

# THE OLD LAURENTIAN SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow Old Laurentian,

January 2010

May I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year (and New Decade) and inform you that the Old Laurentian Society **Annual General Meeting** and **Dinner** will take place on **Saturday 10th April 2010**; the AGM at 6.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre and the Dinner at 7.30pm for 8.00pm 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.

Another date for your diary is the **President's Reception** for the incoming President which will be held at The Clubhouse, Fenley Field, on the evening of **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. We have enjoyed some very pleasant evenings (both in terms of weather and company) in recent years and I hope that many of you will be able to join us again this year.

As I approach the end of my year as President I am pleased to report that it has been a very successful period. The Committee have been ever eager to advise and support, and this year we have welcomed new (some might say warm) blood to the committee in the form of James Melvin and Stewart Burnett, both of whom count as 'under-30s' recruits if we consider Stew's age when elected at the AGM. This is great progress – over the last couple of years we've managed to reduce the average age of the committee oh so slightly. The elder statesmen on the committee do sterling work for the Society and we've no desire to see them go, but if the Society is to retain its vitality and remain relevant to the membership we need a succession plan, and that will only happen if more members are willing to give their time and experience. If you are interested please contact any member of the committee, or Kevin Cossar as above.

Rugby & East Warwickshire Hockey Club are now firmly established at Fenley Field, if only for after-match entertainment at the moment because we don't have the required Astro turf facilities yet – but those facilities are part of a larger development being planned for Fenley Field which hopefully will also see a new clubhouse of some form. There is a sub-committee of the LS&SC that is beginning to take a long-term view of the facilities at Fenley Field, particularly with a view to either re-building, or completely replacing the clubhouse. The present clubhouse has evolved over the decades, has its own special atmosphere for OLs and evokes many great memories – we don't want to lose that, but at the same time it is beginning to cost more and more each year just to keep the weather out and the interior looking at least half decent. We are now considering our options for the future, before the clubhouse becomes a money-pit that prevents us doing anything else. Look out for more news on this topic - we welcome the views of all OLs on this matter, and in the not too distant future we'll probably be looking for help with fund-raising as well.

At this point in the season the rugby club is having mixed fortunes, with some fairly inconsistent performances, winning some very tough games and then losing some to ostensibly weaker opposition, but are still handily placed near the top of the table. The hockey club is also having reasonably successful season, notwithstanding the current disruptions due to poor

weather. When the weather does allow play, then Fenley Field is a busy place with a friendly and lively atmosphere, so if you are in Rugby and at a loose end on a Saturday afternoon why not pop along as you'll probably meet someone you were at school with.

The School has once again been able to take advantage of the facilities at Fenley Field, which has been used both for school cricket and rugby. Again we were able to provide meals and cheer the lads on. It is hoped that the cricket square might also be utilised by a local club in the summer so that the facilities are in use all year round thus further improving viability in terms of bar takings but also helping in terms of security.

Don't forget 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 for 2010.

Yours faithfully,

*Iain Wallis* (1988-95 )

President of the Society

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I will/will not be attending the O L Society Annual Dinner on Saturday 10th April 2010

Years at School ..... to .....

Enclosed cheque for £.....

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or e-mail your intention to attend to [ols@minestable.co.uk](mailto:ols@minestable.co.uk)

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