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# RAMPAGES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF RAMPAGES



## INTRODUCTION

BY ROSS LOVEDAY

The Club has had a wonderful response to its fundraising appeal and we must congratulate those responsible for its well-planned presentation and simplicity of payment.

A big thank you to all who have been so generous in your support.

If for some reason you haven't contributed it's not too late and you can still do so by simply pressing on the link below or contact Nina Holmes.

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I can never predict when articles arrive for Rampages. I have been given some firm promises but they've yet to materialise, but one of the joys of doing this is making contact with friends / players that have moved away. For instance, I received several articles from Gary Phillips who now lives in Carmarthen.

I often wondered what had happened to Clarkie who, along with Fred Lloyd one of the players who must have turned out for the Club well over 500 times. Out of the blue he sent me a great article for Rampages 5.

Recently I had an email from Dave Hilliard who joined the Club in 1969 and played 1st team until 1974. I got to know Dave well as he was outside half and I was unfortunately for him scrum half (still learning how to spin pass) !

It goes to show how much those 5 years for Dave meant to him to make contact 50 years later.

Who else is out in the ether? We want to hear from you.

I've got a feeling that the VP Lunches and Players Reunions will be heavily subscribed to this year. Details will follow at the end of this Newsletter about the opening of the Club.

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## NAME THE TEAM, THE YEAR AND WHAT WAS THE OCCASION?



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"WHAT A FANTASTICALLY WORDED TRIBUTE TO  
THE FALLEN AND CURRENT MEMBERS AND  
FRIENDS OF HARLOW RUGBY CLUB. WELL DONE  
ROSS"

- SIMON WARD (REG. RAMPAGES 5)

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY ALAN PRICE

We are looking forward to the week of May 17 when we can return to indoor trading with tables of 6 or 2 households. We will be fully Covid secure.

As a heads up we have planned lunches for the Lions tests and as very valued loyal customers you are getting first chance to book a table/lunch for these, surely to be in great demand.

I look forward to welcoming you back and enjoying some good food, good company and of course a few beers.

**July 17** v The Bulls (non-test) inside

**July 24** test 1 outside [wedding reception booked; planned 2 years ago]

**July 31** test 2 inside

**Aug 7** test 3 inside

## Update on arranged end-of-season/summer fixtures

Saturday 8th May	Saints vs Benfleet	KO @ 3pm	Home
Sunday 9th May	U13's vs Upminster	KO @ 12pm	Home
Sunday 23rd May (TBC)	Ladies vs Chelmsford	KO @ 2pm	Home
Saturday 29th May	TAG Tournament	KO @ 2pm	Home
Saturday 12th June	Thurrock vs 1st XV	KO @ 3pm	Away
Saturday 26th June	1st XV vs Dagenham	KO @ 3pm	Home
Saturday 14th August	Bully's 10s	KO @ TBC	Home
Saturday 21st August	1st XV vs Letchworth	KO @ 3pm	Home

1st XV will no longer be scheduling any other Summer games!

## HARLOW RUGBY CLUB RAMS GORSE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT NAMES

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SIX ESTATE NAMES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE EDITIONS BUT TO START THE BALL ROLLING I AM PUBLISHING RON BRACEWELL'S CONTRIBUTION

Harlow Rugby Club has selected the following estate names in memory of their outstanding contribution to the club. It is acknowledged that without the determination and vision of its members past and present, the project team, along with countless volunteers over the club's 52 years history, it would not have been able to have secured their new home at Latton Farm.

The freehold of Rams Gorse was sold to Harlow Rugby Club on the 10th June, 1981, the Trustees at the time of sale were Ronald Ernest Bracewell, Ian Malcolm Gallantree, Francis Ross Loveday and Michael James Ryland.

The club's move from Rams Gorse will enable the delivery of 127 much needed new homes, 34% of which will be social housing as well as an investment of £5.5m by its trustees in the new club house and grounds. Every member, player, parent, trustee and committee member connected with the club can be rightly proud of their achievements.

