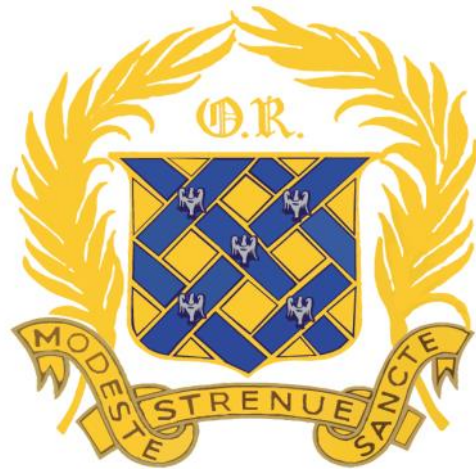


# ORA Orbit

## Newsletter

### July 2022



### Our President writes ...

Alas these will be my final notes as President as the AGM looms on 22 July when my successor will be appointed, and I will join the hallowed ranks of Ex-Presidents. Rest assured that the President's role is going to very safe and very enthusiastic hands and I am sure the incoming President will do a great job.

I can honestly say that I was honoured to have been asked to be the President and that I have thoroughly enjoyed my year and hope that I have done a decent job in the role.

The only regret I have is not being able to attend the club on Christmas Day for the traditional President's drinks, due to Covid. However, this has been massively outweighed by the highlights of the year. Amongst other things they are:

- playing alongside my two nephews in the President's cricket team (where one of them kept up his record of running himself out every time he has played at

Poplar Road to lose us the match),

- playing in "Le Crunch" where the President's XV beat London French,
- being involved in Remembrance Day at Rutlish school and St Mary's Church, (my advice to the next President is to not to go to Twickenham the day before and end up addressing the congregation with eyes the same colour as the poppy I was wearing)
- and of course the Club Dinner.

My last act as President was attending the opening of The Garden of Remembrance at Rutlish School. This has been a project spearheaded by Ex-President Peter Norrie and Pete has done fantastic job giving the pupils and teachers a beautiful tranquil space to enjoy and reflect in.

I have many people to thank for their support over the year. I can't mention them all but special thanks should go to: all the Board of Trustees, Laura Howarth Head

Teacher at Rutlish and Peter Day for agreeing to share some of the year with me. But a real special thanks must go to Gavin Lennard for his support advice and wise counsel over the year, and rekindling my love of Football via the mighty Old Ruts walking football team.

So its my time to sign off and get back into the trenches

Cheers.

*Gary Forge  
Old Ruts President*



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# Vic George Chandler (8 February 1949 - 23 May 2022)



It is with enormous sadness that we must record the death of Vic at the age of 73. We were born not far from each other - Battersea/Clapham - and we met as Morden-based arrivals at Rutlish School in 1960. Our lives from then overlapped for the next 62 years.

Vic was a very special character and the best friend anyone could have. At 16, Mod Vic acquired a Vespa, a love for two wheels that soon transferred to a Triumph Bonneville before switching to Suzuki and a BMW in his last years. Unfortunately, this lifelong love led to his untimely death on a Spanish mountain road.

Vic packed a lot into his stocky 5'4" frame. Many fellow players will recall just what a combative scrum half he was. He approached life in the same way, always his own man, going his own way with unwavering determination.

After his initial foray into mercantile insurance on leaving school in 1967, he and friends Chris Townsend and Hugh Graham worked with a fellow ORA member Bob Walker's building business. The three of them took a trip in Hugh's car to what was then Yugoslavia in the summer of 1970. This cemented a strong and enduring friendship that was also to last a lifetime. In 1971, I muscled in and travelled with Vic and Chris 6,000 miles taking in Dubrovnik, Montenegro and over 'The Accursed Mountains' to Kosovo, Macedonia, down to Athens and Istanbul returning via Sofia, Belgrade, Zagreb, Vienna and Amsterdam in a gaudy old Bedford van hardly fit for the trip.

On our return Vic and Chris joined the London Underground 'bridge inspection team'. Strong bonds were inevitably formed through all these shared experiences.

