



# OLD SULIANS' ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2007

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**Tony Bowrey (Big Tone)**

Undoubtedly one of the best known Sulians of all time, **Tony** died on 16th July after a long struggle with the Big C. One of the '49 ers, he played rugby at School and then joined the Su's. He made 406 appearances and, over the years, was Team Sec., Fixture Sec., 1st XV Captain in '64/65, Chairman '79-84 and a Vice President. He was Association President in '71, 99 and 2000 and Social Secretary for more years than I can recall, organising the Dinners and other events and he came to everything. In real life he went to Bristol University and became a Pharmacist, latterly on Combe Down, with a stint in the RAF. An avid golfer, for many years he ran the Sulian Golf Society with **Mick Moore**, and was Captain and President at Bath Golf Club. There was standing room only at Claverton Church for his Thanksgiving Service and the Su's were well represented. **Mick Moore** gave the eulogy and passed me his notes to compile the above. There were no flowers by request, but donations to Dorothy House Hospice. Tony knew how to enjoy life to the full and always led from the front. Claiming Editorial privilege, I have the following memory. About 20 years ago, on my way back from Town, I heard the old '60's record 'Big Bad John'. I had the idea for a song, knocked out a couple of verses and phoned brother Mike. He added a few more and 'Big Bad Tone' was born. We sang it at the next Ladies Night, it went down quite well, particularly with the subject! Next morning, the regular pill collectors at the Chemist talked of nothing else, but poor old Tone had no recollection of it at all! Too much enjoyment is not good for a chap! Over the years we played it many more times and provided a dvd! He truly was a 'Giant' of a man, and his personality and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. Our very sincere condolences to Heather and the family.

### News.

**Dinner.** A chitty is enclosed and full details are overleaf.

**Ladies Night.** Likewise another chitty and details.

**Association Ties.** We have nearly run out of our stock of ties which came from Hong Kong when **Peter Powell** was a young man! We cannot trace the supplier and UK prices are prohibitive, so does anyone have a contact for a tie manufacturer in the East? If so please get in touch with the Hon Treasurer, details below, or at: rich@dynamite.org

**Approach Golf.** Rich reported on the usually wet Victoria Park outing. "7 attended. Pebble won with 59. Ian and Alex were second with 60. Len, Alan, and myself had 65. Pete Powell came 7th with 74. The rain held off, but it was very windy which made things interesting!"

**Sulis Singers** - are looking for men! They have plenty of Ladies but are short of tenors and basses. Tracing a tenuous link back to '**Basher Bennett**'s' days, they now sing for fun and the occasional concert. If you are in good voice and available on Tuesday afternoons contact **Sue West** on 01225 310072 or sue@mid-somerset.demon.co.uk

**Newport High School Old Boys' Golf Match** We lost!

**City Treasure Hunt (Trude's Trundle)** A cloudburst at 5 o'clock turned into a pleasant (and dry!) evening for a wander around the lesser known and rarely seen parts of Bath that **Sue** seems to know so well! Sydney Gardens, with it's Brunel bridges and tunnels always reminds me of train-spotting and the distinctive smell of 'steam'. From memory, 8 teams 'trundled' and the most recent Mrs Wood guided us to a surprise victory.

**Old Sulians RFC** We wish them well for next season in the Somerset Premier League after their most successful run for many years. **Simon Jones** continues to coach, assisted by Bath's **Mick Walshe**. **Steve Borthwick** presented the awards at their Annual Dinner which was attended by President, **Terry Lee**, who enjoyed a truly excellent occasion.

**Beechen Cliff School** have a new website. Designed by our own Systemagic, it should enable them to upload their news and photos more efficiently. Drop in for up to date news of their excellent exam results at [www.beechencliff.org.uk](http://www.beechencliff.org.uk)

### Obits.

**Robin Longman** (38-45) died in May. His sister tells me that he was a member of the Sulian Quartet, with Ray Leopard, Nevil Hart, and John Smith (She thinks the names were right but that was over 60 years ago.).

**Micky Greenwood**, well known to former rugby players, passed away in Barnstaple in July.

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## Association Golf Day. June

**Mike Wood** writes: Just to confirm - 22/23 played am/pm and 22 for dinner. Bit disappointing but several regulars were on hols. Memorable tales? **Tony Comer** won the Old Tosser's Tankard with "a new course record " 16 points! This is a man who couldn't hold a club 6 months ago with some mystery "rumius arthritoid" condition - beware the injured golfer! And **Robin "Dogger" Day** materialised from years in the Association wilderness! Still built like a racing snake and with a full head of hair! Thanks to **Len Dyer** for doing Presidential Duties. The results were:

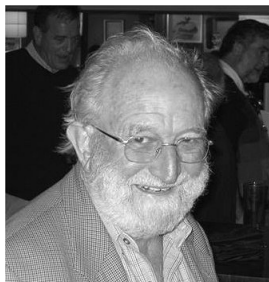
MEDAL 1<sup>ST</sup> John Larcombe (69) 2<sup>ND</sup> Phil Hodges (72) 3<sup>RD</sup> John Glenn (72) 4<sup>TH</sup> Jerry Quinn (76)

MEDAL (NON-HCP) 1<sup>ST</sup> Mark Thorne. OLD TOSSERS (Stableford full hcp) 1<sup>ST</sup> Tony Comer

STABLEFORD (3/4 Hcp) 1<sup>ST</sup> Tom Dowding (32) 2<sup>ND</sup> John Glenn (31) 3<sup>RD</sup> Phil Hodges(30)

NEAREST PIN Phil Hodges LONGEST DRIVE Ollie Dicks. Next years date **Friday 20th June!!!!**

(Editor's Note: I'm sorry, I can't think of Tony Comer as an 'Old Tosser'. He's only a few years older than me!)



**Steve Wall, Graham Knight** tells me that there was a goodly turnout to see returning former Master, Steve Wall, (pictured left), back from Aus for the first time for many years. More photos can be seen at the Sulian Web-site featuring Messrs **Lawdham, Maddocks, Colbourne, Bazire, and Baker** amongst others.

**River Boat Picnic.** The weather gremlins got us! Admiral **Terry Hardick** phoned during the downpour to say the river was rising to dodgy levels. Discretion being the better part as they say, we agreed to call it off. The rain carried on without us! Terry, incidentally, starred on local BBC TV in a programme about the river 'Behind the scenes'.

**Ray Moon** writes: Perhaps in the September Newsletter you might ask if any Old Sulians who were at school during 1940-45, particularly those who were members of the school orchestra under the direction of Dr Hanson, would like to get in touch, I would be so pleased..

email: moons@hillbourne7.wanadoo.co.uk (or write via the Editor)

I did get to see John Sagar a few months ago, what a man! He is 95 years and sitting in his chair wearing a suit, collar and tie and most certainly had all his faculties, his memory is phenomenal. When I laid out the school photo of 1940, he remembered the names of every member of staff - moving from left to right without hesitating at all. When I got up to leave (after an hour) thinking of his great age, I shook his hand loosely - he immediately said "Come on lad, we'll have none of that limp wrist, let's have a firm handshake and do come and see me again". I had to inwardly smile when he used the word lad, I will be 80 next February - D.V.

**Derek Hart** I had an e-mail from Emma Hart, daughter of the late Derek Hart. She says: "I was very pleased to find your website and an old school photograph taken in 1940 showing my father. He died in 1986 and I have always been very hazy about his school, other than that it was in Bath. Do you have any information about him that I could have? Anything at all would be very precious. His full name was Derek Osborne Hart and his date of birth was 18/3/25. He had a brother called Neville who was 3 years' younger. Did he go to the same school?" Co-incidentally Ray Moon had mentioned his name on the School photo and I put them in touch. Any other memories I can pass on?

## Diary for 2007/8

**27th October, Saturday at 7.30 for 8.00.**

**Annual Association Dinner, at The Bath Cricket Club, North Parade, Bath.** Black Tie or dark lounge suit. Parking up near the clubhouse is free. Guest speaker is the **Rev. (Grp. Capt.) Michael Hucker MBE**, one of the '49'ers. Tickets are the usual £35 a head, but a bargain price is offered for early payment. **ONLY** £27.50 to you Sir, if you get it to me by Saturday the 13th October. A chitty is enclosed for your convenience, although I would prefer that you gave it its proper use!

**19th January 2008, Saturday 7.30 for 8.00**

**Ladies Night at Bath Golf Club, Sham Castle.**

A New Year date for the ever popular Ladies Night. A chance to give your lady a night out with friends and, for this year, proper entertainment in the shape of our 'own' Just-in-time II Big Band. Tickets are £22.50 a head, excellent value you must agree. You can pay on the night but I must know numbers for the caterers by the 15th at the very latest. Please use the Ladies Night chitty enclosed.

**Old Sulians' Association Annual Dinner 2007**

I enclose a cheque payable to 'Old Sulians' Association' for £35 per person, **(£27.50 if paid before the 13<sup>th</sup> October)** for this year's dinner on Saturday 27th October. 7.30 for 8.00pm. Black tie or dark lounge suit. The Bath Cricket Club, North Parade. Bath

Name(s):

Address:

Please return to: Roger Wood, 101 Hansford Square, Bath, BA2 5LL

Phone: 01225 832207 E-mail: roger.wood3@virgin.net

**BY THE 13th OCTOBER**      Tick here for the vegetarian option .....

**Old Sulians' Association Ladies Night 2008**

I intend to be at Ladies Night on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Bath Golf Club, Sham Castle. My party will consist of ..... persons.

Name(s):

Address:

Contact phone or e-mail address:.....

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**BY THE 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008 (Earlier if possible)**