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News

29th May Newport High School Old Boys Golf Match. After last year's ignominy our boys found new form and under **Mick Moore's** guidance, and with a rare spot of good weather, managed a win. It only rained in the evening.

30th May Old Sulians RFC Annual President **Terry Lee** reports a most enjoyable evening, with good food and a great club spirit. No report of rain.

20th June Association Golf Day. Organiser **Mike Wood** reports: "Numbers were well down for a variety of reasons, I hope it's only a temporary aberration. The day was a bit damp but the 14(am) and 16(pm) hardy soles didn't get a soaking! No-one, yes – absolutely no-one, managed to even hit the green let alone get nearest the pin on the designated hole!!! **Robert Hill** cleaned up with victory in both the morning medal and the afternoon Stableford but as tradition has it that he could only win one, **Tom Dowding** took the stableford Rosebowl. Robert was however the clear and worthy winner of the new **Tony Bowrey Trophy** (Illustrated right and awarded for the best 36 hole total) and **Heather** was delighted to present the trophy.

The other notable achievement was by **Tony Comer** who, following his course record for the Old Tosser's Tankard last year, now has the distinction of being the first to retain the trophy!!

Roll on the **3rd Friday in June 2009!**

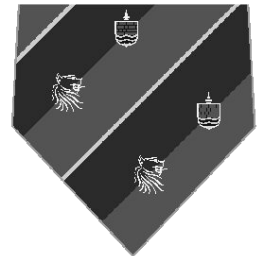
2nd July Association Approach Golf at Victoria Park A thin field! **Ian Weekes** managed to elude **Pebble's** handicap and win, with **Pebble** and **Rich Wood** behind. **Terry Hardick** in his first round for many years managed to break 'The Ton' with a gross 122! Rain held off.

24h July Walking Treasure Hunt (or Trude's Trundle). One of the fine evenings (no rain) of this so-called summer. A goodly crowd wandered the streets of Bath in purposeful fashion trying desperately to look as though they knew where they were going. The **Cliff Weston** clan looked the hardest and won. The rest of us were just confused. We are so grateful to **Sue Trude** who puts us through this yearly torture, I think! Did I mention that there was no rain?

13th August River Boat Picnic. Yet another year defeated by the monsoon season coming early! It rained.

Association Ties

The new ties have arrived and will be 'released' with due ceremony at the Annual Dinner. The Treasurer has done the sums and they will be £10 each in silk with a slightly wider blade. Not guaranteed to shrink in the rain.



49'ers 60th Re-union

Former President **Alan Blake** is organising another event for the 49'ers, those that did their School Cert in 1949. It is likely to be Friday 17th July 2009 with an itinerary that will include lunch and a tour at School, and then dinner in the evening. Those interested should contact him: 01761471088 or via the Association web-site (49ers@oldsulians.org.uk). Hopefully the rainy season will have passed.

Members

I have just added **W M L (Bill) Gunning** (1949) and **Clive Pratt** to the database. Earlier came **Said Ali** (53-55) who writes overleaf.; also **C B S (Chris) Wood** (1951) and **L H (Robbie) Roberts** (1952). Former Master and local Crick-eting legend, **Pat Colbourne** has accepted an Honorary Life Membership which we managed to overlook at his retirement a 'few' years back.

Sadly I report the passing of **Jack Pope** (1937) and **Tommy Cuff**. Tommy, who lived in Australia was renowned for revisiting Bath and managing to miss every-one. Rather like 'Kilroy', he used to leave notes on the clubhouse door to the effect that 'Tommy Cuff was here'! Our condolences to family and friends.

Old Sulians' RFC

Starting their 2nd season in the Tribute Somerset Premier League with Coach **Simon Jones** still at the helm, assisted by **Matt Sheppard** and **Andy Owen**, and looking to build on the experiences of last year. Up to date details of fixtures and results can be found on their website at: www.oldsuliansrfc.co.uk/

Their first match is on Saturday September 5th at home against Avon in the EDF vase. They play at Lansdown whether it rains or not and you are assured of a welcome.

