

# ParkLife



THE NEWSLETTER OF SEAFORD COLLEGE

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## Glowing tributes as popular 'centurion' retires

TRIBUTES were paid to Seaford's retiring Deputy Head John Hall, both during Speech Day, and afterwards at a celebratory dinner for staff, governors and guests.

Chairman of governors Graeme Sinclair described John, a stalwart of the school for 34 years, as part of the College's backbone whose calm and unflappable demeanour had helped steer the College on a steady course for more

than three decades.

Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "I owe John a huge debt of gratitude, not only for running the school in my absence but also for protecting me, over a number of years, from the excesses of my own enthusiasm!"

"The school continues to run perfectly well in my absence, as he knows exactly what I would want to happen and that rapport will

be hard to replicate."

He said he would continue to enjoy meeting him on the golf course – despite him being infuriatingly difficult to beat – and presented him with a new set of golf clubs, made to his own specification, on behalf of the teaching staff and governors, but also with a Ross Taylor original golf putter, made from a buffalo's most private part . . .

In return, John, who described himself as a 'centurion', having served 102 terms at Seaford, thanked everyone for their generosity.

He said: "It has been an incredibly demanding, challenging and rewarding career. But I am delighted to say the school still has so much potential and I look forward to seeing it flourish in the future."



## Each year results just keep on improving

SEAFORD College has been singled out by the Government as one of the top 25 schools in the country for improvements in its A-level results – and this year was no exception.

Academic standards at the college continue to rise, indicated clearly by both GCSE and A-level results this year.

Top student had to be HMC scholar Christina Gladkova who attained 5A\* grades at A-level, plus 1A and a distinction in her Cambridge Pre-U examination, giving her a total of 965 UCAS points (960 is the equivalent of 8A grades). Christina, from the Czech Republic, is now off to Trinity College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences.

A-level students at Seaford notched up a 100% pass rate and an average of 320.5 points per candidate. The number of A\* and A grades were up by 3% to 33%, while 53% of the results were graded A\* A or B.

### Top achievers

Head Boy Rupert Barnard, who obtained 3As, was among other top achievers, along with Gabriella Bird (1A\* 2As), Bernadette Palombo (1A\* and 2As), Julian Ng (5As and a distinction in the Cambridge Pre-U) and Rona Karahoda (2A\* 1A and two Cambridge Pre-U exams with merit).

A\* and A grades at GCSE were also up by 50% this year, rising to 33% of the total. Eighty two per cent gained five or more passes at grades A\*-C

Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "I am delighted that this year's results show a continued upward trend, given that we strive to improve our academic results year upon year.

"We had some exceptional students this year and are delighted that the results show they were able to attain their full potential here at Seaford College."

# House bursting with efficiency

THE new boys' boarding house at Seaford College was officially opened prior to Speech Day by Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas, the recently-retired chairman of the Independent Schools Council.

Dame Judith described Seaford as "one of the nicest schools I have ever visited" – with the rider "and I have visited many!" She admitted that the previous 'opening' she had been asked to perform was that of a footbridge over the River Thames and said: "This is infinitely much nicer and in a much more pleasant environment!"

The new boarding house – one of the UK's first eco-friendly school buildings – and imported in sections from Germany by Chichester-based architects W Stirland Ltd, has been designed to accommodate 90 boys in single, double and triple-bedded rooms in two mirror wings. Each wing has a communal common room, with leather sofas, and a kitchen area, as well as staff accommodation.

### Energy efficient

Because of the building's thermal efficiency, an impressive 22 per cent less energy will be required for heating than a comparable, traditionally constructed building, resulting in significant long-term energy savings for the College.

The 100-metre long building has been assembled in the former Elizabethan walled garden, where a time capsule has been buried, containing information and mementoes of the College in 2011 (see story inside).

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TOBY MULLINS



NEW ERA: From left, Headmaster Toby Mullins, Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas, Graeme Sinclair, chairman of Governors, and Shaun Stirland from W Stirland Ltd at the official opening of the new boarding house

New crests located under the eaves of the new boarding house bear the name of the original school houses – Adair, Corsica, Charmandean and Millburgh – which are being resurrected from this term.

Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "Although we have invested heavily in new buildings in recent years, this is by far the most exciting project to date and something which is quite innovative in the UK.

"The College has been under pressure to provide a

new boys' boarding house as student numbers have increased and we are sure this new-style development will be a huge hit with the occupants!"

Mr Mullins said the opening of the new boarding house was just the start of an exciting era for the College and revealed a new three-year development plan was now in train, to include the building of a new indoor swimming pool, a dance studio and squash courts.



# Life IN BRIEF

## A warm welcome

THE College was delighted to welcome Bishop Denis Mugabo from Rwanda (pictured) to the school in June.

Bishop Denis runs the Peace International School just outside Kigali, which houses and schools refugees, orphans and children with HIV, for whom students have been busy raising funds.

College Chaplain Reverend Steven Gray presented the Bishop with a cheque for £2,500 which will help provide the school with desks, showers facilities and a computer.



Ten students and four staff are to visit the school for a day in Michaelmas half-term as part of their charitable trip to Rwanda. The trip will also include some practical work for the Charity REACH, which assists with the healing and reconciliatory process post the 1994 genocide.

This new charitable link is an exciting development for the College and is coupled with the neighbouring parish of Graffham, which has forged a parish link with Buye, in neighbouring Burundi, which the group also hope to visit in October.

The Bishop of Buye also visited Graffham just 10 days after Bishop Denis's visit.

Rev'd Gray said: "We feel that these links for our community have really taken root and it was a privilege to welcome both these very important clergy to our parish and to the College."

## Catalyst for success

BUDDING entrepreneurs at Seaford College took the top award in this year's Arun and Chichester Young Enterprise awards, presented at Chichester College.

The College company Catalyst beat seven other schools to scoop the award for Best Company. They also came first in the Best Stand category and first in Best Company Report.

Catalyst sold Christmas cards based on designs by the College art students and hosted a Spring Trade Fair during the College's March Open Day.

Catalyst's financial director Will Whitwell said: "We like the idea of selling imported crafts because we would be helping other people less fortunate than ourselves."

The Young Enterprise programme is supported by Chichester District Council. Over the course of the year, students work as a team to form a company, raise finance, carry out market research, develop their product or service and market it against other Young Enterprise companies.

## Five are confirmed

FIVE students – Sarah Carr, Benji Greenwell, Dominic Woodhouse, Tristan Evans and Holly Graham – were confirmed by the Bishop of Horsham, the Rt Rev'd Mark Sowerby, at St. Giles Church, Graffham.

The Bishop requested that each candidate should write to him on their 18th birthday offering him three reasons why he should not ordain them!

The confirmation service included 12 other candidates from the Petworth deanery, and Parish Priest and College Chaplin, the Reverend Steven Gray, thanked Graffham Primary School and Seaford College for their hospitality in providing Pimms and canapes for the reception which followed.



HIDDEN TREASURE: The time capsule is prepared for burial

# A moment in time captured in capsule

A TIME capsule containing treasures from the College in 2011 has been buried in the walled garden.

The idea for the capsule arose after builders working on the site discovered a 'message in a bottle' – a letter and photograph – left by the College groundsmen in 1935. Shelagh Weekes worked with a group of pupils collating the contents, initially suggested by Year 9 students Emily Winterflood and Ellie Wood-Craigne.

However, over the months from conception to completion, the plans were modified and expanded.

The eventual list comprised: Joscelyn Johnson's History of Seaford College and her

guide to the Chapel; a copy of the school prospectus; the current school diary and sports programme; a copy of the school sports records; a copy of the 1935 letter found in the bottle, and a picture of the then Head gardener; a picture of the current Estate Manager and the estate team; several letters from current Year 7 and 8 students to 'someone in the future'; a school tie; a copy of Park Life; a shiny new penny; a memento of the Royal Wedding; a newspaper dated June 24 2011; and a brief letter explaining the reasons for burying the capsule.

The Estate team dug a suitably-sized hole prior to the 'burial' ceremony, which was attended by College Chaplain, the Reverend

Steven Gray, Joscelyn Johnson and her daughter Sally, retiring assistant head Jenny Hall, Emily Winterflood, Ellie Wood-Craigne, Mrs Weekes and students from Year 5.

