



Old Rutlishians' Association

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th Nov	Reunion Pre 1951	11.30 am - 5.00 pm
Saturday 13th Nov	Past Presidents Dinner	7.00 pm
Saturday 20th Nov	Past Rugby Players' Lunch	12 noon
Sunday 21st Nov	VPs' Lunch	12 noon
Sunday 28th Nov	RutsJest Comedy Night Part 2	6.00 pm In Hall

Paying by Card

Over the last month we have introduced the option of paying at the bar by credit or debit card. We have set a **minimum payment of £10**, and cashback is also available to help you buy that extra round of drinks. Thanks to Ken and Mike for their efforts in making this happen.

Peter Day

Copy for Next Edition

Noon Friday 12th November

Queries should be sent to author of item concerned.

Our Chairman Writes

Exec Changes

In last month's Orbit we told you that Ken would be stepping down from the various roles that he is performing in the club. At this month's Exec we discussed a number of options to take the pressure off individuals and get more people involved in the running of the club. We will send round a one off communication in the next couple of weeks to run through the changes. Where additional people are involved they will be co-opted on to the Executive with any rules changes required to add posts to the Exec being proposed at the next AGM. We'll be seeking volunteers, so please make sure you read the communication and consider volunteering for a role that will help ensure the long term viability of our club.

Peter Day

Who's Who

Name: Peter A. Norrie

Role: President

Responsibilities:

My own personal goal for this year is to bring the School and the Association closer together. That will be helped by the reintroduction of the 6th Form in September. I also will explore routes to improve the financial position of the Association in order that it can invest for the future. Supporting all sections of the Association I want to meet as many old and new faces as possible during my year of office. Finally, better display the history of the Association and the photos, etc that we have on the Association walls.

Member of the Association since: 1976

Member of the Executive since: 2010

Other information: Formerly a Teacher, last 26 years a Banker working in Financial Markets. Currently working, and have done for the last 13 years, at Rabobank, AAA rated Dutch bank where my current assignment is Global Head of Portfolio Management. Also Chair of Rutlish School Full Governing Body having been a Foundation Governor since 2004. Favourite past time – doing anything in Barbados!!

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The 1960 Reunion

This was a huge success with approximately 30 of us taking a trip around the 'old school', visiting those haunts we remembered both in the main school and the Manor House. We were all pleased to see that the 'Traffic Lights' on the head's office were still operation and were reminded of their meaning Red - Preparing to Whack, Amber - Whacking, Green - Whacking completed.

Thank you to Pete Norrie and 'Red' for opening the gates and doors (eventually!).

On returning to the club we found more had arrived and I think we finished with 47 of the year attending.

The day continued with food, beer and much reminiscing, spectating of a rugby match, more beer, a rendition of the school song and more beer!

From the feedback I have received to date it was all greatly enjoyed and requests for it to be repeated before another 50 years passes.

My thanks again to Malcolm Griffin for photography (photos will be on the 1960 web-site shortly), Jackie behind the bar with her able assistant, Pat Keene, Hannah and Alex for the provision of the lunch and ALL the help that Colin Hicks gave me in the finding of my year.

Ian Lambert

WWW.COMMUNITYSAFE.GOV.UK

Theft from Motor Vehicles Lock it Up !

A regular request I know, and one that we usually ask of home-owners.

On this occasion however vehicles in the Daybrook Road / Dorset Road vicinity have been targeted.

One was left unlocked, enabling the thief to simply open the door of the vehicle and remove property from the car.

In the other, it appears that a Satellite Navigation System was left in the vehicle, possibly still on show

Our plea is to ALWAYS lock your car when leaving it.

ALWAYS remove valuable goods from sight, preferably removing them completely from your car whenever this is possible (especially if leaving the vehicle at home).

ALWAYS ensure that car is alarmed.

Our thanks to you in making Merton Park a safer place to live

Merton Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team 0208 721 2451

“RutsJest rocks the club”

The first ever RutsJest hit the club on Sunday October 3rd and a fantastic night was had by all. Almost 100 people came to see the 3 comics on the night, Adam Bloom, Matt Welcome and Ian Stone and it's fair to say they all went down a storm with perhaps the laid back style of Matt hitting the funniest spot but the others also delivering plenty of laughs.

The Hall upstairs was perfectly set up (thanks to Ray Bricknell and Clive Grinyer) with a great atmosphere which the comics all commented on afterwards.

