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Dates for your Diary

Sun 18 Dec	Old Ruts family events day	11.00 am
Mon 19 Dec	Rutlish Staff end of term Christmas drinks	4.00 pm
Fri 23 Dec	Board games & beer in the bar	
Sat 24 Dec	Christmas Eve Children's party	5.00-7.00 pm
Sun 25 Dec	Christmas Drinks	12.00 noon - 2.00pm
Mon 26 Dec	Rugby & Football	11.00 am- 5.00 pm
Sat	70's Car Wash Disco	6.00 pm- 1.00 am
Sun	Rugby U13's social	12 noon

On Club premises please



Copy for Next Edition
Thursday 15th December

Queries should be sent to the author of item concerned.

Christmas message from our President

Dear Fellow Member

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the Old Rutlishians' Association a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2012. Christmas is especially a time for families and I hope that all of you share this festive season with your loved ones.

The last twelve months, from my perspective, have just flown by. As the chronological year of 2011 comes to a close it has been overall a very positive year for the Association. Our finances are in probably the best shape they have been for a while. This is as a result of a lot of hard work by the Executive Committee, chaired superbly by Peter Day, and all the volunteers of the Association. There is simply much more going on at Poplar Road and all these activities, using the wide range of facilities on offer, are impacting very positively on the Club. I see no reason why 2012 should not be equally successful or even better!

In terms of Rutlish School you would have seen from earlier editions of the Orbit that the school continues to go from strength to strength and stronger academic results under the leadership of Mr. Alex Williamson. All the Rutlish staff thoroughly deserve a great Christmas.

At this time of the year we remember members who are no longer with us. Our thoughts go to their families who will be especially missing them at Christmas. It was for me a great privilege to attend the funeral of Horace Crabtree and my thoughts this Christmas are with June, Horace's wife, and his family headed by his son, Ian.

Two School/Association mile stones took place during 2011. One, a 90th CCF anniversary dinner took place in the mail hall. Founded shortly after the end of the World War I by head master Mr. Edward Varnish, the CCF has a long and distinguished history within Rutlish School. Two, the current club house celebrated its 75th year anniversary in 2011.

Mr. Steve Simpson at the 75th celebratory lunch took us down memory lane with lots of stories. Both events were very well supported and thoroughly enjoyable occasions.

Into 2012, our first real Association function is Burns' Night around January 25th. "Tiny" Foster after many years of organising this event is taking a well deserved rest, but unless a person volunteers to organise the event, it will unfortunately not happen. Please contact "Tiny" if you would like to help organise Burns' Night and quickly.

Our Annual Dinner is Saturday 03rd March 2012 at the R. A. F. Club in Piccadilly. Information will be coming out in the Orbit very soon about the dinner. The location is absolutely fantastic and it would be great to see as many members there as possible. Please put the date in your diary.

Lastly, I have managed to acquire 20 Old Rutlishians' badges to sew to a blazer pocket. If you would like to purchase one please contact me. They are £15 each and look quite good.

With very best wishes

Peter A. Norrie

Bar Opening Times

Christmas Eve	12.00 noon	to	11.00 pm
Christmas Day	12.00 noon	to	2.00 pm
Boxing Day	11.00 am	to	5.00 pm
Tuesday 27th Dec	11.00 am	to	11.00 pm
New Year's Eve	12.00 noon	to	1.00 am
New Year's Day	12.00 noon	to	10.30 pm
Monday 2nd Jan	12.00 noon	to	3.00 pm
	7.00 pm		11.00 pm

Friday 23rd December – Board games & beer in the bar

Get your board games out (highly optional) and come join us for a relaxing evening in the bar. Jacket spuds and mince pies will be available through the evening. Bar opens from 7pm. See you there.

Pete Day

Annual Dinner

Saturday 3rd March 2012
at The Royal Airforce Club,
Piccadilly at 1830.

All members welcome.

Further details to follow later in the year.

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

Alligator's Teeth

A tourist was admiring the necklace worn by a local Indian.

"What is it made of?" she asked.

"Alligator's teeth," the Indian replied.

"I suppose," she said patronizingly, "that they mean as much to you as pearls do to us."

