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Dates for your Diary

Sat 13 Mar	Ireland v Wales	2.30 pm
	Scotland v England	5.00 pm
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Thurs 1 April	Football Match Cricket XI v Football XI	5.00 pm
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Fri 16 April	Cricket Registration & Curry Night	

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Noon Friday 12th March

Old Rutlishians' Association

E-Orbit Newsletter

Spring

The season for regeneration

Somewhere I heard/read that Spring starts on 13 March. If that is so then by the time many of you read this the seasons will have already changed. Spring is the time of daffodils, new growth of leaves and grass, longer, sunnier days with the promise of even more to come.

It is also the time when we as a club gather to review the past year, to say thank you to those who have steered us through to this point and to choose who will help to guide us through the coming year with all the problems and opportunities that will arise. This we do at our Annual General Meeting.

Oh, the AGM I hear you cry! and I can understand that. I've felt that way too in the past but we hold it for the reasons mentioned above. This year we will see the emergence of a new Chairman of the Executive Committee. His position is not just that of the referee at the executive committee meetings but as a sort of linesman for the Hon Secretary/Hon Treasurer and anyone else who is responsible for the co-ordination or the performance of any of the club's activities.

It is also the time when we invite one of our members to be President, to be our representative at the functions of the Association and of the Sections. It is a position of privilege which, as with all such roles, demands responsibility - responsibility for the club and to the club, its sections and members.

However, the President is not the only member who has responsibilities for the club and to the club. Each and everyone of us has the responsibility to each and everyone else of our membership to make the club a place of enjoyment, fellowship and respect for each other in every aspect of our times together.

Our club is changing - changing in emphasis as to what is known these days as our mission. In the past the mission was to provide sport, cricket and rugby, as economically as possible for those boys who had attended Rutlish School. In time football joined the sports and provision was made for squash. Due to the policies of the LEA the age of the boys leaving the school dropped by 2 years. This is the position in which we have been for some time and still are. It has meant a large number of young folk coming to us from other schools to play cricket, rugby, football and squash resulting in a large spread of ages particularly in cricket and rugby to such a degree that an office holder of either cricket or rugby, I can't remember which, said to me, "Oh, we take people from 6 to 60!" and he/she was only half joking.

This increase in sporting members has demanded a similar increase in the number of adults needed to coach and train the youngsters. Most of these are what we call Associate Members, i.e. those who did not attend Rutlish. Add to these the parents who become members so that their children can

enjoy and benefit from what we offer and it is obvious that the ORA is now a community based sports and social club.

This change in 'mission' calls for a change in the way in which we think about our responsibilities, a change in mind-set. Such a change is not easy, especially for those of us who have been members for 20, 30, 40 or 50 years and it is incumbent upon those of us who do not fall into those groups to be aware of those who do and to remember it is their club too.

So do try and not think of the AGM in this way 😞, but come and treat it as the opportunity to contribute to the development of our club as it faces the challenges and opportunities of the coming year. To borrow from J.F.Kennedy: "Ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club".

Ed

Another TV

It is quite possible that the more observant of our members may have noticed that there is now a second TV in the Members' Bar. This has not been installed because the Executive considers that a permanently turned on television is an essential for any bar, far from it. It has been put there as an overflow for when there are major sporting attractions which often result in the bar being packed to the rafters with many members being unable to see the main screen. As far as possible, if members wish to watch television they should do so in the Games room where the main screen is situated and allow those members who wish to prop and the bar and indulge in convivial conversation to do so without the distraction of a television.

Control of the TV will be by our Club Steward and her senior bar staff; an instant poll by the first group of members entering the bar is not acceptable. In any case, for all but the very major sporting events such as the Six Nations and the Football World Cup the second TV will operate with the sound off.

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis in an effort to arrive at a situation which pleases the majority of the membership; aspirations to please all of the members all of the time were consigned to history long ago!

