



# Old Rutlishians' Association

## E-Orbit Newsletter

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### Dates for your Diary

<b>Fri 18 June</b>	<b>World Cup England v Algeria &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>7.30 KO Bar open 6 pm</b>
<b>Wed 23 June</b>	<b>World Cup Slovenia v England</b>	<b>3 pm KO Bar open 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Fri 25 June</b>	<b>Rugby AGM</b>	<b>Memorial Lounge 8.30 pm</b>
<b>Sat 3 July</b>	<b>Motown Night Disco New members meet old members</b>	<b>7.00 pm Bar</b>
<b>Sat 24 July</b>	<b>Mexican Evening Mexican food Corona &amp; tequila</b>	<b>7.00 pm Bar</b>
<b>Sat 31 July</b>	<b>President's BBQ</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>

Copy for Next Edition  
Noon Friday 16th July

### Our President Writes

Dear Member

As many of you are aware the RutsFest took place on Sunday 30 May 2010 and with the benefit of fine weather the whole event was incredibly successful. Inspired and led by Ray and Jo Bricknell there were 80 plus musicians from 20 bands and 6 DJ's pumping out great music from 11 in the morning to 11 at night. About 2,500 members and guests attended on the day enjoying the "peace, love and flowers" vibe of the 60's theme. By all accounts, 2010 was the best RutsFest yet so in addition to Ray and Jo, I would like to pass on a great thank you to the many people who contributed in one way or another to make this Great event take place. Having said that, we discussed at the Executive committee on Tuesday the reality that if the event is to happen in the future, which we all want, we will need far more support from within the Association to spread the workload. In one of the next editions of the Orbit the specific tasks of the RutsFest will be identified that will need ownership from Club volunteers.

Recognising how difficult it is to follow the energy of a RutsFest nevertheless I would like to invite members to a President's Barbecue on **Saturday 31 July 2010 at 6pm** at Poplar Road. This date coincides with the end of cricket week and I look forward to seeing as many who can make it for some excellent food and maybe a glass or two. By all means turn up on the day but if you could let us know in advance it clearly would help as we need to purchase the food. Fathia Osi-Efa Keene is helping me organise the Barbecue so please let her know. Her email address is: [Fathia12@btinternet.com](mailto:Fathia12@btinternet.com)

Continuing a theme I mentioned in my last Orbit article, and maybe linked to my own profession, I have been thinking about how the Association is going to fund future capital projects given that it is already quite difficult to make ends meet on a yearly basis. We have agreed at the last Executive Committee to make more transparent to members the income and

cost position of the Association and the challenges we face. I'm sure my year of Presidency will pass very quickly so I would like to help tackle this issue sooner than later. I would like to establish a President's Fund that is used solely to improve the well-being of the Club. The first project identified is to refurbish the Memorial Lounge and to display Club memorabilia on the walls for the benefit of members. The Executive Committee believes it will need £3,000 to complete this project. I will put in the First £250 myself and we need to try and raise £3,000 from all donations. All size donations will be gratefully received and in order to incentivise this process if any member would like to match my donation I will invite that person (s) to be my guest at the Annual Dinner at the RAC in Pall Mall on 12 March 2011. Please contact Ken Hough regarding donations.

One of the traditions as President is to have competition across a range of sports. It may be a tall order but I would like to have a President's game/team for: cricket, tennis, golf, football, darts, squash and rugby. I have ordered the sports in terms of when this game might take place over the next eleven months. How many I play in I'm not too sure, but will make the dates known well in advance.

In my role as President I would also like to invite all current and ex staff of Rutlish school plus members of the Full Governing Body to the Old Rutlishians on **Thursday 22 July 2010** as the school breaks up for the end of the 2010 academic year. The Old Rutlishians will be open from about **2pm** on the Thursday afternoon and there will also be some food available.

Best Regards  
Peter

We all have a choice in every difficult situation in our life. We can become either bitter or better.

- Corina Zalace

## 1960 50th Year Reunion

October 2 2010

### The 1960 Reunion Search - UPDATE

123 definite names identified as having spent part of their school career in this intake year's Rutlish 'span'.

Paul Gardner and John Groves the former in Japan and the latter on Friends Reunited may be part of our year.

T.J. Ansell and David M. Bool began with us but were moved to the year above. Both have been found and are aware of the reunion.

92 have been contacted and are hoping to attend.

11 have been found and contacted but cannot attend for various reasons.

3 have passed away Robert H. Wallen, Tony C. Willmott and David William Sparkes

Keith William Bennett, David R.R. Dunton, Clive R.H. Hall, Salman 'Bubs' Jafri, Alan S. Kendall, Stephen Lacey, Martin 'Nogs' Norgate, Clive Palmer, Michael P. Rayner, Paul E. Stevens, and Philip Willis have been written to, e-mailed or are on Friends Reunited and have not replied to our attempts to communicate.

David Attwell and Higgins, Gosling have appeared but we think are different years or fictitious memories!!

Tony Harris has 'joined' the year but to date no one recalls him!

