

THE OLD LAURENTIAN SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow Old Laurentian,

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I am delighted to write to you as President of the Society having been elected at the AGM held at LSS in April. I hope over the coming months to continue the good works of my predecessors and continue to raise the profile of the Society.

Sadly I have to report the sudden death on 10th June of **Ron Gusterson (41-47)**. Ron was President of the Society for two years from 1959-61, and as Treasurer of many years' standing was almost single-handedly responsible, through his adroit management of investments, for the robust financial position the Society currently enjoys despite the gloomy economic climate. In the late '40s Ron played on the Wing for the OL's 1st XV, and after retiring from playing remained an active supporter of the club as a VP. Ron also served as a Trustee of the Society and as a Governor of the School for many years. For his commitment to the Society Ron was elected a Life Vice President in 1998. Ronald G. Gusterson (b.1931, d.2009) will be sadly missed by all of us who knew and greatly respected him.

But as the saying goes "Life goes on" and on a lighter note I'd like to invite all members and their partners to join me for the **President's Reception** at Fenley Field on the evening of **Friday 10th July**. Over the last few years this event has been a very popular meeting place for old boys and friends of the Society, with invitations also extended to the School's Parent's Association, to the OLRFC's Griffin Club, to this year's new members of the Society and members of Rugby & East Warwickshire Hockey Club. The following day, Saturday 11th July, Fenley Field hosts the annual Six-a-Side Cricket Competition, where I will be leading a side attempting not to be humiliated by schoolboys (... or teachers, ... or parents).

The **Founders Service** will be held this year the weekend preceding the President's Reception in **Big School at 10.30a.m. on Sunday 5th July**. If you wish to attend please check with the School that the Service will take place at the time stated above in case of last minute changes.

The Annual Dinner in April saw an excellent turnout, with OLs from all age groups. Steve Weston, a "new man" on the committee last year was given the job of organising it, and did so very successfully (although he did lose almost all of his remaining hair in the process – he didn't realise that we – that is *you* – have a habit of leaving dinner acceptances to the (very) last minute).

On the sporting side, the Rugby Club finished 3rd in Midlands Three West (South) last season missing out on the promotion play-offs by a whisker. Rugby & East Warwickshire Hockey Club also had an excellent season.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the President's Reception on 10th July at Fenley Field commencing at 6.30pm.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Wallis

President of the Society
1988 - 1995