Mrs Weekes said: "The discovery of the original bottle caused quite a flurry of excitement among the students, who thought it would be a great idea to leave some mementoes of the College in current times for people to discover at some indeterminate time in the future. It could be decades – or, hopefully, centuries! The contents of the capsule are pretty comprehensive and should give the eventual finders a really good insight into the life of the College up to and including 2011."

## Extracts from the buried letters

"Life at school is fun. I really love cricket. We usually watch every match on TV and talk about it in school. These days the IPL is going on which are matches between 11 teams and they compete with each other to win."

"I hope that whoever reads this will have good fortune, and a happy and productive life."

"I wonder if the chapel is still there? If you find this and I might still be alive, look me up on whatever you have!"

"In the 21st century, we have hobbies like golf which involves titanium sticks, and swimming in water. What is space like? I hope that the earth is healthy and well in your time. We have some ozone layer problems right now though..."

## Colorado

# East meets West



TWO members of staff and three former students from Seaford College have almost reached their £20,000 target for charity, following a gruelling coast-to-coast cycling session across the USA.

PE teachers Antony Cook and Dominic Barnes, along with Johnny McMillan, Rob Mitchell and Richard Pearson, who left school this summer, spent 36 days pedalling from New York's Brooklyn Bridge in the east, to Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, in the west (Oli Cowell will be pulling out due to illness).

Their mission to raise funds for Help for Heroes and the Dallaglio Foundation took them across 3,672 miles of America's most stunning scenery and through 15 states – New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California.

The team set out from New York on 30 June and managed an impressive 87 miles on the first day.

However, they topped this on the second with 112 miles under their belts!

### Test of strength

A steady stream of punctures, steep climbs, thunderstorms, hot and humid sleepless nights, and wrong turns were peppered with barbecues, burgers and beach breaks – so it wasn't all bad! – but the challenge was a definite test of the team's mental and physical strength.

Their bodies and motivation took a battering at different times as they cycled an average 100 miles a day, in scorching heat,

through gruelling terrain, on a route which took in the Appalachian Mountains, the Great Plains, the Rockies and Grand Canyon, and the Mississippi Delta.

Stop-overs in Las Vegas and Hollywood helped to compensate for days of cycling with nothing to see except fields – and the chance to get a decent night's sleep.

"The 80 miles from Las Vegas were among the hardest of the trip, with incredibly strong winds meaning we hit a maximum speed of 13mph on a downhill stretch and only about 9mph on the flat... not great when we were used to doing about 24mph on the flat!" said Antony.

Another particularly bad day was the route into Colorado. "This road just went on and on. We saw nothing for 79 miles but road and fields – no garage, no houses, nothing," he said.

"However, the start of Rockies was amazing. We got a stunning view of the hills, having climbed 9,800ft and then descended for seven miles. This was definitely one of the most amazing areas to see!"

"When we arrived in San Francisco, it had been a cold and tough day – but amazingly clear for us to get a good photo. Apparently, you couldn't see the Golden Gate for the two days before or the two days after!"

Full details of the cycle challenge – including the fascinating daily blog and some of the 800-plus photos they took on the journey – can be viewed on [www.coast2coastcycle.co.uk](http://www.coast2coastcycle.co.uk), where you can still make a donation to the cause.



THEY DID IT: The intrepid cyclists arrive at the Golden Gate Bridge; left, Johnny McMillan and Dominic Barnes in Indiana, where the temperature was 37C, with incredibly strong winds; far left, top, Rob Mitchell on the never ending road in Colorado, while below, The Rockies loom before the riders



PEAK PERFORMANCE: From left, James Watts, James King, Jack Ghinn, Alexander Watts and Abbie Hansford (Picture: Midhurst & Petworth Observer)

## Peaks challenge helps fund Borneo adventure

THREE peaks in three days – that was the challenge for a group of Seaford students raising funds for an even more hairy expedition.

The students are all raising cash for next year's trip to Borneo – but each has to raise £3,500 to fund the four-week charity trip, which will see them help to improve the educational infrastructure and living conditions of rural communities in Borneo, as well as assisting with wildlife and marine conservation.

