



Old Rutlishians' Association

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Dates for your Diary

Fri 21 May	Football AGM Memorial Lounge	7.30 pm
Sat 22 May	Football Dinner Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 30 May	RutsFest	Bars open 11.00 am
Fri 11 June	Football World Cup starts	Ladies' night
Sat 12 June	World Cup England v USA U14 Rugby Disco	7.30 KO Bar Hall
Fri 18 June	World Cup England v Algeria	7.30 KO
Wed 23 June	World Cup Slovenia v England	3 pm KO Bar open 1.30 pm

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Noon Friday 14th May

Our President Writes

Dear Member

I am absolutely delighted to have been asked to become the President of the Old Rutlishians Association. The list of past Presidents is indeed a distinguished one stretching all the way back to Mr Disney the School's second headmaster from 1897 and who helped establish the Association in the early 1900s.

I'm not entirely sure how many people are aware that I have been a Foundation sponsored Governor of Rutlish School since 2004 and have been recently appointed Chair of Governors following my appointment as Vice Chair last year.

One of the many positive reasons for being President, as far as I am concerned, is the Chair of Governor's position that I currently occupy. The School is currently going through a very constructive phase, under the inspirational leadership of the head teacher, Alex Williamson, and I would like as one of my objectives as President to continue to bring the Association and the School ever closer together. Having now a sixth form back at the School from September 2010, including ladies in our partnership with Ricards Lodge, allows students of 17 and 18 years of age to enjoy the Association and all that it has to offer.

Returning to the Presidency I probably have connections further back than some people might think. My father, who used to shout and scream at First XV rugby games along with other father's like Bill Griffin and Peter Ainsworth, was great friends for many years with Frank Taylor (President 1939-1945). I also knew Frank quite well and his wife Glynis. Then there is Basil Ericson (President 1953) whose daughter Pat is a very good friend of mine after we first met at Cranleigh Lawn Tennis Club in 1968. Mr Varnish was headmaster when Basil and his two brothers went to Rutlish in the 1920s and Pat recalls meeting Mr Varnish when she was a young girl. Maybe there is some coincidence about my appointment for Mr Varnish introduced the House System and between Graham Mills (President 2003) and myself we helped reintroduce the House System this January and already the boys are proud to have it back. And Pat knew without a second thought that her brother John, another Rutlish boy, was in Spartan House.

In terms of what I would like to achieve as President the following first thoughts come to mind. One, I want to take the responsibility seriously and be active in the role. I would like to meet as many people as possible and support all sections. Two, the Club has

changed considerably from when I used to stagger out past closing time in the early 80s after playing rugby but I would like to see more people using the Association. How can we attract more people to use our excellent facilities? Three, the Association has to be economically viable and I will work alongside the Executive Committee to ensure we are smart and can pay our way as well as investing capital in the Club for the benefit of future members. Four, I would like to develop a history theme/society within the Association. This is also linked to the School. Both the School and the Association have a history that in my opinion should be more public. The old photos and letters that stretch back years should be on display for people to see at both the Club and the School. I may well be asking some past teachers and friends to help me with achieving this initiative.

As I say an honour and for my part being President alongside being Chair of Governors is an opportunity that comes to very few.

Before I close I would like to congratulate Perry Keene on his excellent year as President and if I may ask you to put in your diary the date of the next Old Rutlishians Annual dinner. This will take place on Saturday the 12th March 2011 at the Royal Automobile Club, 89 Pall Mall, in the Mountbatten Room. I look forward very much to seeing you at the dinner.

With very best wishes to all of you for the coming year.

Peter A Norrie
Parthian House

Hi Everyone,

Only

15 swinging days to go

until the

60's themed

RutsFest 2010 !!!

Get your tickets now (by clicking this link to get to [ebay](#)) or by contacting

jobricknell@hotmail.co.uk or

07932 444 524.

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).

Rutlish School

The new 6th form building which is roughly where the old outside classroom in the Junior School was is up and now being fitted out for the opening in September. The sixth form, known as RR6, is a consortium with Ricards Lodge, the local girls school. The 6th form is oversubscribed for the first year. Decisions about which subjects will be taught on which site are now being made.

The Surrey Cup (cricket) was not very kind to the school with several years getting hard games against private schools. Year 7s (2nd form) v St Georges, Weybridge who are evidently coached by one Mr D Bradford, Year 8s (3rd form) v Rokeby. The Year 10 (remove form) team did manage to dispose of Southborough though.

Old Rutlishians Social Network

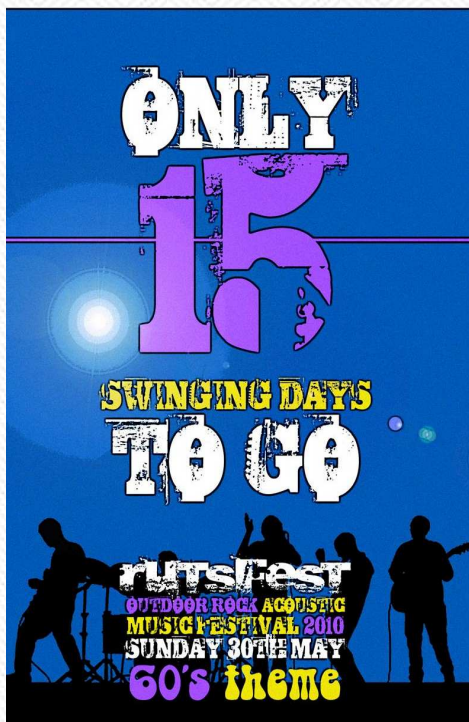
This is the facebook page for all things social at the Old Rutlishians in Poplar Road - the home of the legendary RutsFest, Rugby, Cricket and Football sections and the hub of the Merton Park Social Network.