Ken Hough
Secretary

1960 50th Year Reunion

October 2 2010

To date there are 109 members to find, 25 found so far, 2 can't attend, 1 deceased and many to go!! Please if you have any information go to the following web site and give it there.

<http://www.cphicks.org.uk/rutlish1960/support/rutlish1960home.htm>

Outsider's View

Extract from one of Ground Hopper's Articles

Old Rutlishians FC are members of the Surrey Elite League, a competition I've dipped my big toe into previously and thoroughly enjoyed. Their tidy sports ground is located in Poplar Road, Merton, south London and accommodates both rugby union and football. The rugby club play their matches on the pitch nearest the pavilion whilst the football team's ground is found 53 yards further south. The whole is surrounded by residential housing, which gives the venue an enclosed feel; it's one of those places that you have to know it's there is to know its there! I'll be honest, I wasn't expecting that much but I'm pleased to admit my faux pas.

The facilities are excellent with the vibrant, seventy-year-old clubhouse, which incidentally sells real ale, being the hub of activities on match days. The well equipped football field has permanent dugouts situated on its furthest flank, is fully roped off as-per league criteria, has high netting effecting a well-needed barrier between the playing area and neighbouring housing encompassing the necessary three sides and a glorious wooden, covered lean-to cum stand in one corner. Striped yellow and blue netting, the club's colours, adorns the white goal frames.

Old Rutlishians Association Football Club was founded in 1907, by ex-pupils of the nearby Rutlish School but folded in 1932 when rugby became the chosen Winter sport of the Old Rutlishians. Reformed in 1990, the club has made steady progress through the Surrey leagues and is currently holding its own in the recently formed SEL. Graham and club president Gavin Lennard had warmly welcomed me upon my arrival, the latter generously furnished me with a magnificent, fascinating brochure that beautifully tells and depicts the Association's one hundred year history.

Old Rutlishians' Association

Annual General Meeting
Friday 23rd April 2010
8.00 pm
Venue: Hall

Official notice and agenda of the above will be with you shortly.

Anagrams

dormitory:	dirty room
Presbyterian:	best in prayer
astronomer:	moon starrer
desperation:	a rope ends it
the eyes:	they see
George Bush:	he bugs gore
the Morse code	here come dots

School

Rutlish School had an Ofsted inspection at the end of January. The report is available at <http://www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk/>

Annual Dinner

Car park charges payable at hotel front desk or machine in car park

Up to 1 Hour	£2.00
Up to 2 Hours	£4.00
Up to 3 Hours	£5.00
Up to 4 Hours	£7.00
Up to 6 Hours	£8.00

Please note that members should use the Cophthorn Hotel entrance on arrival and departure. Also that the coach will leave the Clubhouse at 1715 hours and Stamford Bridge at 2300 hours.

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

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RutsFest
30th May



Could You Think of a Solution?

Many years ago in a small village, a farmer had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to a female village moneylender. The female money lender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer's handsome son, Cliff. So, she proposed a bargain. She said she would forego the farmer's debt if she could marry his son. Both the farmer and his son were horrified by the proposal.

So, the cunning female moneylender suggested that they let Providence decide the matter. She told them that she would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty moneybag. The son would have to pick one pebble from the bag. If he picked the black pebble, he would become her husband and his father's debt would be forgiven. If he picked the white pebble he need not marry her - yet the debt would be forgiven. But if he refused to pick a pebble, his father would be thrown in jail.

They were standing on a pebble-strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the money lender bent over to pick up 2 pebbles. As she picked them up, the sharp-eyed son noticed that she had picked up 2 black pebbles and put them in the bag. She then asked the son to pick a pebble from the bag. Now, imagine that you were standing in the field. What would you have done if you were the son? If you had to advise him, what would you have told him?

Careful analysis would produce 3 possibilities.

The son should refuse to take a pebble

The son should show that there were 2 black pebbles in the bag and expose the moneylender as a lying, backstabbing female cheat.

The son should pick a black pebble and sacrifice himself in order to save his father from his debt and imprisonment.

