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HITTING THE ROAD AT AN EARLY AGE



Grease is the word

SEAFORD College saw a hand-jiving, foot-stomping end to the Spring Term as students from the College Performing Arts Department put on a glitzy spectacular production of the smash West End musical Grease.

It was a case of lights, camera – and most definitely action – as the all-singing, all-dancing cast took to the stage in the Assembly Hall for three sell-out performances.

Giselle Elsom as Sandy was 'hopelessly devoted' to her Danny, ably performed by Sam Thomas, while Emily Jones gave a lively performance as the spirited Rizzo, leader of the Pink Ladies.

Grease, which had its Broadway debut in 1972, is now one of the longest-running musicals on the West End stage, and few have failed to see the film or the stage show of how the shrinking violet Sandy blossoms into a sex siren in order to re-create her summer lovin' with Rydell High's bad boy, Danny.

Skilful choreography

With a cast of almost 40 students, this was a challenging production to stage, but one which Director and Musical Director Stephen Buckman pulled off magnificently.

The College was fortunate to have the assistance of former professional dancer Monique Elsom who worked tirelessly on some skilful choreography, while Ben Shepherd created the lighting design, implemented by Wayne Barker and Rylan Machin, who also managed the sound.

Costumes, props, hair and make-up were the



responsibility of Seaford's own 'pink ladies' – Sara Reynolds, Rebecca Gillespie, Alice Ferris and Sally Hurst, while Richard Bailey on keyboards headed up the band, with Mike Randon on drums, Nick Higgins on sax, Dave Smith on guitar and Ed Hawkins on bass.

Students had rehearsed long and hard to put on such a successful show, and Mr Buckman paid tribute to their enthusiasm and ability following the final curtain call.

He said: "I am really proud of all that they



“They were totally professional at all times”
 —STEPHEN BUCKMAN

achieved. They worked consistently well and gave of their best, performing in front of 900 people over three days.

"They were totally professional at all times, and were a credit to themselves and to the College."

Mr Buckman also thanked Headmaster Toby Mullins and the Board of Governors for their "phenomenal support", which enabled them to use a professional team for sound and lighting, as well as some of the props.

He said: "This was a slick production, during

Scholarships for the wider community

SEAFORD College has introduced a new scholarship scheme for academically gifted students in the wider Sussex community.

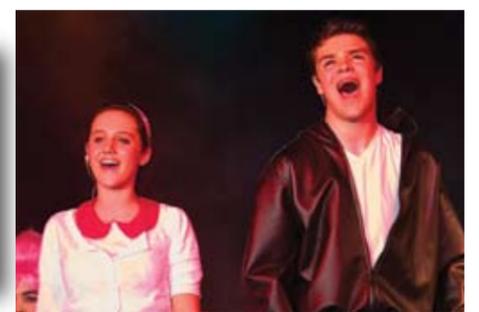
The College – founded more than 150 years ago with the ethos of offering quality education for all – has a number of new sixth form scholarships for students expected to get straight As and A* grades in their GCSEs.

The scholarships, in specialist areas such as Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Sciences, and Art & Design, could cover up to 100 per cent of the fees for the two sixth form years.

Seaford College has operated a highly successful Eastern European scholarship in conjunction with the HMC (Headmasters Conference) for the past three years and Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "We see this as an opportunity to further extend our reach into the wider community, offering opportunities to talented young people whose parents might otherwise not be able to afford an independent education.

"Seaford's strength is not only in offering a first class academic education, but also nurturing students' strengths so that they leave school as confident and capable members of society."

Applications are now being invited from Year 11 students predicted to get top grades in this summer's GCSE examinations.



which the students gained some great West End skills and experience. It's something they will remember for a very long time."

● Watch out for the College's next major production – the Wilberforce interpretation of Bugsy Malone, which takes place at the College on 16-17 June 2011.

● Also, on 26 June, the College is planning a day-long music and arts festival, which will incorporate elements of SeafordStock – and a partial reprise of Grease!





Andy's book sparks a war of words

A FORMER Head of English at Seaford College has been making the headlines in his new career as an author of children's books.

Andy Mulligan's second novel Trash attained immediate notoriety after being controversially dropped from the shortlist for the 2011 Blue Peter Book Awards – because the programme editor thought it might upset younger readers.

Trash, a thriller about street children in a lawless Third World country, contains a torture scene and some bad language. It was axed from the shortlist after producers deemed it was not suitable for younger readers without parental guidance, stirring up a storm of controversy in the press over whether or not such censorship should have been allowed.

