

A warm welcome back to your Luckley Alumni News; bringing you reflections, memories and news of Luckley alumni. I would like to encourage you to get in touch with your own news, views and ideas – there can never be too much to talk about!

As Christmas approaches, we often reflect on our experiences of the year gone by. It has been a very good year for Luckley and many of you have returned to see the positive changes taking place. We have a thriving population of 380 pupils, a growing Sixth Form and a beautiful school with some excellent facilities and teaching that benefits the whole community. Do read on and be sure to join us on [Facebook](#) or at one of our upcoming events. There are plenty of activities planned for the Spring and Summer Term plus small group visits from Luckley friends. Whichever way you keep in touch, we are always grateful to hear from you. Until next time, seasons greetings for a happy and healthy holiday season.

High Hopes To Do Good In The World

Review by Sarah Francis

It was a delight to welcome back former Head Student, Harriet Strong, who graduated from Luckley Sixth Form in 2022. Returning home for a brief family visit, she arranged to pop in and tell me more about life at University of Bath and her course in Criminology. I was most curious to find out what the transition to university halls was like and to get a glimpse of Harriet's life post Luckley.

Harriet greets me with a beautiful smile and as always, arrives exactly on time – to the minute! She is bright, bubbly and always an excellent conversationalist. For someone who is always on the go, Harriet is calm and well planned. We talk about her first year at University of Bath, where she is loving life and has already made close friends. This year, Harriet has moved out of the halls of residence and into a shared house in Bath with her university classmates. Outgoing, energetic and helpful, Harriet is right at home with a houseful of people.

As for her studies, Harriet's degree in Criminology is off to a good start. She found her first-year university coursework easier than her A Level studies at Luckley but expects her good luck to change this year. Harriet has wanted to be a police officer since she was just seven years old. Admittedly, a degree is not necessary to fulfil her dream but she believes it provides a good back up and prepares her for all eventualities. She thinks ahead to her placement year, hoping to explore the Australian justice system and spend a year down under. As someone with a hard work ethic who rises to every challenge, I am confident she will pave the way to her destination.

I ask how she is coping without home comforts but I should have known better. Harriet is completely domesticated and proud to be providing for herself.



Harriet is also shift working a 35-hour week at a busy pub nearby, which is carefully planned around her studies and social time. While it seems a lot to take on, Harriet explains that she is used to juggling. During Harriet's last year at Luckley she took on the position of Head Student, while continuing to dance; voluntarily teaching every Friday evening and training every Saturday. With a part-time position as a sales assistant too, she managed a full schedule, seven days a week. I learned that Harriet has more hidden talents; also playing the acoustic guitar, viola and is a keen painter. She smiles, as she would like more time to develop all her interests and express herself in different ways. There is always the future.

And what for the future? This kind and resourceful girl hopes to one day counter terrorism as part of the UK police force or alongside the Army for terrorist threats. While there is still much to learn between now and then, I know that when I next meet Harriet, she will be closer to turning her dream into a reality.

ALUMNI NEWS

Luckley-Oakfield School Retirement Fellowship (LOS RF) Lunch



Thanks to Chris Gadsby, Luckley was able to host a lovely lunch for members of the Luckley-Oakfield School Retirement Fellowship. It was a trip down memory lane for former teachers and support staff who united for an afternoon of conversation, a spot of music and lunch. A school tour rounded off the afternoon nicely and we were lucky to have a perfect autumn's day to walk the grounds. Many visitors were eager to get off to their former departments and talk to current pupils on their travels. While many of Luckley's former teachers are local, a few travelled quite a distance to return to school – some of whom had not been back for years. To those that could not make it due to ill health, we wished them well and prayed for their recovery. Former pupils expressed fond memories of all those that attended that sunny day in September.