"Oh no," he smiled "Anybody can open an oyster."

14 Jan

Rugby Past Players lunch

12.00

noon



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

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E-mail- fitunit@hotmail.co.uk

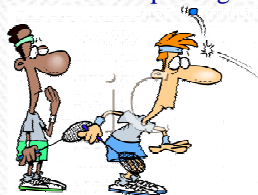
It's Allwright: Family, War, Teeth A Memoir, covering the years from 1915

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

For Hire

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



"
*Only he who penetrates into the depth
of the game can express his personal-
ity in it.*"

- Vladimir Kramnik

Really Needed

A Minute Secretary for our Executive Committee

At the moment the minutes are being dealt with by Peter Day who is the Association's Chairman and has a dozen other things to do as chairman besides having a full time job and a family to be dad to.

If you have a bit of time a month that you could spare for you club please have a word with Peter (peterandemmaday@blueyonder.co.uk) who will be able to tell you what is involved.

Ukulele Jamming Sessions

Thursday 8th December

Ukulele Jamming Session in the bar
at Poplar Road

7.45pm to 9.15pm (to include a little Christmas socialising before and after)

Free - all ages and abilities

Bring own ukulele or borrow one

More details from Rob Lever on
07708287226 or robert_lever@msn.com

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

The Man and the Dog

There is an old story about the data centre of the future.

This data centre runs 24/7 with only a man and a dog.

The man's job is to feed the dog.

The dog's job is to make sure the man does not touch the computer.



ORCC AGM

Our AGM will be take place on Sunday 8th January 2012 at 18.00 in the memorial lounge. Please make every effort to attend on the evening to help outline the 2012 cricket season. Please see www.oldrutsrugby.org.uk for further details.

Winter Nets

Winter indoor nets will commence on Monday 23rd January (to Monday 26th March) and will run from 19.00 – 21.00. As in previous years, the net sessions will be held at Rutlish School. Please see www.oldrutsrugby.org.uk for further details.

Colts

Winter Programme

Our winter programme continues after Xmas.

Fridays: Priority will be given to those participating before Xmas and then those on the waiting list.

Thursdays: Some age groups will be having dedicated sessions. Managers will be contacting you directly if this is on offer. There may be open sessions on some Thursdays.

Parents and Older Colts

If you are interested in learning how to coach please get in contact. Colts must be over 16 when they do the course.

Survey

Many thanks to all those who filled in the survey and to Kash Yamin for organising it. We have considered all the comments and are looking at how we can improve coaching and our facilities.

To view a report on the results see: https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D6664990_7994805_878620

Under 8s (School year 3) in 2012 - Meeting for Parents

Sunday 15 January at 7 p.m. is the provisional date. We will be e-mailing parents directly but offers of help in advance would be useful.

2012

Registration Forms will go out in March Outdoor training will start in April (May for Kwik Cricket)

All enquiries: Graham Mills
grahamw.mills@btinternet.com or
07913 987 006

The two shortest complete sentences in the English language are "I am" and "I do".



Seniors

Things are looking healthy for senior rugby at the Old Ruts. Despite a difficult start to life back in Surrey 2 the First Team's performances have improved as of late. This improvement has not always been rewarded with results however but they recently recorded their first league win of the year and are looking to build on this result and have a much better second half of the season.

The Second Team have adapted to life in a higher league better than many expected. Most of their games have been very tight but despite this they have managed to win 5 of their first 6 league matches. If they can win the game in hand over the other sides they will move to the top of the league and be well placed for a challenge for a second successive title winning season.

One of the real shining lights of the campaign so far has been the return of The Third team. They have managed to play twice already this season winning both these games giving them a fair claim to being the most successful side in the whole club. These games have featured a good number of youngsters playing their first ever senior rugby matches after graduating from the junior sides which is a very healthy sign for the future.

Gary Forge

Christmas Party 1 8th December

See you all on Sunday from 12...

Loads of fun to be had for all with the famous "Bucking Reindeer".

Also Lucky Dips, Sweetie Tombola, Cake and produce stall, crossbar challenge, beat the goalie and BB gun range!