We are having the most problems with the following John G. 'Jock' Blake, Dave Alfred Roberts, John Michael Shaw, Ian Hamilton Taylor, C.L. or G.A. Weller (confusion in the school records re initials!) and David West.

Today's success was to have found Steve Webb in Cambridge – one of our more notable sportsmen especially cricket and fives – mathematician and musician (our own Tom Lehrer).

## 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)

## Tribute

John Terrell who died on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, aged 79, was a popular and committed member of the Old Rutlishians' Association.

Despite a challenging childhood with many years spent having to wear a heavy brace to overcome curvature of the spine, John, with support and encouragement from his nurses, studied for and passed the "11 plus" exams and joined Rutlish School in 1942. Much of his earlier primary school classes during the first years of the war, had been conducted in air raid shelters, or whilst these were under construction, in various pupils' homes.

John's scholastic successes continued, and he looked destined to go on to university, when he contracted tuberculosis and spent many years in a sanatorium needing to have one lung removed.

He was 23 when he was able to start work in the drawing office at Decca Radar and his studies continued at evening classes gaining Higher National Certificates in Mechanical and later Electrical Engineering. Decca later became Racal, and John finally retired as Chief Draughtsman.

At the time the Wimbledon Village Club was looking for a Secretary, and John applied and gained this position, holding it very successfully for 20 years.

John's mother died while he was young, and he was looked after for many years by an aunt. She lived to 98, and John loyally cared for her to the end, sacrificing much of his own freedom in the process.

Being very keen on sport, it was a major disappointment to John not being agile enough to participate. His determination however, helped him in later years to play cricket for our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, golf at Wimbledon Common, to help form a local darts league, and to play a major part in the "infamous" croquet group in the 50's.

He probably put back more than he got from the Club by his involvement on many committees and his administrative positions as Bar Manager, Treasurer, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and finally, President of the ORA in 1979.

John was always good company, with an unflinching sense of humour.

He will be sorely missed.

John Chapman

## School News

Congratulations to Richard Woolland and Errol Moore-Amaadzie on their appointment as Head and a Deputy Head Boy respectively. Both have been active colts at Poplar Road for some years. We hope the broken finger sustained playing for the 5<sup>th</sup> XI heals soon Richard.

The school had cricket success in the Merton hard ball competition beating Wimbledon College fairly comfortably in the final last month.

The school induction days for the new year 7s (second form) and the new 6<sup>th</sup> form take place early next month. The new 6<sup>th</sup> form building is now up and it is now being fitted out ready for the Autumn.

A number of Rutlish lads are again preparing to be ball boys at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships.

## Point to Ponder

Teamwork is neither "good" nor "desirable." It is a fact. Wherever people work together or play together they do so as a team. Which team to use for what purpose is a crucial, difficult and risky decision that is even harder to unmake. Managements have yet to learn how to make it.

- Peter F. Drucker

## 50/50 Scheme

It's NOT too late to join, this vital scheme is ongoing and can be joined quarterly. It's not too late to be in the first draw as long as you're ready with your £24 first quarterly payment. If you've made a verbal pledge and wish to enter the draw then please email [oldruts@talktalk.net](mailto:oldruts@talktalk.net). Alternatively speak to Gavin Lennard or Bill Tidey.

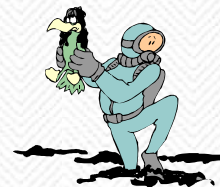
The March draw was held on Friday 16th April, with the BUMPER prize set as £1405.00

We currently have 183 members and the aim is to break the 200 barrier in 2010!  
[Click here for more details.](#)

### April draw

1st Prize £132 to D Hamilton  
2nd Prize £88 to D Matthew  
3rd Prize £44 to R Lever

We make a living by what we do,  
but we make a life by  
what we give!





The 2010 cricket season is now in full 'swing' and the Old Ruts 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have 'spun'

their way into a dominating position at the top of the Surrey Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. Following two seasons away from Poplar Road, Alex 'Barney' Barnicott has bowled with great control, returning 10 wickets in his first two games back with great support from Pete Day.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI have both had mixed results in the first five games of the season and currently stand in 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place, respectively.

Steve Corbey is leading the from the front for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI currently averaging 194 from 3 innings including a century and one half century and the 4<sup>th</sup> XI currently stand in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

We have managed to fulfil a number of fixtures for the 5<sup>th</sup> XI with its usual mix of senior pros and young Ruts.

We have struggled to fulfil two fixtures on a Sunday on occasions this season due to lack of available players. If you fancy yourself as the next Flintoff or Strauss, come along for a practise net on Thursdays from 1800 and will we endeavour to get you a game.

### Colts Cricket

The colts season continues to go on with some good results for most of the teams. The under 12s and u13s particularly are both near the tops of their leagues and the under 11s also doing well.

Please have a look at the summer holiday academies which are now booking up:

- 10-14s year olds on 26-30 July or 9-13 August £70 for the week.  
Further details from Peter Day 8543 0518
- 7-9 year old on 2-4 August £35  
Further details from Stuart Atkins 7905 775 534

### You Won't Believe...

The following are actual submissions on a series of quizzes, tests, and essays.

"Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

"H<sub>2</sub>O is hot water, and CO<sub>2</sub> is cold water."

