

# Eastbourne College

Newsletter

Lent term 2011



## A musical partnership



Inset: David Stewart and Gus Christie

Eastbourne College and Glyndebourne are delighted to announce a new partnership to invest in musicians of the future and to promote a love of music throughout the region.

Gus Christie, Executive Chairman of Glyndebourne, is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead: 'Glyndebourne are thrilled to be working with Eastbourne College as part of our New Generation Programme,' he said.

'Part of our mission is to enrich people's lives through opera and our involvement with the Birley Centre will further this aim. We hope to use the space for performances, rehearsals and community outreach projects as well as for some inspiring new education work.'

Building works are now nearing completion and the Birley Centre is emerging as a major resource on the cultural landscape of the town. The Centre will provide the College and

the wider community with a whole gamut of creative opportunities and experiences, ranging from academic and comedy workshops, art exhibitions and youth theatre to music in all its forms. The College's partnership with Glyndebourne – the first of many such partnerships, it is hoped – will excite and inspire a new generation of musicians.

The Birley Centre will be officially opened by Gus Christie on 4 October 2011.



## Celebrating Oxbridge success

Congratulations are due to the 13 pupils (five of whom joined the College in the sixth form) who have been offered conditional places at Oxford and Cambridge.

Chris Cheung, Hannah Church, Elizaveta Dyakova, Camilla Freeman, Rebecca Hreben, Anton Marusenko, Sam Peat, Max Winchester and Yawen Yin have all received offers from Cambridge while Pascale Hughes, Pinky Lee, Jess Park and Thomas Reeson-Price (not pictured) hope to be heading for Oxford in September.



## Top of the class



Year 10 pupil Stephen Burchett scored 117 out of 125 in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, which placed him among the top 500 mathematicians in the country and won him an invitation to the elite Olympiad competition. Stephen is pictured above with Kelly Kuo and Tammy Tam (both in Year 10) who won gold medals for their mathematical performances.

## Fair Trade for ECHO the cow



A charity day designed to raise awareness of those in need was deemed a great success and raised £1,750 for ECHO's four international charities. For a small fee of £2, pupils and staff were encouraged to dress in mufti – in Fair Trade clothes where possible – while the catering department provided a simple lunch of soup, a roll and fruit and contributed the money saved. Some of the money raised that day has already been sent to Tiger Kloof to allow the school to increase its herd. ECHO the cow is Eastbourne College's gift to Tiger Kloof, the aim being to help pupils from poor, rural communities in the Vryburg district of South Africa improve their farming skills.



## Something for everyone on stage



A2 production of *Meeting Hertz Plinge*

During the last fortnight of term, pupils studying AS and A2 drama entertained audiences with a variety of compelling examination pieces. The A2-devised work was inspired by resident practitioner, Gavin Robertson, and resulted in five original, powerfully visual and engaging plays all achieving top-band marks. Highlights of the AS-scripted work included a provocative, well-



AS production of *Winners!*

designed and beautifully performed new piece entitled *Restitution*; an inventive reworking of Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls* (the cast of six played by three actors and three puppets); a hugely moving section from Phil Young's *Crystal Clear*; an expertly performed version of Yasmina Reza's *Art* and a colourful and very funny short extract from Edward Clinton's *Winners!*

## A double musical crown for Daniel

Sarah Curry, one of the winners of the competition, with adjudicator, Paul Gregory



A wealth of musical talent was celebrated at two competitions held during the second half of term. Fifty-seven pieces were selected for the final round of the Young Musician of the Year competition, with pupils from all five year groups winning the various categories. Daniel Yu (pictured centre below) picked up the prize for the Grade 8 and above category and so was crowned Young Musician of the Year by second adjudicator Dominic Nunns, who described his two vocal performances as outstanding.

On the last night of term the College's rock musicians took to the stage and a record number of groups displayed high levels of energy in an impressive and varied display of talent. At the end of a foot-tapping feast judged by Joe Washbourn, Toploader's front man, the 2011 winners of the competition were judged to be Mercury, featuring Will Butler-Manuel, Andrew Chapman, Ben Green, James Harmer and Daniel Yu.



