



# Old Rutlshians' Association

## E-Orbit Newsletter

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### Dates for your Diary

Sat 24 July	Mexican Evening Tequila & Corona Specials Cut to the Chase Mexican Food Live Band	7.00 pm
Sun 25 July	Colts Day	2.00 - 7.30 pm On the field
Mon 26 July Tues Wed Thurs Fri	Cricket Week  Bar Opening Time  Fixture TBA	1-11 pm 5-11 pm 5-11 pm 6-11 pm
Sat 31 July	President's BBQ & Cocktail Night	7.30 pm
Fri 10 Sept	Colts Awards Evening  Bar open	7.00 pm  6.30 pm

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Noon Friday 13th August

### ORA UNDER SCRUTINY

A situation has arisen which means that we as an association and as individual members of that association need to take a long hard look at not so much **what** we are doing but **how** we are doing things in Poplar Road.

There have been complaints sent to us and also to Merton Council on the grounds of Public Nuisance, based on the amount of noise coming from the club. This has resulted in notices being posted on lamp posts etc. in Poplar Road inviting 'representations' (both pro the complaint and pro the ORA) from the residents. In about six weeks time there will be a hearing upon which our liquor licence will depend.

It was John Donne who wrote 'No man is an island' and in the same way no club exists unrelated to its neighbours. What ever we do from now on, both individually and as a club, the backdrop to our activities must be the awareness and concern as to how the people who live around us will be affected by

- what we do and
- how we do it.

Ed

### 1960 50th Year Reunion October 2 2010

To date all but 14 of the year have been contacted. Of these 9 have been written to and we are awaiting replies. The other 5 we have not contact details for whatsoever. They are:

BLAKE	John G. 'Jock'
ROBERTS	Dave Alfred
TAYLOR	Ian Hamilton
WELLER	C.L./G.A.
WEST	David

This event will take place in the Club-house at approx mid-day after a trip round the School premises (TBA). There will be a buffet for all attendees costing £10 for a single and £15 for couples.

If any of members of previous years e.g. 1957 - 58 or the year of 1961 would like to come along and see old friends you are very welcome but PLEASE let me know because of numbers for catering etc.

Ian Lambert

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Tequila & Corona

Cut to the Chase



Saturday 24 July  
7.00 pm

### Bitter

As many of you have been aware we have had trouble with the beer cooler which has meant that our ale has been undrinkable. It has taken so long to sort this out as we hoped that all that was needed was to replace a part. Unfortunately it eventually transpired that it would have to be especially made which raised the question of value for money. As the old cooler had been in action for some thirty years it was decided to get a new one. This was installed on Wednesday last and will mean a slight reduction in our electricity bill.

### Car Park

Some of you will have noticed that the car park at the Circle Gardens end has been resurfaced at no cost to the Club. For this we have to thank Perry Keene and his expert negotiation skills.

### Presidents BBQ & Cocktail Night.

Please make sure you inform Fathia Keene if you intend to attend so that the catering can ensure you are suitably fed and watered.

Ed

## OBITUARY

### Brian Sibley – (Scorer)

It is with great sadness that the Cricket Section report that Brian passed away last weekend. Brian came to the club from Streatham CC when his grandsons, Evan and Rhys Watson (who are both at Rutlish), started playing in the colts for us.

Brian was born in London but moved to Torquay with his family as a child. He attended Torquay Grammar School where he became involved with Torquay Cricket Club. He went to London University and became a teacher in Inner London where he settled and raised a family. As a teacher he was appalled by the reduction of sport in schools over the years and gave his time unstintingly to running teams. After retiring, Brian worked as a Classroom Assistant at Carshalton Boys, where he was popular with staff and boys alike.

He played for and captained cricket teams at Streatham CC (now Streatham & Marlborough) and during this time encouraged his students to get involved with the club. When his playing days ended he went on to umpire and then score.

After the death of his wife, he found great consolation in his family particularly all his grand-children. He followed the sporting progress of his grandsons, avidly and in cricket often from the scorebox. He was very proud of their achievements including the senior 100 Evan scored last season (as a 15 year old) and the over 300 runs Rhys has scored for the colts this season. Over the 7 or so years he has been involved in Old Ruts he probably scored for nearly every colts and senior XI. A good man, with a great love of the game he will be sadly missed by all at the club. Our thoughts go out to his family at this difficult time.

"Adventure isn't hanging on a rope  
off the side of a mountain.  
Adventure is an attitude  
that we must apply to the  
day to day obstacles of life --  
facing new challenges,  
seizing new opportunities,  
testing our resources against the unknown  
and in the process,  
discovering our own unique  
potential."

- John Amatt -

## RUTLISH SCHOOL

The new sixth form building is nearing completion and opens its doors in September.

