



Old Rutlishians' Association

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Dates for your Diary

Christmas Eve	Children's Party	5.00-7.00 pm
Christmas Day	Drinks with the President	12.00—2.00 pm
Boxing Day	Rugby & Football	11.00 am-5.00 pm
New Year's Eve	Disco	6.00 pm-1.00 am
Monday 24 Jan	Burns' Night Celebration	7.00 pm

BAR OPENING TIMES

As above with Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th as usual.

President's Christmas Drinks

As is our tradition, the President looks forward to welcoming you for a Christmas drink at the Club House on the 25th from mid-day onwards. Please do come and have a drink with the President.

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Queries should be sent to author of item concerned.

Our Chairman Writes

Club Certificate

At the hearing on the unfounded complaint of public nuisance from the Rutsfest we agreed to apply to vary our club certificate. This commitment was made to ensure we had the right conditions in place to allow us to play music. The process to vary the license is complex and expensive. To avoid duplicate forms and application fees we included an extension to the license for the serving of alcohol on Friday and Saturday evenings, something that the club has been considering for a number of years.

Following the consultation period eight local residents objected to the application. Whilst we tried to arrange to meet with these residents prior to the hearing unfortunately none attended. Their objections went to a hearing of LB Merton's Licensing Sub Committee on Friday 10th December.

As a club we considered the residents objections and proposed a number of significant changes to the original application to the sub committee. The result of the hearing is that we can play music till 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights, ending at 10pm on all other evenings. We also have permission to open the bar earlier on Sunday mornings, which could potentially be used for colts rugby sessions. Reference was also made to Rutsfest, where outdoor music will now end at 8.30pm for this event.

At the end of this drawn out process we now have a club certificate in place to allow us to play music. We now need to consider what activity is appropriate to ensure we stay within the terms of our certificate, with some of the terms being somewhat restrictive.

Whilst it could be argued that eight residents is not a representative sample, their objections were strong and well made. We will arrange a further meeting with local residents in the New Year to start a process of improving relations and developing an understanding of each others needs as we continue to build the club for the needs of the local community.

One action we are all responsible for taking is leaving our club quietly. We are in a residential area and, whilst some noise is inevitable, it is essential we leave the premises as quietly as possible to minimise the impact of our neighbours. Signs will shortly be erected at the club, a requirement of our new certificate, to help remind all of this matter.

Peter Chair

Changing roles

With the work on the club certificate application behind us, greater focus will now be given to handing over the roles and getting the new people up and running. The roles we now have filled are:

Building Security – Donna Trimmings

Bookings Manager – Mike Stallard

Bar Manager – Sam Patel (assisted by Kevin Gallagher and Michael Trimmings)

Whilst I would hope to see progress made on all these roles, I would expect to see some movement on the more contained roles in the coming month.

Whilst we have someone interested in the Membership Secretary role, I still need to explain exactly what this entails to see if they are interested.

We still have two roles where we have no volunteers: the Secretary and Meeting Secretary. I'll remind you of what these roles entail, and would ask you to seriously consider whether you could help in the running of your club by volunteering for one of these roles.

Secretary

A significant amount of the role has been removed and given to others, meaning the role is far less intensive than it once was. I'd be happy to meet with anyone to discuss what skills they have and how they match with the role. There is some flexibility in this and we would consider pitching the role at an appropriate level. The role can vary between ensuring we meet our legal requirements as a club to full responsibility for the day to day running of the club.

Meeting Secretary

This simply involves attending the Exec to take minutes once a month and circulating the minutes well in advance of the meeting. The only other task is some work around the distribution of AGM papers.

It is key that we fill all roles to allow us to function as effectively as possible as a club. Please consider whether you would step forward for either, or maybe both, of these roles. I look forward to hearing from you.

Peter

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BURNS NIGHT DINNER

Monday evening 24 January 2011

Once more, due to an overwhelming crescendo of demand (there have been three enquiries so far!) there will be a repeat of our celebration of the Bard's Birthday.

The traditional format will be followed and expanded upon:

~ gather in the bar ~ be seated ~ the Selkirk Grace ~ Parade and Address to the Haggis ~ Haggis, Neaps and Tatties and all ~ Address to the Immortal Memory of Rabbie Burns ~ readings from his works (or similar) ~ Toast to The Lassies ~ Auld Lang Syne.

For those who are minded ~ all to be accompanied by copious helpings of guid ale and malt whiskies!

Further details will be published as soon as they are firmed up but meanwhile please book now since numbers are strictly limited to 40 (as, for reasons of intimacy, the event is held in the snooker / TV area):

Brianandshosh@AOL.com
(preferred) or 020 8947 7611.

