

London Cornish RFC

50th Anniversary Cornwall Weekend Newsletter – 18 Sept 2012



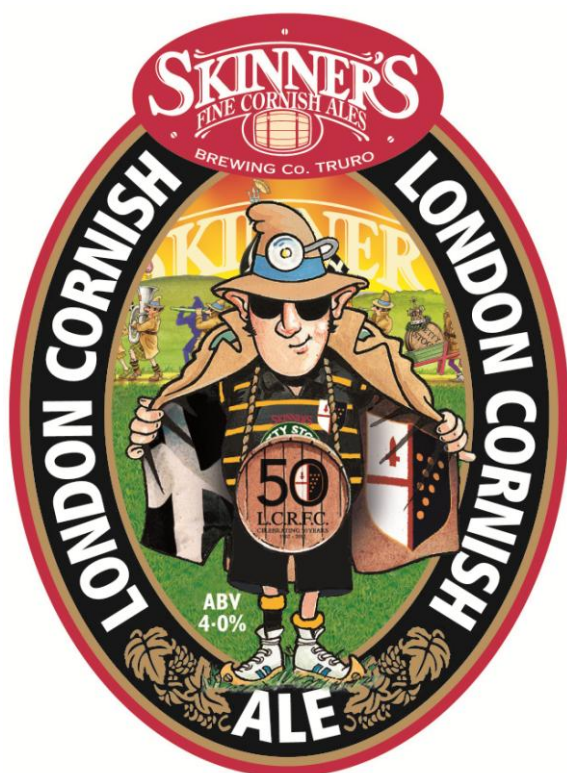
Only two weeks to go to the start of the club's 50th Anniversary celebrations with the Cornwall Dinner Weekend 5/6/7 October 2012 at the Hotel Bristol, Newquay.

Please, if you have any photographs from your days at London Cornish which you could scan and email to me, along with names of those in the photos if known, I'd be very grateful. I'm putting together a powerpoint presentation of photos. Email to sf.lcrfc@gmail.com

Julian Hocking has offered to put together a poster with everybody's recent photograph on. In order for this to work we need you to have a photograph of people coming and email to Julian, along with the names in the photograph. Couples can be in the same photograph if it's easier. Please email to

julian@nationwideprint.co.uk by 23rd September

Please make an effort to email a photograph, as without a response from most people this will not be worth doing.



Many thanks to our major sponsor for the weekend, Skinners Brewery, who also sponsor the actual London Cornish RFC

Current attendees

We have nearly 170 people committed and there's still time for us all to contact people and get more coming along.

Richard Greenwood	Colin Kelynack	Phil Ryan
Joan Greenwood	Diana Kelynack	Tim Evans
Phil Greenwood	Peter Scrase	Bill Davison
Pam Greenwood	Mollie Scrase	Daniel Hailey
Brian Maxwell	Andrew Pool	Clive Smitheram
Maureen Maxwell	Veryan Pool	David Fletcher
Ian 'Ginge' Griffith	Roger Monson	Dickon Moon
Gill Griffith	Margaret Monson	Peter Webster
Bob Downer	Ken Barnicoat	Ross Brown
Rachel Downer	Jill Barnicoat	Clare Brown
Martin Ashton	John King	Mike Herring
Olga Zoomer	Jill King	Annie Herring
Adrian Burrows	Geoff Barnicoat	Frank Hill
Mandy Burrows	Ann Barnicoat	Lynn Hill
Jerry Rogers	Peter Le Patourel	Brian Lamond
Mary Rogers	Jacqueline Le Patourel	Sally Lamond
Roger Stone	Ken Plummer	Roger Cock
Karen Stone	Barry Rabone	Angus Milne
Chris Owen	Barbara Rabone	David Muirhead
Sarah Owen	Gordon Humble	David Muirhead guest
Chris Coyne	Helen Humble	Paul Collins
Kate Coyne	Tim Bowles	Hugh Hocking
Gary Chapman	Giles Robinson	Danny Rowe
Jill Chapman	Henry Johnson	Matthew 'Stan' James
Steve Floyd	Kylie Johnson	Andrew Macdougall
Olwyn Strutt	Richie Johnson	Terry Kite
Mike Peck	Jackie Johnson	Roger Jones
Philip Silby	Steve Peters	Sue Jones
Barbara	Julian Hocking	John Shortt
Stephen Merton-Jones	Esther Hocking	Pat Shortt
Katherine Merton-Jones	Chris Filor	Matthew Dunning
Mark Wittet	Trish Filor	Lee-Anne Dunning
Thurstan Berkeley	Hugh Murrell	George Reed
Mike Margaron	Jo Murrell	Veryan Jones
Richard Rashbrook	Iain Hunter	Trystan Jones
Julia Rashbrook	Yvonne Hunter	Tamsin Jones
Paddy Frost	Allan Gilbert	Julie Jones
Freda Frost	Debra Gilbert	Philip Jones
Harry Charnaud	Harry Roberts	Penelope Parkin