In 1976, after four years as a mature student in Portsmouth, I returned to London and shared a flat with Vic and his Suzuki in Shepherds Bush. He was, of course, a terrific flatmate. Many happy hours were spent shouting at the TV news together as we downed G&Ts. Then Vic moved on as a live in barman at the Red Lion in Barnes and at this time became part of the gay community.

In time he met Bill, a lovely, remarkable and very entertaining man who worked in the antiques business. Vic was to spend more than 30 years with Bill, initially living in a Chiswick flat, and I remember spending many splendid evenings eating well, consuming vast quantities of wine and brandy and chatting into the early hours. This was, of course, reciprocated back in Shepherds Bush in the flat I now shared with my (then) wife.

Vic and Bill had a pitch in Portobello Road on Fridays and Saturdays and spent the rest of the week travelling the country buying for their Portobello Road business. In time, they decided it made more sense to be based further north given where they bought most of their stock and a lovely stone cottage in Bonsall in the Peak District was found which Vic still owns. Around the same time as Vic and Bill moved to the Peak District, I moved to the East Midlands and so was able to continue spending lots of time together on a regular basis being only a 40-minute drive away. Again, many happy memories of time spent together in and around Bonsall and at my cottage and later my Nottingham flat.

When the bottom fell out of the antiques business in the nineties, Vic

began working at The Monsal Head Hotel and servicing B&Bs in Bonsall. Bill, who was 20 years his senior, was unable to continue working and as his health steadily deteriorated Vic effectively became a full-time carer. After Bill passed, Vic went on visits to Palm Springs USA, staying with friends he had made over the years. He also bought his BMW bike and went on many solo trips to Germany, Italy and the Iberian Peninsula, camping and staying in hostels. His sense of adventure was still alive and well into his seventies. His good friend Kev in Bonsall and a few fellow bikers would go on regular group trips to Spain and Portugal. It was on one of these trips that Vic had his fatal accident.

In recent years, Vic spent nearly all his time in Welshpool with his new partner Peter. It is, of course, impossible right now to accept that Vic is no longer with us and I will never again be able to share his very special company. It was the very best friendship I ever had and endured more than six decades. He is survived by his partner Peter, his sisters Diane and Judy, nephews Andrew and James and niece Alison.

*Nigel Florence*



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# Annual General Meeting 2022



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OLD RUTLISHIANS' ASSOCIATION

(Charity Registered in England & Wales no. 1184886)

Date: Friday 22 July 2022  
Time: 20:00  
Place: Clubhouse, Upstairs Hall

### Agenda

1. Minutes of last AGM, 9 July 2021
  - To approve minutes
2. Trustees' Report & Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022
  - To receive the duly examined Trustees Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with clause 11.1.1 of the Constitution
3. Re-appointment of existing Trustees
  - To approve Trustees who must retire in accordance with clause 13.1 of the Constitution being the longest serving 1/3 of the Board.
    - Mike Stallard retire
    - Stuart Mills retire
    - Simon Payne re-election
4. Other Business
  - To note the Trustees appointment of Mike Stallard for a one-year term as President.
  - To note that no amendments have been made to the Rules of the CIO since the last AGM

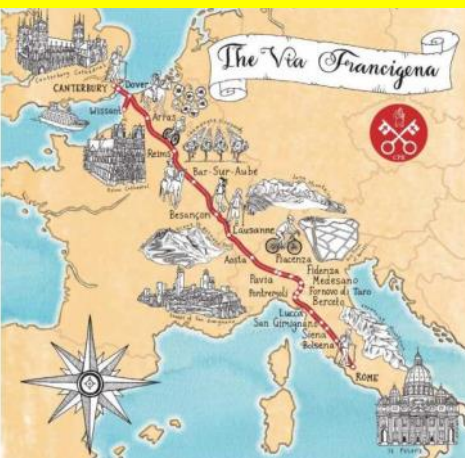
### Attachments

- Minutes of 2022 AGM
- Trustees' Report & Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022

By Order of the Board of Trustees, (per David Doerr – Hon Secretary)  
7 July 2022



# Old Rust's Road to Rome part 1



On 1 June, Archbishop of Canterbury, Larger Drummer Boy, Popular Music Buff, Richly Moustachioed Bloke) and Old Rust left Merton Park to cycle to Canterbury and from there to Rome on the Via Francigena pilgrim route.

