

### Old Sulians' Rugby Club

The 1st XV finished in mid-table in Somerset 1 having had a much better season than last year. **Terry Lee** represented the Association at the annual Sponsors lunch, and reported a very good time was had by all. The Annual Dinner is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Clubhouse, 7 pm for 7:30pm. Tickets (£20) from **Terry Haines**, limited numbers. Three-course meal, after dinner speeches and awards. **Suits and ties to be worn.** See the Club website: [www.oldsuliansrfc.co.uk](http://www.oldsuliansrfc.co.uk)

And finally on the Rugby Scene, this August the Su's will celebrate 50 years on Lansdown! On August Bank Holiday there will a 'do'. Watch for the details but several of those present at the last Committee meeting, names withheld to protect the innocent, recalled the first occasion when the late Jimmy Wood, no relation, whilst working for Whitbread, provided a tanker full of beer which the assembled Su's drank dry. Pebble and Blakey still remember the hangover!

And incidentally, **Peter 'Pebble' Beach**, as the current President of the Bath Combination, recently had the great pleasure of hosting Sir Ian McGeechan at their Annual Dinner.

### Pat's UK Coastal Walk

You may recall that Honorary Life Member and former Master **Pat Colbourne** is attempting to walk the coastline of Britain. He started from Dover Castle on 6th April 2010 and in fits and starts, reached Polperro by the end of August. Then his knee gave out! I saw him at the School Concert and was told that he returned home for a rest and later had surgery on his knee but was then told his other hip also needed replacing! He is hoping that his increasingly bionic body will be 'fit' to resume around February 2012. His website is at: [www.patsukcoastwalk.co.uk](http://www.patsukcoastwalk.co.uk)

### Music Block

As mentioned elsewhere, work is in hand on the new music block at School. Donations towards kitting it out are very welcome but in addition two local Sulians have provided a Yamaha Clavinova electric piano and a Technics Organ, which got me to thinking. Have you any musical instruments stashed away in the loft/garage/box-room that could do with a good home? I've had a chat with young **Paul Calvert**, the Head of Music, and instruments for beginners are always in short supply. When I was at School, (what a memory!), there were instruments to try before commitment, so please have a delve. I can arrange collection or delivery, or put you in touch with Paul. Bagpipes, drums, guitars and everything musical welcome.

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## OLD SULIANS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 2011



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With most of the glamour to the fore, the Sulians and their Ladies who visited St Paul's Cathedral pose by the door. A full report appears within.

## NEWS

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM passed off without drama. The dozen present saw everyone re-elected. **Rich Wood** is in for another stint as President as we were unable to find a volunteer for this year. However we have a putative replacement for the future. We will also look at the rules to see whether a President Elect might help avoid this situation..

### Coach Trip to St Pauls Cathedral

**Alan Blake** reports; Transport arranged by **Tony Buss**, guides organised by **Terry Lee**, seems like a pretty good do and so it turned out. Leaving Bath at 0830hrs., a brief stop to pick up a foursome in Corsham, and 19 souls were on their way to London to visit Wren's Masterpiece. It didn't take long; with a comfort break on the M4 we arrived in good time for lunch. By prior arrangement, a brief phone call informed of our imminent arrival and resulted in a barrier chain being lifted and our coach being ushered into the Cathedral Square, privileged or what? After lunch we set out on a wonderful tour guided by 2 men very well qualified to do so as they are part of the team charged with looking after the fabric of this wonderful building. The general public are allowed to visit many parts of the cathedral, but we privileged few were shown through doors which had to be unlocked to gain access; in many instances passing along corridors between the inner and outer walls of this edifice, in some places in spaces above the chancel and other parts of the church and some up to 30 metres above ground level. Many steps to climb, some in very narrow passageways. In no particular order, we saw the bell tower, the clock [manufactured by the same company which made the clock for Big Ben] the original Wooden Model of the cathedral, made for Wren to show the King what he was proposing to build on Ludgate Hill, the Library with its many very old editions of our bible, the Whispering Gallery, the Stone Gallery [Outside of course] with wonderful views of London's changing skyline. Not for the faint hearted or week limbed, our tour was quite tiring but very interesting. Our driver had asked us to be ready at 4pm, which of course we were. So we set off home trying to beat the rush hour. Through London we were largely successful but as soon as we joined the motorway we were informed that due to an 'incident' long delays were expected and it took us about an hour to reach the Reading off ramp before we were clear of traffic. What a trip, what a day, many memories and a slight feeling of 'smugness' for having experienced something special. Thank you Terry and thank you Tony.

