

Music at Moser's

Tuesday 1 November 2011



Moser's Hall musicians are a busy bunch, and Galin Ganchev (M IV) is as busy as any of them. Martin Knox reviewed a couple of his performances in the summer term, and they are both well worth reading:

- www.shrewsbury.org.uk/news/galin-ganchev-alington-july2011
- www.shrewsbury.org.uk/news/inspirational-performance-ganchev

If you have not yet had the chance to hear him play, then please also follow the link to see his recent performance at the International Eisteddfod

Competition: <http://llangollen.tv/en/clip/galin-ganchev/>.

Allen Yu (M 5) also passed his diploma grade on the piano during the Summer.



Sports energy products now available in the School Shop

Wednesday 2 November 2011

In an exciting new venture, pupils are now able to take more responsibility for their fuelling before training and matches and their recovery afterwards.

TORQ Sports have been in consultation with the PE department on how they can help pupils understand their own individual requirements and how these products can help. Please rest assured that TORQ products are based on sound research into sporting performance - they are not stimulants or caffeinated products, and the fact that they are also not substitutes for normal meals will be stressed to pupils.



Pupils are able to buy these products on their school shop cards, and advice and literature is available in the shop and from the PE department. TORQ have also produced a number of Product Usage guidance sheets, for specific types of sports:

- [Endurance](#)
- [Speed Endurance](#)
- [Low Intensity Team Sports](#)
- [High Intensity Team Sports](#)
- [Racquet Sports](#)
- [Sprinting & Power](#)

Grove photos from Michaelmas Term 2011

Wednesday 2 November 2011



Spanish faculty's Argentinan exchange trip to Rosario

Thursday 3 November 2011



A slightly jetlagged but very happy group of 26 Shrewsbury boys and girls has just returned from Argentina having spent a weekend in Buenos Aires before meeting their partners from the Colegio San Bartolomé in Rosario to the north.

Following weeks of Facebook and Skype contact, it was great to be there for real, even after Iberia did its best to ruin our plans! Our hosts were remarkably generous towards us, both as a group and as individuals with families. Highlights are genuinely too many to number: maybe Tango (a professional show, followed by a class with hosts later), maybe football (visit to Boca Juniors, to watch Rosario Central as VIPS, losing (!) to our hosts), maybe food (traditional 'asados', empanada classes), some Argentinian spring sunshine and fishing out of town at the Estancia, maybe using Spanish for fun and for socialising along the way! Whatever the case, there is already much talk of future visits and Gap year plans are taking shape – the link between Shrewsbury and Colegio San Bartolomé is stronger than ever.

It was a sheer pleasure to be part of this trip – thanks go to our hosts for giving us a wonderfully rich experience and, from the accompanying staff, many congratulations to our students for making the very most of their opportunity to visit Argentina and for being great ambassadors.

SHC





MUN: 10 awards from the Royal Russell School Model United Nations

Thursday 3 November 2011

At the Royal Russell School MUN, which took place just before half term, our A team Germany just missed out on the top award, but won a HIGHLY COMMENDED DELEGATION award, and nine Salopians won DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE awards in their committees.



Whole team L-R: Monsieur Ithurbisque (DI), James Halliday, Mark Huang, Ben Gould, Imola Atkins, Theo Simmons, Xavier Greenwood, Toby Harvey-Scholes (horizontal), Emerald Storey, Guy Leslie, Harry Croft, Kiran Morjaria, Henry Dashwood, Will Shindell, Sam Ansloos, Jack Huntley, Tim Atkins, James Humpish, Ed Elcock, Daniel Edwards, Anna Olerinyova, Miss Burge (JMMB), Mr Peach (HRWP)

Our team of 23, consisting of 19 boys and 4 girls, attended the Royal Russell School MUN from 15th-18th October 2011. This is the longest-standing MUN in the country (30 years), that now involves 21 schools and 500 delegates.

Our A team Germany (pictured below) won a HIGHLY COMMENDED DELEGATION award, and nine Salopians won DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE awards in their committees:

Sam Ansloos (L, G) - Germany
Imola Atkins (U, MSH) - Bangladesh
Henry Dashwood (5, SH) - Germany
Daniel Edwards (4, S) - Democratic
Republic of Congo
James Halliday (L, G) - Israel
Ben Gould (L, G) - Israel
Guy Leslie (U, R) - Sri Lanka
Kiran Morjaria (U, I) - Germany
Anna Olerinyova (L, MSH) - Bangladesh
Emerald Storey (U, MSH) - Sri Lanka

The MUN meetings here are growing in size, with at least 30 pupils attending each week, and we will be sending delegates to Paris in December, to Lady Eleanor Holles in February, and to both Stockport Grammar and Edinburgh in March.



DofE trips over the Michaelmas half term

Friday 4 November 2011

So it was another weather controlled Duke of Edinburgh's Award Training trip over exeat, with a Force 8 wind blowing from the South West, the sea kayaking team had to retreat to the relative safety of a very large lake namely LLyn Tegid (Lake Bala). Despite the shelter, the waves still came crashing over boats splashing our faces and obscuring our view. It was a hugely successful trip with the team learning all the basics of good leadership. In the photo below right, they are recieving a lesson on the beach with the sand play acting as a very useful white board!

Three other teams were out and about also undertaking Silver and Gold expedition training on foot. Exposed on the hills of Snowdonia, we had some additional 17 pupils complete expedition training. Well done to all.

Major Billington



Old Salopians in East Anglia and Cumbria meet for lunch

Monday 7 November 2011



Towards the end of October two parties of Old Salopians and their partners, including **2011 President, Richard Barber (SH 1955 - 1960) and his wife, Judy**, attended Sunday lunches in contrasting but equally attractive areas of England. The first lunch took place on 23rd October, a beautiful autumn day, in the village of Occold (mid-way between Norwich and Ipswich). **Charles Appleton (R 1971-1976) and his wife, Christine**, hosted the event at their delightful and recently-restored 17th century pub/restaurant, the Beaconsfield arms.

The event - at which nobody sang (see below) - attracted 29 East-Anglian Old Salopians from a wide age-range who enjoyed Charles' delicious cooking and a chance to meet and chat. Many were delighted that there had been an Old Salopian event specifically for East Anglians with several expressing the wish for future events in the area.

The second lunch took place on 30th October at the Tufton Arms Hotel in the ancient market town of Appleby-in-Westmorland. Nobody who attended this event will forget the strong rendition of the Carmen Salopiense, led by **Guy Moser (M 1942 - 1946)** with table percussion by **Richard Raven (M 1942 - 1950)**! The Club is very grateful to **Myles Walker (Ch 1952 - 1957)** for his cheerful support and close liaison with the Tufton Arms staff.



Almost 60 Old Salopians attended the two lunches, at which many old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships forged.

CCF: Cadet wins place on expedition to South Africa

Monday 7 November 2011

Henry Dashwood (SH V) has been awarded a place on an MOD sponsored expedition to South Africa in August 2012.

The MOD has selected 40 candidates from all over the country to attend this 3 week long expedition known as EXERCISE KWAZULU-NATAL NORTHERN VENTURER 2012. All candidates underwent an intense 48 hour selection process in Lancashire, where they were pushed both physically and mentally to ensure that they would be able to complete the project in conditions of around -15°C. Selected cadets were required to show exceptional commitment and determination, as well as a high standard of fitness.

Henry will undertake a traverse of the Drakensburg Escarpment with much time spent at altitudes in excess of 3000m. He will also visit the Anglo/Zulu war battlefields, undertake a community project based on enhancing education in Losotho, and will finally find some time for rest and recuperation with a visit to the famous Ithala Game Reserve.

Henry has been a stalwart member of the Shrewsbury School CCF since joining in the 4th form and we are delighted that he has made it through all the selection stages to win a place on this exciting expedition.

Major Nick David





Sports results: w/c 31st October 2011

Tuesday 8 November 2011

Week Beginning 31st October 2011

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Wed 2 nd November	Football	Charlton School	UI6AXI	H	W	3-2
			UI5AXI	H	L	0-2
			UI4AXI	H	W	4-0
		Shrewsbury High Prep School	UI4CXI	H	D	4-4
			UI4DXI	H	W	7-0
		Madeley Academy	1 st XI	H	W	3-2
		William Brookes School	2 nd XI	H	W	7-0
		Adams Grammar School	3 rd XI	H	L	0-6
	Thomas Telford School	4 th XI	A	L	0-8	
	Netball	County Netball Tournament	1 st	A		See Bulletin
2 nd			A		See Bulletin	
Rugby		A XV	H	W	29-5	
Thu 3 rd November	Basketball	Concord College	UI9	A	L	17-108
Sat 5 th November	Football	Bolton School	1 st XI	H	W	4-1
			2 nd XI	H	D	2-2
			UI4AXI	H	W	9-1
			3 rd XI	A	W	4-0
			UI5AXI	A	L	9-1
			UI4BXI	A	W	8-3
		Abbeygate College	4 th XI	H	L	1-3
			UI6CXI	H	L	1-2
			UI5BXI	H	W	4-2
			Wrekin College	UI4CXI	A	L
		UI4DXI	A	W	6-0	
	TNS	UI6A	H	L	1-2	
	Rugby	Denstone College	A XV	A	W	15-14
Fencing	Stone Fencing Club		H		See Bulletin	
RSSBC	Fours Head	Top Squad	A		See Bulletin	



RSSBC: Fours Head, Saturday 5th November

Tuesday 8 November 2011

For the first time this season RSSBC made the trek south to visit their old adversary 'the Tideway' course. The annual fours Head is staged on the Oxbridge course, but in the other direction-From Mortlake to Putney.

