

## **Barry Meadows Retires After 28 Years of Service**

Barry Meadows joined the College in 1991 and has been a significant influence on the success of the cricket pitches over the years. His commitment to the College grounds is legendary and he has rapidly covered great distances whether riding a mower or almost running behind it. His pride and joy has always been the cricket pitches, in particular The Back, and his devotion and love of the grounds has been second to none. It was not unknown for him to nip back to work in the evening from his home in Framlingham to keep watering The Back to ensure that it was presented to the highest quality. He was very proud and protective of The Back and therefore not slow to reprimand any student or member of staff who might have inadvertently wandered across during the growing season!

Just before the COVID-19 closedown and social distancing came into force Framlingham College were able to mark Barry's retirement from the Grounds Staff. Barry and his grounds colleagues enjoyed a full breakfast in the College Dining Hall before he was presented with a farewell gift from the Principal, Louise North.

He will be retiring locally and he and his wife Angela will also be enjoying a VIP Visit to Old Trafford as a farewell gift from his Grounds colleagues. The school is very grateful for his many loyal years to the College and wish him well in his retirement.

"Barry has worked tirelessly over the past 28 years in presenting the College grounds and sports pitches to the highest standard" says Andrew Payn, Operations Director 'and he is also well-known for producing the grass courts for the annual Framlingham Tennis Tournament. He thoroughly deserves the opportunity to now enjoy watching sport at the College, walk the estate footpaths to the castle and enjoy the view back across the Mere to see all that he has helped to create and maintain for so long'.

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Attached photo shows Barry Meadows receiving farewell present from Principal of Framlingham College, Louise North.