Abbie Hansford, Tilly Gurney, James and Alexander Watts, James King, Jack Ghinn and Georgia Bardon are all helping to take part in the expedition, which is designed to help them acquire and develop important life skills. Because they are all under 16, they are not legally allowed to take on any full-time holiday work, so have been busy thinking up schemes which will help bring in the cash.

All except Georgia took part in the Three Peaks Challenge – climbing Scafell Pike, Ben Nevis and Mount Snowdon in just three days – to help raise sponsorship for their trip. They are also hoping local businesses will step in to fund the 2012 expedition.



## All students urged to seize every opportunity

PRIZES were presented to more than 100 outstanding students at the annual Seaford College Speech Day and Prize Giving.

The Proops Cup for Outstanding Achievement went, in his absence, to Mats Grambusch (see story on back page) while the Ronald Powell Cup for an Outstanding Sportsman went to Louisa Denman.

The Oppenheim Cup for Sciences was awarded to Christina Gladkova, and the Kayleigh Gregory Ad Alta Prize for Perseverance to Tinka Allingham.

The Cup for Outstanding Contribution in a wide range of College Activities went to Jack Miller, and the Tali Jones Award to Dan Pretorius, to assist him with his work in an orphanage in Zambia.

A new award this year – The John Harris Entrepreneurial Award, presented by Old Seafordian, former school captain, governor and bursar John Harris – went to 15-year-old Luke Du Four from Felpham, who received a £500 cheque to assist his web design business, plus a web hosting package from Pixel Internet worth a further £315.

Headmaster Toby Mullins reported that the school was in 'rude health' despite the recession and other economic problems, with more pupils than ever before in its history, and a record level of UCAS points per pupil.

He said the opening of the new boarding house was just the start of an exciting era for the College and revealed a new three-year development plan had just been drawn up.

He told parents and pupils: "We should all have a positive and passionate attitude. The word 'yet' can transform failure into a potential success. If you work hard, persevere and develop the right attitude, you will get there in the end."

Guest speaker Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas, a distinguished lawyer and academic, as well as chairman of the Royal Opera House and Provost of Kings College, Cambridge, advised students they should continue with voluntary and charity work into life, after leaving school, and seize every opportunity with both hands. She said: "There are no second chances in life. This is not a dress rehearsal. This is it! When you see an opportunity, don't let it slip away – grab it!"

## Great finale for a talented singer

LAST year's Head Girl Emily Jones (right) ended the term on a real high note.

As well as scooping the Beresford Cup, awarded annually to the Head Girl, Emily was awarded the Senior Chorister Trophy and U6 Prizes for Physics and Music.

Earlier in the term, Emily's outstanding vocal talent was formally recognised with the award of a Junior Royal Academy of Music (JRAM) annual singing prize.

Emily, 18, a student at Seaford College for the past seven years, won a place as a first study singer to JRAM two years ago, since which time she has studied with Sara Reynolds (the College's Head of Voice) every Saturday.

### High standard

She was invited to participate in the Junior Royal Academy of Music annual singing prize – open only to those singers considered to be the best by JRAM's four professors of singing – which took place in the David Josefowitz Recital Hall at the Royal Academy.



The competition is of a very high standard and Emily, who lives with her family in Graffham, was the winner of the Intermediate Prize, with her stunning recital consisting of two solos – O del mio dolce ardir by Gluck and Wee Hughie by D Parke.

The prize was adjudicated by Ann Lampard, who retired as Head of Voice from JRAM in 2005. Sara Reynolds, who is also Seaford College's Choir Director, has taught Emily for five years, and said: "Emily was thoroughly professional, giving her finest performance to date. "Dressed beautifully in full, formal evening gowns, she introduced and translated her programme with intelligence and captivating ease, and then compelled us all with delightful poise, sensitivity, masterful technique and maturity."

## GOOD NIGHT: Young guests at the Summer Ball



## An evening to savour

MORE than 120 parents, prefects and friends packed into Seaford College for a Summer Ball under the stars, on the theme Top Hats and Tiaras.

Hotel breaks were donated by the Spread Eagle Hotel & Spa and Bailiffs Court Hotel & Spa, while Lord and Lady Cowdray donated VIP tickets, a hamper and champagne for the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup semi-final at Cowdray.

Also up for grabs in the auction was the hire of a fully-renovated VW Camper Van for a long weekend, donated by Arun Valley Campers.