Lower Sixth pupils enjoyed a chat with actor Rory Kinnear before watching his powerful performance as Hamlet at the National Theatre

Over £1,500 was raised for MAD (the Make A Difference Foundation) by Ed Down who walked the 135 miles Glyndwr Way over six days and nights in January



Record numbers of pupils and staff took to the Downs for the College's annual steeplechase on a day of inter-house competition won this year by Blackwater and Craig

# Broadening horizons away from College

There is no substitute for being there, for seeing it, and for doing it.

We value highly our many visits away from College which bring to life and enrich the educational experience in a way that cannot be achieved in the classroom alone. Each visit is carefully planned to meet key curricular and other educational needs but we never forget that it is enjoyment which enhances engagement and effect.

A selection of recent trips is pictured below.



▲ Over the half-term holiday, a group of Lower Sixth pupils became totally immersed in the French way of life during the French exchange to Nîmes. This annual visit, followed by their partners' return to Eastbourne, has become something of a tradition over the years, bringing with it obvious cultural, linguistic and social benefits



▲ The classics trip is open to everyone at the College and caters for diverse interests ranging from those with a general curiosity about the roots of western civilization to those gathering primary source material for their GCSE controlled assessment (currently the Olympic games). The itinerary includes Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Agamemnon's Mycenae and the fabulous theatre at Epidaurus



◀ For the last three years the History Department has been taking Year 9 pupils to visit the First World War battlefields around Ypres. This not only consolidates the work they cover in class but also opens their eyes to the grim realities faced by our great-grandfathers and Old Eastbournians nearly one hundred years ago



▲ On the last day of term, 29 Lower Sixth biologists set off for Shrewsbury to carry out ecological studies and learn techniques for surveying the biodiversity of various habitats. This is one of two trips which they undertake as part of their A level course

Year 11 and Lower Sixth pupils who may be considering applying to Oxbridge travelled to Cambridge earlier this year on a familiarisation trip. The pupils, some of whom are pictured outside Christ's College, were taken on a tour of the university and were also given an insight into the procedures for application ▶



The biennial Swiss exchange allows pupils studying German the opportunity to spend a week in Brig, Switzerland which is as much a learning experience as a moment to develop firm friendships. Later in the year their exchange partners spend a week in England, staying with College pupils. Some recent exchange students are pictured enjoying an English cookery class with assistant catering manager Michael Brady ▶



## Hockey



The Hockey Club have enjoyed a good season with the 1st XI captain, Alex Jellings, playing a vital role in his team's success. Key player and England U16 goalkeeper Sam Brooks also found time to help his club side, Lewes, reach safety in the South Premier League Division Two. These two provided the backbone of the side that won the Sussex U19 6s for the second year in a row while the U14A team won the East Sussex competition and went on to represent Sussex in the regional rounds at Surbiton HC. Other strong team performances included those of the 3rd XI, U16B and U15B teams coached by Oliver Marlow, Nick Miller and Joel Holliday respectively.

In the fiercely contested inter-house competitions during the last week of term, Reeves won the senior event and Powell claimed the junior title while Blackwater triumphed in the inaugural girls 6s inter-house tournament.

## Simon's Cup



Simon's Cup for Endeavour has this term been won by Jonty Rider who has played for the 1st XI for two years and has coached girls hockey both at home and during pre-season training in Holland for two years. He has umpired College or county matches every week this term and is the Honorary Secretary of the Hockey Club. Jonty's contribution to College hockey over the past five years has been quite outstanding.

## Swimming

Early in February six swimming squads set off for the inaugural Weald and Downland Trophy event, held at Tonbridge. This was a five-sided competition which included teams from Benenden, Epsom, King's Canterbury and Tonbridge. The standard of swimming was high and the College swimmers' individual performances strong with 14 new personal best times set and three school records broken. The senior girls ended the day proud winners of the

Downland Trophy, and the junior girls joint winners of the Kent Trophy, while both the senior and intermediate boys finished second in each of their events.