Rugby In The Rain

There were times during the past term where it seemed the rain would not go away. Yet, it was not enough to deter Luckley's Year 12 pupils from carrying on with their outdoor sport activity. Alumni and former Head Student, Sam Warren (class of 2022), came back to lend a hand while students grappled with touch rugby on the all-weather pitch. Sam (pictured centre) was a great sports person while at Luckley, so a game of tag rugby in the wind and the rain was like days gone by. Sam is now at Reading University studying a BA, War, Peace and International Relations. We look forward to future visits from Sam seeing that he is but a stone's throw away from Luckley.



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ALUMNI NEWS

Sophie Marsden Graces Luckley's Stage



In October we welcomed back actor, writer and producer, Sophie Marsden, class of 2012. Sophie generously gave up her afternoon to provide a free workshop for Luckley's Year 12 Drama students; who enjoyed learning new techniques for building stage confidence and creative expression. The 'clowning' exercise was particularly effective (and amusing!). The professional workshop concluded with students devising their own theatre piece to brilliant effect. Sophie will be touring Northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland from January 2024 with 'The Good Women', which she has directed. We look forward to seeing Sophie on stage again soon and to another successful collaboration.

About Sophie... After Luckley's Sixth Form, Sophie went on to achieve a Master's Degree in Physics before following her heart into acting. At Luckley, she had loved Dramatic Arts and now with a Physics degree under her belt, Sophie step-changed to study acting at award-winning acting school, where she became part of the school's semi-professional group. Sophie has many strings to her bow; she sings, dances, acts, produces and writes as well as tutors pupils in Physics. As a keen writer, Sophie is working on her first book and debut poetry collection called, 'Journey into the Wilderness'. This past summer Sophie produced the UK tour of 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona & Sonnet 104' before returning as director of 'The Good Women'. She is also a member of the physical theatre & movement group; The Messy Kind Collective.



Yukiko Sumi-Barnett Visits From Japan

Luckley was lucky enough to have a knock on the door from alumna, Yukiko Sumi-Barnett, accompanied by seven of her pupils and fellow teacher from Suomi ES and Yamanakako JH, a primary and junior school in Japan. As part of their week long UK tour, her pupils spent the day at Luckley in lessons, followed by a boarding experience. For Yuki, it was a chance to revisit the school she left in 1999 (for the second time!), and speak to teachers and pupils. She was amazed to see how vibrant the school is today, with happy children, even at the end of term.



LUCKLEY ALUMNI INTERVIEW

Living on the Bright Side of Life

A sunny disposition, pragmatic and diligent; words I would use to describe the lovely Anna Lawler, former Head Student from the class of 2001. Anna works for cloud computing and virtualisation technology company, VMware, having worked her way up to the position of Vice President of Global Partner Marketing. We speak the morning after her return from Palo Alto, California; VMware's company headquarters. It is a business of over 38,000 employees with global revenue of US\$13.4 billion and Anna is in charge of a large global team in locations scattered around the world.

Anna never planned for a 'big career' and when she started at VMware eight years ago, taking on the role of Vice President of Marketing would have seemed unbelievable. Yet, her hard work ethic, focused and steady manner and respectful nature have led her to where she is today. Articulate and straight to the point Anna tells me she feels fortunate to work for a corporate with such strong moral values, and aligned to her own – she is able to dedicate five working days a year to charitable work. Amongst VMware's global clients are a number of charitable organisations, where technology works towards the greater good. Comfortable with the challenges her role brings, she views moving outside her comfort zone as the best way to develop and augment her skillset. Anna shares with me a photo of a talk she gave to a mass audience in California. She enjoys public speaking, which first began here at Luckley. Practice makes perfect rings true.

Anna's path from Luckley to present day was fate and one built on a mix of passion, hard work and strong relationships. She followed her interests, studying History of Art at Leeds University, before spending a summer working as a sailing instructor in Pennsylvania, USA, which she recalls as the best summer ever. Back on UK soil, Anna called on Luckley friend, Juliet Hilton, who helped her find a job with Sage, where she was fortunate to have opportunities in different roles, moving around the business. Desperate to travel, she left Sage in search of adventure and spent six months travelling Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the USA. Anna was re-employed by Sage on her return to the UK and this was the start of her marketing career. She was given big responsibility early on, in charge of delivering S Magazine, Sage's customer magazine. Night school ensured she got the tuition needed, achieving a Chartered Institute of Marketing Diploma (with Merit) and here she met like-minded marketers; spending many-an-evening exchanging marketing ideas across industries as broad as IT, banking and hospitality.



