



Old Rutlishians' Association

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Dates for your Diary

Sat 12 Nov	Past Presidents' Dinner	Hall
Sat 3 Dec	Winter Wonderland Theme Night	7.00 pm Bar
Sun 4 Dec	Clubhouse 75th Anniversary Buffet Lunch	Noon
Sat 24 Dec	Christmas Eve Children's Party	5.00—7.00 pm
Sun 25 Dec	Lunch Christmas Drink with President	Noon

On Club premises please



Copy for Next Edition
Thursday 15th December

Queries should be sent to the author of item concerned.

Clubhouse 75 Years

Although the ground in Poplar Road had been acquired in 1924, it was not until 1936 at the AGM held in February that the Executive Committee was instructed "to take steps within the next fortnight to consider the possibility of erecting a double-deck brick pavilion on the site of the present building".

The reasons for having a new pavilion were numerous. The membership of the Association was 550; the Rugby section were running five or six teams and the Cricket section three elevens; the number of tennis players on the ground were so numerous that the accommodation and changing facilities were more than over-taxed.

An EGM was held on 3rd June 1936 authorising the issue of an appeal for funds and the building of a new Clubhouse. A letter and brochure was sent out to members 12 days later giving 20th July as the latest date for support to the scheme. By 16th July, 6 weeks from the date of the decision to proceed, more than sufficient funds were available and, in view of the response, the original plans were enlarged.

The official opening of the Clubhouse took place on Saturday 5th December 1936, only 6 months after the EGM, and was performed by Sir John Power, the local MP. The main hall was dedicated as a memorial to AN Disney, the former headmaster and principal benefactor of the Association who had died in 1929.

By the early 1960's, the Clubhouse was in need of considerable refurbishment and it was decided to investigate the possibility of rearranging the lay out with a view to improve the appearance and working of the Clubhouse and this was done in 1963. The bar servery was moved from where the double entrance doors are today to its present position and the toilets and bath areas were formed from the former bar storage space.

Subsequently in 1981, an extension to the bar under the balcony was completed and

the suspended wooden ceiling was installed. In 1983 a new temperature controlled beer store situated between the Clubhouse and the Squash Courts was built, the atrium above the baths and showers was turned into a store off the hall in 1990 and by 1993 further works completed included renovation of the kitchen, renewal and insulation of the Clubhouse roof and installation of double glazing to the hall. In 1994, the remaining area under the balcony was also incorporated into the Clubhouse and provided an enclosed viewing area for the rugby pitch.



Although In the first five years of the 1990's £88,000 was spent on the improvements to the Clubhouse there was still felt to be a need for a major refurbishment of the bar area and in 2002 the conversion of the former snooker room into seating areas, space for the big screen TV and pool table and the formation of a more secluded bar lounge in the old fireplace area took place.

Steve Simpson

Club House 75th Anniversary Sunday 4th December

Noon:
archive display in Memorial Lounge

1.00 pm
Buffet Lunch
Free for VP's, 200 & 50/50 Club Members
All others £10

Historic Moments over last 75 years
Steve Simpson
Editor Centenary Booklet

RSVP (for catering)
VP's Rick Stubbing 020 8287 0322
200 Club Alex Atkins 020 8540 3708
50/50 Club Gavin Lennard
gavinlennard@talktalk.net
Others Jack Rundle
jrundle@blueyonder.co.uk

Opportunities to join the above schemes available.

'Young Ruts Have Talent' 2011

As part of the Old Ruts' family event on Sunday 18th December we will be holding a 'Young Ruts Have Talent' contest during the afternoon. Entry is free and open to any young person aged under-16 who belongs to the Cricket Colts or Mini Rugby section at Old Ruts, or siblings. There will be prizes, but the emphasis is on fun, participation and encouragement. If your child would like to take part please let us have their name, date of birth and brief details of act/talent so that we can start to make arrangements. Hopefully 'Young Ruts Have Talent' will prove popular and put everyone in a good mood for Christmas. We look forward to hearing about the talent that is undoubtedly out there!