After a fizzing send off and a long ride sustained by coffee at Borough market and tea at Baby Cakes in Milton Regis, we arrived in Canterbury for evensong and a blessing at the Cathedral, where we admitted we were seeking tolerance. We rounded the evening off with beer and a last curry till our return.



We took the Pilgrims Way to Dover. Then double that distance from Calais firstly along fine flat roads, but sharp hills and off road sections made it a LOT harder. Our meal in Aire Sur La Lys was well earned.



From Aire Sur La Lys we followed the smooth EuroVelo5 cycle route across the Somme. It is somewhere you can't help but be reflective. The magnificent, melancholy the Canadian memorial at Vimy Ridge and the much smaller but so sad Manchester Regiment cemetery where so many young lads were killed weeks before armistice.



The next day was the longest in distance at 88 miles and took us to Riems in Champagne! Old Rust deemed it worthy of a feast of bone marrow then trotters, though the trotters could have been crispier.



On Sunday 5 June, we woke to the sound of lashing rain forecast not to improve. We gloomily consumed breakfast, doughtily put on our rain gear, sealed our panniers and we set off in treacherous conditions over shiny wet cobbles, traffic throwing spray in our faces carrying on aware that people were expecting us to confront the worst. Within ten minutes we were soggy, but reached Reims station and took advantage of French railway system to help us reach our next Logis with twelve miles cycling. later we arrived at our Logis for the night. Dinner was absolutely fabulous: duck, snails and calves head followed by a fantastic array of French cheese and dessert all for a measly price.



The next day being a French holiday, we had asked the Logis to provide a picnic. Plenty of pate, cheese, bread, fruit, but 15 eggs was too many, we said one each was un oeuf.

The two mile climb to the hilltop city of Langres was hard and the view from the walls was worth it. But our budget demanded we carried on to a modern hotel on a retail park.





## Old Rust's Road to Rome part 1 (2)

Before we left for Besancon we had a briefing from LDB (Commando) that we had a long way to go and it was going to be Marty Pellow wet! And no trains. Lunch was a soggy picnic in a convenient lavoir. When the sun did come out, so did the midges. But all was well by dinner in Le Saint Cerf.



In Besancon we had a wet rest day to catch up on our washing, mend our bikes and restore our calories!

Commando Jr joined us as we headed through the Jura's beautiful hills to Switzerland. A dearth of cafes meant we ravenously ate crisp baguettes at 3pm at the first open boulangerie.



From Orbe we took in fabulous scenery on the way past Lac Lemain and on to Martigny at the foot of the Great St Bernard Pass. Commando made his grasp of military history clear by asking if this was where Hannibal had crossed the Alps (on a Laverda Matterhorn, apparently).



A big day. 7,000 ft over the Great St Bernard Pass. A long climb that gets harder as you tire. The long tunnel before the top offers good shade but amplifies the din of the lorries, cars and motorbikes coming up behind. Then you leave the tunnel and the climb ramps up considerably, but opens out spectacularly for five miles of very hard climbing.



Reaching the top of the col brought a real sense of elation. In the St Bernard monastery the monks served us tea in bowls. A beautiful church and very much a big part of the Via Francigena.



Crossing into Italy we lunched on lasagna or polenta with a small Via Francigena session IPA!



The very long and fast descent tested nerves and brakes. We fall into Aosta for the most beautiful looking B&B. Some confusion over numbers meant PMB sleeping in a cupboard, while ABC and Old Rust were in a crawl space. We dined triumphantly at Trattoria Aldente and on returning to the B&B, our host insists on us having far too much grappa when what we needed was sleep!





## Rutsfest

It was great to welcome Rutsfest back to the Club after a two year hiatus!! With the Queen's Jubilee long weekend at the same time, we expected numbers to be a little light and were somewhat surprised but delighted to see record numbers turn up for the event.

Sixteen bands of all shapes and sizes played on the day and the general reaction was that everyone loved the music. The Bulgarian dance team also blew people away and we hope will become a fixture for the future. There was plenty for the younger kids to get stuck into and the donkey rides proved particularly popular and we have already booked them to come back next year.

The large numbers, whilst easily accommodated on the fields, did mean there were annoying long queues at the bars and barbeque and

we will take action to make sure there is no repetition next year.