This year just two of our Top squad fours travelled, with SATS exams happening on the same day and a minimum number of points required to race meant that many of our boys were unable to compete.

Our top boat started second, behind a strong Eton boat; over the first part of the race our boys had made inroads into the gap between the two boat. However, after a couple of blade clashes with two crews who were being overtaken, our boys dropped back, eventually finishing in 4th place.

Our second boat, with two J16 'freshers' on board competed well and certainly will have learnt much from this major event.

Congratulations to Ben Spencer-Jones (OS), who, racing for Imperial, won his event.

Overall, not a bad day and certainly there are some positives to take. Now on to Wallingford in 8's, the first major test for the season.

J 4+ H Lonergan, R Chitty, M Kimpton-Smith, W Angell-James, S Walker. 4/15

IM2 4+ P Gadsden, R Morgan, R Homden, C Lane-Fox, J Eardley 35/65



Careers Help and Advice - requests received this week from Old Salopians

Tuesday 8 November 2011

The office has recently received several requests for help and advice from (mainly young) Old Salopians in a number of different career fields and areas. The requests have been sent out to all the Old Salopians on the 'Headlines' careers help and advice list but we would like to try and reach a larger group.

If you think you may be able to help or advise any of the following, please contact [Miriam Walton](#) at the Old Salopian office.

The full bulletin (with full information on each request) can also be obtained by emailing Miriam.

Careers requests - 8 November, 2011

- 1) Journalism/economics/research – UK
- 2) General management/management consulting – UAE
- 3) Work experience: embassy (world-wide)
- 4) Business experience sought – Hong Kong
- 5) Work experience: finance industry
- 6) Hon OS gardener is seeking new opportunity (Shrewsbury area)

More information on Old Salopian careers and networking groups can be found on the Careers page.

In memoriam: Ian Champion (M 1953-57) 1939-2011 - President of the Old Salopian Golfing Society

Tuesday 8 November 2011

The Old Salopian Club and OSGS regret to announce the recent death of OSGS President, Ian Champion. Ian's memorial service will be at Emmanuel Church, Cambridge Road, Southport, PR9 9RH on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 1.30pm.



Clarinet & Saxophone day at Westminster School

Tuesday 8 November 2011

This was the first time that Salopian musicians have had a day of music-making on this scale with another school, but despite the very early start on Sunday morning, the day was a great success. Students from Shrewsbury and Westminster played together in ensembles and performed in masterclasses, which they found really helpful and enjoyable.

The day was run by the schools' Heads of Woodwind, David Campbell for Westminster, and our own Maria Eglinton.





Prep Schools' Cross-Country Championships

Wednesday 9 November 2011

In the Hunt's 180 years, many historic races have been established and firmly placed in the school's calendar, most notably of course the annual school Tucks run, and the Inter-House Paperchases and Steeplechases. Never before in the Hunt's history, however, have we hosted a Prep Schools' Cross-Country Championships, but as we look ahead to future years it seemed fitting to host such an event to coincide with the rising success of the club at senior level.

Nine Prep Schools from around the country competed and over 100 boys took part in the U11 and U13 races. We were fortunate to have absolutely stunning Autumnal weather, ideal for the very many parents and staff who came to support the event. In the first race, the U11 boys tackled a 1.3 mile course that took in much of Top Common, the Bank and the river path. The standout school were Cundall Manor at this level, with the top three places being occupied by pupils from the North Yorkshire school. The winning time of 8.16 was very impressive indeed, and suggests that there is much promise at this age-group.

1st Jake Doyle	8.16	Cundall Manor
2nd Dillon Staveley	8.43	Cundall Manor
3rd Tom Mewes	9.09	Cundall Manor
4th Oliver Reed-Daunter	9.21	Abberley Hall
5th Conor Barker	9.23	Old Hall School
6th Daniel Humes	9.23	Packwood Haugh
7th Alex Veitch	9.27	Old Hall School
8th George White	9.32	Birchfield
9th Leo Walton	9.41	Prestfelde
10th George Gough	9.44	Shrewsbury High Prep

1st Team Cundall Manor (winners of The Huntsman's Cup)
 2nd Team Shrewsbury High Prep 'A'
 3rd Team Abberley Hall

At U13 level, there were some big names competing, and having offered Packwood's Freddie Fielding a sports scholarship recently, it was no surprise to see him get off to a flying start off Chance's Field. Despite strong opposition, Freddie quickly spread out the pack, and his winning margin by the end of the race was over a minute, a significant margin in a 2.3 mile race. His time of 12.04 suggests that he is a star in the making, and having been ranked top three in the UK over the past years, it is clear that there will be exciting times ahead as he moves to the senior ranks next year.

1st Freddie Fielding	12.04	Packwood Haugh
2nd William Hayward	13.11	St Richard's
3rd Dan Orchard	13.19	Prestfelde
4th Charlie Tait-Harris	13.27	Birchfield
5th Jack Soulsby	13.28	Terra Nova
6th Simon Waterhouse	13.31	Packwood Haugh
7th Freddie Barrell	13.39	Abberley Hall



8th Oliver Wilson	13.41	Cundall Manor
9th Guy Morris	13.45	Packwood Haugh
10th Cameron Bates	14.04	Prestfelde

1st Team Packwood Haugh (winners of The Bob Parker Cup)
2nd Team Prestfelde
3rd Team Cundall Manor

We were delighted with how smoothly the first running of the event went, and look forward to developing the championships further, including girls competition at both levels. We very much hope that this event will become a notable fixture on the Prep Schools' sporting calendar, and that in turn this will further strengthen the Hunt as an historic and successful club.



Football: w/c 31st October 2011

Wednesday 9 November 2011

1st XI Football

vs Madeley Academy, ESFA Cup Round 4

The 1st XI created many goal scoring opportunities in the first half but failed to capitalise on some very good approach play. We were leading 3-1 with 15 minutes to go before Madeley pulled a goal back. This led to a nervous ending to the game, however we held firm and saw the match out, winning 3-2 in the process. A hat trick from Max Pragnell helped see Shrewsbury through to the next round. We play Thomas Telford in the 5th Round.

vs Bolton School

A good 1st XI match saw Shrewsbury eventually win 4-1. We took the lead through a Max Pragnell header but Bolton replied with a neat well taken far post tap-in. The game was evenly poised at 1-1 at half time. In the second half Shrewsbury pressed their opponents higher up the pitch and 3 more goals from Max Pragnell, Sam Welti and a 25 yard strike from Ed Lloyd saw us comfortably home.

Other results saw the 2nd XI draw 2-2, whilst the 3rd XI recorded an excellent 4-0 victory both against their Bolton counterparts. The U16 A's lost out to TNS 2-1, while the 15B's game saw a fantastic comeback by the Shrewsbury blues, coming back from 2-0 down to win 4-2 against Abbeygate. An all round outstanding display left coach Mr Harding smiling from ear to ear. The U14A's continued their fine season by recording a 9-1 victory against Bolton, with Max Parsonage scoring an impressive five goals. This result was matched by the ever improving U14 B's who recorded an impressive 8-3 victory against Bolton, with Ed Dolphin and Arthur Bowen fighting over the match ball, as both notched up a hat trick apiece.

Mr S. Biggins



RSSH: Mad Jack's Five Race

Wednesday 9 November 2011

Seven senior members of RSSH ran a superb race on Sunday at the Mad Jack's Five-Miler at Attingham Park, Atcham.

This local race had a hugely competitive turnout, with some top runners from all over the country. The grueling course took in log jumps, nettle fields, numerous stiles and on the finishing straight the runners were required to wade waistdeep through a small lake! Considering the nature of the course, times for this event were impressive: George Mallett finished 7th overall in a time of 29:28, while Seb Blake, after a blistering start which saw him take the lead for a short time, finished in 11th place with 31:21. There were also very strong performances from Rory Fraser, Tom Cousins, Will Spencer Jones, George Nugee and Jamie Robertson.

Mr I. Haworth

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Richard Raven (M 1945-1950)

Wednesday 9 November 2011

From Mark Turner, Headmaster on Wednesday 9th November:

RICHARD RAVEN (Moser's 1945-50)

We have heard this afternoon the sad news of Richard Raven's death. Richard was a member of staff here from 1960 until his retirement in 1993. He was Housemaster of Severn Hill (1968-81) and Second Master (1981-93) during the Langdale and Maidment eras.

Richard was much-loved and respected and, right up until last week, he was an energetic supporter of all things Salopian.

I am sure all those connected with the school at present will wish to join me in extending our condolences to his wife, Liz, and their family.

Any Old Salopian wishing to write to the Raven family is invited to send their correspondence to the Old Salopian Office:

The Salopian Club
The Schools
Shrewsbury SY3 7BA

clearly marked, and it will be passed on.

Details of funeral and possible memorial service arrangements will be published in due course.



A Week in the Life of Matthew Barnett (SH UVI)

Wednesday 9 November 2011

Matthew was asked to write his 'Week in the Life' that covered last Saturday's Charity Fashion Show in Quod. Matt did some freelance modelling over the summer holidays, and is heading out to Paris and Milan for their fashion weeks in January, and to Tokyo for two months in the summer. He also took part in the 2010 Quod Fashion Show.



Monday: It's the first day back at school and I'm really tired! Thankfully I have no overhanging work, so I can use this day for relaxing. After evening lessons I've organised a meeting to get all of the models fitted in order for us to send the sizes to the designers who are giving us clothes for the fashion show. After tea I finalised my Personal Statement for my tutor, Doctor Gee, to go over.

