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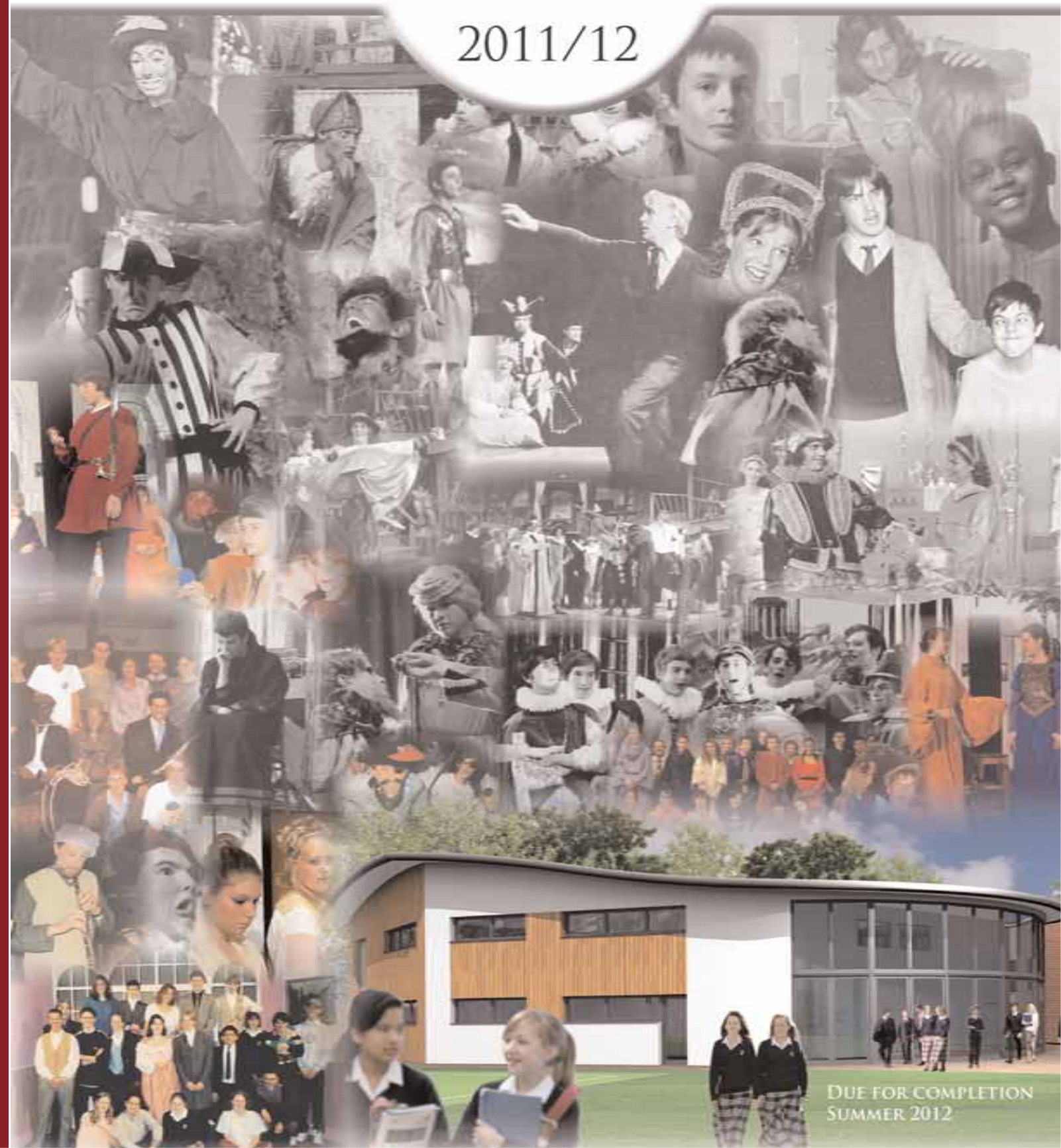
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am delighted to announce my successor for the OL Society Presidency, Geoffrey Philpott, will stand for election at this month's OL AGM.

Geoff (Newlands 1956) will stand as President Elect and, if elected as we expect, will shadow me for a year before taking on the permanent role of President.

As a Broadstairs farmer, he is well positioned to commit to this role.

Geoff is a passionate cricket fan and has been a great supporter of the College for many years.

I would like to thank the OL Committee for all their efforts during my seven years as President, in particular the OL TREASURER, John Isaac, for his guidance and the unstinting work he does on behalf of the OL society.

And, of course, the rock, behind-the-scenes over the past few years, has been my wife, the Hon. Secretary, Clair Brown, who will also be stepping down.

OL secretary, Kerry Brown, continues to do most of the work and really does a splendid job in organising events and handling the administration of the society. She will continue to be the main contact for all OL related issues.

During 2011 a number of OLs have played sport at the highest level, which should not go unnoticed.

■ Peter Thompson (Lodge '61) represented the GB vets shooting team in Australia. Peter said: "At least the OL didn't let the side down - 2nd highest score in the match!"

■ Stephen Billings (Tower '80) represented Royal St George, at the World Golf Club Championship in South Korea and came 8th out of 20 teams



OL President, Nick Marchant speaking at the OL Dinner; David Taylor, new Chairman of the SLC Governing Council, pictured in the foreground

representing 14 countries.

■ Peter Winter (Tower '96) gained qualifying times for the March selection trials for August's Paralympics.

Congratulations to all of them. The OL golfers continue to perform well in matches and I would like to pay a special tribute to the Captain, Neil Cossey, for all the work he does to help make the Golf Society so much fun.

Also thanks must go to Tim Dodd, the Secretary, for all the hard work he has put in behind-the-scenes. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to play, please get in touch with Tim via email - tmhdodd@me.com.

I can confirm the OL golfers play on some of the finest courses in the UK and so it really is a great privilege to be part of this club.

The OL Rifle club does a fine job in promoting the OL Society at various shooting matches.

Although there are currently only 13 members, the shooters can boast two members who have represented GB.

Special thanks must go to

their President Robert Fromow and Hon. Sec. Mike Davidson for all the hard work they put in to the OLRC.

The main event in 2011 was, as always, the OL dinner at the College and it was another great success with 86 OLs and guests in attendance.

There was an excellent representation of Courtenay boys and a first class guest speaker in Dr Colin Niven OBE. More details about the OL Dinner on **Page 9**.

The facilities at the College are improving all the time and I would urge all OLs to come back and see for yourselves.

Building work is taking place to convert the Taylor Hall in to a new girls' boarding house, and right next door a wonderful new theatre is being built.

June 16th is going to be a very special OL Day indeed, not only is there OL Cricket and Tennis, but also we will be hosting the first OL Classic / Prestige Vehicle festival within the school grounds.

Moreover in the morning there will be an 'Old Lawrentian Careers' workshop for the upper Senior School.

If there are any more OLs who might be willing to pass on



Joe Cornwell reacquaints himself with his old fag, Peter Webley at the OL Dinner



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



the benefit of their work experiences and knowledge in the informal setting of the school library then we would love to hear from you.

The school will be hosting a special dinner for all those attending and we hope many OLs will make a long weekend of it.

The Old Lawrentian Group at Linkedin (www.Linkedin.co.uk) is developing fast with more than 150 members signed up and conversing. The College undoubtedly has a wonderful network throughout the world, so I would urge you to use this business network site.

I can look back on my seven years as President with many happy memories; it really has been a wonderful experience and I have met many charming and interesting OLs.

The OL Society is now on sure footing with increased funding and a real enthusiasm amongst



OLs listen to guest speaker Colin Niven OBE

the school Governors to see the Society thrive.

There is still a lot more work to do though. I am optimistic that my successor will establish regional OL co-ordinators who can arrange reunion lunches and dinners for OLs in their areas.

The OL Secretary, Kerry Brown (kerry@olsociety.co.uk) will be very happy to assist anyone who would like to organise these.

There are OLs scattered in all corners of the world and it would also be wonderful to establish reunions throughout

the world, much along the lines of our Australia (organised by Ann Brockbank and Paul Friday) and Hong Kong (Henry Chan) groups.

Please do remember this publication is for you and more importantly, about you.

Please let us know what you are doing, inform us of your latest news and any other points of interest for fellow OLs.

I wish Geoff Philpott every success as our next President, and I am very much looking forward to supporting him on the OL Committee.

Nick Marchant, OL President

OL CALENDAR - 2012

Saturday 24th March: OL Day and AGM

12:30pm Pre Lunch Drinks in Entrance Hall followed by lunch**

2pm Tours of the College
2:30pm OL Shooting, OL Boys Hockey, OL Girls Netball, Squash*

4:45pm Hot Buffet in Library**
5:15 – 6:00pm AGM followed by Drinks

OL Day: Saturday, 16th June

10:00 am – 12:30pm OL

Careers Showcase*** with Senior School

Junior School 'Traditional' Fete
12:00 pm – 5pm

Vintage / Prestige Car Festival****

12:30 Buffet Lunch on the green **

13:30pm Cricket / School tours / Car Festival

2:15pm Tennis, Badminton*
4:30pm Prizes, Sports Results BBQ**

Saturday, 8th September

Girls Hockey*

Saturday, 3rd November: OL Annual Dinner

Champagne Reception Dinner**

Guest Speaker, Rt. Rev. Trevor Willmot, the Bishop of Dover
Post Dinner drinks in Library

Sunday, 11th November

College Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 9th December

OLs and Friends, College Carol Service

*** To reserve your place on one of the teams please contact us as soon as possible**

****For catering purposes, booking will be required**

*****To be part of the Career Showcase to share your knowledge of your career / study path please contact OL Secretary Kerry on 01843 572932**

******To enter your vehicle please see form on page 18 or download from our website at: <http://www.olsociety.co.uk/calendar-of-events/>**



COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS



Above, the new theatre building under construction and the architect's impression of how it will look

The Taylor Hall is currently being converted into a wonderful Girls boarding house to replace the old Bellerby building, and a fabulous new Theatre is being built between what was the Taylor Hall and the all-weather pitch.

