

# The Burnt Ash Times



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## Dinner & Dance 2009

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Since the publication of the last newsletter arrangements for the celebratory 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary Dinner Dance have significantly advanced and the committee have secured a venue for this event. We needed to find a venue large enough to take a sizeable number of guests and with this in mind The Marriott Hotel at Bexleyheath seemed appropriate. Not only can the function room cater for the number of guests we are expecting but it offers accommodation to those who would like to stay. The Club has used the Marriott in the past (formerly known as The Swallow Hotel) and it did prove to be a good local venue for the Club.

It is hoped that as many past and present members will attend – it is a milestone in any club's history and whilst we do not wish to detract from the Club's centenary, reaching 90 should not go uncelebrated.

Tickets will be no more than £45 and hopefully a little less. We will be taking deposits of £10 per ticket commencing now and we will also accept weekly or monthly instalments for the rest of this season and into next in order to ease the load.

It is intended to make this a real celebration for Burnt Ash and the committee will be releasing further details into the second half of the season. Watch out for the posters!

## Playing news to date

From the Men's section it has been a very mixed bag across the XI's. The Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI are struggling but having said that they seem more composed and spirited on their approach to the second half of the season. Meanwhile the Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI's in particular are doing very well in their respective leagues. The Men's 3<sup>rd</sup>'s, 5<sup>th</sup>'s and 6<sup>th</sup> XI will have their

work cut out but moral remains strong and with a bit of luck and application on the pitch will hopefully pay dividends. During December we saw a welcome return to Manor Way on Saturday afternoons in the form of the Vets. Whilst it has been difficult to field this side consistently throughout the season their return is welcomed. None more so than behind the bar!!

Meanwhile much the same applies with the Ladies section. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI has some work to do to maintain their exalted position in the East League. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI have struggled but the Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI are doing well with the 4<sup>th</sup> XI currently leading their league.

## A Bit of a Do.....

On the evening of Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> the Club are hosting a reunion night for past, long standing and present members of Burnt Ash. It is hoped that a lot of members who we haven't seen for a while are able to join us and renew old friendships whilst enjoying the hospitality of the club on the eve of the Men's Vets tournament. Put the date in your diary.

## News

For those of you who will remember, Ron Scully played for the Club in the 70's and early 80's. You will be saddened to learn that he passed away earlier this month and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Our final night at Manor Way before the Cricket Club take over will be on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> and this will also be our annual presentation evening. Please join us for the review of the year and final drink the bar dry.

Regards to you all,