World famous Xmas BBQ from 12 and then:

"Ruts Got Talent"

From 2 30 ish we hope to see the finest talent Ruts has to offer on stage, live! Followed by the amazing Ukelele Orchestra of Merton Park leading some popular sing alongs and carols!

Old Ruts Coach wins National Award!

Congratulations to Stacia.....

Facing competition from across the whole of England, our U13's coach and Head of the Graveney School Rugby Academy Stacia Long has won the "Young Peoples Coach of the Year" award from the RFU.

This is a deserved Stacia as who know nize the amount of puts in



very well award for all of us her recog-huge effort she across

school and club to maximize the opportunity to play rugby for all standards of player.

Thanks to Tiny Stokes and Elaine Harrison who took the time out to fill out the detailed nomination forms....

Dear Anastacia

RE: National Coaching Awards 2011

As you may know, you have been nominated for the 'Ian Thompson Young Peoples Coach of the Year Award' for 2011.

I am delighted to inform you that you have been selected as the extremely worthy recipient of this award. I would like to congratulate you for this achievement and hope that you will be able to attend the ceremony, which will take place on 4th January 2012, at the National Coaching Conference, Heythrop Park, Oxfordshire, to collect this prestigious award.

Your enthusiasm, commitment, experience, knowledge and skills are outstanding and this award is well deserved.

Would you please contact Linda Fell on 02088 316711 or lindafell@rfu.com to advise if you are able to collect this award in person at the ceremony on 4th January 2012.

I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 2012.

Warmest congratulations.

Yours sincerely

John Lawn
Coach Development Manager - RFU



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

In the run-up to Christmas you may well be meeting friends and neighbours and quite possibly the conversation will turn to your plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the middle of the year. Buoyed up by the festive spirit you may agree to arrange street parties and other events (and we very much hope you do!). But to avoid a clash, it's timely to let you know that there will be a big party for the whole community on Sunday 3rd June.

The **Big Jubilee Lunch Day** is being organised by MPWRA, St Mary's Church, the John Innes Society and Merton Park Primary School PTA. Following the successful format of the 2002 Golden Jubilee event, they are arranging a family picnic and fun day.

They will be inviting everyone to bring picnics to the Fields next to the Church and laying on entertainment and activities from Midday to 5pm. Events will include races (what else in an Olympic year?). Not Olympic sports, more egg and spoon and three-legged races, but winners will get medals and a podium to stand on! The Scouts, Guides and Brownies will be running games and some stalls. And on this royal day, small children will have the chance to decorate their own crowns.

Living green Heart of the Park Centre

The Centre is now open in Morden Hall Park, Monday to Friday 11am - 3pm and between 11am and 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. It contains some inspiring exhibitions, surrounded by the park and gardens.

Currently there are **two exhibitions**.

One tells the story of the renovation project and explains the range of energy saving insulations, recycled materials and green technologies which have been used to make the stable yard the most energy efficient and eco-friendly historic building in the country. A smaller, temporary exhibition area describes the Film Star parties held at Morden Hall Park between 1947 and 1951. For more information, go to:



<http://nationaltrust-mordenhallpark.blogspot.com/>

Article written by a Year 7 student about his great grandfather, who was a 'bomber boy'

It was known as the deadliest job of all. They were The Bomber Boys, 80,000 young men who fought for their country in extreme circumstances. They knew they were risking their lives, but it was worth it when they thought of the smiling families left at home.

Life expectancy on the job was just 2 weeks.

The Bomber Boys had it tough and they knew it. Before take-off the General of that airbase that they were leaving from would wave goodbye, knowing that he had seen some of them for the last time.

My great grandfather was one of these on board a Lancaster Bomber. He was one of the lucky ones, he made it back to British shores - eventually.

On the 28th of June 1944, Ronald Leverington left Pocklington Airbase, Yorkshire for the last time. After many successful bombing missions, his luck had finally run out. He was shot down over the north of France, near Normandy. After the crash, Ron spent six weeks hiding with members of the French resistance until a Nazi double-agent betrayed him to the Gestapo. In the course of WW2 thousands of allied airmen suffered a similar fate. Double-agents often managed to work their way into the French resistance, causing devastating consequences.