Anna Lawler, Los Angeles global event conference



Rachel Myall and Anna Lawler, Ring Round The Moon

Preferring to keep busy, not difficult with Anna's schedule, her mantra is 'work hard, play hard'; she strives for a healthy work-life balance. Scheduled down time is spent with friends, travelling, by the sea boating or playing tennis at her club. Wimbledon is what Anna deems her perfect day out; watching quality players compete with the occasional Pimm's and champagne in hand. Anna may not be Wimbledon material but she has greatly improved her game and is happy to be considered a good club player.

She talks about her Luckley friend Vicky Bruce, who lives a stone's throw from her house and whom she sees regularly, when not travelling with work. She is in contact with a number of friends from Luckley, who together with her family, play an important part in her busy life. Down to earth, Anna has never lost sight of making time for things that bring her joy, which include her morning coffee. She is kind-hearted, and most recently met up with one of our older alumni from the class of 1949, who lives nearby. She plans to continue travelling outside of work, and possibly an extended trip in the future. For the moment, Anna makes the most of every situation, and when opportunity knocks she opens the door.

Review by Sarah Francis

GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways in which you can support your old school and get involved. In addition to the larger lunch and dinner reunions, Luckley hosts alumni sports games and small group and individual visits. Opportunities exist to assist Sixth Formers by providing mentoring and work experience as well as participation in Luckley's Pre University days, 'spotlight interviews', Luckley Lectures and Luckley's annual Speech Day.

If you are interested in getting involved please register your early interest by emailing sarah.francis@luckleyhouseschool.org or calling 0118 974 3246. We would love to see you back at Luckley.

Luckley Lecture

Wednesday, 28 February, 18:00 – 19:00

Introducing Ian Vallance, Luckley's former Deputy Head Academic and Maths teacher. Ian will be presenting 'Mathemagical' – magic on stage using the art of Mathematics. Returning due to popular demand, Mathematical promises to entertain, inspire and get you thinking. Bring the children or grandchildren as the magic tricks are suitable for aged 10 and above.

Careers Fair

Tuesday, 5 March, 13:10 – 15:05

Last year three of you took part in the School's week long careers talks; alongside local businesses and parents. This year the plan is a careers fair, which will offer participants the opportunity to provide demonstrations or examples of working life in a particular field. If you are interested in taking part, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Alumni Games - Netball Re-match

Friday 19 April, 16:30 – 19:00

Last March, we all enjoyed the alumni netball match and many of you asked that we do it again; this time with the opportunity to have a social drink after the match. The date has been set for the match, which will be followed by drinks and nibbles. As always, the more the merrier so please get in touch if this is something you would like to take part in. I hope to see all who participated in the Autumn Term game return; we have got a strong Luckley team in the making, be warned!



Class of 2019 Reunion Dinner

Friday 22 March, 19:00 – 21:30

If you left Luckley in 2019 after completing Year 11 or Year 13, this reunion dinner is for you. Like most dinner parties, the more that attend, the better. Get together with friends and Luckley classmates, within the walls of your old school. Enjoy a drink on arrival, three course dinner and conversation with friends, and without charge. We would love to have you return, and learn more about your journey since leaving Luckley. We will send out direct invites to the reunion dinner although you can book your FREE place by emailing or telephoning me.



LUCKLEY ALUMNI MEMORIES

Sue Bailey (née Pike), Luckley pupil 1972 – 1974

Sue Bailey was schooled at Luckley-Oakfield from 1972 to 1974. In this short time she built lasting memories of Luckley and of life in England, being Canadian and from a military family. She flew back to visit England with her husband, John in June 2019 to join in Luckley's Centenary celebrations. From the memories of Sue Bailey, she shares recollections of Luckley below and her Christmas tree, right, proudly decorated with the inclusion of a Luckley ornament.