Ten College swimmers then travelled to Crystal Palace early in March to take part in the prestigious Bath Cup National Relays. In a strong field the girls team did well to make the finals in both the medley and freestyle events, finishing sixth and seventh respectively in a field of 45 schools. The boys team, competing against 25 other schools, only narrowly missed out on a place in the finals.

## Sports shorts

■ Congratulations are due to Josh Pankhurst, who is now ranked in the top six nationally for the 100m backstroke in his age group. At the recent National Schools Biathlon finals he finished in sixth place overall, having won the swimming event.

■ Head of EAL, Kathleen Briedenhann picked up the

singles title at the Ladies Winchester Fives Championships in March, beating the former champion in two very close games.

■ Emma Lowden, Amelia Planterose and Chloe Pollard played for the Eastbourne Hockey Club in the Under 14 national club competition, helping them to victory in the South League One area and

securing the Club's place in the regional round.

■ Will Flett and Sophie Tomkinson represented Kent at the Junior Academy Centres (JACs) this term.

■ Chloe Pollard continues to excel in the pool and has recently achieved eight regional times and won 14 medals at county swimming events.

## Netball

Expertly led by 1st VII captain, Julia Howell, the Netball Club has gone from strength to strength this term with players and coaches benefiting from the refurbished surface on Powell courts.



Fifteen teams have represented the College, securing some impressive results at all levels, with the U15A team deserving a special mention for reaching the semi-finals of the annual SISNA tournament at Roedean. During the last week of term, enthusiastic inter-house rivalry was on display on the courts as the girls battled it out for glory with Blackwater emerging victorious in the junior competition and Nugent claiming the senior prize.



Fencing has made something of a comeback this term with College fencers competing for the first time at the Public Schools Fencing Championship at Crystal Palace. Enthusiasm for the sport continues to grow.

## Football

The football 1st XI enjoyed another successful season winning seven of the 11 fixtures played, many of which were against schools where football is the only sport played during the Lent term. All the boys played with commitment and enthusiasm showing excellent sportsmanship throughout. Max Plumtre proved to be an able captain of the 1st XI, a side featuring many of last year's players joined this season by a new and prolific striker, Harry Clarke, who scored a total of 17 goals in nine games.

■ The junior boys team finished in seventh place out of 20 schools competing at the National Schools Biathlon Championships.

■ Hannah Harries, Jake Hodgson and Sophie Tomkinson all ran impressive times at the recent Eastbourne Half Marathon while Monty Wilson won the junior event at the Hastings Half Marathon a fortnight later.

# Eastbourne College Society

for parents, OEs, staff, friends and supporters

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## Quiz night and dinner



The annual ECS quiz night was held on Saturday 5 February. Nearly 80 society members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal served up by the College catering team, interspersed with a variety of challenging questions from quizmaster John Thornley. The quiz went to a thrilling climax with two teams on equal points, the winners (pictured here) being decided by a tie-break question suggested by one of the other teams: 'How many members are there in the Meads branch of the Women's Institute?' The answer, of course, is 65.

## The Eastbourne College Society (ECS)

The ECS organises a programme of events which helps bring together the College's extended family of parents, Old Eastbournians, current and former staff, local people and other friends and supporters. All current parents and staff are automatically members of the ECS and are welcome at all our events. Members of the ECS meet informally once a term to discuss future events. We would welcome suggestions, even if you can't come to the meetings, particularly from current parents.

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## Chalet Girl



ECS members attended the last of this year's Circus programme of talks for the Upper Sixth on Friday 11 February. Film producer Pippa Cross, mother of OE Pierrot Lee (P04), came to talk about her role in producing the film *Chalet Girl*. Set up as a conversation with Director of Drama Tim Marriott, the event proved both highly entertaining and informative. Pictured are Pippa (second left), Tim and three members of the audience.

## Season's Greetings

The first of our theatre trips this year was *Season's Greetings* at the National Theatre on Tuesday 18 January. Such was the popularity of this Alan Ayckbourn comedy that tickets had almost sold out by the time we were able to make our booking, so only a few ECS members were able to enjoy a matinee performance, pictured here in the Lyttelton Theatre.