At the same time huge thanks to the groups of volunteers who manned the barbeque and outside bar without a break all day and those who manned the entrance. The food from the barbeque was well worth waiting for!

Paul Riches is the lead organiser and deserves thanks from all and all our paid bar staff who work so hard on the day also did a great job.

Rutsfest is a vital fund raiser for the Club and this year's record takings will go a long way to ensure the Club remains able to invest for the future.

**Next year's Rutsfest will be on Sunday 28 May 2023 and we will be looking to make it even better than this year!**

*Mike Stallard*

## Walking football

The Ruts Walking Football Team put in a disciplined shift against Sutton Utd on Sunday 10 July.

Ruts secured a decent 1 - 0 win in a good sporting match.

Team from left to right.

Top Row - Kevin Wilde, Darren Knott, Graham Clayton, Dave Ruddock, Lawrence Miles.

Front Row - John Walker, Paul Bagshaw, Ray Kinsella, Sam El-Jouzi, Rob Hellewell.



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# Ruts Ladies Cricket Festival

We are looking for Old Ruts women to join us for our first ever 'Ruts Ladies Cricket Festival'.

If you've never played cricket before... *it's about time you started!* No experience required. All matches will be with a soft ball, no padding needed, we will provide any kit required.

When: Friday 5 August, 5.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: Old Ruts club, Poplar Road, SW193JS

Who: Any Old Ruts female... mums, daughters, sisters (over 15s only)

You'll be split into six cricket teams, then:

- Play several short matches against several other teams leading up to a grand final
- There will be free soft drinks, Prosecco and Pimms on tap to keep you hydrated(!)
- The BBQ will be fired up from 5.30 to feed you and your families
- Just asking for a £10 contribution towards the costs (and the drinks bill!)

We need to know numbers before the event to help us get organised, so:

- If you can build your own team of 8 players, please email me their names.
- If you want to play but don't have a team, email us and we'll get you into a team.

All queries and entries to Stuart at [stuart\\_orcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stuart_orcc@yahoo.co.uk)

## Ian 'Boony' Lennard (16 April 1973 - 5 June 2022)

Our dear friend and Ruts Football Legend Ian 'Boony' Lennard sadly passed away last month. We send our deepest thoughts and condolences to wife Tracey and daughters Lily & Mia.

Boony was a founding member of the reformed Football Section in 1990 and he went on to score 300 goals for the Club in 336 Appearances, as well as earning League Representative Team Honours.

Although Boon's main wake was not held at the OR's, some of his football flowers found their way home to Poplar Road.

[Tracey, Lily & Mia are raising money for The British Atherosclerosis Society](#) having unexpectedly lost Ian to a sudden heart attack. After his passing they found he had atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis is the main underlying cause of cardiovascular disease. For people over the age of 40 and in general good health there is approximately a 50% chance of them developing this.

To find out more and donate, please click [here](#).