The rain gave way to a glorious evening and school chef Cavill Perrin cooked up a wonderful menu.

Music was provided by Lady M and the Mr Men Band, and the dance floor was packed from the moment they began to play until the closing dance!

A total of £3,000 was raised for St Luke's Cancer Fund, a local charity set up to help raise money for a specialist radiotherapy machine that targets brain tumours.

## More and more golfers are getting in the swing

IT has been another successful and busy summer on the golf course. Big thanks are due to the ground staff who continue to do a magnificent job on a tight budget in producing what must be one of the best school courses in the country.

There is so much interest in golf within the College that we now have enough players to put together a Staff team.

The team have played four challenge matches so far, winning three of them.

Members of staff who have represented the College with distinction so far are Headmaster Toby Mullins, well supported by John Hall, Greg Burt, Richard Stather, David Shaw, David Crook, Rev'd Steven Gray, Steve Paxton, Dom Barnes, Andrew Golding and Andy Chater.

As usual, there have been lots of Inter School challenges, now featuring Wilberforce as well as the Senior team. Wilberforce pupils have acquitted themselves very well, with Thomas O'Neill an outstanding prospect. The team, while lacking outstanding performances, have made steady progress throughout the term, all showing steady improvement.

### Shoulder injury

The Senior team have shown that next term they will be a force to be reckoned with, all showing good steady improvement in their skill levels. A blow to the team this year was the loss of Piers Plowman due to a shoulder injury.

The highlight of the Summer term was the annual Prep School challenge for the Seaford Mashie. This competition is in its 6th year and this year had a record 17

pairs representing seven visiting schools from across Hampshire, Sussex and Surrey.

Well done to Claes Croneborg and Gonzalo Montojo and also to their coach Jane Denman, an extremely accomplished golfer, and founder member of the Ladies European Tour, in which she was a highly successful competitor for eight years.

Sporting talent clearly runs in the family – Jane's daughter Louisa is one of our students and won the Ronald Powell Cup for outstanding sportsman at Speech Day!

Next term sees the start of the knock-out matches in the ISGA and HMC competitions.

The Club Championship will be well under way by the time you read this, where former pupil James Homer will be attempting to do what no other member has done and successfully defend his crown! Good luck to all the competitors.

I cannot finish this article without mentioning our retired Deputy Head John Hall. I know there will have been many glowing tributes paid to John. I would, however, just like to publicly add my sincere thanks to a true Scot on whom you could always rely for unstinting support in anything connected with the golf facility. Thank you also to his lovely wife, Jenny, who encouraged John to get out and enjoy his golf. The members and I hope you both have a long and healthy retirement playing the greatest outdoor game in the world!

Neil Macfarlane



ON TARGET: The trophy-laden CCF team

## Narrowly outgunned by the Wildfowlers

A 50-bird compact sporting layout was set up at the Seaford clay range for a fantastic afternoon's shooting against Chichester Wildfowlers.

The top four scores from each team were counted towards the winning total. In Seaford's case, these were from Harry Dick (35), Ali Kent (35), Angus Hopkins (32) and A.J.Fry (21), giving Seaford a score of 127 out of a possible 200. However, the Wildfowlers scored 138 out of 200.

As High Gun for Seaford Boys, Harry Dick won a day's shooting, gratefully donated by Chichester Wildfowlers.

During the summer holiday, the CCF clay pigeon shooting team – Ali Kent (captain), Harry Dick, Angus Hopkins and Pat Gulland – travelled up to Catterick Garrison for the second successive year and came away with trophies in the sporting, flush and overall team events. Ali Kent and Harry Dick came 2nd and 3rd respectively in the individual event and represented the national CCF team against the other arms. They have also been awarded their Cadet National colours.

Two teams from Seaford College travelled to High Wycombe for the British Schools and Young Shots Championships. There were more than 340 students – from all over the country – shooting on two courses.

Both courses were quite hard and challenged the teams. Sadly, Seaford didn't pick up any prizes, but they performed well. Special mention should go to Jack Hubbard, who stepped into the breach at the last minute and shot well in his first competition.