Tuesday: Tuesday's one of my favourite days of the week as I have hockey in the afternoon. After three morning lessons I go to Quod for a sausage roll and of course, to see my friends. After lunch I have a music lesson with my teacher, Mrs Curtis. We go through my grade seven pieces and it's clear that I need to practise a bit more. It's now time for hockey (thanks to Winter timetable) so I get changed and head down to the Astro. After a gruelling training session, I have a shower and prepare for an English lesson with Mr Fanning. At period seven I have a 'free' which I spend contacting the designers and finalising outfits. Then it's to tea and finally Topschools.

Wednesday: After a large breakfast in KH I return to Scally and get ready for lessons. After lunch I get practising my Saxophone. In the afternoon, the weather is pretty bad so I decide to get on with some work. Wading through some critical information for English is on this afternoon's agenda.

Thursday: Thursday afternoon is my catch up afternoon for any work that has been hanging over me. I used this afternoon to write one of my English essays. The evening was filled with a session where I taught the other models how to 'walk' and the logistics of how we're going to walk for Saturday night.

Friday: It's Friday and therefore one day away from the Fashion show. After an afternoon of picking up the designers' clothes, we have a full on dress and technical rehearsal that went on from 7 30pm until 10pm. After a few adjustments and pieces of advice it's time to get some sleep before tomorrow night.



Saturday: The day is finally here after all the work we put in! Morning lessons consisted of English, History and Photography which were all great bar the fact that I was constantly worrying about last little details to add to the show! My Mum arrived at 2.30pm in good time for the final run through of the show. She went through her notes and speeches with Isabella Barber, her co-hostess, before we plunged into the rehearsal. It all went swimmingly and after, we had a brief break before hair and make-up. When my boys arrived, the girls were halfway through so they were seated and styled accordingly. This gave my Mum some time to catch up with me about home and generally Mummy me a bit! After hair and make-up the models made their way over to Quod and went straight backstage to get dressed for their first show. After a brief pep talk, all the audience were assembled and seated by the various members of staff helping out. The models got into order and the music started playing. Holly

Free did a great job of opening the show in her first outfit from Templeton Jones. After all the boys had walked, there was a great rush to get into our second outfits from McAllister Designs. A mixture of a rock, retro and punk clothing which teed up Marilyn Manson's Tainted Love. The girls then showed what they had in their dresses from KoKo; a shop from Shrewsbury. The Finale was well executed in various clothes from Sweet Verona (Girls) and Wade-Smith Designs (Boys). The final speech was well executed by the hostesses just before the models exited the stage. Then it was time for handshakes, hugs and congratulations from various members of the audience. This included a very thorough handshake from Mr Bell who mentioned how proud he was to have five out of the six male models from School House (no bias in my decisions, I promise...). The show went really well and I was certainly glad there were no logistical or technical faults in the execution. Thanks go to all of the committee and to Mrs Wilson, whose hard work and rigour proved to be a great investment.

Sunday: It's Sunday and I am so tired! I had to get up at 9 30am to Skype call a client in Milan – this really goes to show that there really isn't any 'rest for the wicked'! Sunday was a day of relaxation after the constant onslaught of work for the Fashion Show. Evening Chapel was a delight that ended a pretty thorough week.





Churchill's House Singing - photos

Wednesday 9 November 2011





Rugby: w/c 31st October 2011

Thursday 10 November 2011

A XV vs Shrewsbury 6th Form College 1st XV

Shrewsbury recorded a comprehensive victory against the local 6th Form College winning 29-5. Running in five tries, with two conversion helped ease Shrewsbury to a much improved performance against the side they faced in the season opener.

A XV vs Denstone College 2nd XV

The A XV continued their good week recording another victory, with a narrow 15 – 14 win. More progress was shown and very impressive early pressure should have yielded more than two tries. The home side came back before the half ended with a converted try and scored another midway through the second half to take the lead. The score sparked an impressive comeback with Paddy Lynch-Staunton scoring the winner with eight minutes left.

Mr D. Kirkby

Shrewsbury

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Fencing v Stone Fencing Club Saturday 5th November 2011

Thursday 10 November 2011

Excellent fencing from Shrewsbury against strong opposition from Stone saw us come away with a 3-1 victory overall.

Mr K. Holding



Netball: Wednesday 2nd November - County Tournament

Thursday 10 November 2011

Shrewsbury travelled to Wrekin for the county tournament this week. It is always a good afternoon, but a potentially difficult fixture as this term is not our major netball term. However, with the introduction of the Tuesday night league, we were looking forward to the challenge, and for the first time we had 2 teams in the competition.

In the A division, the girls managed to record 4 victories interspersed with 2 narrow defeats. A really good afternoon of netball, but we just missed out on qualification for the Midlands by coming 3rd overall. Player of the tournament was Ellie Rhys-Davies.

Shrewsbury team two were entered into the plate and went on to reach the semi-finals, which was played against Shrewsbury Sixth Form B. The game against the sixth form was very close and at half time was 4-4, however in the second half sixth form pulled away to win 8-4, therefore Shrewsbury came 4th overall. It was a great afternoon of netball and Shrewsbury played very well. Player(s) of the tournament were Alice Paul and Harriet Adams.

Mrs N. Bradburne

Shrewsbury

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Fives: Girls enter the Richard Black Cup at Eton

Thursday 10 November 2011

Izzy Barber, Laura Kramer & Sara Lim (all EDH UVI) all represented Shrewsbury in the Richard Black Cup at Eton on Sunday 6th Nov. They were the only schoolgirls participating, played well and gained valuable experience against mainly university opposition. A big thanks to Fiona Barnes (Monday Club) for her support.

Next Sunday sees the U14's REFCA Individual Tournament take place. Good luck to those involved.

Mr A. Barnard



OSH Presentation of Cups to RSSH

Thursday 10 November 2011



Cup named after him.

The picture shows Imola Atkins (MSH UVI) receiving the Willie Jones Cup.

The OSH has donated two cups to the RSSH named after the masters in charge of the RSSH for much of the 1960s and 1970s.

The Mark Mortimer Cup is awarded to the winner of the Junior Hunt Club Championship and the Willie Jones Cup is awarded to the winner of the Girls Club Hunt Championship. Mark is sadly no longer with us, but Willie was very touched at having the



Quod Fashion Show raises £1,000 for charity

Thursday 10 November 2011

This year's charity fashion show took place in a packed Quod, following the same winning formula as in previous years, but there were a few firsts:

- For the first time, one of our sixth formers – Hamish McAllister (SH UVI) – had some of his own original pieces on the catwalk, and even modelled one of them himself.
- An Old Salopian, George Wade-Smith (I 2004-2009), also had some of his own-label clothes on show.
- One of our models, Matthew Barnett (SH UVI), has considerable professional experience walking catwalks – see his account in his 'Week in the Life' article for more information.

The local boutiques participating in this year's show were Templeton Jones, Sweet Verona, KoKo and Stubbs, and hair and makeup were done by Essensuals.

The event was preceded by a champagne reception for parents and guests, and was followed by the Students' Open Mic Night compered by Ali Webb.

The evening raised £1,000 in total, which will be split equally between the NSPCC and the Blue Chairs Charity.



L-R: Hamish McAllister's jacket; Hamish himself in his jersey; dress by OS George Wade-Smith; Hamish McAllister's shirt

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Five Salopians in Round 2 of the Shropshire Concerto Competition

Friday 11 November 2011

Last Tuesday and Wednesday evening, 13 of our top musicians performed in the Shropshire Concerto Competition.

The following five have been chosen to go through to the second round in January, when they get to perform for the chance to play a concerto later in the year.

Jacob Owen - Cello

Christopher Hardman - Clarinet

Dorit Hassleberg - Clarinet

Mark Li - Saxophone

Galin Ganchev - Piano

MLC

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Old Salopian running the Beirut Marathon in aid of Prostate Cancer Research

Saturday 12 November 2011

On the 27 November, John Macfarlane (SH 1996-2001) will be running the full Beirut Marathon in aid of [The Prostate Cancer Charity](#).

John says:

'I believe there is little else to mention other than I will be sporting a very ill-fitting moustache during my run.

If anyone cares to donate to this charity the link is below and within 3 minutes you can be on your way to feeling better about yourself.

<http://www.justgiving.com/John-Robert-McFarlane>

A bit about the runner:

I was proudly in School House from 1996 until 2001 played rugby, fives and I swam for the school. Some of the masters may better remember me by my exceedingly strong capabilities at asking a red-herring just before lessons started that could last until the end, enabling me to skip past the part where homework was meant to be handed in.

Currently I'm working in Amsterdam on biofuels and making the world a bit greener, or so we claim.'





RSSBC: Northwich Head 2011 - Girls

Monday 14 November 2011

A fantastic day out for what I can only describe as a squad effort.

Bridget Lapage(EDH) and Eliza Hodgson (EDH) approached the second event of their campaign along with fellow scullers Polly Bingham (MSH) and Libby Wood (MSH), finishing 4th and 5th respectively. Racing in J18 2X's they came against much stiffer competition, the first two crews fielding full Junior Internationals. Both crews were building on the previous 7 weeks work with the emphasis on establishing and maintaining technical form. With this, both crews did extremely well. Results are promising and reflect a group of girls who are working hard to improve week by week. Both crews have yet to establish a full racing profile, suggesting there is much more to come.