Andy said: "Apparently, the book was deemed to be too violent for children. I don't understand



AUTHOR: Andy says Trash is uplifting

that at all. Seaford pupils loved a bit of meat in the books they read and I can't believe they're so different from most normal children. It's a realistic book, and it takes the reader into a pretty scary world... but it's also an uplifting book and absolutely not cynical or gratuitous."

Seaford students can now judge for themselves – as Pauline White has bought a set for the English department! It has also been translated into 12 languages and is due to be made into a major film!

Andy taught at Seaford College from 2002 to 2004 during which time he directed a number of plays, fought with many pupils and members of staff – and had a thoroughly good time!

He said: "I've got enormously fond memories of Seaford. It was hard work, but the pupils were so rewarding and I met teachers who taught me a huge amount."

Valuable guide for students

IT'S often said that we all have a book in us – and Seaford's Head of English Luke McBratney is no exception.

Except that Luke's masterpiece is no longer 'in' – but 'out!' In this case, the tome is not a work of fiction, however, but an aid to students of A-Level English. The guide – to translations by Irish playwright Brian Friel – is published by Philip Allan.

Mr McBratney had already written an article about the play when he was commissioned to write the book.

"Fortunately, I'd already done quite a bit of research," he said.

Mr McBratney was surprised to find he also learned a few things himself while working on the content.

"As well as the book being a useful text in its own right, I think it was beneficial for me as an English teacher to have to write something – after all, this is what we expect the students



HEAD IN A BOOK: Luke McBratney's helpful words are going down well with Seaford students

to do all the time. It makes you appreciate what they have to go through and, I hope, puts you in a good position to offer advice on the whole process of researching, planning and drafting."

During the past year Mr McBratney has also written articles on other topics for The English Review, a magazine for students of A-level English. One of his favourites was a piece that modelled examination skills by comparing

extracts from two texts, Dracula and Tom Jones. "The idea came partly from preparing work for my Upper Sixth English pupils," he said. "It was excellent to have the end product to use in class – and, of course, to have it several months before any other school!"

Oliver Gatland's Dictionary – an inventive piece of free verse written to the tune of Fireflies by Owl City; and by Veronica Guranda's The Research Scientist – an atmospheric piece that mixes fiction drawn from laboratory and the Gothic literary tradition.

The editors praised the poets' "energy, enthusiasm and creativity" and called them the "voices of the future".

Young poets' enthusiasm earns them a place in anthology

POEMS from several Seaford students have been selected to be included in the anthology Past Poets – Future Voices.

The authors are Alex McPherson, Ellie Kleinlercher, Jenny Kent, Oliver Gatland, Theo Omrod Davis, Ellen Gowers, Oliver Parkes, Veronica Guranda, Georgia Barden, Tilly Gurney, Violet Nicholls, Ian Duff, Daniel Atkinson, Chloe Gooding, Ellie Hitchcock,

Archie Reid, Josh Bailey, Charlie Sellers and Callum Syrett. English teacher Peter Harvey, who organised the submissions, said: "I was delighted not just by the dazzling uses of language on display, but by the range of subjects that sparked our students' creativity."

Some of the highlights include A Lover's Tale – a gripping ballad by Ellie Kleinlercher;

Catalyst for a great future

THIS year's Young Enterprise company at Seaford College is Catalyst.

Catalyst comprises 14 young members who are really keen to know more about the world of business and who also want to improve their skills in working as a team and sharing responsibilities.

Their big project was to organise a Spring Fair at the College on 12 March, which coincided with the Open Day. The event was held in the Assembly Hall and it made the school look much more alive and productive during the Open Day.

A large number of parents visited the Fair and they were very impressed to see that a group of teenagers had been able to organise such an event.

More than 20 businesses were invited to attend and all seemed very happy as they sold a large number of items.



FAIR RESULT: Students set up shop at the Spring Fair

Catalyst had its own stall where they sold hand-made African jewellery, imported from Kenya, which was very popular.

They also provided refreshments, including cakes and drinks.

The Young Enterprise company plans to launch other products and they are trying hard to build a profitable business and to ensure their customers are happy.

Helping to create a brighter future

STUDENTS held a cake sale to raise funds for Whizz-Kidz, a charity which provides disabled children and young people with vital mobility equipment, opportunities to meet and have fun, and training to help them gain skills and look forward to a bright future.

