

THE OLD LAURENTIAN SOCIETY

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Dear fellow Old Laurentian,

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May I wish all of you a Prosperous New Year and inform you that the Old Laurentian Society **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Saturday 5th April 2008** at 6.00 p.m. in the Sixth Form Centre; closely followed by the **Annual Dinner** at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. in Big School. The cost will be £20 and £15 for those in full time education; contact a friend, or better still several friends and make up a table. I look forward to seeing you there.

As I pass the mid-point of my presidential year I am pleased to report that it has again been a successful year, due (in part) to the support and contribution of your committee. Though may I say that some of them are looking a little long in the tooth and an injection of youthful enthusiasm will always be appreciated (youthful in this context meaning anyone under 50 years of age!). A serious request though – if you would like to offer your services to the committee, please make yourself known and put your name forward at the AGM.

During my year I have been pleased to represent the Society at formal school functions including the Founder's Day service and junior prize giving in Big School.

Attendance at the President's Reception in July was down, due partly to poor weather and to late notice – at this dark time of year let us look forward to a good summer and good support.

The OL Golf Society continues to flourish with ever increasing numbers. If you have not attended before, we have two meetings a year with trophies to be won in early summer and late autumn. New members are always welcome and can contact Richard Wootton on Rugby 816177.

The now well-established Annual Captains' Day at the Rugby Club is a continuing success, bringing together many former captains and their partners; the date for this year is April 19th when OL's will host Earlsdon in the league. The OLRFC is enjoying some mixed fortunes but erring on the positive side as I write they are third in their league and well-placed to fight for promotion as the season draws to its conclusion.

Boxing day produced a splendid game of rugby at Fenley field where an under 21 team made up entirely of OL's defeated the elder statesmen of the Club which boasted several first team players. The future for OLRFC is looking very bright.

As previously reported Rugby and GEC Hockey clubs have now merged to become Rugby & East Warwickshire Hockey Club. I am delighted to report that they have settled in at Fenley Field, using the OL facilities as their base. It is hoped that in future we will be able to develop an all-weather playing surface for Hockey, and then they can play at

home as well as eat and drink there. Given the large number of OLs that play for the club this is a very positive development in meeting the prime aim of the Society.

In conclusion, I feel that the Society is thriving and I would like to congratulate and thank your Committee for its support and hard work during my year in office – it has been a pleasure and an honour (well, for most of the time).

Remember to put the date of the AGM and Dinner in your diary and contact your contemporaries to make up a table – the more the merrier.

Best Wishes

David Thomson
(President OL Society)

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I will/will not be attending the O L Society Annual Dinner on Saturday 6th April 2008

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