Centenary Celebration

Programme of Events

Celebrating our first 100 years 1918–2018
Welcome to our Centenary year
by Jane Tudor, Head of Luckley House School

“Each member of the school family is seen as a child of God and as such they are loved and valued.”

It is possible to conclude that often vision and reality can end up miles apart. What is remarkable is that the vision on the foundation of Luckley School is still evident today in Luckley House School, 100 years later.

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Message from the Chair of Governors
Lynne Moor
As Governors, we see our role as stewards for the time we serve, preparing Luckley for the future. Underpinning our stewardship is the School’s Christian ethos of love and service that has been at its heart for a hundred years and we hope for another hundred to come.

Mrs Jane Tudor
Head

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Happy Birthday
a Service of Thanksgiving

Bluebells
memories in bloom

Whether you are a current pupil at Luckley House School or you enjoy looking back at your time with us, your memories of the grounds are bound to include the stunning bluebell woods that burst into colour every Spring.

The Centenary celebrates 100 years of the School and, although the buildings may have developed in that time, one thing (or many thousands of things!) remain the same - the bluebells of Luckley Wood.

The bluebell signifies ‘humility’: a worthy quality for students at School and their life beyond!

To salute this humble flower and its constancy through the decades, 100 metal ‘blooms’ have been commissioned and will be planted in the grounds so that everyone can enjoy their beauty all year round. Standing one metre high and spiked into the ground, these collectibles will be made available to the School community at the end of July 2019 - a wonderful reminder of our history.

Luckley House School has commissioned Paul Cox to produce the Centenary Bluebells. Paul is a master craftsman and sculptor who graduated from the prestigious Royal Academy Schools in London. He regularly exhibits in museums and galleries around the world. More info www.paul-cox.co.uk

Luckley House School will mark its 100th birthday with a Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 31 October 2018. The service will be held in the Sports Hall at 2pm – the whole School community, past and present, is welcome to attend!

The Service will be conducted by Reverend Jonathan Drake, a long time supporter and friend of the School. He will guide guests to reflect on how Luckley House School has helped identify and develop students’ God-given gifts over the last 100 years and look forward to supporting future generations, whatever their religious beliefs.

Afterwards, all guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and a special birthday cake made at the School.

Luckley House will mark its 100th birthday with a Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 31 October 2018.
Bonfire Night has always been a highlight of the Autumn Term at Luckley House School but this year the event is designed to take a step up and set all your senses tingling! To celebrate the Centenary year, Luckley House Friends is pulling out all the stops to make the annual firework show bigger, better and louder than ever before! Giving the event a major upgrade, this year the jaw-dropping display will be set to music and light with music and light. To ensure the score hits the right note, it has been selected by a group of the School’s musically gifted students.

To complete the evening’s enjoyment, and stave off the cold, hot food and drinks will be available. All proceeds from the Musical Firework Extravaganza will go towards the Luckley House Friends’ continued funding of equipment and activities to enhance school life, such as the zip wire and Easter Egg Hunt.

Tickets to the Luckley House Friends Musical Firework Extravaganza on Friday 9 November 2018 will be available in the Autumn Term. Watch your emails for more news.

Filling the night with music and light.

Festive Fever
Christmas Market
Hot mulled wine and sizzling bratwurst...
Luxury hot chocolate and sticky pastries...
Christmas carols around the tree...
Stalls laden with stocking fillers and sweet treats...

The festive scene is set for the first Luckley House School Christmas Market! On the evening of Thursday 29 November, the School grounds will be transformed into a magical winter village of stalls with the delicious aroma of festive food and drinks filling the crisp night air.

To complete the picture, a choir, band and vocal group from the School will each perform seasonal songs to get you in the mood for the Big Day. All will be invited to gather around the Christmas tree and join them in singing all your favourite carols.

The event also provides the opportunity to find some stocking fillers and presents for all the family. Students have been busy making goods for their stalls, there will be a range of authentic Danish goods and external traders are setting up a variety of stalls. So get your thermals on, warm up the vocal chords and get ready for a taste of Christmas. If we are lucky, there may even be the odd snowflake to usher in December...

Do you have Christmas products that you would like to sell? All stall enquiries, please email sarah.humphreys@luckleyhouseschool.org

Musical Firework Extravaganza - Friday 9 November 2018
Christmas Market - Thursday 29 November 2018
The Big Party
a celebration for everyone!

The Centenary year will reach its culmination on Saturday 29 June 2019 with a celebration for all students, families and staff, past and present, at The Big Party at Luckley House School. Everyone is invited to the biggest celebration ever seen at the School, bringing together generations of Luckleyans to mark our important milestone. From the oldest Alumni to the new intakes for September, all will come together as one big family to enjoy a day of fun and festivities. Put the date in your diary and more information will be released in January.