Lara Sturgis, a pupil in Year 11, suffers from cerebral palsy and has been in a wheelchair since she was small. Her sister Amy was running in this year's London Marathon on behalf of the charity, which inspired Lara to hold a fundraising effort of her own.

She and her friends helped to organise a cake sale. All the pupils entered into the spirit, especially the Mansion House boarders, who baked cakes with the help of Mrs Shaw and Mrs Kyte.

School chef Cavil Perrin and his staff were also very generous with their time and effort, while Dining Room Manageress Teresa Atkin approached two of the school's suppliers, one of whom gave cakes and the other fruit. The cake sale raised more than £200.

Lara, who lives in Lodsworth, said: "It is important for children like myself to have a comfortable wheelchair. When you think we are sitting down for long periods in the same position, it is critical to be comfortable."

TRASH: A popular read at Seaford

Inspired by the people and places he met during his time in teaching, he has just published Return to Ribblestrop – the long-awaited sequel to his first hilarious novel Ribblestrop.

Ribblestrop, a tale of roofless dormitories, distracted teachers and a motley bunch of pupils, was published in April 2009. The second in the Ribblestrop series was published in February and has already been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

Inspired by teenagers

Described as 'Hogwarts meets St Trinians, with a touch of Pullman's Northern Lights', the story of Ribblestrop School was already germinating during Andy's days teaching the teenagers at Seaford... although, thankfully, none of them ever got up to the kind of pranks his characters do! Said Andy: "I don't invent characters: I steal them from the schools I work in!"

He now divides his time between life in London and Manila, the capital of the Philippines.

Bikes in the frame for a fine green future

DT teacher Robin Johnson has got on his bike to launch a new business – constructing and selling bamboo cycles! Robin, 25, who joined the teaching staff last summer, founded his company The Rising Bikes around the same time, and has already made half a dozen local sales. Although he is not the first to hit on the idea of making environmentally-friendly cycles, with frames starting at £350 and full bikes from £700, Robin believes the cycles are great value and very competitively priced.

And, as a former cycle shop manager, he should know! Robin said: "Other bamboo bikes retail at anything from £2,000 upwards and a good quality, conventional, bike can easily cost between £1,000 and £6,000."

Robin has been building bikes since he was a child, from making a copper bike frame with old plumbing joints when he was just nine, to cutting down old frames and welding on gussets to make early jump bikes.

He raced with his local road racing and time trial club from a young age, and started work at a local bike shop aged 14 – where he worked initially as a mechanic and later became manager.

Whilst studying for his BSc at Plymouth University, Robin spent a lot of time researching materials of time researching materials for marine purposes and gained a wide range of experience in using resins and fibres. Robin was inspired to build a bike using bamboo during a



GEARING UP: Robin with one of his bamboo frames

surfing trip to Indonesia – where he saw bamboo being used for scaffolding and houses – and drew on his experience with composites to produce his first prototype.

So why build a bike from bamboo?

Robin said: "In its purest form bamboo is stronger than steel. It is also sustainable and renewable. Consequently, it has a lower carbon footprint than any other type of bicycle frame. "In addition, it is light and stiff, but has natural flex – meaning it can take some punishment without breaking." The heaviest frame is approx 4.7lbs – but the lightest is almost half of that. Amazingly, it is also harder to saw through the treated bamboo than it is a conventional

bike frame – so would-be bike thieves beware!

In terms of comfort, bamboo absorbs vibrations, making for a smooth and silent ride.

Robin believes that the joy of jumping on a bike, not having to worry about gears and things going wrong is unmatched by any geared bike. However, he will fit gears for those who aren't brave enough to try cycling in its raw form!

All his cycles are made to individual specifications using bamboo from China – bespoke and tailor made – so every bike is unique.

As the bamboo is heat treated, it can last between 10 and 15 years – longer if kept in dry conditions and, with a gloss resin finish, another 10 years on top!

He said: "We can make track bikes, road bikes, bikes you can barspin, bikes you can jump, lo-pro, and pretty much anything in between!"

When he's not busy teaching, Robin can be found busy building his bamboo bikes in a workshop at the College.

He said: "It's good for the students to see enterprise at work and to realise you can always get involved with new projects, at any age."

You can pop into the DT department for a chat – but make it snappy, as he's getting on his own bike and heading off for pastures new come the summer!

