



# Old Rutlshians' Association

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### Dates for your Diary

Friday 18 Feb	President's Cheese & Wine	7.30 pm
Saturday 19 Feb	Groove Dynamic Band Night	6.30 pm
Friday 25 Feb	Roger Uttley Q & A Pie & Mash	7.30 pm
Saturday 26 Feb	Six Nations England v France Food Available	5.00 pm
Sunday 27 Feb	Rugby President's XV v Old Ruts XV	2.45 pm KO

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**NATIONS RUGBY**  
- ON  
**LARGE SCREEN**  
**TV AT**  
**POPLAR ROAD**  
**Food available**

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Noon Friday 11th March

Queries should be sent to author of item concerned.

### Our AGM Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Just a little advanced warning that the ORA AGM will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Relevant papers will be available from 7.30pm on the evening.

If you wish to make a nomination for any of the posts please inform our Secretary (Mike Stallard) a minimum of 7 days in advance of the meeting. All nominations require a proposer as well as a seconder. You will need to have obtained the agreement of the nominated person of course.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we continue to have the Secretarial role vacant, the key role to the running of our club. Mike Stallard is fulfilling this role until the AGM. Whilst nominations can be made for any role, we would urge any budding secretaries to step forward as a matter of urgency.

Another role still vacant that supports the Executive is the Meeting Secretary. This involves attending Executive meetings to take the minutes. Though not a formal member of the committee, this role will help allow others to focus on the core part of their roles. If you're interested please speak to me asap.

You will receive your normal notification for the AGM in due course.

Pete  
Chair

[peterandemma@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterandemma@blueyonder.co.uk)

### Who would have bet on that happening?

The Old Ruts love affair with the darker side is at an end. After decades of us giving our hard earned cash to this nefarious character, we have recognised our error and called a halt.

I am talking about the 'One-armed bandit' - the fruit machine. After doing our sums, we now know it is costing the club, as well as members who have been feeding it, lots of money. The machine is largely being ignored and with the tax & rent we pay, it is now costing us to give it house room. So we say farewell to a bandit that has outlasted its usefulness.

On a brighter note the Quiz machine thrives and will continue to amuse us.

Peter Stokes

### Clifford Champion

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Clifford Champion on 15 January last. He attended Rutlish from 1939 to 1945. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

### Old Rutlshians Fun Run



The ORA Fun Run is getting closer by the day, yet numbers of participants seem to have flat lined.

- Fun Run - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45 am
- Optional routes of 2k, 5k or 10k
- £10 to enter for any distance, prices will vary for younger runners (TBC)
- 1 free visit to the post run BBQ for all runners

You can apply to take part by logging onto [www.theora.co.uk](http://www.theora.co.uk) and following the link on the home page. Alternatively, you can fill out a application form which are located at the bar in the club house.

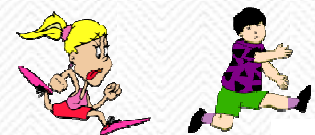
We are giving people the option of three distances to encourage more people to participate. Younger members can race their parents in the 2k distance. People who wouldn't necessarily run 10k can participate in the 5k route and those people who want to push their bodies a little further can take part in the 10k run. You do not need to decide on your distance until the day of the run.

All money raised will be injected back into the ORA for the continual development work currently being undertaken.

This is an open event, so tell your work colleagues, friends, family, the more the merrier.

In addition to runners we need race day marshals. We estimate we will need 20-25 marshals to direct runners of the route. If you do not wish to run but can lend a hand with marshalling, please let the run committee know by emailing [Oldrutsfunrun@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Oldrutsfunrun@yahoo.co.uk) or let a member of bar staff know (please leave contact details).

Get yourself some comfy running shoes and we look forward to receiving your application form and seeing you on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.



Life doesn't give us chances

Life is our chance to give!

## President's Reminder

President's **Squash** match versus Andy Ray Squash Team. **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Poplar Road. Start at 6.30pm.** Please come and watch these young at heart squash players making the game look easy!! Food and wine afterwards.