Highlights:
- Food and drink
- Outdoor cinema
- Inflatable fun
- Photobooth
- Music and games
- Entertainment

Tickets to The Big Party on Saturday 29 June 2019 will be available from January. All past and present students, staff and their families are welcome to join us.

Make your mark on the Family Tree, by buying a leaf for your name and message for £5 each. Proceeds will go towards the Centenary Fund.

Our Family Tree
where your roots lie

Once you join Luckley House School you become part of a community that has roots in the past and strong growth for future years. In short, our very own Family Tree.

The School's close knit community of generations of students and staff plays a huge part in its longevity and success. To illustrate these strong bonds, a painting of a 'bare' tree will be displayed throughout the Centenary year and all our family members invited to add their name to the branches. Leaves will be available to purchase to then put your name and message on the tree. At the end of the year, the final, fully flourishing tree will be preserved and displayed for future generations to enjoy.
**Centenary Celebrations**

**what’s on and when**

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**Discover hidden gems of the film world at The Whitty Theatre**

All welcome - 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) Tickets £6.50 /£4 members Refreshments & Licensed bar

For programme see: www.wokinghamfilmociety.com
Luckley House School has weathered the changes of many important events of the 20th and 21st centuries: the end of the First World War in 1918; first female degrees from Oxford University in 1920; the duration of the Second World War, 1939-45; the start of Queen Elizabeth II reign in 1952; England winning the World Cup in 1966; decimalisation in 1971; the first female PM, Margaret Thatcher, in 1979; and surviving the Y2K bug 12.01am on 1 January 2000!

Let’s start at the very beginning... - taking a look at where it all began

The original Luckley-Oakfield School was an amalgamation of two girls’ schools: Oakfield at Arnside in the Lake District and Luckley School in Wokingham. Although separated by many hundreds of miles they were joined by similarities of history, aim and Christian values. They were eventually amalgamated by the Church Society in 1959.

In bringing the two schools together, it had to be decided where the new Luckley-Oakfield would reside. Although Oakfield had the bigger and more beautiful buildings, Luckley was closer to London and all the culture a young lady would desire! That decided, the Oakfield Headmistress, Miss Randle, packed up a convoy of 15 removal vans and 55 girls and made the journey south.

Oakfield School

Oakfield was started by the Bamford family in the Lake District in 1895. The two older daughters taught the student body of just 12 girls while the youngest one helped her mother to run the domestic side of the school. In 1903 the school was officially recognised by the Board of Education and also became a centre for the Cambridge Local Examinations.

All three of the Bamford sisters, Helen, Kate and Millie worked selflessly for the good of the school throughout their lives. The final Headmistress of Oakfield, Miss Ethel Randle, successfully steered the school through its amalgamation and move to Berkshire in 1959.

In January 1918 Miss Bertha Drake and Miss Ivy Barratt opened a small school in Southland Road, Wokingham. At the end of October that year they moved to Luckley House.

Much like the Bamford family, several members of the Drake family were connected with the school. Miss Rose was Housekeeper, Miss Catharine was Head of Junior School and Miss Elizabeth taught Art.

In September 1928, Luckley Junior School was opened in a house on the corner of Luckley Road and Finchampstead Road for 20 young boys and girls.

In Spring 1959, Miss Drake gave Luckley to the Church Society and, just weeks later, she died knowing that the future of her beloved School was secure.
Locations, staff and buildings may have changed over 10 decades but the School’s enthusiasm for learning, music, drama and sport remains unchanged, as these photos from across the 20th and 21st centuries illustrate. Luckleyans will be interested to see how modern-day facilities compare to those they remember ‘back in the day’!
Look how we’ve changed
- uniform across the years...

Take a look at the transformation of a Luckley House School student over the past century...
From functional and sensible to a more modern version, the uniform is the best way to chart changing fashion over the decades.

The current uniform (left) is the latest smart and yet practical development in a wardrobe that has spanned 10 decades since its beginnings (above) pictured here in the 1920s.

Direct Clothing Company
Suppliers of school uniform and sportswear

We would like to wish Luckley House School every success in their Centenary Year

Our school uniform shop at Luckley House is open during term-time on Tuesdays 12:45 to 13:45 and Thursdays 15:45 to 16:45

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Once a Luckleyan, always a Luckleyan! - the Alumni keeps you in the family

Luckley Alumni is made up of former students and staff from Oakfield, Luckley-Oakfield and Luckley House Schools, and provides a facility for members to keep in touch, not only with each other, but with events and news from the School. We are always interested in hearing what you are up to, from graduations to new jobs, sporting honours to marriages and would welcome submission from you for publication both in the Alumni newsletter and online.