• For further information about Robin's bamboo bikes, visit: www.therisingbikes.com



Farewell to popular pair

SEAFORD College says farewell to two of its stalwarts at the end of term, when John and Jenny Hall take early retirement, having given more than half a century's service to the school.

Scots-born John, the school's Deputy Head, who studied Zoology at Aberdeen University before doing his PGCE at Loughborough, joined the College in 1977.

A talented and enthusiastic rugby player, who had played for the Scottish Universities as well as at district level, he slotted in well as a teacher of Biology and PE and was soon put in charge of coaching the 1st XV rugby team.

The highlight of his sporting career was his unbeaten rugby 1st XV in 1993/4. (John Wells, who played for that team, remains the school's only rugby schoolboy international, playing for the England schoolboys, while Matt Moore, who also played for the team went on to play at international level for England.)

Sporting career

John has played rugby for Pulborough, cricket for Petworth and squash for Chichester Lawn Tennis Club. He also found time to play indoor hockey for the school team in the Sussex league and raise three children – Lindsay, Nicola and Jamie – following the untimely death of his wife in 1994.

Having been Housemaster of Charmandean and in charge of 80-90 full-time boarders while still in his 20s, John was later made Head of Boarding before being promoted to Deputy Head in 1998.

Jenny, currently Assistant Head, joined the school as Jenny Gregory in 1991 and she and former husband Tim were the first Houseparents of the new Wilberforce house until their separation in 1996.

She has taught History to GCSE level, was the first Day Girls' Housemistress and, later, the first Head of Year 9, before being appointed Assistant

Head five years ago to help with the increasing number of girls attending Seaford. Jenny has been behind most of the school's fundraising initiatives – at home and abroad.



END OF AN ERA: John and Jenny Hall are leaving

That magnanimous spirit was also present when she and John married in 2008: they asked for donations to be made to the British Heart Foundation instead of wedding gifts.

Although neither John nor Jenny is close to pensionable age, they have decided to take early retirement in order to travel and enjoy life.

Jenny will continue with her voluntary work as a Samaritan while John would quite like "to do something environmental", as well as reducing his golf handicap.

Both John and Jenny have given years of invaluable service and will be much missed – although, with a home in Midhurst, they hope to visit the school for social events, sport, music and drama.

Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "John and Jenny have been a formidable presence at Seaford for many years and the school would have been a much poorer place without them. Their dedication, loyalty and unstinting hard work will be greatly missed. It has been a huge pleasure to work with John for the past 14 years and he has been massively important in the development of the school."

• John Green, who left Seaford to become Head of the Sixth Form House and latterly Second Deputy Head at Hurstpierpoint more than a decade ago, returns to the College as Deputy Head in September.

Heading off to Rwanda

IN October half term, nine pupils and a handful of staff from Seaford College will be visiting a Christian charitable initiative that promotes reconciliation and healing post the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

REACH (Reconciliation, Evangelism And Christian Healing) seeks to bring healing and forgiveness between victims and their aggressors through the mediatory process of

sport, drama and music.

The trip will witness the amazing changes to hearts that is ongoing and learn about the atrocities of the holocaust as the group visits genocide memorial sites.

College Chaplain Rev'd Stephen Gray, who has organised the visit, said: "We hope to raise a significant amount of money for REACH and offer our own practical help out there as we assist with one of the building projects."



MOVING OFF: The Mini drivers are put through their paces at Goodwood

THE VERDICT

Alistair Kent (Lower Sixth): What a great experience! It was really good fun and useful for driving experience.

Tim Thomas (Lower Sixth): Circuit was great and to get to full speed was brilliant, it's the best reverse slalom I ever done.

James Smith (Year 10): Wow! The circuit was awesome and to be allowed to drive so fast in a Mini was brilliant.

Learner driver Piers Plowman, 17: Absolutely awesome! The Mini is so powerful compared to my driving instructor's Corsas!

Driving home safety message

STUDENTS from Seaford College are being taught to become safer drivers in a series of exciting road safety initiatives.

Two dozen teenagers, aged from 14-17, were given the chance to get behind the wheel of the latest Mini One and go for a spin around Goodwood motor racing circuit, as part of a training day on safe driving and roadcraft.

Pupils from Years 9 to 11, who had worked exceptionally well and made an all-round positive contribution to school life, were selected to take part in the experience by their Heads of Year, along with nine learner drivers from the school's sixth form. Mini Drivers @ Goodwood is the

UK's first dedicated young drivers programme based at a motor circuit, supported by a fleet of dual-control Mini Ones. Mini Drivers is designed specifically to equip young people with the awareness and driving skills they need before heading out on to the open road.

