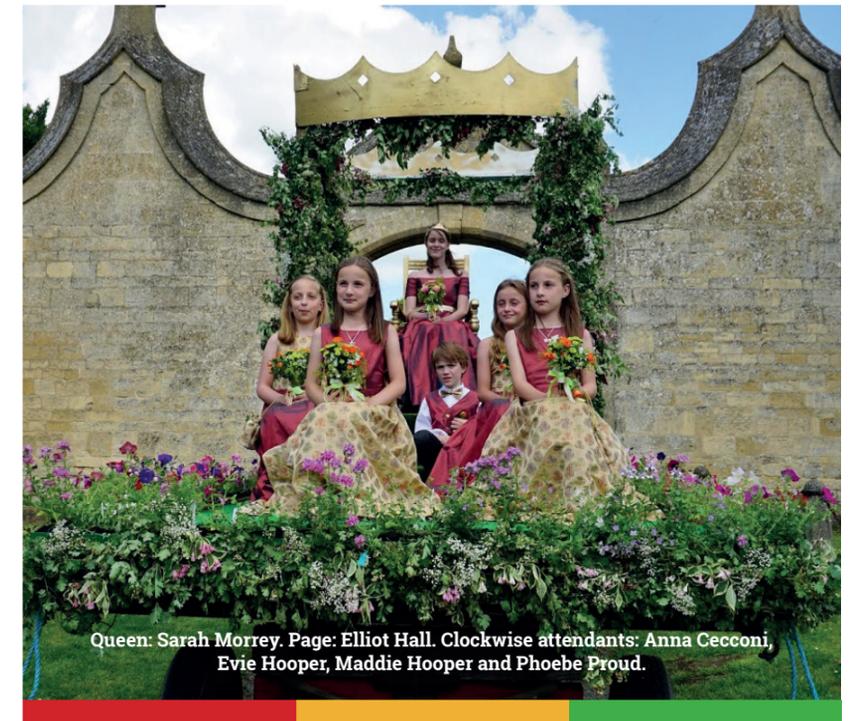
Our website & Facebook Pages will contain further details of the events

Scuttlebrook Queen's Party 2019

The party to select the Queen and attendants for Scuttlebrook Wake 2019 will be held on February 8th at 6.30pm at the Lygon arms. This is a great event for all the family with a disco, party games, bar and raffle. Girls wishing to enter for Queen must be aged between 11-17 and live within 1.5 miles of the town hall. Girls wishing to enter for attendants must be aged between 6-10 and live within 1.5 miles of the town hall. Next year St James' school will select the page boy. Please support this event if you can.

The Fair

We are currently working with the Showman's Guild and the families who make up the fair at Scuttlebrook to try and make this a more successful part of the day's events. In recent years some of the big rides have not been coming and the fair has not been as busy into the evening. Small one day fairs are struggling around the country and we need to look at ways to improve or adapt what happens in the afternoon after the events in the Square. We would welcome any ideas or volunteers to get involved and help with this aspect of the day.



Queen: Sarah Morrey. Page: Elliot Hall. Clockwise attendants: Anna Cecconi, Evie Hooper, Maddie Hooper and Phoebe Proud.

Would you like to get involved in Scuttlebrook Wake?

We are always in need of help both in the run up to Scuttlebrook and on the day itself. We especially have a need for committee members with interest in publicity, media and fundraising. We would also love to hear from you if you would be prepared to volunteer on the day from helping with road closures to marshalling the fancy dress parade. Please get in contact or come and see us at the Campden Christmas Fair on December 1st. For a history of Scuttlebrook Wake please see our website below (we are aiming to update and

their involvement in Scuttlebrook, when they pull the May Queen on the cart through the town. However the "side" does much more throughout the year and has a unique Morris tradition that cannot be found anywhere else in the country. The Campden dancers are always looking for new recruits. We are a family friendly side of all ages and we would be pleased to welcome anybody at one of our practices if you would like to have a go. We start practicing again in the New Year and meet on a Friday at 7.30pm.

A Campden female Morris side is also being set up in the town, to be known as "Campdene". This side will have its own unique tradition and style separate from the men. Practices will also begin in the New year - contact Wendy Morrey or Emma Sexton.