Both buildings are progressing well and remain

on target, due for completion this summer.

The front cover of this year's Old Lawrentian pays homage to the many superb and varied productions that have taken place in Taylor Hall in its 47 year history.

Perhaps you have spotted yourself, your peers, or maybe the great director that was Mr Binfield?

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

It is wonderful to hear that the Christian message is still at the heart of the College. That message is so important and has changed the lives of many who attended St Lawrence.

We should pray for those students who have heard and responded to that message as they witness in their lives. It was not always easy when I was there and I suspect that is still true today!

We should also pray for those who have not yet heard, understood and accepted that message. I cannot remember which eminent speech day speaker (or perhaps it was more than one) reminded me as a pupil that words heard at school would stay with me for years to come. He was right.

I would urge OLs to pray regularly for the school, for its Christian leadership and all who teach and learn there.

What of those that have left? Phil and Martina Jolley have



been back in the UK for over a year now. Phil works at European Christian Mission (www.ecmi.org) and is as busy as ever.

David and Annette Bryson have moved to Wiltshire. David is still involved in education and is faced with the same responsibilities and challenges as we have heard from SLC.

We were sad to hear of the death of Rev. John Richards. His legacy remains with us

(www.helpforchristians.co.uk) and his son, Paul, reminds us of the many gifts John used to the best.

Simon Young is hard at work in Russia. He and his wife work through Love Russia (www.loverussia.org). I am not sure how he also manages to look at river and air monitoring using lichens under the support of Mendelev University!

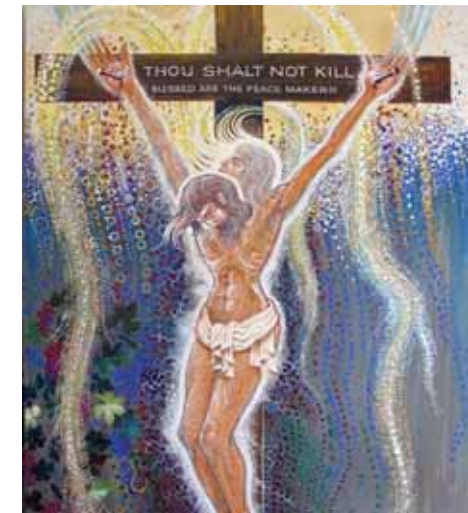
Thank you also for the news and the contact details from those who are actively praying but feel they have less newsworthy lives. I suspect you are wrong and OLs would love to hear what you are up to!

As well as these few words, I hope to send out a newsletter by email so please let me know what you are up to. It is always interesting. Your prayers and your interest are so important. I hope to hear from you!

Nick Lyons, Editor of The Prayer Fellowship
ntlyons@btinternet.com



CHAPEL'S WONDERFUL ACQUISITIONS



On January 11th 2012, staff and pupils of the Senior School attended a dedication in the Chapel for three new paintings.

These paintings now hang behind the altar and they have been produced by a local artist, Peter Bashford. Peter is a professional artist living in Whitstable; he is a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Designers and holder of the National Diploma in Art and Design.

He is also a Christian and he exhibited one of the paintings, The Crucifixion, in Canterbury Cathedral last summer.

Beneath the price tag at the base of the picture, was a note offering the painting free of charge to any church that would give it a good home.

We thank Ms Van Ebo, our Head of Religious Studies, for seeing the painting and then kindly introducing Peter to the idea of displaying his art at St Lawrence College.

Peter is a deeply spiritual man and he liked the idea that the painting would be appreciated by young people from all over the world, who, with their own unique backgrounds and experiences

could appreciate the painting in different ways.

I have since had the pleasure of talking to individual students in front of the paintings and it is fascinating to hear their own interpretations of each image.

After Ms Van Ebo had made contact with Peter, he revealed the painting was part of a triptych and we were welcome to have all three pictures. This is extremely generous of Peter and he is yet to see all three in situ; unfortunately he could not attend the dedication owing to illness.

In addition to The Crucifixion, the other two paintings are titled, Christ's Resurrection and Christ's Appearance. All three images are both striking in colour and content and their display has been enhanced by new lighting kindly donated by The Old Lawrentians. The paintings remain equally impressive, even from the north end of the Chapel and it is a pleasure to walk towards them appreciating how their detail is revealed and see how their colours subtly change.

I wish to conclude by expressing the College's thanks to Peter Bashford and I will pass on to him the thanks from all organisations associated with our community.

The prayer used at the dedication of the paintings was: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come. Heavenly Father, we praise you in many ways, through word, prayer, music and art. We dedicate these paintings in your name and acknowledge your inspiration in their creation. May they too be an inspiration to those with eyes to see and hearts that understand your love for creation. Amen."

Rev. Peter Russell

■ To find out more about Peter Bashford's work go to www.peterbashford.com/StLawrenceCollege



■ Rev. Russell joins the OL Committee in The Chapel

"The quality of the pupils' personal development is excellent. The school's pastoral arrangements are careful and comprehensive. Consequently, pupils from all backgrounds and of all nationalities care for each other and are mutually supportive."

"The quality of the pupils' achievements and of their learning throughout the school is good, and in many lessons it is excellent. The pupils are notably keen and committed. They apply themselves eagerly and they are determined to succeed."

"The quality of teaching throughout the school is excellent, consistently stronger than at the time of the previous inspection. It meets the school's aim to encourage intellectual curiosity and academic ambition well."

"The pupils' moral development is excellent. They show a highly developed sense of right and wrong. They accept the appropriateness of the school rules. Their behaviour is excellent in lessons, within the boarding houses, at meals, and whenever moving about the school. They show a clear consideration for each other, listen carefully to each other's successes. They are exemplary in the respect they show for the school environment and they wear their uniform with great pride."



HEADMASTER'S

Last Michaelmas term was dominated by the ISI Inspection of the Senior School and Junior School and every one in the College was delighted with the outcomes of these visits.

You can read the whole report on the OL website but I am sure you would be interested in some of the headline comments, around the edges of these pages. I hope they will make you feel proud of the way your old school is described.

The fact that there were no specific recommendations, as to how the school itself might improve, is very unusual and a real tribute to the way it functions at present.

The quality of relationships within the College stands out time and time again in the report. Such statements as "Consequently, pupils from all backgrounds and all nationalities care for each other and are mutually supportive. They relate extremely well to each other, as well as to their teachers, support staff and visitors," capture this theme. The personal development of the pupils is beautifully summed up in the following quote: "The school is wholly successful in fulfilling its aims to foster spiritual growth, confidence, compassion and the ability to become responsible and caring members of a community."

I know that the way in which the school instills the qualities described above is one of the key reasons that parents choose the College. I believe these are also qualities important to all the OLs I meet.

Of course the College's primary aim is the education of the current crop of Lawrentians. It was, therefore, very reassuring from my point of view to read that "the quality of teaching throughout the school is excellent." The way in which the Inspectors describe the teaching in College is entirely positive and a great credit to my staff.

The report talks about the way in which staff try carefully to meet the needs of every pupil, about the attention paid to those in need of additional support, about their desire to stretch beyond the formal syllabus and their willingness to offer support beyond the classroom through individual attention. It is clear from the report that the quality of education on offer in the school is highly impressive and why the children make such good progress.

I hope you will be really pleased to hear of this most impressive independent assessment of the College's life. Please spread this good news and it must be an encouragement to OLs to think of their children continuing family traditions by becoming part of a school when it is in such good form.

The programme to upgrade the physical resources of the College goes on apace. The work on both the Taylor Hall and the new Theatre is progressing well and remains on target for next September. Such massive developments have caused some complications but not all with adverse effects. The House Drama Competition was very successful and was held in the Roberts Hall. The short Shakespeare plays were a wonderful experience, especially for those of us privileged to see them all. Newlands were the winners of the competition

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but that only tells part of the story. To see so many students coming to terms with Shakespearian language and the great themes his plays cover was a real joy. As was the sheer delight of the 'Mysteries' performed for one night only in the Chapel. The only complaint I heard was from those who wanted it to be on another night as they so wanted to see it again. I understood exactly what they meant as the production was vibrant, entertaining, witty, compassionate and moving.

I am hoping to have an event in the Michaelmas Term aimed at the many OLs who performed in the Taylor Hall to introduce them to the new theatre. Watch out for this date coming to you in the next few weeks. We will also have an Open Day for the new Girls Boarding House. I think you will be amazed by the transformations we are making in College.

Another highlight of the term was the well attended Carol Service. It was beautiful. Remembrance Sunday was also a very moving occasion in College as was the Two Minutes Silence shared in by the whole College Community at 11.00 on the 11th November. This was another event witnessed by the Inspectors and they found it deeply impressive.

It has also been good to see a growing amount of parental support of the school's teams. Luckily it has not been as cold as it can sometimes be either by the Astro or on Newlands.

There has been a great deal of sporting success this year, all the way through the School from the excellent performance of the First Fifteen, including their victory over Chatham House, right down to the first tournament win for the Junior Girls' Badminton team.

Do not forget we are always interested in talent and ability. If you know of any potential students who would enrich the life of our community, I am always willing to discuss bursaries and scholarships with their parents. There is a 10% discount in boarding for sons and daughters of OLs. Please feel free to make a discrete enquiry to me via my PA, Mrs Mills on 01843 572900, vm@slcuk.com.

I would like to express my gratitude to those volunteers who make sure OL events happen.

This is in all sorts of areas including Golf, Shooting, or the OL teams to play the school, as well as the Committee members that hold the whole organisation together.

My sense is that the College is in the best state it has been for many years and, if you have not been back, then please make contact with us and come and visit.

I think you will be pleasantly surprised by all that has been achieved in recent years.



Reverend Mark Aitken, Headmaster

"The pupils' cultural awareness and development is excellent. They particularly enjoy the cultural diversity within their community, as well as participating keenly in lessons with cultural content such as geography, art, history, music and modern foreign languages. Their relationships with each other are harmonious and characterised by tolerance and understanding."