"Gym class – how lucky I felt that I was offered a choice of horse riding for gym class! This was unheard of in my part of Canada and so I whole-heartedly chose to be bused to the stable. I had not ridden before and so had to have private lessons at the start. Eventually I joined the group of riders. I was given a horse, Bracken, that had to be at the back of the line as he would kick any horse behind him. I became quite close to Bracken. He sometimes deviated from the pack on the main trail and I would enjoy the side trip and coaxing him back with the others. I have not ridden much since but enrolled my children in summer horse camp when they were young, so they could experience it."



Vera Routledge, Head of Sixth Form and Modern Foreign Languages, 1995 – 2005



Staff photograph of Vera

Vera attended the Luckley-Oakfield School Retirement Fellowship (LOS RF) lunch in September. She was delighted to see Luckley doing so well and loved her time working here, recounting the very special community. Before Luckley, she was at Sandhurst for 18 years, a co-educational day school. The move to Luckley was initially an adjustment, not least because of the boarding pupils. Once settled, she remained at Luckley until retirement.

Reading the previous edition of Luckley's alumni newsletter, Vera commented on Luckley's Speech Day in July. She mentioned how good it was to see Jane Tudor in attendance and Laura Buckenham as the annual Speech Day speaker. She recalls Laura sitting in the special head girl's seat at assembly, although Vera did not teach Laura. Laura's younger sister, Andrea, was a great friend of Vera's daughter, Helen. It was thought that Andrea went on to be a teacher and most recently took up a headship at a London school.



Vera at the LOS RF lunch

Returning to news of Vera's children, she taught both her own daughters; her elder daughter, Sonia, at A Level and younger daughter, and Helen, in the first GCSE cohort. Vera was also their Head of Sixth Form, of course! Vera and her daughters had an entirely professional relationship at school which sometimes amused their friends! Sonia is now a lawyer specialising in asylum and immigration work in London. Helen is a consultant in intervention cardiology and lives in Malvern. Helen has two daughters but Sonia prefers two cats!

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LUCKLEY ALUMNI MEMORIES

Georgina Blight (née Durst), Luckley pupil 1945 – 1949

I met Georgina at her home in Windsor; I came armed with albums of archived photographs that went back to Georgina's time at Luckley, 1945 – 1949. One album was the equivalent of what we now call a 'Leavers Book', showcasing all those Year 11 and Year 13 students leaving that year. However, school life in 1945 was much different than that today. To start, the world was readjusting to normal life, following WWII, although there had been minimal disruption to school life.



Outdoor school theatre with Georgina far left, 1940s

Georgina recalls young teachers being drafted into the armed forces before arriving at Luckley; teaching staff were mainly older women. These were strict times and punishment was given for so much as a wrong look. School was challenging, mainly due to her undiagnosed Dyslexia, as there was no such thing in her time. While she was good at Maths, she was singled out for reading and writing and not even her mother could understand her struggles.

Interestingly, after a time in furniture making, Georgina settled into a career teaching. She spent 15 years as a primary school teacher, one year in Washington D.C., before specialising in teaching those with Dyslexia. Her personal experience could be put to good use.

Georgina, like many, boarded at Luckley as her family lived in London. She recalls the older girls sleeping in Garden House. Every year, they delighted in going to Wimbledon to watch the tennis. Often, wealthy ladies would give the girls their tickets to centre court. How fortunate they all were.

She remembers a number of girls from school; Robin Empson, who's parents were diplomats and whom she stayed with many times. Robin and Georgina were always treated to an outing such as the theatre. Susan Hirsch came over with her family after the war; she was Hungarian. Anne Greenwell was a terrific sports person and went on to teach tennis and live abroad six months at a time. Diana Stafford was a good friend, who originated from rural Wales, where Georgina spent much time. Equally, Diana stayed with Georgina in London and the two developed an appreciation for their very different lifestyles. Diana went on to cultivate plants and enjoyed growing and selling a large selection from home.



