

## A night for the Ladies

On Thursday evening, The Friends hosted a 'Ladies Evening', featuring a tremendous selection of stalls and even some beauty treatments.

Our school secretary, Mrs Bufton, was the driving force behind the evening, but a solid team effort made this an evening to remember. The tickets included a glass of wine and a supper, prepared by the school's caterers.



## Operation Christmas Child

In the last issue of the Lucton News the annual Christmas Shoe Box appeal was mentioned. The closing date for collection of the boxes is drawing near but it is not too late to make up a box and donate to this worthwhile charity. If you need a further copy of the information sheet, it can be downloaded at 'www.samaritanpurse.uk.com'. Please try and get your completed boxes into school by Wednesday 12th November. I know this sounds early for Christmas but the boxes have to be checked and shipped to the children in far flung corners of the world. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Mr Ladds

## NEXT SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER

Next Saturday, the 15th November is very unusual for Lucton School, as it has been timetabled as a school day. There will be one fewer weekday in this academic year and normal registration will be taken. The Thanksgiving Service at The Priory, to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Lucton School, marks an important occasion for us all and attendance for all pupils is expected. Parents and pupils to be seated by 10.45am. CCF parade at 10.30am. Any parents not able to attend, should collect their children after the service, which should finish by approximately 12.15pm.

## The Friends of Lucton School

Thank you to the new subscribers to the '100 Club', following the inclusion of an application form in the half-term mailing. Mrs Llewellyn has passed me details of the winners through last term and the summer break: May - Mrs Tucker, June - Mrs Nowak, July - Mrs Shepherd, August - Mrs Parker, September - Mrs Willmet. The '100 Club', which is organised by Mrs Llewellyn, is a monthly draw in which just over half of the value is awarded in prizes each month. It is just £4 per month, ideally paid by standing order, but in fact by any method that suits you, and it represents a quiet ongoing fundraiser for the Friends whilst giving us all the chance of a pleasant surprise each month.

Please contact Mrs Bufton for tickets for the Winter Ball, which are now available. There is a strict limit on seating, sadly the Queen Anne Dining Hall cannot fit in the 300 we had in the marquee for the Summer Ball. In fact, our capacity is just 100! Especially if you wish to book a table, you need to move fast!

Would anyone with suggestions, or with offers of help for any of our events, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar. You may either call on her mobile: 07967362246, or by e-mail: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk and if you leave a message and contact number, Sarah will get back to you. All parents are automatically members of the Friends and all offers of help are gratefully received.

## The Lucton Winter Ball

Saturday, 29th November

Live music by:

**THE SULTANA BROTHERS**

Black Tie.

Tickets: £35.00



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# Friday 14th - Ski Course meeting

A Ski Course 2009 Meeting will take place on Friday 14th November at 5:15pm.

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the reply slip (attached to my letter dated 9th October) regarding this meeting and other matters. I would be grateful if any outstanding slips could be sent to Mrs Buffon before 5.15pm next Wednesday (12th November). It is very important that all course members and their parents are represented at this meeting (including those involved in the CCF weekend for whom special arrangements have been made), and I look forward to seeing you then. AG.

## From the Boarding House

Boarders returned excited to see their friends on Sunday evening after a relaxing half term holiday. We had the final of the football competition with the "Bananas" winning and the "Wales" team coming second. Well done to all those who participated in the competition! Chloe and Lucinda are very excited about the mixed indoor netball competition and are looking forward to showing off some of their skills.

Some of the boarders involved in CCF have been practising for Remembrance Sunday which is this week and the Tercentenary Thanksgiving Service which is next Saturday. Boarders that usually go home on Friday are welcome to stay overnight so that they can be transported down on Saturday morning with the rest of the boarders. Please contact Mrs. Looms if you would like to do this. The prefects have been working hard this term on ideas for the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance and many of the boarders returned with their outfits for the occasion.



## Fighting fire at Kingsland Fire Station

On Tuesday, the Pre-Prep department enjoyed an exciting visit to Kingsland Fire Station. The children had a lot of fun learning about fire safety and the work of the fire service. Photo: Natasha Dalziel lends a hand to the fire fighters.

## SPORTS REPORT

**U14 RUGBY** - Herefordshire Schools' Cup. On Tuesday, the team qualified for the Herefordshire Schools' final with a hard-fought 15-5 victory over John Kyrle. With injuries affecting team selection as well as positional changes during the match, Lucton spent the majority of the first half defending. Uncharacteristically, the boys missed many first tackles and the body position of the forwards at ruck and maul time was too high for us to win quality ball. In the second spell we picked up the pace and were starting to gain some ascendancy by putting more pressure on the opposition. Matt Handley scored two tries while Henry Llewellyn picked up the other. Lucton will play Aylestone in the final next Wednesday, November 12th at Hereford Rugby Club; kickoff at 5.00pm. All parents and staff are invited to support the team.

**U13 RUGBY** - Herefordshire Schools' Cup. We visited Ledbury on Monday to play our Herefordshire Schools semi-final match against John Kyrle. We conceded two early tries and looked as though we were in for a tough battle. George Tasker then crossed the tryline twice before the halftime break for Lucton to lead 14-12. The second half was an even affair and when James Miles burst over for a try, the game looked secure with only five minutes left to play. Our opposition then crossed for the equaliser and a defensive lapse in the last play of normal time cost us with John Kyrle scoring to win 24-19 in a rather exciting but heartbreaking match for the team.

**U15 & U16 NETBALL** - v Tenbury. The U16 team played well in the first half of the match and the score was 13 goals each at that point. Unfortunately, a lapse in concentration during the second half lost us the game, but the standard is steadily improving. The U15 match was also closely contested and we were behind by just one goal at the end of the third quarter. We were unfortunate to lose as the girls played very hard throughout the match.

### NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

- Mon Nov 10th: U9 7-a-side Rugby v St Richards (A), 2.30pm  
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- Tue Nov 11th: ISA Junior Swimming Gala at Walsall Baths, 12.00pm  
(back at approx 6.00pm)
- Wed Nov 12th: U14 Herefordshire Schools Rugby Final  
LUCTON v AYLESTONE at Hereford Rugby Club, 5.00pm  
(back at approx 7.30pm)  
U16 Football v Heathfield (H), 2.45pm  
U11 & U13 Mixed Hockey at Bridge Street, 2.00pm  
Senior Boys Basketball v Wrekin (A), 2.15pm  
U14 & U18 Netball v Minster (A), 3.30pm  
Senior Mixed 7-a-side Hockey at Bridge Street, 1.30pm



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