"The social development of the pupils is also excellent."

"Parents praised the range of subjects offered and the breadth of extra-curricular activities, as well as the progress made by their children. They appreciated strongly the levels of pastoral guidance and the high levels of pupils' behaviour, as well as their worthy attitudes."

"The quality of the pupils' personal development is outstanding."

"The pupils' spiritual development is excellent. As a result of the highly supportive house system, pupils develop as thoughtful and considerate individuals, respecting each other and themselves."



THE INSPECTOR IS INSPECTED!



For David Taylor, Chair of the St Lawrence College Governing Council since last year, being on the receiving end of superlative Junior and Senior School inspection reports was a particularly poignant experience.

For, until 2004, David had held the position of Director of Inspection at Ofsted, the national Inspectorate, having had the title HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) since 1978.

Inspecting schools was a key part of his professional life for more than a quarter of a century.

David said: "Of course, the governors are one key audience for all inspection reports, and in my career I had sat on the other side of the table from the governors on numerous occasions, when reporting back to a school on an inspection I had led.

It is a strange experience to be the one receiving not the one dishing out the news. However, when it goes as well as the recent Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) Report on St Lawrence, it is an especially gratifying one!"

Asked about his and the governors' role in relation to the inspection, David was quick to stress that, much as he basked in the reflected glory of the success of St Lawrence and felt immensely proud to be associated with the school, he could take no personal credit for the absolutely outstanding report the school had received, for two reasons - the first being that he had only recently taken over the Chair and the second that, while the governors' job is to encourage, support and



David Taylor

resource the school, they are not the ones whose efforts secure the results.

"That is down particularly to the leadership of the Junior and Senior schools especially by its heads and other senior managers, and then to the incredibly hard work of all the staff, teachers and non-teachers alike", David said.

"And I do not for one moment forget the children: ever since I first visited the school, when I was about to become a governor after leaving Ofsted, I have known that the students are extraordinarily important and impressive ambassadors for St Lawrence: they were what persuaded me to join the Council.

The students in many ways are the school, so I was really pleased - but not in the least surprised - that the inspectors were just as delighted and charmed by them. They are exceptional young people, who give St Lawrence its unique if indefinable character."

What did the inspection feel like from this new perspective?

David said: "Most people who have experienced inspections will readily agree that it is the period leading up to the inspection, rather than the inspection itself, that is the really stressful time.

For me, I spent many an hour pouring over every word of every policy: yes, that is as tedious as it sounds - but, especially these days, it is vital that the school should prove itself fully 'compliant' with all the regulations and requirements, and securing that outcome was in itself a huge achievement.

Then during the inspection, I received a gently fierce grilling from two highly experienced lead inspectors.

Their unnervingly sharp questions made me aware that they were not a soft touch, and so when I went to the reporting back meetings, I did so with a degree of trepidation.

I did not need to worry, of course. Over the past thirty years, I have read many hundreds of school reports, and I cannot remember one which was such an amazingly positive testimonial to the school.

Perhaps I should add that, as a former teacher myself, I was thrilled that the excellence of the teaching came through the pages of the report so strongly.

I have said to my fellow governors, who all agree with me, that this is a report which deserves to be celebrated from the roof-tops.

Parents in the area who have children of the right age should see from this what an incredibly worthwhile investment for life an education at St Lawrence can be!"

It's a fantastic time to study at St Lawrence College. Our results are excellent. Why not take advantage of the 10% boarding discount available to children and grandchildren of Old Lawrentians?



OL DINNER - OCTOBER 29TH, 2011



This year's dinner had a superb atmosphere. Eighty six OLs and guests were in attendance, including a wonderfully spirited group of Courtenay boys who came together for the weekend to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Most of them were at the College under the guidance of their housemaster, S.O Speakman, in the 60s and he clearly left a lasting impression on many of the Courtenay boys.

Thanks must go to Geoff and Valerie Shaw (Courtenay housemaster 69-80) for kindly hosting a Courtenay House drinks reception in the school library prior to the dinner.

This was a great success not least because Kerry and Andrew Brown (not related!) managed to put up picture boards with photos of most of those attending, images and plans of the current developments happening within the school, a most wonderful display of past uniform (some items nearly a hundred years old) and old leather bound 'House' books to browse through. Thanks to both of them, because it is these behind-the-scenes touches that make such a difference to these evenings.

Top table guests included the new Chairman of Governors, David Taylor, the Chairman of the Friends of St Lawrence Paul Reeves, Simon Webley who is a Vice President of the School Council, Neil Cossey the OL Golf captain and Geoff Philpott who will be the next OL President.

The speeches were first class and following an introduction from the President (and a few well chosen words from the new Chairman of Governors, David Taylor), we were well entertained by our guest speaker, Dr Colin Niven OBE, who delivered a most amusing and eloquent speech.

As always the official proceedings were finished off with a rendition of the school song led once more by Joe Cornwell. Everyone then retired to the school library where the evening carried on long in to the night.

A huge thank you to the Headmaster for allowing us to reminisce in to the early hours.

Nick Marchant, OL President





AUSTRALIAN REUNION



The Australian OLs got together for their reunion lunch at Finola's restaurant in Balmain - the same venue as last year on November 5, 2011.

Julian and Angela Boulnois and Iain Mars travelled from Queensland and John Barrow and Noel and Elizabeth Symonds drove up from the Southern Highlands for the day.

The effort made by the OLs to travel to our annual lunch is very much appreciated by all of us who reside in Sydney; in particular those that had flown in from Queensland!

Other regulars present were Frank and Sherri Armstrong, Paul and Margot Priday, Geoff Sexton, Anthony Bowesman, John Denton, Tony Gilbert & Ann Brockbank.

We were happy to welcome back Chris and Anne Baillie and Wayne and Kit Chin who were unable to join us last year.

We were very pleased to welcome Andy Anderson, Mike Hayward and Laura Pheils for the first time. Andy had attended an OL reunion at SLC in June and arrived with old school photos of his time at the college. Interestingly Mike Hayward is Andy's dentist in Sydney!

Regretfully Paul and Connie Dixon were unable to join us; however we did call Paul during lunch

to fill him in on events and enjoy his usual humorous anecdotes. Paul normally attends the lunch wearing his old school tie which is now about 8cm long. We thought it high time he had a new one and Ann's Mum kindly organised one from the college and posted it out to Paul.

Belinda Piper and her husband were due to join us but sadly had to cancel at the last minute. Belinda has kindly offered to host the next OL lunch in November 2012 - more details will be posted on Facebook to confirm the date.

A good time was had by all, so much so that we forgot to take a photo this year!

The highlight of the day was Julian Boulnois reciting part of a poem he wrote about his time at SLC. See **page 13**.

Over the years our group has grown and it is obvious from the camaraderie that everyone enjoys meeting up and reminiscing of their time at the college.

OLs Mark Newman, Johnny Marchant and Ann Brockbank met up in late November after work and talked about organising a more regular and informal catch up for drinks throughout the year.

No dates have been planned as yet, however once confirmed they will be posted on Facebook and via email.

LET'S GET TOGETHER

In 2010 the first OL reunion in Hong Kong took place, kindly arranged by Henry Chan.

Sadly in 2011 a reunion was not able to take place, but with so many OLS (and those OLs now based in Hong Kong) we are very keen to build on the success of the first reunion and ensure a great '2012 - Year of the Dragon' Reunion takes place.

The Headmaster, Rev. Mark Aitken is hoping to visit Hong Kong in the Autumn and would love to attend, should it happen then!

If you are interested in attending a reunion in Hong Kong, please do let us know (kerry@olsociety.co.uk).

We would also love to hear from you if you are interested in helping to organise, or have any

ideas for these events. We would dearly like to see reunions happening in all other parts of the world too, so if you can't visit the College, don't despair, let SLC and the OLs

come to you! Contact the Society by phone, email, LinkedIn or Facebook groups - Old Lawrentian Society to discuss how we can make these happen.



COURTENAY REUNION, OCTOBER 2011



October's OL annual dinner provided the ideal opportunity for many former Courtenay pupils to attend, particularly those celebrating 50 years in leaving the school and venturing into the outside world.

Deemed the house of lost souls by many, most of us were triggered into over-achieving in commerce and industry, as well as the professions of finance, banking, legal, surveying and accountancy, to compensate for the blanket view of the house.

The occasion was marked by the annual lunch get-together celebration at the Crab and Winkle in Whitstable where nine attended this year, which set the scene for a wonderful day. The Chablis was well chilled and the local fish up to the usual high standard.

A celebration of Courtenay house took place in the Library, where former pupils were able to look into the past and view many prized photographs and other memorabilia.

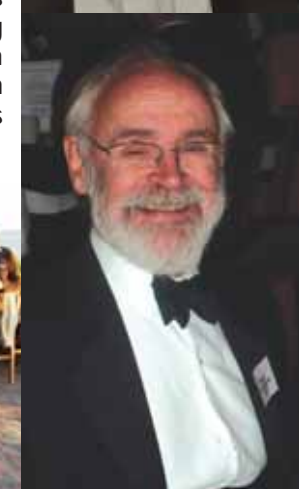
Many could not recognise their fellow housemates, much less themselves! The House leavers of 1961 accounted for many of the attendees, but it must also be recorded that there were leavers of many earlier and later years, whose presence was much appreciated.

Our grateful thanks go to Kerry Brown who collated the numerous billboard photographs and other items, provided from School records and private collections.

A glass (or two) was taken in memory of the much misunderstood Samuel Speakman, aka Sozzle.

AD Masters

Courtenay attendees included: Geoff Shaw, Last House Master of Courtenay, Peter Mantle (1952), Stephen Samuels (1952), Michael Hunter (1956), Gerald Fairholme (1957), Chris Thompson (1957), Michael Jeans-Jakobssen (1960), Colin Dorling (1960), David Masters, (1961), Tony Singer (1961), Martin Barron (1961), James White (1961), Colin Balaam (1962), Adrian Grinsted (1962), David Melliar Smith (1962), Brian Clements (1963), Roger Foyle (1963) and Malcolm Iliff (1963).





