



A TRIBUTE TO 40 YEARS OF  
**ROGER HALSTEAD**  
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" Roger Halstead is a one off – the Oldham Club is very fortunate to have such a dedicated journalist following its fortunes.

Never before can a Club have had one-man mithering so many, so often, for so long in the name of Rugby League!"

**Christopher Hamilton**  
Chairman ORLFC

" Oldham have traditionally found success difficult to achieve, and impossible to sustain. That is why Roger Halstead is one of the people in Rugby League journalism I admire most. In his long stint of reporting on the Club, he has seen them go up and down the divisions more often than he can count, almost get to Wembley on several occasions and implode on several others.

By the time he hangs up his quill, he will have been diligently chronicling this endless cycle of false hope, and disappointment, for uncomfortably close to 45 years; and the tragedy of it is that if everyone had their own he is really a Rochdale Hornets supporter!"

**Dave Hadfield**  
The Independent (from his book Up and Over)

THE DIRECTORS OF OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS AND BUSINESS FRIENDS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THIS EVENINGS UNIQUE OCCASION AND ENJOYED WITH ROGER HIS CELEBRATION OF FORTY YEARS SERVICE BOTH TO RUGBY LEAGUE AND THE TOWN OF OLDHAM

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**FRIDAY 20th AUGUST 2004**  
**DINNER 7.30pm**

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**ALFRED STREET**  
**WERNETH OLDHAM**



# CELEBRATION SPORTING DINNER

## MENU

### GONDOLA OF MELON

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### ROAST CHICKEN

Served with new potatoes  
And the finest seasonal vegetables

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### FRESH CREAM CHOCOLATE & BLACK CHERRY GATEAU WITH A HINT OF KIRSCH

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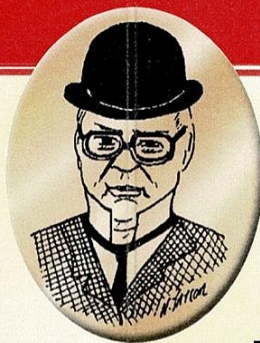
### A SELECTION OF FINE ENGLISH CHEESES

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### FRESHLY GROUND COFFEE

And

### AFTER DINNER MINTS



# EVENING ITINERARY

7.00pm ARRIVAL AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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7.30pm ROLL CALL FOR DINNER

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9.00pm A MEETING WITH ROGER

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10.00pm TRIBUTES

JIM WILLIAMS  
Editor Oldham Evening Chronicle

JOHN HUXLEY  
Media Manager The Rugby Football League

GARETH WALKER  
Rugby League Journalist

GRAHAM STARKEY  
Ex Oldham Coach (1970-1973)  
Manager (1978 - 1981)

CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON  
Chairman Oldham Rugby League  
Football Club (1997) Ltd

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10.30pm Comedy Time with Martin Gold

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