The interactive website allows you to access the Alumni database to:
- Search for friends from the past
- Check and update your own details
- Find alumni in a particular region or country
- Network professionally
- View information about forthcoming events
- Read about past events and view photos on the Gallery
- Post your own picture and caption
- Get in touch with other alumni via the message board

Please note that you will only see other members’ details if they have given permission for us to disclose them. Similarly, if you would like others to be able to see your details, you need to tick the box adjacent to each entry in order to disclose it.

Muck Up Day survived...
Exams finished...
Prom night ticked off...
And then the long, hot summer ahead of you to make memories and dream about the future...
The end of a student’s time at Luckley House School is punctuated by so many memorable milestones that it’s hard to imagine what life will be like without the support of the friends and teachers you’ve shared your highs and lows with over the years.

Fortunately for Luckley House School students that support network doesn’t have to end. Everyone from Year 11 and 13 has the chance to stay a part of our special community.

Sue Hawkins, Alumni Co-Ordinator, said: “We have over 1,400 Alumni members of all ages, from recent school leavers to our oldest who is 89. They all find it a wonderful way to keep in touch, whether it be via the website, LinkedIn or meeting up at reunions. It’s a privilege to see them reunite after decades apart to reminisce over their schooldays - it’s the best job in the world!”

The Alumni will also be fully involved with several of the Centenary celebrations with invitations to the Thanksgiving Service on 31 October 2018 and the Big Party on 29 June 2019.

For more information about the Alumni and how you can benefit from its facilities and members, contact Mrs Hawkins on 0118 978 4175 ext 3243 or email Mrs.Hawkins@luckleyhouseschool.org.

We hope to see you in our Centenary year!
Memories from generations of Luckleyans

The Alumni’s memories of their school days - be they former pupils or staff - are packed full of funny and heart warming events. Here are just a few messages from our members.

Sue Lunn
Former pupil and Co-Ordinator of LOOGA (Luckley Oakfield Old Girls Association)
“I started at Luckley 65 years ago aged nearly 9, never imagining that I would ever leave school, let alone be as old now as Miss Drake was (complete with ear trumpet) when I started at Luckley! I vividly remember that first school year - walking in a crocodile to the cinema in Wokingham to see the film of the Ascent of Everest. My first visit to a cinema and something I have never forgotten!

“I still have friends from the 1950s. Although school life was very strict and looking back, fairly Victorian, we were happy not knowing anything different!”

Valerie Pornicott, Languages Teacher, 1964-94
“There was a 6th or Upper 5th [Form] outing to the theatre in Oxford and I was invited to join them, together with the house mistress, Miss Massey. We had spent the day together in Windsor and our bus back was very late so we thought we’d missed the trip. However we ran from Wokingham back to school and found Miss Prosser (Matron), Miss Reynolds (Deputy Head) and the Bentley still in front of the green door.

“Quick get in, we’ve got you some sandwiches,” they said, so we piled in. As an afterthought I asked: “where are the girls?” “Oh, I’ve sent them on ahead in the bus,” Miss Howe replied! When we got to the theatre we found them all thoroughly enjoying themselves in the bar!”

Elizabeth Sheffield
“Jane, Priscilla and Elizabeth Rolt send best wishes for your Centenary. There are many happy memories of the years spent at Luckley between 1936-1947, we are all still alive and well!”

Henni Cardy
“Wishing you all the very best of luck with the preparations for the Centenary, I am sure it will be a fantastic celebration of Luckley, which holds some incredibly happy memories for me.”

Penelope Bigger
(nee Bruce)
“I arrived at the school in 1954. Mrs Galloway was Headmistress and Miss Drake, the Founder and Principal, was still a major presence at the school, but taking a back seat. She was very much aware of what was going on and took a great interest in the girls and the daily running of the school. We occasionally went into her private sanctuary to visit and talk to her.

“My seven years were happy and fulfilling. The school was small, fewer than 100 girls, and I developed my special interests, which were mainly music and sport.

“I went into the Sixth Form at the time when great changes took place.

Luckley amalgamated with Oakfield School which was closing down. Thus commenced a rather intriguing and interesting period: two schools merging, bringing in new and different concepts to form a more modern institution and then moving forward into the 21st century.

“I wish the School and all the past students a great Centenary Year. And here is to the next 100 years of a successful Luckley House School!”