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 gnatter or play Poker.

For knitting details contact susansheridan@boltblue.com



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



Dear All,

Well, there goes another Old Rutlishian oldie. Richard Clarke died of lung cancer, asbestos induced, possibly through his work and hobby as a mechanic. Until very recently he rebuilt (asbestos brake material?) and raced his vintage motorbike.

Entre nous at school he could not have been happy since we bullied him mercilessly (much now to my shame) and he was known as 'diddums'. Shortly after leaving school, he emigrated to New Zealand - probably no coincidence.

He came back to the UK to my knowledge recently three times the last of which was to see his brother 'for the last time' (when I took him to visit his old family home off circle Gardens) and the other two visits were to include our reunion years.

Sadly his wife, Maire, had been ill and died only a couple of months after his own adverse diagnosis. He wrote a regular commentary on her although he never mentioned his own prognosis. In hindsight one sees better attributes to people to whom we might have previously paid too little attention.

Cheers to the so far survivors,

Brian (Tiny) F.

Hi Jack

Eric Redford is one of 3 brothers who went to Rutlish. He played rugby for the Old Boys as did his brother Chris. His other brother is an actor (has appeared on at least one soap - Emmerdale or Corrie for a time).

Eric went to Clermont Ferrand to play rugby when he was in his twenties. He stayed, with his wife, and taught English as a foreign language, eventually opening his own language school in Clermont...

So why is he doing a sponsored pilgrimage? See below.

I'll be off doing a 1500km walk from Le Puy to St Jacques de Compostelle from tomorrow 10th April until the 9th June. I'm also doing it for charity. See : <http://www.justgiving.com/Eric-Redford>

www.justgiving.com is the world's largest and most trusted online charity fundraising platform.

50/50 Scheme

March draw

BUMPER Quarterly prize of £1,405 went to Mike Sheridan

1st Prize £132 to Richard Hayward

2nd Prize £88 to Nick Hillier

3rd Prize £44 to Graham Winter



The season is up and running with first league games last weekend (8 May). The 1st lost but 2nds started with a win. Surely Lance Keene's team can not be going for a fifth successive promotion. We have been struggling a bit getting people out to play in the lower sides so give Alix Butler (07507 516 400) a call if you fancy a game.

Fixture cards are now available. The club are away to Weybridge on Wed 19 May for first round of 20/20 Cup – 6pm start.

Colts

The season has started and numbers look pretty buoyant. Helpers are always welcome including a Secretary, and first aiders for Tuesday evenings.

A Rutlish School year 10 (Remove form in old money) team defeated a colts under 15 team narrowly on 30 April at the club. Rutlish School 140-5, Old Rutlishians Under 15s 135-9. The School team included a good many of our colts. We then all adjourned to the bar for some food!

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No not code but a description of the Callum Holden's spell of 2 overs, 7 wickets for just 7 runs, taking the 7 wickets in just 9 balls for the Under 13s on Sunday 9 May v Chessington. Ruts scored 147-6. Chessington were 40 odd for 1 making a solid reply. Then Callum came on to bowl and 3 overs later it was over, Chessington 57 all out. Even more remarkable was that there was a run out off the second ball of Callum's second over so it was six wickets in six balls. Stunning! For the record Callum is a leg spinner who does turn the ball quite a bit.

"Politicians are wonderful people as long as they stay away from things they don't understand, such as working for a living."
P. J. ORourke

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book."
Ronald Reagan

Why Is It

1. Does a clean house indicate that there is a broken computer in it?
2. Why is it that no matter what color of bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?
3. Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
4. Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?



Old Ruts Large Screen TV



Football Scheduled

European Champions Cup
Final Saturday 22 May 2010 Bernabeu, Madrid 19.45

Playoffs
Championship
Saturday 22 May 2010

L1
Saturday 29 May 2010

L 2
Sunday 30 May 2010

Writers Quotes

"The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense."
Tom Clancy

"I never know what I think about something until I read what I've written on it."
William Faulkner

"I handed in a script last year and the studio didn't change one word. The word they didn't change was on page 87."
Steve Martin

"I have always been a huge admirer of my own work. I'm one of the funniest and most entertaining writers I know."
Mel Brooks

"It took me fifteen years to discover that I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous."
Robert Benchley

"A writer is congenitally unable to tell the truth and that is why we call what he writes fiction."
William Faulkner

"The free-lance writer is the person who is paid per piece or per word or perhaps."
Robert Benchley

Experience:

A comb life gives you after you lose your hair.

Vacation:

A time when parents realize that teachers aren't paid enough.

HELP WANTED FOR



If you can spare some time on the 30th to help with the running of the RutsFest and/or if you have a gazebo you wouldn't mind lending please contact Al Jacoutot at jacoutot@pobox.com

Thoughts to Ponder

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.

William Wordsworth

An appreciative attitude acknowledges the value of another's efforts or behaviour. It recognizes that the expression of another person's being or behaviour has enriched the well-being of the appreciator. Appreciation is the natural reaction to being supported. Appreciation inspires us to give back to others with a feeling of fullness and joy. Appreciation acknowledges that we have benefited from the gift offered to us.

John Gray, Ph.D.
(Men, Women and Relationships)

I don't think the economy has so much turned around as it has backed over us and parked.