Ronald was taken to Paris and interrogated by the Gestapo. He was repeatedly tortured but his morale stayed strong. After the Gestapo realised they could not suck any information from his lips, they sent him along with many other allied men, to the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp.

Vicious SS guards often beat the weaker prisoners to death. Conditions deteriorated towards the end of the war, most of the prisoners would not make it to that point. They were just given potato peel to eat. Ron says "I saw a lot of things at Buchenwald, they were awful."

The Gestapo had been waiting for two months for Adolf Hitler's order to execute the allied airmen, but in late October 1944, news of their captivity at the concentration camp got through to Luftwaffe officers. For them such treatment of fellow airmen (even enemy ones) was seen to be wrong.

WWW.COMMUNITYSAF E.GOV.UK

New burglary tactic. Please be aware

A recent method used for the commission of burglaries has been as follows. A lone female will approach an address and throw what appears to be a squash ball or pebbles at a window. They get no response and walk off. About 5 minutes later a team of three males arrive and proceed to enter into the property. There is reason to believe the 'team' may be of South American appearance, but of course, this particular method of establishing whether a home is occupied or not, might be used by any burglar.

Whilst increased vigilance is always to be encouraged around this time of year, this particular method is one which we wish to bring to your attention.

As ever, if you have any information, do please contact us via either merton-park.SNT@met.police.uk, or on 0208 721 2451.

If life is endangered, or a crime is being committed 'now', always ring 999,



So in early November 1944 Ron was taken (by means of transportation that the Nazis called the death march) to Stalagluft III, a POW camp for captured allied airmen. When he arrived before him were beds, medical kits and food. He was even allowed to listen to Winston Churchill's inspirational speeches on the radio. Ron stayed at the POW camp until it was liberated by the Russians in 1945. He then joined up with American Special Forces in France and they sent him home. He was one of the lucky ones. He was one to arrive back home to see the smiling face of his wife.

At the end of the war, even after what they had been through, The Bomber Boys were not properly recognised.

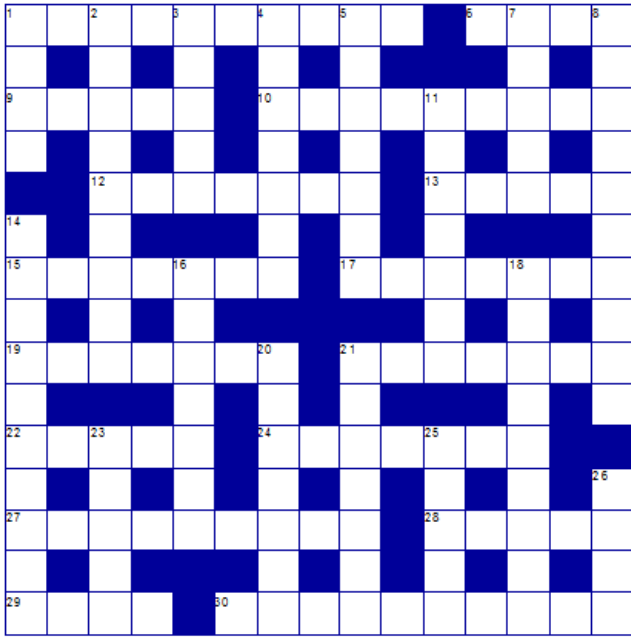
Until Now.

Jack Johnson 7V

Crossword 7



Solution next month



www.Crossword7.com

ACROSS

1. 1. Leader uses ringer ahead of soaked tailless herd. (10)
6. Exhort European Union to reverse and include 18th and 7th. (4)
9. 9. Used vehicle and moved livestock. (5)
10. High praise by European Union record of ninth to twenty-sixth spell. (9)
12. 12. Moss Mike arranged for dwellers in northern Canada. (7)
13. Is seed despite first foot fault. (5)
15. City giving rise to good order in nautical matters. (7)
17. English spread over beach. (7)
19. Feline reverses it, confuses Reg on ship. (7)
21. Satchel on tube uses drones. (7)
22. Negative to Robert sounds rich. (5)
24. Young Loretta joins namesake to make a cap. (7)
27. Roamed net to find cathedral. (5,3)
28. Preen edge in very soft direction. (5)
29. Alleviate corneas especially. (4)
30. Transport tungsten, correct? (10)

