



Old Rutlishians' Association

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Dates for your Diary

Sat 25th June	Mexican night	7 pm in the bar
Thurs 12 July	End of Term Teachers' Party	5 pm in the bar
Sun 24 July	Colts' Day	2 pm

Mexican Night

Saturday 25th June
7 pm



Mexican food



Corona
£1.95.



Music



For young and not so young alike.

Copy for Next Edition
Noon Friday 15th July

Queries should be sent to the
author of item concerned.

Our Chairman Writes

Ruts Fest 2011

Sunday 29th May was our annual music festival. Over 1000 members, young and more senior alike, came to watch the musical talent of Merton Park and surrounds. The two stages ensured a continuous source of outdoor music until 8.30 pm whilst the third stage (indoors) finished at 10 pm with a memorable performance from junior cricket coaching legend Rob Lever. The children's inflatables were of a size not previously seen at Poplar Road and the face painting, sweet stalls and barbecues did a roaring trade.

Many people have remarked that this year's event was the most "polished" so far – and that it really did feel like a family focused affair. The presence of such a high profile and professional security team made the day "hassle free" and safe and enjoyable for all who attended.

Numerous volunteers gave their time in the lead up to and on the day of the event and I would like to express my heart felt thanks to one and all. However, at the heart of the event were Jo and Ray Bricknell. Their coordination, drive and commitment were critical to making the event pass as successfully as it did.

Ray and Jo have in turn asked me to pass their thanks to Mike Stallard, Al Jacoutot, Donna Trimmings, Emma Day, Jack Rundle (and to also give myself a pat on the back) for the considerable assistance provided in preparing for and planning this year's event – they were very pleased to report that entire swathes of this year's event went ahead without any direct involvement from themselves – which they said makes the whole thing that much more viable and enjoyable for future years.

Ray and Jo have also asked me to thank the army of volunteers who helped before, during and after the event, including to name just a few: Sue Bardwell, Marie McLoughlin, Bazz Simpson, Clive Grinyer, Gavin Lennard, Craig Wellstead, Graham Clayton, Gary and Sally Douch, Paddy and Sylvia Finn, Angus and Lindsay Litster, Justin Webster, Pete King, Zeddie and Sylvie Sadiq, Virginie and Adam Butcher-Martini, Jo and Vid Veerapen, Martin and Cat Schiller, Gordon and Rob Cuthbert, Mike Trimmings, Sam Patel, Pete Smith, Mike Cue, Jane Jones, Pete Jordan, Rosemary Lever, Perry Keene, Mick the Grounds man and so many more...

We had hoped to provide a volunteers curry on the evening of the event, but time caught up with us. We'll make sure we do something next year, even if we default to food the day after.

Whilst the event was marginally smaller than last year, the feedback I have received has been nothing but positive. So, does this lead to a possibility of the return of

the Hallowe'en Fest this year? What will we do next year with the Queens Jubilee moving the bank holiday weekend? The word on the street that next year's theme has already been decided to be PUNK! Keep your eye on the Orbit for further details.

The RutsFest is a critical source of income for the club. We agreed that we would spend some of the money improving our club. Following the significant level of vandalism over the last year we will be using some of the profits to purchase a CCTV system. We hope this will reduce the vandalism and make the club safer for all our members, employees and local residents alike.

Last but not least, big thanks to Ian Lambert, our House and Grounds Manager, who averted what could have been a nasty crisis at Rutsfest by spending much of his Saturday afternoon clearing the drains which were threatening complete blockage! Without Ian taking action, we could well have had no Rutsfest.

Pete Day, Chair, ORA

1961 Reunion

It has become the custom over recent years for each intake to "celebrate" the first 50 years of their association with Rutlish. This year sees the turn of the 1961 vintage.

This will take place at the Clubhouse in Poplar Road on Saturday 5 November 2011. Hopefully a morning tour of the School followed by a buffet-style lunch at the Clubhouse will then be followed by at least 40 odd years of catching up. Some will be very odd indeed!

