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Dates for your Diary

Sat 13 Aug	Wild West Night	7.00 pm
Fri 19 Aug	Mums & Dads Cricket Match	
Fri 26 Aug	Footballers v Cricketers Cricket Match	

On Club
premises
please



**It's Allwright:
Family, War, Teeth**
A Memoir,
covering the years from 1915

This book, written by an Wally Allwright, is available for borrowing from the editor. The editor can be contacted at jrundle@blueyonder.co.uk or on 020 8715 1808 or 07828 840 109

Copy for Next Edition
Thursday 11th August

Queries should be sent to the author of item concerned.

Our Chairman Writes

Finances

At our last committee meeting Mike Cue, our Treasurer, presented the draft 6 month accounts for the club. In what has been a trying few years financially it was reassuring to see a positive return.

Significant Spending

That said there are always demands on the finances of our club. Following the ground being reseeded in April there was a period of some 4 to 5 weeks with no significant rain fall. As a result we probably have some of the best fed pigeons in London (well, we are in SW19 after all) and will now have to reseed part of the ground. Added to this we need to replace a number of the poles holding the netting and top dress some of the more worn parts of the ground. In addition the significant rewiring work continues, corrective action following an inspection by the Fire Brigade must be completed in September and the final survey prior to the fitting of the CCTV system is due in the next week.

Work Weekends

We have one weekend in the year when no sport is played at Poplar Road between the change of the summer and winter sports seasons. In 2012 this will be the weekend of Saturday 14th April. This weekend will be designated as a work weekend when we will be looking to get as many members together to do some of that work that the club needs. Further details will be released nearer the time, but please book this in your diary so we have as many volunteers as possible.

Member Celebrations

The last few weekends in the bar have been busy as members have celebrated various birthdays, christenings and other significant occasions in addition to functions in the upstairs hall. It has been great to see the club busy and we would encourage others to use the club for such occasions to celebrate with your fellow members. If you would like to hold an event at our club, either with all your members in the bar or in the more private setting of the upstairs hall, please speak to Mike Stallard or Donna behind the bar to discuss details and arrangements.

Pete Day
Old Ruts Chairman
peterandemma@blueyonder.co.uk

President's Golf Match

On Friday 09th September 2011, a President's Golf match will take place against the Old Rutlishians' Golf Society at the Royal Automobile Club at Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7EW. The match last year was very close and hopefully it will be again.

President's Squash Match

On Wednesday 05th October 2011, a President's Squash match will take place against an Old Rutlishians' Squash team captained by Andy Ray. Like with other President's matches in 2011 this was a close match and it is anticipated to be so again.

President's Football Match

On Sunday 02nd October 2011, a President's Football XI will take place against an Old Rutlishians' XI Football team. Kick off will take place at circa 2pm and the day will hopefully be an enjoyable as the 2010 game with hopefully the same result!!

President's Darts Match

Peter Manley has agreed to come to Poplar Road later in the year to captain the President's Darts Team. Full details of the date will be confirmed in a later edition of the Orbit.

A Date for 2012

My brother David has arranged that Mr. Richie Benaud, will host a cricket dinner on behalf of the Old Rutlishians' cricket section. The exact format and date has to be agreed but it will be a great honour to welcome Mr Benaud into the Old Rutlishians' family.

Peter Norrie

The old ruts presents
Wild West Night
Saturday 13th August
7pm in the bar

Music  Raffle 

Rodeo Bull!
BBQ 

Specials on Jack Daniels and wild west cocktails.

Please leave your horses outside!!!!

1961 Reunion.

Preparations for the gig of the year continue apace. The date is confirmed as 5th November 2011 at the Clubhouse and will start with a tour of the School buildings and be followed by lunch at the Club.

The President has confirmed that he will be in attendance as well as many of the 1961 intake together with a few "volunteers" from other years. There is however still room for more so if anyone wishes to add their name to the list please contact geoff.aldis1@virginmedia.com for further details.

The observant few will notice the change in contact details for the organiser which is the result of a hacking scandal. Hopefully this will not lead to an influx of NI journalists to the party!

