



Colts Cricket

Outdoor practices begin this week as follows:

Age Group	School Year	Practice Nights	First Practice
Under 9	4	Tuesdays	19 th April
Under 10	5	Tuesdays	19 th April
Under 11	6	Wednesdays	20 th April
Under 12	7	Fridays	22 nd April
Under 13	8	Mondays	18 th April
Under 14	9	Mondays	18 th April
Under 15	10	Thursdays	21 st April
Under 16	11	Thursdays	21 st April
Kwik Cricket Under 8s*	3 & below	Tuesdays	3 May

Sessions 6.15 - 7.45 pm
* sessions ends 7.30 pm

Enquiries to grahamw.mills@btinternet.com

League matches begin in May.

We would welcome help with running the teams, coaching, umpiring, scoring etc. We can arrange training opportunities with all these aspects.

Help needed!!!

We could also do with help with ADMINISTRATION specifically with Clubmark Re-accreditation and exploring funding opportunities. These are not really cricket specific and we are increasingly aware that we are not spending sufficient time on these areas because this work is falling on those devoting considerable time to the cricket aspects of running a club with 300 juniors, so help please!!!! This about keeping records, chasing people up and reading forms.

Graham Mills

As the clocks have gone forward, the temperature has risen (well last weekend it did) and the goal/rugby post have come down, it can only mean one thing. The sound of leather on willow and shouts of 'howzat' will start this weekend. Yes, its the start of the 2011 cricket season.

ORCC had a disappointing season last time around with all four league sides looking in good positions to be promoted but all just not making it.

Our 1st XI have secured the services of a couple of good and experienced players and will be looking to push on up under the guidance of a previous promotion winning captain, Kevin Foster.

As mentioned before, Sandeep Ganguly



Excellent days at Surrey B's for Ruts Minis

Our large foray into the Surrey B tournament this season proved very successful with the U7's victorious in the plate competition, the start of much silverware to come over the next few years, semi final plate appearances for the U8's and U10's and whilst the U9's did not progress out of their "Group of Death", a 6 try to nil walloping of Chipstead shows there is plenty to come there.

However the performance of the day goes to the U12's who proudly brought the Cup back to Poplar Road with them! They faced local rivals Old Emanuel in the finals having already been beaten by them in the Group but stormed to a 20 point victory and the Cup!

Congratulations to all the boys, parents and coaches on this great achievement which should see them start in Surrey 3's next year.

U11's so close at Surrey A's...

A report from coach Simon Englefield

There is surely no better way to spend mothers day, countless hours sitting in front of a tent in a windswept field, with sporadic games of rugby breaking out every few hours. so, a big thank you for all the wonderful support on Sunday. Also a big thank you to all the boys that didn't get as much game time as others, but did not complain or sulk. Good work fellas.

To get to the cup semi final was a real achievement, and to only lose 7-0 to a strong Chobham side shows just how much we have improved this season.

A highlight of the day was demolishing a petulant Wimbledon 21-0, whose only tactic seemed to be attempted decapitation of our players. Other good wins against Dorking 14-0 and a particularly pleasing thrashing of old Reigatians, after their supporters had talked of

will not be returning as our overseas ▶

◀ player this year. ORCC have decided not to require the services of an overseas player for 2011.

Our winter net programme has been our busiest for a number of years and has attracted some new talent to the club. We are sure the new players will fit into the ranks well and assist all teams in a better season.

We have only entered our Sunday 1st XI into the Surrey Trust League (coloured kit league) this year and they will also be playing in the Surrey Griffin League.

We are all looking forward to getting our promotion campaigns underway and we hope to be able to report to you all that all four league teams are at the summit of their respected leagues in the next e-Orbit.

Alix Butler

revenge against that annoying loud mouth coach from Old Ruts (not realising, I was sat next to them, great!)

Well done to the U11's – top 4 side in Surrey and seeded now for next year's league setting Surrey A's

It is performances like this that led Simon to be named "Youth Coach of the Year" at the Rugby Annual Dinner on Saturday night – congratulations Simon.