New to racing was the girls sweep group.(Northwich being the first event we target with newcomers) This group have worked with a notable degree of tenacity over recent weeks, and were rewarded with an excellent race, which saw them finish 2/6 in a strong field. Coxed by Amy Steventon, the crew of Amy Stockdale, Olivia Levy, Georgia Bustin and Katy Williams (all EDH) achieved their objective of rowing as a unit and holding their form, and can now look forward to building on what appears to be a committed girls rowing squad.



Sports results: w/c 7th November 2011

Monday 14 November 2011

Week Beginning 7th November 2011

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Tue 8 th November	Football	Wakeman School	UI5D XI	A	L	0-6
Wed 9 th November	Football	Oswestry School	4 th XI	H	L	0-4
			6 th XI	H	W	6-0
			UI5C XI	H	L	1-3
			UI4C XI	H	L	0-6
	Kings School Chester	1 st XI	A		Cancelled	
		2 nd XI	A	L	1-2	
		3 rd XI	A	W	4-0	
	Codsall Community College	UI6BXI	H	W	5-0	
		UI5BXI	H	W	10-1	
		UI4BXI	H	W	10-1	
	Wrekin College	5 th XI	A	L	1-3	
	The Ryles	UI4D XI	A	L	0-4	
	Swimming	Bromsgrove School	Squad	A	L	67-89
	Hockey	Ludlow College	1 st XI	H	W	4-2
Badminton	Bedstone College	Squad	A		See Bulletin	
Sat 12 th November	Football	Grange Grammar School, Hartford.	1 st XI	A	W	2-1
			UI5AXI	A	L	1-6
			UI4BXI	A	W	3-1
			2 nd XI	H	W	11-0
			UI6AXI	H		Cancelled
UI4AXI	H	W	10-0			



RSSBC: Northwich Autumn Head – J15 and J14 boys

Monday 14 November 2011



A gold medal for our top J15 coxed four on Sunday 13th November 2011



On a rare sun-dappled November day, the junior squads (J15 and J14) travelled to Northwich Autumn Head.

The top three J15 coxed fours raced as 'Tom', 'Dick' and 'Harry' against the top two fours from King's Chester. All three crews performed strongly against very worthy opposition. In spite of being obstructed (leading to a Stewards' Enquiry) crew Tom (Toby Thomas, Jacob Rumble, Peter Hammond, Hamish Neill, Ed Carroll) still managed to overtake two crews to emerge in Gold Medal position, a good twenty seconds faster than King's Chester in second place. Crew Harry managed to beat crew Dick by just one second, confirming that selection for the top eight is by no means a foregone conclusion at this stage. Crew Dick were 4th and Crew Harry were 5th behind King's in 2nd and 3rd. All very promising.

Northwich is traditionally the first proper race for the new J14 rowers, and they also came up against local rivals King's Chester who are always fast at this time of year. Although King's took the overall win, our five quad sculls raced very well, placing 2nd, 5th, 8th, 9th and 10th out of 14 crews (especially considering that some of our rowers have only had 10 outings on the river!). Most pleasing of all, our squad average time of 10:45 was significantly faster than that achieved by the 5 crews from Chester (11:03). A successful day from a squad with plenty of raw potential.

A note to J14 parents: our next race is our annual home fixture against King's Chester on Sunday 27th November, racing is due to start at 12pm, mince pies and hot drinks will be available in the boathouse.

MAJM and RMW



Old Salopian Drinks at the Oxford and Cambridge Club - Monday 14 November

Tuesday 15 November 2011



This year's City Drinks were held in the City of Westminster - at the Oxford and Cambridge, Club in Pall Mall. The event proved to be a lively and entertaining affair with over 140 Old Salopians attending. More than half of those present

were under the age of 30.

Richard Barber (SH 1955-60), the Club's President, gave a short address, during which a one minute silence was kept, in memory of **Richard Raven** (M 1945-50), Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Club, who died on 9th November.



The majority of Old Salopians appeared to enjoy the proceedings, with the free bar proving a popular haunt. A free champagne draw also featured, with 3 bottles finding willing owners! Thanks are due to Old Salopians **David Gilkes** (M 1949-54) and **Craig Webster** (Rb 1985-90) for their help with booking and organising the event.

Next year's City Drinks will, by popular request, revert to Thursday night and the [City of London Club](#) in Old Broad Street, EC2, has been booked for 29th November, 2012.



Old Salopian History Student discovers a 'Primary Source'

Tuesday 15 November 2011



Freddie Ellery (PH 2006-11), currently studying for a BA in History at King's College London, recently encountered some living history while on a visit to his grandfather. Accompanied by his father, John Ellery (DB 1965-69) and his younger brother George (LVI G), Freddie unexpectedly met World War II veteran pilot and author, Raymond Worrall (SH 1938-42), living in the same retirement home as his grandfather and was delighted to hear direct from the source some details of Raymond's dramatic war career as an RAF pilot.

Ray, who served in 44 (Rhodesian) Squadron, completed 25 Lancaster bomber operations before being shot down over France and escaping with the help of the French resistance. On his return to the UK, he became a flying instructor and subsequently enjoyed a full and varied career as a businessmen and later, a barrister.

Ray's wartime experiences are published in his book, entitled 'Escape from France', published in 2004 and available from Silver Quill publications, ISBN 1 872939 80 5



Oldham's Third Form - showing great promise in football and rowing

Tuesday 15 November 2011



Above: Oldham's - winners of the 3rd Form Victoria Sabrina Williams Sculls 2011



Above: Oldham's 3rd Form - Winners of the inter-House 6 a-side Football Tournament 2011



Football: w/c 7th November 2011

Tuesday 15 November 2011

1st XI Football

vs Grange Grammar

The 1st XI won a hard fought match at Grange Grammar on Saturday. The opposition defended well but created very few goalscoring opportunities. We played well but didn't capitalize on the amount of possession we had. Jack Hudson-Williams gave us the lead in the first half but a sloppy piece of defending handed Grange an equaliser. Henry Lewis crashed the ball into the roof of the net from close range following a corner late into the game. Shrewsbury came away with a deserved 2-1 victory.

Other results saw Grange Grammar turn up late here at Shrewsbury, only to be sent home comprehensively beaten. The U14 A's recorded an impressive 10-0 victory, only to be bettered by the 2nd XI who beat their Grange counterparts 11-0! Midweek saw the 3rd XI record an imposing 4-0 victory over Kings Chester and both the U16 and U 15 B's comprehensively beat Codsall 5-0 and 10-1 respectively. The U14 B's ended a fine week for them with a 10-1 beating of Codsall, followed up by a 3-1 victory over Grange. Well done to all.

Mr S. Biggins



Rugby: w/c 7th November 2011

Tuesday 15 November 2011

A XV v Christ's College Brecon 2nd XV

A fine away victory for the A XV despite a lacklustre first half performance. Trailing 24 - 7 with 20 minutes to go, the side produced a stunning comeback to win 26-24. With time fading Shrewsbury began to play with greater determination and physicality and began to dominate the breakdown area. Matt Davies scored a 15 minute hat trick of tries to force the advantage home, the final score coming with two minutes to go. A very exciting comeback and victory.

A XV v Bedstone College

A below par performance saw the A XV edged out 12-15 in a very close physical encounter. Despite good pressure and control in most areas of the field the try line seemed illusive.

Mr D. Kirkby



House football: Leagues and Competitions

Tuesday 15 November 2011

Our inter-house football competition normally starts towards the end of November. These are always lively and fun knock-out matches, and great fun to watch!



The boys in the 1st House matches are the best 11 in the Fifth and Sixth Forms; the 2nd House teams comprise Fifth and Sixth Form boys who are not in the 1st House, and the Under 15 matches are between boys in the Third and Fourth Forms - a great opportunity to see any emerging talent within each house.

Finding a suitable slot for these house competitions where there are no major clashes with other sporting fixtures is always quite difficult. Last year, we had the additional problem of snow to contend with, and ended up having to play the finals on the 3-G pitch at Sundorne Sports Village.



This year's inter-house football competition kicked off on Monday with the 1st House Prelims: Ridgemount beat Oldham's 3-1, Moser's beat Churchill's 5-0, and School House beat Rigg's 2-1. The aim of the Prelims is to get the 11 houses down to the 8 that go through

to the Quarter Finals,

All three finals are scheduled to be played on Friday 9th December - the last day of term. Trophies will be presented at the Christmas Dinner that evening.

House league matches continue to be played each week. The A Leagues are getting towards the end of their matches as they were the first to start, the others (1st, 2nd and B Leagues) still have 3 or 4 matches left to play.



Swimming, Fencing & Badminton: w/c 7th November 2011

Wednesday 16 November 2011

SWIMMING

vs Bromsgrove

The swim squad took on Bromsgrove last week with a gallant effort from all team members. The Bromsgrove squad included a potential Olympic swimmer who had just returned from a week's training camp with the GB squad. However, the team kept up their spirits and fought hard all the way eventually losing 89 – 67. There were some close finishes, exciting races and some good wins. The boys knew what they were up against but came away knowing that they had swam their best. Each individual swimmer worked hard to make a great team spirit both giving and receiving encouragement.

Ms D. Wood

BADMINTON

Vs Bedstone

Shrewsbury played a much weakened Bedstone College side on their courts. It would be invidious to mention the final score, partly because it was very flattering to Shrewsbury, but also because the match necessarily had to be more 'informal' due to their absentees. Nevertheless, the boys led by Pao played well, especially in some games of singles, and the girls led by Janet Wong gained some valuable experience and showed just how much they have progressed this year.

Mr A. Dalton

FENCING

Vs Harper Adams University & Newport High School

Another solid fencing display from Shrewsbury saw us collect an overall 2-0 victory. Wins in both the foil (9-7) and the Epee (45-18) helped the team to victory.