Take a moment to ponder over the story. The above story is used with the hope that it will make us appreciate the difference between lateral and logical thinking. The son's dilemma cannot be solved with traditional logical thinking. Think of the consequences if he chooses the above logical answers.

What would you recommend the son do? The son put his hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, he let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles. "Oh, how clumsy of me!" he said, "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked." Since the remaining pebble is black, it must be assumed that he had picked the white one. And since the moneylender dared not admit her dishonesty, the son changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

Moral of the story?

Most complex problems do have a solution. It is only that we don't attempt to think.

A man is but a product of his thoughts.

M.K. Gandhi



A good weekend for the club!!

The 1st XV and A XV both won last Saturday – and both against London Media – excellent stuff! Let's carry this habit forward. Lloydly has penned a report for the "A" game and my report on the 1st's is below. Before that a couple of club notices;

Training is off on Thursday – the pitch is under water and even if it is dry all week [which it won't be] the surface cannot take much more punishment

Annual Rugby [presentation] Dinner is on Sat 10th April. Reserve the date in your diary. Henry Perryment is doing a stand-up routine – so full heckling will be required and we are trying to find a celebrity to hand out the awards. Having had the Tongan captain play for us a few weeks ago [2ndTeam – 'natch] – it will be a tough act to follow - but Reggie is on the case.

Tour – Reggie needs your money for the non-miss event of the year. Pay up now or Von Titch [no relation to Von Rimmer] will be after you. Don't let the diminutive size fool you – Martin Johnson took him seriously when he snogged his wife.

Old Ruts 2nd XV 25 – 9 London Media

The usual raft of changes to the previous week's side included 4 debutantes – Rob, Jason, Chris & Ali. Any thoughts that this would be an easy continuation of the 2's winning streak were quickly dispelled as Media started like a bat out of hell. It's to our credit that we weathered the early storm and traded blow for blow without any significant scoring opportunities.

2 penalties a piece was probably a fair reflection of the first half and with Ruts having to play up the slope in the second half it was always going to be tough. A combination of factors led to a lack of composure and consequently conceding way too many penalties. Luckily the only kickable pen from Media hit the upright and we cleared. On such slim margins tight matches can be decided. Media did nudge in front with a neat drop goal but strangely this seemed to coincide with the momentum swinging our way.

After a good kick and chase to Media's right corner we had a sustained period of pressure resulting in stretching their frequently offside defence with Chris Cuthbert going over near the corner. From there on we managed to control the game much better with Jason at scrum half being instrumental in tat and stretching the lead with another debutant try. With the successful conversion which meant that Media would have to score twice in the last 5 minutes I could hear their frustration. We were not finished however and 2 Beers exploited a big blindside with a clean break and good support play from Jason provided the final pass to Carl "no finish" – we might have to find a new nickname – to add the score with the final play off the game. Whilst the score may give a false impression of how easy/hard the game was its credit to the whole squad who all contributed to a fine team win

London Media 1st XV 14 v ORRFC 1st XV21 Sat 20th Feb 2010

A win at last! It's been a long time coming but I'm sure you all feel good about yourselves after that performance. Not perfect by any means but tough, hard and well fought with some really good skills. It was a good game to watch as well – at times too good – fast and



loose – with lots of opportunities for both sides.

Two tries were scored by each team but a good kicking performance from Matt and two key periods of play when we toughed it out on our line at both ends - saw us grow in stature and put the game away with 5 minutes to spare. Too many times this season we have left our late surge too late, but not this week. We may not have the fastest front five around but they have lasting power. As a team we need to recognise and build on this quality in the last quarter of the games we play. Other sides can drop off in the last 20 minutes and we can definitely pull games round in this crucial period – just ask Scotland!