Rob Lever (Event Organiser)
Rosemary Lever (Event Administrator)

Raymond John Rollins **(at Rutlish 1973-1976)**

Mrs V Rollins would like to hear from anyone who remembers her late husband Raymond Rollins who was born on 4 May 1959 and sadly passed away on 29 May 2008.

She is particularly interested in getting copies of any photos of her husband which she is more than happy to pay for. Raymond lived in Miller Road, Colliers Wood for many years. He played football at school and also at Wandle park, Colliers Wood. He also enjoyed rugby. He has two brothers Colin and Anthony Rollins who were also at Rutlish.

If you can help please contact Mrs Rollins on 07950 786320 or e-mail Carley.Rollins@esth.nhs.uk

Graham Mills

For Hire

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

020 8542 3678.



Halloween 'Blood and GutsFest'

Saturday 29th October saw the return of the Halloween 'Blood and GutsFest'. A variety of fantastic live music was performed from stages in the hall and main bar for the duration of the evening with food and specially themed drinks provided for the occasion. The finale saw Rob Lever leading the bar containing a variety of fancy dress costumed members in performing his usual array of well known tracks from across the decades.

Thanks go to Paul Riches and his team for taking on the organising of the event and making it so entertaining for all. As with all events at the club we learn as we go and will work to provide improvements to next years event – but that is one for a few months time.

Club Opening Times – Additional Sunday hour.

It is approaching a year since we applied to vary our club certificate following the unproven allegation of public nuisance: doesn't time just fly when you're enjoying yourselves!

The one extension of hours that we received on our club certificate was to have the ability to serve alcohol from 11 on a Sunday morning. For a trial period up until Christmas we will open the bar an hour earlier at 11am when rugby is being played at the club. This will start from Sunday 20th November.

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology we are able to see our hourly sales levels. If this trial period proves successful then we will extend this further.

Clubhouse Works – Heating

We received various feedback last winter telling us that the clubhouse felt cold. As a proactive Exec (well, we do try) we have had an additional radiator fitted in the bar and managed to get some of the radiators in other areas of the clubhouse working for the first time in several years by improving some of the plumbing. We would ask you that if you feel hot in the club, please simply turn down the valves on the radiators. **Please do not go to the boiler room and adjust the settings as this will affect future use.** We are looking into getting valves fitted on all radiators within the club. For you sports players we now have both boilers working, so the supply of hot water should be more reliable and plentiful. Here's for a more comfortable, controlled and efficient club heating system. Many Thanks to Colin and Ian for their considerable work.

Pete Day

?? Burns Nicht 2012 ??

For the previous three years, around 25 January, the Club has celebrated the birth of Robert Burns featuring haggis and other traditional food with malt whiskies and a piper. The highlight has been the brilliance of host John Dodd with kilt and knife. And last year John was joined by Brian Howard in a hilarious although suitably traditional partnership.

But all this takes organising: with Pat K. master chef and Donna W. sommelier, malt consultant Steve Simpson, the administration and finance involved in recruiting up to 40 guests was undertaken by Tiny Foster. This year Tiny has decided to take a rest (i.e. do lots of other jobs instead). He is very willing to pass on his documented knowledge, help out on the day and even prepare the cock-a-leekie soup. Nevertheless, if there is to be another similar event we will need a new organiser. One option is to give it a rest this year. Another is to find a volunteer. And time is of the essence.

Please let Mike Stallard [rstallard@btinternet.com] know without delay if you are interested in taking on this fascinating challenge.

Ukulele Jamming Sessions

Following a successful launch session of the Old Ruts ukulele group there will be another session at Poplar Road on Thursday 24th November from 8pm to 9pm (subject to confirmation). All ages and abilities welcome. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one (advisable to reserve beforehand) and if possible bring a laptop (PowerPoint music/lyrics can be uploaded or emailed out to you). Further details are available from

Rob Lever on 07708287226
or robert_lever@msn.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



Colts News

Our winter programme has proved so popular that we are full. We are now looking at whether we can put on some additional sessions. If people are interested please let us know as you will get first refusal for any further sessions. We would like to apologise to those who apparently did not get the original notification.

Parents and Older Colts

If you are interested in learning how to coach please get in contact. Colts must be over 16 when they do the course.