OL UPDATES



The boat hit the shore. This was Freetown. This was Mercy Ships. I hopped onto a jeep surrounded by exuberant Africans. A man with a megaphone used it to play music, interrupted only by a grateful and jubilant shout of 'We love MeSSI ShEEPs'.

What a change in perspective a year can bring. After a few months of work, preceded by several months of the more arduous task of finding a job, I entered 2011 seeking adventure.

On the menu was two months working in the Tibetan region of western China for an ecological charity run by Dad's friend, followed by a trip to the wild and unexplored regions of Sierra Leone working for the biggest hospital ship in the world, Mercy Ships.

My favourite moments in China included visiting the Terracotta Army; sampling the vast array of exotic and, sometimes questionable street food; working alongside a wonderful team doing rehabilitation for disabled earthquake victims in remote villages on the Tibetan plateau; seeing the largest water fountain display in the world; exploring the backstreets of an average Chinese city and driving across some of the most stunning expanses of scenery imaginable.

In both countries I met some wonderful people. In Africa I shared the ship with many nationalities, a community characterised by laughter, energy, godliness and a kindness beyond what I had known previously.

While I was in Africa, of the 10 people I worked alongside, three had children with malaria. And those working on the ship were the lucky ones.

You would pass the unlucky ones, disabled and dragging themselves along in the streets.

But did I have the guts to give them 10,000 leones, £1.30? No I didn't. Why? Because the need found in these areas was staggering.

Just in Sierra Leone? No, in Tibet, too, poverty was also rife. In the remote villages one would be met with cynical, hopeless, withered, leathery



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looks of aggrievement. Their lives were fights; they were in for the long haul, fighting the bitter weather, their situation, the Chinese persecution and an array of petty feuds with neighbours. People here did not pull together as a community but would fight with an independent desperation.

I met one family in which the Dad had to look after two disabled daughters, alongside a degenerating wife and an underdeveloped son.

He also worked a manual job. I know that I will never be that strong and I definitely hope I don't have to harden myself in that way.

In Africa, I played ultimate Frisbee in front of a bemused fan-base of African boys. I saw amazing operations performed, people dancing and praising God as they regained their sight or learnt how to walk again.

I visited the a glorious wide-sweeping golden beach and stayed overnight under thatched huts. I swam out to islands covered in banana-laden palms by day, and by night, listened to waves washing slowly against the beach

I worked in the dental team as an assistant one day, visited orphanages on the next and hacked my way through dense jungle to climb peaks overlooking Freetown on others.

Arriving back in the UK was a huge culture shock: making the transition back to the slow pace of home life before being bamboozled by Freshers' week was mind-boggling.

The materialism and insecurity of British society was visible as I passed impassive faces in the street, rather than a smiling Sierra Leonean giving me a high-five or a wink.

I am now raising money for both Mercy Ships and Plateau Perspectives by doing a triathlon. I also want to support an African student, Abubakarr, through university.

I am so grateful that I was given the chances I had by these two organisations, which gave me a life-changing adventure I will not forget.

Niall Anderson, (Newlands 2003-2010)



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JAMES BARDEN



I attended St. Lawrence College mainly, because my father and uncle had been at the College. My father Peter J. Barden ('59) and the late David J. Barden ('57) both were in Grange. (the Sporty House!)

At a certain age, one always looks back at one's school days with rose-tinted specs! But actually it was a pretty tough time, with the first year of "fagging".

This was certainly a wake up call after being the boss at prep school! But at least I can sweep the kitchen floor to an inch of its life - only now I do not have to do it on all fours! It was hard, but we certainly knew how to keep our areas clean and understood the meaning of discipline.

I now have the honour of being on the OL committee at St Lawrence and I can see how the school has evolved and changed over the years. I believe the success of a good independent school is down to its leader.

In Mark Aitken, we are fortunate to have an excellent Headmaster who we should all be really proud of and support in any way we can.

Like many OLs, I run my own business. After 20 years of designing, sourcing and making for other brands (Hackett, Crew, John Lewis and the White Stuff to name just a few), last year I started James Caxton, a small own-brand

(www.jamescaxton.com) aimed at providing clothing with quality and detail to the over 25s.

It's a British brand, which is conservative with a hint of extravagance.

All OLs (especially ex-Grange boys, including the two I employ) would obviously be eligible for special prices!

James E. Barden (Grange-Courtenay, 1984)

DR JULIAN BOULNOIS



Memories abound or maybe
distance lends enchantment
Hindsight so easily censors out the
blurs

My peer group then were spotty
little school boys

My peer group now are
professionals or astronauts or
emigres

They've spread themselves about
from Antipodes to Broadstairs

The keen boys, the suck-ups the
brains and the boffins

The runner boys, the sports
colours, even the head boys

They're levelled by the passing of
the years

The masters have passed on,
moved on or just faded away

With a past that is fuller than a
future that is gone

They are the men who have lived
off, have lived through

And now live forgotten by their
charges who've left them all behind

With the shabby inkstained lockers

near the rusty well worn windows
All levelled by reality by which all
life must needs be measured
by the time we have left
After the old school

Julian said: "I fear as the mind grows older it tends to become a little more nostalgic which can in itself become a point of mutual reference; my colleagues would call this projection, (I'm a psychiatrist).

I've worked in the sunny climes of South East Queensland for more than 30 years.

My interests have always been what makes people tick and that should be a journey that should begin with myself - hence my resort to scribbling of all sorts and kinds."

■ Read more about Julian at www.ontheothersideofthecouch.com

To read Julian's SLC poem in full, please go to the OL Website - www.olsociety.co.uk



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On arriving at the College my parents and I were greeted by the Grange Housemaster Harold Clarke who asked me what I wanted to do after leaving St Lawrence College,” said Anthony John Bowell (Grange 1949-1954)

“I replied that I wished to be a jockey, as having ridden from the age of five, this was something I could do well.

He looked aghast and assured my father (who was in shock) that I would be prepared for some career more in keeping with the public school education I was about to receive!”

After saying goodbye to his parents, Tony met John Rodin and Sam Musgrove who helped him integrate into College life. They became good friends as did Chris Burley, Jimmy Coombes, Lewis Stewart, John Slocombe, Roy

TONY BOWELL



The Bowell family

Davison and Martin Twyman.

Tony left the College with just two O-Levels (he admits to spending too much time on the sports field!) and followed in his father's footsteps by entering the construction industry. He completed a two-year diploma and became a Junior Quantity

Surveyor for Robert McAlpine's Company. Five years later he joined the family building firm as an Estimator/Quantity Surveyor and stayed there for 20 years until his father died and the business was wound up. He then joined Pike Ltd, Ramsgate, becoming a director and retiring in 2000.

Tony's love of sport continued and over the years he played club rugby, club cricket, hockey for East Kent and Kent. He also sailed, continued horse riding and now plays golf at St Augustine's, Ramsgate where he is Club Captain.

He has also been a Herne Bay rotarian for 30 years.

He met Jackie, his second wife, in the mid-1970s and they have been married for more than 30 years. Tony has four children, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Although it had been twenty years since I last visited the college, as soon as I stepped into the dining hall, I felt as if I had never been away - the smell of Friday's fish and chips brought back so many memories,” said Fiona Young-Brown (Bellerby/Laing 1983-1990). “Rushing through lunch before choir practice. Teachers telling us to stop running in the halls. The time I read in the morning chapel service and was terrified that I might slip as I walked down the aisle. Landing in a helicopter on the junior school soccer field after a day of CCF training. Rehearsals for concerts and plays. The sponsored walk of 26 miles around Thanet, with teachers lounging in deckchairs at each checkpoint. Speech days ... cheering on the sports teams ... so many wonderful memories. And I'm proud to say I can still remember the first verse of the school song.”

Now settled in the United States, Fiona grew up in Ramsgate and attended St. Lawrence along with her two sisters. Before entering university, she visited the Bavarian Alps for the summer. This first taste of overseas living left her thirsting for more, and so she spent her junior year of college braving the winter cold and summer floods of Iowa, USA.

FIONA YOUNG-BROWN

After graduation she spent the next three years living in a small town in rural Japan, working as a school teacher.

The experience profoundly influenced Fiona's life. In addition to meeting her future husband there, she developed a love of the culture that continues to this day. From Japan to Iowa again, Fiona entered a PhD program in Women's Studies and Japanese. She also volunteered for several women-focused non-profits and served on the Board of Directors for a women's clinic. She then took a teaching position at the University of Kentucky and moved to Lexington, which has been her home since 2001.

Fiona now works as a writer, editor, and life coach.



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I've always written fiction. Even when I was in the sixth form at St Lawrence, I would write short stories in the hope of one day being published,” said Tessa Harris (nee Pennell).

An inspirational school talk by the author Margaret Drabble confirmed her ambition. And now her dream has come true with a three-book deal that is attracting top critics' attention.

“History has always been a passion and this was greatly encouraged by my teacher, Andrew Brown,” says Tessa, who was also occasionally taught by Chris Throndsen.

She attended SLC when the college took girls in the sixth form from St Stephen's College in Broadstairs (1975-77).

She stayed on an extra term to sit the Oxbridge exam, boarding at former head John Binfield's house. She won a place at St Hugh's College, Oxford.

Wanting to write full-time meant that Tessa actually accepted a job as a croupier at a London Casino.

“Luckily I was also offered a job as a trainee reporter on my local newspaper in Lincolnshire and was persuaded that that would be a better career move!” she said. That was 30 years ago and since then Tessa has written for dozens of national magazines and newspapers, while continuing to write fiction ‘out of hours’.

Her first novel, *The Anatomist's Apprentice* is an historical murder mystery published in the US just before Christmas.

It recently featured in the New York Times, something almost unheard of for a debut British author, and is receiving favourable reviews. She will also be heard on National Public Radio in the States very soon. Book sales are doing well and an audio book has been

TESSA HARRIS

released, narrated by the award-winning actor Simon Vance.