Yours aye:
Brian McInty Mc



John Innes Path

The consultation conducted by Merton Council closed on 13 December. Congratulations to all those Merton Park residents who took the time and effort to participate. We understand there were over 400 responses. Throughout the consultation, your Councillors have been primarily concerned that local residents should be aware of what was happening so they could respond with their own views. They do have their own opinion which they withheld to avoid influencing residents' responses. But before the consultation closed they put in their own submission, which is attached to this email alert. Council officials will now prepare a report on the consultation. We expect it to demonstrate genuine consultation and reflect the range and strength of residents' concerns if closure were to go ahead.

For Hire

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

020 8542 3678.



RUTLISH NEWS

Rutlish Boy wins National Competition and Visit to Radio 1!!

A Rutlish pupil won a national competition to visit the BBC Radio 1 studios. Ehsaan in Year 10 wrote an article on how he had contributed to a successful anti bullying campaign. Accompanied by staff from 'Beat Bullying' he enjoyed a personal tour of the radio station and got to meet DJ Greg James. Ehsaan, along with other Rutlish pupils, has been active in their school running 'Cyber Mentoring' a national initiative to combat on-line bullying. In recognition of the school's achievements the school has won the Princess Diana Award on two occasions including this year. They were presented with the award by a senior official of the Department of Education in central London last month.

Commenting on the tour Ehsaan said, "We saw everything! I was really surprised at just how a radio station has so many departments and jobs which need to be carried out to keep it running 24 hours a day".

Mr D Grant, Deputy Headteacher.

FLY ME TO THE MOON OR EVEN MARS

Year 11 Rutlish pupil Kieran Hashmi may find himself one day working for NASA or the European Space Programme. It's not every day that a Merton pupil wins a London wide competition on outer space, but that's what he did. His essay on the British born astronaut tourist, Richard Garriott impressed the judges. Receiving his award on Tuesday 7th December in the Houses of Parliament young Kieran was modest about his achievements but already plans to study Astro Physics at a top university. The afternoon included a tour of Parliament, a question and answer session with the astronauts and a reception with the Parliamentary Space Committee held at the prestigious Institute of Civil Engineers.

Friends of Rutlish PTA present



A Night of Murder Mystery

Scene of Crime:
Rutlish School
Date of crime:
4/03/2011



It would be a crime to miss it!

Watch this space for further details.

Who's Who



Name Mike Cue

Role: Treasurer

Member of the Association since: 1997

Member of the Executive since: 2007

Responsibilities: The Treasurer's Role To ensure that the financial side of the ORA operates in a way to help and further the aims of the club.

The Treasurer's Tasks Manage the cashflow of the ORA. Look after the bank accounts and reconcile them to the ledger.

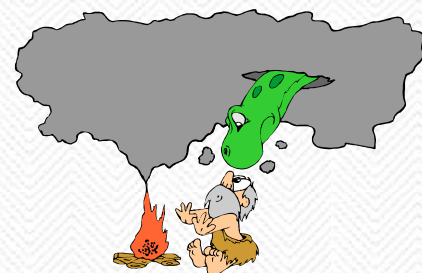
Maintain all the ledgers, paying creditors and collecting from debtors. Construct budgets.

Ensure the payroll and VAT are recorded and paid in line with HMRC rules in a timely manner.

Compile the Annual Accounts for the AGM, Companies House, and the Corporation Tax Office at HMRC

Read the section accounts in an advisory capacity, comply with external auditors when appointed.

Personal Background: I am a retired accountant. I still act as consultant for the firm I was with for the last 17 years. My other interests are history and languages. My stepson plays rugby for the club, hence the connection.



Rob & Wendy's Ballroom Dancing



Monday and Friday evenings
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please phone
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Rob Mobile 07979 345 184
Wendy Mobile 07747 704 718
www.comedancingnow.co.uk



Colts Cricket

Under 15s win Spirit of Cricket Trophy

The Old Rutlishians were presented with the Mid Surrey League Under 15s Spirit of Cricket award at the league AGM in November. This award is for the side getting the highest average markings from opposition's assessments after each game on their respect for umpires, the opposition & overall attitude on and off the field. It is very pleasing to see the side ranked top particularly as they finished in a creditable joint 5th in the league table out of 13 and were the only team to beat league champions, local rivals, Wimbledon. Well done to the lads and Sandy Pfeifer who ran the team.

Winter Programme

The winter programme continues after Xmas on Friday evenings starting on 7 January 2011

5-6 pm Primary Age - Indoor Cricket

6-7 pm Year 6-7 - Nets and Indoor Cricket

7-8 pm Secondary Age - Nets

7 weeks at £24

Priority will be given to those who block booked the sessions before Xmas and then to those on the waiting list.

There are definitely places available for indoor cricket sessions from 5-6 pm.