Meeting for Parents of Under 8s in 2012 (Colts now in school year 3)

We will be contacting parents in this age group to invite them to a meeting to see who can help running the team in 2012

All enquiries: Graham Mills
grahamw.mills@btinternet.com or
 07913 987 006

The AGM has been deferred until January.
 Winter Nets will commence in February. Anyone interested in a 2 night (£30/night approx) pre-season tour to Weston Super Mare on 13-15 April please contact Alex Barnicott: alexbarnicott62@hotmail.com by 16 November.



All 3 Saturday sides are competing in the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate/Junior Leagues and the Vets are enjoying a full friendly fixture list.

1st XI - The team currently find themselves in unfamiliar territory at the foot of the Div 1 table after many years of successes. The new Management team of Craig Wellstead and Graham 'Boo-Boo' Larcombe are focussed on a rebuild plan which is bearing fruit already on the Social side of things.

2nd XI - Doing pretty well, upper part of the table.

3rd XI - struggling near the foot of the table.

Vets - More wins than losses including a Victory over last years Surrey Vets Champions Raynes Park Vale.

The social side of things has a renewed focus and as a result the Bar is busier post match, events so far this Season include a Race Night and a Music Quiz. End of Season tour is also planned and regular social events too. Keep up to date on events and news at www.olderuts.co.uk

Gravin Lennard



For the third match running Old Ruts U16's have held the opposition to zero. With big wins over Dorking, Battersea & London Wasps the season could not be going any better. 'We are a far stronger side than last season', said Head Coach Gary Douch. 'We have more players and everyone of them has brought more quality to the current squad'.

Our coaching staff has expanded too with England RL Students Captain Aidan Pritchard taking on the role of defence coach along with Nick Carroll the coaching is getting better every week. Training is more fun and even when we have a few injuries, we still have a strong squad. 'Last year was a difficult season for us following promotion to division one, we had 24 players in the squad and played the first 4 league matches with 16 fit players and it took its toll'.

Now we have Al Jacoutot and Kevin Chamberlain managing the side, we now exactly who is fit, available and ready to go which makes coaching easier. Some of the senior players have attended our Wednesday training sessions and have helped with forward play and scrummaging. We aim to win this division this year and mount a serious challenge to Division 1 next season, the coaches are up for it and so are the lads.

Fancy watching the next generation of seniors? Our next home game is on 4th December against Basingstoke, kick off is at 11am.

Gary Douch



FIT-UNIT SPORT MASSAGE @ OLD RUTS

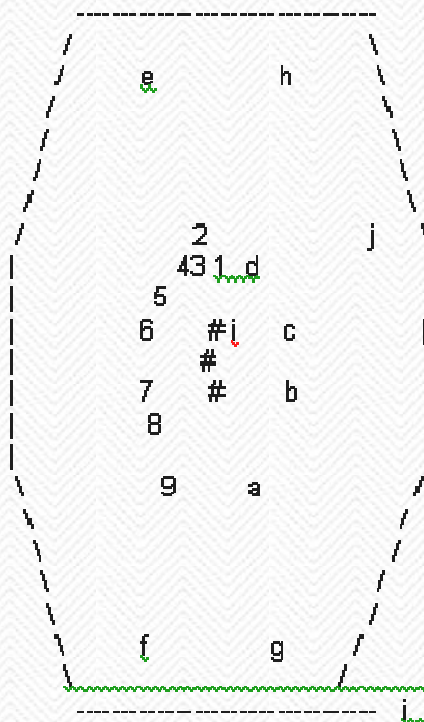
Will give 10% discount for all club members.

Rugby & Football players from vets to 1st team 50% discount till April 2012, to get them through the season!

To book call- 07830479451

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E-mail- fitunit@hotmail.co.uk



- 1 wicket keeper
- 2 first slip
- 3 second slip
- 4 third slip
- 5 gully +
- 6 point +*
- 7 cover +
- 8 extra cover +
- 9 mid-off +*
- a mid-on +*
- b mid-wicket +
- c square leg +-
- d leg slip
- e third man
- f long off
- g long on
- h fine leg
- i bat-pad
- + deep (near boundary)
- * silly (near batsman)
- ~ backward (more 'up')
- eg. deep backward square leg

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



Judge and Councillor visit Year 12s and 13s!