Volunteer Awards at Annual Dinner

Mike Stallard, Chair of youth rugby, handed out 3 RFU Volunteer Awards on Saturday night to Lars Clausen for the fantastic job the web experts at his company, Zoo Communications, did in relaunching our website, Tim Berrington for the selfless work done in coaching Rutlish School Rugby Club every Tuesday and for running the Dundonald Tag Rugby Club, Pete Donegan for having the vision and then making it happen of opening a proper club shop, one that is the best in Surrey.

All 3 are now proud owners of a First team replica top!

Juniors have strong finish to the season

Congratulations to the U14's with 2 great victories in a row at Poplar Road to ensure they finish fourth in Surrey 3 next year – the form and the spirit shown in beating Camberley and Cobham B's means that a push for promotion is in no way beyond them next season.

Well done too to the u13's, the B's finishing up with a victory at Reigatians to end up 3rd in Div 6, a great effort for their first season. Meanwhile the A's faced a crunch match with Wimbledon at Poplar Road and had to win to stay in Division 2 - a nail biting match went one way then the other before a final Ruts try meant victory 24 – 22 and safety!!

Mike Stallard

This is a call to arms to support the 1st XV in the Final of the Surrey Bowl at Imber Court on 2nd May. Our opponents will be Economicals and it should be a close game if the league results are anything to go by as we beat them 29-27 at their place but lost 7-14 at home. Kick off time is unfortunately an early one at 10.30 as there are three other finals to fit in after our game.

The 1st XV ended up in second place in Surrey 3 just 2 points behind Worth Old Boys and that should mean that we are promoted back into Surrey 2 after an absence of one year. The 2nd XV went one better being crowned champions of the Reserve Conference 3 and only lost one league game all season. So all concerned, especially the coaching team of Messrs. Chandler, Douch and Lloyd, can be well pleased with the results this season and it would be the icing on the cake to round it off with victory on 2nd May. It is 32 years since we were beaten semi finalists in the Surrey Cup and it is not before time that we have something to shout about in a cup competition, so please make every effort to be at Imber Court on 2nd May.

Peter Cole

'Drive Out Vehicle Crime' Merton Police launch an exciting motor vehicle crime prevention campaign

In an effort to combat vehicle crime, Merton Borough Police in conjunction with Safer Merton are launching a 'Drive Out Vehicle Crime' initiative which will include a number of partnership interventions throughout the next 12 months. Inspector Jim COOK from Merton Police said, "Vehicle crime is the one of the highest crime types in the Borough and a number of Safer Neighbourhood Teams have had vehicle crime reduction chosen by their ward Panels to work on. We will be looking to raise the public's awareness and offering advice on how they can help us reduce the incidence of vehicle crime.

Over the coming weeks and months Merton Police will be carrying out a number of proactive operations against those involved in vehicle crime. Already the Safer Neighbourhood Teams conduct a large number of Automatic Number Plate Operations and will continue these with both uniform and plain clothes patrols in areas where vehicle crime is most prevalent. I would urge those living in Merton to contact their local Safer Neighbourhood Team and sign up to Community Safe to receive up to date news of what their local Safer Neighbourhood Team is up to. This is a free system and by joining it you can find out about crime alerts and what the Police are doing in your local area. You can join by either logging onto WWW.Communitysafe.gov.uk or by contacting your local Safer Neighbourhood Team direct.

We take this opportunity to remind you all to:

- Ensure cars are locked – this might seem simple but a high percentage of cars are left unlocked in Merton.
- Don't leave anything on view – you may know your jacket is empty but an opportunist thief doesn't.
- Take your sat nav out of your vehicle and clean the suction mark off the windscreen – thieves will smash your window just to check the glove box.

For any further information please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team via the main Met Police website by telephone or by e-mail. If you wish to become a member of Community safe and sign up to free crime alerts and news of what your local safer Neighbourhood Team is up to please contact them direct or join via www.communitysafe.gov.uk.

Garage and Shed Burglaries

Please be aware that Merton Park is currently suffering from a new increase in burglaries from SHEDS and GARAGES.