Geoff Aldis

Dear Sir



The NHS have for several years been developing plans to establish a Local Care Centre (LCC) at the Nelson Hospital. This is part of their project to introduce "Better Healthcare Closer to Home". Last year the project underwent a thorough review as part of the "stocktake" by Merton and Sutton Primary Care Trust. However, planning for LCC's at the Nelson and other locations has resumed. There will be a consultation about the Nelson site prior to a **planning application** which the NHS want to submit in the next couple of months.

The process will begin with a meeting for all residents on Wednesday 20th July at the Hospital between 4.30pm and 8.00pm. We would encourage as many as possible of you to attend to hear the proposals.

The timing of their meeting is obviously a challenge for many working people but we are told that the format should allow those arriving well after the start to learn about the proposals and to participate in discussion. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available. We are also told that opinions expressed at the meeting will be carefully considered. The agenda will include:

- Update on Better Healthcare Closer to Home, services to be provided at the Nelson and project timelines
- Presentation of the plans
- Questions and Answers

We will give you more information as it becomes available but in the meantime we urge you to make a note of the date.

John Sergeant
www.mertonpark.org.uk

WWW.COMMUNITYSAF E.GOV.UK

Please, record your phone's IMEI number

More and more of us now own either mobile phones, or, increasingly, iphones or similar mobile communication devices.

Please ensure that the 'IMEI' number of your mobile device is known to you, and recorded, securely, away from the phone itself.

This unique, 15-digit IMEI number, specific to each and every individual mobile phone, including i-phones, can be found by dialling *#06# from the handset.

The IMEI number will then automatically be displayed on your handset.

The IMEI number is very useful to officers should you be unfortunate enough to have the item stolen from you as it assists in recovering the specific phone which was taken

Thank you for continuing to use communitysafe..

MertonPark.SNT@met.police.uk 0208 721 2451

For Hire

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

020 8542 3678.



Rob & Wendy's Ballroom Dancing

Monday and Friday evenings

8.00 pm — 10.30 pm

At the Old Ruts

Private lessons by appointment

Beginners very welcome

For more information

please phone

0201 8287 0518



Rob Mobile 07979 345 184
Wendy Mobile 07747 704 718
www.comedancingnow.co.uk

Who's Who



Name: Angus Litster

Role: Executive Member to 2014

Other information: I was born at the Nelson Hospital and returned to Merton Park to raise a family in 1984. Amongst my 5 children, I have one son Sam currently at Rutlish School and another Charlie who has benefitted from the Old Ruts Minis and Junior Rugby sections. I became a Life Member in 2004 and have sung at the Rutsfests with my band *The Cameos*. My background is in advertising and marketing and I hope to be able to use some of the skills learnt over the years to help the club.

Contact details:

agslitster@aol.com

07901 888 111 mobile



Become an Old Ruts Winner!

Join the Old Ruts 50/Fifty Club
£8 /month - 50% to prizes - 50% to Club

More Information:

Gavin Lennard 07960 067802

Bill Tidey 07762 482605

or e-mail oldruts@talktalk.net

Over 18's only

Forms available in the Bar

Recent Winners

May		Mem	No	
1st	M Moss	984	£130.00	
2nd	H Tinsley	5386	£86.00	
3rd	N Hillier	4556	£43.00	
June				
Bumper	C Wellstead	1471-4	£1375.00	
1st	K Oastler	1032	£129.00	
2nd	M Killerby	4269	£86.00	
3rd	P Wilkins	5505	£43.00	

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

Greek proverb



The U13 'A' Team finished as Runners Up in their Surrey Division 1 championship, moving up another place and splitting the Spencer/Wimbledon stranglehold in the division. We played some outstanding cricket this year and some memorable batting.

The team managed by Mike Stallard, coached by Gary Douch and led on the field by Umar Ahmed, Ryan Patel and Ross Trimmings played excellent mature cricket throughout and helped gel the individuals into a fantastic squad of enthusiastic team players!

Cricket can be a selfish sport but these lads (and Daisy) put in some amazing team performances. Elliot 'Fudge' Douch led the wicket taking this season with 13 (I think) and some powerful batting from Atish Chakribarti, Dan Finn, Jamie Stallard and Rory McGregor saw some big scores on the board.