Richard Blake, Former Head Teacher, 1984-2004
“Bluebells carpet Luckley’s woodland each springtime, symbolising hope, life and growth. New buildings such as Cornish House and Centenary Library or transformed labs and dorms were just a stage-set for the drama enacted each day as young people faced challenges academic and personal. Intellectual enquiry needed inspirational teachers to fire it up and for sport, music and drama to become areas of excellence. I recall a sense of occasion when distinguished visitors came for Speech Day and Sixth-Form day conferences, a touch of elegance as Sixth-Formers dined in our oak-panelled hall with blazing log-fire, and the rousing spirit of community that thrived on Christmas festivities, AFLOS events, Sports Day, cross-country and the unbelievable racket of the swimming gala once the pool was roofed over. Something more venturesome came with DofE and CCF, the daunting obstacle course amongst the trees, and trips abroad for languages, history and art – with Kenya the jewel in the crown. There were characters like Chef or Matron or Frau Kirkaldy, and teachers giving unstintingly to their charges, and pupils thriving at every stage. For me there was the thrill of seeing young people find confidence, purpose and sometimes faith. Yes indeed – a place of blessing.”
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THE WHITTY THEATRE

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Phil Beer  Fleetwood Bac  China Crisis,
Paul Young  Mari Wilson  Kiki Dee

 Luckley House Friends
Parents working together for our children

Providing pupils with a wide range of extra curricular activities is a key strength of Luckley House School and Luckley House Friends exists to support and fund many of these events.

Membership of LHF is automatic when your child joins the School. The Committee is run by a group of parents and some of the staff to achieve the following:
• Increase parent engagement with the School
• Support the School deliver its long-term plan
• Build awareness with local community and business
• Raise funds to enrich School life for pupils and staff
• Create buzz and excitement around Centenary celebrations
• Leverage expertise and skills of parents
• Increase mix of help e.g more fathers and grandparents

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To carry on its excellent work, LHF needs help and ideas from parents, both new and existing. If you would like to get involved please make contact via the Parents Hub Page at http://www.luckleyhouseschool.org/about-us/luckley-house-friends/

Don’t worry if you don’t have much spare time, even 30mins as an extra pair of hands can make a difference!

What did Luckley House Friends do this year?
LHF has supported some great events and projects in the School in the academic year
The first event was the locally renowned Firework Night with yet another spectacular bonfire, this year in the shape of a Warship.
LHF also funded the Zip Wire which continues to entertain all the pupils and even some of the staff!
An important and much-loved tradition in the calendar is the Easter Egg Hunt which every year proves even more competitive among the pupils.
Finally, in the summer term, LHF arranges the Ice Cream Van for Sports Day, funds some of the Year 11 Prom celebrations and provides and serves the Pimms for all parents at Speech Day.
THE WHITTY THEATRE HIGHLIGHTS
for the Centenary Year

FEATURED PLAYS

THIRSTY
Tue 6 November 2018
The Paper Birds
Based on our nation’s love affair with alcohol, Thirsty weaves together real booze based confessions collected from a ‘drunken hotline’ and hundreds of questionnaires answered by young and old.

THE CAGEBIRDS
13-14 November 2018
Luckley House School
An extraordinary play involving a ‘room’, a ‘cage’, ‘people’, and ‘captive birds’. Six women live in a locked room, each absorbed in their petty interest, until the arrival of ‘The Wild One’.

FEATURED MUSICALS

MURDER BALLAD
5-8 September 2018
Mayan Productions
This rock musical tells a dramatic story of a love triangle gone wrong, centering on Sara, an uptown girl who seems to have it all, but whose downtown past lingers dangerously in front of her.

ELF JR.
21-24 November 2018
Starmaker Theatre Company
A young orphan mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth.

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC

OYE SANTANA
Sat 6 October 2018
The best Santana tribute in the world. “It isn’t just the authenticity and musical excellence; it’s the passion, the excitement!” With Oye Santana, every track is a fiesta, every performance is a show.

FLEETWOOD BAC
Fri 2 November 2018
Fleetwood Bac are regarded as the UK’s most authentic Fleetwood Mac tribute show. They have been endorsed by Mick Fleetwood, and they were the first tribute to fully replicate the classic Rumours line up.

OTHER FEATURED EVENTS

AN EVENING OF MAGIC
Wed 31 October 2018
The swashbuckling family pantomime - Peter Pan! Join Peter as he transports the Darlings on an adventure they will never forget, encountering evil pirates, lost boys, a very hungry crocodile and the meanest man in pantoland, Captain Hook!

PETER PAN
1-2 December 2018
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