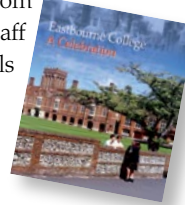
## Lloyd's of London

On Thursday 3 March over 20 ECS members made their way to the City for a guided tour of Lloyd's of London. The party was split into three smaller groups for the tour, and this picture shows the third group standing in front of the Lutine Bell with the activities of the main underwriting room going on in the background.



## College book now available for £20

*Eastbourne College: A Celebration* was published in 2007 during the College's 140th anniversary year. This fully-illustrated book is more than just a straightforward history of the school; it includes anecdotes and photos from former staff and pupils and provides a unique insight into what makes the College such a special and diverse community. Copies are now available in the School Shop at the reduced price of £20 each. For mail order postage rates please call the ECS office on 01323 452262.



## The Railway Children



'Get off the line, Bobby!'

We are now taking bookings for a trip to see *The Railway Children* at a matinee performance on Wednesday 20 July. Based on the classic family film, this is a unique theatrical experience with a real steam locomotive making an appearance. The audience are seated on either side of the tracks at the former Eurostar terminus at Waterloo Station. Top-price tickets are available for groups at £36 each instead of the usual price of £49.75. Please call 01323 452262 or email ecs@eastbourne-college.co.uk to reserve your seats.

## Trip to Canterbury

We have a few places still available for our trip to Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 25 June. The cost, including coach, entrance fee and guided tour, is £30. The coach leaves Eastbourne at 10am, arriving in Canterbury in time for lunch (there are plenty of places to eat close to the Cathedral or feel free to bring your own food). The tour starts at 1.30pm and is followed by Evensong at 3.15pm before the return coach trip. Please let us know if you would like to come.

## Pub evenings

The OEA has held two successful pub evenings: a London one on 10 March at Davy's at St James's, just off Pall Mall, and one in Eastbourne on 24 March at the Dolphin in South Street. Our thanks to Alex Brown (B80) for organising the London event and to Mark Foster for suggesting the Dolphin and for being on hand with his wife Liz to welcome OEs.



Mark Foster (W69), Nigel Day (Pw67), Cassie Day (Wt00), Liz Foster (N69) and Simon Seath (Pw66) at the Dolphin in Eastbourne

## Announcement of EGM

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the OEA will be held when the OEA committee next meets at Alwen Hough Johnson Ltd, 2 Mincing Lane, London, EC3R 7BB, at 5pm on 22 September 2011. The rules of the OEA allow for an EGM at which decisions can be made so long as ten members are present. The EGM is being held to adopt amendments to the Rules of the Association concerning the length of tenure of committee members. The new rules will state that committee members retire at the AGM following three years of service. Recent accountancy rule changes mean that the OEA no longer needs to have a full audit

at the end of each financial year and there are more cost-effective ways of finalising the accounts. There will also be a rule change made to cover this. If you wish to attend the EGM, please inform the OEA office by 31 August 2011. The proposed changes to the rules will be posted on the OEA website and printed copies will also be available on request from the OEA office.

## Recently graduated?

We welcome news from recent graduates so that we can keep our records up to date with details of degrees and universities. Remember too to keep us informed if you move to a new address so that we can continue to send you news of OEA events.

## From the archives

*Michael Partridge writes:* We are busy (as ever) preparing to mount photographic exhibitions for the Ascham lunch, and also for Devonshire Day, when we shall honour former headmaster John Nugee MC whose energy and leadership ensured that the College survived the traumatic war years. Assistant archivist and Old Aschamian Simon Wood is leading the Ascham project and welcomes memorabilia from Aschamians. Our photo records the visit of Princess Margaret to



Eastbourne on 2 July 1949 when she met Ascham boys among representatives of Eastbourne prep schools on St Andrew's

field. The Princess asked for the grant of a half-holiday which was willingly agreed by headmaster Henry Collis.