Congratulations to all who took part and for the support of the parents, especially at what was a busy academic time for some of the team members.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

Certificates for Player & Most improved player of season at final assembly-

- Cricket
- 1st XI Player – Josh Cowell
- 1st XI Most improved – Nick Bellon
- 2nd XI Player – Sam Thomas
- 2nd XI Most improved – Sam Devlin
- U15A Player – Jamie Smith
- U15A Most improved – Callum Syrett
- U15B Player – Ian Duff
- U15B Most improved – Jack Banner
- U14A Player – Matt Langmead
- U14A Most improved – Laurence Bowden
- U14B Player – Rupert Pelly
- U14B Most improved – Joe Eccles-Corti

### Athletics

- Boys: Senior Athlete of year – Ben Briance
- Most improved – Connor Reilly
- Inters Athlete of year – Callum Monks
- Most improved – Josh Read
- U15 athlete of year – Joe Thompson
- Most improved – Harry Timms
- U14 Athlete of Year – Harry Leleu, Byron Clark
- Most improved – Guy Monks
- Girls: Senior Athlete of year – Caroline Langmead
- Most improved – Katie Grant
- Inters Athlete of year – Laura Thompson
- U15 athlete of year – Claudia Bovey
- U14 athlete of year – Rea Briggs & Frankie Vallini
- U14 Most improved – Ellen Gilbert

- Tennis
- Boys: 1st team Player – Dan Clark
- U15 Player – Jamie Todd
- Girls: 1st team Player – Louisa Denman & Martha Taylor
- U15 player – Sara Carr
- U14 Player – Emily Winterflood
- Rounders
- Senior Player – Grace Perry & Tessa Harwood
- Most improved – Kirsty Haddow & Jenevra Glavin
- U15A Player – Maddy Wright
- U15A Most improved – Georgia Barden
- U14A Player – Sasha Loeffen-Ames
- U14A Most improved – Rosie Smith
- U14B Player – Maddy McCracken
- U14B Most improved – Violet Nicholls





# Athletes shine in the summer

SEAFORD athletes had a largely successful season.

The term started well with a triangular at Lord Wandsworth – with Pangbourne and St John's Leatherhead – returning victories for our Senior and Inter boys and Junior girls teams.

The West Sussex West championship was next at Portsmouth, with 20 qualifying for the Sussex championships in June.

Both Senior boys and girls and Junior boys and girls teams came 2nd. Byron Clark won the cup for the most outstanding field performance of the day, winning the Junior discus, and Harry Leleu broke our Junior School 1500m record.



**STARS OF THE SHOW:** Athletes Byron Clark and Rea Briggs

Next, the boys teams took on Hurstpierpoint and Worth. The Senior and Junior teams were 2nd but Inters won their match. There were some quality performances from Callum Monks who won the Inters long jump, Alex Moodie the 400m, while the relay team put on an exciting race.

Immediately after half term, the U15 boys beat

## Young talent on national stage

SEAFORD College students notched up success for the school in the National Prep School Championships Athletics meeting, held at the Alexandria Centre, Birmingham.

Jake Goosen, 12, from Chichester, came third in the 100m sprint, while Tara Bage, 13, from Angmering, came 6th in the 1500 metres race, with a new personal best of 5 minutes 11 seconds.

Tara qualified when she ran at the Sussex Prep Schools Championships at the K2 Stadium in Crawley, where she won the 1500m race by a full minute to the second placed athlete.

Although she was unwell with a tummy bug for the Birmingham event, she still wanted to run and did very

well to come in sixth place.

Jake is a good all-round sportsman at Seaford, where he has been a pupil for the past year. As well as his passion for sprint, he is in the school rugby, hockey, cricket and football teams.

He qualified in an earlier event at Hurstpierpoint when he was runner-up to the eventual winner in the nationals.

Seaford College Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "Seaford College has always had a strong sporting ethos and it's exciting to see such great new talent coming up through the ranks. Both Jake and Tara show remarkable ability and determination, with excellent potential for the future."

Charterhouse and KES Witley.

Next came the Sussex Championships at Crawley where star of the show was Rea Briggs, who won the Junior girls long jump, breaking the school record, and was selected for the Sussex team.