DOWN

1. Devon town loses river crossing causing wait. (4)
2. No legions caused this. (9)
3. Inflict all real numbers in seven days reportedly. (5)
4. Young Malachi follows the right column of air. (7)
5. Signs up for Nils' set construct. (7)
7. Antipodeans' imaginary brass coin worth nothing. (5)
8. Imperilled by greed and nitrogen electron display. (10)
11. Urging to depart at first sound of the bell. (7)
14. Nicest bean harvest caused self-denial. (10)
16. Marine Biological Laboratory in arboreal setting causes quake. (7)
18. Merciless defeating the king causing facial contorting. (9)
20. Bath abs on this day. (7)
21. Pub employee runs bee park. (7)
23. Multiples of eight define character. (5)
25. Jungle mammal seen to rip at inversely. (5)
28. Notice Sam puts off telling first. (4)

Old Rutlishians Social Network

This is the Facebook page for all things social at the Old Rutlishians in Poplar Road - the home of the legendary RutsFest, Rugby, Cricket and Football sections, Rutsjest and the hub of the Merton Park Social Network. Become a member of the Old Ruts (its easy and cheap) and then join us to make "The Ruts" a great place for locals to go for a casual social get together any night of the week (midweek from 7pm), the base for your local community group and lots of other great events all the time.

Every Monday Night at the Ruts is Knitting kNight and Poker!!
All can come along and learn to drop a stitch... and have a natter or play Poker.
For knitting details contact susansheridan@boltblue.com

Solution to No 6

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They who laugh - last



A Classical Christmas

"Make out your Chopin Liszt early before Debussy season, when you have time to check out Verdi good bargains and can still get gifts Faure good price, not have to Handel large crowds and have time to give Bach things you decide you don't want."

Tequila Christmas Cake recipe

1 cup sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup water
1 tsp. salt
1 cup brown sugar
Lemon juice
4 large eggs
Nuts
1 bottle tequila
2 cups dried fruit

Sample the tequila to check quality. Take a large bowl; check the tequila again to be sure it is of the highest quality. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar. Beat again.

At this point, it is best to make sure the tequila is still OK. Try another cup just in case. Turn off the mixerer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck iin the cup of dried fruit. Pick the fruit up off the floor.

Mix on the turner. If the fried druit getas stuck in the beaterers, just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the tequila to test for tonsisticity. Next, sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Check the tequila. Now shift the lemon ice strain your nuts.

Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or somefink. Whatever you can find. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 s and try not to fall over.

Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the tequila and wipe the counter with the cat.

Oxymorons

- Extinct Life
- Plastic glasses
- Terribly pleased
- Computer security
- Political science
- Tight slacks
- Definite maybe
- Pretty ugly
- Rap music
- Working vacation
- Religious tolerance
- Microsoft Works

Christmas Yuks

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?.
Jungle Bells, Jungle bells..!

Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?.
They both drop their needles!

What's Christmas called in England?.
Yule Britannia!

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?.
Thanks, I'll never part with it!

Why is a burning candle like being thirsty?.
Because a little water ends both of them!

The Witness

An old man was a witness in a burglary case.

The defense lawyer asked Richard, "Did you see my client commit this burglary?"
"Yes," said Richard , "I saw him plainly take the goods."

The lawyer asks Richard again, "Richard, this happened at night. Are you sure you saw my client commit this crime?"

"Yes" says Richard, "I saw him do it."
Then the lawyer asks Richard, "Richard listen, you are 80 years old and your eye sight probably is bad. Just how far can you see at night?"

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Hourly Rate

Sign seen in repair shop (directed at customers):
Hourly rate: £10.50
Hourly rate if you sit and watch: £12.50
Hourly rate if you sit, watch, and comment: £15.50
Hourly rate if you sit, watch, comment, and "help": £20.00



"I don't know about you, but, for the record, I did not see that!"