Married with two children and living in Berkshire, she wrote ‘*The Anatomist's Apprentice*’ in her spare time while editing a regional magazine.

Now, however, she can concentrate on writing fiction full-time. “I used to have a poster on my wall at school with the quotation: ‘Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true’. It's taken a very long time and endless rejections, but I'm so glad I carried on writing. My dream



really has come true.”

The Anatomist's Apprentice is available through Amazon and will be on sale in UK book stores this summer.

For more information visit www.tessaharrisauthor.com

The *Anatomist's Apprentice* is the first installment in what will be a suite of Dr Thomas Silkstone novels. Set in the smoky lanes of 18th-century London and the rolling acres of Oxfordshire, the novel is a gripping yarn somewhat in the vein of a Holmes and Watson narrative, complete with damsel in distress (Lady Lydia Farrell), dashing science-sleuth (Silkstone) and a cast of supporting characters who add a veneer of Georgian verisimilitude.

American-born anatomist and surgeon Silkstone is hard at work at the dissecting table when he is called to an audience at the Oxfordshire seat of Lady Lydia Farrell, sister of a recently deceased (and, it is thought, murdered) brother and wife to an irascible Irish army Captain (who stands to inherit his

brother-in-law's estate on his death). Unassuming and non-partisan, Silkstone sets about the business of performing an overdue autopsy. What emerges from this medical intervention is a tangle of mysterious lies,

subterfuge, subplots and dead-ends which entice the reader and establish the basis for many chapters of page-turning delight, an I might say, a successful example of a surprise ending. I certainly enjoyed this novel as an extended ‘Holmes and Watson’

escapade. What will be interesting to see in the future is where Harris takes Dr Silkstone from here. Overall then, an enjoyable holiday read and a debut which delivers all the expected ingredients of a classic mystery novel.

Review by SLC Head of English, Mr Christian Taylor





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HANNAH MILLS AND ANNA MACINTOSH

Hannah Mills and Anna Macintosh receive their Gold DoE awards from the Duke of Edinburgh at St James' Palace



In July 2011, Hannah Mills (Laing 2010) and Anna Macintosh (Bellerby 2010) attended St James' Palace to receive their Gold Awards presented by the Duke of Edinburgh, HRH Prince Philip himself.

Anna is in her second year studying sports management at the University of Central Lancashire. She is currently undergoing a work placement at an outdoor centre in Glasgow and has just completed a GNAS Archery course to become a qualified Archery teacher.

On completion of her studies Anna is hoping to travel the world living and working with different cultures, as there is a demand for adventure sports managers and instructors abroad.

Hannah is in her second year of a four-year course studying Human Sciences at Sussex University and is looking forward to spending part of her third year studying in the USA at Oregon State University.

Peter Winter (Junior School 1990-93, Tower 1993-96) said: "It is with great pleasure that I can announce to the OL Society and to the College that I have gained qualifying times for the selection trials this month (March) for the August Paralympics.

I'll never forget my time at the college. I wasn't very good at sport, then came one summer in the pool and I pretty much won all my races!

I owe my success to the swimming coaches and teachers but particularly Nick Jones for opening up the pool in an evening which helped me enormously onto the very long path way to where I am now.

It was three years ago that I rediscovered my old love for swimming. It was tough to begin with though, as I could only manage half an hour. Now I'm doing six hours a week (on average) over a four-day cycle in the pool, and two hours over two days, land training in the gym.

Since gaining my Function Ability Card last year due to having mild cerebral palsy, I have had a rollercoaster 12 months.

My achievements have been far better than I would ever have hoped. In the last 12 months I have represented Newmarket in the Suffolk Masters Championships and gained four Silvers and one Gold. West Suffolk Masters' Summer Trial saw me come 2nd Overall; East Region Masters delivered three Silvers and two Bronze, and the East Region Disability Championships resulted in winning two Gold medals. I have also represented Newmarket in Sheffield at the

PETER WINTER



Peter Winter will be aiming for the paralympics this month when he competes in the qualifying trials



National Masters and in the coming months I will be representing the East region in the DSE National Short Course Championships and Newmarket in the East Region Winter Championships.

If you should know of any companies or individuals who would be willing to support an Old Lawrentian in their quest to be a Paralympic Swimmer, World Disability Championship Swimmer and to enter the European Disability Championships, I would be very grateful of their support and would love to hear from you / them.

I will keep the Society abreast of developments and my progress in swimming, and hopefully you will see me at the Paralympics this August!



OL DAY - MARCH 26TH, 2011



March's OL Day saw nearly 80 guests revisiting the College. Welcome drinks served in the New Sports Hall offered great opportunity to view the facilities whilst meeting old friends and new.

The Headmaster then whisked everyone away to host lunch in the Dining Hall, followed by tours for those who wished to revisit old haunts and check out the new.



A bright, crisp spring day meant there were plenty of spectators for the Hockey - great fun was had with a very enthusiastic OL team, and much cheering on, though sadly they could not rally enough to beat the school side which deftly defeated the Ols with a final score of 7-2.

Rod Wilkening was extremely pleased by scoring the first of the two OL goals - especially as he hadn't played in rather a long time!

The college team's year had seen rather mixed results, so this resounding win made for a celebratory end to the season for them. Congratulations this year to SLC, OLs; there is always next year ...

The OL Rifle Club successfully defended the Gale Cup and the OL vs SLC Badminton was well attended. Sadly the results were not logged though it was great to see both Jacky Wong (Lodge '05) and Ho Mann Danny Tang (Lodge '06) back at the college and showing their expertise on court.

A surprise other pair to play against the school were Robert Fromow, (Lodge '58) and Brian Gale (Manor '57), who hot footed it straight from the Shooting match to participate.

Some people are so competitive!

Thank you to all the players, we hope to see you again for 2012's OL Days in March and June.

The day was complete once we had all re-grouped in the Library for drinks and tea followed by the AGM.





OL EVENTS - CAREER SHOWCASE



We would like to invite you to the Old Lawrentian's informal Career and Study Showcase with the Senior School.

We know OLs go on to have some incredibly varied and interesting careers. We also know in these times, it is crucial that students choose the correct career path for them to ensure course completion and employability.

What a great idea then, to invite OLs spanning the whole spectrum of career possibilities, to meet current Lawrentians, to chat and discuss experience, knowledge, ideas and to have some important questions answered in a relaxed setting.

So if you'd like to inspire our seniors and share your passion for your work, please get in touch.

You may even spot a future employee!

Those OLs who are currently at University, can impart their knowledge to current pupils and also benefit from talking to other OLs further on in their career paths.

This will be a great event with OLs present and future meeting and networking and we do hope you will join us.

Please contact kerry@olsociety.co.uk to sign up and discuss further, as soon as possible.

Can't make the date? We would still like to hear where you went, what you did/ what you do... for our 'Alumni Board' displayed for the day.

This will be the opening event of OL Day. Later events will include the OL Vehicle Display, School Fete, OL Sports and family BBQ.

PRESTIGE AND VINTAGE VEHICLE DISPLAY



Old Lawrentians

Come and display your Wonderful CLASSIC & PRESTIGE VEHICLES

Saturday 16th June 2012
Arrival by 11am Display open 12- 5pm

Part of OL Day & School Fete **CELEBRATIONS**

*Dedicated to the Memory of O/L & Vehicle Enthusiast:
Rev. John Richards
1939—2011*

Download our Entry Form & further details from our website at www.olsociety.co.uk

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OL DAY - SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE 2011



Blessed with a beautiful sunny day, OLs came from far and wide for a get together on the Headmaster's lawn for drinks, followed by lunch, tours, tennis and cricket.

It was lovely to see so many young families joining in with the fun, and we were thrilled to meet Andy Anderson who visited us on a trip from Australia!

Thank you to everyone who came. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this year's June OL day which has some 'extra' events planned.

■ Check out the OL Calendar on page 3



Beep Beep - Have you got a fantastic vehicle that you love and would like others to look at and love too?

If so, make sure you reserve your place for the first Old Lawrentian and Friends Prestige and Vintage Vehicle Display. It is being held at St Lawrence College on June 16th, in memory of Rev. John Richards.

If you don't have one, make sure you come along and enjoy the display - as well as all the other fun happening that day.

All classes are welcome.

Some top names confirmed and lined up include: Jaguar, Swallow, Mercedes, Ferrari, Caterham, TR5, a couple of motorbikes ... even the odd tractor!



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIRTHS

Nick and Clair Marchant (Tower '79 and Laing '98) are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Matilda Daphne Marchant who was born on May 9th 2011 at home in East Kent. Her sister Clemmie is very happy to have a little sister!



Charles (Newlands '02 and now SLC School Master) and Jane Sharp are proud to announce the birth of their first child Oscar Henry Joseph Sharp. He was born at 2.30am on 6th April 2011, at QEQM, Margate, weighing 6lbs, 14oz.



Iain Mars (Manor '75) and wife Cristina are pleased to announce the birth of their son Philip James on 19th October 2011.



My beautiful little boy Leo da Costa was born on the 27th April 2011. He is now an 11-month old terror, crawling and babbling and getting himself into all sorts of trouble.

Anna da Costa
(nee Shearer - Laing '98)

Tony Singer (Courtenay '61) and wife Judi celebrated 40 years of marriage on May 8th 2011 and celebrated with a memorable trip to the USA in September.

They flew to Las Vegas where, after two nights avoiding gambling temptations, they drove via the Hoover Dam into Arizona, travelling along Route 66 to the Grand Canyon, then into New Mexico and Colorado. Flying from Denver to Florida they spent a week relaxing on the Florida Keys. For Tony it was an opportunity to visit some parts of the USA that he had not seen despite having worked in New York for two years

RUBY WEDDING

in the late 60s and travelling there regularly on business whilst working as an international steel trader - a career that took him all over Europe, the Far East and North and South America.