Harlow Rugby club members have past and present been surrounded by people who share a vision and a passion around one common purpose of improving the lives of the community they live in. Together, they have shown that through hard work and determination, anything is possible.

Ronald Ernest Bracewell was born on the 25th June 1927 in Southport, Lancashire. Ron was the son of Ernest Hogarth Bracewell (1897 -1974) and Ethel Bracewell, nee Wood (1898 – 2002). Ernest and Ethel were married in June 1920 in Ormskirk, Lancashire; they went on to have four children Doreen, Ronald, Brian and Mike. Ron met his future wife Yvonne (nee Kane) in Southport when they were teenagers, some 5 years later they married on 11th November 1950; they went on to have three children Jane, Mark and Sarah.



His wife Yvonne who also played a pivotal role during those early days was only ever affectionately referred to by her nickname Tim. He studied dentistry at Liverpool University, before embarking on a career that began in the Army. He completed his National Service in 1952 – 53 in Germany in the region of the Black Forest.

Following his National Service discharge, he practised as a locum in Esher, Surrey, before moving to Harlow, Essex in 1953. In 1953, Ron along with Doctor John Huntley set up what is thought to be the first neighbourhood health centre at Haygarth House in Harlow.

The team then moved to the newly built health centre at Nuffield House in The Stow, Harlow in 1956. He continued to practice dental surgery for "NHS patients only" for 37 years before retiring in 1990's. The former health centre Haygarth House (120 and 121 The Chantry) was reinstated back to housing stock.

As a young man, Ron was a very keen rugby player and travelled every Saturday to play at Bishop's Stortford. After travelling for a couple years to Stortford to play, his wife Tim (Yvonne) suggested to Ron that it would be a good idea to establish a rugby team in the new town. Ron having duly considered his options, then placed an advert in the Harlow Citizen seeking like-minded people to start a team and form a new rugby club.

The club came into existence on December 8th, 1955 after a meeting in the Essex Skipper pub in Harlow. Founder members included; Alexander J McCowan, Dr John Huntley, Ron Bracewell, Ron Strudwick, Ron Parkin, Derek Jennings and Eric Jones.

In those early days before Rams Gorse was purchased from the Development Corporation, the team would play in the farmer's fields off Parndon Mill Lane to the north of Rams Gorse.

He suffered from a slipped disc at the age of 32 and as a result retired from playing. He then went on to take up refereeing the game and became an accomplished and respected official. For many years, he would arrange the appointments of referees for home games hosted by the club.

Ron was the Club Secretary for over 15 years and went on to take up the role as Chairman from 1977 – 1979, then the club President from 1984 – 2003.

At the age of 75 plus, he was still committed to working in the community ferrying old age pensioners to and from the hospital for their appointments and not charging a penny.

His other hobbies included hill walking, gardening and cooking, rugby was his first love and passion after his wife Tim and children. At the age of 78 whilst holidaying Corfu (August 2005) the family recall he swam ashore from the boat moored some 700 metres from shore. He died peacefully in his sleep on the 11th September 2005.

Ron Bracewell's career was dedicated to the well-being and health of the community he served but, there are generations of people past, present and future who have and will continue to enjoy the legacy of the Trustees of Harlow Rugby Club.

