



# Old Rutlishians' Association

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Rugby  
[www.oldrutsrugby.com/](http://www.oldrutsrugby.com/)

### Dates for your Diary

Sat 20 Nov	Rugby Past Players Lunch	12.00 noon
Sunday 21 Nov	VP's Lunch	12.00-2.00 pm
Friday 26 Nov	Cricket AGM	8.00 pm
Friday 3 Dec	President's Wine & Cheese Evening	7.00 pm
Sat 11 Dec	Celeb Darts Peter Manly	7.30 pm
Sat 18 Dec	Rob Lever's Music Night	7.00 pm
Sunday 19 Dec	Rugby Minis Xmas Lunch	Noon-3.00 pm
	U21's Rugby Match	2.00 pm
	Football President's Vets V Club Vets	2.00 pm

Copy for Next Edition

Noon Friday 17th December

Queries should be sent to author of item concerned.

### Our Chairman Writes

#### Our Executive

#### 'Stand up and be counted'

As highlighted in the last Orbit we have been considering the current roles within the club in view of Ken stepping down from the Secretarial role. Ken, whilst keen to hand over to the new volunteers has committed to fulfil the role for a reasonable time until he can hand over where practically possible.

The Secretary's role remains the key role for our club. The Secretary is responsible for the day to day running of the club. Without a Secretary there is a huge risk for our club as a number of key functions will not be picked up.

The Exec have come up with a proposal that, whilst not involving any new work, aims to take the emphasis off one person being loaded with doing all the work. We currently have volunteers for the Bar Manager and Membership Secretary roles but no decisions have been made.

It is unlikely that the roles reporting to the Secretary will be part of the Executive Committee, although the Meeting Secretary would need to attend for obvious reasons. Initially volunteers are sought up to the forthcoming AGM, by which time we will consider whether these posts require to be voted on at this AGM.

In the ideal world it would be nice for a new Secretary to put a stamp on what support structure they feel is appropriate to run our club. At the moment this seems unlikely, but at some point in the future this may well happen.

So what are we after?

#### Secretary

The secretarial role is the key role in our club. This is the person who is responsible for keeping our club running on a day to day basis. This role involves:

- the overall responsibility for our staff
- bringing appropriate issues to the Executive
- maintaining our rules
- being the point of contact for local residents
- managing 'sub roles'

So what are the roles that will report into the Secretary?

#### Meeting Secretary

- distribute Executive meeting agenda and papers
- to minute monthly Executive meetings
- distribute AGM Papers

- minute the AGM

#### Building Security

- maintain list of key holders
- arrange for locks to be changed and keys distributed
- programme key fobs: front door and alarm

#### Bookings Manager

For our regular bookings (Hall or Squash Courts):

- be the regular contact for enquiries
- reconcile payments against use
- resolve issues raised

For ad hoc bookings:

- administration: sent letters, confirm conditions and collect deposits.

#### Membership Secretary

- maintain IT membership system
- chase outstanding memberships (sections and individuals)
- send out membership cards
- maintain list of members in the bar
- produce emailing list for member correspondence
- recommend how we can improve membership administration

For completeness we have also created a Bar Manager role for which we have volunteers and hope to fill shortly. This has the following responsibilities.

#### Bar Manager

- treasury management
- stock takes and reconciliation
- maximising bar use
- working with our Bar Steward to maximise profits

So is this going to lead to wholesale change to how the Old Ruts operates? I will urge all new faces to understand why things operate the way they do before making changes. All of us are individuals and will undoubtedly perform the same role slightly differently but in the short term hopefully new volunteers can keep things going, understand the role before thinking about improvements for our club.

Please contact me if you may be interested in one or more of these roles. Without volunteers we will struggle to run our club.

Pete Day  
Chair  
ORA

## Club Certificate

I'm sure you'll remember that following the hearing on the allegation of us causing a public nuisance at the RutsFest we applied to have our certificate varied. This variation was in a number of areas, but essentially to allow us to play live and recorded music. Whilst the 28 day consultation period has now ended, to date we have received no notification from the Council as to whether our application was successful at this stage or whether representations will require a further hearing. I hope to be able to update you on this situation in the next newsletter.

Peter  
Chair, ORA

## Rutlish Staff End of Term Drinks:

As Chair of Governors & President of the Association I look forward to welcoming current and ex staff and Governors on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at Poplar Road for Christmas drinks from 4pm onwards. Food will be provided. Please put the date in your diary.

Peter A Norrie

## Causalities?

As you may know your Executive Committee, as well as applying for a Music Licence, applied to extend the time our bar can remain open.

The Council put up the notice of our application on the usual posts. That very same evening there was a dinner in the hall. Those attending had a grand time which resulted in a, shall we say, somewhat boisterous leave taking at the front of the Clubhouse.

I have been informed that there are now five representations to the Council opposing our application. This could end up with another hearing in the Council Chamber.

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## For Hire

The Old Rutlishians' has a large hall which is available for private hire. For further details please ring  
020 8542 3678.