### Raymond Leppard

Readers of our website or our e-mail list will have seen that **Raymond Leppard**, distinguished former scholar, musician and conductor of renown, will be visiting the UK in May. Raymond will be signing copies of his autobiography "Music Made Me" on Friday 20th May from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the Sun Lounge, which is the ante-room of the Pump Room. Proceeds will go to the School's Music Centre project. The function at school will now be an afternoon reception, beginning at 2.30. Music will be provided by various ensembles. There will not now be an evening function. Sulians are welcome at either event.

### Membership

We welcome **John Weeks** (1952) as a new Life Member. After the Royal College of Music and National Service, he spent 10 years at Dauntsey's School and then 25 years at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow. If you remember John, a clarinettist, and would like to get in touch, let me know.

## EVENTS

### Informal Lunchs

**May 11th** at **The Stag, Hinton Charterhouse**

**June 15th** at **The George, Bathampton** and

**July 13th** at **Riverside, Saltford**.

Contact **Peter Powell** for any directions. Make your own arrangements, pay your own bills. Meet from 12 noon, have a treat and enjoy lunch with friends in the English countryside. (Well, almost!)

### Golf

**9th June Association v NHSOB**. This year is away in Newport - **Mick Moore** will be handling the selection as usual and you will receive The Call if selected.

**17th June Association Golf Day** At Bath Golf Club, Sham Castle on the Friday. Meet at 12.30, dinner at 7pm (ish) **Note that this year it is one round in the afternoon only**.

Please let **Mike Wood** know you're coming : [mike@systemagic.co.uk](mailto:mike@systemagic.co.uk) or 01225 742184

Open to all Sulian golfers, please endeavour to give your support to keep this event alive.

**6th July Approach Golf** At Victoria Park. Meet 6 pm as usual

### Treasure Hunt or 'Robert's Ramble'

**July 14th** Start from opposite the Pump Room by Bath Abbey from 6 pm.

After many successful events **Sue Trude** is standing down but has found a willing successor in **Robert Hill**. He will be aiming to stress you all on what we hope, will be a balmy summer evening. Teams of not more than 4. Modest entry fee. See parts of Bath that you didn't know existed. Argue, chat with the tourists and try to fit in a pint on the way.

### Annual Dinner

**15th October 2011** The usual Saturday at the Bath Cricket Club, North Parade. This year **Graham Knight's** young friends will be getting their bus passes so Graham has already got 14 lined up to celebrate at The Dinner with hopes of reaching 20! Full details and chitty in September but make a note of the date, I'm hoping for a record turnout.

### Trip to Imperial War Museum, Lambeth.

**23rd October**. Flushed with the success of St Paul's, **Tony Buss** is arranging a group booking on a coach trip to Lambeth, leaving from Bath about 8.30 am. Tickets are £15.50 each and you need to book and pay Tony before the end of June. Pick-up points can be arranged with Tony. Phone 01225 404625 or e-mail: [bussstop@sky.com](mailto:bussstop@sky.com)

### Reunions

As in the last news, I understand that **Mike Hucker** is co-ordinating another '49ers meet this summer for those that did School Cert in 1949. Contact me to be put in touch.

And a last call for anyone wanting a visit to School at the end of the summer term. If you are interested let me know now! I will see what can be done.

### School Events

The Annual Concert was a great success and again demonstrated the resurgence of music in School and the diversity of instruments played. An Orchestra performed for the first time for years, and although lacking in some areas gave a good account. Choral and instrumental ensembles were very varied, and the drums were loud!

You can catch up on other School news on their website at: [www.beechencliff.org.uk](http://www.beechencliff.org.uk)

And for those of you living away from Bath, the School achieved Academy status in April, and also received an Ofsted inspection, which raised their 'score' to 'Outstanding'!