President's **Cheese & Wine** Tasting Evening. **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30pm.** Tickets still available and the evening should be lots of fun. Please contact Donna Trimmings for last minute tickets.

**Roger Uttley**, English & British Lion **Rugby Legend** Q&A session. **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30pm.** Food available and Geoff Aldis will be Master of Ceremony for this evening.

**England versus France** is also part of the **President's Rugby weekend** on the big screen on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011** at Poplar Road where food will also be available.

President's **Rugby XV** versus Old Rutlishians First XV on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15.** A great afternoon of rugby meeting old friends.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 the Annual Dinner at the RAC Pall Mall.** The President would like to meet as many people as possible at the Annual Dinner in the Mountbatten Room. Details are elsewhere in the Orbit, but please don't leave booking until the last minute.

President's **Football XI** versus Old Rutlishians XI on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm.** Please come along and watch and support. Food available afterwards.

Peter Norrie

## JOHN CLEMENTS

Update.

Older members of the Association know John Clements and by now will have learned of the horrendous accident he had last August immediately before his 85th birthday, when he was knocked down in Farnham high street and dragged some way along the road under a lorry. He suffered terrible injuries which, would have seen off a lesser man on the spot, but not John. He was flown to hospital by air ambulance and being unable to save one of his legs it was amputated. He also had extensive skin grafting and then on top of all his other problems contracted pneumonia. Again he survived and having done as much as they could for him, he was transferred for rehabilitation. The latest news on John's condition comes from his daughter, Mrs Margot Konitzer, St. Anthony, Church End, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 0JB, who writes as follows:-

'The outlook is not so great. They have gone as far as they can with his rehabilitation. There has been so much muscle wastage that he doesn't have much balance and cannot manage a wheelchair without being hoisted into it. He will never walk again or be able to eat normally. He has a feeding line fixed permanently into his stomach. They have tried getting him to swallow normally but he keeps getting chest infections as a result and this is posing more problems for him. He opted for them not to try any more and will put up with the feeding tube. He will need 24 hour nursing care and we are just going through the assessment process for his ongoing nursing care in a nursing home. Its all very bleak but I will say that he remains cheerful and is still determined to hang on in there! If anyone would like to write him a letter, send it via my address and I will see that he gets it when I visit him; I am sure it would cheer him up.'

Doug Matthew

## Who's Who

**Name** Jack (John) Rundle

**Role** Elected member

**Responsibilities** Editor of e-Orbit News Letter

**Member of the Association since** 1999

**Member of the Executive since** 2005

**Other information** Can be found at the bar Sunday lunchtimes

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## Aerials

Some weeks ago our grounds man Mick McCarthy picked up at least 30 car aerials of the screw variety which had been thrown all over our pitches. We relocated approximately 10 of these by speaking to our neighbours but we still have many left in the club house. If you have lost your aerial see Mick and he will return it to you.

Ian Lambert

## 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

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## Rutlish School

'The Headteacher has received a letter of congratulation from the Minister of State for Schools, Nick Gibb, congratulating him on the sustained improvement in the GCSE results. Rutlish is "amongst the top 100 performing schools based on sustained improvement each year from 2007 to 2010".

Rutlish students are looking for work experience opportunities for the last couple of weeks of the summer term. If anyone can offer such an opportunity please contact Cynthia Clift [Cynthia.Clift@rutlish.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Cynthia.Clift@rutlish.merton.sch.uk). Employers must have Public Liability Insurance and Employer Liability Insurance and be prepared to have a Health and

Safety Inspection.

The school is collecting old CDs and DVDs to raise money. If anyone has any they want to get rid of, they can be taken into the school office in the Manor House in Watery Lane, Merton Park, London SW20 9AD.

Year 8 (third form) team won HSBC tournament before Xmas. For the fifth year running the Year 9 (4<sup>th</sup> form) and Year 11 (5<sup>th</sup> form) teams won their respective Borough badminton tournaments despite the snow and progress to the South London finals.

Graham Mills

Conference Room: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.



