

# Seymour House News

LENT TERM 2011

ISSUE ONE



*Aladdin in the Great Hall; Harry's 2nd birthday; the L6th ready for the Dinner Dance.*

## Looking Back and Looking Forward.

### **Welcome to the first Seymour House Newsletter of 2011.**

Seymourians have certainly been busy since the start of the academic year and the forthcoming weeks will be no exception. Outlined below are a few highlights from last term, some current news and a few dates for your diary.

The Christmas party on the last night of term was a great event and along with Mr Horton's testing Sports Quiz, the 3rd and U6th forms laid on some special entertainment. The 3rd form Nativity Play, written by Bertie Fisher and

Toby Yong, had a role for every member of the year group. With a nod in the general direction of Monty Python, it was an entertaining and amusing interpretation of the Christmas story and was extremely well received.

The Upper 6th treated us to a video diary/through the keyhole style film. Our host for the journey around the House was Mr Pyper a.k.a. Perry Jolley and other members of the U6th played a whole plethora of characters. The film was directed and produced by Humaad Yasin, with his now customary

professionalism. A hilarious piece of comedy was a fitting end to our evening. Both offerings have hopefully started a new tradition and the current L6th should start thinking about next year already!

Congratulations to the following on receiving their House Colours at the end of last term. Alex Peck, Perry Jolley, Matt Fletcher, Sean Rowley and Alex Wheeldon. Colours are awarded once an individual has accumulated a certain number of points for House sport. 40 is the golden number!

*DKJ*

**An important date for your diary is the House Dance in the Great Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th March. The theme is TBC but the boys will undoubtedly host a fantastic evening. Parents are warmly invited. Please let me know via e mail if you are able to attend. [dkj@bloxhamschool.com](mailto:dkj@bloxhamschool.com)**

# Sport

## House Badminton

*The team comprising of Leo Kobayashi (capt), Alex Peck, Alex Smith, Alex Wheeldon, Adam Pook and Pope Nuntee were victorious at the end of last term. Alex Smith, Badminton Secretary, has provided this report.*

Entering this competition with the pressure of keeping the cup that has been in Seymour for many consecutive years, we were confident but not arrogant in any way. We had a reputation to keep and there was no way we were going to lose it. Our first game had us faced up against Egerton, after fighting hard to play to our full potential in the very first match we walked away winning 7 out of our 9 games- a good start to say the least. Next up was Wilson where we won 8 out of our 9 matches which put us in good stead for the final against Crake. We knew this was our chance to go down in history among the great Seymour badminton teams of old and we weren't going to let it slip from under our feet now. In an intense battle of some fantastic badminton we won all of our games against Crake and once again reclaimed the coveted house badminton cup having won 24 out of the 27 games we played in the whole competition. Thanks must go to all of the house badminton team who played superbly and especially to our captain: Leo Kobayashi. Well done Team!

## Louis Harris (capt.) and Will Ducker star for the 1st XI Hockey Team in the County Cup.



*The 1st XI Squad retained the County Cup for the 3rd year in succession on Sunday 16th January. Also involved in pre-season training were Will Haynes and Freddie Kersh. Louis has provided this report.*

Last Sunday saw the Bloxham 1st XI retain the the Oxfordshire county cup for the third consecutive year running. It was a tight encounter between six very evenly matched teams. The first match saw Bloxham get a 0-0 draw against St Edwards, the team put in an encouraging performance dominating large periods of the game and maybe being unlucky not to come away with more than one point. The second match saw Bloxham record their first victory of the day over Radley College, with L. Harris converting a penalty flick for a 1-0 scoreline. The next match saw Bloxham win by the same score-line against MCS Oxford with R. Watts deflecting in well from a short corner. Shiplake were the next opponents and were an unknown package as it was their first time entering the cup, a scrappy match saw Bloxham get their third victory of the day with L. Harris converting from close for another 1-0 score-line. The last match of the day proved to be the toughest against an Abingdon side who were very close in the table to Bloxham. But the home side managed their fourth and last victory of the day to seal the trophy with C. Cox scoring from another short corner to win the match 1-0. It was memorable day for Bloxham hockey and they look to build on the achievement in the regional tournament next half of the term.