## The Arnold Embellishers

*Michael Partridge writes:* The first edition of the Embellishers' new book *Eastbourne College in the Second World War* sold out rapidly and we have already published a second edition. This 70 page A4 format book, substantially illustrated with contemporary photos, is available for £5, postage extra. It is an anthology of articles and reminiscences written by staff and boys who were at Radley or in the Eastbourne Branch in Gonville between 1940 and 1945. Because several OE purchasers of the first edition were able to identify some of their contemporaries in the group photos, names have been added in a few cases that were left as queries in the first edition. In addition the athletics team from 1943 has been added. The book is available for purchase from the School Shop and from the Bursary and will be on sale at the Ascham lunch on 29 May and on Speech Day on 2 July.



Preparing for evacuation

## Some diary dates 2011

**Wednesday 11 May** ECS visit to Sutton's Hospital, Charterhouse Square (2.15pm); Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral (5pm).

**Thursday 12 May** 7pm, OEA annual London dinner for all OEs, Watermen's Hall, London

**Thursday 19 May** 7.30pm, ECS committee meeting, Long Room

**Sunday 29 May** 12 noon, Old Aschamian Lunch, College Dining Hall

**Sunday 12 June** 12 noon, Pimm's gathering for OEs at The Cricketer Cup, College Field

**Saturday 18 June** 11am, ECS welcomes grandparents of pupils, with reception at 12 noon

**Saturday 25 June** 10am, coach leaves Eastbourne for guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral (1.30pm) and Evensong (3.15pm)

**Thursday 30 June** Foundation Devonshire Society Day, including College 1st XI cricket match v MCC, followed by evening dinner for MCC members

**Saturday 2 July** Speech Day

**Thursday 7 July** Foundation Golf Challenge, REGC

## The 2011 reunion

This year's reunion is being held on Saturday 10 September and is for all OEs who were, or would have been, in the Upper Sixth in a summer term between and including 1991 and 2005. A booking form is included with this newsletter. You can also reply online by visiting our website, where you can find more details and a regularly updated list of attendees. The drinks reception before dinner will be in the Birley Centre where the new music department is accommodated. During this, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the new building with a 20-minute recital and we look forward to hearing from any OEs who would like to organise this or take part. On Sunday 11 September there will be an informal gathering of OEs at the Tiger Inn in East Dean from 12 noon – all are welcome.

**Wednesday 20 July** 2.30pm,  
*The Railway Children*,  
Waterloo Station

**Saturday 10 September** OEA reunion for those who were or would have been in the Upper Sixth in a summer term between and including 1991 and 2005 12.30pm, Arnold Embellishers AGM, Powell Dining Room

**Saturday 11 September** 12 noon, OEA pub gathering, The Tiger, East Dean

**Friday 16 September**  
ECS annual lecture with OE journalist Sam Kiley (C78), time and venue to be confirmed

**Saturday 17 September**  
ECS London walk

**Thursday 22 September** 5pm,  
OEA committee meeting and EGM, London

**Friday 7 October** OEA business lunch, venue to be decided

**Thursday 24 November** 6pm,  
OEA London pub evening,  
Chopper Lump, Hanover Square

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## OEA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the OEA was held on Saturday 5 March in the Long Room at the College. Alex Vanotti (née Cullis) (Wt94) was formally elected to the committee, having taken over from Anna Hatt (née Price) (N94) in September. Others who have left the committee are Jenny Kirtley (née Lawes) (N89), Joelle Meakin (S97) and Milly Roberts (née Voorspuj) (N96).



Some of the committee after the AGM; left to right: Gareth Doodles (R90), Nigel Day (Pw67), Treasurer Darren Meek (B82), Michael Chartres (S55), Liz Foster (N69), Alex Brown (B80), Secretary John Thornley, Jonathan Hyder (C77), President David Winn (S54), Michael Partridge (B46), Chairman Hugh Price (S61), Eric Koops (G59)

## OE careers evening



BBC news correspondent Adam Mynott (Pw71), left, was one of the many OEs who contributed to the careers convention for Year 11 and sixth form pupils and their parents held on Friday 4 March.

## webALUMNUS update

We announced in the last newsletter and in the *Old Eastbournian* magazine that all OEs would be contacted shortly with details of how to access webALUMNUS, an interactive networking website for OEs. Unfortunately we have encountered a number of technical

problems which need to be resolved before we can allow OEs to register on the site. We will contact all OEs once the problems are sorted out. If you do not currently receive email updates from us please let us know your email address so that we can keep you informed.