As there seem to be more known 1961 ORs based in Australia than in any other country it has been suggested that a video link might be set up so absent friends can join in the celebrations. Hopefully we will be able to work out the time difference from one of the clocks in the bar. A use for them at last !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Unfortunately not many have remained in contact with the Club and so contacting all those on the nominal roll will be difficult. If anyone has contact details of this year group's members please forward them to Geoff Aldis (geoff.aldis@yahoo.co.uk), as should anybody wishing to attend.

Similarly other years have expressed an interest in meeting up with a few old friends and those would also be most welcome.

Geoff Aldis

John William Clements

30th Aug 1925_16th May 2011-06-03

John Clements was at Rutlish from 1937 to '43.. He joined the Fleet Air Arm in '43 first as a pilot, then as an observer.

After demob he went to Trinity, Cambridge and left with an MA in Modern Languages..

He then combined a profession in Air traffic control with his flying duties in the Volunteer Reserve Squadron of the FAA (stood down in 1957) reaching the rank of Lt/Cdr (A) RVD RNR. His final stint of active service came when recalled for active service at Northwood command HQ for the duration of the Falklands war.

John was a formidable boxer and swimmer, but Rugby provided his most enduring pleasure. He played for over 50 years and despite his life style remained disgustingly fit and well. He enjoyed life to the full with his wife Jean and their 5 daughters. Jean sadly died in 2006. Since then John enjoyed a number of cruises and holidays with Saga.

His courage and stoicism since his accident last August, only days before his 85th birthday, was truly remarkable. John would like his ashes placed on the centre spot of the 1st XV pitch.

Roy Clarke

VP's Lunch Last Month



Foreground
The Lunch Menu
Background L to R
Pat Keene, Di Stubbing, Rick Stubbing

VP's

This is the section of the ORA for Life Members who wish to support the Association by making a monetary contribution on a regular basis towards the running costs necessary for us to stay afloat. Very often the cost of becoming a Life Member in the past bears no resemblance to present day monetary values so here is a way to redress that imbalance.

Should you feel moved to join the V.P's please contact Rick Stubbing on 020 8287 0322.

Dear John



Thank you for the excellent reports et al in the two part E-Orbit. Am pleased to hear that the ORA are making their peace with the locals. I know that when I first joined Rutlish and spent the first two years in the OR's pavilion Norris Ellison laid down the law about our behaviour in and around Poplar Rd and that continued when I joined the OR's and did my stint at and behind the bar. In those days we used to push our motorcycles down to Kenley Road before starting them!

With 30 hectares of vineyard at my mercy we are now finding it very difficult to visit the UK let alone make any of the functions but hopefully that will change later this year.

Regards
Malcolm Westlake
www.cassagnes66.com

Our Orbit

The Orbit is the newsletter of the Old Rutlishians. It is there for all members to send and receive information on what is going on at our club. The Executive Committee will not censor information that members want to submit, unless the editor asks us for a view in the most extreme and exceptional of cases.

Whilst I would encourage people to submit articles to increase information about our club, I would ask for some consideration as to the content. Is the Orbit the best format to communicate the message? Does the article portray a fair reflection of the events? Does it represent our club in a good light? Is the wording something that we would be comfortable for non members to see?

With a little consideration for these kinds of questions we can ensure that the Orbit can be there for all members to contribute to for the foreseeable future

Pete Day (writing in a personal capacity)

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

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

Well done to the Monday Night Knitting Club and their efforts to raise money for St Raphael's Hospice. Standing in the pouring rain they managed to sell knitted tea cosies, baby booties and lots more ! Still more available so shop early for Christmas and make contact with Sue Sheridan, Vanessa Barton or Sue Bardwell to buy one or more of these creative works skilfully made in the Old Ruts bar on a Monday nights.



Old Ruts 50 / Fifty Club Scheme

April monthly draw winners

Bumper quarterly prize - £1,344

George Lewsey

1st - R J Marshall - £127.00

2nd - C Walsh - £84.00

3rd - D J Kean - £42.00

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 season has started well. The 1st XI won 3 of their 4 fifty over games but have found the traditional games more difficult. Joe Riches has already amassed over 300 runs. The 2s won 2 of 4 fifty over games and now have a win and winning draw from the traditional games. The 3s have won 4 out of 6 but 4s have only won one league game so far. The 5th XI have won both their friendlies.