Sam Keohane had a very big game up front and the backs were magnificent. Harley has 6 stitches to prove he is still the "go forward" forward and he took the ball on relentlessly when we needed to wrest control back and things were getting too loose. Given that James is a flanker he did a great job at Nr8 and nothing slipped out the back [add your own gag here]. Andy and Brickers were everywhere in the back row and the front 5 did the hard work in the trenches when we were under enormous pressure on our own line. McKenna's 60m dash was the highlight of the 2nd half [remember 50m not 90 – like he will claim].

In the backs Alex B made a promising start to the game but took an early blow in face and shoulder and then a nasty fall on his ankle which has put him on crutches with ligament damage - hopefully back before end of season. Matt stepped in to Nr 9 and Hen took over at 10 with Andy Edser coming into the centre. In terms of damage inflicted on the opposition, Henry put "Wayno" [Media 10 and main play-maker] out of the game with 15 mins to go with a trademark smash - head on – brilliant! Jordon also created havoc in the opposition backs with ball in hand and in the tackle . The Media centres were looking for Jordan all afternoon which is why they kept dropping the ball in the middle - they were just not fancying the contact – having spent a good time stopping him running through them!

Both Ruts wingers got on the score sheet – Freddie with a great pick up in his own 25, a step and very speedy sprint to the line – his dad arrived about 3 minutes later! Tom Richards got on the end of sharp piece of handling in the last 5 and scooted over for a showboat score – jug next week please Tom. Beanie made tackle of the day on the Media winger who I thought was clean away – absolutely nailed him.

All in all - a great afternoon in the park!

Mark

Emanuel RFC Vets 14 v ORRFC Vets 10 Friday 5th Feb 2010

I'm sure it must be first – the ORRFC Vets paying under floodlights? If anyone can challenge this assertion then please let us know.

Reading the score line you will, I'm sure, think that the Ruts were outplayed – actually, this was far from the truth – our pack was dominant throughout the game and if we were to be criticised I would say that we did not put the game away in the first half. We had a good supply of ball but a few wrong options and lack of finishing stopped us crossing the line.

Although Emanuel were not very good in the set piece they made up for it in the loose and generally their attacking play was effective. Nevertheless, Ruts tackled well and by the end of the 1st half we could not help wondering why we were not ahead.

Needles to say, the opposition cheated in the 2nd half by substituting players with current 1st team players [definitely under 35] and managed to score two tries. As we all know, Emanuel just cannot help themselves but we were the better Vets side! Casualties on the night were; Andy Edser [7 stitches in his head] and a broken rib for Craig Welstead. Lloydly could not make training a week later because he was still hurting [although quite where is unclear]. For me the stand out players were the pack who gave a very good account of themselves.

For those who want to know the line-up - this is the best I can come up with [sorry if I missed anyone out!];

Pushing back the years; Colin Lloyd, Mark Chandler, Tony Tabb, Simon Payne
Pushing prams; Gary Forge, Andy Edser, Mickey Haynes

Pushing the sound barrier; Graham Blenman, Darren Ramon

Pushing drugs; Martin Board
Pushing the refs patience; Simon Englefield [10 minutes in the bin and 4 pens against]

Pushing back his hair; Phil Rumbelow

Pushing his other club; Trevor Quinn

Pushing insurance; Sam Patel

Pushing the Emanuel front row; Matt McKenna, Matt Carter

Pushing the queue in hospital; Craig Welstead,

Pushing for a 1st team place; Rich Harris

Pushing for a 2nd team place; Grande Jay Court

After the game we managed a few beers in the clubhouse and then on into Wimbledon for a few more. An excellent evening and, for just a short while [for past player like myself], it was just like I had never been away.

Mark

International Honours

Not one but two Old Ruts Under 18s players have been selected to represent Ireland in Treviso, Italy at the end of March. Tom Margetson (Prop Forward) and Jack Walsh (Scrum Half) will play in the FIRA-AER Under 18 European Championship, against seven teams including France & Italy. This is a great honour for Old Ruts to have two players who have come through from their mini & youth sections to achieve international status.