"To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

"When you smell an oderless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

"Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water."



### Dave Murphy's Great News

Some of you will remember my daughter Niamh being a mascot at a special memorial match that Gavin organised after my first wife passed away some 8 years ago. Well, Niamh is now 10, and entered a writing competition to be an England mascot, and.....wait for it.....wait for it.....she won, and the 2 of us are off to South Africa !!!! She gets to escort one of the England players onto the pitch for the USA game - I've told her to go for Stevie G ! All expenses paid courtesy of McDonalds. Still, the amount I spend in there !!!! Just had to share the news. Be happy for me, not bitter.

The Old Rutlishians AFC (Old Ruts) is made up of ex-pupils of Rutlish School, amateur sportsman from the local community and the friends and relatives of existing players. It was reformed after a 58 year absence in the summer of 1990 having originally run from 1907 until 1932 when it folded after being replaced by Rugby as the popular winter sport at the Old Rutlishians.

The club fielded one side in the Wimbledon and District League Division One during the 1990/91 season and duly won the league and cup double. In time for the 1991/92 season the club switched to the Kingston and District League and began to run two teams, with the 3rd and 4th XI's introduced in 1992/93 and 1993/94 respectively.

It was during this period that the Ruts enjoyed huge success, working their way up from Division Six right through to the Premier Division, which they won in 1995/96 and again in 1997/98 when they added the League Junior Cup to complete another double.



I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done.  
- Henry Ford



### Youth Rugby News

We had a great end of season Awards night with Tani Fuga from Quins generously coming down to present the prizes – congratulations to all award winners and particularly Stacia Long who was voted Coach of the Year and to the U10's whose victory at Brea Sands and high standard of play all year made them the squad of the year, superbly led by The Great Dictator himself, Simon Englefield and his 2 loyal acolytes, Pete and Stan.

With great progress being made towards Seal of Approval, a new club kit shop and a new website, this promises to be a really great year for Ruts Youth Rugby.

Tag Rugby course – we will be running a Tag rugby and Sports fun week for boys and girls U8's down to 5 year olds in the last week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> every day at Poplar Road. Costs and details to be finalized but this promises to be a very popular week and with places limited please email me at [mstallard@btinternet.com](mailto:mstallard@btinternet.com) if you would like to reserve a place. Full details in the next e-Orbit.

### Fitness Regime

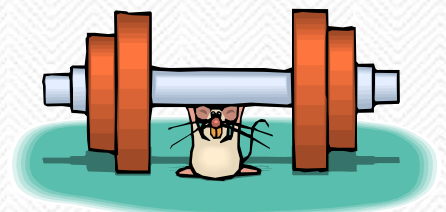
This is for older people. Younger people try it at their own risk. This is working well for me.

For those of us getting along in years, here is a little secret for building your arm and shoulder muscles. You might want to adopt this regimen. Three days a week works well.

Begin by standing straight, with a 5-LB. potato sack in each hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can-try to reach a full minute. Relax.

After a few weeks, move up to 10-LB. potato sacks, and then 50-LB. potato sacks, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-LB. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight out for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, start putting a couple of potatoes in each of the sacks, but be careful not to overdo it.





NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD RUTLISHIANS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE  
**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.45pm in the Memorial Lounge**

### Agenda

To receive apologies for absence.

To receive reports from:

- i Chairman
- ii Club Captain
- iii Secretary

To receive Reports and Accounts for the season 2009-2010.

Approve budget for 2010-2011.

Election of the General Committee for the Season 2010-2011.

Chairman  
Club Captain  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Fixture and Match Secretary  
Team Secretary  
Club Media Officer  
Youth Representative  
Club Coach Coordinator  
Club Referee Coordinator

Any other business.

Set date for 2011 AGM.

To close meeting.

Give a little thought to what comes next.

Remember: education isn't training.

A person needs to struggle with a text,

Delving into truths beyond explaining.

Understanding means you must go under,

And make your own the ground on which you stand.

The urge to learn comes from a sense of wonder

Ill-served in those who like their knowledge canned.

Open up your mind so that your soul

Not be confined to one small, shallow bowl.

## Cynical Meanings

**Cigarette:** A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool on the other.

**Divorce:** Future tense of marriage.

**Lecture:** An art of transferring information from the notes of the Lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through "the minds of either."

**Conference:** The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

**Compromise:** The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

**Tears:** The hydraulic force by which masculine will-power is defeated by feminine water power...

**Dictionary:** A place where success comes before work.

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

**Classic:** A book which people praise, but do not read.

**Smile:** A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

**Office:** A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

**Yawn:** The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.

"Retirement at sixty-five is ridiculous. When I was sixty-five I still had pimples."

George Burns

"The chief lesson I have learned in a long life is that the only way to make a man trustworthy is to trust him; and the surest way to make him untrustworthy is to distrust him and show your distrust."

- Henry L. Stimson

Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain - and most fools do.

- Dale Carnegie (1888 - 1955)



"LEROY! I JUST REMEMBERED ... IT WAS MY AUNT MARTHA WHO TOOK ME TO SEE 'BAMBI!'"