League results and tables can be viewed <http://www.surreychampionship.com/pageBroker.aspx>

We have won 3 out of 4 games in the Griffin League despite struggling a bit for players on Sundays. This seems to be improving as the exam season draws to a close. Those wanting games should let Captains or the Team Secretary know their availability ideally before Monday night but a late call may well be welcomed.

The Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday evenings with new shirts, jumpers and caps as well as a range of other items. Some sizes have sold out but more stock is on order.

COLTS

Numbers have hit a new record with around 320 colts signed up for 2011.

Results can be seen on

<http://necsc.play-cricket.com/home/> and

<http://midsurreycl.play-cricket.com/>

The unbeaten Under 11As have just gone top of their league. Help is still needed with admin as well as coaching on practice nights

Congratulations to Wimbledon Chase Primary who won the Merton Kwik Cricket Competition staged again at Poplar Road. The 8th member of their team has now joined his 7 team mates on our books. It was also good to see Old Ruts Colts in the Poplar, Priory, Hillcross, and St Matthews teams.

Academies are booking up:

For under 10-14s

- 25-29 July 8-12 August

For under 7-9s 1-3 August

30 August-2 Sept

Details from stuart_orcc@yahoo.co.uk

Winter Programmes

Managers now have details of Surrey winter programmes.

We will again be running nets and indoor cricket at Rutlish School from November.

**On Club premises
please**



In preparation for the new 2011/12 campaign we are seeking new players of a High Intermediate standard to strengthen our 3 Saturday teams who compete in the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate League with the primary focus centred on our 1st XI who compete in the Intermediate Division One. Those interested are encouraged to contact one of our 1st XI Management Team,

Graham Larcombe on 07749 477727 or Craig Wellstead on 07969 956682, alternatively you can email the Club at oldruts@talktalk.net

Pre-season training

This starts Tuesday 5th July at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start at

Joseph Hood Recreation Ground,
Martin Way,
Merton,
London,
SW20 9BU

Friendly Fixtures will commence from Saturday 30th July.

Keep up to date with the news and gossip via the website www.oldruts.co.uk

Follow [ORAFc](#) on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/oldrutsfootball>

*To be champion requires more than
simply being a strong player;
one has to be a strong
human being as well."*

Anatoly Karpov

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

BB-PIN- 236E2B14

E-mail- fitunit@hotmail.co.uk



Coaches, Managers and Volunteers Meeting,

Monday 27th June at Poplar Road
from 7 for an 8pm start

Lots of news to update you all on so please do come down.

Also a call out for more volunteers willing to help guide the youth section forward over the coming years. We want to improve the way we approach all areas of the way we run it and need people to step forward to run Sponsorship and fund raising, Catering, PR and the Social side. Now is the time for you to get involved at Ruts and help make this the best place to play rugby in South West London. Just come along to the meeting on the 27th, call me on 07989 987078 or email me at rstallard@btinternet.com

The club has played at its ground in Poplar Road, Merton Park, London for over eighty years.

Our Youth sides play in Surrey Under 18s to Under 13s league and friendly matches further afield. Our Minis play fixtures in around Surrey and Middlesex with a tour to Somerset in the Spring.

The Old Ruts 1st XV currently plays in Surrey County Division 2 following promotion as runners up during the 2010/11 season, and the 2nd XV will play in Surrey Conference 2 following their championship winning season during the 2010/11 season.

We also have an excellent clubhouse (not a typical scruffy rugby club!) with plenty of social nights every season and cricket in the Summer at which many of our rugby players can be seen!