Colts

Advance notice re summer Newsletter and registration

forms will hopefully come out to you in March.

Registration Night for the summer will be 16 April (although you can send back application form by post).

Outdoor Nets will begin hopefully mid April depending on the ground.

U12 - Mondays

U9, & U 10s – Tuesdays

U13 & U14 - Wednesdays

U15 & U16 Thursdays

U11 - Fridays

Kwik Cricket for U8s and younger will begin Tues 4 May

Winter programme

This will continue until end of term.

Nets

Indoor nets are continuing each Monday at Rutlish school from 7 till 9pm. The last session will be 12th April, and there will be no session on Easter Monday.

Outdoor Nets will be at the club each Thursday evening from 15th April starting at 6pm. The early session will be on the Astroturf nets rather than the main square.

Playing the football section at their own game

On Thursday 1st April the cricket and football sections will be playing against each other at football. Kick off is 5pm, food will be available and the bar will be open early in what will be a highly social occasion. Please come down for some light entertainment at the start to the nice long easter weekend.

Spare Room?

Our overseas player, Sandeep Ganguly, will be returning to the club this year for his 5th season with us. However accommodation is always an issue. If you have a spare room or know someone in the locality that may be willing to help please contact Peter Day (Tel. 020 8542 0518). Sandeep will be in the country from early May to early September. Sandeep spends most of his time at the club playing and coaching so you won't see a huge amount of him and he is a really nice guy. If we don't get any joy then we'll be fixing him up with a room in rented house once he arrives in the country.

Darts

Our Darts club play in the Wimbledon and District League and at the moment are lying 2nd in that competition.

They have the distinction of being the winners of the 8s competition.

Karim Merali is the winner of the League's Game Shots award.

For further details of this part of our sporting life please contact Craig Welstead at the Clubhouse,



Youth Teams

A very busy weekends' rugby recently saw the U12's fall out of the Quins Curtainraiser Cup at the semi final stage. 2 draws and 2 defeats were not quite good enough despite a brave attempt by a squad somewhat weakened by school call ups.

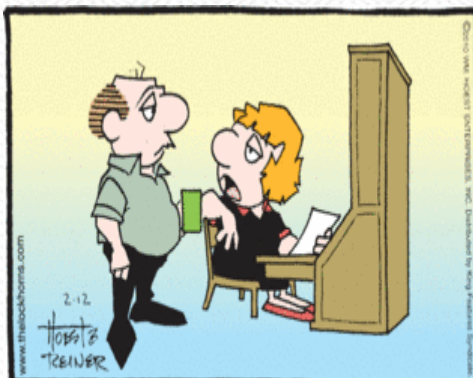
The Sunday saw teams at both the Mitcham B festival and the Guildford A's. The highlight at Mitcham was the U11's coming of age with their first final appearance in the Shield and although they went down to Farnham the improvement that has taken place over the last 12 months has been immense and hats off to Stacia and the team for all the hard work put in on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. The U9's, in their first ever festival appearance, went one better in winning the Bowl final, a good omen for the future we hope.

At Guildford, both the U12's and the U10's got through to their Shield finals, the U10's narrowly winning one try to nil and the U12's drawing their final and sharing the cup with local rivals Wimbledon. The U12's in particular had a wafer thin squad due to injuries and school calls again and it was very heartening to see how those called up to the squad put in some excellent performances.

All told, nice to get our hands on some silverware and we now need to kick on and make sure we all do ourselves justice at the big Surrey A and B tournaments coming up.

50/50 Scheme

Due to the change over of treasurers and end of year stress for those who run this scheme the January and February draws will take place this month. Those running it apologise to any suffering withdrawal symptoms.



"HOW MUCH CREDIT CARD DEBT ARE WE WILLING TO INCUR TO GET FREQUENT FLYER MILES?"

Children's Science Exam

If you need a good laugh, try reading through these children's science exam answers...

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian Section.'

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Definitions

Willpower: The ability to eat only one salted peanut.

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.