Mr K. Holding



Netball vs a mixed team from Ludlow College w/c 7th November

Wednesday 16 November 2011

Ludlow were struggling for numbers building up to this game and so, rather than cancel, brought three boys to play and ensured the fixture stayed on. Shrewsbury girls were initially apprehensive about this, but soon found that it meant they had to remain focused.

Shrewsbury had an excellent start, with a great move through midfield and good positioning from Katy Mason-Jones to take the lead after 10 minutes. We continued to work well as a whole team and were 3-0 up at half time. In the 2nd half, Ludlow came to life a bit more, with the boys starting to dominate and they managed to score two quick goals. However, Shrewsbury kept their structure and came through strongly to finish the game 4-2 winners. A great team effort ensured a well earned 4-2 victory.

Mrs N. Bradburne

The annual Service of Remembrance

Wednesday 16 November 2011

A Service of Remembrance took place last Sunday, led by the Chaplain, Gary Dobbie. The speaker was Old Salopian Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, KCB AFC, whose address focused particularly on the bravery of Salopians who served in both world wars. During the service, a plaque commemorating the Old Salopians who fought in The Battle of Britain was dedicated by the Chaplain.



Remembrance Sunday is one of the most memorable days in the chapel calendar, when two services take place. One is a service

of music, poetry readings and song in the Alington Hall for the Fourth and Fifth Formers; the other service is in a packed chapel where Third Form boys join Sixth Form pupils together with a large body of parents, to honour the 300 Salopians who died not only in the two world wars, but in recent combats including the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

As is traditional, the Head and Deputy Head of School read out the names of a fifth of those who are commemorated on the war memorial, and wreaths were layed by the Head of School and Richard Barber, President of the Salopian Club. Following this, poppies were planted around the Sidney Oak on Central.



Photo: Will Heyes (Cb) playing the last post in the Market Square, Shrewsbury, under the protection of the Town Crier - Armistice Day 2011.



A Week in the Life of Sienna Holmes (EDH LVI)

Thursday 17 November 2011

We asked Sienna to write up her week, knowing that she was singing a solo in the St. Cecilia concerts at the weekend. It now appears that she was doing quite a lot of other extra-curricular activities as well!



Monday:

Someone once told me that you should start as you mean to go on, so after the fourth time my alarm went off I managed to get out of bed. However, I then remembered the St. Cecilia's concert, followed by the school play, and then the house play, oh, and an unfinished essay in for today, and that vocabulary test... so I ran back to bed and hid under the covers. It was a promising start to the week. Despite the Baltic weather conditions outside, I set off prepared for a new day of lessons. House netball was surprisingly satisfying, and with a 3-1 win EDH proved champions, again. I had no fear of a dull evening of Top schools though, with a St. Cecilia's rehearsal to while away the hours. Still in the aftermath of our lunch break 'rehearsal' I was beginning to wonder if I had lost the ability to read music, and also beginning to feel a little nervous. Thankfully I had a considerable amount of support, in the shape of a hundred or so committed choristers. Unfortunately, none of us had quite anticipated the scale of the choir or the Orchestra and found ourselves singing into our copies.

Tuesday:

Today's lessons were a bit of a blur and my Top-schools diary is beginning to feel heavy, which doesn't really put a spring in my step. However, I did find being forced to play Meatloaf in my guitar lesson somewhat relaxing, or at least a good way to confuse myself enough to forget about schoolwork. At lunch we had an emergency soloist meeting for the St. Cecilia mass where we finalised what we were singing, and things were beginning to take shape. After supper, I got to play rehearsals in time for some Henry IV. Mr Fanning got very excited when we reached the screaming scene and declared that the play may not be a complete failure; I praised God I'd learnt my lines.

Wednesday:

After some intensive double German in the morning, the afternoon was a chance to catch up on some Top-Schools and play some badminton (a highlight of my week). This was promptly followed by a chamber choir rehearsal where we learned the gruelling nature of Eric Whitacere's pieces. We also sorted out the other material for the St. Cecilia concert and were done in time to miss the supper queue; one of our better rehearsals. In the evening there was a House play rehearsal. EDH have teamed up with Ridgemount to put on our own production of 40 Years On by Alan Bennett and I was lucky enough to get the part of 'Nanny' where I find myself shouting at a small boy in 3rd form profusely. Despite my attempts to appear friendly he still looked pretty scared. Got back to find the whole of EDH watching a Disney film together, standard behaviour.



Thursday:

I spent a good 70 minutes in music staring at blank paper this morning before I decided I had writer's block, but things looked up in English when we were allowed to watch a film. After lunch I had a piano lesson and then a singing lesson where I ran over some things for the Mass and marked up my score for The Magic Flute, the half staged opera Mr Moore is hoping to put on next term. Thursday evening was spent catching up on work, learning lines, and going on a run with my roommate Daisy.



Friday:

Friday was long and fairly dormant, apart from Yoga which was a lot more intense than I remembered. We had a full rehearsal in the evening for the St Cecilia's Mass and it was the first time everything really slotted into place. It looked as though there was hope after all the hard work from the choir and the orchestra for a truly outstanding concert.

Saturday:

Saturday afternoon was one big rehearsal leading up to the evening's performance and nerves were running high for everyone involved. Mr Moore on the other hand insisted we were going to be a success and so we pushed on. Whilst drinking lots of water and waiting for our turn I was able to listen to some of the other performers in the concert. The string and wind ensemble were particularly good but most significant of all was the Piano Concerto Played by the orchestra with Galin Ganchev as the soloist. His talent is undeniable, but with this particular piece it was unconceivable that a musician as young as Galin could play to such a remarkable standard. Although it was beautiful to listen to it was a hard act to follow and by nine that evening as we were lined up about to go onstage I was really beginning to wonder why I'd ever agreed. Much to my relief the chamber choir pieces were a success and by the time we'd reached the mass I was feeling ready to give it a shot. Thankfully the choir and orchestra were seamless and when it came to my first solo entry I managed to hold my own. The rest of the mass was over much too quickly and I even found I was enjoying myself too much to worry that my music was going to fall out my folder!

Sunday:

To my dismay I found myself being woken at an unearthly hour for a chapel choir rehearsal, but I was soon persuaded when I found out Jerusalem was on the hymn list. The Shrewsbury remembrance service was particularly moving and it was plain to see that the remembrance is so relevant at an all-boys school. It was a very poignant service. After Chapel I had rehearsals for the school play all day and I was feeling pretty exhausted and beginning to dread the evening's performance. Luckily help was at hand and after another emergency chamber choir meeting, a shower and some seriously strong coffee I was feeling more human. The nerves kicked in as we waited offstage and with them came the excitement; it was after all our final performance. The Mass went terrifically well and was by far our best rendition and in the Agnus Dei, my own solo, I finally felt as though all the effort that had been put in by everyone over the last month had finally paid off. At the end we were met with copious amounts of applause and were generously given a beautiful bunch of flowers and book tokens by the Shrewsbury School Choral Society – and we were allowed to keep them this night. I suppose it's safe to say that despite my grumbles the concert really wasn't too bad, in the end.

The St Cecilia Concerts 2011: A memorable weekend of celebration

Thursday 17 November 2011

The weekend of the St. Cecilia concerts sees 250+ musicians performing together - more than any other annual event in our Fasti, filling up half the floor space of the Alington Hall. By using Alington gallery, and repeating the concert on two consecutive nights, well over 700 people are able to enjoy the performances of our own musicians and the Shrewsbury Community Choir.

Playing to full houses on both evenings, the Music Department paid homage to St Cecilia in style and in numbers (as well as at great length!). This review, not altogether in order of performance, is based on the Sunday concert, generally agreed to be the more successful.

The opening bars of Dvorak's 8th symphony (first movement only) gave assurance of improved orchestral playing, and although there were still some rough passages, the lilting spirit of the work was effectively conveyed and the driving finish was exhilarating.



The excellent String Orchestra gave three movements from Janacek's "Idyll", an early composition, which, as the programme note indicated, was strongly influenced by Dvorak. David Joyce had his team well prepared and the quality of the playing matched the high standard we have come to expect. I would like to hear more of them and there is something to be said for a separate concert, perhaps in Chapel, for such smaller ensembles, which tend to be overshadowed by the surrounding works.

Another polished contribution came from Dympna Nightingale's Chamber Choir, a disciplined group of young singers, so finely blended that even sitting close, it was well nigh impossible to pick out individual voices. Their response to direction was faultless, precise entries and clear diction making for very relaxing listening.

Nothing relaxing about the Wind Orchestra's "West Side Story", however, nor was there meant to be. Maria Eglinton conjured a barnstorming performance of Bernstein's complex score, brimful of vitality and not a little snarling menace. The jazz idiom is predominant in the suite of Symphonic Dances, but there are echoes of Stravinsky and of Copland, as well as the personal stamp of the most versatile of American musicians. What a challenge! Percussionists scurried hectically about and it is hard to believe that they made every station on their obstacle course, but their expertise was crucial in a huge ensemble that was without a weak link. Whatever their taste in music, listeners were bowled over by a spectacular display.