Term ends on 23 July. The School are expecting improved GCSE results when they come out in August. Romans won the House Cup apparently. Hopefully more detail next month.

## WWW.COMMUNITYSAFE.GOV.UK

Secur-I-Disc Tax disc holders

### DRIVE OUT VEHICLE CRIME

Come and get your free 'Secur-I-Disc' tamper proof tax disc holder as part of an ongoing campaign to drive out vehicle crime in the Borough. The 'Secur-I Disc' tax disc holder prevents the re-use of a tax disc, thereby making it pointless to steal.

Merton Police Crime Prevention Advisor PC Greg HUNT said, "This is our final intervention of the 'Drive Out Vehicle Crime' campaign which has been a real success in getting the message out to the public to take valuables with them and to secure their vehicles. We hope the Merton residents will continue in this trend to keep 'theft from vehicle' statistics down".

The 'Secur-I-Disc' tamper proof tax disc holder are available free of charge by contacting your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

For further crime reduction advice contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on [Meron.park.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:Meron.park.SNT@met.police.uk)

For any further information please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team via the main Met Police website by telephone or by e-mail. If you wish to become a member of Community safe and sign up to free crime alerts and news of what your local safer Neighbourhood Team is up to please contact them direct or join via [www.communitysafe.gov.uk](http://www.communitysafe.gov.uk)

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## Belief

Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or not, you are right."

Mahatma Gandhi found this principle to be true in his own experience. "If I believe I cannot do something, it makes me incapable of doing it," the Indian leader said. "But when I believe I can, then I acquire the ability to do it, even if I did not have the ability in the beginning."

Great belief is great power. And probably more than any other single factor, great belief that something just might be possible can bring about what we want in life.

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on.

Robert Frost

Self-reliance is the only road to true freedom, and being one's own person is its ultimate reward.

Patricia Sampson

Civilization is the progress toward a society of privacy.

Ayn Rand (1905 - 1982)

It seems to me, Golan, that the advance of civilization is nothing but an exercise in limiting of privacy.

Isaac Asimov (Janov Pelorat in "Foundation's Edge")

There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice.

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

Always be a little kinder than necessary.

James M. Barrie (1860 - 1937)

I must govern the clock, not be governed by it. - Golda Meir (1898 - 1978)

## 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)



The sun has been shining on our way to the mid point of the 2010 cricket season; unfortunately the sun hasn't always shone on the Old Ruts teams.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have struggled with availability of players and been short of form in the past 4 weeks, registering just 5 points from the last 4 games, and currently lie 8<sup>th</sup> in Division 3 of the Surrey Championship.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have seen a return from injury of their skipper Lance Keene who has led from the front claiming 10 wickets since his return 3 weeks ago.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and 4<sup>th</sup> XI are by far the teams in form, winning all 4 of their last games with contributions from Wilf Thom, Javid Khan and Daman Chugh, Steve Corbey, Tom Donegan and Kamaron Khan to name a few.

The annual cricket week is creeping upon us, we have 4 games confirmed and looking for a 5<sup>th</sup> to be played on the Friday. Cricket week starts Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July, please let Alix Butler, Lance Keene or Peter Day know of your availability for the scheduled games.

2011 will see the first cricket tour since 2007. Location has been set: Weston Super Mare here we come. For more details please speak to Alex Barnicott or Michael Dodd, they have already started taking deposits and numbers are limited.

Our end of season dinner has been confirmed for Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 with special guest speaker Jonathan Agnew (Test Match Special). Tickets and information are available from Lance Keene.

### COLTS

The colts league seasons are coming to their conclusion and 2010 has been one of our more successful seasons:

- under 12 s have reached the NEC Cup Final.
- under 14b s are joint top of their league

most of our teams have better league positions than last year.

Most of our younger teams are in **festivals** during the holidays and there are some friendlies in the pipeline. A big thank you to all the managers and helpers who have kept things running. Another notable fact is how few games have been lost to the weather.

There is **NO Kwik Cricket or Under 9 practice on Tues 27 July** because of Cricket Week. U10 practice will run as normal. All will resume on Tues 3 August. Other Managers will be advising their squads of when practice sessions will be running during the holiday.



**Colts Day - Sun 25 July**  
2pm U12 Colts v Parents  
5pm U13 Colts v Parents  
5pm U10 Colts v Parents  
Timings of U11 and possibly U9 games to be advised

**Cricket Week**  
Thurs 28 July 2pm under 11 internal 7 a side competition followed by Dad's match.  
Bar opens 6 pm

**Academies**  
Mon 26- Fri 30 July  
Mon 9 – Fri 13 August  
These academies for 10-14 year olds still have places (£70 for the week).  
Contact Peter Day 020 8542 0518 or [peterandemma@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterandemma@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Colts Award Evening** – Friday 10 Sept from 7 pm

**Merton Kwik Cricket Tournament**- Bishop Gilpin Primary School (whose team included 5 of our under 11s) won this competition staged at Poplar Road in June. They then went on to be runners up in the Surrey Competition which earned them a place in the Regional Finals at Hove.

