



# Old Rutlishians' Association

## E-Orbit Newsletter

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### Dates for your Diary

Sat 14 Jan	Rugby Past Players' Lunch	Noon
Fri 10 Feb	Wally's Quiz Night	7.00 pm
Fri 17 Feb	President's Wine Tasting	
Thurs 23 Feb	President's Squash Match	Wimbledon Squash Club
Sat 3 March	Association's Annual Dinner	RAC Club
Wed 7 March	Darts Tournament	
Sun 11 March	President's XI V Club 1st XI	

On Club  
premises  
please



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Thursday 9th February

Queries should be sent to the  
author of item concerned.

### Our Chairman Writes

I hope you enjoyed the festive break. It was certainly a busy time at the club. After the traditional Christmas Day drinks the weather was kind to us on Boxing Day allowing us to play our customary fixtures at the club. Then on the 27<sup>th</sup> over 350 members went to Twickenham to watch Harlequins take on Saracens.

As we return to the routine of whatever normal life brings to you there's a few things that I'd like to bring to your attention:

#### Annual Dinner – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The annual dinner provides a great opportunity to meet old and new friends alike in a fantastic venue. As Peter Norrie comes towards the end of his second year of tenure I would encourage you all to come along to support him at this event. Peter has jumped into the roll with both feet and has done a huge amount to help the club progress. Full details of the dinner including a tear off slip to confirm your attendance can be found on page 4.

#### AGM – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

It's been an interesting year as we've seen a number of changes implemented at the club. The AGM will give you an opportunity to see the outcome of some of these changes, so please get this date in your diary and do your best to come along.

#### Are you knowledgeable on 'Charitable Law'?

At last year's AGM we said we would investigate the possibility of obtaining CASC status to allow us to benefit from various tax breaks. As things stand it is unlikely that we can obtain this status as we do not meet the criteria on level of playing members: it must be a minimum 80% of all members. In the past we have looked at whether we should seek charitable status and this subject has been raised again. Is there anyone out there who can advise us of the pros and cons of seeking such a status? We would really welcome a conversation to see if it is something that our club should be considering.

#### Any Auditors out there?

It is some while since the Association and section accounts were last fully audited. I suspect that the structure of the club has

changed somewhat since this was last done with the significant junior sections in current existence being just one of these changes. Whilst we would welcome anyone that could do this for us on a voluntary basis, we appreciate the scale of the task and would be happy to discuss an appropriate fee for completing this work.

There's a few other exciting things in the pipeline which I hope to be able to update you on next month. If you can help with any of these or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Pete Day

Chairman

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

### Membership Matters

One of the characteristics of our club is the friendliness shown to new members and to guests. Such is that shown to guests that some have been known to take that as a sign that there is no need for them to become members and so they don't. Needless to say that causes some disquiet, if not resentment, among those who through their subs enable the club to pay its staff, stock the bar, have the premises cleaned, pay for the electric and gas, keep the grounds in a condition that the sections can use them regularly, maintain this 75 year old building in a usable and safe condition etc, etc.

For doing the above all the club asks is 48p a week from those who regularly use the facilities available. Even in these straightened times that surely cannot be considered extortionate.

If any member knows a regular 'guest' who is not making a contribution to the running of the club may I request that you point out the above facts and urge them to become a member?

Once a person becomes a member he or she will receive a business card sized token which guarantees their continued use of the facilities we have and will make an important contribution to the club being here for another century.

Jack Rundle

Assistant Membership Secretary.

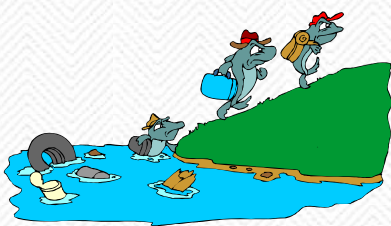
## 200 CLUB WINNERS 2011

£250 Sam Patel : David Warne  
 Ian Beardwell John Jay  
 Tony Belton Ian Lambert  
 Ian Brooks Graham Lawrie  
 Louise Bryant-Cue Bob Martin  
 George Carter Sam McLean  
 Baz Chandler Tracy McShane  
 Mike Cole Peter Milne  
 Gordon Cuthbert Lynn Norton  
 Anne Doerr Lee Poulter  
 David Doerr Ron Read  
 Colin Game Zeddi Sadiq  
 David Graves Matt Smithurst  
 Don Hamilton Ross Trimmings  
 Bob Hawkins David Wells  
 Ken Hough

This year has, sadly seen the passing of several longstanding stalwarts of the 200 Club. Alex Atkins (020 8540 3708) would be glad to hear from anyone prepared to take up one of the resulting vacancies. It only costs £13 a year!