There was a wide age range in the audience with a lot of the younger “Mock the Week” devotees really enjoying themselves whilst the slightly more cynical “seen it all before” older ones were soon won round, particularly the very brave front row of Dave Ruddock, Sam Patel, Gordon Cuthbert, Simon Englefield and Gary Forge! Suspect Sam might sit a little further back next time....

The feedback from the evening has been fantastic and I am sure most will be back for the next one which will be in January (not November as previously advertised) and hopefully many more of you who couldn't make it.

Look out for the posters in the bar and details of the exact date in e-Orbit.

Mike Stallard

Old Ruts 50/Fifty Club 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. Alternatively speak to Gavin Lennard or Bill Tidey

For Hire

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

Reminder from the President from September's E-Orbit

Rutlish History:

In collaboration with Graham Mills we would like to invite members to an Archive viewing at **10.30 in the morning** of the pre 1951 reunion lunch on **Saturday 6 November 2010** at the Club. Steve Simpson has agreed to take on the responsibility for gathering all of the Association's archives and cataloguing them. If any members have old memorabilia that you think should be catalogued and possibly displayed at Poplar Road please contact Steve. His email address is sjsimpson@waitrose.com We look forward to seeing you on the 06 November 2010 at 10.30 and to see how much interest there is in this project.

Association Ties:

I have purchased 50 Association silk Ties. I should receive them this November. I will confirm when they are in and the cost to members.

Past Players' lunch, Saturday 20 November 2010:

Peter Cole and I look forward to seeing as many Past Players' as possible at Polar Road from **12.30 onwards**. Lunch, a drink or two followed by a First XV game that afternoon. Hopefully see many friendly faces from the past.

President's Darts match and a President's Squash match:

I am looking to have a President's Darts and Squash match. The Darts game will probably be in December and the Squash game in the New Year. If there are any members who think they are Phil “The Power” Taylor in front of a dart's board or used to think they were Jonah Barrington in a previous life and would like to play in the President's Team, please let me know. My contact details are on the ORA web site.

President's Cheese and Wine Tasting evening, Friday 3 December 2010:

Not quite sure of format as yet, but there will be wine and cheese and a Good time! Will provide more details in November's Newsletter.

Peter Norrie



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.

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 natter or play Poker.

For knitting details contact susansheridan@boltblue.com

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?

All the girls had ugly gym uniforms?

It took five minutes for the TV warm up?

All your male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done every day and wore high heels?

Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box?

It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?

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



2010 Season

As the dark mornings, early nights and central heating are now here it can only mean one thing, the end of the 2010 Cricket season. ORCC season was a roller coaster ride from start to finish. The 1st XI got off to a better start than in the previous year and with key performances from John Dunlea to note. Unfortunately their main strike bowler moved to the sunnier climates of Australia, but we wish him all the best. They successfully steered themselves out of a dog fight for relegation to finish up in a comfortable mid-table position.

The 2nd XI continued their domination of 2nd XI cricket with some outstanding team performances. One to note was the first game of the year where they beat the eventual champions (Cheam) by a margin of 200 runs. Unfortunately the 2nd XI could not delivery regular performances and finished mid-table, the first season without gaining promotion since 2006.

The newly promoted 3rd XI carried on from where they left off and throughout the season were a promotion candidate but fell at the final hurdle. Outstanding performances all season from Dinesh Thakore made sure that the 'Trees' had yet another outstanding season.

The 4th XI had a very similar season to the 3s. After scratching the first league game of the season due to player availability they ended the season in 33rd place after being at the summit of the league table for some time. Skipper Steven Corbey led the team by registering 536 runs at 48.73 and completing his maiden League century.

The 5th XI enjoyed another successful friendly season, fulfilling fixtures throughout the season and introducing many younger members to the adult game.

Well that is that done for another year. Winter nets will start after the New Year, celebrations are out of the way and then it will be tea and cucumber sandwiches time once again. Keep an eye out on the website (www.oldercricket.org.uk) for more info.

Colts Winter Programme

The first block of our colts winter programme begins on **Friday 5 November 2010.**

5-6 pm - Indoor cricket aimed at younger primary school students

6-7 pm - Nets / Indoor Cricket for years 6 & 7 students (nearly booked up)

7-8 pm - Nets are aimed at Secondary school students

In Sportshall at Rutlish School Mostyn Road, Merton Park, London SW19

Cost £24 for 7 weeks (5 Nov - 17 Dec) or £4 per night.

All places must be booked in advance as numbers are strictly limited.