By Robert Lewsey and Lauren Rogers

On the 16th September, History, Sociology and Government and Politics students had the privilege of being an audience to Councillor Chellew and Sir Michael Burton. Firstly, Councillor Chellew spoke to us about the Provisions of Merton and told us that Merton Priory is believed to be the starting point of parliamentary democracy that is now practised worldwide.

Councillor Chellew went on to explain how Merton had applied to UNESCO to gain a place within the World Heritage System. This system recognises sites around the world which has cultural or natural significance.

The second person to speak was the high court judge, Sir Michael Burton. He first began to speak about the legal side of the Provisions of Merton, including how it was the first statute of law. He also explained exactly what the Provisions of Merton actually did as it wasn't created for the sake of being the first statute. The statute allowed the Lord of the Manor to enclose common land and was the basis of ownership by law. This also led to the concept being created known as common law which is developed through decisions of court from judges.

He then went on to talk to us about the Magna Carta; this famous document was signed only twenty years before the Provisions of Merton. It had been signed in Runnymede by King John of England in the year 1215. This was after the barons rose up against the harsh rule of King John and eventually he was defeated. He was then forced to sign the document by the barons.

After the information on the Magna Carta, he read an entertaining poem about these

events, from a book he brought along with him. He then put on his red robes with a striking resemblance to Santa Claus and put on the wig. This was the uniform he had to wear when he attended court. He then allowed people to ask various questions about the system which he is part of and he answered them all with great in depth knowledge.

Many of the students found the talk very insightful. Robert said "The visit was clearly a great privilege as it is not every day that you get a judge and a councillor to visit your school. They both must have a busy schedule and it was a great experience for the pupils of RR6. We personally found the speakers very interesting and found out something about Merton Priory that we, in general, had no idea about beforehand."

Lauren thought that "It was a really good experience and very interesting to learn about the Provisions of Merton as it was created hundreds of years ago in a place that is very local to us."

Michael Howard commented that "The judge had spoken eloquently about the history of statutes, the implications of them and his role as a judge in the judiciary system."

Sa'ad Ahmad mentioned that "Sir Michael Burton and Councillor Chellew spoke very passionately about the history of the Merton Priory giving great detail about how the area we live in today is significant."

Overall, it was thoroughly enjoyed by us all!

The State of the World?

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 you r floppy disk abort,
then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a d ash,
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 t he 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 is causing 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!

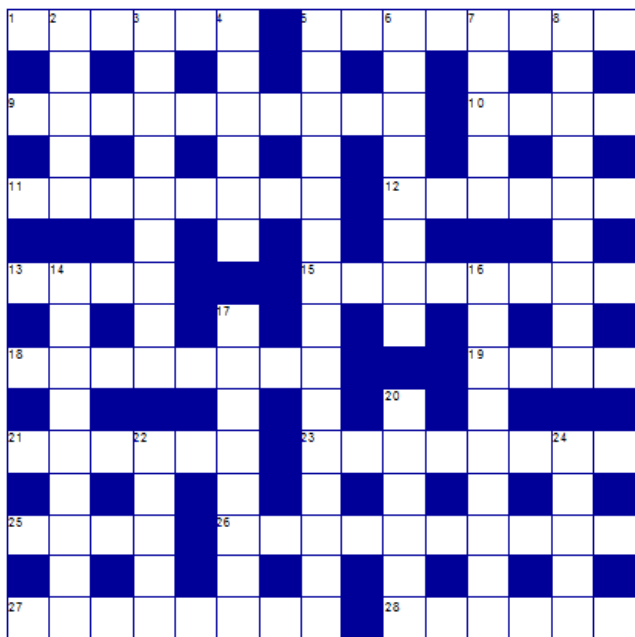
Well, that certainly clears things up for me. How about you?