It gives them a rare opportunity to get behind the wheel of a car before the usual age of 17 and is open to anyone above 4ft 10ins tall.

The students were given an introduction to the Mini, before being allowed some hands-on experience on the motor circuit, under expert tuition of a trained driving professional. Seaford College Deputy Head John



ADVICE: A few tips on roadcraft before getting behind the wheel

Hall, who accompanied the students, said: "For the youngsters to have this opportunity was fantastic and they all learnt a great deal about safe driving." The students were given a debrief after their driving experience and then introduced to DRIVE IQ software, which gave them the chance to test themselves on simulated sequences on computers.

Bryony Dillamore, Motor Circuit Assistant at Goodwood, said: "The driver training is focused specifically on early learning and saving lives – not performance driving, which is what

so many teenagers sadly set out to do once they learn to drive. We use top Advanced Driving Instructors to teach the children different driving skills, including slalom, reversing and parking, in a totally safe environment."

The visit coincided with another Seaford safety initiative – a Year 12 visit to the annual Safe Drive Stay Alive event, staged at Chichester Festival Theatre. This is an innovative theatre education project, exploring the circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision.

This hard-hitting, powerful presentation, shows young drivers the emotional and psychological consequences of reckless driving – as well as just the physical effect – on the accident victims, their families and the driver.

John Hall said: "The highest percentage of road accidents involve drivers under 25 and four out of five serious injuries or road fatalities in the UK involve motorists under 21. We want to show our students that driving can still be enjoyable but needs to be taken seriously."

Sobering insight into a life of crime

YEAR 9 students at Seaford College were given an insight into the British judicial system – and the consequences of making bad choices in life, during a day dubbed Your Life – You Choose.

The entire contingent of 110 students participated in the day, which was divided into five sessions and included talks from local magistrates, representatives of the police force – and even a couple of prisoners!

In a role play exercise, the students acted out a scenario in a magistrates' court, where they filled the jury, the bench and produced a legal adviser, police officers, witnesses and the accused. After listening carefully to the evidence from the prosecution and the defence, they then had to reach a verdict... not as straightforward as they expected and quite a task!

Two prisoners from Ford Open Prison spoke honestly to the students about their reasons for being in jail and about prison life.

In a session on restorative justice, students were introduced to the idea of bringing a victim face to face with the offender to resolve outstanding issues. This linked in nicely to a DVD on Victim Support, which showed a crime being committed and the view from different perspectives.

Students were asked what they would do, given this scenario, and given only a split second to decide if they saw a crime taking place. The day concluded with a talk from the Youth Offending Team.

Julian Hart, Assistant Head of Year 9, said: "The theme of the day was that it is important to make the right choices in life and that there are consequences for making bad choices."

90th birthday celebrations

SEAFORD College threw a special party to mark the 90th birthday of Joscelyn Johnson, the widow of the school's former headmaster Canon Charles Johnson, who brought Seaford College to Lavington Park in 1946.

College staff shared coffee and cake with Mrs Johnson and her daughter Su Sayer, a member of the board of governors, to reminisce over more than half a century living on the campus.

Mrs Johnson, who compiled the Story of Seaford College two years ago and recently completed a guide to the College Chapel, continues to be a familiar figure around the campus, where she still plays an active part in college life and supports all its major events.

A special service to commemorate Mrs Johnson's birthday was held in the College Chapel, where the congregation from St Giles, Graffham, packed into the tiny chapel to join in the celebratory service.

The service was conducted by College Chaplain, Rev'd Stephen Gray, with Richard Bailey on organ and the Seaford Chapel Choir leading the service.

The hymns were selected from Mrs Johnson's favourites while two of her daughters, Anne Denny and Sally Kelway, read the lessons.



Dallaglio Foundation

AN intrepid team of staff and former students from Seaford College are gearing up for a gruelling coast-to-coast charity cycling session across the USA.

The six-week adventure, which kicks off from Brooklyn Bridge, New York, on 1 July, will take them more than 3,250 miles, through 11 states to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

PE teachers Antony Cook and Dominic Barnes are being joined by last year's leavers Olli Cowell, Rob Mitchell and Richard Pearson.