*At the time of writing the Senior House Hockey team have made a great start in the House Hockey Competition, drawing against Wilson 1-1 and beating Crake 1-0. A victory over Egerton will see them win the competition.*

## B.S.K.C.

The British Schools Karting Championship is an arrive-and-drive UK-wide team-based karting championship for school and college students aged 13 to 18.

It is a large knockout tournament open to students of all abilities and backgrounds.

Last year Bloxham entered its first ever kart team, securing a place of 22<sup>nd</sup> at national level and 1<sup>st</sup> place as



the regional winners in a competition contested by 569 teams (1707 drivers) from 193 schools. It was decided this year that pupils from the school could have their shot and sign up for the nationwide competition. The majority to have signed up are from Seymour House and two others from Crake and Wilson.

The Teams are as follows and are selected on the basis of weight so it can be as close as possible to fair racing:

Team 1. (C) Robin Spencer-George, Ryusuke Kobayashi, Max Marshall

Team 2. Charlie Davison, Alex Armstrong, Dom Fenwick

Team 3. Jonny Stirrup, Andrew Smith, Oak Richardson

Team 4. Charlie Tredwell, Charlie Gulliver, Humaad Yasin

Team 5. James Carden, Conor Wilson, Will Farrant

*Robin Spencer-George*



photos: Ollie Wheeldon

Will Ducker in control during the 1-1 draw with Wilson in the House Hockey



Seb Hathaway diving in to score during last term's House 7's Competition.



photo: DKJ

The Junior House Rugby Scrum front up against Egerton.

# C.C.F.

The CCF (Combined Cadet Force) is a military related activity for anyone in 3rd, 4th, 5th, L6th and U6th form. The current cadets from Seymour House are Sergeant Robbie Adelman, Sergeant James Brockless, Corporal Jack Grieve, Corporal Tim Warriner, Corporal Matt Warriner and Cadets Andrew Smith, Freddie Swift, Toby Clark, Tom Wheeldon, James Davenport and Mike Warriner. The 6th form cadets are currently helping with the training of the 3rd form whilst the 4th and 5th form are doing other activities such as the D.C.C.T., indoor range and orienteering. The cadets have an evening local exercise within the school grounds on 27 January, a visit to 23 Pioneer Regiment Royal Logistics Corps in Bicester, a Field Exercise on 15 - 16 March where the C.C.F. will go to a military training area for 24 hours and a range day on 24 March.

*Cpl. T. Warriner*

## Bloxham School *Music*



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*A Level Students Concert* Tuesday 11 January, Recital Room, 8pm

**GCSE STUDENTS CONCERT** Tuesday 18 January, Recital Room, 8pm

*Strings Concert* Tuesday 25 January, Recital Room, 8pm

*Singers Concert* Tuesday 1 February, Recital Room, 8pm

### CONCERTO CONCERT

Friday 11 February, Great Hall, 8pm

Trumpet Concerto, Haydn  
with music by Gorecki and Vaughan Williams

Izzy Galvin, Jamie Walker, School Orchestra, Choral Society, Chapel Choir

*Jazz Band Concert* Tuesday 15 February, Great Hall, 8pm

*Lower School Concert* Friday 4 March, Recital Room, 6.30pm

**BRASS CONCERT** Tuesday 8 March, Recital Room, 8pm

*Unplugged Concert* Friday 11 March, Great Hall, 8pm

**COMPOSERS CONCERT** Tuesday 29 March, Great Hall, 8pm

#### Vocal Competition

Tuesday 1 March, Recital Room  
prizes at 4.30pm

#### Instrumental Competition

Tuesday 15 March, Recital Room  
prizes at 4.30pm

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**House Communion and Dining In night takes place on Monday 31st January at 5.40pm. All boys are expected to attend this House event.**



Old Boys Michael Wheeldon (Seymour) and Issac Spring (Egerton) gave the first of this term's Scholars Society lectures, with a well-prepared and suitably entertaining talk on The Morality of the British Empire. Please see the calendar for details on future meetings.

***Well done to Ollie Porter and Joe Miller-Howes for their performances in Tuesday's G.C.S.E. concert.***