The soloist in the Grieg Piano Concerto, Galin Ganchev, took the stage strikingly attired, but that was the only way in which he drew attention to himself. For the rest, his unforgettable performance was dedicated to bringing out the genius in the work. I have been acquainted with



this piece for over fifty years now, but in the last six months have heard it afresh, heard it as never before, in the hands of an uncannily sensitive musician. He lingers expansively without ever losing the thread; as he hurtles up and down the keyboard, his playing remains articulate. Every note has its purpose, every phrase its poetry. Take the cadenza in the first movement. A long pause, then a reflective meditation leading to a thunderous climax before subsiding back into partnership with the orchestra, all characteristic of the Romantic concerto, you may think, but the combination of apparent spontaneity with total control of the structure meant that there was no sense of cliché. It was a pity that on Saturday this moment coincided with the launch of a fireworks party nearby! Mercifully, the Sunday audience could listen undistracted, spellbound.

If you have ever wondered what a conductor is for, think of John Moore's contribution to this marvellous event. Having played in a two-piano arrangement with Galin, he was already familiar with his soloist's interpretation, but to convey his own empathy to a largely inexperienced orchestra, to hold them together through dramatic changes in tempo, and ultimately to imbue them with the grandeur of Grieg's vision is a singular feat. Understandably, the playing was not flawless, but by the second performance JFM had created that bond between piano and accompaniment which is essential to the success of a concerto. A triumph for all concerned.

It was late when we got to Mozart's "Coronation" Mass and I apologised to my neighbour for having earlier underestimated the running time. "I don't mind if it goes on past midnight" was the reply, a handsome compliment indeed. The massed ranks did not let him down. The singing was inspired, the orchestra was inspired, and believers and unbelievers alike must have been uplifted by the devotional urgency of the experience. In a departure from the usual practice of importing professional soloists, the parts were taken by pupils at the school, further evidence of the flourishing state of the department. Notable among them were Robert Cross (bass) and Sienna Holmes (soprano), the latter quite radiant in the Agnus Dei. They were rightly applauded, as were the orchestra and the conductor, but what about the choir? They had sung superbly on both evenings and deserved their own ovation. I take this opportunity of saluting them now, and of acknowledging their important role in the musical life of the school.

This was a memorable weekend of celebration.

Martin Knox



In Memoriam: Richard Raven

Thursday 17 November 2011



The Salopian community received, with great sadness, the news of the death of Richard Raven last week, at the age of 80. The son and father of Salopians, Richard married Elizabeth Armitstead, the sister of a third. He was a boy in Moser's from 1945 to 1950. He was awarded the Sidney Gold Medal at the conclusion of his school career and he won a Classical Scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford. After National Service and a short spell teaching at Radley, he returned to Shrewsbury as an Assistant Master in 1960. He was resident tutor in School House and he edited the Salopian Newsletter: then, after a year's sabbatical in Cambridge and in California, first as a Schoolmaster Fellow and then as a visiting Professor, he served as Housemaster of Severn Hill from 1968 until 1981, when he was appointed Second Master.

Richard retired from the staff in 1993 and was honoured by an invitation to serve a term as President of the Old Salopian Club. He also made a substantial, generous and varied contribution to the civic life of Shrewsbury, most notably as a magistrate. It is difficult to imagine the Salopian scene without him.

A fuller, worthier and more comprehensive appreciation than is possible in this brief announcement, together with details of a memorial service, will be published in due course.

DHG

Richard Raven - funeral arrangements for Wednesday 23 November

Friday 18 November 2011

A funeral service for Richard's family and friends will be held at St. Alkmund's Church, St. Alkmund's Square, Shrewsbury SY1 1UH, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 November 2011.

A memorial service will be held at Shrewsbury School at a later date, the details for which will be made available in due course.

Teenage Cancer Trust: Sixth Form talk and £1,000 donation from 'Sounds of the Severn' concert

Monday 21 November 2011

On 15th November, the whole of the Lower Sixth attended a talk in the Ashton Theatre by the Regional Education and Advocacy Manager for Teenage Cancer Trust, Adam Johnson.

At the end of the summer term, our students staged a fund-raising open air concert 'Sounds of the Severn' in aid of the Blue Chairs Charity and the Teenage Cancer Trust. Despite gloomy weather forecasts, the concert was a resounding success, and Ali Webb – one of the prime organizers behind the concert – handed over a cheque for £1,000 to Adam before his talk started.



Every day six young people in the UK are diagnosed with cancer. The aim of the Teenage Cancer Trust's talk was to raise awareness of cancer in young people, encourage its prevention and also to promote healthy living, as part of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum.

The students were encouraged to talk about teenage cancer and how it may affect them or those close to them. The talk also helped to clarify some of the myths of cancer.





The Ugandan Children's Choir: Inspirational

Tuesday 22 November 2011

Another recent concert had to put up the 'Sold Out' signs prior to the event when the 'Pearl of Africa' children's choir performed in the Maidment Auditorium to a packed house.

The choir that performed for us was made up of twelve 8-18 year old Ugandan orphans who treated the audience to a fun evening of traditional African song, dance and drumming. The children were a pleasure to be in the company of for the day - they spent the morning looking round the school, in the afternoon they provided some workshops for our 3rd form students and in the evening it was the concert which was simply inspiring. All of the funds that they raise go direct to the cause, which is mainly creating schools and orphanages for children that have no education or homes. This year's school play, Henry IV, will also be raising funds for their orphanages.

We are hoping to have the Pearl of Africa choir back for a concert next season; if you missed out this year then please ensure you book tickets early for what is a great evening.

Darren Wood



A Week in the Life of James Brent (Rb LVI)

Tuesday 22 November 2011

Monday: After morning callover, I began my week with chemistry looking at electron configurations before going on to double biology where we continue looking at the double circulatory system. Next it is on to physics where we continue with particle physics, which proved particularly interesting after last Friday's lecture on the large hadron collider at CERN by a particle physicist.

Tuesday: We carried out two practicals today, one in biology looking at how enzymes react under differing conditions, and another in physics examining the internal resistance of a cell. After lessons I went to a lecture on a "degree in the US" which proved very informative about the option of crossing the Atlantic to study in America.

Wednesday: Another experiment today, this time in physics looking at Hooke's law and the relationship between force applied and extension of a spring. Later in maths we moved on to the transformations of graphs and continue with Newton's second law in mechanics. Finally, I finished off the day with a session of badminton before completing my top schools and going to bed.

Thursday: Today after writing up experiments in physics and learning more about the reactions of alcohols in chemistry, I missed my normal Thursday afternoon activity to go to see a play in Oxford. The play was written and starred in by two Old Salopians David Kell and Joe Allan. The play "The Two Cultures" was about the cultural divide between students of the arts and students of the sciences, and was based on the eponymous essay by C.P. Snow. The level of acting in the play was of the highest standard but unfortunately due to a late finish time and traffic we did not arrive back at school until after 1am.

Friday: After a struggle to get up in the morning, lessons began with a practice coursework assignment in chemistry. After maths and physics, I went to the Library for a lesson in GPR - the subject I chose as my complimentary study subject.

After this, coach weekend began and the whole school had a couple of days' break.



RSSBC: 1st place in the GB Trials

Tuesday 22 November 2011

Three boys from our 1st VIII made the long journey to Boston Lincs at the weekend for the first of the season's GB trials. This 5k test is always performed in sculling boats, and although most of our athletes are striving for a place in the sweep-oared team, this is one of the boxes to be ticked in the process.

With major events approaching in the VIII, there has been little time for any practise in singles. We therefore wouldn't normally expect to do particularly well in these trials, or to worry when we don't, but we were hoping to get a couple of places in the top 50 this time.



Out of the 143 entrants to the trials, Harry Lonergan came a very creditable 13th, but star of the day was Tom Marshall, who was 1st. Not only a fantastic achievement in itself, but when you put into the mix the fact that he had paddled only 3 times in the single (special thanks to Mrs Weston for the kind use of her boat!) and that he won by 14 seconds against the UK's best scullers, it was a truly astonishing one that took everyone by surprise - not least Tom himself and his coaches! Full results are on the [British Rowing](#) website.

The top performers from these trials will be invited to Nantes on the Loire to train over the Xmas period, and we are hopeful that two of our athletes will be invited to train in this

group.

Now on to Wallingford on Sunday, where all the top school crews will be gathered - the first chance to look at our prospects for the season...

Paul Manser



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			5 th XI	A	D	2-2
			6 th XI	A	L	0-1
			3 rd XI	H	L	1-6
		Concord College	7 th XI	A	L	0-6
			U16D XI	A	D	2-2
		Manchester GS	1 st XI	H	D	3-3
		Codsall Community College	U16AXI	H	W	5-0
			U15AXI	H	W	2-1
			U14AXI	H	D	4-4
		Blessed Robert Johnson	U16B XI	H	W	6-0
			U15B XI	H	D	2-2
			U14B XI	H	W	3-2
		Swimming	Thomas Telford	Squad	H	W
Badminton	Wrekin College		A		<i>See Bulletin</i>	
Thurs 17 th November	Hockey	Shrewsbury High School	1 st XI	A	W	2-1



Movember - Floreat SalMOpia

Wednesday 23 November 2011

During November each year, *Movember* is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate and testicular cancer. More information is available on <http://uk.movember.com>

This year, twelve members of the Common Room are endeavouring to grow a moustache for the month of November as team 'Floreat SalMOpia'. Pictured below on Day Four (with limited facial growth), our brave participants would really appreciate your support and donations: https://www.movember.com/uk/donate/your-details/team_id/249594.