## Recent 50/50 Club Winners

October	£	
First	130	R Eels
Second	86	R Morgan
Third	43	R Heal
November		
First	130	J Lovesey
Second	86	C Wellstead
Third	43	P Lewis
December		
First	130	M Patel
Second	86	G Forge
Third	43	M Thorne
Quarter	1382	S Nash



## For Hire

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

020 8542 3678.



14th January

## Rugby Past Players

### lunch

12.00

noon



## Bar Matters



You may have noticed over the Christmas period two guest beers, Doombar and Cornish Bitter both from Sharps which we hope you had an opportunity to try and enjoy.

We will be trying another bitter from Sambrooks Brewery and over the coming months we would like to introduce regular guest beers. Any feedback would be welcome or indeed if there is a bitter you would like to try please contact either Donna the Bar Steward or the bar managers and we will try and accommodate your request.

Michael Trimmings.



## FIT-UNIT SPORT MASSAGE @ 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

## 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

## The Old Ruts Uke Box

Thursday 19th January 2012

8pm to 9pm

in the bar

Free event

All ages

All abilities from beginner upwards

Sing and play along

Bring your own ukulele or borrow one

(best to pre-book with Rob on

07708287226 or [robert\\_lever@msn.com](mailto:robert_lever@msn.com))



## President's Cheese and Wine Evening

Friday 24th February in the Back Bar at 7.30 until 10.00. Same format as last year - lovely wines and a variety of cheeses.

Tickets are ten pounds each. Tickets from Peter Norrie at

[Peter.Norrie@rabobank.com](mailto:Peter.Norrie@rabobank.com);

Tim Berrington at

[timberrington@hotmail.com](mailto:timberrington@hotmail.com);

Mike Trimmings at

[donnatrimmings@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:donnatrimmings@blueyonder.co.uk);

Mike Stallard at

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

Look forward to seeing you all there.

## President's Squash Match

Thursday 23rd February. President's Team versus an Andy Ray Team. Start at 7pm at Wimbledon Squash Club. Spectators welcome.

## President's Football Match

Sunday 11th March. President's XI versus ORA XI at 2pm at Poplar Road. Bar open and food will be provided. Please come along and support.

## 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](http://www.comedancingnow.co.uk)



## 2012 Academy

The committee has decided to establish an Academy of good young players to help them develop their game and develop as good players in our senior teams. This initiative is thus aimed at colts and recent ex-colts who have experience playing in our senior sides or we believe have the ability to do so and do well. It is an expectation that players in the academy will try and make themselves available for our senior sides and those who prefer to play predominantly for senior clubs elsewhere instead will not be invited to join. An initial group of 15 under 18- under 16 players have been invited to join the academy. The first activity will be a series of weekly pre-season nets starting at the end of January.

### Winter Nets

Winter indoor nets will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March) and will run from 19.30 – 21.00. As in previous years, the net sessions will be held in the sports hall at Rutlish School. There will be a fee of £6 per session or £40 for all 10 sessions.

### AGM

A very well turned out AGM took place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. ORCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI are aiming to bounce straight back up again to Division 3 of the Surrey Championship after being relegated last season. 2012 Capital are as follows:

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> XI: Kevin Foster
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Alex Butler
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: Steven Corbey
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> XI: TBC
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> XI: Graham Mills
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> XI: Sonny Cooper
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: TBC2012 Academy

### COLTS

#### Winter Coaching

Thursday evenings: We are planning to run some more indoor cricket sessions for Year 7 and below.

#### Under 8s

Sunday 15 January at 7pm - Meeting for parents of under 8 to discuss running a team this summer.

#### 2012 Season

Registration forms and pre-season newsletter will go out in March. Given the demand for younger age groups we do ask parents to get the forms back to us



promptly.

We are keen to hear from volunteers who can help with our colts particularly on Tuesday nights

#### Become a Cricket Coach in 2012

Level 2 course at Whitgift in February.

Level 1 Coaching course at Whitgift in March. Intensive Level 1 course for 16-18 year olds at Harris Academy during the February half term.

6 March Safeguarding and Protecting Children Course and

13 March First Aid Courses here at the club.

For details of all these courses go to <http://www.surreyccricketboard.org/page/coach-education-13/>.

