

THE OLD LAURENTIAN SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow Old Laurentian

I am very honoured to be writing to you as your new President and hope to carry on the tradition of my predecessors who have served the Society with such distinction.

My thanks go to those who attended the AGM in April, and to Iain Wallis who handed on the presidency after his successful year in office. The AGM was followed by the Annual Dinner, an extremely enjoyable evening where it was great to catch up with OLs of all ages. Steve Weston again did a fantastic job of organising the dinner – I hope we can reward his efforts with a bumper turnout next year.

I was particularly pleased to visit the school recently to meet the outgoing sixth formers – a lively and interesting bunch - who had many more things on their minds than the receiving of their society ties, no doubt. Please join me in wishing them well in their efforts this summer and for their future with not only our society but in the wider one as well. Whatever they go on to achieve and become, one thing they will always be is an OL.

On the sporting side, the OLRFC had a season to be proud of at all levels, playing entertaining attractive rugby with the 1sts gaining promotion to Midland 1 West and the 2nds reaching the final of the Clonmell Cup. Rugby and East Warwickshire HC, had a stellar season with the 1sts gaining promotion to the Midlands Premier - now only one push away from the National League. The hockey club continue to run more than 10 teams each week during their season, and the ladies second team also celebrated promotion in the Warwickshire League. Saturdays are certainly busy times in the clubhouse these days.

I would also like to mention the OL Golf Society, which meets twice a year in the Spring and the Autumn, with the Autumn meeting traditionally held at Tadmarton Heath – a real gem of a course. Richard Wootton does a sterling job organising our golf days - if you are interested then please get in touch either through the society email or the secretary.

The Founders Service this year is in Big School at 10.30am on Sunday 4th July. If you wish to attend please check arrangements with the school.

I would like to invite all members and their partners to join me for the President's Reception, being held at Fenley Field on the evening of Friday 16th July at 6.30 for 7pm - a buffet will be served from 7.30pm. Over the last few years this event has proved very popular 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. I would be delighted to see you there.

The following day, Saturday 17th July, sees Fenley Field host the annual Six-a-Side Cricket Competition, where I hope to be leading a side of finely tuned limited over specialists – or most probably five blokes who can still run, or walk, or just turn up.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the President's Reception and in the meantime have a hugely enjoyable summer.

Duncan Snook
President