## Cricket

Pre-season cricket training is now underway. Nets at Rutlish School started two weeks ago and the turn out has been excellent. Another encouraging sign is that 75% of people attending are new members to the club.

There is room for more of you so don't be shy.

Nets start at 19.30 for 90 minutes and will run until Monday 4th April. You can attend as many sessions as you want for £25, alternately £5 a session. If you wish to attend please pop along and bring with you a cheque made payable to ORCC and hand it to a member of the committee, cash will also be accepted.

This season we bid farewell to Sandeep Ganguly, our overseas player for the past four years. ORCC have secured an alternative overseas player for this coming season. He has played First Class cricket in Pakistan and will be joining us for the summer in a player/coach capacity.

## Colts

The summer season is approaching. Late March - Registration forms will be sent to parents of current colts

- 15 April - Registration Night from 6 pm
- Late April - Net practices outdoors will begin
- 3 May - Kwik Cricket sessions begin on Tuesday

Helpers still required particularly for

- under 8s and
- on Tuesday nights with administration

Training can be arranged for those wanting to help coach, umpire, score etc.

Contact Graham Mills:  
[grahamw.mills@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamw.mills@btinternet.com)



After a couple of losses in the league to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed clubs, the First team were back to winning ways by beating Mitcham 36 to 30. The spirit in the team is still good as it is now third in the league, three points behind Worth Old Boys in second. With home matches against the top two clubs to come, we are still in with a chance of promotion.

The second team's unbeaten league run came to an end when they lost to Old Haileyburians by a single point. However as if to prove a point, they came back to form to beat Old Caterhamians 48 - 0.

We are now getting enough player to be able to run a third side by the end of this season.

The juniors are flourishing. Our under 13 squad now fields two sides and we are near to our target of 250 young players in the club.

Roger Uttley, the legendary British Lion, ex England captain & manager will be at the club on Fri 25 February for a Question & Answer session in the bar. Roger has been involved in management & playing at all levels and has insights into what goes on at the top of our game. Everyone is welcome to come to this evening **free of charge** and quiz our guest.

Finally, the Rugby Club presentation dinner is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April (bar extension requested). Anyone wishing to attend

please contact  
Peter Stokes on

[peter.stokes@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peter.stokes@blueyonder.co.uk) or

Donna Trimmings on

[donnaTrimings@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:donnaTrimings@blueyonder.co.uk).

## Seniors

If we ever thought playing down a league was going to be easy we have found out that it is anything but!

There seems to be little difference between the sides in Surrey with good quality rugby being played across the county. Currently, we are lying 3<sup>rd</sup> and we hope to finish in the top two with a chance of promotion. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV are a settled side these days and most weeks it looks like it - every now and then we have a "bad day at the office" and let ourselves slip off the pace but overall we are decent and committed side. Rich Harris has stepped up to the Captaincy for most of the season with Sam Keohane being injured. Next season we should be able to train each week as a complete squad when we have a number of our university players back in harness. The next few weeks are critical - but I am confident the squad will deliver.

The "A" XV are currently top of their league which is a testament to Captain, Marc Jones and Colin Lloyd who coaches every match on Saturdays. The results are even more remarkable given the ever changing personnel and line-up each week but with very good numbers in the Club [not quite enough for an EX"A"] there is competition for places.

We are all looking forward to Tour and the team spirit has never been higher.

Mark C

"Great effort from our U8's at the Quins Curtain Raiser Cup Semis last Sunday - playing in the semi finals inevitably meant they were up against the biggest and the best and whilst no victories were achieved a try count of 15 for and 25 against across 5 matches shows how well they were competing " Good luck to the U11's who are in the semis on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Old Ruts hosted the Merton Tag Rugby tournament last week and a great day it was too with 15 mixed teams from across the Borough all competing hard to win. Here is a quote from the Organiser:

A big BIG thank you for all your help on Thursday! Thanks for being so accommodating and helping us so much, and can you say a thanks to Donna for serving drinks to parents and teachers on Thursday as well.

All the kids had a great time and I think you showcased the club really well!

To cap a great day, St Theresa's won the final captained by OR U11 Caolan Englefield, proudly watched by his father and vocal U11 coach Simon.