He spent many years travelling in the former Soviet Union and was head of his company's USSR offices. He is still involved in the industry through his role of President of the International Steel Trade Association. Tony says old steel men never retire, they just get a bit rusty!



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEDDINGS

Lara Grant (Bellerby 2003) married Jonny White (Tower 2003) on 5th November 2011 in West Sussex. The couple, who currently live in London, first met in second form in Cameron House and became a couple in their final year at St Lawrence.



DIAMOND WEDDING



John (Manor '39) and Monica Churchill celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2011.

They were married at South Woodford, Essex on August 11th 1951, having both worked at Felsted Junior School for a few years before that date. John Churchill worked in several schools during his teaching career, including two headships. He and his wife retired to Norfolk in 1981, where they have both led active lives, especially in the local community.

They have a son and three daughters, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Raman S. Chhabra (Newlands '87) and Andrea S. Harknett were married in the St Lawrence College Chapel on October 15th 2011.

Andrea and Raman first met about 20 years ago. They bumped into each other years later in Broadstairs after Raman returned from working in New York.

The wedding service was conducted by Rev Phillip Musindi and the reception held at Winters Barns in Canterbury. Many OLs attended the wedding including best man Leigh Willsmer (MG then Newlands '88) and both Geoffrey Philpotts ('56 and '85).

Many OLs commented on how lovely it was to return to SLC and show their husbands/ wives and children where they had gone to school. The Chhabras spent a few days after their wedding in Hampshire and will honeymoon (eventually) in Italy. They would like to thank all the staff at SLC who did so much to make it such a special day for everyone.





OBITUARIES



Ian Spencer Barrett, 28.11.45-30.9.2011, (1952 - 1962 Junior School & Courtenay)

Brother of the late David Barrett (OL), father to sons Lawrence and Matthew (OLs) and daughters Georgia and Maxine, Ian was a larger-than-life character.

An England hockey indoor international, he was known as 'The Hitman'.

In 1963 aged 17, he joined Hounslow Hockey Club. Playing mainly at outside left, Ian soon made it into the 1st XI and went on to captain the side for two years in the mid-70s. He was a regular with the Ladykillers side playing against the Services' sides, University sides and also at the annual Folkestone Easter hockey festival.

He played many times for Middlesex and was a member of the side which won the county championship in 1977. It was his outstanding indoor international career for which Ian will be best remembered. With David Barker at Hounslow he forged such a great partnership that they became the first choice pairing for the England indoor side for many years.

He was the main short corner striker for England in late 70s and scored a record 86 goals in 43 internationals.

In recent years Ian moved to Aberdeen to be nearer his family. He has been cremated in the Philippines and his request that his ashes be scattered in the North Sea will be carried out by his family at a private ceremony.

J.H.C Peters, 30.1.1916 - 25.1.2012 (Manor 1929-1924)

John Henry Colclough Peters passed away in January a few days shy of his 96th birthday. He won a scholarship to SLC and whilst at the College won the Chippendall Maths Prize in 1934. He was on the School Boxing Team in 1932 and 1933 and won Rugby XV colours in 1933 and Hockey XI Colours for 1933-1934.

Michael James Cooper -1948-2011 (1962-1967 Manor)

Son of OL C.J.S. Cooper (Manor '34), Michael was born and brought up in Dulwich, South East London. After attending SLC following in his father's and great uncle's footsteps, he went on to Manchester University, where he read English and Drama, before embarking on a career in advertising.

He married Geraldine in Malta in 1974 and had

two daughters, Lucia and Louisa May and latterly two grandchildren. Always a kind and generous man, he will be remembered for his great sense of humour and ready witticisms. Michael James Cooper passed away on March 1st, 2011 after suffering a heart attack.

Jonathan Paul Coverley, 12.1.1961-9.5.2011 (1975 - 1978 Newlands)

Jonathan Coverley was a dearly beloved son to Anne and dear brother to Helen. Anne and Helen, and Helen's family will miss Jonathan very much, but know he is at rest now with the Lord.

Keith James England, 6.12.1937-6.5.2010 (Grange 1952-1954)

Keith England was born in South East London, and grew up with brother David (Grange 1951-1953) Together they were evacuated to Malvern, Worcs and Witham. Essex, during the war years.

The family moved to Whitstable in Kent in 1948 and we were educated locally and then at SLC. Keith joined Chessingtons the Architect and surveying firm in London, and then joined the RAF for two years' National Service, serving in Malta. After demob, he went into engineering, starting up his own tool making business.

He had lived in Ashford, Southern Ireland for several years, Banbury, Oxon and eventually settled in Cornwall, his final address being in Bude. Anybody that knew Keith during his lifetime would vouch that he was a kind hearted person who would do anything for anybody.

Keith suffered a stroke at home and later passed away in Barstaple Hospital on 6th May 2010. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. He will be sorely missed.

Michael Murphy, 22.1.37-27.3.2011 (Newlands 1948-1954)



Mike's early life, as was most children's in London during the war, was spent moving with his mother Betty, and siblings to various safe havens whilst his father Pat fought in Europe.

Settling in Westgate-On-Sea, he began a very happy time at SLC. He absolutely loved the sport there and nearly all his memories



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were of teams and victories. On leaving school he became a cub reporter in Blackburn and after National Service in the R.A.O.C he joined the Sunday Express as a circulation Rep.

This began a career in the press and he retired as Chief Executive of the Express Group.

Mike married Jane in 1960. Three children, Jamie, Lucinda and Helen, and seven grandchildren later, they celebrated their Golden Wedding the previous year.

The Reverend Jim Neill, 1941-2010, (Grange 1953-1959)



Reverend Jim Neill was born in Fremington North Devon in 1941 and was the middle of five, children including David (Grange 1952-57), and Richard (Grange 1957-61).

Jim was a keen sportsman, playing in the cricket 1st XI as wicket keeper, and rugby 1st XV as full back.

Shortly after leaving SLC, he went to Oak Hill Theology College where he trained for the ministry. He then became curate at St Thomas in Kendal from 1964-68, Chaplain to Parkhill flats in Sheffield from 1968-71 and from there he went to be Priest-in-Charge at Mansfield from 1971-77 before taking up the living at St Ann's with Emmanuel in Nottingham where he stayed until his retirement in December 2008.

Sadly he was cruelly struck down with Motor Neurone Disease in mid-2009 and died in Queen's Medical centre in Nottingham on January 30th 2010 at the age of 68.

A tribute from one of Jim's parishioners sums him up well. "We can humbly thank God for these past 32 years poured out and spent on our behalf. We have a firm place to go forward from, a pastor to honour, and the ever hopeful future in Christ, of which he made himself a signpost."

Jim leaves behind a wife and four children.

Stuart Ottowell 26.1.1923 - 21.8.2010 (Tower 1937-40)

Stuart Ottowell published his first book, Chhe-Saat, aged 85. Stuart's memoirs covered the time (1942-1945) he spent with the 6th Battalion of the 7th Rajput



Regiment, Indian Army, on the North-West frontier to its fight south through Burma against the Japanese.

He was involved with transport, both mules and mechanised. Upon his return to Britain in 1945, Stuart had the honour of presenting a Japanese sword to Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery on behalf of all officers, NCOs and men of the 6th Battalion.

Graham Price, 1934-2011, (Grange 1946 - 1952)



Graham Price was born in Sheppey in 1934. His father was stationed there with the Royal Air Force.

Until 1940 he moved around a lot with his father's postings and in 1940 the family moved to Amesbury in Wiltshire, where Graham and his mother spent the war years while his father was in the Far East.

When his father returned in 1946 the family moved eastwards along the A303 to the next town, Andover. It was from here that Graham left home to go to St. Lawrence College.

Graham left SLC in 1952 to do his two years' National Service with the Royal Artillery. He spent most of his time in Korea; fighting until the truce was called, then guarding the border.

When he returned to England in 1954 he had a place waiting for him with Barclays Bank D.C.O. Graham had always wanted to see more of the world and, after two and a half years in London learning banking and becoming engaged to his future wife Jill, Graham was off overseas again. This time to Dar Es Salaam in Tanganyika.

Graham was in Africa for nearly 30 years until he retired and returned to England. He lived in Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia. He saw many changes take place, and civil wars.

There were nights in Western Uganda when he had to sleep with a revolver under his pillow, on instructions from the local police chief!

When Graham returned to England he lived in the village of Overton, not far from Andover and his childhood haunts. Graham and Jill spent twenty very happy years there, before being persuaded by their sons to move closer to them in Sussex. Graham spent his last years near his sons, Paul and Richard (both OLs), and had great pleasure from his five grandchildren.



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**The Reverend John Richards,
2.1.1939 - 19.6.2011, (Lodge House
1953-58)**

John Richards was born in Bournemouth and spent his early years there. He became a choirboy at St. John's, Boscombe, and felt God's call to the Anglican Priesthood aged nine.

He came to St. Lawrence College in 1953. He enjoyed English and History, and excelled at Art, gaining a distinction at A-Level. As preparation for one of his papers he sneaked out of school at night to go up to the railway station and draw the trains lit by gaslight! He was also very musical, and could often be found playing the piano in the dining hall for the catering staff's amusement.

After St. Lawrence, John got a B.A. from Durham university before going on to Ridley Hall Theological College. He also did teacher training at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and a year in industry in Sheffield - before being ordained in Winchester Cathedral in 1964.

Following several years of parish ministry, a research fellowship and a couple of years as a school chaplain at Canford School, God called John into a speaking ministry.

In 1973 he moved to Fountain Trust - speaking in parishes and conferences about the work of the Holy Spirit, the Good News and the Church's Healing Ministry. He spoke at conferences across Europe and Australia. He also spent nine years as secretary of the Bishop of Exeter's Study Group on Exorcism.

It was out of this experience that he wrote 'Deliver Us From Evil' which remains a standard work on the Deliverance Ministry. As demand for John's teaching grew, he and his wife Rosemary set up the charity Renewal Servicing - a home publishing operation that sent out thousands of booklets and pamphlets each year.

