

The 300th anniversary



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ANNIVERSARY
1708 - 2008

2008 is the 300th anniversary of the founding of Lucton School by London Vintner, John Pierrepont in 1708. To mark the year, we have many celebrations planned and the Master of the Vintners Company will be our Guest of Honour at our Speech Day on Friday July 4th.

Every pupil and member of staff will be given a specially commissioned mug to commemorate the 300th. Other commemorative items will be sold to raise money for our Tercentenary Fund and will include an alternative mug design, ties, an enamel badge and silver cufflinks.

Pierrepont has been restored



Thanks largely to the generosity of the Vintners Company, the founder's portrait in the Queen Anne Dining Hall has been restored.

The Friends of Lucton School

You are all welcome to attend the next planning meeting, which takes place on Thursday, 17th January at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. With this being the 300th Anniversary, some of our events will be on an unprecedented scale, particularly the Summer Ball, so new faces will be greatly appreciated.

An update on last term's Christmas Fair: we raised over £2,500 and the prize (a tin of sweets) for the pupil stall that raised the most, went to Yr 6.

Last term, we asked you if you were able to donate any prizes for our Tercentenary Draw. You will recall that the Feathers Hotel has gone one better than its last prize and is offering a night in a four-poster room complete with dinner and breakfast! This is a great start, but we would like some more equally good prizes to make the draw very special. The tickets will be printed next month and will be on sale right up to the Summer Ball. Anything that you are able to offer will be gratefully received!

We have a talk on Inheritance Tax already arranged for the 11th March and our Tercentenary Opera event, featuring Ian Storey, takes place at the Priory Church on Saturday, the 26th April.

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Welcome to the new Gaps

While I hope our welcome has been warm, the new Gap Tutors are still having to adjust to our cold seasonal weather, after saying goodbye to summer in their own countries. From left to right in our photo, we welcome Tom Osmond and Lucinda Norman, both from Australia, and New Zealanders Chloe Hogan and Jack Fisher.



Ski Course 2009

The course, in the Italian Alps, is planned for the first week of the Easter holiday next year (Sat. 28th March to Sun. 5th April 2009). For pupils of all abilities, it will cost approx. £600 and include four hours of small-group tuition daily. It is open to pupils in our current Years 6, 7, 8 and 9 (subject to the usual conditions with respect to Lucton School residential activities). To secure one of the places being held for us, a non-returnable deposit of £75, payable to Lucton School, will be needed by Mrs Bufton on or before Monday 4th February 2008. *Alan Gilmour*

From the Boarding House

All boarders have come back revitalised after a well deserved Christmas and New Year break. Some boarders have joined the swim club which is held on Tuesday evenings while the singles pool competition commences next Thursday. We would all like to welcome the new Gap Tutors who have settled in extremely well so far in Croft House.

Lamda exam successes

Our photo shows some of the Senior School pupils after they received their certificates at Wednesday's assembly, but the record number of exam passes, merits and distinctions included many who will receive their certificates at today's assembly in the Prep School.

In the Verse & Prose section, Pip Winstone added to her previous Merit at Bronze, by achieving the same at Silver. Lucy Ashley also received a Merit at Silver. At the Bronze level, Charlie Urmston passed, Yang Xi achieved a Merit and David Smith a Distinction. All successful candidates at Bronze, Silver or Gold, earn valuable UCAS points.



SPORTS REPORT

CROFT AMBREY BOXING DAY CROSS COUNTRY RUN

In glorious sunshine, it was great to see the school winning the trophy after three consecutive wins for the Croft Ambrey Running Club. A new Yr 7 girl, Jenny Smith, was our youngest pupil in the race, although Millie Bemand (aged 10), also ran for the school. For the first time, Mrs Thorne and Hatty, also entered. Other notable entrants for the school were Mr Charalambous (3rd), old Luctonian Helen Karlsson (4th), Mrs Daw (5th), Bryan Markham, Henry Llewellyn and Mr Johnson, who collected up most of the stragglers.



U14 & U16 NETBALL v Heathfield. These were our first matches against this school from Kidderminster and both were very enjoyable.

The U14 team had to play with two new players due to illness and they struggled at first to find each other. They grew in confidence as the match progressed and played well in the last two quarters. Mel Nowak was selected by the Heathfield team as the player of the match. The U16 team also struggled initially and was behind by 2 goals at half time. The girls' concentration improved and they won by 17 goals to 13. Joy Schmidmeier was selected by the opponents as our best player. Well done to all the girls!

U11 BOYS HOCKEY v Leominster Juniors. This week saw the first boys' hockey matches of the year. The U11 played Leominster Junior School in a training game as it was a debut for both teams – Barney Morgan and Ben Smith played very well. The U13 played Minster College. They won 3-0. Scorers were Harry Whiteman, who scored 2 goals, and Jordan Hellyer, who scored 1, which is an excellent start – well done boys.

WEST OF ENGLAND HOCKEY – Andy Nicholls (Yr11) has been put forward for the West of England hockey trials in April – good luck.

NEXT WEEK:

- Mon Jan 14th: U13 Rugby v Queen Elizabeth at Luctonians, 4.00pm
- Wed Jan 16th: U14 Rugby v Wigmore @ Luctonians, 4.15pm
- U13 & U14 Netball v St Richards (H), 2.30pm
- Senior Rugby v Bedstone (H), 2.30pm
- U11 & U13 Boys Hockey Tournament at Bridge St, 2.30pm
- Thu Jan 17th: Leominster District Cross Country at Tenbury, 2.30pm
- Fri Jan 18th: U16 Rugby v Heathfield (H), 2.45pm



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