Georgina Durst (back row, third from right) with classmates



Georgina Durst (bottom left) and Diana Stafford (bottom right)

LUCKLEY HIGHLIGHTS

Supporting Literacy

Supporting the National Literacy Trust, Luckley's English department organised a day-long fundraising event, raising money to support young people and adults in achieving better literacy skills. Literacy is essential to living an independent and successful life yet current research highlights the lowest level of reading enjoyment since 2005 amongst young people aged 5 to 18. We know that low literacy is inextricably linked to poverty and those born into low literacy communities have some of the lowest life expectancies in England.

Luckley leaders, staff and pupils were all inspired to give more young people a better chance of success. It was a busy day with tombola gifts, a lucky dip box, craft sale, cake sale and book swap and sale. The event raised £974.40, exceeding all expectations.



Luckley's Modern Foreign Languages corridor

Luckley Goes 'Multikulti'

#LanguagesWeek was celebrated widely across Luckley in September. Luckley's language teachers never miss a chance to enthuse pupils with the idea of French, German or Spanish and there is a strong focus on cultural and linguistic knowledge. A video presentation, involving the participation of over 100 staff, pupils and alumni (no word of a lie), magnificently captured the essence of this week-long celebration. Cross-curricular, most departments joined in the fun of learning about different languages, countries and cultures.

A great British misconception remains, that a foreign language is too difficult to learn, and this belief is passed down through the generations. The Luckley language video highlighted, in the most engaging of ways, that many foreign words appear in the English language today – these are words that are considered modern and 'cool'. Luckley's Acting Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Holly Hinz, suggests that



Cakes prepared by Head of English, Darshan Bahbra

learning a second language pushes boundaries and helps pupils understand that mastery comes through practice. That learning a language does not require perfection – just a lot of hard work, perseverance and error.

Lining the languages corridor is photographs of trips abroad. Trips to German markets, and magical Barcelona, discovering Spanish nature, art, history, as well as local cuisine and entertainment. Not limited to the Languages Department, Sixth Form students enjoyed a cultural tour to Greece in October, exploring ancient Roman, Greek and Christian sites and artefacts as well as local food and entertainment.



#languagesWeek video

LUCKLEY HIGHLIGHTS

Luckley Young Music Personalities

Congratulations to Year 10 pupil Lola-Bella T, who earlier this term attended a weekend at The UK Drum Show, a dedicated show to champion, promote and support the fantastic community of drummers! Lola participated in a drum panel and worked hard in the 'Hit Like A Girl' room, helping with drum tech, sound-checking, and many other parts of the event, including mentoring younger female drummers.



Luckley Lectures Presents Seb Phillips

In October, Luckley's Head of History, Mr Seb Phillips, delivered a thought provoking lecture challenging the comforting myths we were told lead to the end of the transatlantic slave trade. Mr Seb Phillips took us through to modern day, leaving us with much to contemplate as the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade reverberates to this day, just as modern-day enslavement is growing. Mr Phillips proves to be a man of many talents. Watch this engaging Luckley lecture on [YouTube](#).



Lola (right) with fellow musicians, The UK Drum Show

Luckley Young Art Personalities

Congratulations to Year 12 student Hannah L-S, whose artwork, 'A stream of consciousness', was highly commended, taking second place at the London West ISA Art competition at Norden Arts Centre in Maidenhead. Previously, Hannah won first place in the same competition and went on to compete nationally. I am sure you will agree that Hannah is a talented artist and is certainly doing Luckley proud. Hannah is open to selling some of her art should you be interested. To find out more please get in touch.



CELEBRATING...

Happy Birthday Luckley!

On 1 November 2023 we celebrated 105 years of heritage. Luckley was established in 1918 by Miss Bertha Drake and Miss Ivy Barratt, at the request of local residents.