Floreat SalMOpia team as at 4th November

Back Row L-R: Richard Case, Chris Cook, Myles Harding, Colm Kealy, Paul Fitzgerald, Huw Peach, Will Simper

Front Row L-R: Nick David, Seb Cooley, Matt Barrett, Rob Morris, Stuart Cowper



Christmas 'Food File Live' in KH for pupils and staff

Wednesday 23 November 2011



On Thursday 17th November, staff and pupils were treated to a Christmas-themed 'Food File Live' in KH at lunchtime. Damian Blake, Executive Chef for Holroyd Howe International, worked with our chefs to demonstrate some dazzling Christmas ideas which could be recreated at home.

The team were joined by Midshire Butchers, who brought along some Christmas game and poultry, and demonstrated how to bone out a turkey and prepare game for Christmas Day.

Recipe books and samples were handed out during the highly entertaining and informative event, that we hope will inspire some of our pupils to get more involved in their family's Christmas festivities!



The School Play 2011 'Henry IV' - a rave review by Lesley Drew

Thursday 24 November 2011



Fresh from hearing more BBC news about dissatisfied rebels in Egypt, the Fanning/Portier production of Henry IV kept the audience gripped. Shakespeare re-told history; Peter Fanning has edited Shakespeare to produce a taut tale of action and betrayal. A tale of three Henrys: arrogant Henry Bolingbroke and his feckless son Prince Hal, played with assurance by Jack Flowers and Rob Cross respectively, versus Alessandro Rebecchi's powerful portrayal of the hot-headed, gunpowder-spirited Henry 'Hotspur' Percy. The prize? The kingdom of England.

From the opening 'shots' of newspaper pages, authentic maps, the effective tableaux of the battles and the busy 'ops' room, this modern dress production, complete with AK47s, caught the anger and passion of warfare, with polished ensemble playing (and clarity of verse-speaking) from the whole cast, supported with professional ease by the technical team.

The mood music, provided by John Moore, used dark organ pieces and music hall piano to switch between the civil war on the field and civilian disputes in the pub. Sienna Holmes' beautifully timed interjections as the Devon landlady added a lightness of touch to an otherwise dark view of human behaviour. There were many delicious cameo moments: Sam Ansloos as the talkative, good-hearted Welshman; Alice Paul, 'Mrs Hotspur', as a determined foil to her fiery husband; red-nosed Bardolph (James McGeorge) and cockney Poins (Gus Haynes), both in the thrall of Sir John Falstaff, played with intensity by Jack Viljoen.

At the end, we cared who won. The final battles between the two younger Henrys, and then the emotional one between the father and son, in which both actors showed their full range, had real strength and power. The final tableau, with low-life and high-life in juxtaposition, against the backdrop of the anarchic yet formal set design, gave a sense of completion: the son had indeed become his father.

LJD



Lower VI team through to national final of Senior Team Mathematics Challenge

Friday 25 November 2011

Martin Chow (SH, L6), Non Suemanothom (G, L6), Peter Zhan (R, L6) and Win Chirayus (I, L6) were selected to represent the school in the regional heat of the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge which took place in November.

They came first of the 18 schools competing, with a score of 169/176. As a result they have qualified for the national final in London which will take place on 1st February. JCA



Martin Chow, Win Chirayus and Peter Zhan (Non Suemanothom is taking part in the MUN conference in Paris, so was not around to have his photograph taken!)



Sports results: w/c 21st November 2011

Saturday 26 November 2011

Week Beginning 21st November 2011

Date	Sport	Opposition	Team	H/ A	Result	Score (Shrewsbury's score is first)
Wed 23 rd November	Football	Cardinal Griffin	3 rd XI	H	L	2-5
			U16A XI	H	W	6-2
			U14A XI	H	W	8-1
		Queen Elizabeth G.S	1 st XI	H	W	4-2
			2 nd XI	H	W	8-1
		New College 3 rd XI	4 th XI	A	D	1-1
		Wrekin College	6 th XI	H	L	1-2
		Priory School Shrewsbury	U16C XI	A	L	0-4
	U14B XI		H	L	2-4	
	Hockey	Ellesmere College	1 st XI	H	W	1-0
	Netball	Queen Elizabeth G.S	1 st VII	H	L	16-20
	Swimming	Burton Borough School	Squad	H	W	86-52
Basketball	Wrekin College	U19 Squad	H	W	50-48	
Rugby	Ellesmere College	A XV	A	L	0-52	
Thu 24 th November	Basketball	William Brookes School	U19 Squad	H	W	46-34
Fri 25 th November	Football	Charterhouse	1 st XI	A	L	0-5
Sat 26 th November	Football	<u>Yarlet</u>	U14C XI	A	L	0-6
	Fencing	<u>Abbotsholme School Uttoxeter</u>	Squad	H		See Bulletin
	Rugby	Wrekin College	A XV	A	W	38-10
Sun 27 th November	RSSBC	Wallingford Head	All Squads	A		See Bulletin
	RSSBC	Kings School Chester	J15, J14	H		See Bulletin

Third Former's video wins 4th prize in worldwide competition

Monday 28 November 2011

Oliver Lansdell (PH 3) has recently been awarded fourth place in a contest to find the best video tutorial for film-makers. The web-based competition was run by the US lighting company LINCO, who described Oliver's tutorial as being "a great do-it-yourself tutorial that is both soothing to listen to and great fun to watch". The prize was some professional lighting kit, which will help him with his green-screening.



Oliver also won another filming award last February in the Create It Awards 2011 run by Shropshire Council, when he won first place in the 'Video - Key Stage 3' category.

Oliver got into filming when he was 7-8 years old when he was writing mini-plays, and wanted to bring them to life by filming them. He is now working on a production which he hopes will raise money for Children in Need, and is planning to take Photography at A level (amongst others) and then continue his studies at a top filming college.

Oliver's more viewed film (>6,000) on YouTube so far is a trailer for Michael Morpurgo's 'Private Peaceful':

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3IWVcw0I8>

Co-education from 2014: Further news

Monday 28 November 2011

As was announced at the end of September, the Governors have approved plans that Shrewsbury should move to fully embrace co-education at all levels, with effect from September 2014. Since that announcement, a number of working groups have been researching the various options as to how the school can best prepare itself for the arrival of Third Form girls.

At their meeting on Saturday 26th November, after the consideration of a range of options including the acquisition of additional property, the construction of new boarding houses, and conversion of our own houses, the Governing Body has decided that The Grove will be converted to accommodate the arrival of girls.

Today, all parents of boys in The Grove have received letters containing a more detailed explanation of how this process will be handled.

We believe that through the conversion of The Grove, Shrewsbury School will be well placed to welcome our first contingent of Third Form girls in 2014. We will be working closely with Grove parents on an individual basis to allay concerns and to ensure that the future arrangements for boys in The Grove can meet their needs as directly as possible in the circumstances.

We will be holding a reception on Thursday 19th January at 6.30pm for parents of children who might come to Shrewsbury from 2012 to 2016. Please see www.shrewsbury.org.uk/event/co-education-q-and-a for more information.

Please also see our original announcement on 19th September: www.shrewsbury.org.uk/news/2020-vision

OSH v RSSH v Staff, 26 November 2011

Monday 28 November 2011



The annual race against the RSSH and Staff proved to be a much more closely contested event than last year. A welcome return by our captain, Oli Mott, saw him lead the 13 OSH runners home in a very creditable 2nd place, with a fast time of 19 mins 39 seconds for the 3.5 mile course.

Other scoring runners were Kris Blake in 5th, Ed Hector 9th, Ben Hepplethwaite 10th, Toby Jones 15th and Adam Booth 17th. In the team result the RSSH won with 47 points, the OSH were second with 58 points and the Staff third with 105 points. Ian Howarth (Staff), killed in 19 min 17 seconds followed by Oli Mott, with the Huntsman, George Mallett, third in 19.46. Conditions were considerably better than last year when sub zero temperatures and a crisp layer of snow challenged the field.

Tea was taken in the Hunt gym, where we were surrounded by an impressive collection of Hunt memorabilia – and not tempted by the Powerjog machines lined up against the end wall. This was followed by the AGM in the Moser Library and a splendid dinner in Kingsland House where the Huntsman and Junior Whip were our guests.

The photographs show the OSH team before the start, the start of the race, Oli Mott (RB 1998-03) after finishing second and the scene at the end of the race. Full results follow below. More photos are available on [Flickr](#).



Match Result

RSSH 47points

OSH 58 points



Staff 105 points

RSSH-Girls 2 runners

Pos	Name	Team	Time
1	Ian Howarth	Staff	19:17.2
2	Oli Mott	OSH	19:39.5
3	George Mallett	RSSH	19:46.2
4	Peter Middleton	Staff	20:31.1
5	Kris Blake	OSH	20:48.5
6	Seb Blake	RSSH	21:00.6
7	Rory Fraser	RSSH	21:16.4
8	Tom Cousins	RSSH	21:20.6
9	Ed Hector	OSH	22:11.2
10	Ben Hepplethwaite	OSH	22:19.3
11	George Nugee	RSSH	22:34.8
12	Will Spencer Jones	RSSH	22:35.4
13	Simon Jones	RSSH	22:57.0
14	Oscar Dickins	RSSH	23:09.4
15	Toby Jones	OSH	23:32.7
16	Tom Sykes	RSSH	23:37.7
17	Adam Booth	OSH	23:53.9
18	Henry Dashwood	RSSH	24:05.2
19	Hilary Agate	Guest	24:07.7
20	Dan Ithabisque	Staff	24:37.4
21	Tim Foulger	Staff	24:43.7
22	Tim Bedell	OSH	25:37.9
23	Jamie Roberston	RSSH	25:42.4
24	James Adney	OSH	25:48.4
25	James Humpish	RSSH	26:00.4
26	David Thomas	OSH	26:33.8
27	Sam Watts	RSSH	26:42.5



28	Greg Hayward	Staff	26:49.2
29	Martin Chow	RSSH	26:53.7
30	Anna Thompson	RSSH GIRLS	28:18.5
31	Fenella Nicholas	Staff	28:22.0
32	Dan Nicholas	OSH	28:22.3
33	Peter Birch	OSH	29:02.0
34	Becky Home	RSSH GIRLS	30:46.8
35	Cliff Simpkin	OSH	34:26.6
36	Richard Hudson	OSH	38:40.0



Some of Oldham's 3rd Form on the high ropes course, Snowdonia

Tuesday 29 November 2011



RSSBC: J14s and J15s vs King's Chester

Tuesday 29 November 2011

Sunday 27th November 2011 - The annual match vs King's Chester



After chapel, 66 young Salopian oarsmen descended the hill to the river on a gusty autumn day to race against local rivals King's Chester - many of them for their first ever race. Cheered on by a crowd of supporters from the boathouse balcony, they all raced with maturity and enthusiasm.