When not working, John still enjoyed art,

playing the piano, vintage cars (particularly MGs) and air displays.

In the early 1980s John's son, Paul, was at St. Lawrence - also in Lodge House. On a couple of occasions John managed to coax an elderly MG TA to Ramsgate and back for a Speech Day.

By the end of the 1980s John's hectic travelling schedule led to him being diagnosed with M.E. (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome). From then on public speaking was impossible, but he continued to write on a wide range of issues.

In 1991 John published a book about the Life and Times of the St. Lawrence railway engine. A copy was given to every boy in the school. The College owns one of the name-plates of the engine. John tracked down and eventually acquired the other one.

A move of house to Chertsey on the River Thames led John to swap his vintage car for a vintage boat - which turned out to be one of the Dunkirk Little Ships. This led to many years of involvement with the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships. John also found a little time for painting, and became a member of the Guild of Aviation Artists - exhibiting at their annual exhibitions in London.

In 1999 Renewal Servicing moved online with the website www.helpforchristians.co.uk, which made John's theological writing available around the world for free.

John continued to produce new articles for the website on a regular basis.

In 2009 John completed a massive research and writing project, with the web publication of a book on the Dunkirk Evacuation of 1940. This fascinating manuscript is available for free from www.dunkirk revisited.co.uk.

His friend Anthony Desch remembers John's love of art, music and of anything mechanical. He also remembers his devotion to the Christian faith.

Anthony said: "Throughout his life John retained his larger-than-life enjoyment of life, love of living and of people. He had a great interest in people and warmly engaged with them."

John was known and loved for his gentleness, kindness and sense of fun. He will be much missed by his wife Rosemary, and son Paul.

**Ian M Thompson, 9.1.45-1.3.11, (Lodge
1958-1963.**

We are sad to report that Ian Thompson passed away on March 1st, 2011. He had been suffering from acute myeloid leukaemia.



STARS OF SCREEN AND STAGE



In my capacity as OL Archivist I occasionally receive requests for information but frequently my searches (happily undertaken) have borne little fruit. Thus I suspect that G.R.S. Pennefather (Dark Blue, left 1923) will not occupy much space in the third volume of the aeronautical history of Cumbria, Dumfries and Galloway despite landing in Cumberland in 1935 and staying overnight.

In return I have sometimes learned a great deal more from the person who made the inquiry!

The case of John Reynolds Ruddock, pictured right, (Light Blue, 1910-1914) led me to wonder how many OL stars of stage and screen (excluding those who performed predominantly in a musical capacity) have escaped my notice.

Since I joined the staff in 1976, Siddig El Fadil (now known as Alexander Siddig) of 'Dr Bashir Star Trek' fame, was a member of Lodge from 1979-1984; Tarek Ramini (who starred in 'The Bill' and 'Casualty' amongst others) had two stints in Tower (1987-89 and 1991-93).

Before these two, were Eric Carte (Manor, left 1964) and Bill Paterson, known professionally as Bill Alexander (Manor, left 1966). Bill has made his name principally as a director at the Royal Shakespeare Company with a long list of productions from 1977 to 1991 and in 2003-04.

Eric has appeared in 'Midsomer Murders', 'Keeping Up Appearances', 'New Tricks' and 'Poirot'. He starred in 'Bouquet of Barbed Wire' and its sequel. He can also be seen as 'Agent One' in the recent film 'Johnny English Reborn'.

I am very grateful to Nicholas Ruddock for providing me with details of his father's career.

John Ruddock was born in Peru in 1897, the

first of seven children of his British father and American mother. On leaving SLC he joined the Liverpool Insurance Company before he volunteered to fight in the First World War.

He saw action on the Somme and at Passchendaele, where he suffered one of several wounds. On one occasion he survived being buried for 15 hours as a result of an artillery bombardment.

John Ruddock was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Northumberland Fusiliers and remained in the Army into the 1920s before entering the Royal College of Music and then the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts leading to a career in acting.

He was in Repertory in the 1930s and in 1931-32 he appeared in about a dozen productions with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford, to which he returned in 1947 to play John of Gaunt in 'Richard II' and Shylock in 'The Merchant of Venice'.

During the Second World War he worked for ENSA and in the 1950s and 1960s he performed many roles for the BBC both on radio and TV. These included appearances in 'A Christmas Carol' as Bob Cratchit and in episodes of 'Dixon of Dock Green' and 'The Avengers'. In 1971 he took the part of Whitgift in 'Elizabeth R', which starred Glenda Jackson. His final performance appears to have been in 1977 in 'Survivors'.

In his latter years he was a drama coach school at Guildford School of Acting. If this triggers off any thoughts about the above OLs, or others who have distinguished themselves in a similar sphere, I should be very glad to hear of them.

Andrew Brown, OL Archivist

OL CRICKET

Despite the result, the OL cricketers spent a very pleasant afternoon playing against the College 1st XI on OL Day in June.

The weather was most favourable and a good crowd enjoyed some entertaining cricket.

The OLs won the toss and elected to bat.

The loss of KB Asiedu in the first over was a severe blow, but following the loss of Gareth Birchley for 1, Charlie Collins and Nick Muncey steadied the ship in a partnership of 58 for the third wicket.

Unfortunately, once Collins had gone for 24, the rest of the OL batting subsided, thanks to some tight bowling and two run outs.

1ST X1 WON BY 8 WICKETS

Ninety five was not a huge target but the College batsmen were made to work for their runs as KB Asiedu and Aaron Conn hit a good line and length.

The early wicket of Jones encouraged the OL bowlers but Robbie Newbery and Alex Underhill dug in for the College to put on 47 for the second wicket. Nick Muncey bowled well to dismiss Underhill for 23, but the calm and assured batting of Tim Collins helped Newbery negotiate a tricky spell from Geoff Philpott to see the College home by 8 wickets with 3 overs to spare.



OL RIFLE CLUB



This year we were very pleased to welcome two new members, Alistair Mitchelhill and Tim Wagland, both from Thanet. They have been shooting regularly at Bisley this season and, with no shortage of enthusiasm, their scores have steadily improved.

As usual the shooting season started with the .22 match versus the College - the CS Gale Cup. This was held on OL Day, 26th March 2011, under the watchful eye of Range Officer Nigel Cavaglieri.

The OL team won with 478 points against the College's 447. Top scorer was Peter Thompson with 98, closely followed by Vernon Moffet with 97. Veteran team member Brian Gale, having shot in the match, immediately went off, together with Robert Fromow, to change into shorts and play badminton for the OLs. You can't hold back these shooters!

The year at Bisley has been marked by some excellent individual scores. The first fullbore match was held in April.

Here the OLs shot against the Old Albanians and won, with 297 as against OAs' 277.

Chris Weeden, shooting for the OLs, scored a 'possible' (highest possible score) at 600 yards and went on to win the President's Shield.

After this 'warm-up' match we had three major fixtures each with seven teams taking part.

The 'Q' match was won by our rivals Framlingham who scored 483, with OLs coming 2nd by one point with 482.

In May for the Long Range match (900 and 1000 yds) we had 10 OL shooters and so were able to put in two teams (A & B). The 'A' team came 4th. Well done to Chris Weeden and Noah Gamp who both got possibles at 900 yards.



Then in June we had the all-day match, this being shot at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. In the afternoon the heavens opened and we all got wet, but even so OLs managed to achieve 3rd place. Again two of the OLs got possibles - Peter Thompson and Noah Gamp - a creditable achievement, particularly as Peter's possible was at 1000 yards.

One of the matches of the annual Imperial Meeting at Bisley is the Public Schools Veterans. Having 10 OLs available for this match, for the first time ever we were able to enter two teams. With around 100 teams firing on the Century Range the OL 'A' team came 31st in the 'A' team list, and the

'B' team 18th in the 'B' list.

A few days later Chris Weeden and Peter Thompson shot as 'The Old Lawrentian Pair' in the Fulton Pairs and came 4th.

They scored 505 out of 510, and this included a total of four possibles at various ranges!

Our season concluded with the Club Championship and AGM at the end of September.

Congratulations go to Richard Bird who won two trophies, including the President's Cup, and the 600 yards cup was won by Mike Davison. After the prize-giving we sat down to a curry dinner in the dining room of the North London Rifle Association - a fitting way to round off the year at Bisley.

However, more was to follow. In October Peter Thompson flew out to Brisbane, Australia, with the Great Britain Veterans team. He commented that shooting with 'the best in the World' was a great experience. Many congratulations, Peter!

INVITATION TO OLRC 50TH ANNIVERSARY - MAY 26TH 2012

It was in 1962 that the OL Rifle club started up, under the leadership of the late Colonel 'Tommy' Thompson with a regular programme of matches every year.

To celebrate the Club's 50th birthday, we shall hold an Anniversary Shoot at Bisley on the afternoon of Saturday 26th May, 2010.

This event is open to all former OLRC members or SLC Shooting Team members with shooting experience.

The Match is one of individual performance rather than any team shooting and will be shot at 600 yards at 13.30.

The day will conclude with high tea in the clubhouse.

We would like to hear from any OL who used to shoot and who would like to try their hand again - you may well find you can still get a very good score!

The cost is £30 and numbers are limited. Please contact our Anniversary Secretary, Tim Wagland as soon as possible at timothywagland@hotmail.com or mobile 07971 842195 for more details and to reserve a place.

We hope you can join us.



PETER THOMPSON UPDATE



The shooting was good at the GB Veterans Event in Brisbane, Australia, in October 2011.

Although with a tricky wind - especially between 11am and 2pm when it was characteristically very variable - it was easy to pick up an outer in place of a wide '5' on the ICFRA targets!

All of us suffered at one time or another and our wind coaches in the Match obviously found the situation trying. At least the OL didn't let the side down - 2nd highest score in the Match!!