### School Cricket

Rutlish Students defeated staff in a cricket match at the club on 25 June despite a valiant 50 by Headteacher, Mr Williamson.

Year 10 students (Removes) won the Surrey Vase and also the Merton Hardball Tournament defeating Wimbledon College in the final

Year 9 students (4<sup>th</sup> form) also beat the College in a game that featured many Old Ruts colts on both sides.

Year 7 students (2<sup>nd</sup> form) were runners up to Harris Academy in the Merton Inter Cricket Tournament staged at Poplar Road. However they gained revenge over Harris in a hardball friendly.



## Old Ruts Rugby



Summer 2010

**Minis Rugby Summer Camp**  
**Monday to Friday August**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am till 4pm**

Old Rutlishians, Poplar Road, Merton Park

*Girls and boys welcome from age 6 – 12, no previous playing experience necessary, all ability levels will be catered for and non members are very welcome.*

Of course there will be plenty of rugby but also lots of other fun & games, fitness work, and SAQ (Speed Quickness Agility) training for the older kids.

Cost: £25 per day non Ruts members, £20 members  
Whole week: £100 non members, £80 members

Course leader is James Kearney, Old Ruts 1<sup>st</sup> XV No 8 and Sports Teacher at Donhead School

To reserve a place email Mike Stallard on [m.stallard@btinternet.com](mailto:m.stallard@btinternet.com)  
We will then forward you an official booking form.

## Sick Leave

Negotiations between union members and their employer were at an impasse. The union denied that their workers were flagrantly abusing their contract's sick-leave provisions.

One morning at the bargaining table, the company's chief negotiator held aloft the morning edition of the newspaper.

"This man," he announced, "Called in sick yesterday!"

There on the sports page was a photo of the 'supposedly' ill employee, who had just won a local golf tournament with an excellent score.

The silence in the room was broken by a union negotiator.

"Wow," he said. "Think of the score he could have had if he hadn't been sick!"

## Organization Body

The body of any organization has four bones:

1. Wish bones, who spend all their time wishing someone else will do all the work;
2. Jaw Bones, who do all the talking and very little else;
3. Knuckle Bones, who knock everything that everybody else tries to do;
4. Back Bones, who get under the load and do all the work.

In the supermarket was a man pushing a cart that contained a screaming, bellowing baby. The gentleman kept repeating softly, "Don't get excited, Albert; don't scream, Albert; don't yell, Albert; keep calm, Albert." A woman standing next to him said, "You certainly are to be commended for trying to soothe your son Albert." The man looked at her and said, "Lady, I'm Albert."

The following is an actual advertisement in an Irish newspaper:  
Automobile for sale --  
1985 Blue Volkswagen.  
Only 50 miles. Only first gear and reverse ever used.  
Never driven hard. Original tires. Original brakes.  
Original fuel and oil.  
Only 1 driver. Owner wishing to sell due to employment lay-off



To doubt everything or to believe everything are two equally convenient solutions; both dispense with the necessity of reflection.

Jerry Pournelle

Never insult anyone by accident.

Robert A. Heinlein

I have yet to see any problem, however complicated, which, when looked at in the right way did not become still more complicated.

Poul Anderson

## 'Times' Obituary

*An Obituary printed in the London Times..... Interesting and sadly rather true.*

"Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

Common Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust, his wife Discretion, his daughter Responsibility and his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights,  
I Want It Now,  
Someone Else Is To Blame,  
I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

## YOU ARE YOU

You are strong... when you take your grief and teach it to smile.

You are brave... when you overcome your fear and help others to do the same.

You are happy... when you see a flower and are thankful for the blessing.

You are loving... when your own pain does not blind you to the pain of others.

You are wise... when you know the limits of your wisdom.

You are true... when you admit there are times you fool yourself.

You are alive... when tomorrow's hope means more to you than yesterday's mistake.

You are growing... when you know what you are but not what you will become.

You are free... when you are in control of yourself and do not wish to control others.

You are honourable... when you find your honour is to honour others.

You are generous... when you can take as sweetly as you can give.

You are humble... when you do not know how humble you are.

You are thoughtful... when you see me just as I am and treat me just as you are.

You are merciful... when you forgive in others the faults you condemn in yourself.

You are beautiful... when you don't need a mirror to tell you.

You are rich... when you never need more than what you have.

You are you... when you are at peace with who you are not.

- Author Unknown

The trouble with facts is that there are so many of them.

Samuel McChord Crothers

You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again.

Bonnie Prudden