Silver medal winners were Byron Clark (discus), Callum Monks (long jump), Charlie Monk (triple jump) while Caroline Langmead (100m), Harry Leleu (1500m), Kirsty Haddow (shot) and Peter Dearden (200m) all picked up bronze medals.

Late in the term, Year 9 and 10 boys and girls

teams took on Hurstpierpoint, with Year 10 boys winning. Highlight of the afternoon was Guy Monks breaking the school triple jump record.

The finale to the season was an eight schools meeting at Crawley against some 'big schools' including Cranleigh, Tonbridge, Caterham, Epsom and Brighton. However, we held our own, with no team finishing lower than 5th while our Senior boys finished 2nd.

There were superb wins from Tom Gilbert in Senior shot and Rea Briggs in the Junior long jump.

## Harry always in a hurry!

SEAFORD'S Harry Leleu was among a total of 40 of Chichester's high-flying juniors who represented West Sussex West in the Sussex Schools Athletics Championships at the K2 Stadium in Crawley in June.

Amid fierce competition from the best athletes in the county, they emerged with 16 medals – including seven gold.

Harry, 14, picked up a bronze medal in the junior boys 1,500m with a personal best of 4min 36.7secs, which also broke his own Seaford College school record.

In a busy season, which also saw him taking part in the Sussex Relay Championships and English Schools Championships, Harry was one of three members of the Chichester Westgate Triathlon Club to take part in the Dorset Try a Tri Triathlon, comprising a 250m swim, 16km bike ride and 3 mile run. Harry had by far the race of the day and came in 5th place overall from a field of 150, having the fastest swim of the day, made all the more impressive as two of the first four finishers were GB athletes!

The match finished with a superb win from the Senior boys 4x400m relay squad in an exciting race. Connor Reilly stormed off to take a first leg lead, George Spreckley got pegged back to 2nd, Chris Mansell finished strongly to regain the lead and on the anchor leg Henry Spreckley ran a fine leg to secure victory.

Jack Miller was a fine Captain, ably supported by Tom Gilbert and Ben Briance who have served the team so well in their five years here.

Jon Thompson

## Caps off to Mats



SEAFORD College student and European hockey ace Mats Grambusch is celebrating gaining his first senior cap after playing his first full international match at the age of only 18.

Mats, who played regularly for East Grinstead 1st XI – one of Britain's top clubs – while he was a student at Seaford, played for Germany against teams from Pakistan, England and The Netherlands in the Four Nations Tournament in The Netherlands, where he was named the most promising young player in the tournament. The June tournament in Amstelveen

meant Mats missed Seaford's annual Speech Day and prize giving, when he was awarded the Proops Cup for Outstanding Achievement.

Mats, 18, joined Seaford College in September 2009 on a two-year subsidised hockey scholarship. The Grambusch family talent was spotted when Mats' elder sister Pia came to play at Seaford during an Exsportise summer camp in 2005.

Pia, who now plays for Germany U21s and her home team of Rot Weiss Koln, is in the German Senior Squad and, come 2012, could be the first Old Seafordian to participate in the Olympics.

## Teams knock opponents for six

WITH an extremely young side, the 1st XI have played some excellent cricket at times and been well committed throughout the season.

The highlights of the season include an eight wicket victory against Caterham. Nick Bellion took 5-22 and Josh Cowell scored an unbeaten 86! The side also beat King Edward's, Witley, by 10 wickets! Umpire Tony Phillips said he could not remember the last time a Seaford 1st XI had won a match by 10 wickets! Captain Giles Haythornthwaite and the youngest member of the side, Beck Hemingway, were star performers, with the skipper scoring an unbeaten 86 and Beck hitting an unbeaten 59. Both boys were also key contributors with the ball, taking 7 wickets between them.

Giles Haythornthwaite has captained his side to great credit, showing unflinching commitment throughout.

### 2nd XI

Captain Dan Giles led his team well throughout, but the whole team have been superbly committed.

### U15

The U15A team reached the Sussex cup final – the first time a Seaford cricket team has reached a County Cup final for some time. It was a good team performance but, sadly, on the day they lost to a very strong team from St. Bedes which contained county and national cricketers. The boys played some excellent cricket on their way to the final, beating Lancing College and Cardinal Newman, where Rory Collier smashed 91! Other outstanding



**A TON OF RUNS:** Ronny Harrison hit an unbeaten 112

performances included a home victory over Worth, with Griff Miller and Hugo Bell hitting 40s. James Smith has set an excellent example as captain and many of these boys should be pushing for the 1st XI next term. The boys are capable of great things when they put their minds to it.