See our website and Facebook page for more information or get in touch with **Paddy Sexton 07708 952 778**



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improve this for 2019, would you like to help?) scuttlebrookwake.org or find us on Facebook. The Campden Morris dancers are best known in the town for



The Games & The Winners

Despite the rain and high winds the night before, the Olimpick contestants and Games Makers were joined by c.3,000 spectators on the hill. As always, the team games were a crowd pleaser, with water fights and comedy slip-and-trips left, right and centre. Team Chillout were victorious in the Championship Of The Hill with Mika Pieri swiping the title of Champion of The Hill. True to form, the Shinkicking got quite bloody and brutal in the final round between Adam 'The Mighty' Miller and Chris Hill who was gracious in defeat to the three-time champion. After raising his trophy aloft, atop the castle, the Champion announced his retirement from competing in Shinkicking. We won't lose sight of him though as Miller now takes to 'Stickling' (refereeing) the competitions. He has also been working with a German television production company, who filmed on the night of The Games and later on in the summer Miller flew out to Germany to continue recording with them.



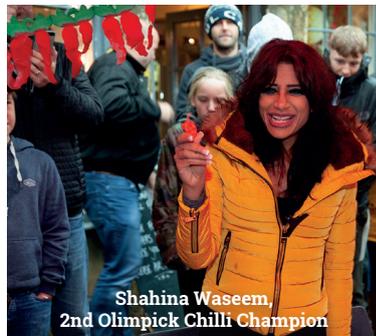
Matt Gotrel with May Queen Amanda Timms atop the Castle



Get Carter kick off the Gig in The Square



Miller retains his world title



Shahina Waseem, 2nd Olimpick Chilli Champion

We tried specifically to ensure the food stalls were curated to be local or have some connection to The Games. Everyone on the hill was entertained by Harry Taylor's Morris, Fire-eaters, Rozi T's Dance Troupe, The Sambassadors, a display of vintage cars, Medieval Jousting, Wandering Minstrels, Falconry and Backword Competitions. For the young ones there was face painting, traditional fairground entertainment plus swingboats and the helter skelter. The evening was rounded off by our traditional firework display from Alan Wright, before the torchlit procession made its way down Dyers Lane into The Square where rock band Get Carter started their performance alongside the light show and pyrotechnics from Clear Sound Productions.

After The Games

As you can probably tell we were delighted with the resurgence of the 2018 games and feedback from the community echoed this. In the spirit of giving back to the community we were pleased that we're able to donate £300 towards the Market Hall Appeal. If you wish to donate, you can do so by following the link on the Dover's Hill page of The National Trust website.

More good news is that the Robert Dover's Games Society was shortlisted in the So-Glos Awards, and also a finalist in the Pride of The Cotswolds Community Awards for getting the games going again after a year's absence. The main objective of this award ceremony is to celebrate those whose contribution to their community makes them exceptional. We were Runners-up to The Cotswold Hare Trail, a worthy winner. As we go to press on this newsletter, we have been nominated for the Campden Business Forum awards too, so watch this space! This year The Games was sponsored by Hayman-Joyce and Caring Homes. Their sponsorship period will run until the end of this year, applications to sponsor in 2019 are now open and we hope to announce our new benefactors in the new year.

TV Time, Gold Medals & Fab Volunteers

A few days before this year's Games, The BBC's Antiques Road Trip came to Dover's Hill to look at the a beautifully rebound copy of The Annalia Dubrensia - printed in 1636 and written as a tribute to Robert Dover and his games - which is owned by The Robert Dover's Games Society. The show was aired on Friday 23rd November, check out the BBC iPlayer to watch it on catch-up. More filming took place on the hill that week when we had local videographer, Andrew Duke create a stop-motion video of The Castle erection process which you can see on our website and Facebook pages. This year we introduced a new Robert Dover and Endymion Porter, portrayed by Paul Dare and Gillian Carr. They sported authentic costumes, hand-made by Barbara Williams, and striking hats were created by Campden Milliner, Louise Pocock. They rode on to the hill on trusty steeds Hugo & Lumpy, both on loan from Joan Bomford at Moyfield Stables in Littleton. This was the beginning of the opening ceremony of The 2018 Games which were officially opened by Scuttlebrook Queen, Emily Timms and Matt Gotrel MBE, Gold Medal-winning Olympian, Double World Champion and Campden lad.