Bertha Drake continued to take command of the school while in a wheelchair and with a hearing aid; amusingly, a trumpet held to the ear. Miss Drake remained devoted to Luckley and its pupils until she died in 1959.

If you have memories of Luckley birthdays from years gone by, do share.



Michael Freebury, Class of 2022

Congratulations to Michael Freebury, Deputy Head Student 2022/23, who accepted a University of Southampton Law School prize for being one of top 10 performing students during his first year of the LLB course.

Michael has also generously given up his spare time to support current Luckley students interested in reading Law. Michael continues to be a brilliant example to all at Luckley. We look forward to following Michael's journey as he continues his higher education.

Paige Norton-Edwards, Class of 2019

A proud moment for Luckley alumni, Paige Norton-Edwards, after achieving a First Class Honours degree in Biomedical Science at Bournemouth University. A huge congratulations to Paige who is now reading a Masters in Biological Chemistry at Keble College, Oxford University.

Paige is also singing as a choral scholar at Exeter College, Oxford. She discovered her passion for music and continues to take this further. Pictured is Paige at her Luckley graduation. If you know or taught Paige, please join me in celebrating her achievements. It remains true that 'where there is belief, there is possibility'.



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IN MEMORY OF...

Thank you to those of you who have notified Luckley about the death of a dear friend, colleague or relative. Remembering and recognising former Luckley pupils is important to us as each will always be a part of Luckley's community and history. Equally, news of births would be welcomed, as it marks one of life's milestones, whether for the first time or the fifth!

Miss Valerie Pornicott, Luckley French Teacher

Many of you will know Valerie Pornicott, who was a highly respected French teacher and Head of Modern Foreign Languages who devoted 30 years of her life to teaching at Luckley. Loved by pupils and colleagues, I received the very sad news that Valerie had died on Friday, 15 December at QA Hospital, Portsmouth. The news was passed on through friend and colleague, Mrs Pam Creech, who had been to see Valerie in hospital. Valerie was accompanied by her cat, Geronimo, whilst being cared for, which made me smile. A more fitting tribute will follow, once I have more details.



Valerie Pornicott (right) at Luckley, 1987

Anne Pauline Hornsey (née Le Grew Harrison) 8 December 1932 – 1 November 2023

Anne's daughter, Sally, was in touch to deliver the news that Anne sadly died, aged 91. She also wanted to know more about her mother's time at Luckley during 1946 and 1947. Supposedly Anne was happy at Luckley and I hope that those who knew Anne can tell us more about her.

Anne was brought up in Suffolk, and went to prep school in Long Melford before moving to Luckley; which catered to her interests in Art and Drama. She discovered a love for dance and went on to the Josephine Bradley School of Dance. Her first husband was in fact, one of her dance pupils as well as an RAF Flight Lieutenant.

The couple had two lovely girls, Sally and Jenny, and spent time living abroad. First for three years in Changi, Singapore and then two years in Port Dickson, Malaysia. There was time back in England and a final year's trip to Africa; stopping in Venice, Cape Town, Mombasa, The Seychelles, Nairobi and Durban. Anne and her family settled back at Kew Gardens, London until her husband died unexpectedly. Gloucestershire was to be the county where Anne re-established herself and her family.

Anne remarried and had a third daughter, Clare, although this union broke down and Anne resorted to an independent life after divorce. She went on to spend 20 years working at Millett's before retiring, as well as hosting international students at her home; enjoying the company. She equally loved her garden and floristry, time with her pets, as well as entertaining her grandchildren.

In later life, Anne overcame breast cancer and heart disease before a diagnosis of Parkinsons. She then moved to live with her daughter, Clare, and her granddaughter, before being moved to Oak Tree Mews care home, following a severe chest infection. It is here that she died, leaving a large loving family behind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Anne and her family. Like all Luckley's alumni, Anne will be remembered within the School's records, forming part of its long-standing history.



Young Anne Le Grew Harrison



Anne Pauline Hornsey in later life

IN MEMORY OF...