### U14

The U14A team have shown exceptional promise this season. They have also been an exceptionally well committed and enthusiastic bunch. The highlights of their season include a cup run that took them to the quarter finals of the county competition. In the early rounds, the

exceptional performance was from Ronny Harrison, who scored an unbeaten 112. The best team performance came in a commanding victory over Worth, where Laurie Bowden excelled, scoring an unbeaten 65, carrying on from his 76 not out against KES Witley. Other top performers were Harry Collins who took a five wicket haul, also against Witley, and top wicket taker and player of the season Matthew Langmead, who consistently scored runs and took wickets.

### U13

The U13 team's highlight was a thrashing of KES Witley, with player of the season Josh Simon smashing an unbeaten 74.

### U12

The U12 team have applied themselves very well and show real promise for the future. Their highlights included a thrashing of Barrow Hills, and a convincing win over St Edmunds. In the latter, Elliott Lewis hit an unbeaten 52 and was helped in the team's chase of 120 by Kai Shadforth (28) and Harry Bennett (33).

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## Seaford girls enjoy success on many sporting fronts

GIRLS at Seaford College enjoyed a great Summer term of sport, with a number of notable successes. Inspired in the run-up to Wimbledon, all tennis teams played well, but the U14s were the most successful, winning the majority of their matches.

In rounders, the Seniors only lost one match and there were consistent performances from Tessa Harwood and Grace Perry, captained by Charlotte Monk. The U15s had a triumphant season and were winners of the West Sussex West tournament, while the U14s showed great potential and were runners-up in the WSW tournament. Wilberforce showed an excellent effort, although their results were mixed.

The Senior athletics squad put in some great individual performances, particularly from Charlotte Monk, Kirsty Haddow, Caroline Langmead, Katie Grant and Jess Simmonds, all of whom represented WSW at the County

Championships.

At Intermediate, there were consistent performances from Laura Thompson – who has showed excellent commitment – and from Tessa Harwood and Bea Venezia, who also represented WSW. In the Juniors, Rea Briggs qualified for the national championships in long jump, coming 3rd and breaking her personal best and the school record! Well done!

The term can be summarised as follows:

### April

U14A, and U15A begin the Rounders season beating Lavant House, accompanied by the 2nd team in the defeat of Hurstpierpoint. The tennis season also begins successfully with the U15s beating Brighton College

### May

1st Rounders team have comfortable victories over both Lavant House and the Royal School, and both

1sts and 2nds over Lancing College.

Senior athletes had their WSW competition at Mounbatten. In Y9, Holly Stockwell won the discus, in Y10 Beatrice Venezia won the 300m, while Laura Thompson won the shot. Success for the U6 came in the form of Annie Jinks, long jump, and Jenny Langmead in the triple jump, shot, and discus, culminating in her winning the best female field athlete. Jossie Kyte, Ellie Murray and Katie Grant also qualified to represent the College in the Sussex competition in June.

The U15 tennis team continued their winning streak, beating Witley and Hurstpierpoint, which also continued in Rounders, accompanied by the 2nds winning against Hampshire Collegiate College.

### June

The U15s finished their tennis season by winning the WSW tournament, beating Lavant in the

final, while the U14s were runners-up in their competition. The U14s won their rounders match against the Isle of Wight with an excellent team performance. The U15As finished their unbeaten season, also beating the Isle of Wight, again with an excellent team performance.

Y9 and Y10 students performed well in athletics against both Hurstpierpoint and Ardingly, with Holly Stockwell winning the discus, Claudia Bovey, hurdles, Anna Klussmann 300m, Beatrice Venezia, the 300m and 800m, and Laura Thompson the triple jump.

The athletics meeting at Cranleigh gave success for the Langmeads; Caroline in the high jump and hurdles, and Jenny in the long jump.

Finally, both Senior relay teams won the Sussex final to be crowned county champions, a just reward for their commitment and their time at Seaford College.