

Old Sulians' Rugby Club

The 1st XV are currently about mid-table in Somerset 1 and doing better than last year with coaching help from Bath RFC and the University. A very successful Old Players lunch was held in November but the weather in December and early January did rather hamper efforts on the normally sunny lush green grass sward of Lansdown. I can also report that Billy Hallett is improving steadily and Tony Slee is still finding the going a bit tough.

Golf

Association v NHSOB. This year is away on Thursday 9th June - **Mick Moore** will be handling the selection and you will receive The Call if needed.

Association Golf Day As usual at Bath Golf Club, Sham Castle on Friday 17th June .

This year it is afternoon only. Meet at 12.30, dinner at 7pm (ish)

Contact **Mike Wood** at: mike@systemagic.co.uk or 01225 742184

Open to all Sulian golfers, please endeavour to give your support to keep this event alive. Numbers have been falling off of late, Now is the time to put it in the diary, book your leave or arrange to send flowers to the 'boss'!

Annual Dinner

Put the date in your diary now, Saturday 15th October 2011 at the Bath Cricket Club.

Membership Lists

I get occasional requests for lists of members from those trying to reclaim their white fivers! If you would like to peruse the current list it is available free by e-mail in .pdf format from: committee@oldsulians.org.uk or in exchange for 2 stamps by post from the Hon. Correspondent listed below. If you do not wish to have your details disclosed let me know and you will be redacted! If MI5 can do it.....

And we also welcome to membership A R Mills (1960)

Obits

Sadly I also report the passing of **Alan Garrett** (1939), **Brian Hamilton** (1948) and **Charlie Ruff**.

And Finally in the last newsletter was a chitty for the dinner containing my e-mail address. When I copied the chit onto our web page I forgot to change the usual @ sign for 'at', which helps to stop spammers getting hold of your address. Within 2 days I was getting 50—100 extra e-mails each day offering me all sorts of pills, devices and services that I didn't learn about at School! And offers from Ukranian ladies that Mother warned me about! And a lot of people want to give me money! If I'm not here next time you'll know why!

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H John New 1915—2010

Since 1925 when it was formed, the Association has been blessed with many distinguished and long serving Sulians. None more so than John New who sadly passed away on 23rd December 2010 at the grand age of 95. He had not been in good health for a while but his recall of the 'old' days was still quite sharp. He came from a large family with 5 sisters and a brother. He left School in 1933 having been present at the laying of the foundation stone for the 'new' school at Beechen Cliff. He served his time with the Army mostly in Africa. Active in both the Association, serving as President in 1951 and also as Secretary and Treasurer and Trustee, and in the Rugby Club, where he was one of the group instrumental in the acquisition of the ground at Lansdown. He served as 1st XV Captain in 1937 as well as Secretary, Treasurer and ultimately Life President. As a Legal Clerk with Stone, King and Wardle he knew 'everyone' in Bath and he was involved with almost every organisation in Saltford. Many will recall him sailing majestically between Bath and Saltford on his Honda moped. 'Stately as a Galleon' are the words that spring to mind! Always calm and considered, John was a true Gentleman in a time conspicuously short of that rare breed. We send our sincere condolences to Peter and the other members of his family.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at **7.30 pm.** prompt on **Monday 21st February 2011** at the **Bath Cricket Club, North Parade**, by kind permission of the Cricket Club. Your attention is drawn to Rule 15, under which any member wishing to move a resolution or nominate an Officer at the Annual General Meeting must give notice of their intention in writing to the Honorary Secretary, not less than seven days before the meeting.

P D Powell Honorary Secretary

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2010 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers:
 - a. President—Nomination
R J Wood Esq.,
 - b. Vice Presidents
 - c. Hon. Secretary
 - d. Hon. Treasurer
 - e. Hon. Social Secretary
 - f. Hon. Correspondent
 - g. Hon. Auditors
 - h. Trustees
 - i. Executive Committee
7. Any other business.

Hon. Secretary's Report

In October 2010 we saw the publication of 'Basement to Beechen Cliff', a task undertaken by a small team of Old Sulians' which has proved to be not only popular but profitable. The profits have now been donated to the School for the purchase of books for the library.

We shall try to arrange new events but to do so we need input from members. You will note from the newsletter that we are going to have lunch at various venues (with wives).

Any Old Sulian is welcome to attend Committee Meetings at the Bath Cricket Club on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Looking back to past minutes, in December 1955 the minutes show that the Headmaster, L H Scott, suggested that the Association should consider awarding prizes. We agreed to present 2 prizes at a cost of One Guinea each to boys in Form 2 and 4 who showed the most progress in the year, evidenced by exam results.

Graham Mower was President followed by T A W Palmer, with a strong Committee containing amongst others, Freddie Burt, Bill Oatley, John New, Bill Wood, Tom Archard, Ken Ruddick and John Ruddick, Brian Dawes, Jim Sagar and 'Spud' Gardner. It is interesting to note that whist drives were held jointly with the Parents Association.

The Headmaster was a regular attendee at Committee Meetings. The Annual Dinner held in December 1955 showed a profit of £12-19-8p. The first Old Boy elected as Mayor of Bath was S A Smith. And finally a Motor Rally was held attended by 73 competitors at 10/6p a head, which included dinner, organised by Maurice Robinson and Fred Burt. It made a loss of 1/8d.!

P D Powell Hon Secretary.

Hon. Treasurer's Report

I can report another successful year for the Association helped largely by the sales of The Book and a good crowd for the Annual Dinner. The Auditor has passed the books and produced the Balance Sheet in a revised format which will be available at the AGM as usual. We would have shown a profit of about £150 on the year but for 2 items. We donated the sum of £1000 to the Headmaster for books for the Library, and we wrote off the £1000 loan to The School towards the organ fund that was made many years ago. John New and the then Treasurer Bill Wood, arranged it as a loan because of the uncertain future of the school under the political masters of the time. Plus ca change! But Beechen Cliff is in a much more stable position today and your Committee decided that the continued state of the loan as an Association asset was anachronistic. I am grateful to our Hon Auditor John Foster for his continued advice and support.

There are still a few copies of Basement to Beechen Cliff available and we also have a good stock of ties. £10 each, with postage an extra £2.50 for the book

R J Wood Hon Treasurer

News

Informal Lunch

It has been decided to trial a series of informal lunch meets for members and their wives, starting at The Stag, Hinton Charterhouse at Midday on Wednesday, 11th of May. Dates will be added for June and July and listed in the May newsletter.

Make your own arrangements, pay your own bills but take the opportunity to meet up with friends and give yourselves a well deserved treat!

School Events

The President did the honours for the Association at Presentation Evening at the Assembly Rooms where former International Referee **Tony Spreadbury** was the main guest. Along with the Rose Bowl and cups we give commemorative medals and book tokens. And at the Annual Carol Service **Mike Hucker** read 'The Word' on behalf of The Association for the first time following negotiations with School by **Alan Blake**. A good collection of Sulian Ties were present at The Abbey for a wonderful evening.

Reunions

I understand that **Mike Hucker** is also co-ordinating another '49ers meet this summer. Strictly for those that did School Cert in 1949, if you are not already on Mike or Alan Blake's list, get in touch.

Also I have had a number of requests to arrange another visit to School at the end of the summer term from some who were unable to go last year. I have not approached the Head yet but let me know if you are interested and I'll see what can be done.