The club will reimburse anyone undertaking the courses who also undertakes to provide us with help with coaching

Further details Graham Mills  
[grahamw.mills@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamw.mills@btinternet.com) or  
07913 987 006

#### Cricket Resource Show

Saturday 28 January 2012 from 10 am – 5 pm at KIA Oval

Adults £5 and kids under 16 £2 if booked in advance (£10 & £3.50 on the door) Book tickets at [www.cricketresourceshow.com](http://www.cricketresourceshow.com)

### Jonners on Umpires

“I support umpires more that 100 per cent, if one can do such a thing. I think they have a very difficult task and they do a marvellous job. But nowadays they are handicapped by the action replay which makes their job absolutely impossible.

Umpires have to give a special hand signal if they want the third umpire to look at a replay on television. But soon after this was introduced Dickie Bird gave the hand signal and the umpire in the pavilion called him up to say, “Sorry. I was watching *Neighbours!*”

Talking of which, did you hear about the Irishman? Took a brilliant catch at third slip. Missed it on the action replay!”



## Festive Round Up December 2011

Today saw some jolly good fun at Poplar Road as an ORAFC squad took on their ORRFC counterparts in a sporting Football Match. The Footie chaps lead 1 - 0 and 2 - 1 early on, before the Egg Chasers stunned the capacity crowd with 2 quick-fire strikes to take the half-time bragging rights leading 3 - 2 at the interval. Fortunately, the Ruts Football Lads avoided getting 'Egg' on their faces by notching 7 second half goals to eventually run out 9 - 3 winners courtesy of goals from KM Swain (2), March Hawley (2), Steve Berry (2), plus solitary goals from Billy Finnis, Phil Lines & Andy Flanagan. Our thanks go to Sam Bethell and Wally for organising the Teams today and to El Pres for Reffing (thought he did the 'diagonals' well from the Centre Circle). Highlight of the day saw Wally's infamous goal celebration at 1 - 0 mocking a truly shocking incident (enough said!). On Boxing Day a Club XI overcame a Merton FC XI in the Annual Presidents Cup Match by Winning 6 - 1. The Ruts rode out early pressure from Merton and notched four decent first half goals from Billy Finnis, Joe Riches, Steve Chick and Dean Riordan. Merton reduced the arrears early in the second half, before a Duracel or Turkey inspired five minute spell saw Ollie Hicks claim two further goals for the Ruts, the first of which ended a very neat team move. Below is our friends from Merton FC's version of events.

Gavin Lennard

### Presidents Cup - Boxing Day

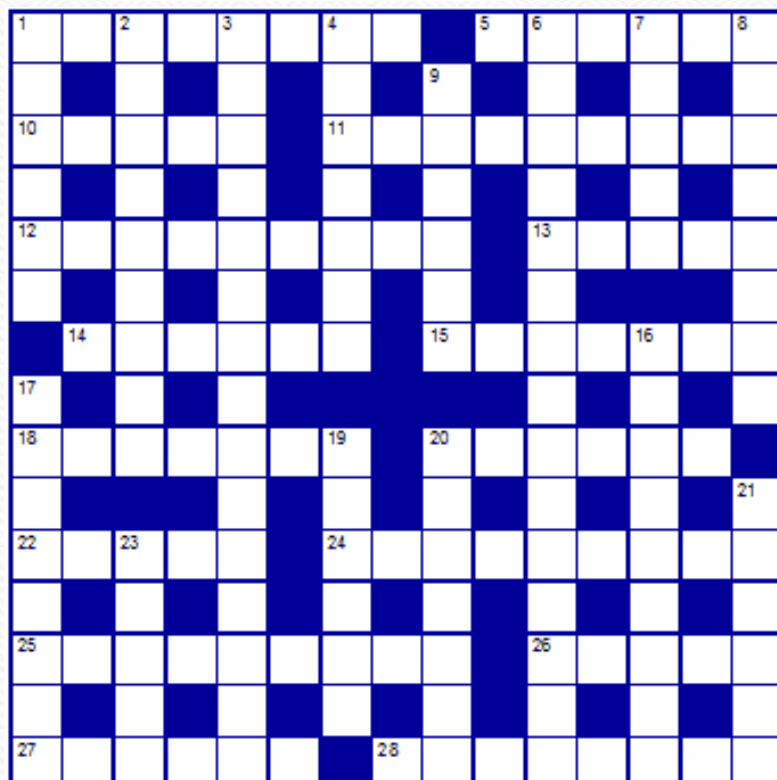
I am sorry to report but the annual match against Old Ruts for the Presidents Cup was very much the morning after for what I thought was a strong Merton XI but we were swept aside by Old Ruts 6-1. We conceded 2 goals very early and although we seemed to be getting back we conceded another two quick goals to be 4 nil down and out by half time. Dan Hall scored early in the second half but Old Ruts added two more goals. We were comprehensively outplayed by Old Ruts who have not enjoyed a very good season so far. Their hospitality was, as ever, excellent and I hope they kick on from this very good performance to conclude the season with a good run. For our part Tom Rowe and Chris Rayner were outstanding the rest were out there. But it was good to have run out even if the result was so disappointing. The Cup stays with Old Ruts but we will have a chance in August to win it back.