**Quiz Night March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
from 7 30 upstairs at the club

Open to everyone across the club not just rugby, £10 per head inc food. To enter a team email

[rstellard@btinternet.com](mailto:rstellard@btinternet.com)



# Carpe Diem

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# OLD RUTLISHIANS' ANNUAL DINNER

SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011  
RAC CLUB - PALL MALL  
1830hrs - 2300hrs  
President - Peter Norrie

*A Delicious 4 Course Menu created from seasonally sourced ingredients from the finest suppliers served in the stately Mountbatten Room*  
**£65 per person**  
*A unique experience supporting your president*  
Application form below

## Annual Dinner Application Form

Name..... Coach leaves clubhouse at 1715 and RAC at 2300.  
Contact Nbr..... Cost £9.00 one way or return  
Would like to be seated with.....(tables of 10) Nearest Tube is Green Park  
Special dietary request..... Dress is Black Tie or Lounge suit with Tie.  
Cheques made payable to ORA and send to Dinner Committee, ORA, Poplar Road, Merton Park, London, SW19 3JS.  
Final payments due by 21 February 2011 please. Any queries 07801 140 482.

Rutlish PTA are thrilled to welcome

### MoneyPenny Productions,

Europe's Premier Murder Mystery Entertainment Company to Rutlish School on 4th March from 7:30 for an Evening of

# MURDER MYSTERY



MoneyPenny Productions' Team of Professional Actors will bring Live Cluedo to Rutlish School and we need you to solve the clues. The Evening is open to pupils, staff, friends and family of Rutlish School, Richards Lodge School and to Old Rutlishians.

**Tickets are only available in advance. Adults £12 Children £6.00. A free hot buffet is included in the price. Licensed bar available.**

Name.....  
Address.....  
No of £12 Adult tickets..... No of £6 Child tickets.....

Please make cheques payable to Rutlish PTA. Completed slips and payment should be handed in to Donna Trimmings, 07952 291995, donnatrimmings@blueyonder.co.uk. Tickets will be issued separately by the PTA. The PTA reserve the right to cancel this event if insufficient tickets are sold by 03/02/2011. Refunds will be made within 7 days of that decision.

[WWW.COMMUNITYSAFE.GOV.UK](http://WWW.COMMUNITYSAFE.GOV.UK)

### Burglary advice

Please be aware of a recent increase in burglaries, predominantly in the southern part of the ward, broadly south of Circle Gardens.

There are two entry methods for these offences, one particularly crude and difficult to prevent.

This method is to forcibly kick through kitchen doors, especially those made of uPVC, where the lower panel of the rear door is made of uPVC, rather than being glazed.

As these panels are factory-fitted at the point of manufacture of the door, subsequent 'improvements' to strengthen the door are difficult to make.

'Do-it-yourself' attempts to increase security, by drilling into the lower panels of the door to add internal wooden panels for example, may actually compromise the structural integrity of the door, and reduce its strength. We do NOT recommend doing this.

Where residents have been unfortunate enough to be the victim of such a burglary, we have been advising them to consider replacing the uPVC panel with double glazed units instead.

The other method is to attempt to force rear kitchen, or side toilet windows.

We are aware of unsuccessful attempts at burglary, which were thwarted when house alarms sounded, deterring the burglar.

Whilst our usual advice, of always locking when leaving remains, we would ask those residents who believe their homes may be vulnerable, to consider the installation of a house alarm.

Some of these offences have occurred during the hours of daylight.

We encourage residents to report ANY suspicious activity, particularly where individuals look out-of-place, or are seen to enter back gardens, immediately via 999

Please be assured that 2 arrests have been made in connection with burglaries in Merton Park.

Increased patrols are being carried out, including plain clothed patrols by officers.

We ask that residents, especially those with kitchen doors of the design type described, are particularly vigilant, and ensure that property, such as jewellery, lap-tops, photographic equipment, games consoles, and larger quantities of cash are securely stored, and kept out of sight. Thank You.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.