Penny Charnaud	Cally Roberts	William Parkin
Adrian Williams	Luke Coombs	Bob Hampton
Deann Williams	Steve Crago	Philippa Hampton
Jim Sloman	Joe Varga	Jack Whillans
Liz Sloman	Clare Varga	Justin Bentley
Jonathan Ball	John Ambrose	Howard Dingle
Victoria Ball	Helen Ambrose	Kevin Andrew
Bob Young	Paddy Blake	Barrie Andrew
Arthur Williams	Liz Toms	Martin Williams
Adrian Abbott	Simon Mallock	Sharon Williams
Jill Abbott	Helen Mallock	Tony Frankish
Rob Spowart		Mark Osborne
Linzee Spowart		Matt Mullaly
		Mervyn Ball
		Suzanne Ball
		Graham Hooper + 9

Dress and timings for the weekend at The Hotel Bristol

The reception on the Friday evening will be casual dress.

Dress for the dinner on Saturday evening for ladies is cocktail dresses. For the men it's dinner jackets, LCRFC blazer, lounge suit or rugby club jacket.

I am currently putting together a seating plan so if you haven't already told me who you'd like to be seated with/near let me know sf.lcrfc@gmail.com

Friday evening

Buffet 7 for 7:30pm

Choir leading singing about 9pm

Saturday evening

Dinner 7 for 7:30pm

Disco from about 9:30pm finishing at midnight

Sunday lunchtime

The Watering Hole on Perranporth Beach from noon

Simon Mallock has offered to book a round of golf if people are interested. Currently as well as Simon, Danny Rowe, Thurstan Berkeley and Ginge Griffiths have expressed an interest. Simon can be contacted using si.mallock@gmail.com

Joining LCRFC in the late 1960's – Adrian Abbott

Arriving in London from Cornwall to work in late 1967 was a daunting experience for a young lad. The City could be a very lonely place amongst all those people. I decided to join a club. I had seen somewhere that London Cornish rugby club had at some time played against my home town team, Bude, so it seemed a good idea to search them out, but how? No such thing as a web site in those days. A flash of inspiration, as I was working on the Embankment. It was a short walk around the corner to Fleet Street and look for the offices of the Western Morning News. Easier said than done!



I walked up and down that street for ages looking for the office, eventually I found an old door with a small brass plaque confirming this was my destination. I entered into a dark hallway reminiscent of the type of entrance described in a Dickens novel. An arrow indicated that I should go up a flight of stairs where I was confronted by a wooden sliding hatchway behind which I could hear talking and typing. I knocked and it all went quiet, the hatch slid back and instead of Scrooge a young lady appeared. I asked if the sports department of the paper had any contact details for London Cornish rugby club. She disappeared into the office and the talking began again. After what seemed like ages, she returned and gave me a piece of paper with a telephone number explaining that it was all they could find and didn't know if it referred to the rugby club or the London Cornish Association.