Instead of a 'spring-clean' of your shed or garage, consider having a 'Spring security review'.

Please ensure that your garage door closes and locks securely, and that any security lighting, or alarms fitted to your garage are in good working order.

If you don't have them fitted, now is a good time to seriously consider having it done as part of the Spring Security Review.

Please ensure that the locks, hasps and hinges on YOUR shed are properly fastened and secured.

Items that are most commonly taken are pedal cycles, or power tools. It is worth considering making these items properly secure inside the shed. Know the serial numbers, and always ensure they are recorded, preferably somewhere that Police have access to; www.immobilise.com is a very good website to consider.

As always, please report ANY suspicious activity AS IT HAPPENS, using 999. There are fewer things more frustrating for police than to receive anecdotal stories of 'someone snooping around in the alleyway' 2 or 3 days after the event. As a resident, you are best placed to identify what is and what isn't unusual.

If it looks out of place, it probably IS out-of-place. If you have ANY doubt that the security of your, or your neighbours, property is being compromised, then always ring 999.

If you would like further crime prevention advice, please contact us via mertonpark.SNT@met.police.uk to arrange a security review, free of charge at a time to suit you.

With your co-operation, we hope to reduce the current increase in burglaries from sheds and garages. Thank you all in advance.

Thought for the Month

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.



School Matters

Sixth Form

Ricards Lodge High School and Rutlish School have joined together to offer exciting new 6th Form opportunities from September 2010.

Students at all academic levels have access to courses in all curriculum areas, including our specialist subjects - Maths, Computing, Performing and Visual Arts - ensuring access to University Education and a wide range of vocational careers.

Our 6th Form students benefit from our commitment to first class teaching and also to providing a pastoral framework that will support them in becoming independent achievers. Our Director of 6th Form will work across both schools to ensure the quality and continuity of support, advice and guidance.

Our 6th Form students also have access to new, high quality accommodation and resourcing including a learning resources centre, wi-fi facilities and specialist classroom space.

The Murder Mystery

This evening on 4 March was our first attempt at trying something new and we are absolutely thrilled that it was so successful. We raised £733.

PTA

Previous announcements that the PTA is selling discounted tickets for Wimbledon Theatre have generated plenty of interest. So far the tickets have been for Hairspray, Matthew Bourne's Cinderella, and Jekyll and Hyde; all West End/Broadway productions viewed from the best seats in the house (dress circle and stalls). To date 77 tickets have been sold generating a whopping £285 commission to boost PTA funds. It is a marvellous and far cheaper opportunity to see West End productions at a local theatre whilst raising money that all our boys will benefit from.

Tickets are now on sale for:-

□ Monty Python's Spamalot starring Phill Jupitus. Tickets are available for Monday, 18 April (Easter holidays) in the Dress Circle @ £22 (face value £36). Tickets must be paid for no later than 8 April.

□ Horrible Histories – Ruthless Romans. Tickets are available for the evening performance on Wednesday, 25 May @ £42 for a family ticket (individual face value £15). Tickets must be paid for no later than 8 April.

A separate email address has been set up specifically to administer these tickets - please email

rutlishtheatretickets@gmail.com if you are interested, giving your name, address, the show you are interested in and the number of tickets you require.

Money

It can buy you a House,
But not a Home.

It can buy you a Bed,
But not Sleep.

It can buy you a Clock,
But not Time.

It can buy you a Book,
But not Knowledge.

It can buy you a Position,
But not Respect.

It can buy you Medicine,
But not Health.

It can buy you Blood,
But not Life.

It can buy you Sex,
But not Love.

So you see, money isn't everything.
The best things in life can't be bought,
and often we destroy ourselves trying!

Points to Ponder

For in reason, all government without the consent of the governed is the very definition of slavery.

-Jonathon Swift

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

- P.J. O'Rourke

Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.

- George Washington

For Hire

The Old Rutlishians' has two purpose built squash courts with changing facilities and a spectator's gallery. All members are entitled to book a court and play at no additional membership charge.



Wednesday night is squash night.