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

Crossword 6



Solution next month



www.CrosswordWaves.com

Space for Ideas

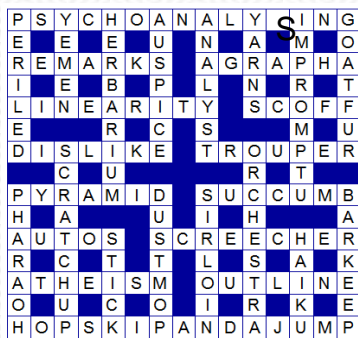
ACROSS

1. Backward rodent on short Scotsman covers surface. (6)
5. Cells component found in chest bone and initially oversized headless dwelling. (8)
9. Very complex fraud on level of sound not on me but young Edward. (10)
10. Scar forming curved lines. (4)
11. Mineralogist flaps red mix finding this. (8)
12. 'Ah mint!' enthused the assassin. (3,3)
13. First requested response in French. (4)
15. Worried about old boy leading session having replaced powered atom with young editor. (8)
18. A near out arrangement employed by trained pilot. (8)
19. To remove the tenth from the knight's lists. (4)
21. She spoke about a male I was confused about. (6)
23. Giving out extra terrestrial timing schedule. (8)
25. Noah's son Ham led his ship to listen. (4)
26. Doubt new spec of puzzled young citizen's short claim. (10)
27. Oriental kidnap centre. (8)
28. Quiet! Crimson's small amounts. (6)

DOWN

2. Before indefinite article leads golfers' warning. (5)
3. Reordered orbital vehicle dumped Tom initially when he rose. (5,2,2)
4. With calcium young Phillip treated Muslim spiritual leader. (6)
5. Film to give back jet foe hid when repaired. (6,2,3,4)
6. Doctor turns and surrounds his young flower with religion. (7)
7. Jump to begin. (5)
8. Scot leads small Californian insects to ancient Jewish family. (8)
14. Turn that beams into equipment steriliser. (5,4)
16. Display healed injury while in specialised transport. (6,3)
17. Joseph's eldest who let Herod initially support male and eastern beast of burden. (8)
20. Head wear surrounds eye we hear on American break. (6)
22. Compare electronic link arrangement. (5)
24. Pushed in with negative 135° fourth. (5)

Solution to No 5



For Hire

The Old Rutlishians' has a purpose built squash court with changing facilities and a spectator's gallery. All members are entitled to book the court and play at no additional membership charge.



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. 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

It's Allwright: Family, War, Teeth

A Memoir, covering the years from 1915

This book, written by an Wally Allwright, is available for borrowing from the editor. The editor can be contacted at jrundle@blueyonder.co.uk or on 020 8715 1808 or 07828 840 109

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



They who laugh - last



Oxymorons

- State worker
- Legally drunk
- Exact estimate
- Act naturally
- Found missing
- Resident alien
- Genuine imitation
- Airline Food
- Good grief
- Government organization
- Sanitary landfill

Property Manager

A property manager of single-family residence was showing a unit to prospective tenants and asking the usual questions. "Professionally employed?" he asked.

"We're a military family," the wife answered.

"Children?"

"Oh, yes, ages nine and twelve," she answered proudly.

"Animals?"

"Oh, no," she said earnestly. "They're very well behaved."

Listening

At work, I've got the ear of the boss.

I'm still not convinced we should pay the ransom.

Diagnosis

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test.

Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "He's probably the England rugby coach?"

I wrote a novel this year called, 'Shop Girl,' and several producers came to me and wanted to turn it into a movie. And I said, 'If you think you're going to take this book and change it around, and Hollywoodize it and change the ending, well, that's going to cost you.'

-Steve Martin

Funny Business Signs

Cocktail lounge, Norway:
"LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR."

Doctors office, Rome:
"SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES."

On an Athi River highway: this is the main road to Mombasa, leaving Nairobi.
"TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE."

On a poster at Kencom:
"ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO, WE CAN HELP"

Tap on the shoulder (True Story)

(A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening News . . .)

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly"

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

Won't Believe...

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

"No one was to blame for the accident but it would never have happened if the other driver had been alert."

"I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers then left immediately for a vacation with injuries."

"The pedestrian ran for the pavement, but I got him."

"I saw her look at me twice. She appeared to be making slow progress when we met on impact."