## The Cricketer Cup

Don't forget to support the OE cricket club in their match against Highgate School (Old Cholmeleians) in the first round of the Cricketer Cup on Sunday 12 June. OEs are welcome to join us for a glass of Pimm's by College Field from 12 noon.



## Olympian OEs

With the London Olympics only a year away, we are keen to find out if there are any OE sportsmen or women who are hoping to participate. If you or somebody you know is involved, please let us know.



## London dinner discounts



This year's OE London dinner is on 12 May at Watermen's Hall in the City of London. We are now able to offer a further discount to that advertised in the OE magazine: if you organise a table of eight or more, one place is free. In addition, OEs aged 29 and under will be charged only £35 each. Included in the price is a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, a three-course meal with red and white wine, coffee and petits-fours. Please call 01323 452262 for more details and to reserve your place.

## The Ascham lunch

We have had a huge response to our invitation to Old Aschamians to come along to a reunion lunch at the College on Sunday 29 May, but there is still time to reserve a place if you have not yet done so. Wives and partners are welcome too. The cost is £15 per person, which includes lunch and wine or soft drinks. Please call 01323 452262 for more details.



# Foundation and Development

The Foundation and Development Office works with Old Eastbournians, parents and friends of Eastbourne College to raise funds for bursaries and the development of the school's facilities. Charity no 307071

## Room and seat naming opportunities

As the Birley Centre comes close to completion, it is good to report that 21 of the 28 rooms have been named. Other supporters have chosen to name a seat in the auditorium. We hope that all College supporters are excited by this marvellous new facility and will want to be associated with it. Please help us complete the project and take the opportunity to name a room (£10,000) or seat (£500) by contacting the office.



## MCC Dinner – 30 June

Open to all friends of the College who are members of the MCC. Following the MCC match the Headmaster will host drinks in his garden, after which there will be a dinner in the dining hall. £25 a head including wine; proceeds to the Peter Bibby Bursary. 7pm for 7.30pm.

## 2011 Foundation Golf Challenge sponsored by M-Tech Systems

This popular golf event will be held on 7 July 2011 at Royal Eastbourne. All proceeds will benefit the Peter Bibby bursary fund. Booking fees cover a round of golf, golf shirt, goody bag, snack lunch and dinner. You can also support this event by sponsoring a hole, or donating an auction item or prize. Booking forms are available from our website or office.

## Special celebration coming up?

Here is a wonderful opportunity: an auction for wine connoisseurs!



These collector items have been kindly donated by an OE to raise funds for the Birley Centre. The current values stand at over £1,000 for the Imperial (very rare indeed) and £650 for the case of port. If you are serious about your wine and happy to help the appeal, please bid generously! Bids by Monday 9 May to [das@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto:das@eastbourne-college.co.uk)

An Imperial (8 bottles in one) of Baron de Pichon-Longueville 1988

A case (12 bottles) of Fonseca Vintage Port 1985



## 'Shaken but not stirred'

The inaugural New Zealand OE reunion took place on Wednesday 23 February (the day after the Christchurch earthquake), kindly hosted by Maurice Trapp (G62). Unfortunately David Stewart and Nigel Wheeler were detained on the South Island due to the quake. David enjoyed meeting up with Chris Spanton (S75) and family (pictured below) and Andrew Carstairs-McCarthy (G58).



## Join the Devonshire Society to benefit this charity...

In the recent budget the Chancellor announced that from April 2012 inheritance tax will be reduced to 36 per cent for estates leaving a legacy to charity. If you leave 10 per cent or more of your estate to Eastbourne College, then the government will take 10 per cent off your inheritance tax rate.

## ...and come to Devonshire Society Day on Thursday 30 June

The Headmaster will host drinks, followed by lunch and a relaxing afternoon watching the College play cricket against the MCC. Invitations have been sent out to existing members. If you would like to join the society, contact this office for a pledge form. New members are always welcome.

## Thank you for your support

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