Max Herbert

# Crossword 8



Solution next month



Space for Ideas

## ACROSS

1. The fifth, very loud, in charge of wrecked yacht with no height demonstrates effectiveness. (9)
5. My Italian leads endless small particles forming smelly fog. (6)
10. Cane spirit followed Thomas Hardy's firsts to monotonous sound from guitar. (5)
11. Increasing volume from soccer den. (9)
12. A fast idea made from spice. (10)
13. Novel Spanish article for stares we hear. (5)
14. 21st swaps with fifth to watch the dicky bird. (6)
15. Insects increase to provide timber treatment. (7)
18. Irishmen and fields for staple food. (7)
20. Post Office is on for bane. (6)
22. Private student causes expression of impatience from Edward Edwards. (5)
24. Brian spun into small room and used one heading unit. (5,4)
25. Mention separately every neater emu. (9)
26. Presses clubs in a fair way. (5)
27. Medical officer Rose left feeling very down. (6)
28. Use tug so as to anticipate another's scheme. (3,5)

## DOWN

1. Eighteenth Texas roundup of film crowd. (6)
2. Prepared, it is said, by first confusing dream. (10)
3. Novices emptiest efforts to create rivalry. (15)
4. California follows commanding officer in first emergency anaesthetic. (7)
6. Convening in Nice disrupting normal life. (15)
7. Power of wise northern construct. (5)
8. Expo play results in stroke. (8)
9. Smear young debutant and alternative orb all over. (6)
16. Wee homes uncovered in salubrious setting. (9)
17. General Motors supports first pot he makes with aphorism. (8)
19. Buy saw avoids crossing busy road. (6)
20. French piece of crockery with water indicating no change. (7)
21. Beats for edible seeds. (6)
23. More exact but tyrannosaurus rex is full of regret. (5)

## 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](mailto:susansheridan@boltblue.com)

## Solution to No 6





# They who laugh - last



## A New Year's Wish

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living.

Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck - the bartender was almost crushed to death.

## New Year's Day Prayer for One and All

Dear Lord

So far this year I've done well.

I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Amen

## Out of Step

As he was drilling a batch of recruits, the sergeant saw that one of them was marching out of step.

Walking up next to the man as they marched, he said sarcastically: "Do you know they are all out of step except you?"

"What?" asked the recruit innocently.

"I said -- they are all out of step except you!" thundered the sergeant.

The recruit replied, "Well, sarge, you're in charge -- you tell them!"

## Murphy's Law - The Tech Version

\* All great discoveries are made by mistake.

\* Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch to be sure.

\* Nothing ever gets built on schedule or within budget.

\* All's well that ends.

\* A meeting is an event at which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost.

\* A computer makes as many mistakes in two seconds as 20 men working 20 years make.

\* Nothing motivates a man more than to see his boss putting in an honest day's work.

\* After all is said and done, a heck of a lot more is said than done.

## How to Quit Smoking

Peter, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette.

'I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking,' Ken responds. 'I'm in the process of quitting,' replies Peter with a grin. 'Right now, I am in the middle of phase one.'

'Phase one?' wonders Ken.

'Yeah,' replied Peter, 'I've quit buying.'

## Cliche Turned Back

"I'm really too tired and unable to do my home work," the son protested to his father.

"Now my son, hard work has never killed any one yet, at least your age."

"Yes, but I don't want to run the risk of being the first!"

## A Scots Pessimist

A Scots pessimist is a man who feels badly when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

## A Frog on the Psychic Hotline

A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you."

The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?"

"No," says the psychic. "Next semester in her biology class."

## Justice Triumphs

A lawyer had a jury trial in a very difficult business case. The client, who had attended the trial, was out of town when the jury came back with its decision, which was for the lawyer and his client.

The lawyer immediately sent a telegram to his client, reading, "Justice has triumphed!"

The client wired back, "Appeal at once!"

**This year make a resolution that you are going to say random words of kindness to one person every day.**

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