And finally as I forgot to note the date of the AGM it will come as a nice surprise in the next Newsletter in February. In the meantime may I be the first to wish you a very happy, peaceful and rain-free Christmas.



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Diary for 2008

18th October (Saturday)

Annual Association Dinner, 7.00 pm for 8.00 pm at The Bath Cricket Club, North Parade, Bath.

Black Tie or lounge suit, your choice. There will be plenty of both!

Following on from last year's excellent evening we have made a few small changes to reflect your suggestions. An earlier start from 7 pm to allow that first pint to settle before dinner at 8. Long-time Sulian, **Tom Dowding**, will propose the toast to The Association, **Terry Lee**, the President will reply, and the **Headmaster** will have his moment in the spotlight. All will be asked to 'keep it brief' to give you more time to reminisce. The ticket price is still **£35** but, if paid by Monday the 6th October it's only **£30**. For those of you coming from afar, the Su's are away at North Wotton on the Saturday, but Bath Rugby are playing on the Rec on the Sunday. Free parking next to the clubhouse. Only a short walk if it's raining. As usual a convenient 'Chitty' is enclosed.

March 2009 (!) (Saturday)

Ladies Night at Bath Golf Club, Sham Castle. We've moved it to the Spring; post the stomach and wallet-trauma of Christmas and hopefully, with better weather. Program to be advised in the new year.

NOW PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY, PLEASE!

More News

An exchange of e-mails with Said Ali provided the following:

"Thank you for your email, and for the list of members who left school between 1960 and 62. I would have been in Form 5 in the summer term of 1960, but I don't think any of the names given were my classmates in 2X in spring/summer of 1957. The names I remember well are Howard Taylor, Derek Stubbs, and Tony Rutter, who were all with me in Junior School. But no worries as I am sure contacts will be made at some time in the future. My Form Master in 2X was Frank St George. I am sure some will remember me from those days. I was the only boy in CBBS who did not have a pinkish white complexion. In fact, as far as I could remember, my family were the only non-pink/white in Bath in early/mid 1950s.

My given name is Said (people even in Malaysia get the pronunciation wrong). My late father, in his wisdom, actually shortened my name when we were in Bath, so I was known as Said Ali. More than fifty years have passed, and people are still confused with foreign names, thus the name of the winner of last weeks British Ladies Open Golf Ms Shin Ji Yai, was reported in the press as Ji-Yai Shin. I think variety makes the world wonderful.

Finally, I do visit the Old Sulians web site every now and then. Please let me know by email when newsletters are issued."

If anyone remembers Said and would like to get in touch, please contact me through the web-site and we will pass on an e-mail address.

Alumni or Noteworthy Old Boys.

In conjunction with The School, **Terry Light** is attempting to compile a list notable Old Boys. For example:

Roger Bannister, Jason Gardiner, Tony Spreadbury, John Hall, Raymond Leppard, Richard Roberts, Philip Warne, Terry Lee, Michael Hucker, John Wragg, Ray Douglas, Michael Cross, Arnold Ridley, Ian Staines, Bertie Buse, Michael Allard* , Derek Hart* , Graham Watson* , Donald James* , D A G Smith* , Len Holt* , Peter Jezard* , Les Boyer* . (In no particular order of course)

We invite your input and support. Terry is keen to learn of others deserving of a listing and would like more information on those with an asterisk. As **Tony Comer** commented "I had assumed that we are all 'noteworthy', or do I mean notorious!". However I think what Terry is looking for are examples of CBBS or Beechen Cliff former pupils who might inspire or encourage others to follow in their footsteps, or show that the world is the proverbial oyster open to all who make the effort. Contact Terry at : terrylight@oldsulians.org.uk or via the Editor.

Beechen Cliff School

My thanks to The Headmaster for the enclosed newsletter obtained before they all went off to lie down in a darkened room for the summer (when mostly it rained!) Reports indicate another healthy crop of 'O' and 'A' results for the old Alma Mater and we congratulate all concerned and particularly the Staff who increasingly seem to have teaching as a secondary activity to form filling and testing! And all without the support of '**Pop**' **Guerier's** dap 'Jimmy', now peacefully at rest in the archives. Also our very best wishes to **Dai Morris** on his retirement.