

Recreational Society

The Recreational Society exists to promote various Recreational and Sporting Activities at the Laboratory. It also takes part in Sporting Activities arranged with other SRC establishments and competes in Civil Service events. The membership at present stands at 324.

Colleagues who have joined us since last September may be surprised at the range of interests catered for in our Clubs.

All Clubs are pleased to welcome new members, and anyone wishing to start a new club or activity is encouraged to do so.

Officers

The Officers of the Society are:

President	: Dr G H Stafford
Chairman	: R E Thomas
Hon Secretary	: P E Craske
Hon Treasurer	: D Evans
Vice Chairman	: J N Rice
Minute Secretary	: Mrs L J Claringbold

Committee

The Committee Members are:

R Brandwood	R27	Ext 6671
J E Ellis	R2	6369
A Forster	R6	6300
R E Smith	R1	293
M J Hodges	R18	6638
T Morgan	R18	563

Member Clubs

If you wish to join any of the Member Clubs, please contact the people listed below.

Angling	P E Craske	Ext 232
Chess	P E Craske	232
Cricket	M W Butler	6178
Crib	T Morgan	563
Darts	A Forster	6300
Folk Club	J E Ellis	6369
Football	R A Lawes	6328
Golf	Mrs S A Fones	6677
Model Railway	R W Roberts	6280
Music	G Sandels	6373
Netball	Miss S Gill	495
Radio	P A Braham	6258
REMAP	P D Hey	432
Table Tennis	J Varley	6363
Slimming	Mrs P Lloyd	497
Yoga	Mrs L Cooke	443

Main Sports Events

There are two Sports Days per year - an Indoor Event held at Easter time - the next one in 1980 to be held in the Swindon area (18 April). The Outdoor Event will be held at Chiswick (London) in the summer. Most Sports are covered by these two sports days.



Club House

This year has been a frustrating experience as far as the Club House is concerned.

In early May the R15 Club House was removed to make way for a new office block with the promise that within a few months it would rise again on its new site.

Problems have arisen since, with the re-siting and additions to the hut, to provide much needed extra facilities, and as yet no firm date is available for the completion of the project.

All this has had a serious effect on the various clubs who use the hut. The Table Tennis Club has been the hardest hit. Over the years they have built up a strong Club with teams in the Didcot and District League.

The Model Railway and Radio Clubs are inoperative at the moment.

Sports Field

We are fortunate to have our own Sports Field located outside the site fence near the R22 Restaurant. The facilities include:

2 Football Pitches. These are in use practically non-stop during the year with teams from AERE, NRPB and Rutherford taking part in Cup and League competitions.

1 Cricket Pitch used by Rutherford to play in the local Downs League, and against local teams in friendly matches. We have two cricket teams in the AERE Evening League competition.

Lecture Theatre & Restaurant

These provide excellent facilities for concerts, lectures, film shows and dances throughout the year.

Angling

We have a devoted band of anglers at the Lab who take part in various matches ranging from local teams to the Civil Service National.

Chess

Due to start in October, this lunch time tournament is always looking for new players of any standard to take part.

Christian Fellowship

The Rutherford Laboratory Christian Fellowship has been holding regular meetings for some 14 years. The Fellowship welcomes all members of staff and visitors and being inter-denominational and evangelical in its approach often invites local ministers as guest speakers. Other meetings include Bible Studies, Discussions and a monthly Prayer Meeting. Twice a year films are shown in the Lecture Theatre and a regular feature of the Fellowship is the organisation of a Christmas Carol Service and an Easter Service. At present the meetings are held in the R2 Conference Room (on the top floor) at 12.30 pm on Thursday. For further information please contact Frank Smith (ext 6616) or Dennis Williams (ext 6370).

Cricket

Rutherford teams play in the Berkshire Downs League, and the Harwell Evening League. The 'A' team won the 6-a-side event at the SRC outdoor sportsday this year.

A combined SRC team, with a preponderance of Rutherford players competes for the Curtis Bennett Shield - the Civil Service National Knock-out Competition.

Crib

In October of last year, the first Crib Tournament was held with a very good response. We had 64 people enter for the Tournament, but on the night only 52 people turned up. The winners were presented with trophies by Mr H C Brooks. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Since then we have progressed to a Dinner Time League, with 8 teams.

P Craske and H Webb's teams are joint top. We are starting a Pairs and Single Competition so that we can have a Finals Night in the near future.