As well as raising funds for the local branch of Help for Heroes, the boys are supporting the Dallaglio Foundation, which distributes money to a range of different charities.

The quintet have allowed 37 days to complete the feat – which means cycling almost 90 miles a day, in the heat of the summer, through some gruelling terrain.

They have set up their own website – www.coast2coastcycle.co.uk – and are looking for donations or sponsorship.

There are several items for sale on the website to raise funds, from an H4H wristband, to signed photos and shirts

The team have their sights set on a total of £20,000, with £10,000 already raised from a range of fundraising events.

In addition, Antony Cook is donating the profits from sales of merchandise on his website – www.allstars.uk.com – between now and the challenge.

He said: "I've sourced one or two particularly special items which should prove desirable – and raise a good amount of money!"

Some of the items will be up for auction at a special sporting spectacle at Seaford College on 7 May.

The ride itself will be seriously challenging, crossing the Appalachian Mountains, the Great Plains, the Rockies, Grand Canyon and



READY TO SADDLE UP: The adventurous cyclists, from left, Oli Cowell, Richard Pearson, Rob Mitchell, Dominic Barnes and Antony Cook



KITTING OUT: Getting ready are, from left, Tilly Gurney, Elizabeth Russell, Sara Carr and Ellen Gowers

SEVEN teams from Seaford College entered this year's Charlton Chase, the annual night-navigation competition organised by West Sussex County Council Youth Services.

For one weekend every February, Seaford College becomes operations centre for the event which takes place on the Downs and in the forest behind the school.

Training started early and in earnest! Students from the CCF began their forays on to the Downs and into Charlton Forest in December, with time off in the final week in order to kit out and do the mandatory First Aid Course. Map reading skills and compass work were honed, fitness was enhanced.

So all seven Seaford teams were prepared for the rigours of the night, and all completed the challenging eight-hour competition – no mean feat, given that 10 teams had to retire! Seaford's first team arrived home about 2am, with the last team arriving back at 5am.

When the results came out, students were delighted to find that one of the Junior Novice teams had earned sufficient points to gain an effective 2nd place, and in the Seniors' section, in the arduous Elite category, the boys gained a very creditable 5th place!

"This was a remarkable performance – all the team members had trained hard and gave of their best," said Major Nick Kyte. "Well done to all of them, especially Alistair Kent and Piers Plowman who were in the successful Elite team. The Combined Cadet Force is proud to have sponsored the teams, and I look forward to them all being available next year to push home the advantage."

Keeping up the Chase

Epic adventure on two wheels

Mississippi Delta.

The team is seeking sponsorship from local businesses, offering the chance to advertise on the official kit, cycles and support vehicle.

Rugby international Lawrence Dallaglio OBE, who founded the Dallaglio Foundation, said: "You don't get to my stage in life without learning some lessons along the way. In my case I learned several.

"That you won't be successful unless you really work for it, that individual success is

never as powerful as team success – and that life isn't always fair for everybody."

Mr Cook said: "We have taken this philosophy on board and hope that the trip will be a powerful team-building exercise, as well as a hugely successful fundraiser for these very worthy causes."

● For further information, visit: www.coast2coastcycle.co.uk www.dallagliofoundation.com www.allstars.uk.com

Impressive season home and away as players up their game

OUR boys' hockey season finished strongly at the end of a thrilling season, with some very impressive wins across the different teams.

Top team of the term were the 1st X1, who were extremely well led by Captain and German U20 International Mats Grambusch.

The team were county champions, beating St Bedes in the final 4-2, and then representing Sussex in the SE finals, where they played Cranleigh.

They only lost two close matches in the term (once in the SE finals) and were a bit jaded in their last school match v Churchers, but in a highly successful tour to Bath, they won all three games, including matches against opposition from Ireland and Guernsey.

PE Master Antony Cook said: "The players have approached the season with a fantastic attitude and a superb effort, but the individual improvement in skill level has been quite outstanding."

The team were strong from the backline through to the front, with Aidan Mullins impressive in goal, Joe Nelmes a tight marker at the back. James Callaway's forays up the right were legendary and Mats G, Elliott Hall and Hendrik Michaelis dominated the midfield. Up front Flo Pelzner

and Josh Cowell were potent strikers. They were rightly awarded our team of the term cup in Final Assembly.

The Seconds were a bit of a Jekyll & Hyde team, on occasions playing free flowing neat hockey as witnessed in useful victories over Bedales and Ryde, however during other matches they let themselves down and threw away winning positions.