Further details from
Graham Mills
Mob 07913 987 006
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Club Shop Opens

Saturday September 4th 2010 saw the opening of the all new Ruts Club Kit Shop. The shop will stock a wide range of rugby equipment (but not boots) along with Old Ruts branded kit and leisure wear. The kit shop is the brainchild of U11 and U15 dad Pete Donegan and is located were the old Sunday morning tuck and tea shop used to be. The shop will be open at 9am every home Sunday and will remain open afterwards. Many thanks to Pete for undertaking this huge task and getting the 'Rutshop' up and running.

For Hire

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



Money Quotes

"Money isn't everything but it sure keeps you in touch with your children."
J. Paul Getty

"A man explained inflation to his wife thus: 'When we married, you measured 36-24-36. Now you're 42-42-42. There's more of you, but you are not worth as much.'"
Lord Barnett

"Some people get so rich they lose all respect for humanity. That's how rich I want to be."
Rita Rudner

"If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to."
Dorothy Parker



Become a possibilitarian.

No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see possibilities - always see them, for they're always there.

--Norman Vincent Peale

It is necessary; therefore, it is possible.

--G. A. Borghese

I cannot discover that anyone knows enough to say definitely what is and what is not possible.

--Henry Ford

--- MYSTERY QUOTE ---

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.

See at the bottom for the answer

The possibilities of creative effort connected with the subconscious mind are stupendous and imponderable. They inspire one with awe.

--Napoleon Hill

It takes someone with a vision of the possibilities to attain new levels of experience. Someone with the courage to live his dreams.

--Les Brown

You and I are essentially infinite choice-makers. In every moment of our existence, we are in that field of all possibilities where we have access to an infinity of choices.

--Deepak Chopra

A child is a beam of sunlight from the Infinite and Eternal, with possibilities of virtue and vice- but as yet unstained.

--Lyman Abbott

MYSTERY QUOTE AND ANSWER - DID YOU GUESS CORRECTLY?

The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.

MYSTERY QUOTE ANSWER:
Arthur C. Clarke

Advertising

Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first!

For sale: A quilted high chair that can be made into a table, potty chair, rocking horse, refrigerator, spring coat, size 8 and fur collar.

Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it.

20 dozen bottles of excellent Old Tawny Port, sold to pay for charges, the owner having lost sight of, and bottled by us last year.

Toaster: A gift that every member of the family appreciates. Automatically burns toast.

Christmans tag-sale. Handmade gifts for the hard-to-find person.

Modular Sofas. Only £299 For rest or fore play.

Auto Repair Service. Free pickup and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Holcross pullets. Starting to lay Betty Clayton, Granite 5-6204.

Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.

Semi-Annual after-Christmas Sale
And now, the Superstore - unequalled in size, unmatched in variety, unrivalled inconvenience.

We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home for £1.

Ladies and gentlemen, now you can have a bikini for a ridiculous figure.

When you are thirsty, try 7-Up, the refreshing drink in the green bottle with the big 7 on it and Up after.

Chidrens' Take

While shampooing our son, 4, I noted his hair was growing so fast he'd soon need it cut. He replied, "Maybe we shouldn't water it so much."

My daughter told her 5-year-old that their van was going to be fixed. Instantly, the small fry assumed, "Oh, it's going to the tire-o-practor?"

Two Wolves

Native Cherokee Tale

A native American grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt. He said "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one."

The grandson asked him, which wolf will win the fight in your heart?

The grandfather answered: "The one I feed."

London 2012 Olympics needs Volunteers

The six week application window for generalist volunteers opened on 15 September 2010 and closes at midnight on 27 October 2010. All those applying need to be 18 years of age or over on 1 January 2012. You can apply on line at www.london2012.com/volunteering.

The London Organising Committee of the Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) is calling on dedicated and passionate people to apply to its London 2012 Games Maker volunteering programme and be part of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Two thirds of the positions are for generalist volunteers which include welcome desk staff, ticket checkers, costume assistants, drivers and event stewards.

The Young Games Maker programme for up to 1,500 volunteers under the age of 18 will be unveiled in July 2011.

Thoughts to Ponder

Do not eat natural foods. I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Blunders of the World

Wealth without work

Pleasure without conscience

Knowledge without character

Commerce without morality

Science without humanity

Worship without sacrifice

Politics without principle

Rights without responsibilities

[Arun Gandhi]

Actual Newspaper Headlines (we can only assume!)

1. Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
2. Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
3. Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
4. Farmer Bill Dies in House
5. British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands
6. Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms
7. Eye Drops off Shelf
8. Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
9. Reagan Wins on Budget, But More Lies Ahead
10. Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim



There 's always one in **any** group of people