Although our Veterans Team did not perform exceedingly well coming 4th out of six, we were able to represent our Country, in a 'gentlemanly' and sportsmanlike fashion and it is also a pleasure to report that the official GB Palma team won the International match (in which we were not involved) with a clear margin of 35 points from South Africa, followed by USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

The World Long Range Championships (which took place during the following week) were very enjoyable - shooting every day at 800, 900 and 1000 yards alongside the 'best in the World' was a great experience!

Suffice to say that the trip was a great experience and it was a privilege to be able to



compete alongside what are in fact the best target rifle shooters in the world.

We then finished the trip with two weeks in Australia and a week in New Zealand so it was a good break.

■ For more photos and the team diary go to: www.lakeside-astro.com/gbvets.html

OL TENNIS

Saturday 25th June 2011 saw a keen College team unbeaten in matches this season, meet an OL side on a fine sunny afternoon.

Due to numbers, the match was made up of singles and doubles sets and after the first round the College led 2 - 0 after some convincing play.

In the second round the tables were turned somewhat with wins from Adrian Gates and Rodney Wilkening in a doubles set and a strong performance from Harry Dickens in a singles where he beat the current College 1st team captain Guide Wangsathaporn.

With all to play for and the score standing at 4-3 to the College after another good win from Harry and his partner Cem



Baltacioglu in the final round, it all boiled down to a final singles match between Adrian and a current pupil, Sam O'Sullivan.

At one point ahead five games to three unfortunately youth eventually told and the set and the day went to the College -

just. Final score 5 set to 3 and a narrow lost for the OLs.

■ The OL players were: Adrian Gates (1968), Richard Punyer (1979), Rod Wilkening (1984), Cem Baltacioglu (2007) and Harry Dickens (2007).



OL GOLF



The 2011 season was another good year for the OL Golf Society and started with 18 holes and lunch at the 2011 Open venue Royal St Georges.

The weather was kind and Kevin Vandrau one of our new members was overall winner.

The weather in the run up to our Captain's Day was poor and put many off, as a result it was felt by many that we should postpone until the temperatures increased!

The Spring Meeting went well as always a good joint turnout with the Old Dovorians.

Ian Steed won the Hyland Fling for the Singles in the morning and Charles Crawford and Chris Cagney won the Lovell Tankards.

Although we tried hard we struggled at Knole Park in qualification for the Grafton Morrish finals but are confident



Tim Dodd gets some tips from European Tour player Pablo Larazz

this year we will make it!

The Triangular match at Royal Ashdown was won by Dover and it is now two years since the OLs won it, too long!

The summer meeting at North Foreland for members and guests was well attended and John Banks won the guest prize with the OL competition

won by Andy Franklin. Andy won again with Bob Gray the better ball competition and Neil Cossey and John Lawn won longest drive and nearest the pin respectively.

The autumn meeting was again at Knole Park and the morning singles was won by Stephen Billings with Paul Hayward and David Bailey second and third. In the afternoon foursomes was won by Mike Wisdom and Stephen Billings.

As ever we would encourage all new leavers and anyone else who enjoys golf to get in touch and join us for a meeting or two, all standards of golf are welcome and we play some very nice courses, chosen for their menus as well as their playing qualities.

■ **Contact Tim Dodd, Sec. OLGS on 07775 761424 or tmhdodd@me.com**

JAMES BARDEN'S XI VS THE COLLEGE

SLC 0 - JB XI 8

The score does not do the St Lawrence team justice. For the first 22 minutes SLC worked hard with excellent running, passing and really should have scored with an excellent move down the right resulting in Wattenbach having to make a decisive tackle in the D to save an open goal.

The much more experienced JB XI worked the ball around with less energy, but with more directness in front of goal and went up by two at half time.

This was after the SLC keeper made a series of good saves from Bishop, Wilkening and Hickson, with Rout breaking the deadlock with a brace.

The second half started well for the College, but they just



lacked the final crucial pass in the last third of the pitch.

JB XI started to put more pressure on the College side, by hitting longer and direct passes to Hickson who was playing a deep centre forward.

Sadly for the College they could not handle his deft skill and he scored some great goals while outnumbered three to one. The College side has to learn maybe that the odd foul in the right place can save a

certain goal! This experience will surely come with time and although the score line looks bad, the College were certainly no push over. Until next time ...

■ **The team: J.Barden (ex England U21, Kent), L. Hare (Kent), J. Kingston, J.Wattenbach (Kent), S.Hare (ex England U18, Kent), A. Rout, T. Burton, R.Wilkening (OL), P. Hickson (Kent), M.Bishop (ex Wales, Kent), plus our SLC keeper Tommy.**



VALETE - DR DEREK SCALES RETIRES



We know many of you will remember Dr Scales with great fondness and will want to join us in wishing him well in his retirement from St Lawrence (Summer 2011).

During his 27 years on the staff he made an enormous impact on the development of the college, on its pupils and on its community as a whole.

He came to the St Lawrence College as Senior Classics Master in September 1984 after attending Durham and Cambridge Universities.

He also took up the role of resident tutor in Lodge House and held both of these positions for the entirety of his time here.

In running the Classics Department, Derek was able



to instil a real love and understanding of Latin and Greek into many pupils over the years.

He knew his tutees well and was dedicated to their welfare.

Large numbers of pupils came

to regard him as the person from whom to seek advice - and this was true of many staff as well.

There are without doubt many contributions that Derek made to the life of the college. Many readers will have their own special reasons to be thankful for what Derek has meant to them.

His departure will mean a great loss to the college, but he will, no doubt, enjoy an active retirement split between Cambridge and the Isle of Wight.

We thank him for his friendship, his wisdom and his service, and wish him every happiness in the years ahead.

■ **To read Dr Scales full 'Valet' please go to our website - www.olsociety.co.uk**

MEMORIES OF COURTEENHALL

A little addition to John Collins' recollections of Courteenhall from Gerry Caesar (Junior School and Tower 1934-1941).

Turning back the pages to Dunkirk etc. and on receipt of Mr Perfect's bad news, Mrs Foot, a forthright member of the Plymouth Brethren, got hold of my father (Leslie Caesar (SLC 1904-1912) and said: "He sounds like he might concede defeat and we cannot allow that to happen."

So they got together and arranged a crisis meeting in the Charing Cross Hotel with Dick Perfect, one or two Governors, Leslie Caesar and Mrs Foot.

I suspect this was the meeting which resulted in WGW's wonderfully successful search which discovered Courteenhall.

My days at Courteenhall only lasted four terms, by which time a number of the relatively senior boys had built the Nissen Hut laboratories, and considering our low numbers, we had a successful hockey season playing on St. Andrews Hospital pitch (didn't do as well at Rugby ... but then I was captain) and our cricket skills fell somewhere in between.

Memories of the Hall, the Village Church (for



which SLC provided most of the choir) and the teaching staff who did well under difficult circumstances.

Also the construction of a rugby pitch out of none-too-level farm land - the farmer played for Northampton and provided us with all the encouragement needed.

War notwithstanding, we enjoyed the privilege of living in this fine hall.

P.S. How we came to go to Seaford must be another story!



OL AGM NOTICE



Old Lawrentian Society Annual General Meeting - 24th March 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 5.15pm in the library at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate.

Agenda:

1. Attendance and apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the AGM 26th March 2011
3. Matters arising
4. To receive the President's report for the year since the last AGM
5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for the year to 31st August 2011
6. To elect the officers and committee for the ensuing year.

a) Your current President is standing down but remains a member of the committee until the AGM on March 24th 2012. Geoffrey Philpott (Newlands 1956) has been co-opted on to the committee as the President elect.

b) Hon Secretary – Clair Brown is also stepping down. It is proposed that Nick Jones (Grange 1976) is elected Hon Secretary. It should be

noted that under the rules the secretary has to be an OL. Nick Jones will be ably supported by Kerry Brown, Alumni Manager, who is not an OL (but is married to an OL) and handles the administration of the Society.

c) The following OFFICERS have been nominated for re-election (under Rule 11) as follows: Vice President, Chris Throndsen (1953), Hon Treasurer, John Isaac (1955), Alumni Manager, Kerry Brown.

d) Election of the Committee -To elect up to 12 members on the committee with new nominations as follows: Geoffrey Philpott (Newlands 1956), Anna Irwin (Laing 1998), Carol Chapman (St Stevens 1973), Jamie Clifford (Newlands 1994).

e) The following retire by rotation but are up for re-election: James Barden, Jonathan Webley, Joff Manning.

7. Any other business.
8. Date of next meeting.

GEOFFREY PHILPOTT STANDS FOR ELECTION



Geoffrey George Philpott will become President Elect of the OL Society, if elected at this month's AGM.

Geoff (Junior School 1946-1952, Senior School 1952-1956, Newlands) joined St Lawrence College when school fees were 19 Guineas a year.

He left school a year early as his father (a much older man) needed him to work on the farm. Sadly he died within four years of Geoff leaving SLC.

Geoff ran the family business for two years before starting out on his own in 1962, a year after marrying Anne (who sadly passed away in 2010).

Geoff has three daughters and a son: Joanne, Caroline, Geoffrey and Annabelle.

Geoffrey Jnr started at the Junior School in Autumn 1973

and went right through to Head of House (Newlands, 1985).

Geoff's youngest daughter, Annabelle, is also an OL.

Today Geoffrey Snr and Jnr are in business together. They are equal partners specialising in cauliflower products for export, wholesale, multiple and retail outlets.

Geoff is Chairman of Elmwood Seeds (a cauliflower breeding firm) and is on the boards of various trade organisations.

Other changes are proposed for the OL Committee. Nick Jones (Grange 1976) will take over the role of Hon. Secretary from Clair Brown (Laing 1998) and Anna Irwin (Laing 1998), Carol Chapman (St Stevens 1973) and Jamie Clifford (Newlands 1994) will stand for election onto the committee.



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We hope you enjoyed this year's OL News. Thank you to all who contribute year-on-year and to those OLs who have sent in updates. We do love to hear from you. If you would like to feature in next year's Old Lawrentian, get please get in touch with Kerry Brown, Membership and Alumni Manager on 01834 572932 or email kerry@olsociety.co.uk