I would like to thank all the people that have made this Dinner Time League possible.

T Morgan

Football

The Soccer Club continues with its established programme of competitions; the Rutherford Championship open RL teams only, the Rutherford Challenge League - RL teams plus Harwell teams, and the Challenge Knock-out Cup also open only to RL and Harwell.

REMAP

The REMAP Workshop has been kept running regularly in spite of the shortage of helpers since its inception in September 1976. Only two people now attend, one evening per week, in an attempt to continue construction of simple aids for handicapped children and elderly persons. Output is obviously meagre.

If you feel able to assist this worthy cause in any way, or wish to find out more about this country-wide REMAP organisation, please phone Mr P Hey, Ext 432.

Radio

This club was founded in 1973 and is now equipped with telephony and telegraphy transmitters and takes part in world-wide communications under the call-sign G4DRL.

Folk Club

This club meets once a month in the Coffee Lounge of R23 at 8 p.m.

Revived recently, the evenings are proving to be an outstanding success. The programme for 1979-80 is given below -

Friday 5 Oct.
"HOT VULTURES" - Folk, Blues & Trad.
&
"MAGENTA" - Contemporary Folk

Friday 2 Nov.
"FRED WEDLOCK with Chris Newman" -
& Humorous Song & Stories
"THE NAVVIES" - Trad. & Contemp. Folk

Friday 7 Dec.
"WILD OATS" - Trad. & Contemp. Folk
&
ALAN WHITE - Humorous Songs

Friday 11 Jan.
"ALEX ATTERTON" - Folk & Blues
&
"SPRIGGS ALLEY" - Contemp. Folk

Friday 1 Feb.
"HOGLEG" - Country, Rock, Folk & Blues.

Golf

Plans for a small six hole course have been agreed. The preparation of the site is to commence this Autumn with expected completion by the Spring or early Summer of 1980. We hope to arrange some local competitions soon after the official opening of this course.

Teams from the Golf Section participate in the following tournaments:-

1. The Annual SRC Tournament where teams from most SRC Establishments compete.
2. The Civil Service Sports Council Southern Region Golf Championships held at Royal Winchester.
3. This year a new tournament was held with a team representing Brunel University. It is hoped that this fixture will become an annual event.

Model Railway

We are sorry to say that this year we are unable to report very much progress owing to the removal of R15. The large layout built by club members has had to be dismantled which in the main, meant destroying five years work. A new layout is being planned however, which we hope to start work on soon. This layout will be portable and should prove to be of great benefit should we have to move again.

New members are always welcome, even if it is only to chat about our hobby, at the moment.

Slimming

The Slimming Club is held each Wednesday at 12.30 hours in R61 Conference Room. Subs are 15p each week - coffee is served!

The greatest weight loss is awarded each fortnight with a prize, and each person reaching their target weight is also rewarded.

Slimming recipes are also featured.

New members are always welcome, just come along. We start again after the summer recess on 12 September.

Lunchtime Films

Run in conjunction with the Harwell Film Society and the Culham Music and Arts Society, "Lunchtime Films" are shown in the Lecture Theatre at 12.30 hours on alternate Wednesdays. The autumn programme starts on 10 October with "654321", an animated cartoon, and a film on the artist, Edward Burra.

Lunchtime Music

Every type of Music is featured in these concerts which take place in the Lecture Theatre at 12.30 hours alternating with the Lunchtime Films.

Table Tennis

The Rutherford Club attracts around 50 members and has proved to be a very active and successful one. The Organisation of the Club is on two fronts -

Evening League events
Lunchtime Table Tennis

EVENING LEAGUE

The Club has entered 4 teams in the Didcot and District League for the season 1979/80, which starts on 17 September.

LUNCHTIME TABLE TENNIS

This Club activity has had to be cancelled. Normally the Club organises practice sessions, coaching, handicap competitions and a general club tournament annually. New members are always welcome to join regardless of their standard.

Coffee at 'Coseners'

The Coffee Mornings at The Cosener's House have, over the past 13 years, become a feature of the Social Life of the Laboratory.

Originally conceived to introduce the wives of visiting scientists to resident families, the mornings are now held for all Rutherford and Appleton Laboratory wives, and children too. We therefore warmly welcome anyone whose husband works or is associated with the Labs to drop in at The Cosener's House, Abingdon, for a cup of coffee on one of the appropriate mornings.

The dates for Coffee Mornings are published each month in the "Bulletin".