New Kit

*"Life may deal you many bad hands but
that does not make you a bad player."*

Brian Gillham (Kayete)



RUTLISH SCHOOL

Watery Lane,
Merton,
SW20 9AD

Headteacher: Mr A Williamson

Post: Meetings Clerk

Salary: £8.50 per hour (*minimum of 3 hours pay per meeting*)

Proposed Starting Date: September 2011

We are seeking a reliable person with good typing skills to minute the sub-committee meetings of the Rutlish School Governing Body. An element of **flexibility** is required although most meetings take place on Mondays (either 4.30pm-6.00pm or 5.30pm-7.00pm). There are approximately 25 meetings per year with dates and times set in advance. Previous experience of minute taking would be an advantage.

Closing date for completed application forms: 12 Noon on Monday 6th June

For a Job Information pack and application form please: visit the school website www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk request a Job Information Pack by e:mailing [administra-tion@rutlish.merton.sch.uk](mailto:administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk) or telephone the school 020 8542 1212

To apply please complete and return the Application Form by e:mail together with a covering letter to karin.mcconnell@rutlish.merton.sch.uk.

NO AGENCIES PLEASE

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and all applicants are therefore required to undertake an Enhanced Criminal Records Check.
We fully support the London Borough of Merton's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Point to Ponder

Life is a journey, not a single destination we are all searching for happiness. It's ok to feel 'lost' sometimes, as it is in these lost times that we go inside ourselves and find more of our hidden potential.

The next time you feel like life is going nowhere, take some quiet time to listen to the awesome power inside you. It's there, just waiting to come out.

Paul Hanna

Rutlish PC takes students on challenging Army exercise

PC Chris Crouch, dedicated Schools PC based at Rutlish School has just returned from a five day adventure training exercise in Wales, with twenty Year 10 Rutlish boys taking part in the joint Metropolitan Police Service/ British Army "Operation Outreach" project.

Offering young people amazing opportunities to work closely with the British Army at their training establishments, Operation Outreach has enabled UK teenagers to experience team work, physical activities and confidence building in a safe, fun and challenging environment. All costs are met centrally to ensure equal opportunity and participation for all.

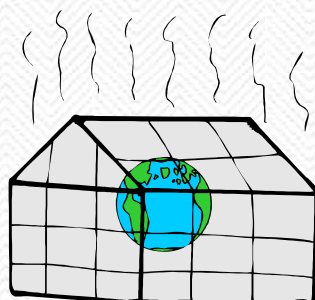
The Rutlish School contingent left Merton to head for the Sennybridge training camp in the Brecon Beacons in Wales, where they took part in activities including pony trekking, hill walking, hire wire confidence tests and other things like the *DINGLE SCRAMBLE* (involving a lot of water and mud!).

They camped out over night, climbed, cooked their own food and learnt basic first aid, also taking part in several problem solving projects.

The team successfully completed a 9 hour "4 Peaks Challenge", in which they climbed Pen y Fan, the highest peak in Wales, situated in the Brecon Beacons National Park. At 886 metres (2,907 ft) above sea-level, this was an incredible achievement.

PC Chris Crouch said "This has been a brilliant week for the Rutlish boys, who have worked so hard at every activity, and really bonded as a team."

"We owe a big thanks to our British Army colleagues for arranging such a rewarding event, and I'd like to congratulate the 20 committed and hard working teenagers who took part, representing the best qualities of Rutlish School".



WWW.COMMUNITYSAF E.GOV.UK

Burglary advice - Door security

A recent burglary in Merton Park occurred where suspects apparently entered the premises by forcing a glazed panel in the front door, and then lifted the 'night-latch' to gain access to the home before removing property. It is possible that this entry would have been thwarted had the dead-lock been used on the front door. Be assured that at the current time 2 adult males have been arrested on suspicion of committing that burglary and are on bail for the offence. Please be aware that one should ALWAYS lock doors and windows when one leaves the home, no matter how long you intend to be out. Thank you for continuing to use community-safe mertonpark.snt@met.police.uk 0208 721 2451.

Gordon Crossley

Gordon Crossley was a student at Rutlish in the 1940s. He attended Wimbledon School of Art and subsequently had 17 of paintings hung at The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. He is now a well established painter of landscapes and seascapes in oil and is listed in 'Who's Who' in art. See his work at www.gtc-art.com/#home

Think about the Way we Treat People

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain-storm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride.

Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached.. It read:

Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away... God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others.

Sincerely ,
Mrs. Nat King Cole.

Theft from Motor vehicles.

Please note that in the last month there has been 1 reported offence of theft from motor vehicle in Merton Park, and only 2 since then start of April. However, 5 offences have been reported in roads surrounding the ward over the last 2 weeks. Registration plates are the most common items being stolen, followed by mobile phones, and satellite navigation systems. Tools from unlocked vans also feature. We have one-way screws - which assist in preventing your number plate from being stolen from your vehicle. Please contact us, either on 0208 721 2451 or by email to mertonpark.SNT@met.police.uk if you would like a set of these, free of charge. As ever, our advice to prevent mobile phones or satellite navigation systems from being stolen from your vehicle is to avoid leaving them in the vehicle at all if possible, and to ALWAYS lock your vehicle when you leave it. If you, or someone doing work at your home, is using a van, then please encourage them to keep the van locked when it is unattended - including when it is on the drive.

For Hire

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

020 8542 3678.

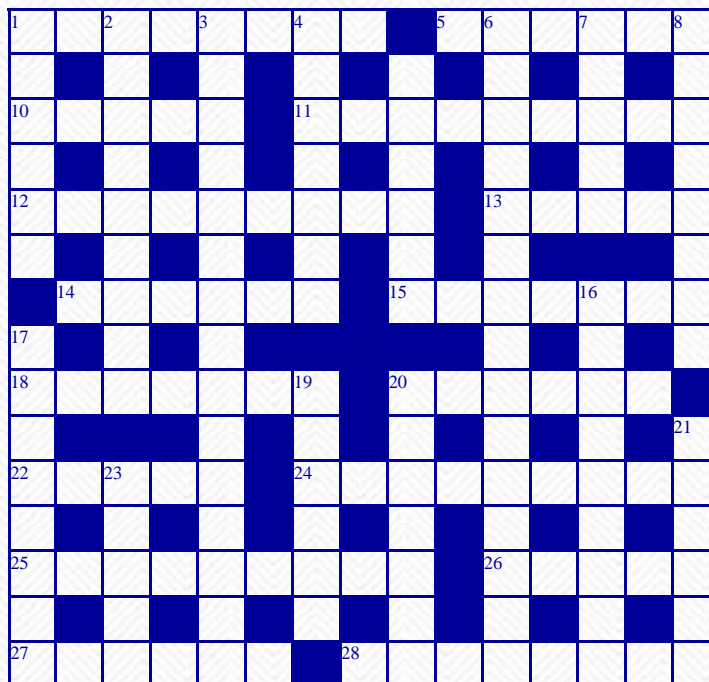


For Hire

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.



Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Organisations that make niece sag. (8)
- 5 Deadly result of endless rage swallowed by blood sucking insect. (6)
- 10 Country crockery. (5)
- 11 Call confused the north-eastern Pole. (9)
- 12 I'm it at unity on copy. (9)
- 13 Insert complicated eastern rent. (5)
- 14 Tests a mixture of flavours. (6)
- 15 There at rebuilt auditorium. (7)
- 18 Heartened home economics initial principle. (7)
- 20 A matter of fact. (6)
- 22 Disabling gas follows little lost Kenneth to tie sites. (5)
- 24 Separate male tent first for flat accommodation. (9)
- 25 Hymn I race arranged for engineers attention. (9)
- 26 Young Valerie leads topless Dave to fluid regulator. (5)
- 27 Church replaces head of flock for dairy product. (6)
- 28 Use ream to determine dimensions. (7)