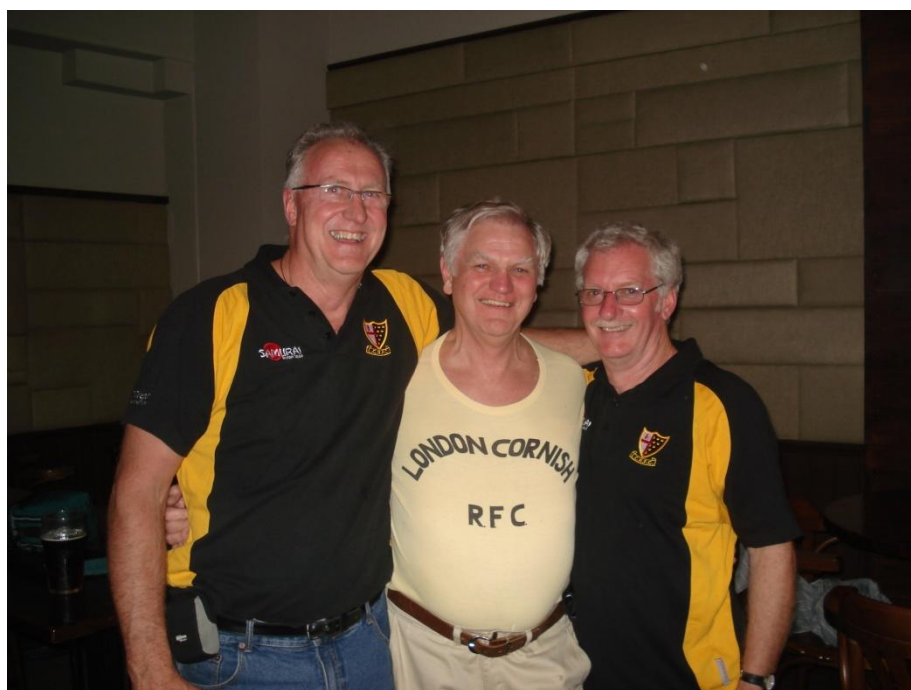
Stage one completed I left Victorian London and went in search of a phone box, no mobile phones or e-mails. Armed with a handful of pennies I had no idea what I was about to let myself into. My first contact with the club was this phone call to somebody who identified himself as Amor Hicks, a name synonymous with the early days of the club. His interview of me consisted of such questions as “Did I play rugby?” “What positions did I play?” “Am I available on Saturday?”

He then informed me that I had been selected for the second team! I was told to meet at Hammersmith Odeon at 12.30. So having never met any member of the club, I was due to play the following Saturday.

I duly turned up early (I hadn't learnt the LCRFC ways yet!) and found a group of people carrying sports bags. Things did not look good, I was totally ignored so wondered if I had come to the right place, after all this was London not Bude! Eventually they all boarded cars and left me alone. I found out later that they were a football team. I was just about to leave when a group of chaps

carrying a rugby ball emerged from the nearby pub –the Duke of Cornwall.

I should have known!
I was made welcome by accents which I recognised, and immediately felt at home with this club.



Maurie Purdy, Brian Gidley and Adrian Abbott in Auckland in 2007

The LCRFC Cornwall committee arranging the Newquay weekend are

Adrian Abbott	age_abb@yahoo.co.uk
Adrian Williams	adriandeannwestdevon@btinternet.com
Andrew Pool	office@andrewpool.co.uk
Arthur Williams	arthurboslowick@aol.co.uk
Graham Hooper	graham@moneycanbefun.co.uk
Jonathan Ball	jonathan@greatatlanticway.com
Julian Hocking	julian@nationwideprint.co.uk
Peter le Patourel	peter@lepatourel.co.uk
Peter Scrase	phscrase@btinternet.com
Rob Spowart	robspowart@gmail.com
Steve Floyd	sf.lcrfc@gmail.com

Accommodation

The Hotel Bristol is now fully booked but there are a selection of other hotels within a few minutes staggering distance, some of which offer a room in their hotel but breakfast in The Hotel Bristol. Details below. Accommodation should be booked direct with the relevant hotel. Completed reception and dinner forms (attached) should be returned to Steve Floyd (address on the form). If you wish to transfer the reception and/or dinner booking money directly into the LCRFC account let me know and I will email you details. Alternatively enclose a cheque made payable to 'LCRFC' with your completed booking form.

Listed below are hotels near the Hotel Bristol, nearest first.

Room only rates allow you to sleep in the hotel but have breakfast in the Hotel Bristol.

Narrowcliff Hotel Tel. 01637-873250

Single Room only £22 or B&B £27

Double for 2 people Room only £45 or B&B £55

Cliffdene Hotel Tel. 01637-873095

Single Room only £25 or B&B £31

Double for 2 people Room only £50 or B&B £62

Edgcumbe Hotel Tel. 01637-872061

Single Room only £36 or B&B £43.50

Double for 2 people Room only £72 or B&B £87

Kilbirnie Hotel Tel. 01637-875155

Single Room B&B £35

Double for 2 people B&B £70

(no room only rates)

Kernow bys vyken