With the J15A VIIIs racing at Wallingford, Shrewsbury's B VIII remained at home to race their counterparts from King's (winners at National Schools last year). Unfortunately, the Bs were not able to overturn the form book on this occasion, but can be pleased to only lose out by 9 seconds.

The J14 squad raced in a variety of octuples and quads, and whilst King's Chester had the edge with the top crews, the Shrewsbury squad proved that it has plenty of strength in depth - with our top crews far from finalised. There is a long way to go in the season, and given the amount of water time they have had in comparison to the boys from Chester, it is sure to remain competitive between the two schools throughout the year.

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RSSBC: Wallingford Head

Tuesday 29 November 2011

Sunday 27th November - Two wins, and our IV made the fastest time on the course, beating all coxed and coxless fours in the first major event of the 2011/12 season.



A lovely autumnal day greeted our arrival at Oxford Brookes University Boat Club, kind hosts for most RSSBC crews competing in the annual Wallingford Head. This the first major event of the 2011/12 season and where most of our usual opposition generally show their colours.

Our 1st VIII and our J15A VIII were both racing in the first division, in the morning. The 1st VIII (not at full strength due to a few illnesses) came first in their race, with a comfortable 27 second victory over Hampton. The J15s had their first major test as a sweep oared unit, and were delighted with their solid 3rd place over the longish Thames course. Many schools were boating mixed ability crews, though, so it was a great effort from our boys, but our celebrations were fairly muted.

In the afternoon division the 2nd VIII were to race, also the 1st VIII, now in coxed fours. The 2nd VIII, although racing in a senior category (in which they came 2nd out of 34 crews), would have come 6th in the Junior 8's event, a really encouraging result. The first of the fours had a great paddle, finishing 1st and beating all the fours of the day, coxed and coxless.



RESULTS

1st 8. (Junior 8) T Marshall, R Chitty, S Lapage, H Lonergan, C Lane-Fox, F Day. A Antpanitcharoen, R Morgan, S Walker 14.29. **1/18**

J15 8. (9J15 8) T Thomas, H Neill, H Morgan, A Angpanitcharoen, p Hammond, R Trivedi, C Johnston, J Rumble, E Carroll. 16.42. **3/9**

2nd 8.(IM38) C Clarke, J Rand, M Pattison-Appleton, M Kimpton-Smith, R Homden, D Beeston, J Kynaston, W Dodson-Wells. J Eardley . 15.01. **2/34**

1st 4 (J4+) S Lapage, H Lonergan, R Chitty, T Marshall, S Walker. 15.20. **1/5**

1st 4 (IM24+) R Morgan, C Lane-Fox, A Angpanitcharoen, F Day, J Rees 16.35. **3/7**

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Movember: Floreat SalMOpia's £1,000 target within sight

Tuesday 29 November 2011

This year, twelve members of the Common Room are endeavouring to grow a moustache for the month of November as team 'Floreat SalMOpia'.

Our dozen brave men's moustaches are in a variety of styles and some quite surprising colours! Most of our participants are itching to be rid of them at the end of the month, but in the meantime the team are well on their way to raising £1,000 for *Movember*. The pictures below show their progress on 4th November, and 28th November:



The Floreat SalMOpia team would really appreciate your support and donations: https://www.movember.com/uk/donate/your-details/team_id/249594.



A Week in the life of Jack Viljoen (M LVI)

Wednesday 30 November 2011

Jack played the key part of Sir John Falstaff in the 2011 School Play 'Henry IV', that was performed in the Ashton Theatre on four consecutive nights in the week that we asked him to write about. If you click through to see the Flickr slideshow of images from Henry IV, you will find they are much sharper if you untick the 'Embiggen' check box under Options (top right of the black background).



Monday 21st November:

A normal Monday I daresay. Nothing much to be expected, nothing truly extraordinary waiting to occur. Lessons passed monotonously, as they usually do, and all was normal. I departed for French satellite TV as soon as the last period of the day came to an end, and then indulged myself in some appetising KH Dinner. However, the evening brought with it the first, non-make up, Dress Rehearsal of the School Play. An extremely nervous event for the entire cast, especially

myself considering not 24 Hours previously I had been shouted at by Mr Fanning for being “absolutely rubbish.” Please note that this is not a real quote, the actual words were much worse. However, despite not having our fantastic Sound-man, Ali Webb, the Rehearsal went fairly well, and without any major incidents. Altogether a good Monday.

Tuesday 22nd November:

Tuesday is usually one of my better days. An inspiring double period of German first thing in the morning, and then GPR after break. GPR being, of course, my Complimentary Study that takes place on both Tuesday and Friday during the free periods. While being quite enjoyable and interesting, GPR does however leave me with only one free period in the whole week. Then I was rather surprisingly selected for the Moser’s Hall 2nd House squad, due to play Oldham’s that afternoon. And, even more surprisingly than that, we triumphed. Then, that evening it was, of course, the second Dress Rehearsal for the play, which also went very smoothly despite the absence of Mr Moore.



Click on the photo to open a slideshow of images from Henry IV taken by Henry Dashwood and Aue-aut Angpanitcharoen

Wednesday 23rd

November:

My favourite day by a large margin must naturally be Wednesday. Only a half-day of lessons, and then School Fencing training during the afternoon. But most importantly, it was the opening night of the play. I cannot even begin to describe the tension in the lower green room beforehand. But, as [the review](#) states, it was fantastic!

Thursday 24th November:

Again one of my favourite days of the week. Another half-day of lessons followed

by Thursday Afternoon Activities. I am part of a dedicated team that writes the Public Nose, a fortnightly newspaper attempting to address some student issues. Then, the second night of the play approached. I cannot say it was one of my better performances, but altogether pretty good, owing to the odd spot of second night complacency.

Friday 25th November:

Most people would consider Friday as one of their most preferred days, however I can't say it is one of mine. A full day of lessons really can take the life out of me, especially at the end of week. The day brought with it no major events other than the third night of the play. Yet another triumph for the cast, performing to a very large audience indeed.

Saturday 26th November:

I would probably rank Saturday as second best in my favourite days of the week. Yet another half-day, and a Fencing match at 2 o'clock. But, most importantly, it was the final night that we would perform Henry IV. There can be only one word to describe it. Magnificent! The show went spectacularly, and afterwards the entire cast celebrated at the after party. Mr Fanning made a moving speech, and we presented him with his gift. Altogether, one of the best days I have ever had at Shrewsbury School.

Sunday 27th November:

Finally, I could relax, and let the stress of the week trickle away. After an inspiring sermon by Reverend Dobbie, I went home with my parents and had, what I think was a well earned rest.



Stephen Leach signs up with Worcestershire County Cricket Club

Wednesday 30 November 2011

Stephen Leach (M UVI) has been awarded a 2-year scholarship with Worcestershire County Cricket Club. He was also selected as the young player who has shown the most positive combination of results, potential, and improvement throughout the season, and has collected the The Cotswold Group Brian Peters Academy Player of the Year trophy.

Last season, Stephen scored in excess of 1,000 runs for our 1st XI with an outstanding average of 74.14. He is also Shropshire Cricket Boards U17 Captain for 2011, and plays for Shrewsbury Cricket Club. While playing for the SCC Second XI, Leach compiled an assured 55* to secure victory over Derbyshire in the Second XI Trophy, and contributed a further 73 against MCC Universities in the Second XI Championship. On top of this, he was part of Shrewsbury CC's triumphant ECB National KO squad, and took his SCB U17 side through to the semi finals of their ECB competition.

Andy Barnard, Master i/c Cricket, said "We are delighted that Stephen has had his outstanding performances recognised by Worcestershire CCC and that he has now joined his brother Joe (M 2004-2009) as a professional cricketer. Stephen continues a recent conveyor belt of Salopian cricketers joining first class counties having spent their time at Shrewsbury School enjoying the outstanding indoor, and outdoor, facilities, and developing under the watchful eye of our Cricket Professional (ex-Worcestershire) Paul Pridgeon."

Stephen's own comments were equally enthusiastic: "I am delighted to have been offered a contract by Worcestershire CCC which will hopefully facilitate my dream of playing cricket at the highest level. I am extremely grateful to the School and I feel privileged to be able to train at such high class facilities here. The support from Mr Barnard, and Mr Pridgeon's coaching expertise in particular, have been second to none. I have thoroughly enjoyed my cricketing experience at school to date and last season's success was definitely a highlight. I cannot wait for next season as I hope we will be able to emulate last years feat of winning the National Schools Twenty20 competition, as well as hopefully pushing on to win a home Silk Trophy."