## 60th Anniversary

This year the club will be celebrating its 60th birthday. The club will be holding a series of events throughout the year. First up will be an open day for all ex members to come and visit the club and share memories from your time at club. This will take place on Saturday 19th March from 10am - 6pm.

Over the years the club has seen many members come through the its doors and this will be a good chance to catch up with some old faces from the past.

We have still kept loads of photos from your time at club and they will all be on display along with a few videos that we have been able to salvage.

If any one does have any old photos from their time at club it would be nice if you could either email or drop them into the club so we can add them to the display.

We are also trying to create a book of current and ex-members best memories as it would be nice for future generations to share these memories.

We want to make this a special year and we can only do this with your support. So spread the word to any ex-members that you think would like to attend.

### 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.

In 2010 the Old Ruts Social Committee has burst into life - 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](mailto:susansheridan@boltblue.com)

### 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

### Tips with English Grammer

1. Don't abbrev.
2. Check to see if you any words out.
3. Be carefully to use adjectives and ad verbs correct.
4. About sentence fragments.
5. When dangling, don't use participles.
6. Don't use no double negatives.
7. Each pronoun agrees with their antecedent.
8. Just between You and i, case is important.
9. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
10. Don't use commas, that aren't necessary.

### 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.**

### Archaeologists

After having dug to a depth of 10 ft last year, Manchester scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years. They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Mancs, in the weeks that followed, a Birmingham archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 ft and, shortly after, a story in the Times read: "Birmingham archaeologist, finding a 200 year old copper wire, has concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Mancs."

One week later a local newspaper in St Day reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 ft, in his meadow near Shallow Adit, Treeve Pendarves, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. He has, therefore, concluded that 300 years ago, St Day had already gone wireless."

Makes one proud ta live in Cornwall, *don't it?*

*"In seeking wisdom thou art wise; in imagining that thou hast attained it - thou art a fool."* - Lord Chesterfield

*"Delay is preferable to error."* - Thomas Jefferson

*"Don't be afraid to see what you see."* - Ronald Reagan



## Deep Thoughts For Those Who Take Life Way Too Seriously

- A day without sunshine is like...night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
- Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- How many of you believe in psychokinesis? Raise my hand.

## The first Ten Commandments are the hardest.

People who are wrapped up in themselves are overdressed.

An expert is someone called in at the last minute to share the blame.

A word of advice...don't give it.

If we made it illegal, do you think more people would vote?

I am logged in...therefore, I am.

A journey of a hundred miles starts with an argument over how to load the car.

Justice is blind and in some cases...deaf and dumb.

To belittle is to be little.

When fear knocks at the door, and you answer, there will be no one there.

Poverty is a condition with but one advantage, it doesn't take much to improve your lot.

The first rule of tinkering is to save all the parts.

I'm retiring in Mexico. Sunny, affordable and no predatory reverse mortgages.

A pessimist is a man who looks both ways before crossing a one-way street.

Management's job is to keep 'em too busy to look for other jobs.

Heredity is what sets the parents of a teenager wondering about each other.

Why are lawyers not sworn to tell the truth like all the witnesses in a jury trial?

## Out of the Mouths of ...

Impressed by her 5-year-old's vocabulary, my friend complimented the young scholar, who nonchalantly responded, "I have words in my head I haven't even used yet."

His mom informed her son, Brian, that she was going outside to get a little sun. "But Mommy, he gulped, "You already have a son -- me!"

When our son asked about two look-alike classmates at school, we told him they were probably twins. The next day, he came home from school all bubbly and said, "Guess what? They are not only twins, they're brothers!"

## SELFISHNESS AND SELFLESSNESS

1. The last vestige of egotism is the desire to sacrifice oneself for others.
2. The reward for self-sacrifice is self-adulation.
3. The desire to "make a difference" is a desire for personal significance, the cause of much evil, error, and pain.
4. True selflessness requires one to relinquish the desire for power.
5. The motivations for action ought always to be joy and love.

Why is the top brass of an organisation paid more to make them work harder, but the rank and file paid less, also to make them work harder?