A huge reduction in extras was helped by some amazing fielding along with Jasper 'The Sheep' Williams and Nathaniel 'The Cat' Sewell sharing the gloves. Input from some of the B team players stepping up to the plate and contributing much to the successful season.

A good cup run ended in the Semi-Final with a narrow defeat to Spencer but as Mike has stated on many occasions 'we are not far behind Wimbledon or Spencer in terms of winning this division and cup'.

A massive 'Thank You' to Tim Berrington and Chris Ellis who managed the B Team again this year. They have certainly helped evolve this squad of players.

Well done to everyone who represented Old Ruts U13's this season, a great effort!
Gary Douch

Under 16s win their Zone?

The leagues have now concluded. It looks like the under 16s have won their zone. We are just waiting to see if any action is taken against other clubs who conceded more than 2 games which might affect the league positions. Assuming the u16s win is confirmed, they will be the first of our teams ever to qualify for the League Finals Day at Beddington which is on 28 August this year where they will play Purley, 4 pm start. Well done to Sandy Pfeifer and his team.

The under 13s & u11s are confirmed as runners up in their leagues although sadly neither managed to also win their cup semi-finals.

Colts Day on 24 July was a great success with sunny weather and a great atmosphere.

Festivals are now in full swing with u8s and 9s this week and ages up to u13 playing in the next couple of weeks



19 Aug – Mum’s and Dad’s matches - Alkesh Patel (8542 0188 or ninos007@hotmail.co.uk) would like to hear from any parent interested in taking part in a social game of cricket.

16 Sept - Colts Awards Evening – 7.30 pm. Our successes will give extra spice to this event .

Coaching

30 Aug – 1 Sep Mini Academy for Years 2-4

Any parent / senior or older colt who would like to get more involved with coaching there are winter courses now taking bookings.

Details from: stuart_orcc@yahoo.co.uk or ask a colt’s manager

Last Kwik Cricket session: 16 August.

Winter training details should be available next month!

Help particularly with admin still required.

Graham Mills



**FIT-UNIT SPORT
MESSAGE @ OLD RUTS**

Will give 10% discount for all club members.

Rugby & Football players from vets to 1st team 50% discount till April 2012, to get them through the season!

To book call- 07830479451
BB-PIN- 236E2B14
E-mail- fitunit@hotmail.co.uk



Rugby pre-season training has started in earnest. Numbers coming have been very promising and there will be quite a competition to play in the 1st. It will be a challenging season as both senior sides were promoted and need to make their mark early on in the season.

To support the senior club in the long term, we have embarked on a training programme with Rutlish and other local Merton secondary schools assisted by RFU Youth Development Officers.

**Rugby Junior Player
Development Trial –
17th July 2011**

On Sunday 17th July 2011 the Rugby Club held Junior Player Development Trials for pupils nominated by their Merton Primary School from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. At the trial were 65 pupils from 16 Primary Schools.

The morning was a huge success due to the generous time volunteered by members of the Ruts, players (young and old!), coaches and parents. We also had Tim Hall from Harlequins to carry out sprint testing. This trial gave the impression of organisation, efficiency, professionalism and most of all, the all important ‘welcoming’ factor that was commented by many parents. We also had a parent taking photos throughout the morning and the link to all these photos were distributed to all the parents of players attending the trials which was also greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

Children at the trial were assessed for speed, agility, handling, contact and game sense scored on a scale of 1 to 5. The ‘all-round’ assessments provided data on the players and were included in their personalised results letters.

We unearthed some exceptional talent, some physically imposing players and a lot of raw potential.

On Sunday 4th September all these new players will be arriving for their first session.

We will be holding trials at Rutlish School, Harris Academy Merton, Carshalton Boys Sports College and Graveney School for the U12 upwards age groups in conjunction with the schools and their Rugby Teachers. We hope to cement school club links and will also increase the number of existing school players to start playing club rugby with the Ruts.

Surrey Rugby are currently considering the option of providing equipment to these schools on our behalf as they are so impressed with the work that we are doing in the local community – watch this space!

Finally we would like to thank Stacia Long for all the work she has put in organising this venture.