Life is Precious , Handle it with Care

Sanjay, a rich guy, loved fast cars and he did have a few in his possession. He loved to speed and could not be bothered about breaking speed limits. Many a time he was caught by the cops and speed radars, fined, but still he never bothered until one day as he was driving at a very high speed as usual, he saw a cop following him. The cop overtook him finally and asked him to stop and checked his license. He then took out his pad and started writing, and then handed over the sheet of paper to Sanjay. How much was this one going to cost?!!!Wait a minute. What was this???? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket.

Sanjay began to read: "Dear Sanjay, Once upon a time I had a lovely daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver's car. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his three daughters. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven, before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me.. And be careful, Sanjay, my son is all I have left."

Sanjay turned around in time to see the cop's car pull away and head down the road. He watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived..



For Hire

The Old Rutlishians' has a large hall which is available for private hire. For further details please ring

020 8542 3678.

Paying by Card

The option of paying at the bar by credit or debit card is part of our system. We have set a **minimum payment of £10**, and cashback is also available (with debit card only) to help you buy that extra round of drinks.

Peter Day

What we didn't learn at school

courtesy David Eastall & Peter Day

- Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?
A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'.
When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on.
- Q: Did you ever wonder why dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches, while pennies and nickels do not?
A: The US Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave.
- Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?
A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dress makers put the buttons on the maid's right! Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since.
- Q: Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?
A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.



They who laugh - last



Old Sayings...Different Twist

See if you can translate the following into the familiar sayings we've all heard? See answers below.

1. Scintillate, Scintillate, asteroid exiguous.
2. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
3. Surveillance should precede salutations
4. Pulchritude poses possesses solely coetaneous profundity
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
6. Freedom from incrustations of grime is contiguous to rectitude.
7. The stylus is more potent then the clay-more.
8. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative manoeuvres.
9. Eschew the implement of correction of vitiate the scion.
10. The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittingly ogled saucepan does not does reach 212 F'.
11. All articles that coruscate with respulence are not truly auriferous.
12. Where there are visible vapours in ignited carbonaceous material, there is conflagration.

Answers:

1. Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
2. Birds of a feather, flock together.
3. Think before you speak.
4. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
5. Don't cry over spilled milk.
6. Cleanliness is next to godliness.
7. The pen is mightier than the sword.
8. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
9. Spare the rod and spoil the child.
10. A watched pot doesn't boil.
11. All that glitters is not gold.
12. Where there's smoke, there's fire.

Ponderings for Idle Moments

- Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?
- Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?
- How come abbreviated is such a long word?
- If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
- Since Americans throw rice at weddings, do Asians throw hamburgers?
- Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?
- Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
- If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it?
- When two airplanes almost collide why do they call it a near miss?? It sounds like a near hit to me!!
- Do fish get cramps after eating?

"Recently, while I was on a shopping trip in a department store, I heard a little five-year-old talking to his mother on the down escalator. He said, 'Mommy, what do they do when the basement gets full of steps?'"

--Hal Linden

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on he man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My mum makes me ride in the stroller too.."



Life's Crazy Rules

- * Lerman's Law of Technology: Any technical problem can be overcome given enough time and money. Corollary: You are never given enough time or money.
- * Murphy's First Law for Wives: If you ask your husband to pick up five items at the store and then you add one more as an afterthought, he will forget two of the first five.
- * Law of the Search: The first place to look for anything is the last place you would expect to find it. Corollary: It will not be in the last place you expect to find it.

"It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They are in front of you in the express lane at the supermarket."

--June Henderson

"I know what men want. Men want to be really, really close to someone who will leave them alone."

--Elayne Boosler

"Late night TV is very educational. It teaches you that you should have gone to bed earlier."

--James Dent

Hubble Photograph of Distant Galaxies Colliding

The New York Times, among other papers, recently published a new Hubble photograph of distant galaxies colliding. Of course, astronomers have had pictures of colliding galaxies for quite some time now, but with the vastly improved resolution provided by the Hubble Space Telescope, you can actually see the lawyers rushing to the scene.