## Rutlish House System & Results

After an absence of 10 years, the House System was reintroduced back into Rutlish from January 2010. All the boys wear their House tie (that the boys' designed themselves) throughout their school life. There is a House leader, Gareth Logue, and eight House coordinators and already as one year approaches the House system seems as if it never left Rutlish at all. Competition has 98% participation across a wide range sports and other activities. The re-introduction has this term taken a step further with the change of each tutor group name from the initials of their tutor to the name of their House, e.g. 7 GL became 7 Parthians. There are also House assemblies and House meetings that are time-tabled into the every day life of both staff and students.

The final House standings for 2010 academic year were as follows:

Romans	52 points	Spartans	29 points
Parthians	46 points	Argonauts	27 points
Carthaginians	46 pts	Kelts	26 points
Vikings	35 points	Trojans	24 points

This academic year the Romans have taken an early lead as well but it is early days.

Gareth Logue

## Phil Ray (1929-37)

It is with regret we announce the death of one of our oldest members Phil Ray at the age of 92. Phil was a keen rugby and cricket player who also greatly enjoyed the social aspects of his sport at Poplar Road. He was no doubt proud of the sporting achievements of his son, Andy and was probably most recently seen at the club a few years back watching his grandson play rugby for our juniors. Our thoughts are with his wife, Audrey and the rest of the family at this time.



## OLD RUTLISHIANS' ANNUAL DINNER

SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011  
RAC CLUB - PALL MALL  
1830hrs - 2300hrs  
President - Peter Norrie

*A Delicious 4 Course Menu created from seasonally sourced ingredients from the finest suppliers served in the stately Mountbatten Room*

*£65 per person*

*A unique experience supporting your president*

*Application form in future editions*

## Who's Who

**Name:** Peter Day

**Role:** Chair

**Played Sport at the Association since:** 1987

**Member of the Executive since:** 2010

**Responsibilities:** Ensuring the sound working of our Executive Committee. Understanding the work of the association to ensure that we're focusing on the correct areas to ensure the association moves forward for both sporting and social members alike, a significant challenge in the current economic climate.

**Other information:** I have been a regular in the various cricket teams at the club since 1987, played football for the third team for a number of years and also enjoy making use of the squash facilities. I have worked in the social housing sector for the last 15 years.

**Contact details:**

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## Silk Association Ties

The **adult length silk Association Ties** have now arrived. So far 15 have been sold so there are 35 left. Please purchase them from the Rugby shop or from me. My contact details are on the web site of the Association.

I am also looking into a few other items. I would like to find out how much it would cost to have an **OR badge** that can be sewn on a blazer pocket? I was at the pre 1951 reunion lunch on Saturday and there were one or two very nice badges. I am also looking at **cufflinks** where on one side would be the crest of the Association and on the other the arms of one of the eight Houses. Finally Association **scarves** though there are rugby scarves in the shop.

In addition I have **adult length Rutlish House ties** for sale at £4 each. Once again any of the eight House ties can be purchased from the Rugby shop or from me.

Peter A. Norrie



## 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)**



## Five Lessons to Make you Think about the Way we Treat People.

### 1 - First Important Lesson Cleaning Lady.



During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "Hello."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

## High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.

Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, Up, up the long delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace where never Lark or even Eagle flew-and while with silent lifting mind, I've trod the high untrespassed sanctity of space, put out My hand and touched the face of God!

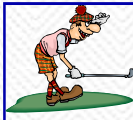
John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

## Thoughts to Ponder

Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut save you 30 cents?

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?



## Spotter

"How was your golf game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Tracy. "Well, I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's become so bad I couldn't see where the ball went."

"But you're 75-years-old, Jack!" admonished his wife, "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?" "But he's 85 and doesn't even play golf anymore," protested Jack. "He's got perfect eyesight. He could watch your ball," Tracy pointed out.

The next day Jack teed off with Scott looking on. Jack swung, and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. "Do you see it?" asked Jack. "Yup," Scott answered.

"Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering off into the distance.

"I've forgotten."

## Thank you, Bill Gates, for bringing all this into our lives

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,  
and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort,  
and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort,  
then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,  
and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,  
and your data is corrupted cause the index doesn't hash,  
then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house,  
says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,  
but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol,  
that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.....

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss,  
so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse;  
then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,  
'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang.

When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk,  
and the macro code instructions causes unnecessary risk,  
then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM,  
and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mom!

Well, that certainly clears things up for me.

How about you?

## Rutlish School and John Innes Recreation Ground Consultation

Merton Council is consulting on whether, for safety reasons, the path between John Innes Recreation Ground and the rest of the Gardens should not have public access during school hours. There is a public meeting on **Monday 22 November 2010 at 7.30pm** at the School. Further details can be seen on the Council website <http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/getinvolved/consultation/rutlish-school-and-john-innes-path-consultation.htm>.

Anyone wanting further information please contact the Council **not** the School!

## Deep Thoughts For Those Who Take Life Way Too Seriously

A day without sunshine is like...night.

On the other hand, you have different fingers

42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

Remember, half the people you know are below average.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.

## Aide Memoire

I write down everything I want to remember. That way, instead of spending a lot of time trying to remember what it is I wrote down, I spend the time looking for the paper I wrote it down on."

Beryl Pfizer,  
American journalist