Details from Graham Mills: grahamw.mills@btinternet.com or 07913 987 006

We do also get details of other courses

Under 8s in 2011 – Helpers needed

Assistance is required if we are going to run an Under 8 (Year 3) team in 2011. The games played with a soft ball are on Saturday mornings from late May to July. They are great fun and provide a good introduction to allow colts to move on to hard ball cricket in later years. Parents interested in helping please contact Graham Mills



El Pres's All-Stars v OR's Vets

Sunday 19th December

The El Pres All-Stars take on the Club Vets on Sunday 19th December at 11.00am. Hot Buffet and ample beverages post match - we hope to see plenty of you at the Ruts for this game.

50/Fifty Draws for October and November will also take place post-match!!

Boxing Day - Annual President's Cup Match

This years annual challenge match against our friends from Merton FC will be on Sunday 26th December at 11.00am. Both Clubs aim to field their strongest available XI's for the fixture, followed with the customary hot buffet and cup presentation in the upstairs hall at the Ruts post-match. All Football Members are welcome and encouraged to join us for the full proceedings!

League tables available via the website

London Youth Games Merton Team – Boys & Girls Indoor Cricket

Good Year 8s or younger who either live in or attend a school in Merton are needed for this 6-a-side Inter Borough competition on the last weekend in February 2011 (and following weekend if the team qualifies for the finals). Practices/Trials for the Boys team are in the Rutlish School Sportshall 4.45-5.45 pm on 10 and 19 January. There is also a Girls competition. Further details from Graham Mills.

Peter Manley at Poplar Road

Peter Manley and his wife Chrissy, both former number No. 1 world dart players, spent the whole afternoon on Sunday 12th December 2010 at Poplar Road.

Proceedings starting by playing around twenty members "off 501" for the President's charity, Great Ormond Street for Children. In total £360 was raised for the children.

Peter Manley then joined the President's team to play the Old Rutlishians' team captained by Craig Wellstead. I was asked not to print the full score by Craig so all I will say is that there were seventeen matches in all and Craig's team won four matches. Highlight of the afternoon was Peter hitting a double 20 with the Dart Board covered by a sheet of paper as was his wife's first two darts throw of 180 followed by another 180.

Peter and Chrissy left around seven in the evening after a full afternoon of darts with a lot of fun and lovely food provided by Fathia Osi-Efa Keene and her team.

Looking to the future I suggested that maybe Peter come down annually, an idea which he did not dismiss. Maybe for the next President to consider.

I would like to thank all those who played and watched and for Craig who helped organise the event.

Peter A. Norrie

Andy Ray on a Squash Court!!

Andy Ray has very kindly agreed to captain the Old Rutlishians' squash team versus the President's team. The game will take place on **Thursday 10th February 2011**.

If anybody would like to play for either team please contact either of us on mail: Peter.Norrie@rabobank.com and AndyRay@KerryLondon.co.uk

Depending who Andy plays (yes, I know it might be me) I might try and get Andy to play a couple of games himself.

Peter A. Norrie

For Hire

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



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Christmas Crime Prevention Advice

Sadly the period leading up to Christmas traditionally shows an increase in burglaries: in November 2009, 8 residential burglaries occurred in Merton Park - (down on 9 in '08)

Thanks to residents in Merton Park heeding crime prevention advice, this figure fell to just 5 for November 2010.

Nevertheless, homes were still broken into. 4 homes (Tybenham Road, Links Avenue, Aylward Road and Daybrook Road) were targeted from the rear door or rear window, whilst in one, (Cannon Hill Lane) the front door night-latch was 'slipped'.

Had the deadlock been used, then entry is very likely to have been prevented at this address.

Simple 'no-cost' crime prevention measures are frequently the most effective - and easiest ones to use. Leaving lights or radios on whilst out, even for short periods of time, can give the illusion of occupancy, and may be enough to deter a would-be burglar. Even steps as simple as closing the garden gate can be enough to dissuade a potential burglar from targeting your home.

Always, always ALWAYS please lock and secure doors whenever you leave the home.

Finally, at the risk of being kill-joys, we ask that residents avoid the temptation of piling presents high under a tree in full view of the street. Attractive as this may look, it may also draw unwanted attention from those intent on spoiling your festive celebrations.

Instead, why not consider having the tree in a back room, out of sight from the main road.

www.securedbydesign.com is a website, approved by the Association of Chief Police Officers, [ACPO], giving free and impartial advice with regard to all manner of crime prevention issues.

Following the links, from the home page, go to 'general public' to access vary many useful hints and tips'. As usual, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us via Mertonpark.SNT@Met.Police.uk

The Short of a Story!

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

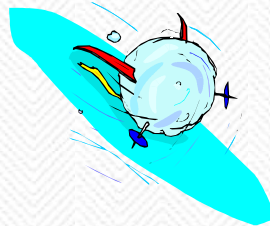
There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



Actual Newspaper Headlines

Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies

Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter

Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

"All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on."

Henry Ellis

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better."

Ralph Waldo Emerson"



OLD RUTLISHIANS' ANNUAL DINNER
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President - Peter Norrie

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Special dietary request..... Dress is Black Tie or Lounge suit with Tie.

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