

THE OLD LAURENTIAN SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow Old Laurentian,

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I am delighted to be able to address you as President of the Society having been elected against the odds in the face of very stiff competition for this exalted post. I hope over the coming months to continue the good works of my predecessors and raise the profile of the Society to new heights.

Sadly I have to report the death on 23rd April of **Gareth Redd** who was an inspiration to many of us during his 35 years at the school. Gareth did a lot of work to promote the Society during his working life and was an honorary Life Vice President. The Service of Thanksgiving held on 6th May was very well attended – a testament to the high esteem in which Gareth was held.

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 4th July**. There may be an American theme in view of the date but who knows? 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 years new members of the Society and members of Rugby & East Warwickshire Hockey Club.

As usual, it is intended that **the Founders Service** be held in **Big School at 10.30a.m.** on **Sunday 6th 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 again saw a healthy number of attendees, spread across a very wide range of ages. It remains our main social event of the year, and next year's dinner is already being arranged for Saturday 4th April - put it in your diaries now.

On the sporting side, the Rugby Club finished 5th in Midlands Three West (South) last season which was a little disappointing. Rugby & East Warwickshire Hockey Club, who now use the clubhouse facilities at Fenley Field, had an excellent season and have settled in well at the club. Of their nine league teams three were promoted as champions and the future looks bright. From September they will be utilising a new Astro turf pitch at Bilton School and this will hopefully mean that more players will come back to the club for food & drink after games.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the President's Reception on 4th July at Fenley Field commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours faithfully,

Jon Bass

President of the Society
1970 - 1977