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In Memory of Stephen Zachary Shaw 1961-2005 (Played 285 games, scored 53 goals)							
SEASON	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	YOUNG PLAYER	VETERANS PLAYER	CLUBMAN
1990-91	G.C. CLAYTON	NOT AWARDED	NOT AWARDED	NOT AWARDED	NOT AWARDED	NOT AWARDED	J. SULLIVAN
1991-92	G.R. CLAYTON	M. EVANS	"	"	C. RUDDOCK	"	B. HALL
1992-93	P. CHANDLER	H. STILES	"	"	J. WILKES	"	D. MORRIS
1993-94	D. WILLIAMS	L. CAFFELL	R. HEAL	"	M. SULLIVAN	"	G. LENNARD
1994-95	I. LENNARD	C. LYLE	J. STANLEY	"	M. BARBER	"	M. FISHER
1995-96	H. MEREDITH	D. MURPHY	B. FAUST	"	C. ROWLAND	"	G. NEWCOMBE
1996-97	I. LENNARD	G. LENNARD	G. LARCOMBE	E. OSUNG	S. MCKEA - J. WILKES	"	G.R. CLAYTON
1997-98	I. LENNARD	S. NICOLA	E. YILMAZ	J. MULLETT	L. POULTER	"	M. BARBER
1998-99	D. MURPHY	S. YOUNG	P. CAPPER - J. MURPHY	R. WILKIN	S. STONEY	"	R. HEAL
1999-00	P. REA	G.C. CLAYTON	S. ROWLANDS	G. WINTER	L. POULTER	"	S. SHAW
2000-01	C. CUNDY	M. CROWLEY	G. WINTER	M. PAYNE	G. WINTER	"	S. NICOLA
2001-02	L. POULTER	P. CAPPER	R. NIXON	NOT AWARDED	J. FENTON	"	H. MEREDITH
2002-03	A. WHITER	S. BERRY	G. LARCOMBE	"	J. BAMPF	"	SPARKEY - S. NICOLA
2003-04	A. WHITER	P. LINES	D. NOONAN	"	A. FLANAGAN	J. MCMAHUS	G. LARCOMBE
2004-05	S. RYDER	J. CAPPER	T. HUGHES	"	K. FOSTER	G. LARCOMBE	L. NORTON
2005-06	R. LINES	D. NOONAN	G. WINTER	"	L. CREATES	T. SLATE	N. SKELTON
2006-07	N. MARSHALL	E. REYNOLDS	M. BURTON	"	L. CREATES	K. BUTCHER	B. KERWICK
2007-08	A. FLANAGAN - R. BAGGETT	B. FINNIS	S. STONEY	"	L. CREATES	D. BLUNDEN	R. HAYWARD
2008-09	N. MARSHALL	D. NOONAN	S. MINIHANE	"	K. M. SWAIN	P. WALKER	D. POULTER
2009-10	D. CORRIGAN	P. DODD	S. STONEY	"	J. STREET	P. WALKER	L. CAFFELL
2010-11	R. LINES	R. HAYWARD	L. BUCHMANN	"	K. K. SWAIN	E. REYNOLDS	D. POULTER
2011-12	L. CREATES	S. BERRY	E. WATSON	"	K. MOORE	J. WOOD	E. YILMAZ
2012-13	A. FLANAGAN	K. MOORE	D. LARKIN	"	C. LUFFEN	H. MONK	I. HIGGINS
2013-14	A. FLANAGAN	G. BLENKINSOP	M. DODD	"	S. MALLEAN	A. WHITER	S. STONEY
2014-15	P. WHITTHREAD	P. LINES	P. GOUGH	"	C. SMITH	K. BUTCHER	J. BOXALL
2015-16	P. WHITTHREAD	S. MINIHANE	"	"	E. YILMAZ	N. SKEET	G. WINTER
2016-17	Z. GRAHAM	S. ASOMANING	G. BORDOWALE	D. RIORIAN	H. REEDER	B. FINNIS	N. SKELTON
2017-18	Z. GRAHAM	S. ASOMANING	B. WATSON	D. RIORIAN	B. SZREIDER	T. MCGUIGAN	N. BAGGETT
2018-19	D. LAWRENCE	B. SZREIDER	K. FOSTER	K. WALKER	J. SEARLES	NOT AWARDED	J. RAGGETT
2019-20	NOT AWARDED	P. WHITTHREAD	D. BLOOFIELD	D. DOWNES	J. SEARLES	"	J. RAGGETT
2020-21	K. GIBBS - P. WHITTHREAD	S. LEATHERS	R. TRIMMINGS	A. FLANAGAN	J. KINSALLA	SUNDAY XI	G. TIDY
							J. MAPP







# Football

## Football Awards

1st XI Players' Player of the Year - Adam Randall  
2nd XI Players' Player of the Year - Paul Whitthread  
3rd XI Players' Player of the Year - Richard Woolland  
4th XI Players' Player of the Year - Chris Blenkinsop  
Young Player - Harry Savage  
Sunday Players' Player of the Year - Jack O'Neill  
Clubman - Terry Dibden (Ruts Youth Secretary)

## Walking Football Awards 2021/22

Well done to (clockwise from top right):

John Walker — Players' Player  
Steve Dulley — Manager's Player  
Darren Knott — 500th Club Appearance  
Matt Fisher — 200th Club Appearance  
Peter Gilman — 50th Goal for the Club

*Gavin Lennard*