Marie Parkes, 1974 – 2023

I am grateful to Luckley's Deputy Head, Claire Gilding-Brant, for passing on the sad news about the unexpected death of alumna, Marie Parkes. Marie was at Luckley 1985 – 1990 and has been described by all that knew her as a kind and caring soul with a zest for life. Always one for fun and adventure, Marie was a joyful presence in the lives of all those she befriended. Friends recall teen memories of ice skating, ski trips, beach holidays, dressing up, pool and lunch days. Later on, there was backpacking across Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand and a host of memories; fruit picking on a blueberry farm, living in a tent for a month in the Australian outback as well as snorkelling with sharks and jungle trekking.

Marie will be remembered for her laughter, her fun-loving and giving nature and her ability to light up a room. Something of a socialite, Marie was a lover of music, a big Chas n' Dave fan and an even bigger supporter of West Ham Football Club – Marie grabbed life with both hands. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all her family and friends. God bless Marie.



Young Anne Le Grew Harrison

Trevor Craddock, May 1951 – June 2023



Trevor Craddock

Trevor Craddock was a former Luckley staff member, who worked in the Music Department as a peripatetic teacher and taught many Luckley girls as well as some staff. Sadly, Trevor passed away on 22 June, which was a real shock. In recent years Trevor was diagnosed with Sarcoidosis, which affected his breathing and lungs and was receiving treatment from Papworth Hospital. Former Director of Music, Margaret Vogel, kept in touch with Trevor and spoke to him at the start of 2023 and thought the treatment was going well; with his voice being much clearer. After attending a friend's wedding in May 2023, he contracted a chest infection, which was both viral and bacterial. Treatment in hospital was not enough as his lungs were too weak to fight the Trevor touched the lives of so many; his fellow lay clerks at St George's Chapel Choir, Windsor and his numerous pupils across Luckley and St George's. He will be remembered as a good friend to colleagues, a delightful and charming man with a wonderful bass baritone voice. The news was announced by Chris Gadsby, former Luckley Head of Chemistry teacher 1980 – 2007.

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Leaving A Gift To Luckley In Your Will



Miss Bertha Drake centre in the 1940s

It was October 1957, just when Asian Flu was sweeping the country, that a fundraising dance with 300 guests and a well known London band made a clear profit of £225 – enough to make the much wanted swimming pool a reality. It was nearly 60 years later in 2016, when the swimming pool was replaced by the state-of-the-art Whitty Theatre. As was the swimming pool in its day, the theatre is a great asset to the School and the local community; only made possible by an extraordinary financial gift.

So much has changed since 1918, yet much is recognisable too. Did you know that Luckley has a legacy programme? You can find out more about Luckley Society 1918 by visiting <https://www.luckleyhouseschool.org/about-us/support-us/> where Luckley introduces legacy giving, providing an opportunity to those that may wish to give back to the School in their will.

Luckley has been fortunate to receive two legacy gifts, helping to ensure an excellent teaching and learning provision is maintained for future generations of Luckley pupils.



Sustainable Luckley

In October, Luckley's Eco School committee held a non-uniform day to raise money for a non-profit initiative, 'Just One Tree'. Pupils were asked to donate £1 and wear something green or an item of clothing that celebrated the natural world – a flowery top, a t-shirt printed with a favourite animal, for example. For every £1 donated, a tree would be planted in one of the charity's reforestation projects worldwide. Participation meant that 377 trees could take root.

Just One Tree supports reforestation projects in areas severely affected by deforestation, such as Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique and Brazil. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on limiting global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities. Locals are provided with training, agricultural education and a means to earn a sustainable income.

Stay In Touch

As we aim to continue to bring you news that is both relevant and of interest to you, please do send in your news and suggestions. Why not put yourself forward for an Alumni Spotlight Interview or volunteering opportunity? Those that have joined us have found the experience to be fun and fulfilling.

Do get in touch using the contact details at the bottom of each page. We would be delighted to hear from you and follow your journey through life; ready to celebrate the ups and lend a hand through the downs.