# GUESS THE DATE AND THE RESULT

<u>COURAGE LEAGUE</u>					
at Ram Gorse, Harlow. Kick-off 3.00pm					
<u>TEAM LINE-UP</u>					
<u>HARLOW</u>			<u>CHESHUNT</u>		
Red, green collars, white shorts			Green & White hoops, white shorts		
15	JOHNNY PRICE	Full Back	MALCOM DEAN	15	
14	KEITH HANDSCOMB	Right Wing	ANDRÉ BLERIOT	14	
13	ALAN PRICE	Centre	JOHN MOORE	13	
12	WAYNE KEARNS(Capt)	Centre	FRAZER WILSON	12	
11	LEE SMITH	Left Wing	KIERAN FOLEY	11	
10	DAVID HURLEY	Stand Off	ANDY BRAY	10	
9	LEE HARRON	Scrum Half	PAUL CRISPIN	9	
8	DARREN ADDICOTT	Number eight	JOHN McBRIDE	8	
7	RICHARD MAY	Open-side Flanker	BRUNO CIANFINI	7	
6	ADAM MACE	Blind-side Flanker	ROB THOMAS	6	
5	REG CRAFTON	Lock	DAVE THOMAS	5	
4	DAVE GORDON	Lock	RUSSELL JACKSON	4	
3	JULIAN HEATH	Tight Head Prop	IAN WILSON	3	
2	SIMON WHITE	Hooker	(Capt) ANDY BULLARD	2	
1	PETE CLARIDGE	Loose Head Prop	ROB McBRIDE	1	
	DON SMALE	Replacement	GAVIN REYNOLDS		
	PETER KEELING	Replacement	PAUL FULLER		
REFEREE: RICHARD DRAY (London Society)					
NEXT HOME MATCH					
BLACKHEATH 2nd XV					



# IN MEMORIAM - TERRY MCNAMARA

While Chris and I were putting together this Newsletter we received the sad news that our good friend Terry McNamara had passed away. I was very fond of Terry. We came to Harlow at about the same time late 60's early 70's. Terry was a Merthyr boy so we had a lot in common. Before joining the Rugby Club Terry played football for Pools Utd. ( Jennings the bookmakers ). He was not only a good footballer he was a highboard diver ( really ) and this is not one of his stories ! He was also a good tennis player and every week he played tennis with Alan Knightley and Fred Lloyd throughout the year at the Maypole Social Club. Here are a few memories from some of his friends at Harlow.

First impressions are always the lasting ones. Meeting Terry almost 50 years ago it was his huge smile & warm personality. Terry loved his cars and we witnessed many fast journeys home when competing with Ian Gallantree. Terry was never happier than with a pint in his hand at the bar with his many friends with whom he was very generous.

My everlasting memory of Terry was going with him to an England v Wales game by train. Terry was a proud Welshman and his pride and joy was his signed Gareth Edwards shirt. This was shown by Terry to all and sundry with his huge smile and " have you seen my signed Gareth Edwards shirt ?".,repeated hundreds of times! His smile never left him - **Dave Giess**

We were playing Camelot and Terry was the designated driver. When we got to Hemel we came

across a new roundabout one of these so called magic roundabouts. The sort with a large central circle but each junction also marked out with number of mini roundabouts. The Traffic Department had thoughtfully laid out the scheme with old car and truck tyres so that drivers could get used to it ahead of the permanent one. This was the first one any of us had ever seen, but Terry with a bit of muttering steered us around safely and skilfully . Coming home was a different story. Terry said f\*\*\* this and drove through the lot scattering tyres in all directions - **Mike Ryland**

Lyn and I were sad to hear about our dear friend Terry. We regularly went out together for a meal and also spent holidays together in Portugal and Lanzarote. We played tennis every week.

Terry was a great storyteller and told us he was a high board diver. We of course thought he was having us on until we were on a rugby tour to Ross on Wye and a woman came up to him and said "You're Terry Mac the famous high board diver " !!! Terry was great company , would talk to anyone, generous to a fault and a man with a big heart. We celebrated as families together birthdays , weddings and anniversaries. We were very close and we will miss him - **Alan Knightley**

I joined Harlow Rugby Club in 1969 on the same day that Terry joined. We played many games together and he was competitive to the very end. I also enjoyed playing tennis with him and he was equally competitive. We always had a laugh together and he was always a larger than life character and a nice bloke. Reliable to the end and a great friend - **Fred Lloyd**

Your memories and stories are always welcome. Keep them coming.

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