Peter Stokes

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."
Dwight D. Eisenhower



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CONTINGENT COMMANDER: MAJOR ROBERT PENNY

RUTLISH SCHOOL CCF
NINETIETH
ANNIVERSARY DINNER
SATURDAY
17th SEPTEMBER 2011
OLD RUTLISHIANS'
ASSOCIATION
CLUBHOUSE

2011 sees the ninetieth anniversary of the Combined Cadet Force at Rutlish School. Formed in 1921 as a "Cadet Battalion" and having gone through various transformations and guises over the decades, it has a long and proud history of providing opportunities for adventure, discipline, challenge and leadership for Rutlish pupils. The Contingent, nowadays comprising RAF and Army sections, is now run by staff from various occupations outside the school, some of whom are Old Rutlishians and former cadets. Whilst these days smaller in size than in years gone by, the CCF continues to offer "the cadet experience" to boys from year 8 and up, from the school.

To mark the ninetieth anniversary, the Contingent Officers will be hosting a dinner at the old Rutlishians' Association Clubhouse in Merton Park on Saturday 17th September 2011. It is sincerely hoped that former Rutlish cadets and those who have been associated with, or supporters of, "The Corps" over the years will be able to join the officers and cadets for what promises to be a superb and memorable evening. The evening will be in the form of a "Corps Supper" of old and adult tickets will cost £30.00

Interested parties are invited to pencil the date in their diary and register their interest on the dedicated page of the Contingent website at www.rutlishccf.org.uk. Those registered will (unless specifically requested to the contrary) have their names and, where applicable, years of service, shown on the event page to enable others to see who is likely to be there.

All those registering an interest will be contacted by e-mail to be given further information and invited to buy tickets.

Any questions can be directed to the Contingent Commander, Bob Penny, at cc@rutlishccf.org.uk

RUTLISH SCHOOL CCF
90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
SATURDAY
17th SEPTEMBER 2011
OLD RUTLISHIANS
ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE
POPLAR ROAD, MERTON PARK

Thank you for registering your interest in the Rutlish School Combined Cadet Force 90th anniversary dinner, to be held at the Old Rutlishians Association Clubhouse on Saturday 17th September at 6.30pm for 7pm.

From registrations received, it is hoped that there will be a good mix of serving cadets, parents / carers and guests, many ex-cadets and staff going back several decades. It is particularly pleasing to see that "The Corps" still has a place in many people's hearts.

The cost of a guest tickets has been set at £30.00, reduced to £20.00 for serving cadets, which will include four courses and glass of wine (for adults) or soft drink. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.

Dinner will commence at 7pm promptly

and carriages will be at 11pm.

Dress code for guests will be (in order of preference) mess dress, service dress, black tie or lounge suit and equivalent for ladies.

Please order tickets by completing the form attached and posting with a cheque (Payable to Rutlish School CCF) for the amount due, to me at my home address:

R. J. Penny
115 Bridgewood Road
Worcester Park
Surrey
KT4 8XS

You will be sent your ticket(s) by post. Please note that I will be on holiday during the first two weeks of August. Ticket bookings should be received by no later than 17th August.

The menu will be as follows:
 Mushroom Soup

◇
 Mediterranean Chicken with Seasonal Vegetables

◇
 Profiteroles or Apple Crumble

◇
 Cheese and Biscuits

◇
 Coffee

Please note that access to the dining area (1st floor hall) is via a flight of stairs.

I look forward to welcoming you to what I hope will be a most enjoyable evening and fitting event to mark this anniversary.

Robert Penny
 Contingent Commander
 Rutlish School CCF

RUTLISH SCHOOL CCF 90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER BOOKING FORM

Please allocate me the following places for the Rutlish School CCF 90th Anniversary Dinner on 17th September 2011:

Number of cadet places requested @ £20.00 per head _____

Names of Cadets

1. _____

2. _____

Number of guest places requested @ £30.00 per head _____

Names of Guests

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

I enclose a cheque made payable to Rutlish School CCF for £ _____

Please send ticket(s) to:

Name _____

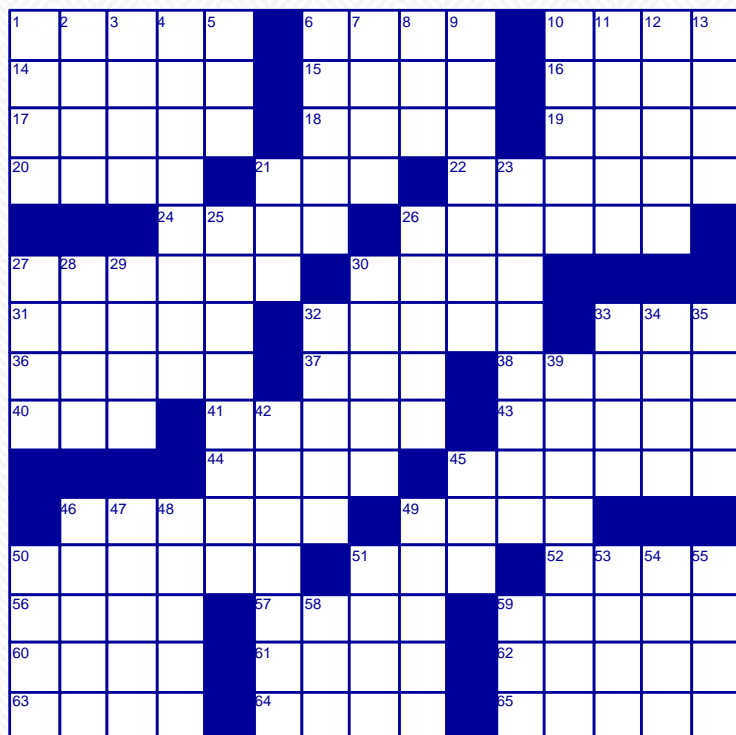
Address _____

E-Mail _____

Telephone _____

Details of any specific dietary requirement (if more than one ticket purchased, please indicate who this relates to) _____

Crossword 3



ACROSS

1. Short thoroughfare led reversing antelope to painful encounter. (5)
6. French implement necessary to sell stolen goods. (4)
10. Sounds as if agreement to prepare for departure has been done. (4)
14. Apian form of endearment. (5)
15. Steam ship carrying silver droops. (4)
16. She mirrors the French male. (4)
17. Position of reverse Snooker shot supporting leg side. (2,3)
18. Warrant Officer covered in shirts directs method of entry into Noah's vessel. (4)
19. Quiet student leads America to more. (4)
20. Old Norse begins to follow physical training for Mexican labourer. (4)
21. No soft peel for this fish. (3)
22. Able seaman dispatched but not present. (6)
24. She indicated indefinite article on bearing 045°. (4)
26. Watching engine swap pole for query rearrangement. (6)
27. Young Edward following of Amateur Boxing Association lessened. (6)
30. Expanded re-constituted Great Western Railway to the east. (4)
31. The furniture contained also fascinated the bench. (5)
32. Earth used to frighten population we hear. (5)
33. Short mistress reveals her marital state. (3)
36. The fish were found in the refining process. (5)
37. Edward, Natalie and Elizabeth were the first to find the direction. (3)
38. Spilled ale follows identity of perfect notion. (5)
40. NatWest Bank indicates safe wall to demolish. (3)
41. Creased visage because led in wrongly. (5)
43. Depart for holiday. (5)
44. Metal containers ordered this month. (4)
45. Tangled red net hired. (6)
46. Subtle difference shown by religious sister's first class service record (6)
49. Crimson ring calls for make over. (4)
50. Silver in dwelling calls for respectful acknowledgement. (6)
51. Topless block of bread gives lout. (3)
52. Volume sent to me by post. (4)
56. One and two go with two and nineteen to make the shortened form. (4)
57. Catches the first two between the poles. (4)
59. Arranged a ride and detailed grievances. (5)
60. Roman emperor showed hesitation in dissent. (4)
61. Pins in reverse to enable cuts. (4)
62. Massage after being kneed we hear. (5)
63. Third part of racist group in Southern USA. (4)
64. Studies oriental assents. (4)
65. 64. A try in the big apple is very painful. (5)