The Spreckley twins provided attacking flair and Connor Reilly was dominant defender. The U16s showed potential but their two best players in Jamie Whitehouse and Matt Lewis were often on 1st team duty so the team lacked consistency. Xander Morrison was a key player and Freddie Ottey in goal hugely impressive. They recorded fine victories over Lord Wandsworth 5-3, Hants Collegiate 6-0 and KES Witley 2-1.

The U15s were a good unit on their day but they suffered from inconsistency. At times they played some really impressive hockey, but inexplicably suffered a few heavy defeats too! Henry de Candole was a fast free scoring forward, Rob Denman strong in midfield and Ben Haynes a feisty goalie. The B team developed well during the term and Jamie Smith was a key player for them.

At U14 level, the A team played 12, won 9 and



TOP TEAM: Seaford's 1st X1 hockey team

lost 3. They recorded fine victories during the season such as over Lancing and Ardingly, both 4-1, St Bedes 5-1 and thrashed Hants Collegiate 12-1. As a team they were excellent on the counter attack, using the pace of Axel Giri and Beck Hemingway up front.

Laurence Bowden, Charlie Dimond and skipper Harry Collins proved a midfield trio of some force, with Rupert Pelly strong at the back and Dan Jones our dependable goalkeeper.

Several B team players impressed and ordinarily would make an A team – ones for the future are Harry Marchant and Ronny Harrison, as well as the ever-improving Jack Shaw-Pethers.

Thanks go to all the team managers and coaches for their efforts this term – Jon Smedley 1st X1,

David Coulson 2nd X1, Dom Barnes U16s, Antony Cook and Rev'd Stephen Gray U15s, Jon Thompson and Clare Greenway the U14s.

Roll of honour:

1st X1 Player: Mats Grambusch; **1st X1 Most improved:** James Callaway; **2nd X1 Player:** George Spreckley; **2nd X1 Most improved:** Tim Thomas; **U16A Player:** Xander Morrison; **U16A Most improved:** Will Batchelor; **U15A Player:** Max Gray; **U15A Most improved:** Bing Stanley; **U15B Player:** James Smith; **U15B Most improved:** Alex McPherson; **U14A Player:** Laurence Bowden; **U14A Most improved:** Jonathan Lewis; **U14B Player:** Harry Marchant; **U14B Most improved:** Jack Shaw-Pethers; **Top goalscorer:** Florian Pelzner

Jon Thompson

Course in great shape after a harsh winter . . . and a little longer too!

NOW that the sun is shining again, we are looking forward to another busy season on the Seaford College Golf Course.

The continuing maintenance and improvement work carried out by Paul Borer and his estates department team means that the course has wintered very well, despite the snow and adverse weather.

As part of the continuing improvements, there should be three new tees in place shortly, namely the 1st, 4th and 5th. These alterations will increase the length of the course and also hopefully make it more challenging.

It will also mean that the 5th hole will now become a par 5, which should please our lady members who were always campaigning for this hole to be re-designated as a par 5.

We have decided to maintain annual subscriptions at last year's level of £50 for staff members and pupils, with Friends of Seaford paying £135 (subject to acceptance). In this current financial climate this represents terrific value.

Throughout the season there are members' monthly competitions as well as a regular Monday Night roll-up which will commence in May. The roll-up is a great way of meeting new friends and enjoying a casual round of golf, with



POPULAR COURSE: Headmaster Toby Mullins with local MP Andrew Tyrie

prizes awarded at the end of the year. The highlight of the competitions is

the Club Championship, won last year by former pupil and a founder member of the 'Three Amigos', James Homer.

This is a hotly-contested competition played off handicap so everybody has their chance of a moment of glory. Don't worry if you do not have an official handicap – we will allocate you a 'Seaford' handicap based on three cards submitted while playing with a member.

Such is the success of the Seaford Golf Course that our local MP Andrew Tyrie uses the practice range to hone his skills when Parliamentary time permits. However, his team of Tyrie's Terrors were recently beaten in a closely-contested

challenge against Mullins' Marvels . . . so maybe he needs to keep up the practice.

The pupils also have a very full fixture list, with challenge matches against other schools, including St Bedes, Cranleigh, Charterhouse, Winchester, Royal Grammar School Witley, Windlesham House and Guildford, as well as matches in the Independent Schools Golf Association and HMC Foursomes Knock-out competitions.

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