DOWN

- 1 Down Under short citizen tracks rebuilt car to freezing climate. (6)
- 2 To exterminate: a time line design. (9)
- 3 Traits appear when cart sets chair in charge initially. (15)
- 4 Printers measure attempts portals. (7)
- 6 Agents again demonstrate mystifying IT vest. (15)
- 7 Spirit of fifth multitude. (5)
- 8 Small red fruits that makes Cher rise from her confusion. (8)
- 9 Lap ten for solar satellite. (5)
- 16 Voyager will recount wild party chaos right. (9)
- 17 European community on Hindu mantra in charge proves productive. (8)
- 19 Reward reverses container. (6)
- 20 Evaluate any sale organisation. (7)
- 21 Accentuate strain. (6)
- 23 Age rotation. (5)



Solution next month.



off the mark by Mark Parisi
www.offthemark.com



Politician's Sandwich

On the Listening Tour, a prominent politician was pleased and proud that the local sandwich shop in a town he was visiting had named a sandwich after him.

He was somewhat less pleased after he found out what was in it.

"Mostly baloney," said the proprietor.





They who laugh - last



Life's Crazy Rules

- * Miller's Law of Insurance: Insurance covers everything except what happens.
- * First Law of Living: As soon as you start doing what you always wanted to be doing, you'll want to be doing something else.
- * Weiner's Law of Libraries: There are no answers, only cross-references.
- * Isaac's Strange Rule of Staleness: Any food that starts out hard will soften when stale. Any food that starts out soft will harden when stale.
- * Kenny's Law of Auto Repair: The part requiring the most consistent repair or replacement will be housed in the most inaccessible location.
- * Second Law of Business Meetings: If there are two possible ways to spell a person's name, you will pick the wrong one. Corollary - If there is only one way to spell a name, you will spell it wrong anyway.
- * The Grocery Bag Law: The candy bar you planned to eat on the way home from the market is hidden at the bottom of the grocery bag.
- * Yeager's Law: Washing machines break down only during the wash cycle. Corollary: All breakdowns occur on the plumber's day off.
- * Lampner's Law of Employment: When leaving work late, you will go unnoticed. When you leave work early, you will meet the boss in the parking lot.
- * Quile's Consultation Law: The job that pays the most will be offered when there is no time to deliver the services.
- * Loftus' Law: Some people manage by the book, even though they don't know who wrote the book or even which book it is.
- * Lovka's Dilemma: You never get away, you only get someplace else.

Motor Insurance Claims

"The accident happened because I had one eye on the lorry in front, one eye on the pedestrian and the other on the car behind."

"I started to slow down but the traffic was more stationary than I thought."

"I pulled into a lay-by with smoke coming from under the hood. I realized the car was on fire so took my dog and smothered it with a blanket."

Q: Could either driver have done anything to avoid the accident? A: Travelled by bus?

The claimant had collided with a cow. The questions and answers on the claim form were - Q: What warning was given by you? A: Horn. Q: What warning was given by the other party? A: Moo.

"I started to turn and it was at this point I noticed a camel and an elephant tethered at the verge. This distraction caused me to lose concentration and hit a bollard."

"On approach to the traffic lights the car in front suddenly broke."

"I didn't think the speed limit applied after midnight"

"I knew the dog was possessive about the car but I would not have asked her to drive it if I had thought there was any risk."

"Windscreen broken. Cause unknown. Probably Voodoo."

"The car in front hit the pedestrian but he got up so I hit him again."

"I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

"The other car collided with mine without

The Arrogance of Authority

A DFRA officer stopped at a farm in Yorkshire, and talked with an old farmer.

He told the farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs."

The farmer said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there.....", as he pointed out the location.

The DFRA officer verbally exploded saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the Government with me !"

Reaching into his rear trousers pocket, he removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the farmer.

"See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish.... On any land !! No questions asked or answers given!! Have I made myself clear.....do you understand ?!"

The farmer nodded politely, apologized, and went about his chores.

A short time later, the old farmer heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the DFRA officer running for his life, being chased by the farmer's big Santa Gertrudis bull.....

With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety. The officer was clearly terrified.

The farmer threw down his tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of his lungs.....

"Your badge, show him your BADGE.....!!!"

Terms to Know

TRAFFIC LIGHT

apparatus that automatically turns red when your car approaches