DOWN

1. Store instructions for silence on medical procedure. (4)
2. Heavy weight on fifth indicates sound quality. (4)
3. Not U reforms ancient direction and/or place. (4)
4. South African state arranges single childbirth service. (8)
5. Swindle can be found in archaeology practice. (4)
6. Endless esteem for first beauty tips giver. (5)
7. Bar immobilises dog's foot on student. (4)
8. Ring follows small example of self. (3)
9. Experimenters assents to complete destruction. Plan. (7)
10. Italian assent to lively drink. (5)
11. Call ensures wrapping of the key. (5)
12. Hung on while gun one hundred and fifty was assembled. (5)
13. Assess brew on French is necessary. (4)
21. Southern extremity loses direction for final. (3)
23. Lamented that Eddie initially laid web confusingly. (8)
25. Infant Nellie tings recombine. (8)
26. Rolls Royce entered topless act by mistake. (5)
27. Donkey led thirteenth into short relationship. (4)
28. Seconds holding mantric word causes explosion. (4)
29. Not many alternative to indefinite article sounding relieved. (1,3)
30. Germanium net captures small carnivore. (5)
32. Taut indication of time of action. (5)
33. Team rejigged for part of main course. (4)
34. Wild party for French composer no longer a student. (4)
35. Winter means of transport with fitted light emitting diodes. (4)
39. Tending ring indicating solution. (8)
42. Gum causing anger at conflagration. (7)
45. Short official of some sports. (3)
46. Award sounds aristocratic. (5)
47. Hesitation over small item of female underwear casts a shadow. (5)
48. Automobile Association leads young Ronald to first speaker for the Hebrews. (5)
49. Spars need scrapers for finishing. (5)
50. Length of yarn for popular Henry. (4)
51. Theatrical award given off Broadway that is New York. (4)
53. Two fifteenths holding religious education for chocolate biscuit with cream inside in America. (4)
54. Average intention shown by mechanical engineer with article. (4)
55. Small whirlpool mistaken for young Edward. (4)
58. No particular resident of the Big Apple. (3)
59. Initially also known as (3)



Solution next month



Solution of No.2												
C	O	N		C	A	R	O	M		B	A	Y
D	U	O	S	A	C	U	T	E		G	I	B
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They who laugh - last



Do You Know Your Judgment Day?

Fellow 1 : "Now my grandfather, he knew the exact day of the year that he was going to die. It was the right year too. Not only that, but he knew what time he would die that day, and he was right about that, too."

Fellow 2 : "Wow, that's Incredible. How did he know all of that?"

Fellow 1 : "A judge told him."

Stop redundancy

The Committee for the Reduction of Redundancy and the Antiproliferation of Repetition has decided not to meet until they have their first meeting and thus will not be meeting until the first time.

Their Pre-meeting Statement wanted to make this clear before they had their first meeting, so that it would not be nor confusing.

So their first meeting will actually be their first meeting and they will not have a meeting before the first meeting.

This should avoid having people show up for their first meeting before it is held, since to do so would be confusing to those who did so and this is what they want to avoid by reducing the confusion and lessening the repetition.

Eat Chocolate?

A good piece of chocolate has about 200 calories. As I enjoy 2 servings per night, and a few more on weekends, I consume about 3,500 calories of chocolate in a week, which equals one pound of weight per week.

Therefore, in the last 3-1/2 years, I have had chocolate caloric intake of about 180 pounds, and I only weigh 165 pounds.

So... without chocolate, I would have wasted away to nothing about 3 months ago! I owe my life to chocolate!

Source for Accurate Weather

To tell the weather, go to your back door and look for the dog. If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's probably raining.

But if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard.

If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Sincerely, The CAT

Think About It

* Money doesn't bring you happiness, but it enables you to look for it in more places.

* Your conscience may not keep you from doing wrong, but it sure keeps you from enjoying it.

* Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

* Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great ancestors.

* Be careful what rut you choose. You may be in it the rest of your life.

* The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

* When you see the handwriting on the wall, you can bet you're in a public restroom

The taxpayer

"That's someone who works for the government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination." -

Ronald Reagan

Problem with a Dog

Police officer: Excuse me, but your dog has been chasing a man on his bicycle.

Dog owner: Are you crazy? My dog can't even ride a bicycle.

Youngsters' On Marriage

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

-No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

"If you put the Federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in five years there'd be a shortage of sand." -

Milton Friedman



"Miss Barnes, would you mind rehiring all 380 employees I fired last week? I've come to realize this company can't function without them."